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Correspondence

The Egyptian Campaigns, 1798-1807

To the Editors of The British Journal of Ophthalmology.

Sirs,—It occurred to me while reading the proofs of Dr. Meyerhof’s excellent paper, published in March, that it might interest our readers if I abstracted some of the information given, in Johnston’s Roll of Army Medical Service, about the various English surgeons who are mentioned. Arranged in alphabetical order are the results of my researches.

Dewar, Henry. Assistant Surgeon, 30 Foot, 8 Jan., 1801. Hospital mate in the same regiment previous to being commissioned. Resigned 30 July, 1803.


Notes

He was in medical charge at Martinique during the yellow fever epidemic of 1794-96, when it was estimated that 16,000 soldiers died. He was one of the few survivors of the wreck of the Athénienne in the Mediterranean in 1806. President, Board of Health, Malta, 1811-12. Superintendent General of Quarantine, 1826. Was at Gibraltar during the yellow fever epidemic of 1828. Chairman, Central Board of Health, cholera epidemic in England, 1832. Author of Observations upon Bulam Fever, 1816.

REID (or REED), HENRY. Surgeon, 89 Foot, 1 Jan., 1799: 2 Dragoons, 16 Jan., 1817: on half pay, 27 Feb., 1817: died on his way to Ireland, 12 May, 1817: Hospital Mate, 26 Dec., 1796: Surgeon, Midlothian Dragoons, 2 March, 1798: Elgin Fencibles, 21 July, 1798.


The name of Arthur Edmonston does not occur in Johnston's "Roll." I suppose that he did not take a commission in the regular army, but the Dr. Davis referred to by Max Meyerhof is THOMAS DAVIS, Assistant Surgeon, 26 Dragoons (afterwards 23 Dragoons), 25 June, 1801: Hospital Mate, 22 May, 1800: Resigned 1805.

Yours truly,

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NOTES

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It has occurred to us that authors of papers might like to buy the blocks of their illustrations at a reduced rate; and the management of the journal has decided that, for the future as soon as the type is distributed (that is, three months after the date of issue), authors shall be given the option of purchasing their blocks at a uniform rate of ten shillings per block, i.e., rather less than half the initial cost. We propose to issue a slip to be attached to the galley-proofs. Should any author wish to take advantage of the offer he will only have to fill in the slip and forward it, together with a cheque for the amount, to the Manager, British Journal of Ophthalmology, 24, Thayer Street, W.1.