

Telephone : VICTORIA 4066.

Mesopotamia Commission,
28, Abingdon Street,
Westminster.

CORRESPONDENCE

with

SURGEON-GENERAL MAC NEECE.

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28. May 15th., 1917.

Dear Surgeon-General Mac Neece,

When the Report of the

Commission is published you will be able to purchase a copy

in the ordinary way; I am afraid it is not permitted me

to supply you with a copy.

With regard to "2" in your letter I cannot recall

to my mind any papers you gave submitted to us which should

be returned to you, but if you know of any such, perhaps

you will inform me and I will see what can be done.

Yours faithfully,

(sd) R.G.Duff.

R.G. Duff
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Baileys Hotel
Gloucester Rd
London

Dear Mr Duff -

(1) When the Report of the
Com^{en} is laid before
Parliament, can I

have a copy -

(2) Any papers or Indian
files not required by
the Com^{en} + submitted by
me, kindly cause to be
sent to above address

Yrs Sincerely,

J. F. Macneice

11/5/17

with reference to (2)

These documents show that
I received the papers "officially"
Kindly return if not required.

I am
Yr obedient servant,

J. F. Macneice.
Sg.

19th March. 17.

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Telephone : VICTORIA : 4066.

Mesopotamia Commission,
28, Abingdon Street,
Westminster.

12. IV. 1917.

Dear Sir:-

I shall be much obliged if you will return to me the enclosed corrected proof of the evidence which you gave before the Mesopotamia Commission, with your signature duly appended at the foot, in order that we may be assured that you approve and are cognisant of the corrections which have been made.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

W. G. L. G.
Secretary.

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From

Surgeon General of India

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c/o A.D.M.S. April 4th 1917.

Oaklands, Chelmsford

to the

Secretary

Mesopotamian Comd

Dear Sir:-

Please find enclosed cheque for £2 7 6d.

With reference to ~~the~~ documents received by me from you in reply to your claim of 17th March. I should be much obliged if you would kindly stamp, sign and return to me the form of receipt duly enclosed, some of which have been put in as evidence. I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

1) A.H. India 1313544/1 (D.M.S.)

Dated Simla 15th Sept. 1916

2) Copies of notes of conference

3) Telegram XKA 27/12/16

17/16 27 AX G.V.I. P.M.

Surgeon-General MacNeece

c/o A.D.M.S.

Oaklands

3) Chelmsford. No P. 330 15th Sept

from C.S.S. India (Delhi) to

In Beauchamp Duff. (This is

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Kindly return if not required.

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From

Superintendent J. S. Macneeco
C/o A.D.M.S.

Oaklands - Chelmsford

to the

Secretary

Mesopotamian Museum

Sir.

With reference to letters and documents received by me from Army #1 India "Medical Branch" some of which have been put in as evidence, I beg to forward the official correspondence from India relating thereto.

(1) A.H.D.O. India No 13544/1 (A.D.M.S. 3)
dated Simla 15th Sept. 1916

~~(2)~~ Copies of notes of conference.

(2) Telegram XKA 277/27 Simla
17/16.27 A X G.V.I. P.B.M.
Papers despatched

(3) Telegram No P. 332 15th Dec^r
from C.S.S. India (Delhi) to
Sir Beauchamp Duff - (this is
with reference to (2) -

These documents show that
I received the papers "officially"
Kindly return if not required.

I am

Your obedient servant,

J. S. Macneeco.
Sg.

19th March. 17.

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No.13544/1(D.M.S.3).⁹

Army Headquarters, India,

MEDICAL BRANCH,

Simla, 15th September 1916.

From

The Director,

Medical Services in India.

To

Surgeon-General J.G. MacNeece, C.B.,

c/o War Office,

London.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith for your use, in case you should need them at any time in connection with the Mesopotamia Commission, 2 copies of your notes at the Conference of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, held whilst you were in India.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

C. M. S.

Major I.M.S..

for Director, Medical Services in India.

