

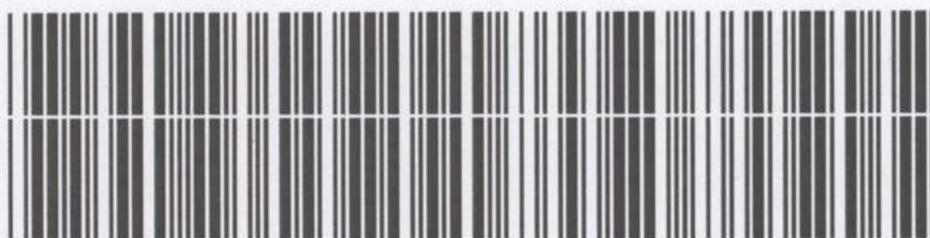
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HAIFA	Oct 1 st		<p>Reconnaitred the road to ACCO and found it quite passable for motor ambulances Evacuation of NAZARETH by M.A.E. Commenced. Several cars broken down. Only 87 patients evacuated from there to HAIFA News from 4th Cav Division at MEGAMIE and 4th Cav. Receiving station ATULLE that patients are being sent in by train - total apparently British 100 Indian 60 Prisoners of War etc. Sent motor ambulances to meet train 2100 hrs. No train arrived. Cars waited all night.</p> <p>1st Port Auxiliary Field Ambulance arrived at HAIFA The 163 CFA having broken down into overwork & influenza a CFA of 2nd Div ordered to relieve Train from ATULLE arrived, bringing sick & wounded mentioned above. Wire from D.M.S. Staling Hospital Shes leaving Alexandria 600 British and 400 Indian sick & wounded in the Field Ambulances at HAIFA. Word to D.M.S. re accumulation of sick. Orders from D.M.S. to bring up personnel of 35 C.F.S. in motor ambulances from TUL KERAM. General orders for all available ambulances at TUL KERAM to be put on their duty tomorrow - Evacuation from TUL KERAM to be carried out by motor ambulances of 35 M.A.E. returning after bringing up personnel of 35 C.F.S. to TUL KERAM Pressed for 20 RA lorries to be put at my disposal for evacuation of Sick to TUL KERAM. This was arranged, ^{for 4th unit} and orders issued for 16 lorries to be at the Turkish Hospital at 0600 to transport patients and 4 at CFA E.S.</p>	<p>10</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
HAIFA	Oct 3 rd	1100	<p>Inspected Turkish Hospital and made arrangements for patients to be ready to be removed by lorry tomorrow (Major BIRD arrived from G. HQ late last night to act as liaison officer and arrange evacuations by sea from HAIFA Lt Col BRANSBURY arrived with him - Oct. 3rd C.E.H.) Took Lt Col BRANSBURY round and showed him the Turkish hospital which D.M.S. orders to be used as a C.E.H. He strongly disapproved of the building which is dirty and insanitary, and would not hold all the patients required. Showed him also the Jewish College and found a building there eminently suitable for the needs of a C.E.H. Showed him also the Carmelite (or Franciscan) Monastery and Convent occupied now by the Field Ambulances. He did not think these buildings suitable. These buildings are now holding about 600 British and 400 Indians and are in a state of chaos owing to the 7th Division C.F.A.s being engaged in packing up for the march, and the 1st Q.A.F.A. being in process of taking over. The whole place was dirty and untidy, and no system was apparent. Saw Adms 7th Division and told him I was not satisfied that his</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HAIFA	Oct 3 ^o	1500	<p>had done all they might have done, although there was some excuse for much of the chaos, owing to the rush of patients and the move of the C.F.A.'s.</p> <p>Took Lt Col Braunsberg to the Military Governor and made the necessary arrangements for taking over the Jewish College and other buildings required by him.</p> <p>The 2^o S. A. Field Ambulance arrived in the afternoon and took over the Franciscan Convent Monastery, while the 1^o S. A. kept the Convent.</p> <p>Both F.A. got to work energetically and reduced the chaos to some sort of order.</p> <p>20 lorries placed at my disposal for evacuating patients at 0600 tomorrow. As the D. had wished the Turks cleared out of the Turkish hospital, and the building emptied for the C.C.S., I arranged for 16 lorries to be at the Turkish hospital at 0600 to clear all things capable of being moved, and 4 lorries to be used to remove light British and Indian patients.</p> <p>28 motor ambulances arrived with about 90 personnel of the C.C.S. Orders given for patients to be despatched tomorrow to the hospital in the</p>	<p>Remarks and references to Appendices</p>

