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1st May 1946.

Miss Joyce Marsh,
Chief Nurse,
Middle East Office,
8 Sharia Dar El-Sijfa,
Garden City,
Cairo.

Personal.

Dear Miss Marsh,

I have been trying to write to you ever since Miss Johnson arrived, but have been so busy that letters of a semi-personal nature have had to be shelved. At last, however, I am writing to say how glad we were in Health Division, ERO, to approve the recommendation that you be promoted to the position of Chief Nurse in the Middle East Office. Naturally I was particularly pleased, and should like to congratulate you on this appointment.

Miss Haines and I have read your first report with very great interest, and, as is usual, it is now being sent round for some of the doctors to see. We were glad to know that there were no casualties as a result of the sand-storm. It couldn't have been a very pleasant experience.

Please accept our very best wishes for your future work, and remember that both Miss Haines and I shall be very glad to do everything we can to help you.

With kind regards to everyone,

Yours sincerely,

F.N. Udell.
Chief Nurse, ERO.

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UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND REHABILITATION ADMINISTRATION

8, SHARIA DAR EL-SHIFA - GARDEN CITY - CAIRO

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS
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30th April, 1946.

The Personal Representative
of the Director General,
European Regional Office,
U.N.R.R.A.,
11 Portland Place,
LONDON, W.1.



Dear Sir,

Attention : Chief Nurse.

Attached please find copy, for your information,
of the Nursing Report, El Shatt Refugee Camp, from 21st March
to 20th April, 1946, prepared by Miss Joyce Marsh, Chief
Nurse, M.E.O.

Yours faithfully,

T.T. Waddington,
Chief of Middle East Office.

Originated by
Health Section.

Enc. ✓



UNRRA Camps, El Shatt,
25th April, 1946.
Ref: Hosp.9/46.

To : Camp Director, El Shatt.

Subj : Nursing Report - 21st March through 20th April, 1946.

Hospital.

Hospital Census - 20th April, 1946.

Camp Census.

		<u>Y.S.</u>	<u>Greek</u>	<u>Czech</u>		
Women's Ward	10	2	5	3	Greeks	1,526
Children's	9		8	1		
Men's Medical	12	3	3	6	Y.S.	846
Isolation	5	2	2	1		
Maternity					Czechs	337
Mothers	6	4	1	1		
Infants	2	2			Misc.	79
Staff	2					
	<u>46</u>				Total -	<u>2,788</u>

Since the departure of the last Yugoslav flight, the hospital has an almost completely new refugee staff but has gradually settled down, although until four bolnicarki arrived on March 25th from El Arish it was difficult to cover the hospital.

The greatest difficulty has been to find hospital cleaners, particularly for the Isolation ward; both Yugoslav and Greek women who were interviewed appeared to be scared, and were quite sure that they would contract tuberculosis if they worked there and nothing would convince them that their theory was wrong. Eventually an ex-Czech male patient was employed to work there.

On Wednesday March 27th and April 10th, inspections of the complete hospital area were made by the P.M.O., Miss Stewart, Mr. Betito and Matron, to review maintenance, sanitation and the hospital wards. A great improvement was noted at the second inspection.

On March 25th there was an intake of 487 Royalist Yugoslavs from El Arish and eight were admitted directly into hospital.

On April 14th, 1,056 Greeks arrived from East Africa, seventeen admitted to hospital on arrival.

In recent months it has not been possible to hold an adequate number of ante-natal clinics in camp, owing to continuous changes in camp staff. It was therefore decided that it would be better to hold them in the Maternity unit. One Greek and one Yugoslav clinic is held each week, by one of the trained midwives on the staff. The last refugee midwife left on the last Yugoslav flight, and deliveries are now taken by UNRRA nurses who are also midwives.

There has been an average of 52 patients throughout the month, and it is anticipated that this number will drop considerably after the departure of approximately 1,000 Greeks on the flights on 18th, 19th and 20th April.

Camp.

During the month there have been complications arising out of the reception of over 1,000 refugees and departure of over 1,200/

/one of the greater being many changes in trained and untrained personnel.

There has been a daily attendance in the M.I. Room of 100-150 patients.

Amongst the Greek population there is an increasing incidence of scabies. Most of these people complain of the "cold weather" in El Shatt, after their long sojourn in East Africa, and there is almost complete lack of interest in the bathing facilities available.

