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The following statement was issued by the
Government Information Bureau on behalf of
the Government.

In view of the speculation concerning the movement of troops
associated with the setting up of the five field hospitals in
the Border area:-

The only troops involved are those engaged, either in a
direct medical or supporting capacity, in setting up the
military hospitals.

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In response to newspaper enquiries as to the Government's views about the use of British troops in Derry, the Government Information Bureau on behalf of the Government, reiterated the view expressed by the Taoiseach last night that the use of British troops in the Six Counties was not acceptable.

This is one of the matters which the Minister for External Affairs, Dr. P.J.Hillery, who left Dublin this evening, proposes to raise in London.

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14th August, 1969.

The following statement was issued by the Government Information Bureau on behalf of the Government this afternoon.

Following the announcement made by the Taoiseach last night, the Fourth Hospital Company, Army Medical Corps, has set up five field hospitals in the Border area. Two are in County Donegal at Fort Dunree on Lough Swilly and at Rockhill House, Letterkenny, one in County Cavan at Cavan Military Barracks, one is at Castleblaney and one is in Dundalk.

The hospitals are intended for those injured in the disturbances in the Six Counties who do not wish to be treated there.

Col. T.F. Elliott, Director of the Army Medical Corps, was flown by helicopter to Letterkenny in the early hours of the morning to assist in the establishment of the hospitals.

Mobile patrols consisting of medical transport and medical and security personnel are operating on Border roads and are intended to provide transport to the hospitals for those requiring it.

The mobile hospitals are staffed by medical officers and medical orderlies of the Army Medical Corps and nursing sisters of the Army Nursing Service.

Communications, logistical and other support troops for the hospitals are being supplied by the appropriate Army units.

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