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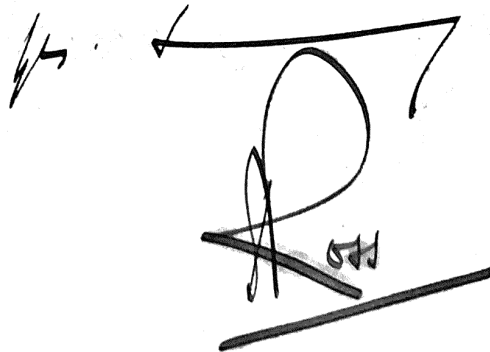
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Room No.53, 2nd Floor,
His Majesty's Works Office,
King Charles Street, S.W.

Dated, 18 December, 1916

My dear General

With reference to the telegram Sir Beauchamp Duff
arranged should be sent to India on your behalf
regarding the address to which your papers had been
sent, Sir Beauchamp directs me to forward for your
information a copy of the reply received.



Surgeon General J.G. MacNeece, C.B.

C/O War Office,

S.W.

Telephone: VICTORIA: 4066.

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Mesopotamia Commission,
28, Abingdon Street,
Westminster.

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March 7th 1917.

Dear Surgeon-General MacNeece,

In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst I have to inform you that the Commission wish to hear further evidence from you on Tuesday next, the 13th inst. at 2 p.m. in the Chairman of Committees' Private Room at the House of Lords.

The questions which the Commissioners will put to you will be solely directed to elucidating whether, and if so when, the purport of your letter of December 15th to Sir Percy Lake was communicated to the Commander-in-Chief.

Yours sincerely,

R. G. Duff

W. W. M. Sick

Surgeon-General MacNeece.

c/o A.D.M.S

Oaklands

Chelmsford

8th March 1917

PHOENIX HOUSE, 18

CHELMSFORD.

Dear Mr Duff.

Your 3/5/17 dated 7th
March - will attend
at the House of Lords
on Tuesday 13th Inst
at 2 p.m.

I understood you to say
you wished to see me
on same date at noon.
Enclosed is ^{copy of} letter
to Sir A. Keogh on
same subject - which
I wish to lay before the
Commission -

Yours sincerely,

J. Macneil

3rd, 1917.
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March 3rd, 1917.
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From

Surgeon-General J.G. Macneece.

To the

Secretary Mesopotamia Commission.

Sir,

With reference to our conversation of yesterday, and the authenticity of my letter to Sir Percy Lake, I desire to give evidence before the Commission.

(1) That there should be a record of its despatch from Govt. House Bombay as "Registered" in D.M.S.'s Tour despatch book, Medl. Branch Army Head Quarters India. A cable could ascertain this.

(2) That I asked Sir Percy Lake if he had received it, and shewn it to the C. in. C. at first conference held after my return to Delhi. His reply was that he had, but had only mentioned to the C. in. C. the urgent question of hospital river steamers; I confess to being surprised and when it came to my turn to speak on medical matters, I told the C. in. C. of this letter, saying I understood Sir Percy Lake had not had time to go into its contents fully with him, and then detailed to the C. in. C. what I had seen on the Hospital Ships, and heard of the sufferings of the sick, on this way down river from Ctesiphon to Basra.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(sd) J.G. Macneece.
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From Surg^l General Macneice
C/O A.D.M.S. 10.15 a.m.
Oaklands -

TELEPHONE
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~~Phoenix House~~

CHELMSFORD.

1st March 19 -

Dear Mr Duff -
Your wire of 28th Feb²⁰ asking me to see you at your office one day this week only reached me this afternoon -

At once wired as follows:

"Your wire of 28th Feb ~~saying~~
~~me to see~~ will attend
your office about 3 pm
tomorrow (Friday)"

Will telephone through
to your office tomorrow
morning at 10.30 a.m.
to know if hour is
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also kindly wire to
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March 7th 1917.

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Surgeon-General MacNeece.
Surgeon-General MacNeece,
c/o A.D.M.S
Bull's Hotel
Oaklands
Chelmsford

I. J. MacNeece

The Secy.

