

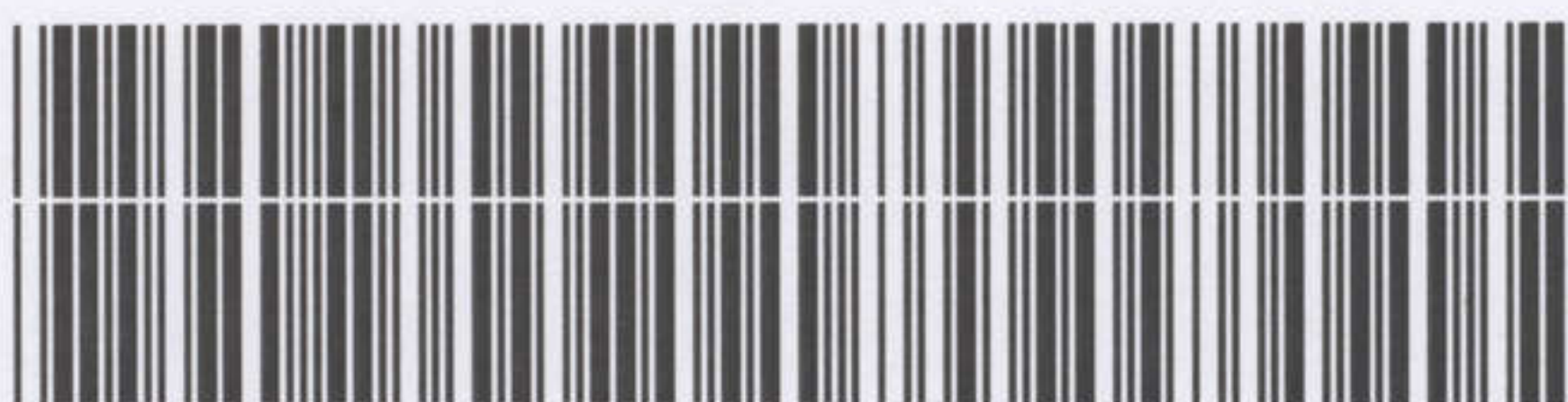
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Place	Date	Hour	Synopsis of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1.11.18.		Arranged with "A" XXth Corps that the XXth Corps C.M.A.C. should go with 10th Division to SURAFEND. A.D.M.S. 10th Division suggested that all camels and cacolets less 15 camels with lying cacolets should be struck off the establishment of each Field Ambulance. D.D.M.S. approved of the suggestion and informed H.Q. XXth Corps accordingly. <i>EJRB</i>	
	2.11.18.		A.D.M.S. 3rd Division called and discussed general policy of working with XXth Corps <i>EJRB</i>	
	3.11.18.		D.D.M.S. issued instructions to 3rd and 10th Divisions that anti malarial work must be continued without remission and unit malarial squads made the fullest possible use of. D.D.M.S. visited and inspected XXth Corps C.M.A.C. at MESSIDIEH. With the moves of Divisions and the consequent changing of Corps control it is difficult to know what to do with an improvised unit of this kind. <i>EJRB</i>	
	4.11.18.		D.A.D.M.S. visited Supply Officer AEUFA. Ascertained that the troops belonging to the 7th Brigade had left. Visited NAZARETH and interviewed Military Governor and P.M.O. Arranged with them for the anti malarial work in the way of oiling cisterns and wells to be commenced by them. Saw Adjutant Connaught Rangers and arranged with him for a working party for this work to be supplied to the P.M.O. <i>EJRB</i>	
	5.11.18.		D.D.M.S. visited Corps Troops Train and instructed the Officer in charge on the building of an incinerator which it is hoped will answer the purposes when the wet weather sets in. <i>EJRB</i>	
	6.11.18.		D.D.M.S. visited Connaught Rangers at NAZARETH. This unit is suffering a good deal from malaria but is fairly free from other diseases. The men are billeted in a large house which unfortunately is infested with bugs. D.D.M.S. visited and also inspected Section of 11th I.C.F.A. at SEMAKH and the P. of W. Compound there. The hospital in connection with the P. of W. Compound is being run very satisfactorily by 3 P. of W. medical officers under the C.C. section of 11th I.C.F.A. <i>EJRB</i>	1271
	7.11.18.		D.D.M.S. interviewed C.O.C. 7th Bde, 3rd Division and ascertained that anti-malarial work in the neighbourhood of SEMAKH is being taken in hand and 500 P of W are being used for the purpose of clearing part of the Jordan within a mile or two of the lower end of Lake Tiberias.	
	8.11.18.		D.D.M.S. inspected H.Q. 11th I.C.F.A. and was more than satisfied with the manner in which the unit was run. The men are well fed and clothed, patients are well cared for and discipline seems to be extraordinarily fine. <i>EJRB</i> D.A.D.M.S. proceeded to TIBERIAS and SEMAKH to enquire into and report on the anti-malarial work being done there. <i>EJRB</i>	

HEADQUARTERS XXth Corps W.A.B.F.D.S.

