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لجنة مركزية



V. Mervin...
Commissaire...
Constantinople 21 mai 1877

لجنة مركزية...
بمقتضى ما ورد من اللجنة المركزية...
دور جاك...
وصورة...
مؤيد...
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مؤيد...



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مؤيد...

SOUS L'AUGUSTE PATRONAGE DE S. M. I. LE SULTAN

SOCIÉTÉ OTTOMANE

DE SECOURS AUX BLESSÉS ET MALADES MILITAIRES DU CROISSANT ROUGE

Constituée d'après la Convention de Genève.

NOUS, soussignés, au nom du Comité central de la Société sus-mentionnée, autorisons Monsieur le Dr J.A. Barker à se rendre à l'armée en qualité de Chirurgien...
Comité de Staffort Glouse sous la protection du Croissant Rouge

A son arrivée, M se rendra auprès de notre représentant, afin d'entrer en fonctions au plus tôt, en se conformant exactement aux ordres qui pourront lui être donnés.

Constantinople, le 20 Août 1877

Enregistré sub N° 34



Le Président,

Le Secrétaire,

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Frederick Baker, physician on the staff
of the Red Cross Committee in England, has
been awarded the Imperial Decoration of
the 5th Order for his distinguished services
(witnessed) at the Military Hospital for the
wounded in the vicinity of Nis



Dated 14th Day of the month of Safar
in 1294 (1877)

as most yet I see more than
any. and have ample opportunity
for exercising my powers of observation
and am getting rather an adept.
I am sorry to say that I have
lost 5 cases on route all deriving
from sheer exhaustion, none
of them being wounded. Some
of them can hardly crawl into
their camp so weak, it seems
a shame to subject them to the
torment of a railway journey
but one has to submit. If it
were not for our Society I think
fully a quarter would die en route.
It is our soup which keeps them
alive, the government seldom
supplies them with food. Sometimes
they give money to them to buy food
on the road but it is a likely

RMC
Constantinople 347/4
Dec. 18th 1877.

Dear Mother

It is some time since I wrote
to you and it is longer since you
wrote to me if I do not collect these
letters I am in receipt of. I have just
come down from Lascar Bagandjick
with wounded and sick being still in
charge of the Railway Transport of
which I am chief for our side of Turkey.
I have long wished to go to the front
but am unable to do as they say there
is not any one fit to take my place.
Now whether that be so or not I don't
know, this I know that it is got the
most agreeable work and whether it
is that no body would care to put

themselves out to do the work as I do though I do it from their regard for the soldiers, I know not. But since it is not permitted me to go to the front it seems as though the front will shortly come some how. Phrygia is fallen. To day Constantinople is in a great state of excitement the news having reached here that Osman Pascha is not dead after having been reported so. I have not only the travelling down with the sick to attend to but four soup kitchens under my charge. For the Bazarjick me I have lately had to draw up an agreement and form architectural plans for the building of a ^{large} ~~baraque~~ ^{to serve the soup in.} This is the shape  front view,  side view. Some times it takes us three days continuous travelling from Bazarjick

to Stamboul. at 3 places on the road I have to see the men get their coup. In fact I am the best part of my time employed so much so that my diary is all behind hand but as it gets very boring to read the same thing over and over again I have ceased to keep it in the form of a diary but simply writing accounts of what comes beneath my notice enlarging on people customs religion &c. and here and there giving dates. Since the 12th of Nov. I have transported 2718 wounded and sick. And though I have not any opportunities for amputating I find that my average 2 is greater than many who have not amputated at all and who have been at the front. and though I may not see as much of my cases

from Elma and were treated with
great kindness by the Turks. Our
society gave them soup. When at
Bazardjik the other day having
nothing to do I went round with
Col. Bhunt of the Turkish Compa-
ny to help distribute
clothing to Turkish fugitives
who are for the chief part lodged
in Bulgarian houses the Turkish
quarter being laced with fire.
I attended to several who were
sick. It seemed so curious to go
into rooms where the light was
all but excluded and see dark
forms ^{of women} holding up their yashmaks
to conceal their faces from
view, and turning their backs
on one but some turned on
going out on turning round
sharp one could see their