Commission

Present address

TELEPHONE NO. 66 CANTERBURY.

TELEGRAMS "COUNTY" CANTERBURY.

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Surg^l General Mac' Neece

THE COUNTY HOTEL,
CANTERBURY.

13th Feb.

The Secy
Mesopotamian Com^d
Dun Sir.

At my interview on
the 24th Jan'y. you
were good enough to say
that copies of the
D.O. letters which I handed
over to you to lay before
the Com^d would be
sent to me. - I have
not received them to date

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Your obed^t. Servant

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THE COUNTY HOTEL,
CANTERBURY.

12th Feb.

Dear Sir.

With reference to
my letter of this date
kindly send reply to
Inspector Beauchamp

Baileys Hotel
Gloucester Rd

London.

as I have need orders
to leave Canterbury
tomorrow.

Yr Faithfully.

J. Beauchamp

Mr Secty
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Dear Surgeon-General MacNeece,

I have read through the papers which you

Dear Sir:- I think they are all very interesting

I must apologise to you for my neglect of you this morning, but I had a lot of work to do with General Aylmer, who was waiting in my room for me.

Mr. Duff has asked me to say that he will go carefully through all the papers you have left, and I will let you know the result as soon as he has examined them, and will return you the pink book as you desire.

importance to Irbeg to remain, notice of the Commission.

I am Your obedient Servant,

Surgeon-General Hathaway, marked No. 7, but which do not correspond with your note No. 7 in your letter to me, which is as follows:-

Assistant Secretary

reference to demands for Medical Officers and Gen. Surgeon-General MacNeece

c/o Eastern Command Headquarters

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Surgeon General
c/o Eastern 50 Pall Mall
50 Pall Mall

London.

J. S. MacNeece

The Secretary.

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I think, however, it would be as well to include these
letters from Surgeon-General Hathaway, and also (and this
Dear Surgeon-General MacNeece,

I have read through the papers which you
left here to-day: I think they are all very interesting
and pertinent to your evidence, and I propose to include
them all with the exception of No. 8, which I am returning
to you. Unless you especially insist on the inclusion of
this letter, it does not seem to me to be of sufficient
importance to bring before the notice of the Commission.

I am also returning to you 2 letters from
Surgeon-General Hathaway, marked No. 7, but which do not
correspond with your note No. 7 in your letter to me, which
is as follows:-

"No (7)
Reference to demands for Medical Officers and Gen.
Hospitals.
Questions 6908, 6914-6952."

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Surgeon General MacNeece
c/o Eastern Command Headquarters
50 Pall Mall .
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I am
Yours very faithfully,
J. S. MacNeece

The Secy.
Mesopotamian Commission
28 Abingdon Street
London.

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Surgeon Gen. I. G. MacCreedy
Barclay Hotel
Rd London

I think, however, it would be as well to include these letters from Surgeon General Hathaway, and also (and this is one of the purports of my letter) any further letters or reports from General Hathaway, which you may have in your possession indicating, in view of what we now know, his rather optimistic view of the medical situation: perhaps you would kindly see if you have any such in your collection, and send or bring them to me, together with this No. 7 which I am returning to you.

Yours faithfully,

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Hapth not arriving from Egypt - I. G. 6914 - however if its not pertinent, don't include it.
(1) I return Surgeon Gen. Hathaway's letters, numbered in Red 7 & 8 (this was done in my office in India) and were included in the translation papers referred to in last para of my letter. I think there are only 2 other letters from Hathaway -
(2) Paper no 7 related to quarantine put by various members - I. G. 6908, 6914, 6952 and may be not have been included by mistake -
(3) I left all my papers in London to which I hope to return on Wednesday, next when I will bring or send any other letters of importance -

I am very faithfully,
I. G. MacCreedy

The Secty.
Mesopotamian Commission

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Urgent address for dates 24th & 25th Jan.

Surg. Gen. I. J. Macneil

Baileys Hotel

Gloucester Rd London

Dear Sir.