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Date	Time	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and References
4-17-4	<p>Feb 4 1900 2100</p>	<p>Loan of Cornes cancelled owing to pressing need of the Desert Corps for supplies. All arrangements had to be cancelled. Wrote to DMS and explained the whole situation, and pointed out the advantages of the Jewish School over the Turkish hospital. Copy of letter attached. Issued instructions to HQMS 54th Division re medical arrangements in Haifa.</p>	<p>Appendix 66 App 67</p>
4 ⁵		<p>I was shown a complaint by G.O.C. 54th Division about the condition of the Franciscan monastery and convent on the evening of 3rd inst. when the place was in a chaotic condition as described above. Spent the morning at these places and arranged to reduce the overcrowding by putting Convalescent patients under broncos in the garden. Returned about 1700 and found all patients arranged in an orderly manner and as comfortable as possible. All sick & wounded on stretchers, except a few light cases who are lying on blankets only. All patients have been fed, and the conditions are no worse than circumstances render unavoidable. Wrote report on the circumstances.</p>	<p>O F Appendix 68</p>

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Haifa	Oct 14 th		<p>Patients in First Aid Ambulances at 1200 today</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>British</td> <td>Off</td> <td>0. R</td> <td></td> <td>Turks about 500</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>20</td> <td>760</td> <td></td> <td>also</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Indian</td> <td></td> <td>500</td> <td>in medical charge</td> <td>Germans 86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Egyptians</td> <td></td> <td>46</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>20</td> <td>1306</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	British	Off	0. R		Turks about 500		20	760		also	Indian		500	in medical charge	Germans 86	Egyptians		46				20	1306			
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		1500	<p>Hospital ship announced to arrive at 0900 tomorrow. Issued instructions for embarkation.</p> <p>Visited Jewish College and found personnel of C.E.S. getting the building ready. 300 beds have been requisitioned and will be sent up tomorrow.</p> <p>Train arrived from SAMAKH with 108 patients of various nationalities.</p> <p>60 patients evacuated to TUL KERAM by motor ambulances but some ambulances returned later broken down.</p> <p>The main body of 7th Division started march to BEIRUT.</p>	05																									

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Place.	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	References and relations to Appendices
HAIFA	Oct 5 th	2200	Hospital Ship "Assaye" sailed with 639 British, 306 Indians and 96 Germans for Kantara. Total 1041 Sick rates for week ending 21/9/18	77 12 69
	Oct 6 th		16 lorries sent off to TUL KETRAM with 430 patients chiefly prisoners of war.	
	7 th		97 patients evacuated by returning cars of M.A.R. These cars are now returned to TUL KETRAM under orders of D.M.S. on the completion of the evacuation of NAZARETH. Inspected ambulances of 54 th Division and found them clean and tidy and in good order. Inspected Turkish hospital. No doctors present on my arrival. Ordered parade of all medical staff at 11.00 tomorrow.	
	8 th		Paraded medical staff of Turkish Hospital and told them that I was not satisfied with their work, that they were prisoners of war, and must do what they are told or go to Prisoners' Camp.	96

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HARVA	Oct 21	1100	<p>Capt. HANCOCK name appointed Commandant, with four Australian and British doctors under him. As one Doctor had received orders from the Military Governor to do duty elsewhere, I visited the Mil. Gov. and settled this question of control. He promised to return the doctor.</p> <p>Hospital Ship "Amaze" returned. Embarkation commenced but interfered with by rough weather.</p> <p>Embarkation continued today, and 196 Lt cases 594 walking despatched. Ship sailed 1000 hrs.</p> <p>Lorry Convoy of 12 despatched at noon yesterday with 297 patients to TOLKEDAN.</p> <p>Motor ambulance Convoy despatched with 51 patients to TOLKEDAN.</p> <p>Sick rates & weekly report for Weeks ending 21 & 28 Sept.</p> <p>Convoy of over 300 patient arrived by rail.</p> <p>Letter to Da Yang re medical conditions at HARVA.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>AM 6470</p> <p>AM 7271</p> <p>app 72</p>

