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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT.

RICHMOND, VA., February 16, 1864.

To the House of Representatives :

In response to your resolution of the 5th instant, I herewith transmit a communication from the Secretary of War, conveying the information asked for, relative to the hospitals in and near the city of Richmond, and to the surgeons and assistant surgeons attached to them.

JEFFERSON DAVIS.

COMMUNICATION OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, }
War Department, }
Richmond, Va., Feb. 15, 1864. }

To the President of the Confederate States :

SIR : I have received the following resolution of the House of Representatives, referred by your Excellency to this Department:

“ *Resolved*, That the President be requested to communicate to this House the distribution of the hospitals in and near the city of Richmond, among the several States, and the names and places from which appointed, of the several surgeons in charge of each hospital, and their assistant surgeons.”

In response, I have the honor to transmit a report from the Surgeon General, with enclosures, conveying the information called for by the House.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, }
Executive Department, }
 Richmond, Va., Feb. 9, 1864. }

To the Honorable Secretary of War :

SIR : I have the honor, by direction of the President, to forward for your attention, and the proper action, the following copy of a resolution of the House of Representatives, of the 5th instant :

“ Resolved, That the President be requested to communicate to the House the distribution of the hospitals, in and near the city of Richmond, among the several States, and the names and places from which appointed, of the several surgeons in charge of each hospital, and their assistant surgeons.”

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

BURTON N. HARRISON,
Private Secretary.

[ENDORSED.]

SURGEON GENERAL: For early response.

Feb. 10, 1864.

JAMES A. SEDDON,
Secretary of War.

SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
February 11, 1864. }

Respectfully referred to Surgeon Carrington, medical director, for report as to the distribution of the hospitals among the several States, and the names of the surgeons in the charge, and their assistants.

S. P. MOORE, *Surgeon General.*

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, }
February 13, 1864. }

Respectfully returned, with the reports called for, and an explanatory communication.

WM. A. CARRINGTON,
Medical Director.

SURGEON GENERAL'S OFFICE, }
February 15, 1864. }

Respectfully returned to the Secretary of War, with the informa-

tion called for enclosed within. A large number of medical officers, (just one-half,) it will be perceived, are from the State in which their hospitals are situated. It may be proper to explain, that this feature prevails in the general hospitals in other States. For instance, in North Carolina, there are twenty-six medical officers on duty in the general hospitals, of whom eighteen are from North Carolina, three from Georgia, two from Virginia, and one each from Alabama, Louisiana and South Carolina. In the general hospitals in South Carolina, of the thirty-three medical officers, twenty-one are from South Carolina, four from Georgia, three from Florida, three from Virginia, one from Mississippi, and one from Texas.

S. P. MOORE, *Surgeon General.*

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REPORT OF THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE GENERAL HOSPITALS IN AND AROUND RICHMOND.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, }
 Richmond, Va., February 13, 1864. }

SIR: I respectfully forward the required report of the apportionment of the general hospitals in and around Richmond, (see enclosure No. 1.) It will be observed that it also contains the number of sick and wounded now in hospital from each State, and the capacity of the hospital or division assigned to the State. This apportionment is not constant, and has required and will require frequent changes: first, from the varying numbers in the hospitals, requiring permanent or temporary closure of some of the hospitals. By enclosure No. 2 it will be seen that on January 31, 1863, there were 5,925 in these hospitals; which, on February 28th, had diminished to 1,142; and by June 30th had increased to 16,502, to again gradually diminish to the present number, 2,900, of which 1,191 are Federal prisoners, the united capacity of the hospitals being 11,000. A second cause for change in apportionment is the movement of troops from or to the department. This is very sensible on every movement, as all the troops are divided into brigades (sometimes divisions) by States. As an example, on the transfer of General Longstreet's corps, all the Texas and Arkansas troops, most of the Georgia and some of the Alabama troops left the State, requiring the closure of the hospitals assigned to those States. Enclosure No. 3 reports the names of the surgeons and assistant surgeons appointed to the hospitals and divisions of hospitals at which they are on duty. Every care has been taken to provide separate hospital accommodation for the probable number of sick and wounded from each State. Some advantages have been secured thereby, but a considerable increase in the expense has been caused to the Confederate States.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM A. CARRINGTON,
Medical Director.