Many thanks for your No H. 47
of 17th Inst -

(1) Letter no 8 (returned) was
included, as it acknowledged
the first offer of Ranc. officers &
Rank + file. Namely a cypher wire
from W.O. dated 9th February
Mr. Hodges questioned me closely
on this point. Quest. 6952 (I think)
also Ind. Gen. Hopt. not arriving
from Egypt. Q. 6914 - however
if its not pertinent, dont include it.

(2) I return Surg. Gen. Hathaway's
letters, numbered in Red 7 & 8
(this was done in my office in India)
and were included in the miscellaneous
papers referred to in last para of my
letter, I think there are only 2 other
letters from Hathaway -

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to which I hope to return on Wednesday next
when I will bring or send any
other letters of importance -

I am, very faithfully,

I. J. Macneil

The Secty.

Mesopotamian Commission
28 Abingdon Street
London.

Address till Tuesday night
County Hotel
Canterbury

21st Jan 17.

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Letter No. R.8-321, dated 31st October, 1915.

(Received in War Section on 22nd November 1915)

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From. The Deputy Director of Medical Services, "I.E.F." "D"

To. The Director, Medical Services in India.

(Through Chief of the General Staff)

I have the honour to forward the attached report in accordance with paragraph 3, Chapter II, Medical Manual, War, India, 1915, and in continuation of my R.8-230, dated 4th September 1915.

30th October 1915.

The health of the Force has somewhat improved since my last letter. Malaria did not assume those proportions which it was reasonably expected it might, and in all the occupied areas mosquitoes have been successfully suppressed.

"Dysentery" of a mild type persists in the Force, most marked in the areas occupied by the advanced troops, where the dust driven by a more or less continual high wind is undoubtedly the main cause for this form of enteritis. The sudden variation of the temperature between day and night is a contributory cause, and means have now been taken to mitigate this as far as possible by issue of extra blankets, cholera belts, etc.

The following statement shows the number of sick and wounded in hospitals for the week ending 16th October (the last

return available):-

Ranks.	Total Admissions excluding transfers		Deaths	Discharged to duty	Remaining		Admissions. Increase or decrease on previous week.	Invalided to India.
	Sick	Wounded			sick	wounded		
British Officers	12	...	2	10	17	31	1	...
British rank & file	148	...	5	133	371	149	24	...
Indian Officers	3	6	...	1	10	22	1	...
Indian rank & file	232	73	5	160	892	523	62	90
Followers	113	2	3	142	421	13	-31	60
Total	508	81	15	446	1,711	738	57	150

Figures not received from Nos. 1 & 2 Field Ambulances, A, B & E Sections, No. 4 Field Ambulance and C & D Sections, No. C.C. Hospital.

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Compared with last month's figures they are more or less constant. The point is, there has been no increase in malaria.

The 6th Division have lately been engaged in heavy operations resulting in the capture of Kut-al-Amarah and the occupation of Aziziyeh some 45 miles from Baghdad. Appended is a list of the casualties during operations which took place between the 26th and 28th September (3 days).

British officers	4	39
Indian officers	5	27
British ranks	256	
Indian ranks	791	
British missing	9	
Indian missing	26	

Huts are being now built for the Total casualties... 1,243

The outstanding feature of these casualties is the small proportion of killed to wounded, the chief reason of this being probably due to the enemy's shells bursting too high in the air, the conformation of the ground and the open fighting.

On the 28th and 29th September I inspected at Amarah. The Bengal Stationary Hospital was in a building admirably adapted for a hospital. There is an operating room and an X-ray room. A Bacteriological Laboratory is in process of construction. Much good work has been done by this hospital, and it was prepared to receive wounded from the operations proceeding in the vicinity of Kut.

Other medical units at Amarah are 1 1/2 Section, B.G. Hospital and 1 Section I.G. Hospital, and an Advanced Depot of Medical Stores.

There is a civil dispensary superintended by an Indian Medical Service Officer. This hospital is very popular and is doing a lot of good work among the local inhabitants who appreciate the benefit to be obtained from Western medicine.

