

The allocation of field ambulances to particular brigades to remain and carry out all duties with them, but not to be looked upon as permanently belonging to them or under the orders of the brigade commanders, is an excellent one. It brings the officers and men of the units in contact with the personnel of the field ambulances and as they know each other better so are they more likely to work in harmony. It also enables the officers of the field ambulances to become well acquainted with the staffs of brigade headquarters and to understand each others' opinions and methods. Such intimate relations conduce to the smooth working of medical arrangements.

It must, however, be clearly understood by all concerned that should necessity arise, the field ambulance or part thereof, is liable to be detailed at any moment by the Assistant Director of Medical Services for other duty, outside the brigade, to which it may happen for the time being to be allotted. It should be incumbent and an act of courtesy on the part of the Assistant Director of Medical Services to notify the brigade headquarters before actually putting such an order in force.

With territorial divisions the brigades are apt to look upon certain field ambulances as part and parcel of the brigade, the personnel being recruited from the same localities. The idea is an excellent one, in so far as it leads to the wellbeing of the field ambulance being duly considered by brigade headquarters, but it must not give the latter the impression that the field ambulance is absolutely belonging to it or under its control.

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TREATMENT OF MALARIA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS."

SIR,—I see injections of pancreatic amylopsin and trypsin have been used in malaria.

Will anyone in the tropics or elsewhere try injections of antivenin? In the intervals between acute attacks of malaria, it might be used in known malaria carriers and the effect, if any, on the parasite watched.

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I am, etc.,

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