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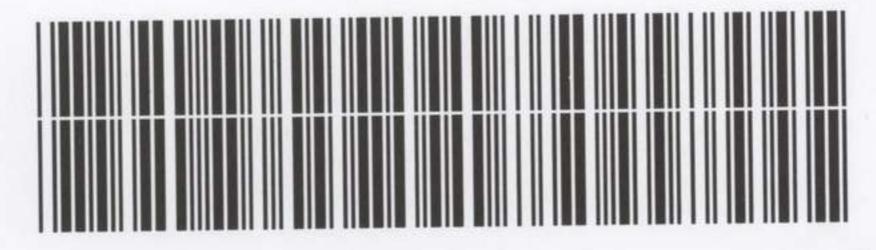
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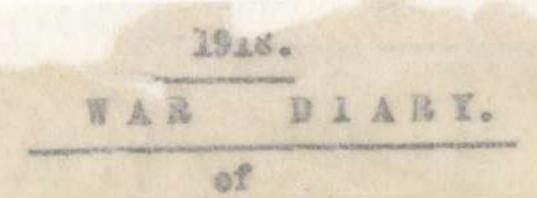
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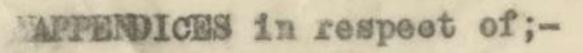
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Resume of duties Remarks and Summary of Events and Information references to appendix 10 Hour Date Place Appendices 1918 In accordance with instructions received, a resume of the work of S.M.O. MOASCAR is appended. MOASCAR Mch. 12 0900 Temp. Major Clark N. Z. M. C. was appointed to the position in Sept. 1916. Major Arnold A. A. M. C. in October 1916; Major Yuille A. A. M. C. in June 1917; Major Vernon M. C. in December 1917. These are the main appointments, but there have been acting S.M. Os at various times. The jurisdiction of S.M.O. Moascar Area includes all Australian & New Zealand Troops in the Camp, with the exception of No. 2 A.S. Hospital. The Medical Personnel is concentrated at the A.A.M.C. Training Cadre to which all M.O.s are attached, with the exception of the S.M.O., who is attached to Headquarters. Various forms of Infectious diseases are frequently met with in Moascar, a large number occurring in Troops newly arriving from Australia. Such troops always undergo a period of isolation in a detached camp before being allowed to join their Units. The sanitation of the Area is directly under the S.M.O. and is maintained at a favorable standard, facilities being greater than with Units in the Field. The near presence of other XIIIX troops not coming under this jurisdiction, and of a large Native settlement, are disadvantages, especially as regards the presence of flies. The health of troops in Moascar is good, except for a tendency of epidemics in infectious diseases. The surroundings are healthy and bathing can be obtained. The presence of a number of "B" Class personnel, and others temporarily unfit for the Field, increases the sickness rate. A. & N. Z. sick from Moascar Camp are evacuated to No. 2 A.S. Hospital. Food, water and accommodation are universally good. A. A. M. C. Training is under the direction of the O.C. A. A. M. C. Ing. Unit, and he has been afferdin instructed to post up matters relating to this in his War Diary. See affected 2 The reinforcing of A.A.M.C. Units in the Field from Moascar is under the control of the S.M.O. In Jan. 1918 seventy volunteers from the Light Horse were obtained for the A.A.M.C. and these, with the details from the various Units returning from Hospital &c. have proved sufficient up to the present. The A.A.M.C. Rfts. arriving from Australia seem to be well trained in A.A.M.C. work, and are of good physique on the whole. The majority have had up to 6 months' trainingin Australia. Some batches include a large number of poor horsemen. The Light Horse volunteers were untrained, but classes for Hospital and First Aid work were arranged with the C.O. No. 2 A.S. Hospital, and, combined with the training at the A.A.M.C. Ing. Cadre, made them fit for reinforcing in two months' time. (sgd.) G.H. VERNON Major, A.A.M.C. A7092 Wt. W12S 9/M1293 750,000. 1/17. D. D. & I. Ltd. Forms/C2118/14.