<u>Statistics.</u>	Inoculations - Smallpox	92	
	Typhus	231	
	Typhoid	87	
	Diphtheria	32	
	Physical examinations	1,032	- prior to leaving
	Children's examinations	66	/on flight.
	School examinations	70	

Flights.

Flight nurses carried out the following assignments :-

Greek flights.

March 18th. Miss Sears (Princess Kathleen)
March 20th. Miss Rausch (Empire Maze)

Miss Dawson flew to Cyprus on March 16th to be on the "Tripolitania" which is carrying the last refugees from Cyprus to Chios, and left Port Said on the 19th with additional refugees from this camp.

Miss Mattis and Miss Grunley arrived from Dar es Salaam and Mombasa on the "Samarra" on April 14th.

Personnel

Transfer - Violet Dawson arrived from El Arish on March 25th.

Separation - Mary Susich on March 20th to Yugoslavia, and afterwards to be returned to USPHS in Washington.

Margaret Powell on March 31st to E.R.O.

? Ethel Wilsey on April 15th to E.R.O. *To Washington*

Hannah Erikson on April 15th to E.R.O.

Absent through sickness - Marjorie Taylor has been in the 13th General Hospital since March 3rd. A Diagnosis of ant. Poliomyelitis was confirmed on ~~March~~ *April* 18th.

Joyce Marsh,
Matron,
El Shatt Camp Hospital

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30th April 1946.

Chief of Middle East Office,
8 Sharia Dar El-Shifa,
Cairo City,
Cairo.

For transmission to the Chief Nurse.

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge with thanks the Nursing Report from 21st February to 20th March 1946 prepared by Miss Joyce Marsh.

Would you please convey to Miss Marsh the congratulations and pleasure of the Health Division in ERO in her appointment as Chief Nurse, MEO and our particular interest in this, her first report.

Yours faithfully,

F.N. Udell,
Chief Nurse, ERO.

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M.E.O.

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Copy to Washington
for Information.



Yours faithfully,

T. T. Smith

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Chief of Middle East Office.

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Hospital.

Hospital Census - 20th March 1946					Camp Census	
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Y.S.</u>	<u>Greek</u>	<u>Czech</u>		
Women's Ward	10	-	10		Greeks	1,550
Pediatrics	11	2	9		Y.S.	492
Men's Medical	7	1	6		Czechs	327
Isolation	5	-	4	1	Misc.	33
Maternity						
(mothers)	3	1	2			
"(infants)"	2	1	1			
	<u>38</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>1</u>	Total	<u>2,402</u>

Consolidation of the hospital has continued with the closing of the Isolation tent unit, and the moving of the few remaining patients into the wing opposite the Men's Ward in the large hospital building. The housing of all patients other than Maternity and the UNRRA Staff under one roof greatly facilitates nursing supervision.

With the movement of three flights of Greeks during this period the Greek refugees have an idea that they will all soon be going home, and it is therefore useless for them to commence work in the hospital. As a matter of fact two out of the five girls being trained as ward helpers did leave on one of the flights, and before the week's training course was completed.

In future it is proposed employing refugees who are likely to remain in camp for an indefinite period. These will be chiefly Yugoslav Royalists, who have already demonstrated their eagerness to cooperate, and a roster of workers to take over on "F Day" (day of the final Yugoslav Partisan flight) has been prepared. The Partisan Committee has requested that the Royalist workers not be brought into the hospital until the Partisans leave "for fear there might be trouble". However, permission has been given to start bringing them in two days before the flight goes out, in order that we may not be faced with all new workers on F. Day.

On Sunday, 10th March, the severest sandstorm in the history of the camp resulted in the almost complete destruction of the hospital worker's compound. Within two hours the bolnicerke were moved into the Maternity Block, the kitchen workers into the former workshops and the clerical workers into the former Isolation Block work rooms. Fortunately all patients were under roofs which did not blow off, and miraculously there were no deaths or serious injuries. The linen room and most of the out buildings lost their metal roofs completely.

Camp.

Practically all the Greek girls who had started their training as nurse aides, have already left on flights. New girls brought in to replace them are keen workers, but are mostly too young to take responsibility.

Camp.

The number of patients seen daily has been decreasing but probably with the arrival of almost 400 Czechs in camp this week there will be an increase.

One Greek baby clinic has been held and one Yugoslav pre-natal clinic. With continuous changes of personnel it is difficult to give adequate supervision of the babies. Milk, fruit, and cereals are still dispensed at the baby centre to all under 2 years.