Surgeon General S. P. MOORE, *Richmond.*

*STATEMENT OF HOSPITALS in and around Richmond, with
the Medical Officers attached to each.*

HOSPITAL.	MEDICAL OFFICERS.		REMARKS.
	Rank.	Name.	State from wh'h app'd.
Chimborazo	Surgeon.	McCaw, J. B.	Virginia.
1st Division.....	"	Browne, P. F.	"
	As't Surgeon.	Baylor, J. C.	"
	"	Harrison, J. P.	"
	"	Watson, J. C.	"
	"	Minge, John	"
2d Division.....	Surgeon,	Habersham, S. E.	Georgia
	As't Surgeon,	Harrison, E. J.	Virginia.
	"	Vaiden, J. C.	"
	"	Gordon, E. W.	"
3d Division.....	Surgeon,	Smith, E. H.	"
	As't Surgeon.	Washington, W. A.	"
	"	Carlton, G. W.	Georgia.
	"	Eppes, E. C.	Virginia.
4th Division.....	Surgeon,	Davis, W. A.	"
	"	Craig, B. C.	Kentucky.
	As't Surgeon.	Chapman, W. D.	"
	"	Sturford, F. B.	"
	"	Wiley, J. B.	Virginia.
	"	Kloman, W. C.	Maryland.
5th Division.....	Surgeon.	Seabrook, E. M.	South Carolina.
	As't Surgeon.	Dunkley, C. L.	Virginia.
	"	Babcock, S. E.	South Carolina.
	"	Harper, R. M.	Virginia.
General Hospital No. 24..	Surgeon,	Manson, O. F.	North Carolina.
	As't Surgeon,	Sherrod, J. W.	"
	"	Bellinger, A. N.	South Carolina.
2d Divison, Jackson Hosp.	Surgeon,	Cabell, J. G.	Virginia.
	"	Hogh, W. D.	Georgia.
1st Division, Winder Hos	"	Lane, A. G.	Louisiana.
	"	Tucker, D. H.	Virginia.
	"	Dudley, J. G.	South Carolina.
	As't Surgeon.	Ghent, H. C.	Alabama.
	"	Murdock, R.	Maryland.
	"	Baden, J. A.	"
	"	Barron, W. R.	South Carolina.
	"	Meek, J. T.	"
1st Division, Jackson Hos.	Surgeon,	Weilford, J. S.	Virginia.
	As't Surgeon,	Thomley, James	"
1st Div'n, Howard's Grove.	Surgeon,	Temple, T. P.	Virginia.
	As't Surgeon,	Richardson, W. F.	"
2d Div'n, Howard's Grove.	Surgeon,	Palmer, T. N.	Florida.
Louisiana Hospital	Surgeon,	Nichols, W. C.	Louisiana.
3d Div'n, Jackson Hosp'l.	As't Surgeon,	Young, H. N.	"
	Surgeon,	Semmes, A. J.	Louisiana.

STATEMENT OF HOSPITALS—CONTINUED.