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Place	119118	Hour	- Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MOASCAR	Mch.13	0900	Troops ex WILTSHIRE" arrived 12th. March 1918. No infectious diseases (having) occurred on the voyage. As on previous occasions Troops from (clean) transports have subsequently developed infectious diseases, it was decided that they should be quarantined as a precautionary measure as long as was necessary. It was also put in writing that all ranks from an infected transport be quarantined for minimum period of three weeks.	82N
	" 15	11	Third Medical Officers' School of Instruction ended.	1000
	" 16	11	Eight A.A.M.C. Men per "Wiltshire" were examined & found to be well trained & of good physiqu	e. 8241
	" 17	11	Eleven A.A.M.C. Rfts. to 4th. L.H.F.A. entrained on 16-3-18.	grov
	" 18	11	Fourth Medical Officers' School of Instruction begun.	804
	" 20	81	Quarantine restrictions lifted from Troops ex "Wiltshire".	8004
	" 28	11	One O/Rk. Rfts. to 8th. San. Section; 14 O/Rks. Rfts. to A.C.F.A. entrained.	Short
	11 29	.01	Two O/Rks. Rfts. to A.C.F.A. entrained.	Sur
	11 29	11	Fourth Medical Officers' School of Instruction concluded.	Sarl
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OASCAR	Apl.5	0900	Four O/Rks Rfts. to 3rd. L.H.F.A. entrained on 4th. One O/Rk. Rfts. to 8th. Sanitary Section. Fourteen O/Rks. A.A.M.C. Personnel arrrived ex "ORMONDE" on 4th.	grod
	" 8	11	Fourteen O/Rks. A.A.M.C. Personnel from Australia per "ORMONDE" were inspected & interviewed. These men appeared of good physique & the training of most of them extended over several months, but hardly any had done any stretcher drill. One man had been in the A.A.M.C. for 8/12 & most of that time had been spent in the A.A.M.C. Camp personnel where proficiency in stretcher drill might have been expected.	8x1
	# 9	11	"B" Class Board held at Moascar on 8th. Present; Lieut-Col. Blackburn, President, Major Vernon & Major Burke -Gaffney, Members.	Port
	" 12	**	There has been a marked increase in the flies about this Camp. Every endeavor has been made to find and destroy breeding areas, and traces of such have been found recently at H. 'Qrs. A.P.C., 2nd. L.H. Tng. & Isolation Camp, but only to a very limited extent. To-day the whole of the A.R.D. was inspected and no traces of breeding could be found. The large increase in the flies is undoubtedly due to their being allowed to breed in adjoining areas, as a constant watch is kept in the A.T.U. Camp.	grov .
	"15	11	Beginning of A.A.M.C. N.C.Os. School of Instruction.	SUN
	"18	11	Twenty-eight O/Rks. A.A.M.C. Rfts. to No. 14 A.G.Hospital, Port Said. Twelve O/Rks. A.A.M.C. Rfts. to No. 2 A.S.Hospital.	8UH
	"19.	11	Seven O/Rks. Rfts. to A.C.F.A.	8N - 253
	128	11	Three O/Rks. Rfts. to 2nd. L.H.F.A.	SAN E.