The 1st-4th Hants Regiment, a Territorial Battalion, is quartered here. Their health is greatly improved, special attention being paid to their clothing, housing and feeding.

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The sanitation of the town is carefully looked after and incineration is in general use and soakage pits also, which latter work well here compared with Qurnah and Basrah, where considerable difficulties were met with due to the very high sub-soil water. 35' 6

4. Early in October it was decided to move my office up to Amarah. While it was in transit, the Army Commander established his Headquarters at Kut-al-Amarah and directed my Headquarters also to be there. I arrived Kut evening of 18th October, the office arrived morning of 20th October. They are all from the Norfolk

5. Inspection of Kut. I ordered up here one section Indian and $\frac{1}{2}$ section British General Hospital to take over the sick of No.1 Field Ambulance, so as to permit it to rejoin the 6th Division at once.

Huts are being now built for the General Hospitals, and a Convalescent Depot has also been established here.

No.9 Advanced Medical Store Depot has now established itself at Kut.

The troops are in camp and special efforts are being made under an authorised sanitary officer to administer the sanitation of the Camp Area. The sanitation of the town of Kut was at once taken in hand and is being organized by my Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services in consultation with the Military Governor.

6. Outbreak of beri-beri. On arrival at Kut I was informed of an outbreak of beri-beri among the British troops of the 6th Division at Aziziyeh. 27 cases were brought down to the General Hospital at Kut, which I personally inspected in conjunction with Major Anderson and Major Cook Young, I.M.S. I found the majority to be slight cases, already yielding to proper dieting. The serious cases were at once sent on to Basrah.

As the cases were all occurring at Aziziyeh where the 6th Division were in camp, I proceeded there on morning of 24th October to enquire into the prevalence of the disease on the spot.

I attach report of that inspection herewith.

Inspection notes on Aziziyeh by the Deputy Director of
 Medical Services, I.E.F. "D".

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Left Kut-al-Amarah on the "Blosse Lynch" at 6 a.m., October 24th. Arrived Aziziyeh 9-30 a.m., October 26th.

The object in view was mainly to investigate an outbreak of beri-beri - occurring principally among the men of the Norfolk Regiment.

1. No.106 Field Ambulance. There are here at present 41 cases of beri-beri under observation. They are all from the Norfolk Regiment. Most of these cases are very slight indeed, and it is likely they will recover locally. It seems perfectly clear that the large incidence of cases in this one regiment is due to prolonged lack of fresh food, due to being pent up in ships for several days on end during September. This condition of affairs - inevitable as it was - occurring among men already weakened by malaria - the hardships of a hard hot weather campaign, has resulted in the present outbreak of beri-beri; free and full rations of fresh meat, fresh vegetables especially, and country rice is emphasised. The country rice was especially recommended as the nutritious principle is mainly borne in the pericarp, and it was advised that this rice made up with stews of vegetables and fruits as dates, be freely issued.

2. No.2 Field Ambulance. Here there were two cases suspicious of beri-beri, one from the Dorset Regiment, one from the Field Artillery, the latter case had rather severe cardiac symptoms. It was noted here, as elsewhere, the food supplies were ample, good and varied, the only complaint being the lack of vegetables, and this is being speedily rectified.

3. The Norfolk Regiment. The kitchens and cooking arrangements were specially inspected. The cooking has to be done in a strong wind and a large amount of fuel is used up. However there is no lack of fuel, and units may have as much as they require as there is no hard and fast issue. Each unit cutting and collecting for itself all the wood it requires. The diet was discussed with the Officer Commanding and the Quartermaster. It is full and complete. Fresh meat is to be had in abundance and now fresh vegetables are beginning to be available,

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 there is no ground for the complaint as to the food supply. The importance was pointed out here - as indeed to all units - of plenty of vegetable stews and rice - the country form well washed and cooked.

The men were all inspected and showed signs of hard campaigning. It was noted several were not quite fit for real hard work. It was estimated the regiment could not turn out more than 400 fighting strength at present.

