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NOTE.—A few changes have taken place in the personnel of the nurses and men. A corrected list up to date of preparation of this booklet is not available.

Queen's Hospital at Cairo was opened for the reception of patients on August 27, on which day 40 were admitted. This was 15 days after arrival of the unit in Egypt and was only accomplished by strenuous work on the part of staff and men.

The Abbassia Cavalry Barracks, built a few years since, are fairly well adapted to Hospital purposes. Figure 1 is a photo of the Officers' and Nurses' quarters. Figure 2 is one of three buildings occupied by patients. The two upper floors in each of the three are wards. Each ward will accommodate 80 patients, and with the wide balconies considerably more than 80. The wards have been given familiar names. The following was the arrangement of duties and wards at the opening:



OFFICERS IN CHARGE. Block I-Lieut.-Col. E. Kidd. Gordon Ward-Capt. S. M. Polson. Connell Ward-Capt. G. E. Kidd. Operating Room-Lieut.-Col. F. Etherington. Block II-Lieut.-Col. W. G. Anglin. Davis Ward-Capt. W. H. Ballantyne. Bermingham Ward-Capt. G. A. Platt. Block III-Lieut.-Col. W. T. Connell. Martin Ward-Capt. K. E. Hollis. Douglas Ward-Capt. J. L. Tower. Anaesthetics-Capt. G. A. Platt. X-ray Department-Capt. J. P. Quigley. Pathological Laboratory-Capt. F. X. O'Connor. Dental Department-Capt. E. B. Sparks. Quartermaster Department-Capt. J. Wallace. Chaplains-Maj. F. C. Piper, Maj. J. T. Thompson.

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The ground floors are used for stores, dispensary, operating room, pathological and X-ray laboratories. A special building is being erected for operating rooms and laboratories. Probably by this time it is in use.

Figure 3 shows part of Connell ward with a group of patients more or less convalescent. Capt. G. E. Kidd, in charge of this ward, is in the picture.

Figure 4 is the improvised operating room. The one being built will have better lighting and plumbing arrangements. Figure 5 is the pathological and bacteriological laboratory in temporary quarters. Running water is necessary for many of the processes. A discarded sink was found on the premises and set up. A gasolene barrel to hold water was fixed on a stand over the sink. A basin underneath received the waste. So in a few hours one of the necessary conditions of a laboratory was secured. All the cultures taken from the home laboratory were found to be in good condition. In a few



days any kind of laboratory work could be done. Figure 6 shows the X-ray outfit. The Barracks being lighted by electricity, it was a simple matter to install the outfit taken from London. Under Capt. Quigley very successful work is being done. Evidence of this can be seen in the plates 14 and 17 in this booklet which are prints of a few of the first cases received. Figure 7 is the Dental Room under Capt. Sparks. So many patients required attention that a second chair with an assistant was necessary. Figure 8 is the Dispensary. Sgt. Cross, who is in charge, is a third year student in medicine and a qualified druggist. Figure 9 is the Steward's department. Sgt. Sanger, who has charge, was steward of the Frontenac Club in Kingston and resigned his high-salaried position to enter the ranks of Queen's Hospital in order to serve the Empire according to his ability. The Mess is let to a native contractor who is supervised by Sgt. Sanger. Figure 10 is the Stores department. Sgt. Spence at the table is an Arts student whose home is in Ottawa. Figure 11 shows McKenzie, an Arts student, who was a qualified blacksmith before entering college. He enlisted with the Hospital as a mechanic and his services in many ways have been invaluable. Figure 12 is a group of natives in the service of the Hospital. The average wage is about 15 cents per day. Some of the Hospital funds have been applied to pay for this native service, to lessen the fatigue duties of the students, and, in this way, to free them for service to and attendance upon the patients. Figure 13 is the Tailor Shop with native help..

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Copies have been received of the official reports of the work of the Hospital for the first twenty days from August 27th to September 15th inclusive. Some figures from these are interesting. There were admitted during this time 538 patients, and 82 were dismissed. There were forty-five operations. The activity of the laboratory is shown by the following: 13 specimens of pus examined; 12 sputums were examined and in 3 of these the bacillus





Fig. 6. X-ray Laboratory. Capt. Quigley, Ptes. Parker and Young.



tuberculosis was found. The making of laboratory media started August 24th and went on each day. There were 50 specimens of urine examined; 27 examinations of faeces; 26 examinations of blood; 21 vaccines made, and a number of miscellaneous examinations. Bacteriological examination of the drinking water in use was made from day to day. During this time Queen's was the only military hospital in Egypt with a laboratory and qualified pathologists. It proved to be useful in another way as it was the only unit with a qualified eye specialist. In these first days Capt. Polson had 137 patients, many of whom were sent from other Hospitals in the neighborhood for his opinion and advice. Previous to the arrival of Queen's Hospital all eye cases were sent home to England. More recent letters give the number of patients to Oct. 11 as 1,238.

The X-ray work of Capt. Quigley was satisfactory from the first. A London consultant who was a visitor stated that the plates being made were equal to anything he had seen in London. Figure 14 is one of the first made. It shows a bullet in the palm of the hand. This was removed under local anaesthesia and resulted in rapid healing by first intention. Figure 15 shows a bullet in the chest. As no symptoms were in evidence the patient was being kept under observation. Figure 16 is a bullet in the cavity of the knee joint. This is usually a very serious injury. When the report was made it had been removed and healing was proceeding quietly. Figure 17 is a bullet in the thigh which had not yet been removed at the time reports were forwarded. These few illustrations serve to show the nature of many of the injuries, the facilities of the Hospital, and the services being rendered.

Looking over the names of the patients and their regiments it is seen that practically all are from the British army, some from the Navy, and a few from Australia and New Zealand.

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It is also of interest to note that the Medical students are organized into classes not only for service to the patients but for instruction. Two clinics a day are given, at 6.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Records of work are kept, examinations will be held and academic allowances will be made to the students on their return. Thus it may be said Queen's University is carrying on a branch Medical School in Cairo at present. The staff represents every side of the Faculty, as it contains the Professor and two Demonstrators of Anatomy, the Professor and Fellow of Pathology and Bacteriology, Clinical Assistants in Medicine, and Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, as well as two Professors of Surgery. Shipments of Hospital supplies are being sent from Kingston every two weeks. Thev consist of bandages, dressings of all kinds, and comforts for the patients. They are prepared and packed by the local Red Cross Society. Under the Presidency of Mrs. Iva Martin all the energies and resources of the Society are devoted to the support of Queen's Hospital. This is with the consent of the Executive of the Canadian Red Cross Society. Contributions of supplies have been received from many friends, from several Chapters of the Daughters of the Empire throughout Eastern Ontario, and from numerous societies of Queen's graduates and Women's Institutes. These all add to the efficiency of the Hospital.

Your continued interest and support are solicited. Supplies may be sent by freight or express to the "Medical Faculty, Kingston," and they will be forwarded without delay.

Contributions of money should be sent to the Dean, Dr. J. C. Connell, or to the Treasurer, Dr. A. R. B. Williamson, Medical Faculty, Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.





Fig. 12. Some natives working about the Hospital.





Fig. 14. Bullet in palm. Removed under local anaesthesia. Healing by primary union.





Fig. 16. Bullet in cavity of knee joint; removed. Probably healing by first intention.







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