An immunization clinic for booster, typhus and typhoid inoculations was held for all Yugoslavs needing them.

El-Arish.

The standard of health in this camp continues to be high.

Ante-natal and baby clinics have been held weekly, and attendance at the baby kitchen is 100%.

In all, 30 persons, three of them staff members, have received a course of anti-rabies serum, having been bitten, or had definite contact with Gypsy, the camp pet, who was suspected of having rabies, and later this was confirmed.

Booster doses of typhus and typhoid have been given to those needing them, and a number of babies have been vaccinated.

Flights.

Flight nurses carried out the following assignments :

10th March to date Miss Piette (Princess Kathleen)

10th March " " Miss Roemer (Tripolitania)

12th March " " Miss Hoover (Haelee)

All three were Greek flights.

The long anticipated final Yugoslav flight of 1,500 which was originally scheduled for February 10th '46 eventually left on the 20th March. 29 patients were taken directly from the hospital. Miss Susich accompanied this group as her terminal assignment and Miss Powell has been assigned as midwife, to care for the pregnant women and to be prepared for possible deliveries.

Actually one woman was delivered a few hours before departure - and another just 15 minutes before the train was due to leave. However, the journey to the ship was uneventful.

Miss Mattis and Miss Grumley continue in East Africa with the final 1,000 Greeks awaiting shipping long overdue.

Personnel.

Separation : Mrs. Braha Landmanis, by resignation
1st March 1946.

June Glass (Huizy), to be returned to
the U.S.P.H.S. in Washington, D.C.

15th March, 1946.

Personnel. contd.

Separation : Helen Johnson, for transfer to China
16th March, 1946.

Miss Joyce Marsh was transferred from El Arish Camp, 13th March 1946. in order to assume the duties of the Matron at El Shatt Camp.

Miss Violet Dawson is to carry on alone for the remaining week or two at El Arish and the move of that camp to El Shatt.

For her splendid work in the S.S. "Empire Patrol" disaster Miss Arlene Waldhaus was been awarded the Soldier Medal by the United States Army. The citation and presentation was held on Tuesday, March 19th at the American Middle East Army Headquarters.

Joyce Marsh.
Matron, El Shatt Refugee Hospital.

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Subject: (Extracts from
Monthly Narrative
Report for month ending
30 June 1945.

UNRRA Camps El Shatt
19 July 1945
Ref.

To: Chief, M.E.O.

Attention Col. Livingston.

GENERAL

With the close of business on June 30 we have a refugee population of 11,890.

All of these people are concentrated in Areas I, III and VI, which means that they are all within a radius of two miles from the Camp H.Q. During the month of June we closed out Area II which had previously had a population of 9000 persons. As this was located about eight miles from Headquarters, its closing assisted us materially inasmuch as we no longer required Headquarters staff at that location and were not required to send rations and other materials to such a distant point. It was, however, necessary to keep a staff of BORS in that Area and to allocate Arab labor for purposes of bringing in its stores and accountable property.

The cleaning up of an area of this size after people have lived there for 1½ years entails considerable work as there are large quantities of accountable property plus debris of all sorts which must be cleared out. Some of this material has salvage value, and it is vital that it be brought into the Heavy Stores compound for final disposal. This clearing up process is proceeding satisfactorily and should be completed some time during July.

Central Reports Branch: 3/8/45

Copies to: Mr. Adair
M. Delierneux

Extracts to: Finance
Supply
Health ✓ Dr. G. G. G.
Welfare
Personnel

Attached are extracts from the General Summary Report of the M.E. Office for the month of June 45 which seem to be of interest to Health Division. The complete report may be consulted in Room 410, 11A Portland Place.

BUREAU OF SERVICES. R. n/s

Health Division. Our medical staff is doing a splendid piece of work in maintaining the hospital service and hygiene at a very high level. With respect to the hospital, they are accomplishing this in spite of the call on them for nursing staff on Flights and the gradual attrition of bolnicaria (refugee nurse-aides) from the hospital service. In spite of our reduction in total refugee population, the patient population has not decreased in the same proportion. Following later Flights in July it will probably reduce more rapidly. The hygiene work has been pressed with regard to general sanitation, and more especially to fly control. Since a quantity of DDT has been sent to the camp, this control measure seems to have accomplished the desired result as the flies are decreasing appreciably.