

their help or replacement from home, the work of the Force, and consequently the good name of the British Army, would suffer.

The health of the troops has been good, and the greatest zeal, foresight and skill have been displayed by the Royal Army Medical Corps under my Director of Medical Services, Major-General Sir M. P. C. Holt, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O., K.H.S., to effect this result. By July, 1919, most of the men suffering from malarial relapses had been sent home, and there has been practically no primary malaria since the Army left Macedonia. Besides purely military duties, it has been necessary for the Medical Services to undertake, in conjunction with our Allies, the sanitary supervision of the port and town of Constantinople—a task of peculiar difficulty owing to the constant transit of refugees and the many epidemics prevalent in this part of the world. They have given devoted services to the sick refugees and wounded from South Russia.

I take this opportunity of recording my appreciation of the excellent work performed by Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Service and by the ladies of the Voluntary Aid Detachments.

The Army Signal Service, whether in Turkey, the Caucasus or South Russia, has never failed to maintain communication under most arduous conditions, in spite of the fact that its personnel consisted mainly of civilians of diverse nationalities and creeds. Great credit is due to the Chief Signal Officer at General Headquarters, Lieut.-Colonel T. H. L. Spaight, D.S.O., and to his staff. I have to acknowledge the assistance given by Mr. Douglas Watson, of the Constantinople Telephone Company.

I wish to record the excellent work performed under difficult conditions by the newly-formed educational staff at these Headquarters, and especially by the Correspondence Teaching Bureau.

The shortage of personnel, due to demobilisation, has severely handicapped the departmental work of the force at a time when special efforts have been necessary. In these circumstances, the work of the Royal Engineers, of the Royal Army Service Corps, and of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps call for special praise. The Royal Engineer postal services under Lieut.-Colonel F. W. Wayne, O.B.E., have successfully dealt with the difficult task of organising and installing the civil section of the British Post Office at Constantinople, as well as the distribution of military correspondence over a large area.

During the period under review, the Corps of Military Police was denuded, by demobilisation, of practically every man it possessed. In spite of this, the work of controlling the troops and maintaining that high standard of discipline and smartness, which is especially essential in an occupied enemy country, has been most ably carried out by my Assistant Provost-Marshal, Major W. F. O. Faviell, D.S.O., and his subordinates.

The work of the Royal Army Chaplains' Department has been of the greatest value to the Force, and my thanks are especially due to the Reverend J. L. O. B. Findlay, D.S.O., Acting Principal Chaplain, for the zeal and good will with which he has carried out his duties.

A special word of praise is due to my Chief

Paymaster, Colonel H. C. B. Payne, C.M.G., C.B.E., for good work carried out under difficult conditions, which will be understood when I state that at one time he dealt with nineteen different currencies, varying monthly and often daily. I regret to have to record the death of Lieut.-Colonel M. Biddulph, O.B.E., Staff Paymaster in the Caucasus, a martyr to his high sense of duty.

The very difficult financial problems which have arisen have been successfully dealt with by my late Financial Adviser, Colonel A. B. Beavis, C.B.E., his successor, Lieut.-Colonel G. du Heaume, and in the Caucasus by Lieut.-Colonel H. K. Newcombe, O.B.E. I wish here gratefully to acknowledge the help which has always been readily afforded by Sir Adam Block, K.C.M.G. (British representative on the Imperial Ottoman Debt), and by Mr. S. de Bilinski, C.B.E. (manager of the National Bank of Turkey).

The work of the base staff at Constantinople, in connection with the movements of troops and stores, which have continually been taking place, has naturally been very heavy, but it has been ably carried out under the orders of Lieut.-Colonel A. F. Pery-Knox-Gore, D.S.O., Base Commandant.

I desire also to acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered by the Royal Navy Transport Service, at first under Captain J. F. Vibart, C.B.E., R.I.M., and for the last eight months under Commander F. West, R.N.R.

The disposal of the military stores at Salonika has been accomplished in the face of great difficulties, chiefly due to lack of personnel.

It reflects great credit on Colonel D. K. E. Hall, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Commissioner for Disposals), and Major T. B. Olive, M.C. (Base Commandant, Salonika) that between five and six million pounds worth of Army stores were sold with only a slight loss.

All surplus animals have been disposed of under arrangements made by my Director of Remounts, Brigadier-General G. W. Dowell, C.M.G., C.B.E. Approximately 5,000 horses and 17,000 mules brought in prices which averaged £50 and £42 respectively. The fact that such prices were obtained was largely due to the splendid condition of the animals, thanks to the conscientious work of the Royal Army Veterinary Corps, under Lieut.-Colonel W. A. Jelbart.

The task of the personnel of the Graves Registration Units has been considerable. In Macedonia, all the graves have been concentrated, and the cemeteries are now being handed over to the Imperial War Graves Commission. In Asia Minor, the graves of 1,500 prisoners of war, spread over twenty-six distinct localities, have been visited and recorded. On the Gallipoli Peninsula, there are nearly 16,000 graves, of which some 7,000 remain to be concentrated into central cemeteries. 1,360 graves have been located, scattered over the various islands of the Aegian. In addition, British graves in Roumania, Serbia, the Caucasus and South Russia are being located.

I wish to thank Mr. C. W. Bates, Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, for the energetic way in which he has assisted me. Throughout the period under review, this Association has been an inestimable boon to the troops under my command.

I am much indebted to Lieut.-General Sir G. T. M. Bridges, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.,