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knew for a man with a leg off or
broken or too weak to crawl
so go shopping. So I have spoken
of it in my last report. And yet
they seldom complain. They are well
but with praise but I am sorry to
say it is often lost on me, as I
have great difficulty in acquiring
their lingo. Weller has been removed to
Italy and is convalescing slowly. Ogilvie
still stays in Constantinople and is
enjoying good health. I must wish you
a happy Xmas, though I fear not a
merry one as I shall not be able to
take you by surprise like last year
the Whips I told you in my last I
had sent you have not gone but
will perhaps start shortly. I hope you
have received the receipt for the
£10 I gave in to Lady Strafford's bank
Messrs Hanson. I want you please

to give Miss Daniels my usual
Subscription and then to pay father
£5 and the rest you and I to divide
as a Umar does. I hope soon to
pay father the other £10 which he
was kind enough to give me as I
feel now quite on my own account.
I read to day of his proposing my
health and prosperity with those
who saw me off at Charing Cross
Station. I suppose there is no chance
of our coming home yet and if
there be a European war and England
engaged we shall be all bound to
stay on. I think Osman Pasha perhaps
will do Bowdler some tea and that it
was great presumption on their part
to talk to him as they did. With regard
to Katchell and Douglas who were
taken prisoners they have done much

harm by their communications which
should not have been made. I doubt
myself they had no right to make
any sample. Bry, an Englishman
who is one of the Chief surgeons in
the Turkish Army who had to reply
to their charge about Silisli says
he never saw it. Though he told
me he did not doubt it but knowing
that he might be called on to
answer for it would not bind the
bodies closely. Mac Kellar came
down in my train with me the
other day and was relating to me
what he had seen at Silisli where
one of my wounded went thro the
whole process in pantomime of
cutting of the hands and heads
of Muscovs. So that speaks for it
self. The other day 137 Russian
prisoners came down to Constantinople.

I have money of the Societe which I have to pay the expenses of the Ambulance with but I will only have it in small amounts at a time since I do not like the responsibility. I have met out here one of our men who ~~also~~ knows Anna Robby he met her at Sathon also our Sisters. And another a Frenchman who was in the same service as Annie in Paris. That Volunteer Student of ours I met at the Station is out here and has gone on with MacKellar to Orlans. We are very badly off for news here, though there are plenty of reports. The hanging still continues all over the place. I hope you have not forgotten to ask Boulger to write with you yet. Whenever I go to Shanghai I have a standing invitation to go

Philipson

RAME
347/4

Dear Father

I am just returned from Adrianople where I left 200 wounded and sick I took from here. All the Drs but one here are ill and he suffers from chancre but I am thankful to say I am enjoying good health. On the 9th inst the Ramadan fast ended at sunset having lasted 30 days and the feast of Bairam commenced. We arrived at Adrianople just as the sunset and as the 21 guns announced that the fast was finished. All the minarets of the mosques were lit up from top to bottom producing a splendid effect with the surrounding darkness. Soldiers on war service are exempt from fasting, but some

even keeps it there, as for instance a soldier
came to me the other day with fever
so I gave him some quinine pills, he
took one but made vain attempts to
swallow it, but would not take any
more, as from sunrise to sunset nothing
food or water are supposed to pass
their lips, each time being fixed by
the firing of a gun and another one
fires very early in the morning to tell
the Russians to get up and eat. I
have seen some very wonderful cases
but the most of it is I can never
follow them up. For instance a man
who was run right thro the chest and
whom the Russian had to ^{make three}
wounds before he could get ^{the bayonet} out
after being in hospital here a fortnight

went back to fight again. Another man
at Adrianople who had received 7 wounds
most of them bad and fractured, such as
that from a common soldier he had
been made an officer, shipped out of
his hospital and was found in the
Bazars buying a new uniform for him-
self. Many of the wounded lately from
Shipka have either sword or bayonet
wounds. I have transported so far 3838
wounded and sick from here and Adrianople
having made six journeys. If you look
in the Illustrated London News shortly
after the receipt of this you will see me
in a drawing at the hospital at Adrianople
and perhaps in another sketch of my
ambulance wagon please buy a copy.
I have just received a telegram from
Hemmett in which he says he is very
satisfied with my report and my work.