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HAIFA	Oct 11 th	0700	<p>Visited NAZARETH. Found the Section III CFA encamped in a field site inadequate accommodation for sick, while a large well equipped hospital was within 1/4 mile, empty except for some Commandant Rangers' sick who were being treated by R.M.O. Arranged for Section of Field Ambulance to be moved into the hospital. Write to ADMS 3rd Division stating that O/C Section F.A. was not fit for independent command & should be removed.</p> <p>Field Ambulances of 54th Division at HAIFA again overcrowded. 1283 Cases in Field Ambulances, and 703 Turks in Turkish Hospital.</p> <p>Hospital Ship 'Assaye' announced for tomorrow.</p> <p>99 Cases despatched in motor lorries to LODD.</p> <p>32 C.E.H. opened at BEIRUT.</p> <p>Motor ambulance carts ordered up for TULKERAM & HAIFA.</p> <p>Motor ambulance park arrived at HAIFA.</p> <p>Hospital Ship 'Assaye' arrived. About 1020 patients evacuated.</p>	09

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HAIFA	Oct 13	0700	<p>Returned to SAMAKH and visited the 7th Indian Brigade and III CFA. Inquired into health of Brigade, and found it fair. There is a certain amount of influenza - sand-fly fever and diarrhoea. The situation of the Camp 700 ft above the Jordan valley was healthy and the sanitation appeared good.</p> <p>I visited also the detachment of the III CFA at SAMAKH where there is a hospital for Turkish Sick. The hospital was well kept and the patients comfortable & well cared for. Evacuations by train were satisfactory.</p> <p>Hospital Ship Dunluce Castle arrived and evacuated 1056 Turks. Visited Turkish hospital. Conditions improved since large number of Turks evacuated. Still over 200 in hospital. The dirty habits of the Turks make it very difficult to maintain cleanliness, and the medical staff require very close supervision.</p> <p>The equipment of 33 Clt has arrived and CFA preparing to take 33 Clt. Opened at 1200 & took all sick in 3 CFA also. moved out of the Jewish College.</p>	<p>109</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NAIFA.	Oct-16		<p>At 29 Jan Section reported arrival of 2000 Egyptian Hospitals and a visit & discussed the situation as regards Egyptian Sick. An Egyptian hospital is on its way by train Port Sudan. It is badly needed as the Egyptian and Reception Station is over crowded and a large number of E.L.C. are here & more expected. Wined to D.M.S. stating that 200 Turks and 100 Egyptians required evacuation. His reply said that the 'Assaye' on her next trip would take Turks & Egyptians to KAWAHAHA.</p> <p>Inspected into D.A. & only Turkish Hospital and 33 C.C.H. Turkish hospital dirty as usual. It seems impossible to make the Turkish personnel keep the place clean. It is swarming with vermin, to such an extent that nothing will succeed in exterminating them, short of evacuating the building & burning all the wooden beds & mattresses.</p> <p>'Assaye' arrived and embarked about 10.50 patients.</p> <p>Sick rates & medical report for week ending 5th Oct attached</p>	<p>O10</p> <p>Att 73</p> <p>Att 74</p>

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HAIFA	Oct-17	0730	<p>Traveled up the HAIFA-BEIRUT road as far as a point just beyond Ras EL ABYAD (The White Cliff). Arranged for a chain of Medical Posts at ACEES, MUSHEREITE, TYRE & SIDON. The first three established today. Personnel in Tyre to be sent out in motor ambulances tomorrow.</p> <p>At SIDON 7th Division already have a post.</p> <p>Sawa Pioneer Battalions working at Ras EL NAKUTIA & Ras EL ABYAD: and arranged for the evacuation of their sick. The health of the Indians had suffered somewhat from a continuance of mobilizations. (Reported at Conference on 18th to D.A.G. only)</p> <p>On return to office found that the Corps Commander had ordered the despatch of 2 M.O.'s & 10 men from 54th Division to help in C.C.H. at BEIRUT. These were despatched in motor ambulances at once.</p> <p>Wound to be seen to inform men of numbers in hospital daily & number of M.O.'s</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">110</p>