	"29	#	Four O/Rks. Rfts. to Gov. Hosp. Suez.	804 2
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MOASCAR	May 4 5 6 78 9 12	0900	Ten O/Rks. A.A.M.C. personnel marched out to Signal Tng. Unit for course of Instruction in Signalling &c. commencing 6th. inst. (8 weeks' course.) Monthly Medical Classification Board held at Moascar. Present; Lieut-Col. Blackburn, President Lieut-Col. Saw & Major Burke-Gaffney, Members. Major F.C.Burke-Gaffney Acting S.M.O. during absence on leave of S.M.O. from 4th. to 8th. May. Details Camp, Moascar placed in isolation and all disinfecting precautions taken owing to Typhus case evacuated to No. 2 A.S.H. from Details Camp on 30-4-18. Confirmed diagnosis of No. 2 A.S.H. on 6th. May. Patient died on 7th. May. Four O/Rks. Rfts. to 4th. L.H.F.A. entrained. Ref; HOSPITAL BEDS; It has been found necessary to establish Annexes of the A.A.M.C. Tng. Cadre Hospital at the Isolation Camp, Moascar, where 5 beds have been established. This has proved of great setvice to the Camp, as by its means it has not been found necessary to evacuate so many men to Hospital. As a proof of the necessity of this Hospital, figures show that, for the last month, 80 cases were admitted to this Camp Hospital, and only 18 had subsequently to be evacuated to No. 2 A.S.H. Secondly, owing to the inconvenience experienced in evacuating sick prisoners from the F.P.C., all of whom require escorts and guards while in	SW
	15/1	7 4	two days. A total number of about 2,600 troops were dealt with. The men were dipped in a bath of 1% Cresol, and all gear subjected to steam disinfection for 20 minutes. This measure	SUN SIN
	17 23 25 26	4 4 61	was undertaken as a precaution against the spread of Typhus by lice. One O/Rk. Rfts. to 8th. San. Sec-tion. Five O/Rks. Rfts. to 2nd. L.H.F.A., Eight O/Rks. Rfts. to 3rd. L.H.F.A. & 7 O/Rks. Rfts. to 4th. N.C.Os' School of Instruction (A.A.M.C.) concluded. Two O/Rks. Rfts. to 1st. L.H.F.A. 4 to 3rd. L.H.F.A. 8 to 4th. L.H.F.A. 4 to A.C.F.A. & one to 7th. Sanitary Section, being short of numbers ordered as follow; - 6 O/Rks. short to 3rd. F.A. 14 short to 4th. F.A. 4 short to 7th. San. Section & 1 short to A.C.F.A.	F.A. The
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The time for equitation may be changed if the horses are not available at the stated time.

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	1918			0
DASCAR	June	10900	The N.Z.T.C.& Depots removed camp from Moascar to Chevalier Island near Ferry Post, Ismailia on 31st. May. The existing arrangements in respect of Medical jurisdiction still hold good.	W
	1	\$0	Eight 0/Rks. Rfts. to 3rd. L.H.F.A. entrained. Three 0/Rks. sent to No. 2 A.S.H. for instruction in V.D. Prophylaxis.	W
	4	п	Monthly Medical Classification Board held at Moascar on 3rd. inst. Present; Col. Blackburn, President, Col. Saw & Major Vernon Members. One hundred & thirty eight Officers & O/Ranks	W
	6	. 10	were classified. One O/Rk. Rfts. to 3rd. L.H.F.A. & One to 8th. Sanitary Section, entrained.	N
	CB	79	S.M.O. inspected camp site at FAIED on 4th. inst. with a view to establishment of Rest Camp	201
	8	19	Reinforcements of all ranks arrived on 7th.inst. em "PORT DARWIN" and were placed in special Isolation Camp for period of 21 days' quarantine. There were several cases of In-	6-1
	0	a	fectious diseases amongst the troops during the voyage. Officers ex "PORT DARWIN" in quarantine according to Camp Regulations, were released from	3/17
	11		Isolation on 8th. inst. under instructions received from STRALIS. Second A.A.M.C. N.C.Os' School of Instruction assembled at Moascar on 10th. inst.	7
			Disinfection of troops & fumigation of kits &c. carried out on 10th. inst. at Disinfecting Transfer of the Office to 2nd. L.H.F.A. & three to 3rd. L.H.F.A. entrained.	nn
	12 17 21	FD CD	Four O/Rks. Rfts. to 1st. L.H.F.A. 2 to 3rd. L.H.F.A. & 1 to 3rd. L.H.F.A. 7 to 4th. L.H.F.A.	
