

## Hospitals, equipment and accommodation

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6(i) On  
Hospitals, Equipment  
and accommodation

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Army Medical Department 1<sup>st</sup> April 1834

Sir-

"May you will favour me with your opinion on the effects produced by the withdrawal of extra remuneration to the Hospital Sergeants abroad, it being understood that this individual is now in regard to pay, & allowances and to stoppages for rations exactly on an equality with every ordinary Sergeant; having in view the possibility of procuring Hospital Sergeants who may either give up their places, or be found unsuitable for them"

"as it is in contemplation to adopt a similar arrangement at home I should wish to know whether any, and what difficulties are likely to arise in carrying this arrangement into effect"

To

John Hale Esq<sup>r</sup>  
 Surgeon 33<sup>rd</sup> Regt  
 Madon

I have the honor to be  
 Signed J. M<sup>r</sup> Grigor  
 Director General

Madon Barracks 5<sup>th</sup> April 1834

Sir

In answer to your letter of the 1<sup>st</sup> Inst, requesting me to state my opinion of the effects produced by withdrawing extra remuneration from Hospital Sergeants abroad, and what difficulty is likely to arise in carrying a similar arrangement into effect at home, I have the honor to state for your information, that, from what I had occasion to observe, it appeared to me neither the interests of the public, nor the welfare of the sick was benefited by the arrangement abroad; as the reduction of punishment led in many instances to practices of a highly irregular, and prejudicial nature, which no vigilance of the Medical Officer could at all times counteract, and which frequently engaged his attention when he ought to have been occupied with matters of much greater importance

With



With regard to the adoption of a similar plan at home no difficulty, I conceive, can attend it in the first instance, as those whose interests are concerned, it is well known, dare not complain against the fiat of authority. But it is to be hoped that the humble claims of those deserving men who at present fill the situation, and who have accepted the appointment under certain conditions will not be overlooked. Hereafter much difficulty will naturally be experienced in getting an intelligent well conducted man to accept the appointment of hospital sergeant, as by doing so he deprives himself of all chance of promotion to the rank of pay sergeant; color sergeant; quartermaster sergeant; or sergeant major which he has otherwise a reasonable right to look forward to.

If the hospital sergeant, who ought to be an intelligent trustworthy man, be put on a lower footing than his neighbours he will become dissatisfied, and wish to return to his military duty; and those, who are so well acquainted with the detail of hospital arrangements, I need not point out how extremely inconvenient, and embarrassing such changes might occasionally prove, particularly during periods of great sickness, & mortality.

I have the honor &c. &c. &c.

To

Sydney John Hall

Sir James Sir Major Bart.

Surgeon 33<sup>rd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Director General

A. M. Department

During the winter campaign of 1854-5 in the Crimea much sickness and mortality having occurred amongst the hospital servants, I submitted a Memorial from the hospital sergeants of the 4<sup>th</sup> Division for Lord Raglan's favorable consideration on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 1855, and on the 31<sup>st</sup> of the same month, at His Lordship's request, I named eight pence a day extra pay, and a free ration.

On the 10<sup>th</sup> May 1855 I again brought the subject under His Lordship's notice, and urged that the hospital sergeants should have 8<sup>d</sup> a day



extra pay, and a free ration; and the orderlies 2<sup>d</sup> a day extra pay, and a free ration, which he was pleased to accede to and on the 17<sup>th</sup> May 1855. a general order was issued giving effect to the recommendation -

In 1834 the subject of nurses in Regimental hospitals became a question with the authorities, and I received the following letter from Sir James M. B. S. on the question

Army Medical Department 12 Feb<sup>y</sup> 1834

Copy - Sir

Having under my consideration the question of employing nurses in Regimental hospitals as a permanent measure I should be glad to be favoured with the result of your experience in this matter, having experience in your report as well to expense to the public, as comfort to the sick soldier, in comparison with an additional orderly for the duties of the hospital.

I have the honor to be &c, &c, &c

To John Hall Esq  
Surgeon 33<sup>rd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Signed J. M. B. S.  
Director General

Copy

Sir

Wexham Barracks 14 Feb<sup>y</sup> 1834

In answer to your letter of the 12<sup>th</sup> Inst respecting the employment of nurses in Regimental, & Depot hospitals, as a general, and permanent measure, and requesting my opinion as to the utility, and economy of the measure in comparison with that of an additional number of orderly men, I have the honor to state for your information, that the result of my experience is decidedly in favor of a nurse in place of an orderly man, for the following reasons.