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HAIFA	Oct 18	0900	<p>Wire from 32 CCH BEIRUT stating that there are 1239 Indians and 1418 British in hospital Total 2657</p> <p>Wire from DMS saying "Assaye" would go to BEIRUT next train instead of HAIFA</p> <p>Dispatched 11 Motor lorries with 114 British Indians and Egyptians to TUL KEDAM</p> <p>The following is the Hospital State at 1200 today -</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>off</th> <th>G.R</th> <th>Total</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><u>BEIRUT</u></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>32 CCH</td> <td>93</td> <td>2564</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>7 Div FA's (14)</td> <td>1</td> <td>338</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><hr/></td> <td><hr/></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>94</td> <td>2902</td> <td>2996</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>HAIFA</u></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>33 CCH</td> <td>7</td> <td>597</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>54 Div FA's</td> <td>8</td> <td>206</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><hr/></td> <td><hr/></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>15</td> <td>803</td> <td>118</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Egyptians</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Turks</td> <td>140</td> <td>246</td> <td>386</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Notified by train Beirut</td> <td>1</td> <td>28</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Turks</td> <td>1</td> <td>134</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td><hr/></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>4364</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		off	G.R	Total	<u>BEIRUT</u>				32 CCH	93	2564		7 Div FA's (14)	1	338			<hr/>	<hr/>			94	2902	2996	<u>HAIFA</u>				33 CCH	7	597		54 Div FA's	8	206			<hr/>	<hr/>			15	803	118	Egyptians				Turks	140	246	386	Notified by train Beirut	1	28		Turks	1	134					<hr/>				4364	11011
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Reference and references to Appendices
MADA	18	400	Wrote to D.M.S. giving him above figures. Short account of medical arrangements in recent operation in dispatch.	off 75
	19	0000	Despatched 96 Egyptians in lorries to TUL KADAM.	off 76
		1000	Visited Turkish hospital. Conditions much better. Rooms being sprayed with Creol in many, bugs destroyed. Mattresses being disinfected. Latrine pans now in use, and old latrines closed. There is still a difficulty about water supply which is very short. Visited C.C.H. & found all satisfactory. Visited Egyptian hospital. Conditions not satisfactory. Tending arrival of Eg. Detachment hospital there is some overcrowding & patients are not looked after by the Egyptian doctors as well as they might be. Spoke to Oc. Eg. Detachment hospital & told him to keep his eye on the place. Inspected 2/1 East Anglian F.A. About 120 patients in hospital, and all comfortable on beds, mattresses & stretchers. The hospital is not as clean as it might be owing to many of the staff being ill with influenza. Asked D.A.A.G. for E.L.C. labourers to assist.	
			3300 Patients now in 32 C.C.H. at BEIRUT. Several additional M.D.s being sent up by D.M.S. and hospital ship 'Assaye' also 2 another.	D13 8/5

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Observations and Information for Appendices
BEIRUT	Oct 21	0700	<p>Proceeded to BEIRUT by Car. Roads excellent most of the way. In route called in at medical posts at MUSHOURETTE and TYRE. Former working satisfactorily. At TYRE the post was out of the direct line of march and I ordered it to move to a position on the main road. Stopped at SIDON and called on the O/C French Medical Detachment. Two Indians & 7 Egyptians were sick in the French Field Ambulance where there were no medicines & any attempt to treat or even wish the sick comfortable. I therefore took away in motor ambulances two Indians and 4 Egyptians, leaving the rest to be fetched tomorrow. Visited the Administration SIDON and selected a house suitable for a Medical Post. Wrote to Rear 21 Corps Hdqrs to send out personnel for the post at once.</p>	
	22 nd		<p>Reached BEIRUT at 1700 hrs and interviewed the Corps Commander. Visited 32 Cl. H. and its overflow in the JESUIT College, and the hospital in the Lunatic Asylum. All crammed to overflowing, and quite beyond scope of staff to look after all patients properly. Officers in American College, and well looked after. Hospital ship Dunluce Castle sailed on 21st with 940 and assumed the</p>	D.H.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BEYRUT	Oct 22		with over 1000. But there are still 2000 patients left in Beirut many of them seriously ill with malignant malaria. Looked for other buildings suitable for a C.C.H. The Greek Hospital is a very suitable place, but has been taken over by the French. Visited the HQ of 7 th Division and discussed certain matters.	
	23 rd		Remainder of 7 th Division left BEYRUT. Went yesterday to Damascus making him acquainted with medical situation & advising stoppage of vaccination for DAMASCUS. Were received today that vaccination has been stopped. But lorries and ambulances came in last night and today for DAMASCUS with sick. Went with Corps Commander and inspected Jesuit College, 3 rd C.C.H. and the Officers' hospital, American College. Same state of overcrowding and chaos. A case of suspected cholera at the Jesuit College. Removed to British hospital at American hospital. Arrangements made to examine stool bacteriologically. D.M.S. and D.A.C. arrived. Took time to see the hospital in the Jesuit College.	11015