faces gazing intently on our and
in several cases they were really
beautiful their lovely dark eyes.
and all of a sudden up went
the yesh mek. Some of them were
Circassians. Many of them were
in an absolute state of delecta-
tion, some cases heart ending
as our heard the fate of their
relatives. Most of them were very
thankful. Many cannot make
out why English people should
send them all these good things and
attribute it to a desire to win
them over to friendship. I am
told and from what I have
seen believe that the low class
Turks are very refined, more
than our would give them
credit for. I have a stove now
in my van which is terribly
cold and am having another

great coat made of shaggy
native cloth which is very good
and to be lined with wolf skin.
In Bazardjick and Philippopolis
we are expecting massacres, not that
the Turks & Bulgarians hate each
other but they are afraid if
the one does not the other will
begin. In both places no one is
allowed to go about after 7 o'clock
without the pavel. To day is the
last of a three days fast the
Koumban Berauy on the first
day of which they kill a lamb
all those families that can
afford it. These lambs are got
up in most gaudy stile, their
head and often body being painted
and their wool cut in various
shapes. It corresponds to our
Times, they give presents etc.

I have received several weekly
letters for which thanks. Dr. Russell
has left us for England to get
married, we all miss him very
much. Please continue to address
your letters to the British Post Office.
I am off tomorrow again for
Bazardjick I don't know if I shall
fall into Russian hands, or not.
I hope not. So that crusade of
a Serbia has joined in the war.
I wish Annie success and hope
she will pass, that is the father
she speaks of Miss Fox Blake.

And now I must conclude
With love to all
from your loving
Rowland.

26 Todd O - 1905

27 Geoghegan A O 1876

28 Egan C R - 1810

Day J. D - 1805

Hedderon W L 1803

Cunning R T 1800

Kavanagh M. 1795

Harwood J H 1765

Donaldson R D 1750

White R L E 1745

Johnston C M 1740

Hall J. C - 1705

Burlington A H 1700

North C - 1695

Boynard J F 1695

Sherman Bigg F H 1675

Smythe J F A 1665

Battersby H L - 1655

Hewitt A 1645

Landon E 1640

Mulvaney P 1635

Nicholson J E 1635

Beale J. W. 1625

Hood F E C - 1625

Wotsley W O - 1610

McNiece J F 1605

Smith R. J. 1590

McCreary B J. 1580

O'Connor A G - 1575

McBolster A M 1570

Wardrop D - 1545

1 Barker F R 2590

2 Keogh A H 2525

3 Hill C B 2420

4 Clark J R A 2330

5 Hannagan H E B 2245

6 Michael H J 2230

7 Loman J - 2215

8 Innan A W G. 2185

9 Corker J M 2180

10 Myles E H 2145

11 Robinson G S. - 2125

12 Moffitt F B - 2115

13 Webb C A - 2075

14 Lewis J G S - 2065

15 Martin H - 2050

16 Brody A E J 2019

17 Cusack R O 2010

18 Smith E J 2010

19 Cowan W A 2000

20 Forman R H 1995

21 Flood S. J 1965

22 Williams D S 1955

23 Robinson G W. 1940

24 Cameron H - 1920

25 Watson J. - 1910

Goggin C J - 1520
Christien H C - 1485
Jones J M - 1470
Baker F M - 1465
Wilkinson C - 1460
Oliver R - 1415
Asbury A - 1400
Carleton P M - 1375
McClean F R 1365

Accepted by qualifying number
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Carmody J O
Barnes R W
Walsh ~~J P~~ J P
McO Callaghan H K
Fox P H
Wall H A

MONTHLY LIST OF AMBULANCE AND HOSPITAL STAFF OF STAFFORD HOUSE COMMITTEE

AND

LORD BLANTYRE, Member of Stafford House Committee.