1<sup>st</sup> a nurse is more kind, and considerate to the sick in cases of severe disease than an orderly man: She prepares any little additional nourishment



Comments and observations concerning Nurses  
and Hospital Expenses - of the pay  
of Hospital Surgeons in 1836

that may be ordered for them with greater care, and skill;  
and I have always observed that the Sick themselves are  
soothed, and gratified by her attention. So that their  
Comforts are enhanced by the appointment.

2<sup>nd</sup> - In all Regiments there are a number  
of officers' families, - women, and children in whose ailments  
the kind Offices of the nurse at the hospital are  
called into frequent requisition in a way that could not  
be supplied by an orderly - It may be urged that this  
is not within the province of hospital Expenditure, but still,  
as these persons are entitled to medical attendance, for  
the sake of humanity, it is to be hoped there can be no  
wish to deprive them in their need of the comfort & advantage  
that the attention of an experienced nurse affords, particularly  
when it is taken into consideration that the expense of  
her wages, and diet is covered by the Stoppages from the  
pay of the Sick Soldier.

Lastly, as a measure of economy, it must  
be obvious that the Employment of a nurse in place of  
an orderly is a clear saving to the country of the difference  
between 9<sup>d</sup> a day, the nurses wages, and 7<sup>d</sup> a day, the  
Soldiers pay.

I have the honor to be Sir, &c, &c,

To  
Sir James M. Smith Bart. &c.  
Director General  
Army Department

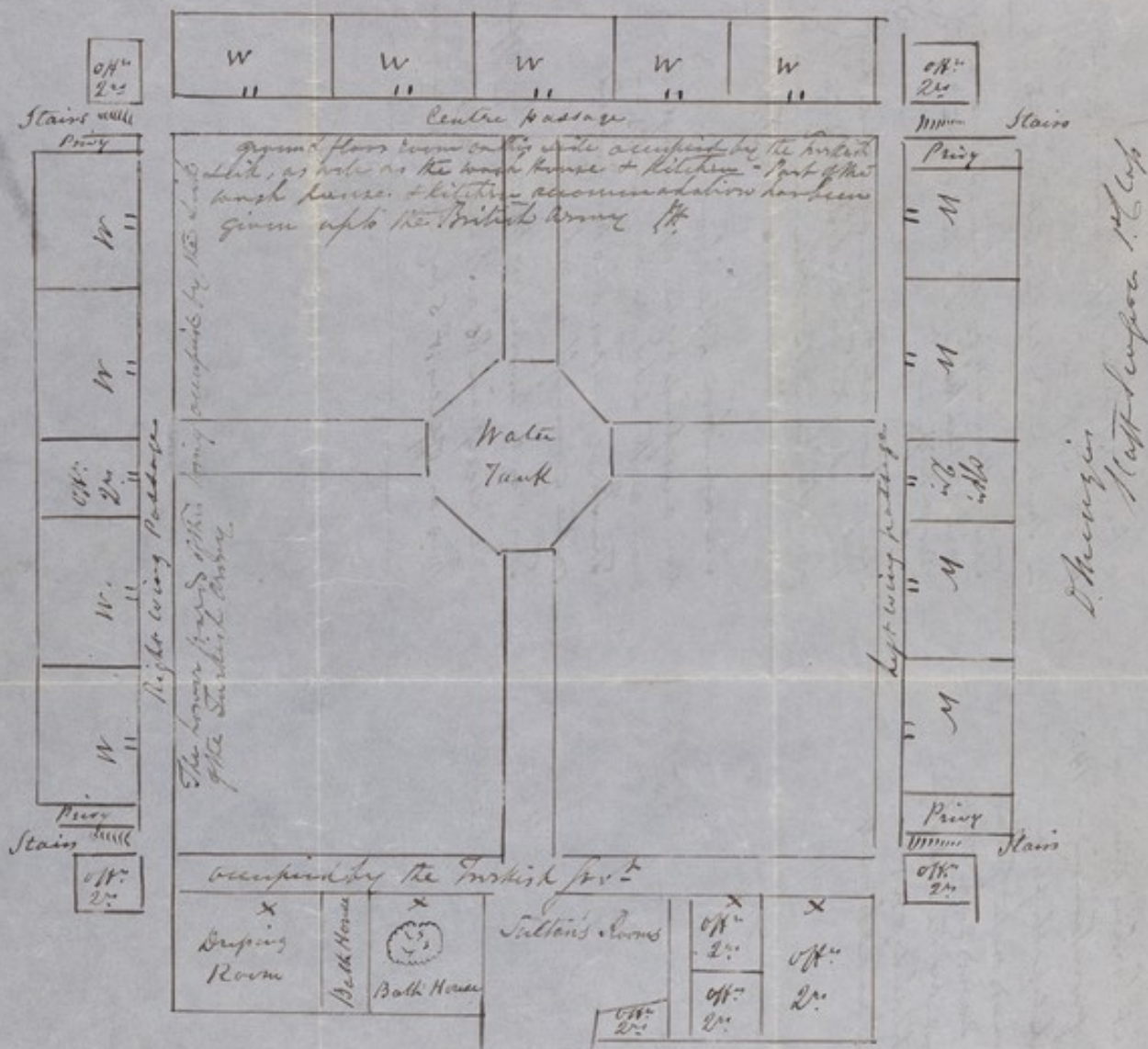
Signed  
J. M. Hall  
Surgeon 33<sup>rd</sup> Reg<sup>t</sup>

