

CAMP NUSEIRAT

653

Camp Nusirrat 653



8203R Third Cut

Museirat Camp 653

CAF/hhc

19 May 1945

TO: Dr. W. A. Sawyer
FROM: Carolin A. Flaxner
SUBJECT: Public Health at Camp Museirat

I am sending you herewith a memorandum on a conversation which I had with Mrs. Hoover, the U.S.P.H. nurse in charge of public health at Camp Museirat. Mrs. Hoover is not connected with the hospital and I think that her statements to ~~be~~ might be interesting to you, in view of the fact that the cable of May 9 from Cairo states that, at this time, "can systematize release of any M.E. office health personnel."

Mrs. Hoover asked for an interview with me so that she could lay before me the problems with which she was confronted. She hoped that it would be possible for me, upon my return to Cairo, to impress upon the Cairo office the importance of keeping an adequate staff at Museirat during the time of repatriation. A repatriation program, instead of decreasing the necessity for nurses, increases the necessity for them, as every person must be checked physically, and there must be a final check 24 hours before embarkation.

In Museirat, there are two sub-camps: one a north camp, and one a south camp. In each of these camps, there are M.I. rooms. In each M.I. room there are the following clinics -

1. An eye clinic, in which there is a doctor on duty all day who needs one nurse;
2. A clinic for impetigo and all infectious diseases, which needs one nurse;
3. A clinic for surgical dressings, which needs one nurse.

This makes a minimum of six nurses needed to cover the M.I. rooms in the two camps. There are also nurses needed to assist at special clinics, such as pre-natal, skin, general medical, surgical, and E.N.T.

Beside these various clinics, Mrs. Hoover was undertaking a program with the cooperation of the Welfare Division in order to train Greeks to put drops in the eyes of the children who had trachoma. Nurses had been doing this previously, but as they were being withdrawn more and more to be sent to the Balkans, the camps were left inadequately covered. Mrs. Hoover, who is a serious, socially minded woman, had been working on this problem with the doctors of the camp as well as with Cairo. I do not know whether the above will be of interest to you, but I felt that you were entitled to have a record of Mrs. Hoover's problems during the repatriation period.