	22		& I to 7th. Sanitary Section entrained. New Zealand T.U.& D. Camp at Chevalier Island inspected by S.M.O. including the lines &	nver
	99		Hospital. The sanitation appeared to be very good and surroundings of the Camp very healthy	如美
	25		There has been an appreciable decrease in the number of flies about the Camp. Breeding places were found and promptly dealt with.	W &
	26	19	Disinfection of troops and funigation of kits carried out at Disinfecting Train on 25th. inst	WI
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DASCAR	1918 June 2	6 0900	Two A.A.M.C. O/Rks. Rfts. to 3rd. L.H.F.A. entrained.	800
	" 27	**	Twenty-three O/Rks. A.A.M.C. Personnel transferred from Infantry Camp, Suez to Light Horse A.A.M.C. and marched in to Isolation Camp, Moascar on 26th. inst. to undergo Equitation Instruction. The majority of these men have attended lectures and appear to have had good training and experience.	800
	" 29	"	Troops ex "PORT DARWIN" in Isolation Camp released from quarantine on 28th. inst. with exception of those who are contacts of infectious cases evacuated to No. 2 A.S.H. since arrival in Camp.	mr.
	" 30	**	Ref; - INFECTIOUS DISEASES. Following is a summary of Infectious Diseases that have occurred since arrival of "COMMONWEALTH" on 12-12-17, the patients being admitted to No. 2 A.S. Hospital; - MEASLES 210 Cases MUMPS 70 " SCARLATINA 7 " TYPHUS 5 " C.S.M. 1 " DIPHTHERIA 1 " ENTERICA 1 " Total 295 Cases. From 12-12-17 to 30-6-18.	SAN .
	" 30	**	Major G.H. VERNON relinquished duties of S.M.O. being succeeded by Major M. Yuille. AMajor Major Smo	Sume is
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With regard to the Medical work in this Unit, all the Sick Paradesm Medical inspections Inequiations ets. for the Camp are done at this Unit. There is a Twenty (20) Bed Hospital into which mild cases are taken for twenty-four hours, and other cases awaiting evacuation to the No. 2 Australian Stationary Hospital. No Officers, N.C.Os. or Men are allowed to march out of Camp unless their inoculations are shown as correct in their Paybooks. Records show that the number of men who have attended Sick Parades from Sept. 1917 to June 1918 is Twenty-flour Thousand, seven hundred & seventy-one (24,771) xaveraging 86 per day The number of Medical Inspections between these dates for Marching in & Marching out are:-0/Ranks O/Ranks Marching Out Officers Officers Marching In 1st L.H.Tng.Regt. 1927 1st. L.H.Tng. Regt. 2nd. 2114. 1963 3rd. Sed. 1873 4th. do 1806 4th. do 7587 388 7547 279 Totals This total is inclusive of the Isolation Camp & N. Z. T. U. & D. Sick Parades, the number passing through the A.A.M.C. The Unit Sick Parades being 14,331 for the period under review. tulukeraffuer Major

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Place	Date Hour	Summary of Events and Information		Remarks and references to Appendices
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			men only be sent to Faied under Medical recommendation for their convalescance. This would restrict the numbers from about 50 to 75, which is the most suitable number. I think it should be distinctly impressed on the advocates of this scheme, that the establishment of a Rest Camp at Faied is only a temporary measure, and return to the old arrangements at Port Said made as soon as possible for the reasons I have stated above. If Faied is to be looked upon as a permanent Rest Camp for troops from Moascar, there may be a difficulty in arranging for their return to Port Said, which is much more suitable for this purpose. The fewer men sent to Faied, and the less money spent there, the easier it will be to return to the old arrangement. Convalescents should be kept separate from the Fishing Post personnel, and not required to do any duty.	
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