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BEIRUT	Oct 24	0700	<p>Took DMS + DMS to see the Officers' hospital + C.E.H., and a hospital at the Lantier Asylum.</p> <p>DMS suggested obtaining some nurses locally for hospital, especially the Officers' hospital. Also made other recommendations in writing to HQs & Corps.</p> <p>After their departure, visited American Hospital and saw Mr DMS as superintendent of the hospital. Asked her about nurses. She thought she could supply two, whom I asked her to send to Officers' hospital.</p> <p>Suspected case of Cholera died yesterday. Autopsy held and bacteriological examination made. Result negative for Cholera.</p>	
	25	1130	<p>Hospital Ship JUNIUS Castle arrived BEIRUT.</p> <p>Under orders of Corps Commander went to TRIPOLI to see medical conditions there, and to select malaria-free camps for 7th Division.</p> <p>Arrived at TRIPOLI. Found 74 C.E.S. in a very good building - an American School. Indicans in another building. About 500 patients plenty of rooms, and all comfortable. Shortage of ordnance stores + medical supplies. Wried for same to DMS.</p>	D12

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TRIPOLI	Oct 26		<p>Interviewed Mr FOWLER an American missionary who has lived in TRIPOLI for years. Informed by him that TRIPOLI & neighbourhood were very malarious. Examined streams & marshes & found anopheline larvae. Inspected the Camps of the 19th Bde. They were situated too near irrigation channels & swamps, where anopheline larvae were found. After some search selected a spot which was some way from the watered area, as more healthy.</p> <p>Searched all day and selected two other sites on high ground for the other two Brigades of the Division. Wrote reports to Corps Hdqrs and wrote a fuller report.</p>	
BEIRUT	27 th		<p>Returned to BEIRUT</p> <p>Hospital Ship KAROOKA sailed with about 750 patients</p> <p>No 15 C.C.S. arrived, also No 1 Egyptian Det Hospital, No 8 Adm Dep Medical Stores and No 93 Sanitary Section.</p>	
"	28 th		<p>No 15 C.C.S. takes over the Jesuit College</p> <p>Orders issued for medical arrangements.</p>	D11

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BEIRUT	Oct 29 th		Went out to JUNIE and MAMELTEIN with G.O.C. + staff of 54 th Division and chose suitable camping sites for the 54 th Division. Good camp site found on Mamelteini Spur, which should be free from malaria. In afternoon went to MAR RUK'S Camp where it is proposed to place the third brigade. The camp is high lying and may be regarded as healthy.	
"	30 th		Went up to ALIVE and saw the Turkish hospital which has now been handed over to the French. Found a Syrian doctor in charge. Ordered Capt. GATROX to return with the Indian detachment on 31 st . Went on to SUKH-EL-GHATIB and viewed houses suitable for a Convalescent Depot, which I hope to establish shortly, when personnel is available. Selected suitable houses, and saw the hotel where officers could be put up for a few days convalescence. Went on to Bhandara where I saw Sister NOSTAS who had a convalescent home for Germans. This is some 10 miles and I consider it too cold for the winter months.	11/10/19

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Details and references in Appendices
BEIRUT	Oct 31		<p>First Brigade of 54th Division arrived and marched through the town. Went to MARR RUKUS Camp to see 7th Pioneer Battalion which has been sending large numbers of sick into hospital. Found the Battalion on the march to JAWELLE. Stragglers all over the road and 90 men left in last Camp. Regiment only 600 strong and 300 had been sent into hospital in the march from TPORE. The diseases appear to be influenza and malaria. Sent in a report on their condition and advised rest and good rationing, and a medical overhaul. Regiment were stopped by G. S. orders at JUWELLE.</p> <p>1200 ARMISTICE WITH TURKEY become effective</p> <p>Inspected 15 CEH, 32 CEH and Officers Hospital</p> <p style="text-align: right;">E. S. Smith C. J. Dons 21 Corps</p>	<p>019</p> <p>MM 77, 78 79, 80</p>

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS DURING RECENT OPERATIONS.