4. The Oxford and Bucks Regiment. Here the kitchens, etc., were inspected as in the case of the Norfolk Regiment and the same matters discussed and recommendations made.

The men were inspected - and found in very fit condition. The fittest of the three British Infantry regiments here. Two mild cases - suspicious of beri-beri - were found in the ranks and sent to hospital.

5. The Dorset Regiment. The same remarks as applied to the two other regiments regarding cooking and food applies to this regiment.

6. The men were inspected and though considerably under strength, were found remarkably fit. There was no unfit man in the ranks. This regiment has much improved in physical efficiency since I last saw it at Amarah.

7. The Artillery were also inspected, including the 63rd Battery, 76th Battery and ^{the} 82nd and Howitzer Battery. Men of all these units were remarkably fit - there is very little sickness among them, except the 82nd Battery where there are 4 suspicious cases of slight beri-beri.

8. The 103rd Mahratta Light Infantry, were specially inspected as ^{at} 1st June in Amarah; when inspected there, they were in a very low state from malaria. They are now very fit and well - an entirely different regiment to what they were in June, and it is clear a great deal of trouble has been taken by the Medical Officer, Major Murphy, I.M.S., to obtain this end.

9. The question of supplies was discussed with the Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport, 6th Division. A fairly consistent supply

supply of fresh vegetables - pumpkin, beans spinach and parsnips - can be practically assured from Byhailah - 48 bags arrived yesterday in the "Blosse Lynch" and all ships are instructed to call at this place on the way up to Aziziyeh to take vegetables on board. An agent has been sent there by the Assistant Director of Supply and Transport to see to the supply. In addition donkey boys are bringing vegetables from Byhailah and would do very much more if the country between were not hostile. Small amounts of vegetables are also available locally - anything from 150 - 300 lbs. but this supply cannot be depended on. Potatoes and onions from India are arriving - they are on the way up from Basrah now.

Fresh meat. The supply is abundant, and no chance of there being any shortage. The quality is excellent.

Regarding the country rice the Assistant Director of Supply and Transport is to look into the matter and have it issued to the British troops. To sum up there is now plenty of everything in Aziziyeh. Fuel for cooking the food being abundant and as much available as is wanted.

9. General. The water supply is generally excellent. It is all chlorinated and pronounced very good.

The dust in the camp is appalling and continues all day. It is undoubtedly the cause of the considerable number of "intestinal" cases occurring. There are sharp attacks of diarrhoea lasting two or three days. The sharp cold here at night now must contribute to such outbreaks, but now the second blanket has been issued and this with the overcoats and in most cases coats warm British also, chills will be obviated. Further, cholera belts have been issued to all the ~~the~~ British troops here lately.

Flies are a plague here and little can be done on this extensive fouled area to prevent them. Incineration is proceeding as well and as far as the materials are available for erecting incinerators. The supply of iron bars for such and tin cans for latrine purposes is not sufficient, but the deficiency is being gradually overcome.

*12. The present supply of iron bars are not a
in this*



NAT. TELEPHONE No. 182.
TELEGRAMS: "PRIMUS, NORWICH."

ROYAL HOTEL, NORWICH.

PROPRIETORS: THE ROYAL HOTEL, NORWICH, LTD.

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29th Nov.

Dear Sir.
Many thanks for
your 9/67 of 28.11.16
I received a cheque
from the Treasurer
that day for £9.0.3

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Yours very faithfully.

J. P. Macneil
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Dear Sir:-

24th Nov 16

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Dear Sir

With reference to your letter re Travelling and

Subsistence allowances, your claim was duly forwarded to the

Treasury on November 1st. and I heard from them again on

the 16th with regard to your Subsistence allowance, the

amount of which they queried: I have since settled that point

with them, and very much regret to hear that they have not

forwarded you the remittance, and I will draw the attention

of the right authorities to your claim.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

Assistant Secretary

Surgeon-General McNece

Royal Hotel

NORWICH

in in pencil or pen

Yr Faithful

Address



NAT. TELEPHONE No. 182.
TELEGRAMS: "PRIMUS, NORWICH."