CLASS I.

*Sections directly under orders of V. BARRINGTON KENNETT, First Commissioner;
E. R. PRATT, Special Commissioner,
W. L. STONEY, Assistant Commissioner at Constantinople.*

SECTIONS.	NAMES.	LOCALITIES.	SERVICES.
STIVEN'S SECTION.	Dr. STIVEN Dr. LAKE Dr. BURNETT With assistants.	EDINBURGH. S.H. Hospital established in the Palace of of Railway Company with 220 beds (1). In the case of the hospital, it is to be built in the Palace on a small way to the east of the hospital, and has been a part of the hospital.	This Section has received and attended nearly all the wounded brought in from the engagements at Kalka, Iwan Tebek and Pyrgos. Dr. Lake has served with Dr. Stiven's ambulance, and Dr. Burnett with Dr. Mac Quenn's.
RYAN'S SECTION.	Dr. RYAN Dr. WOODS Dr. ST. JAMES Capt. MORGAN Agent J. WILLIAMS With Turkish staff and assistants.	EDINBURGH. Stafford House Hospital 300 beds.	Dr. Ryan served formerly in the Imperial Ottoman Army at Plevna and elsewhere. Dr. Woods served in the Stafford House Hospital Adrianople and Philippopolis for 3 months previous to being attached to this Section, is at present on sick leave.
Mc IVORE'S SECTION.	Dr. Mc IVORE Dr. STONE Dr. SANDERS "Asst. Surg. STONE" "Asst. Surg. SANDERS" Chief Medical Officer Secretary J. COOPER With assistants.	ADRIANOPLE. S.H. Hospital established in the city of Cavendish Street with 300 beds.	This section arrived at Adrianople during the night of wounded from the "Lepanto" case, immediately attended to the wounded at Railway station on their way through.
EVANS SECTION.	Dr. EVANS Dr. MORGAN Dr. CALVERT Chief Medical Officer With assistants.	PHILIPPOPOLIS. S.H. Hospital established in Bulgaria. Railway's Palace and private house containing 160 beds.	This section under Dr. Evans and subsequently under Dr. Evans served at Philippopolis when the great ex of wounded from the Shipka Pass took place. Dr. Evans is at present on sick leave.
ROBIN'S SECTION.	Dr. ROBIN Dr. WATSON Chief J. GORDON With assistants.	RUSSIA. Palace S.H. Hospital 150 beds.	Served for 3 months on the line attached to Asaf Pasha and Nefli Pasha's Divisions. Attended on the the 10th Karakoram, Karskova, Alivera-Sumkova and Iwan Tebek.
NEVLAN'S SECTION.	Dr. NEVLAN With clinical class of Turkish Medical Students.	STAMBOUL. Attached to Marmara Pasha's Hospital military school.	Dr. Nevlan served at "Ende Circle" Hospital at Stambul. Subsequently as head of Section at Philippopolis until invalided. Is now serving at Baron Munda, model Barrack Hospital "Ende Munda Stambul."
ATTWOOD'S SECTION.	Dr. ATTWOOD Dr. SAMPSON Dr. BYRNE With assistants.	EDINBURGH, EDINBURGH, EDINBURGH, EDINBURGH Field Ambulance with Submarine Pasha's Head Quarters.	Served at Kalka and Timara after the engagements of Eski-Zagra and Yeni-Zagra. Also in all the engagements of Shipka Pass. Present at all engagements about Bessarabia and accompanied Bessarabia Pasha's army over the Southern Balkans to Lugo.
Mc QUEEN'S SECTION.	Dr. Mc QUEEN Dr. FORD With assistants.	FIELD PASHA'S Head Quarters Field Ambulance.	Served in Eski-Zagra District and subsequently with Nefli Pasha on the Line. Present at the battle in the district of Elma and subsequently crossed the Balkans with the division of Field Pasha. Present at all the engagements in Bessarabia and accompanied Field Pasha's division on the retreat over Southern Balkans to Lugo.
HAYE'S SECTION.	Dr. HAYE With assistants at two camp hospitals.	EDINBURGH, VARNA. Railway transport and special service of messages between the Railway and Varna Hospitals.	Dr. Hays has served continuously attending to the transport of more than 6,000 wounded to Varna, after all the battles in the Rusevich and Rusevich Districts. Giving them camp, &c., en route.
BARKER'S SECTION.	Dr. BARKER With assistants at four camp hospitals.	EDINBURGH, RAILWAY TRANSPORT. Railway transport and special service of messages between the Railway and Varna Hospitals.	Dr. Barker travels continuously on the line attaching his transport to the train containing wounded, and directing the cases on Route. Supplying severe cases with medicines and clothing. Also superintending camp hospitals at Bessarabia, Tuzova, Tuzova and Stambul.
SKETCHLEY'S SECTION.	Dr. SKETCHLEY E. H. BUCKLEY Edrick Williams.	STAMBOUL DISTRICT Attached to Turkish transport service.	Dr. Sketchley served at Philippopolis and Adrianople. Mr. Buckley with Dr. Staker's Ambulance. The ambulance rendered great assistance to wounded on the field near Stambul and in the town. Ac- companied Osman Nouri Pasha, drove to Bessarabia, Philippopolis and fell back with it over the Southern Balkans to the capital.
CENTRAL OFFICES.	RICHARD A. WILLIAMS, Assistant A. LAMBERT, in charge of depot.	CONSTANTINOPLE 256, Grand Rue de Pera. 15, Horta-Khane Kiosk.	