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Dressing stations & routes of evacuation.

Main Dressing Stations were established during the night 18/19th September at X.18.a. (7th & 60th Divisions), at C.30.a. (5rd & 75th Divisions) and at M.15.c. (54th Division)

Casualty Clearing Hospitals were located at JAFFA, LUDD and WILHELMA, evacuation to which was carried out by Light Railway and motor ambulance.

During the pursuit casualties were carried forward in order to enable main Dressing Stations to clear at the earliest possible moment, and to allow evacuation to be established along the KALKILISH-TUL KERAM road. This was accomplished by the morning of 20th, evacuation thenceforth being conducted by Medical units echeloned at TUL KERAM (121st & 179th C.F.A's, 60th Division), and at KALKILISH (353rd C.F.A., 75th Division). Evacuation was carried out by Motor ambulance to 15th C.C.H., WILHELMA; an entraining post on the Light Railway for sitting cases arriving by motor lorry was established at RANTISH and subsequently at RAS EL AIN by A.D.M.S., 54th Division.

Difficulty was encountered in evacuation of casualties during the march of the 3rd and 7th Divisions eastwards in to the hills. A proportion of patients were carried forward to the TUL KERAM - NABLUS road near DEIR SHARAF, whence they were evacuated by motor ambulance to TUL KERAM from 21st September onwards.

Casualties. The following casualties were evacuated during the period 19th to 23rd September inclusive:- British: Officers 91, Other ranks 943. Indian: Officers 25, Other ranks 1799. Total 2858. In addition 735 sick and wounded prisoners of war were collected and evacuated.

Sick. The operations took place during a period of high incidence of sickness due to Influenza, Sand-fly Fever and Malaria. The admissions for sickness were mainly from these causes, were almost as numerous as the casualties; about 2000 British and Indian sick passed through Medical units during the above period.

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The situation at BEIRUT and HAIFA is as follows:-

	Off.	O.R.	Total.
<u>BEIRUT.</u> 32nd C.C.H.	93	2564.	
7th Division	1.	338.	
F.Ambs. (14/10/18)			2996
	94.	2902.	
<u>HAIFA.</u> 33rd C.C.H.	8.	625.	
54th Division			
F.Ambs.	8.	206.	
	16.	831.	847
Egyptians.		100 (1)	100
Turks.	141.	380.	521

	Grand Total.		4464

It may be assumed that two thirds of these require evacuations. There are therefore at present moment 2976 patients to evacuate from BEIRUT and HAIFA.

The Hospital ship "ASSAYE" is proceeding to BEIRUT on her next trip and may arrive on the 20th inst. It will take three trips at least to clear BEIRUT, if there are no more admissions from DAMASCUS. In the meantime the 32nd C.C.H. is very overcrowded and the staff overworked. Two Medical Officers and 10 other ranks from the Field Ambulances have been sent to assist, but no more can be spared, as there is much sickness among Officers and men of the Field Ambulance.

I would suggest that, (1) the staff of the 32nd C.C.H. be considerably strengthened as quickly as possible both in Officers and other ranks.

(2) That evacuations from DAMASCUS be stopped until the pressure is relieved.

(3) A second Hospital ship be sent to BEIRUT and also one to HAIFA, which will be soon overfull, as about 200 cases a day are still arriving from SAMAKH.

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18/10/18.

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SUBJECT: Medical Conditions at HAIFA.

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The Medical Conditions at HAIFA are as follows:-

The three Field Ambulances of the 54th. Division are open, and are receiving sick from their own Division, and from all other Units in HAIFA, with the exception of the Detachment Francaise Palestine at Syrie. The latter have a Medical Unit of their own at the German Hospital. The Field Ambulances of 54th. Division also receive sick arriving by train from AFULE and SAMAKH, and by Motor Ambulance from NAZARETH and from the Pioneer Battalions at RAS EL NAKURAH. Medical personnel of the 54th. Division are also supervising the treatment of the Turkish sick and wounded in the Turkish Hospital. The average number of admissions daily into the 54th. Division Field Ambulances is 276; and in addition 518 Turks have been admitted to the Turkish Hospital in the last 7 days.