ROYAL HOTEL,
NORWICH.

PROPRIETORS: THE ROYAL HOTEL, NORWICH, LTD.

24th Nov 16

Dear Sir

I sent in my claims
for Rail fare & travelling
allowances connected
with my attendance
at your office and
to give evidence before
the Commission; and
should be obliged for
a cheque for same.
The claim was sent in
about 5th Nov -

Yours faithfully,
J. J. MacCreedy

The Secretary
Westportman Com^{rs}
98 Abingdon St -
London W.C. 2

17 Nov. 16.

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St. Ermin's Hotel
London.

Dear Mr. Fitzwilliam

In reply to your E/27 1st Nov. 16.
requesting a copy of the order from
the Secy of State to the Government
of India, advising great economy,
I regret not being able to produce it
as I did not bring any papers home.
Vide my statement Sect I. Para i -
I think however it may have
been embodied in the letter No 69
"proceedings of Commission" which
the Chairman produced during
my examination, and which advised
economy, and which I understood
to have been issued under
instructions from the Indian Office
by the Govt. of India -

I am
Yours faithfully,

J. F. Beaune

The Secretary
The Mesopotamian Commission
Abingdon Street
London.

17 Nov 16
St. Ermin's Hotel
London

J. F. Beaune

Phone: VICTORIA: 4066.

Mesopotamia Commission,
28, Abingdon Street,
Westminster.

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E/27

November 1st, 1916.

Mr. James G. MacNeece

Dear Surgeon-General MacNeece

I should be glad if you could let me have a copy
of the order from the Secretary of State to Government of
India, advising great economy, which you referred to in
your Statement?

Yours faithfully,

Surgeon-General MacNeece
St. Ermin's Hotel
St. James' Park

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*not possible to write them
in in pencil or pen*

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From Surg. General H. Macneil

ST. ERMINS HOTEL,

ST. JAMES' PARK, S.W.

TELEPHONES -
"VICTORIA 7120 9 LINES"
TELEGRAMS -
"ERMINITES, LONDON"

1/2
29th Oct. 16

Dear Sir

In accordance with
your instructions I beg
to forward Subsistances
and travelling expenses

(1) from Inland to India
& awaiting orders -

(2) from Crowborough
to London & return.

From Crowborough to India

to give evidence &
I am entitled to subsistances
& duty so kindly add.

Yrs Faithfully

The Secretary
Messrs Potamian Comdys

A. 26.10.16

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St Ermin's Hotel 481 B

London
October 26th 1916

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of the 25th inst. re your Note on the Vincent-Bingley Report, it will be eventually embodied as an Appendix to the evidence given before the Commission.

I beg to return my corrections of the 13th of October.

Surgeon-General MacNeece
St. Ermin's Hotel
St. James' Park.

Attached are the corrections by questions, and where a change has been made, the question is marked thus (S). Slips have also been inserted giving the corrections where was not possible to write in in pencil or pen.

Yrs Faithfully,

A. 26.10.16

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St Ermin's Hotel

London

25th Oct 16

From Surps General J. S. MacNeece
to the Secretary

Mesopotamian Com^{ss}

Dear Sir.

I beg to return my corrected
proofs of my evidence given
before the Commission on the
12th + 13th of October.

Attached are the corrections
by questions, and where any
change has been made, the
question is marked thus (5) ^{of sum}

Slips have also been inserted
giving the corrections where it
was not possible to write them
in in pencil or pen —

Yr Faithly,

J. S. MacNeece

S.G.

P.S. I observe that my remarks
on the Vincent Bingley Com^{ss} are not included
in this

Yours

St. Ermins Hotel
London
23rd Oct-16

Dear Mr. Duff.