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Headquarters XXth Corps. NABLUS.	9.11.18.		D.D.M.S. recommended the universal adoption in the XXth Corps of the Pit type of incinerator described in the attached memorandum. <i>EJR</i>	<i>App I</i>
	10.11.18.		D.D.M.S. again visited the XXth Corps Troops Train and inspected the incinerators which had been built on his recommendation. They were very satisfactorily constructed and there is not the slightest doubt that they will be found most useful during the approaching rainy season. <i>EJR</i>	
	11.11.18.		D.D.M.S. inspected 110th I.C.P.A. The D.A.D.M.S. of the Division was present, the A.D.M.S. himself being away at DAMASCUS. On the whole the turnout and administration of this unit was satisfactory. The present system of disposal of excreta however leaves something to be desired. The defects were pointed out and no doubt they will soon be remedied. <i>EJR</i>	
	12.11.18.		A report on the anti-malarial work organized and initiated by XXth Corps covering the period May-October 1918 was sent to D.M.S., G.H.Q., E.E.P. in accordance with his request (No. 5353/18) dated 5/11/18.	
			D.D.M.S. received a wire informing him that he should report forthwith to 53rd Division for duty but was subsequently informed by telephone from G.H.Q. that it would not be necessary for him to report until the arrival of Colonel E.B. DOWSETT at H.Q. XXth Corps in relief. <i>EJR</i>	
	13.11.18.		Heavy rain all day. <i>EJR</i>	
	14.11.18.		NABLUS derives its water chiefly from the surface and during these heavy deluges of rain a great deal of contaminating matter must be washed into the cisterns, hence the necessity for constantly filtering and chlorinating the water before consumption. <i>EJR</i>	<i>D 112</i>
	15.11.18.		A.D.M.S. 3rd Division called and discussed with D.D.M.S. the conditions of the Ambulances which he, the D.D.M.S., had inspected. <i>EJR</i>	
	16.11.18.		D.D.M.S. inspected the sanitary arrangements at the Station at MESSUBIEH with A.D.M.S. 3rd Division and the O.C. of his Sanitary Section. Considering the condition in which the area was taken over from the Turks everything may now be regarded as satisfactory. The Pit type of incinerator is being introduced. <i>EJR</i>	
17.11.18.		D.D.M.S. acting on instructions of G.O.C. XXth Corps proceeded to HAIFA. The G.O.C. informed him that he was not at all satisfied with the manner in which the patients were being housed and looked after at HAIFA. D.D.M.S. interviewed S.M.O. (Capt Minett) and he informed him that he had not heard anything that in any way reflected on the 33rd C.C.H. except that he thought the hospital was under staffed and over worked. <i>EJR</i>		



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	18.11.18.		D.D.M.S. visited 33rd C.C.H. and with the C.O. went the round of the hospital. He found that some of the conditions were decidedly bad but these were due to inadequate facilities and not in any way to medical want of skill and administration. The hospital is being asked to do too much.	
	19.11.18.		Rear H.Q. XXth Corps left NABLUS and D.D.M.S. rejoined them at TUL KERAM en route for CAIRO. 'A' & 'Q' Branches, H.Q. XXth Corps are billeted at The Citadel, CAIRO. D.D.M.S. officially reported to Corps H.Q. that the billets allotted are in no way suitable. 'I' Block is particularly to be condemned being infested with bugs and having been recently used by Turkish P of W. D.D.M.S. with the D.A. & Q.M.G. XXth Corps (Gen. Peerless) visited H.Q. Delta Area when it was pointed out how unsuitable the Citadel was for occupation by troops.	6742
	20.11.18.		H.Q. XXth Corps moved into huts at HELMIEH near ZEITOUN. The bread ration here is exceedingly good.	
	21.11.18.		This camp is infested with mosquitoes, nearly all of which are Anopheles. They have been found breeding extensively in the sumps and in the neighbouring Ostrich Farm. Steps are being taken to destroy these breeding grounds.	
	22.11.18.		D.D.M.S. interviewed civilian Public Health Officer for CAIRO and he has undertaken to take the question of mosquito breeding at the Ostrich Farm in hand.	
	23.11.18.		O.C. 85th Sanitary Section visited the area with the object of discovering and treating mosquito breeding grounds.	
			<p><i>Elevate Gr. HQ of 85th San. Sec. of 85th San. Sec. of XXth Corps</i></p>	

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HEADQUARTERS, XXth CORPS, HEILIGH.	25.11.18.		Col. E. B. DOWSETT assumed duties of D.D.M.S. XXth Corps. Col. E. J. S. EVATT proceeded to resume duties as A.D.M.S. 10th Division. D.D.M.S. interviewed A.D.M.S. Force in Egypt with regard to evacuations from Divisions in Cairo; also interviewed Senior Sanitary Officer (Col. Butler) with regard to anti-malarial work in divisional areas.	
	26.11.18.		D.D.M.S. interviewed A.D.M.S. 10th Division re evacuations.	
	27.11.18.		D.D.M.S. interviewed A.D.M.S. Force in Egypt with regard to anti-venereal measures in the city of Cairo.	
	28.11.18.		D.D.M.S. visited 10th Division and inspected camp site at Mena.	



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