Note - The opinions of others prevailed, and nurses  
in Regimental hospitals were abolished, which I think was to be  
regretted, as I not only think there should be a nurse in each Reg<sup>t</sup>  
Hospital, but that she should be duly instructed as a Medical Officer  
at the Expense of the Public

J. M. Hall  
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FRRS/3.



Plan of the Turkish Hospital  
at Scutari

20<sup>th</sup> June 1854

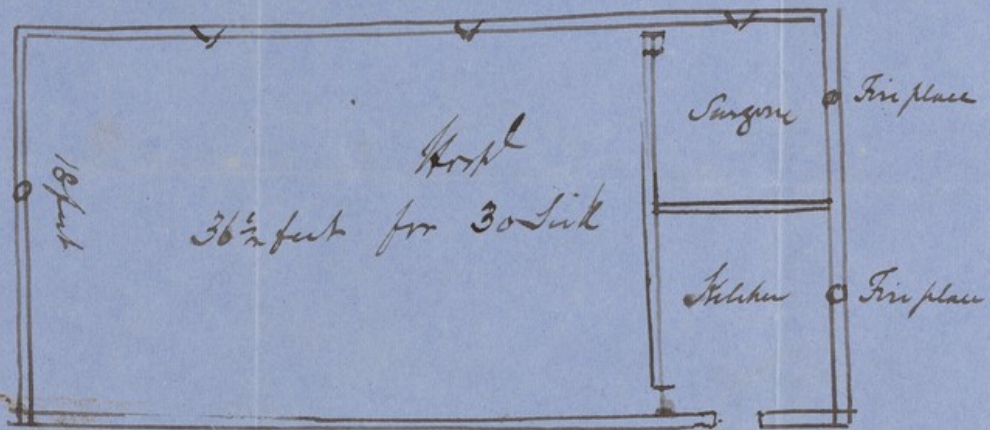
Now Established as the  
General Hospital  
for the British Troops.

In addition to the above two wards  
are occupied by the Apothecary's Shop,  
and a third by the Nurse's parlour -  
The Parlor has also two rooms  
on the ground floor for his Shop -  
There is a room for the orderly officer.  
one occupied as a Pharmacy;  
Two as offices; & 5 by officers & quarters

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one occupied as a Pharmacy;  
Two as offices; 5 by officers, 2 quarters

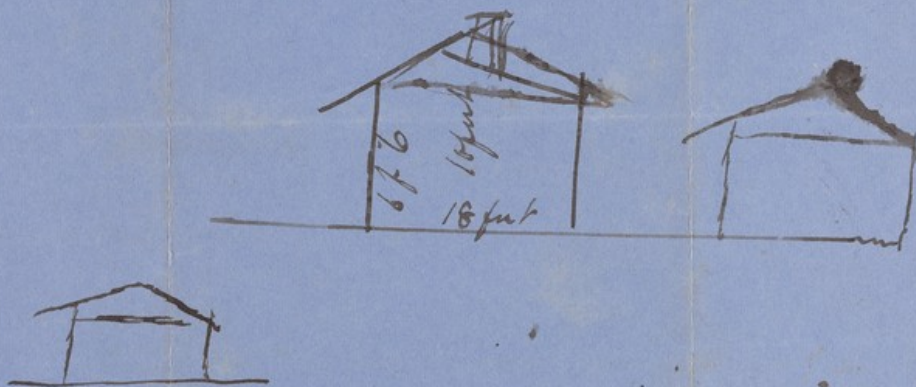


FRR5/4



Scale 10 feet to an inch  
outer wall 2 feet thick - inner 1 1/2 feet

Sketch your house  
for 30 people





## Amount of Fuel recommended for Hosp. use.

Highland div:	12 rations per Store.	
1 <sup>st</sup> division.	do:	do:
2 <sup>d</sup> do:	5-6 Hs: coal per Store.	
3 <sup>d</sup> do:	120 Hs: Coal per Store.	
4 <sup>th</sup> do:	12 rations per Store.	
Light division.	50 Hs: per Store of Charcoal or Patent Fuel.	
Artillery.	14 rations of Coals per Store.	