If the Commission permit, after
Quest. 6846, I wish also to add
to my evidence " That on
return to Bombay 28th Aug 16
I stayed with General Knight
for two days, accompanied by
my staff officer Major Melville
Col. Heard my A.D.M.S. for
transport and inspection of Hophi
etc. had just returned from
Secunderabad Poona etc was also
a guest. With General Knight
we had frequent consultations
and I also had a consultation
with H.E. The Governor and
the Secy of the Bombay Indian
Relief Fund -

These consultations all
related to the increase of
accommodation for British
and Indian sick and wounded
from Mesopotamia -

I am

Yours faithfully,

J. S. Masaccio
Sg.

The Secretary
The Mesopotamian Comd^o
28 Abindon Street.

J. W. G. M.
N.H.

Lord Wellington



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St. Ermin's Hotel

London

23rd Oct. 16

Dear Mr Duff.

In reply to your letter No D 82 dated Oct. 18th, I do not desire to add to my evidence as to the reasons that influenced me in returning to India, I have already explained this in 6798 et seq. and the Chairman in 4013 was good enough to accept the explanation I gave -

Section XIV Para 3 of my statement confirms what Surge General Hathaway says I told him as to Sir John Nixons responsibility, and this again is confirmed by Vincent Bringley Com^{rs} report para 148 - Page 53 -

I am.

Yours very faithfully.

J. G. Macneil
S. G.

The Secretary
The Mesopotamian Com^{ee}
28 Abingdon Street
Westminster -

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ST. ERMINS HOTEL, 49

ST. JAMES' PARK, S.W.

20 Oct. 16.

TELEPHONES:-
VICTORIA 7120 9 LINES
TELEGRAMS:-
"ERMINITES, LONDON"

ber 18th 1916

Dear Mr Duff.

I heard yesterday that one of the officers wounded in the operation before Ctesiphon and ^{who} came down in a river steamer to Busra thence to Bombay by H. S. Varella, landing between 13th + 18th ~~was~~ 15th is employed at the War Office - The Commission might like to examine him. His name is.

Major W. Herson.

The Dorset Regt.

(Employed at)

War Office

Whitehall

letter from
the Commission
make an addi
to in Surge

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He was wounded
thro. Muscular spiral
nerve —

Yr sincerely,

J. S. Macneil

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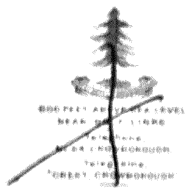
October 18th 1916

Dear Surgeon-General MacNeece,

Please see enclosed copy of letter from Hathaway, and my reply to him. In the circumstances the Commission will, if you desire, be willing to allow you to make an addition to your evidence covering the points referred to in Surgeon-General Hathaway's letter.

Surgeon-General MacNeece.
St. Ermin's Hotel
St. James' Park.

From the...
read it again
and a copy
has been
sent to...
it contains...
which can't...
to find...
confused
Yours
James
and others
and others



5th Oct. 16. 50

CREST HOTEL
CROWBOROUGH

St. Ermins Hotel
St. James Park
London

I promise to treat
its contents as
strictly confidential
& feel that I sh^d
read it again
carefully, as I only
had a copy for a
few hours 5 weeks
ago -

I am
Yours faithfully,

J. P. Macniece

Dear Mrs Duff -
I am coming up to
London Friday night
to be ready for 10th
Inst. Will you
kindly give orders
for a copy of the
Vincent Bingles Com^{su}
to be given to me
on Saturday 11th Inst.
when I call at yr. office

J. P. Duff Esq^r
Secretary
Mesopotamia Com^{su}
28 Abingdon Street
Westminster.

St. M.
The Secretary Com^{su}
Mesopotamia
28 Abingdon Street

7th

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Address.

Surp General J. P. Macneese
Crest Hotel

Crowborough

Will 29th Sept.

from 30th in.

St. Ermin's Hotel

St. James Park London.

Dear Mr. Duff.

In accordance with
terms of your letter No
C. 88 dated 15th Sept. 16.
I return to London on the
30th Inst., to be ready to
give evidence before the
Mesopotamian Commission
first week in October.

I don't think there is
anything to add to the state-
ments already sent in,
which of course will be
amplified in my
examination -

Yours

Yours Faithfully.

J. P. Macneese

The Secretary
Mesopotamian Com^{ee}
28 Abingdon Street
London.