There is also an Egyptian Medical Reception Unit in HAIFA in which there are about 50 Egyptians patients.

The 53rd. Casualty Clearing Hospital is ready to open as soon as its equipment arrives. It is expected on the 12th. inst.

Evacuation takes place chiefly by Hospital Ship. The "ASSAYE" arrived on the 5th. inst. and sailed the same day with 1041 patients. It arrived again on the 8th. inst. and sailed next day with 790 patients. A few patients have been evacuated by Motor Ambulance to TUL KERAM, and 549 Prisoners of War, 96 Egyptians and 72 Indians all light cases have been evacuated by Motor Lorry- total 717. Total evacuations from HAIFA by all channels since the 5th. October inclusive 2752. The total numbers in Medical Units in HAIFA at 1200 hours today are British 463, Indians 235, Turks 598, Egyptians 59, Germans 15, Italians 4. - Total 1370. Of these probably 200 will be discharged tomorrow to Details Camp. A Hospital Ship is expected on the 12th. inst. to evacuate sick and wounded Prisoners of War, and the "ASSAYE" should also be back by the 15th. inst. The visit of these two Hospital Ships should practically clear HAIFA, for the moment.

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reference attached:

The 1st East Anglian Field Ambulance took over, from the 128th and 129th Combined Field Ambulances, charge of the patients in the Franciscan Monastery and Convent (two separate buildings), at 1200 hours on 3rd inst. At that time there were roughly 500 British and 400 Indians in the two buildings. During the previous 24 hours no less than 482 patients had been admitted, and a large proportion of these poured in during the morning of the 3rd inst, while the 128th and 129th Combined Field Ambulances were packing up their equipment and preparing to march out with their division. The resulting temporary chaos was inevitable, and was rectified as soon as possible by the 1st East Anglian Field Amb. in the Convent, and by the 2nd East Anglian Field Amb. who arrived in the afternoon in the Monastery. There would have been no chaos if it had not been for the unavoidable handing over from one unit to another in the midst of a rush of patients.

It is not correct to say that nominal rolls were not kept, nor diseases tabulated. The rolls of a Field Ambulance are always kept in an "Admission and Discharge Book". These books were kept up to date by the Combined Field Ambulances of the 7th Division, except for patients who were admitted during the morning of the 3rd inst, when the units were packing up. It would have been better if these books could have been left for the use of the Field Ambulances of the 54th Division, but as they form the official records of a Field Ambulance, it is somewhat natural that the Commanding Officers did not wish to part with them. It would have been impossible in the time to make copies from them: I think the ambulances of the 7th Division might have rendered more assistance than they did to the 54th Division.

The great majority of the patients were very light cases. A large number were cases of "Spanish Influenza", which have usually been kept segregated with their units. If the division had not been moving these patients would not have been admitted to hospital at all.

There were also a large number of cases of sore feet, septic sores and mild diarrhoea, which under ordinary conditions would not have been in hospital. The few cases of more serious condition were, as far as I can ascertain, all lying on stretchers, and were comparatively comfortable. The light cases were lying on blankets, when I went round these buildings about noon on 3rd inst. As far as I remember, all patients had either a stretcher or a blanket to lie on.

I do not consider that any patient suffered any greater hardships than might reasonably be expected in a campaign, though the conditions were certainly far from comfortable. Such conditions as these are inevitable when a Field Ambulance is called upon to do the work of several Casualty Clearing Hospitals. Not only were sick from two divisions of the 21st Corps being admitted to these Field Ambulances, but also the sick and wounded of the Desert Corps, whose only line of evacuation is to HAIFA. Evacuation to the base could not keep up with the influx owing to the distance from railhead, and the bad condition of the roads. A Hospital ship was expected by the 3rd inst., and its arrival would have completely relieved the pressure; it is now expected on the 5th inst. In the meantime I have personally superintended

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the arrangements of these field Ambulances, and have separated out the Convalescent patients and placed them in bivouacs until the Details Camps arrive to take them over. The severer cases are all provided with stretchers, and the remainder have blankets to lie on

Part of the personnel of the 33rd C.J.C.H. have arrived and are preparing a bedded hospital in the Jewish College, where serious cases will be taken in. The Hospital ship will clear all but convalescents tomorrow, and I understand, every day onwards.