HOSPITAL.	MEDICAL OFFICERS.		REMARKS.
	Rank.	Name.	State from wh'h app'd.
3d Div'n, Jackson Hosp'l.	As't Surgeon.	Jenkins, S.	South Carolina.
	"	Wilson, J. S.	Georgia.
General Hospital No. 1....	Surgeon,	Gibson, C. B.	Virginia.
	As't Surgeon,	Carrington, G. W.	Virginia.
Robertson Hospital.....	"	Leffers, James	Florida.
	Surgeon,	Garnett, A. Y. P.	Virginia.
Receiving and Way Hosp.	"	Gravatt, J. J.	"
	"	Herndon, B. S.	"
General Hospital No. 13...	As't Surgeon.	Brock, C. W. P.	"
	"	Brock, J. B.	"
General Hospital No. 13...	"	Hoodnitt, W. H.	Georgia.
	Surgeon,	Barton, H. T.	Virginia.
General Hospital No. 13...	As't Surgeon,	Beel, M. T.	North Carolina.
	"	Upshur, T. H. W.	Virginia.
General Hospital No. 13...	"	Compton, S. G.	Louisiana.
	"	Smith, D. B.	Virginia.
Small-pox Hospital.....	"	Emory, R.	Maryland.
	Surgeon,	Witsell, C.	South Carolina.
Small-pox Hospital.....	As't Surgeon,	Bellinger, W.	"
	"	Babeock, W. H.	Florida.
Small-pox Hospital.....	"	Whistler, W. M.	Maryland.
	"	"	"
General Hospital No. 21...	Surgeon.	Wilkins, John	Maryland.
	"	Spence, W. A.	Virginia.
General Hospital No. 21...	"	Herndon, Jr., B. S.	"
	"	Baxter, O. F.	"
General Hospital No. 21...	"	Fry, F. F.	"
	"	Ellison, T.	"
General Hospital No. 21...	As't Surgeon,	Curtis, B. A.	"
	"	Saval, E. T.	Alabama.
General Hospital No. 21...	"	Simmons, S. B.	Georgia.
	"	Garnett, C. L.	Virginia.
General Hospital No. 21...	"	Dandridge, T. W.	Texas.
	"	Hopkins, H. St. G.	Virginia.
General Hospital No. 21...	"	Alsop, G. E.	"
	"	Glocker, T. W.	Maryland.
General Hospital No. 21...	"	Jones, L. J.	Virginia.
	"	Patterson, R. M.	South Carolina.
General Hospital No. 4 ...	Surgeon,	Read, J. B.	Georgia.
	As't Surgeon.	De Rossett, M. J.	North Carolina.
Awaiting orders.....	Surgeon,	Clarke, C. J.	Alabama.

APPORTIONMENT of the General Hospitals in and about Richmond for the separate accommodation of sick and wounded from different States.

STATE.	No. of sick and wounded in hospitals.	Hospital sent to.	Capacity.	REMARKS.
Maryland,.....	61	1st Div. Chimborazo.	600	In operation.
Virginia,.....	568	.....	600	" " "
Tennessee,.....	23	Four Divisions,	600	" " "
Kentucky,.....	1	Chimborazo.	600	" " "
Missouri,.....	.....	.....	600	" " "
North Carolina,....	421	No. 24,	100	In quarantine from Small-pox.
	.....	2d, 3d, 4th & 5th Div.	.....	.....
South Carolina,....	110	Winder,	Each 700, 2,800	Temp closed for rep's and rebuilding.
	160	1st Div. Jackson,	500	In operation.
Georgia,.....	.....	2d & 4th Div. Jackson	Each 500, 1,000	2d Div. in operation. 4th Div. temporarily closed.
Alabama,.....	103	1st Div. Winder,	700	Temporarily closed.
	.....	1st Div. Howard's	.....	.....
Mississippi,.....	71	Grove,	500	" "
	.....	Ward—2d Div. How-	.....	.....
Florida,.....	12	ard's Grove,	300	" "
	.....	Ward—2d Div. How-	.....	.....
Louisiana,.....	173	ard's Grove,	100	" "
	387	Louisiana,	200	In operation.
Texas,.....	.....	3d Div. Jackson,	700	" "
	.....	Ward—2d Div. How-	.....	.....
Arkansas,.....	3	ard's Grove,	50	Temporarily closed.
	.....	Ward—2d Div. How-	.....	.....
	.....	ard's Grove,	50	" "
Confederate or un-	46	No 4, General,	200	Officer's Hospital.
apportioned Gen-	7	No. 1, General,	325	Temporarily closed.
eral Hospitals,....	26	Robertson,	21	In operation.
	125	Receiving and way,	800	" "
	85	No. 13, General,	200	" "
	193	Small-pox,	360	" "
Federal prisoners,...	1,191	No. 21, General,	1 300	" "

NUMBERS remaining in Hospitals in Richmond, at the end of each month during the year 1863.

1863.	January.....	5,925
	February.....	1,142
	March.....	4,511
	April.....	9,429
	May.....	15,825
	June.....	16,502
	July.....	15,950
	August.....	11,167
	September.....	7,877
	October.....	8,408
	November.....	9,604
	December.....	8,495

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