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hoke off almost at the first
trial - a stronger wind is
expected. So we sent them back
for further alteration.

There is an order that 500
more A. H. C. men are to be
inducted for next spring. -
and that the D. G. has consented
to have the young Candidates
taught & squad & other setting
up drill here in addition to
equitation & my drill - in
accordance with Gen. T. Steele's
recommendations. -

Don't you think the programme
for their drill should be properly
laid down before they come
here - & I beg to remain Sir,

Yours very sincerely
Sandford Moore

LP. 50/1
Sandford Moore

Aldershot Camp

17 Sept. 1871.

My dear Mr Longmore

I beg to enclose
a copy of my Lecture
at the R. U. S.
Institution which
I would hope you would
do me the favour

of accepting.

I am well aware
that there is nothing in
it for which I have not
to thank you or your
writings. I do my
best to follow closely in
your footsteps - and should
be extremely pleased to have
your opinion on the faults
& merits of this my
latest contribution in the
cause of the wounded British

soldier.

The altered pack, cobb,
litters, and cacolets - are
to have another inspection
at the bandry St. Mure's
this week. - He is
coming down here to see
them. - He came down with
St. Lawson to see them
before. The connecting rod
which they had inserted
between the hanging bars
of the litters & the cacolets
at the Arsenal with a view
to keep them more rigid.

I therefore suggest that the connecting rod should be attached by a loop at either end to each carrying bar. This has been done & I think it will answer -

I am at a loss to know how the shoulder straps of the O.P. stretchers should be attached to the stretchers: there are no cord lashes same as exist in O.P. stretchers. I am aware that the Committee recommended that they should form part of each bearer's personal equipment: but with all due deference I do not think that would be a good plan - practically, I do not see any objection to their being attached to the stretchers by cord lashes. I should be glad to be favoured with the

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LP. 50/2

Holmshot Camp.

30 Sept. 1898

My dear W. Longmore

The connecting litter-bar to which you allude in yours of yesterday was broken by main pole being employed by one of my drill corporals on the occasion of D. Lawsons visit to Holmshot. D.L. a seeing

the mode of attachment of the connecting bar to the hanging bars (some idea of which may be formed by my saying that a small hole had been bored in each hanging bar near the hook, and a stout iron connecting rod drilled at each end small enough to pass through these holes & with a thread to take a small nut, had then been inserted at the Arsenal) at once of question? its security.

The strength of the weakest part of such an arrangement would be the measure of its greatest power of resistance.

The weakest part of course was the extreme ends of the connecting

bars - which of necessity must be of diminutive size as the holes to be bored in the hanging bars must be diminutive, otherwise the hanging bars themselves would be seriously weakened at an important point.

The instant the Drill corporal employed his strength to disarticulate the hooks of the hanging bars - the rods snapped at both ends at its weak points as we expected.

Coupled with this faulty mode of attachment the likelihood of the nuts being lost or sunder presented itself to me - in point the other nuts of the latter drop off in the field during prompt exercises.

expression of your opinion on
the matter - which really ought
without further loss of time
be settled definitely - for
as the stretchers are heavy & heavy
I find in the stretcher exercises
that weakly men occasionally
drop the patient stretcher and roll
and on my raising them up
sharply as I am at times
obliged to do, they declare
that they do their best, but
that without the assistance
of shoulder straps they are
unequal to the burden.

The cord lashes would not only secure the shoulder slings to the stretchers but would also confine the poles and canvas in a compact form.

If this suggestion of adding cord lashes meets with your approval, I think of recommending it for consideration of D.G. —

At present although we have some 20 or 30 n. p. stretchers in charge & in constant use, no slings are used in the exercises with

them as no slings were issued with them. & I have therefore been uncertain what to do.

Rumours are about here now that the faithful 33 are not to be sent here on the completion of their course at Hettley, owing to the scarcity of men.

Thinking you for your letter I try to remain

Yrs.

Yours very sincerely

Shirley Moore

P.S. I was not asked to go to the Conference at Bournemouth.

These transverse straps assist
in forming a compact package
of the poles & canvas when the
stretcher is folded up. - while
when the stretcher is opened out
they are not in the way of the
hands of the men carrying the
stretcher - and in addition
they assist of the straps being
fastened to the harness of
the stretcher (under snaffle)
when it is used as an amb.
wagon stretcher or as the
support.

No allusion has been made to the
latter mode of application however
in the List of changes of War
Material in which the pattern
is scaled. *Shyrenman's*
my very sincerely
Samuel Adkins

LP. 50/4

Edinburgh Camp

27 March 1877

My dear Mr Longmore

I have to acknowledge
the receipt of your
kind letter of Saturday
and the enclosed "proceeding
of Field Committee" which
I shall treat in every
way as strictly confidential

and for the loan of which
I beg to express my best
thanks to you.

I notice the Re of stretchers
wheeled stretcher supports
per Beaman Company has
not been specified by the
Committee.

I hope to have 48 pairs
of the leather slings in
my hands in a few days
and will be able to report
to you how they work.

The problem I attempted
to solve was this.

Given a stretcher which may
require to be used, either
as a field stretcher, - or
as an amb: wagon stretcher, - or
in connection with a wheeled
stretcher support, - how
attach the slings, which
must form an essential part
of it as a field stretcher, but
when it is in the wagon and
on the support.

After much trial & deliberation
I hit upon the transverse
straps sewn on the end of the
slings (without the buckle).

S. M. inspected us last
Wednesday. -

I have trained 56 regimental
banners - detachments from
the 2nd, 7th, 13th. - These
men work very well -
I hope some British detachments
from the other regiments in
camp.

Last night I heard a telegram
came in ordering 7 regiments - to
embark on Wednesday. - I
fancy we shall occupy Gallipoli.
No doubt you will have heard before
this reaches you.

I should like to ask you for
your advice on the following
point - if Sir. you would
be so good as to let me hear
it -

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Aldershot Camp

22 July 1877

My dear Mr. Longmore

I have had some
delay in getting at the
A. p. stretchers, which
have only just arrived
in camp. Hence my

delay in replying by me
yesterday 18th.

The weight of the 2. p. studches
with wheels is $26 \frac{1}{4}$ lbs

The weight of the 2. p. studches
without wheels is $26 \frac{3}{4}$ lbs

Difference in weight = $\frac{1}{2}$ lb

To account for this, there are
no leather collars on the poles,
and the poles are a trifle
lighter. I think

I consider they ^{the wheels} can be
depended upon. Though
I would rather defer giving
an opinion until I have

seen a little more of them.

We have no 2. p.
hays here except one
fitted with guide bars
and slide reots. They
are making them as fast
as they can at Woodville
Shed.

The Ladros of the Beam Company
are doing well - Judicial
Officers very keen on the drill
one & all - I have no com-
plaint to make against
any of the Officers selected
who will do credit to D. Munro
if they are required on service.

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L.P. 50/5-

If I am sent out with
the Army Corps, should I
a shirt I not be sent-
out in any special
capacity - connected with
my work. -

I have asked the question
at Whitehall yard. but
I am down for nothing -
I think I deserve something
better than one of the
ordinary rank & file.
In the mean while

a General a friend of
mine has hinted to me
to go with him -

My own people have
done so little for me that
I feel half inclined to
accept his offer - for the
ward to receive for a M.O.
his though General not
the A.M.S. - this the
present type in the same
recognition -

But he' before I do anything
I should esteem it a
great favour if you
could give me the benefit
your advice.

and I beg to remain
My dear Mr. Longman
respectfully remaining
yours
Samuel Johnson