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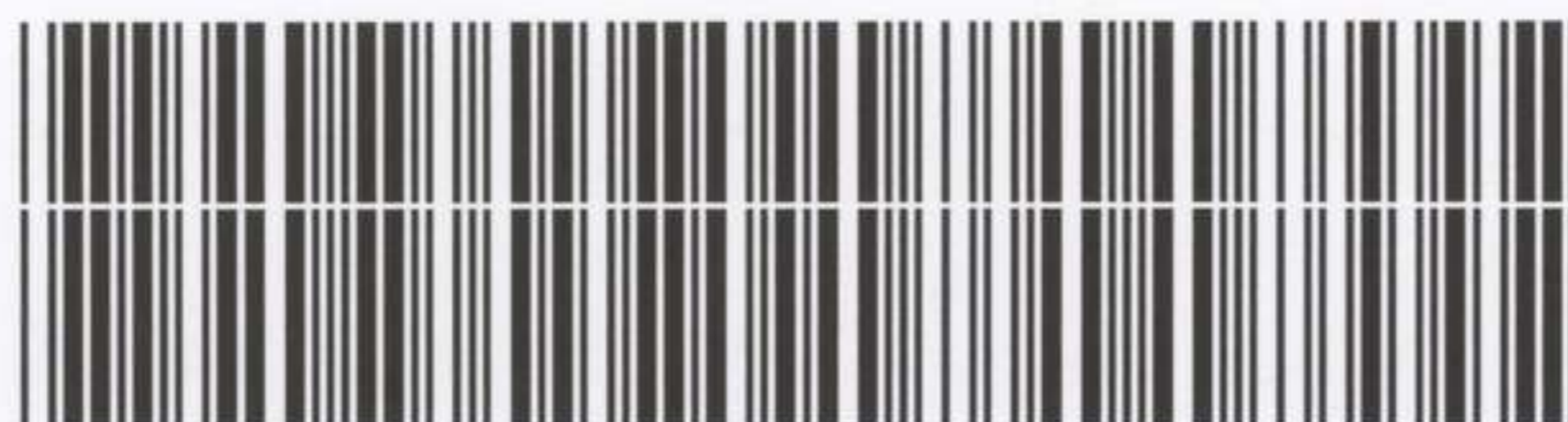
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8. AM. 1st April 1916. Marseille.	Arrived at Marseille - no berthing accommodation at Docks lay out in Harbour awaiting orders. Had men paraded in marching order and Medical inspection after. Reported to Ad Adts Marseille who took me out to Honnet and showed site on which No 2 Coy was to be camped and take over Hospital from Sec Lahore Gen Hosp. Arranged with Registrar & Ad Adts for unloading ship with Lt Col Dunlop Ad Adts. Lt Col reported at Ad Adts office and accompanied by Major Needham. Ad Adts we drove to Honnet to arrange sites for Officers Quarters etc.	
2 nd 4. 16	Ship brought alongside Quay and unloading commenced also transport of stores to Honnet. Sent party on there under Capt Ross to pitch camp for Personnel and Ad Adts and party to receive stores.	
3. 4. 16	Unloading & transport of stores proceeding all day. Lt Col Dick with some other officers and party of men proceeded to Honnet to take up Quarters in Camp.	
4. 4. 16	Received instruction from Ad Adts that we were not to transport stores but simply park at Honnet & await orders.	
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5. 4. 16. continued Marsden	Unloading and transport of stores proceeded all day. Nursing Staff proceeded to General by Special Train. Major Vepjohn proceeded to London to obtain Pathological equipment for both Nos 1 and No 2 A.C.H.	
6. 4. 16	Remains of Personnel came into camp. Weather being very wet men employed all day entrenching camp etc and getting stores under cover.	
7. 4. 16.	As on previous day.	
8. 4. 16.	Men out on duty with stores paraded - Infantry Drill and lectures. Received orders that No 2 A.C.H. was to remain and take over Hospital.	
9. 4. 16	Accompanied by Lt Col Dick and Gordon went round Hospital with Lt Col Dolman O.C. See Lahore Post with Lt to see arrangement of tents for patients etc. Inspected Camp of Personnel - arranged with O.C. Base Details for a Guard on gate and on General Camp.	
10. 4. 16	Int. N.O.s to report to Lt Col Dolman and visit wards both Nos 1 & 2 to see patients there and learn details of their complaints and treatment. Met Major Medham D.D.S. and Capt Symons R.E. and went round camp to select specially sites for latrines for various sections. Looking places & various stores.	