SOUP KITCHEN SERVICE. — Soup Kitchens have been established at the Railway Stations at Edinburg, Timara-Sumkova, Tiberopolis, and Stambul Terminus on the Rumelian Line, for soup, rice, bread, coffee, tobacco, &c., and also at Tcherkessia and Shabundja on the Bashkash Varna Line. Over 60,000 rations of soup, &c., has been supplied up to date Jan. 28. At Tcherkessia several trains of wounded were delayed for 2 days owing to an accident on the line, and during that time the men were not allowed nearly from the S. E. station. At Stambul during the past fortnight more than 100,000 rations of bread and tobacco have been furnished to the sick and wounded, serving at all hours of the day and night.

CLASS II.

Surgeons under the orders of LORD BLANTYRE.

SECTIONS.	NAMES.	LOCALITIES.	SERVICES.
FETTERSTON-HAUGH SECTION.	*Dr. FETTERSTON-HAUGH *Dr. FETTERSTON *Dr. FETTERSTON With assistants.	EDINBURGH Barrack H. Sped.	This Section with certain changes in its personnel, has served at Edinburg for 6 months and was present during the recent engagements in that district. Dr. Fetterston has proceeded to England invalided.

* This work, including Lord Blantyre's Surgeons.
S.S. Lord Blantyre supplied 7 other surgeons included in the above list for 2 months, when they were transferred to Stafford House service.
* Dr. Guppy also sent out by Lord Blantyre and of Typhoid Fever at Edinburg, Nov. 17th and Dr. Fetterston on the 26th January, 1878, of malignant typhoid.
Dr. Weller, Evans, Lake, Bessford, Stiven and Sketchley have had severe illnesses owing to exposure and fatigue.

Pera, January 28th 1878.

W. L. STONEY,
Assistant Commissioner representing the
Stafford House Committee, at Constantinople.

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Imperial rescript

Medal to Dr. Barker
for war services

17th day of the month
of Rabi l - Aher
1295 A.H. (1878)

Dr. Barker
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Importation of
to the Editor, 1877
to the Editor, 1877
of the month of
June 1 (1877)



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