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D. No. GHQ

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Ref. your 4298/251/0 dated 1st Oct. - paras

(1) & (2) are noted.

(3) Lt Col Brambury and 84 of his personnel arrived today.

I have been round the various buildings with Lt Col Brambury, and have found another building which we did not see when you came here. It is infinitely preferable to any other building and is eminently suitable for a C.C.S. The rooms are large & clean. Water is laid on. There is level ground in its vicinity, and it is in every way preferable to the Turkish hospital, which I do not think would make a good C.C.S. On further examination, the building would not hold more than 300 patients. It is extremely filthy. The drains are choked & the cesspits full. The water supply is not satisfactory, and there is no space whatever for camping.

The other building is a portion of the Jewish College, and will hold quite 500 patients.

Permission has been obtained from the Military Governor for its use as a C.C.S., and it can be made ready for patients in a few hours.

The Turkish hospital will take several days to clean. Its surroundings are filthy.

I propose therefore to start the C.C.S. in the Jewish College - retaining the Turkish hospital for an overflow if found necessary.

4 (i) noted

(ii) I have not been able to establish a relay post at ZIMMARIN. The ambulances of the 7th Division are on the march with their Division, and those of the 5th Division are required to look after the 1000 patients now in HADITHA.

The 3rd Division ambulances are all busy:- One at SAMAKH, one at KALKYUEN and one with the Division.

The 4th Division ambulances are disposed as follows:- One at TUL KARRAM employed on relay duty, one with the Division and one (163 CFA) has completely broken down after evacuating 6000 patients. All the Officers and many of the personnel are sick, and the unit had to be relieved.

If you consider a post necessary at ZIMMARIN it will be necessary to draw the personnel from the 60th Division. There will be a difficulty in feeding a post there, as there are no units in the neighbourhood. It is doubtful whether such a post is necessary, as only light cases can be evacuated by road, and not many of them, as it is impossible to find more than 30 cars at the most for this section of the road.

(iii) (iv) & (v) noted

No wheels are permitted to proceed beyond the 'Ladder of Tyre'. It will therefore be impossible to evacuate by road to any great distance beyond this point. Evacuation by lighters has been arranged.

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5. I understand you now wish the Turkish side
to be retained in HAIFA. They must remain in
the Turkish hospital as there are no other local
hospitals to which they can be removed.

6. Major Buid has arrived

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ADM'S 54th Division
MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS IN RAIFA.

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Until the 53rd.C.O.H. is opened the following arrangements will hold good.

- (1) The Ambulances of the 54th.Division will receive all patients arriving in RAIFA except Prisoners of War.
- (2) Prisoners of War will be sent to the Turkish Hospital.
- (3) The A.D.M.S., 54th.Division will be responsible for sending transport - Motor Ambulances and horse drawn vehicles to meet trains arriving at the station with sick and wounded.
- (4) He will also be responsible for providing transport to convey patients to the jetty for embarkation on Hospital Ships.
- (5) He will also provide for the supervision of the Turkish Hospital and the German Hospital as long as patients remain in them. Necessary drugs and dressings will be supplied and instruments lent as necessary.
- (6) Patients will be evacuated as follows:-
 - (a) The majority of cases by Hospital Ship due to arrive on 5th.inst.
 - (b) Cases fit to attend as out-patients will be retained for the present and discharged to Details Camps on the arrival of the latter.
 - (c) Light cases fit to travel by motor lorry will be despatched in motor lorries as and when these become available.
 - (d) When Motor Ambulances are returning to TUL KERAM suitable cases will be evacuated by this means, but cars of the 54th. and 7th. Divisions will not be sent to TUL KERAM unless specially ordered by the D.D.M.S.
 - (e) No Prisoners of War will be evacuated until further orders.
- (7) The following returns are required.
 - (a) A daily state on A.F. A54 showing separately British Officers and Other Ranks, Indian Officers and Other Ranks, Prisoners of War and other nationalities.
 - (b) Numbers arrived in past 24 hours by train and by M.A.C. separately.

Both returns to be made up to 1200 and to be sent by special messenger to this office as soon after 1200 as possible.

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3rd.Oct.1918.

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