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11. 4 16 Marseilles	Medical Officers took over charge of patients in Hospital. Nursing Staff and Orderlies detailed for their respective duties. Capt Morris detailed to act as Sanitary Officer.	7 Officers - 205 men.
12. 4 16	Men paraded to receive pay - All not engaged in Hospital duties employed in preparing for pitching Hospital Marquee. Clearing the ground of stones etc.	
13. 4 16	All available men employed pitching Hospital Tents under great difficulties owing to weather (windy).	
14. 4. 16.	As in previous day - admitted 15 patients discharged 17. Lt Anderson Ad Ad came out and inspected Camp and Hospital - Had a fatigue party harvest in tent pitching.	
15. 4. 16.	All available men, in addition to fatigue party supplied by 86 base details, employed in pitching Hospital Tents. Capt Morris left in charge of a party of 34 discharged patients for Etapes at 9 PM.	
16. 4 16.	Signed paper taking over from Lt Col Dehnan. Lt Anderson Ad Ad came out and inspected Camp. Usual Church Parade.	
17. 4 16	Pt Clarke brought before me for Absence all night - dealt to be summarily dealt with awarded 168 hours det. Went round camp with Lt Col Porter R S & Capt Symons R E.	

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17. 4. 16. continued Miscellaneous	and arranged with them for various improvements at the Station as regards Lavatories Bath room for Officers - also for Officers Kitchen in camp and kitchen latrines and Ablution places in Isolation Camp	
18. 4. 16	Col Gibson accompanied by Major Needham inspected the whole Camp and Hospital especially as to all Sanitary matters and issued instructions on various points to Capt Norris Sanitary Officer. Had a fresh Ward in Marquee equipped.	
19. 4. 16	Pte Campbell awarded 100 from Detention for absence all night. 10 Officers and 272 others in Hospital. Men employed pitching additional Marquees.	
20. 4. 16	Col Gibson A.D.C. visited Hospital and gave some instructions as to the manner in which he wished it to be administered. No 3804 Pte Watsons W# 4th LA Infantry admitted about 12.0 diagnosed as subarachnoid Meningitis. Reported to me as probably Typhus.	

by Capt LETHBRIDGE

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<p>20 4 16 Continued Narrative</p> <p>2.30 PM.</p>	<p>Being of the same opinion myself considered it advisable to report same at once to A.D.M. in order that movement of troops disembarking by same ship (Orana) could be stopped if considered necessary.</p> <p>With Lt Col Gully, A.D.S. A.P. and Major Yeatman Bacteriologist drove in to office of A.D.M. and reported the matter to him.</p> <p>Two I.A. Medical Officers with Major Needham came out and saw the case. Decided to keep him under observation until diagnosis was confirmed.</p>	
<p>2</p> <p>21. 4 16</p>	<p>19 cases admitted and 4 discharged.</p> <p>Capt Horn who had been sent to Etapa with discharged patients reported back for duty.</p> <p>The case of Pt WATKINS Lumbar puncture was made by Capt LETHBRIDGE and about an ounce of half clear fluid drawn off and examined Bacteriologically. Examination proved</p>	

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21. 4. 16 Narsulu (continued)	absence of Cerebro Spinal Meningitis. Diagnosis of Typhus confirmed and reported. Lt COL HECKSON, ADMS who came out in afternoon and saw the patient and agreed with diagnosis.	
22. 4. 16.	Typhus case progressing favourably. Saw ADMS with reference to sending an Officer with convoy of discharged patients. Instructed by him to send them in two detachments, each under a NCO, at different times - 17 sent by train to Etape at 9 PM. Major Upjohn Bacteriologist who had been sent to London to obtain outfit, returned to duty.	
23. 4. 16	Honour Church Parade, and special one at 11 AM. Typhus case progressing favourably. 11 Patients discharged to Etape at 9 PM.	
24. 4. 16	Eight patients admitted. 13 discharged - Medical Board on Capt. Redell. permanently unfit.	
25. 4. 16.	8 Patients admitted. 13 discharged.	
26. 4. 16	Hospital visited by Surgeon Woodhouse ADMS. Lt C	

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26. 4. 16 continued. Marselles	at 10.30 AM. accompanied by Lt Hickson ADMS Marselles. After inspection Surg Gen Woodhouse expressed his Satisfaction with the work which had been done. Pt DONALDSON. 3rd Infantry admitted suffering from Typhus, from La VALENTIN CAMP. Reported same to ADMS.	
27. 4. 16 -	12 Patients discharged Col Porter and Capt Symonds R & E visiting camp went round and inspected progress of various works - Operating theatre, kitchen, soakage pits latrines etc -	
28. 4. 16	11 Patients discharged, and eight admitted including one case of Relapsing fever (Pt COPE. RAMC) and one of Diphtheria. both from Hospital ship Glengorm Castle. Mr Letbridge and Red Cross Society admitted with approval of ADMS Marselles.	
29. 4. 16	Miss Smith daughter of Lt Col Smith IMS admitted suffering from Scarlatina, with approval of ADMS Marselles	
30. 4. 16	No 10/3315 Pt J Kelly 2nd Wellington Infantry died of Cholera Admitted five patients - discharged 8 - Nothing special to report. Collected all cameras in Camp.	