16 Rations of fuel recommended  
for each Store

J. Hall  
S.

Proportion of fuel per  
stone recommended  
in the different divisions



Return of Troop, late Equipment in paper in the diff<sup>t</sup> Regiments Lances and the Cannon  
Sept 1855

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FRR 5/6

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My father's friend  
in the field - Bureau  
Feb 1903



"Munio"

FRR 5/7a  
Camp, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division  
26<sup>th</sup> February 1856

List of Articles, and Medical Comfits,  
the Drawers of the Irish Car would contain,  
on taking away the litter partitions.

Drawer No. 1.

12 old linen Sheets.  
2 lbs. Lint.  
Bandages, Tow, &c.

Drawer No. 2.

Medicines according to Selection.

Drawer No. 3.

4 <sup>1/2</sup> lbs Brandy.  
3 do Port wine.  
8 lbs Arrow Root.  
2 lbs Tea.  
12 do Sugar.  
10 Pint tins Essence of Beef.  
6 do do Cocoa and Milk.  
6 lbs Candles.  
Salt, Pepper, and Soap.

Weight of the following Articles.

For John Hall 12. C. 13.

Inspector Genl. Hopt. A. & M. Canton 160 lbs. (two Corp. falcor)

Head Quarter 10 stretchers at 14 each = 140. (Austward)

\* 7 M. sapientia & D 56 lbs, equal to 392 lbs -

\* Straps attached  
to Car on purpose - 7 Men, 11 Horses, each = equal to 1070 lbs -

Total = 1770 lbs. equal to 15 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> 4 lbs -

N.B. Conductor, or weight of Car not included.

Asst. Genl. Hopt. Genl.  
Hopting 79

On taking away the drawers, the following quantities of Medical Comforts, &c. can be with safety, packed in the Well of the Ambulance Irish Car.

Articles

1 dozen Case Brandy.  
1 do Port Wine.  
1. 14<sup>th</sup> Case Snow Root.  
2 tins of Sugar, 8<sup>th</sup> in each.  
4 lbs Tea.  
8<sup>2nd</sup> tins Milk.  
36 Pint tins Essence of Beef.  
old linen Sheets, Bandages,  
Tow &c — Candles 6 lbs.

Archd. L. L. L. L. L.  
H. H. H. H. H.

S. J. J. J. J. J.  
of the Amusement & Conveyance  
afforded by the Hospital Irish  
Car.

one Cork Matkrofo  
one blanket, &c } 14-8  
one Rug



FRR 5/76

Weight for Ambulance -

A & B. Canteens - = 160 lbs

10 Stretches @ 14 lbs - = 140 lbs

7. Knapsacks - 56 - = 392 lbs.

7. Men @ 10-stones each - = 980 lbs.

Total = 1672 lbs. = 14 <sup>Car. 2.</sup> 3 - 20 lbs.

Not including weight of car.

or ~~some~~ Conductors -

A & B. Canteens cannot be fitted in car -

10 Stretches with difficulty -

Several Compartments for medicine.

A.B.

Camp. 2<sup>nd</sup> DivisionHospital Equipment14<sup>th</sup> April 1856.

1. Hosh. Marquee } Down as part of the  
 2. Kell Tents. } Regimental  
 20. Cosh-bed & each 5 lbs = 100 lbs. Sir!

20. Blankets each 4 lbs = 80 "

20. Mess. " " " 80 "

20. <sup>waterproof sheet</sup> ~~Blank~~ Coverlets 4/6 each = 85 "

A. &amp; B. Canteens = 160 "

Traction Apparatus = 35 "

10. Stretcher 14 lbs each = 140 "

\* 2. Field Panniers, Complete.

1. Mfg. Medicine Chest - also,

Attachment, to accompany

those Cobs. that brought

them from England.

N.B.

Med. Comforts usually  
 supplied by the Phibs, if  
 not, Quantity according to  
 Members embarked.

Panniers to be completed with Provisional Store.

Mfg. Medicine Chest, at Apothecary's, Bombay.

A.B.

Lieut. Hall. R.E.B.

Lieut. Hall

Lieut. Hall

x

2. Pack. Laddell. for Panniers

1. Pair of straw-bags.

A.B.

I have the honor to  
 submit a list of Hospital  
 Equipment, for your  
 Approval, recommended  
 to embark with a company  
 each Regiment, (as per  
 margin) in the event of  
 their leaving the Peninsula.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obed<sup>t</sup> serv<sup>t</sup>Arch<sup>d</sup> Ind. M.D.

J. D. Hall of Hospital



Dr a. Gordon  
5. 25