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Stoms Syria 1/1/19			<p>DESERT CORPS OPERATING UNIT -</p> <p>This unit for the month has still been attached to the Immobile section of the 5<sup>th</sup> L.H.F. Amb. at Stoms - late Aust. Div Receiving Station. I have been doing the work of M.O. here as well as doing anything with operative or surgical line which turned up - Indeed for some time now I have had charge of certain wards &amp; doing sick parades &amp; so on, as the real surgical work to be done here is very little - The only two members of the unit left - Corporal Barnes &amp; Pvt. Blaw have been giving a helping hand in doing dressings, &amp; attending generally to any cases which may be labelled surgical &amp; several cases of extensive burns have taken up much time &amp; dressings lately. The keeping in good order of the instruments, preparing fresh supplies of sterile dressings also, was part of their work.</p>	



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Homs Syria			<p>Apart from the appendix attached of the several operations done, many minor ones were performed, but hardly worthy of recording. On the 25<sup>th</sup> mi. Sergt. Hughes reported as driver of the Operating Car. Instructions were left when the D.S.M.S. left Homs, that I should wait here until authorized for a truck to take the Car to Egypt arrived. I received word yesterday that the S.M.T.O. was to fix that matter up, &amp; am now waiting for final arrangements to be made re this, prior to proceeding with the balance of the Unit - to Cairo as per orders received. The Car is now ready &amp; fully equipped &amp; with a fresh supply of tires &amp; is in good order save with regard to the body. I understand that on arrival in Egypt, the Unit is to be disbanded as the ending of the war removes its necessity - as a special unit, &amp; I now expect to proceed there within a few days when I report to D.S.M.S.</p>	
31/1/19			<p>W. H. Dryden Capt. D.S.M.S. of Unit</p>	





Appendix - Operations Jan 1919      Des. Corps Operating Unit -

Date	No.	Unit	Rank	Name	Operation	Remarks
12.11.19	7021	14 <sup>th</sup> Lt Coy	Tpr	CARLIAN M.C. (local Arab)	Incision abscess from	A nasty suppurating mass of Infected glands - opened drained & <u>Evac<sup>d</sup> well</u>
14.1.19	222707	MTASC	Pte	BANYARD J.L. (local Arab)	Abscess face	A Rapid swelling spreading about on malar bone - L. cheek - opened drained & <u>Evac<sup>d</sup> well</u> (a TB subject)
14.1.19				ARAB CIVILIAN (local Arab)	Removal of large abscess face	A large sebaceous rapidly increasing abscess - completely removed & local antiseptic. Sutures lipped in - did very well <u>Evac<sup>d</sup> well</u>
17.1.19	M/106352	MTASC 1011	Pte	BOULTER W. (local Arab)	Abscess Breast	a deep seated abscess R. breast - incision drainage in - did very well - <u>Evac<sup>d</sup> well</u>
24.1.19				ARMENIAN MANIG (Aleppo)	old G.S.W left leg	Sent in for op <sup>n</sup> by Admin. Command An old standing suppurating wound upper part lower leg - perforating bone - chronic sinus - whole thing opens up - the opening in bone both sides enlarged - cavity scraped - old wound scar tissue removed - all unhealthy tissue & bone drawn - lipped in - kept in by good state generally - dressed daily & soon lipped in & did exceedingly well - soon fit to <u>Evacuate</u> home
24.1.19	778224	11 <sup>th</sup> Cavalry Muttah Coy	Sgt	SMITHERS A (Aleppo)	Plumose ulceration	Bad plumose - ulcer - ulcer extensive - opened up - trimmed - cleaned - lipped in - daily dressing - doing well - soon fit to <u>Evacuate</u> home
27.1.19	300491	7 <sup>th</sup> Coy	Pvt	GRANDY H. (Aleppo)	Carbuncle of NECK	a very extensive deep Carbuncle - opened under an anaesthetic - sloughs removed - scraped lipped - removed - doing well - soon <u>Evacuate</u> home



Many minor ops as well

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