

This presentation examines the description by the military physician Dominique Jean Larrey (Fig. 1) appointed Chief Surgeon by Napoleon Bonaparte during his campaigns to the East. Larrey describes his experiences from the outbreak of ophthalmia, tries to cite the causes for the condition and also to prevent the contagion to the soldiers. Dominique Jean Larrey wrote a work titled: MEMOIRS OF MILITARY SURGERY AND CAMPAIGNS OF THE FRENCH ARMIES. In the chapter titled 'Campaigns in Egypt and Syria' a part with title: MEMOIR On the endemic Ophthalmia of Egypt' is included, which has detailed descriptions of signs and symptoms of the disease.