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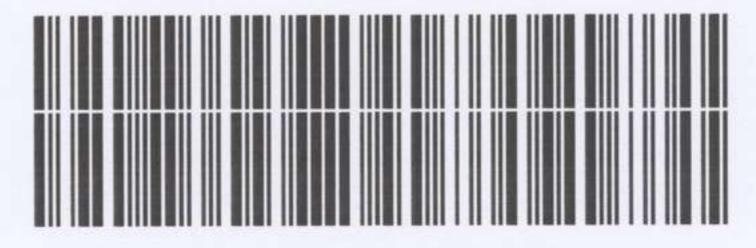
# Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries, 1914-18 War

New Zealand Units

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Title: New Zealand Mounted Field Ambulance

March 1916



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### WAR DIARY

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#### INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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N.Z. MTD FIELD AMBCE.

Place	Date Ho	our	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SEARPEUM	March 4th	the	The N.Z. Mtd Rifles Brigade received orders to proceed yo RAILHEAD FERRY POST and the take over sector held by the 2nd Australian Infahtry Brigade. Railhead lies about 8 miles due East of SUEZ CANAL with which communication is kept up by a light railway and in addition by a well med traffic road.	r
	5th 5th	wi tl	The Brigade left SERAPEUM at 12 noon; the M.F.A. remaining behind to await orders.  At 1400 a signal message was received from Brigade Headquarters for the Ambulance to join up h the Brigade as soon as possible. Heavy stores were loaded into two railway trucks and left ISMAILIA with a guard at 2000.	
	7th	The -ed	Transport section left for ISMAILIA at 0760 the ambulance personnel travelling thence by rail Unit re-united at FERRY POST where a halt was made for three hours. The transport then proce to RAILHEAD by road, the personnel by tarin.	ed
	Oth	and 20 from	A Field Hospital has been constructed of timber and matting and serves its purpose excellently is much cooler and more commodious than tents would be. The Hospital has accommodation for patients and comfortable beds have been made by placing stretchers on supports about 3 feet made ground. RAILHEAD is a good centre for this Ambulance as C.M.R. Hors are situated about iles to the right, A.M.R. Hors about 3 miles to the left while W.M.R. are in reserve at RAILHE tain Hercus of this Ambulance is acting as Brigade Sanitar, Officer and visits the outlying	
	17th 21st 23rd 30th	bei	The health of the Brigade continues to be satisfactory, the average daily number in Hospital ng 10 while the evacuations to L.ofC. Hospitals only total about 40% of this number. The Prince of Wales visited the Camp and Area defended by the Brigade.  General Birdwood visited the Hospital.  Received orders to proceed to SERAPEUM WEST with the Brigade on April 1st. The following is	
RAILHEAD	31st	7 t	ummary of the work done by this Hospital during the time we have been at RAILHEAD, that is from to 31st March  Number of cases admitted to N.F.A. Hospital 125  """ returned to duty 51  """ sent to Hospitals on L. of C. 74  Included in the evacuated cases were: 5 cases venereak disease, 3 cases appendicitis, and	
		Pre A Tr han	cases of fracture. sent strength of Unit is 5 Officers 69 other ranks (i.e. 1 Officer and 1 O.R. below War Estab .S.C. attached Officers O. Other ranks 50. ansport 6 light ambulance wagons short. Those previously in possession of the Unit were ded over to Ordnance Department at FERRY POST having been condemned assumserviceable. The following appointments and promotions affected the Unit during the month:-	
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	March		Lt Col Murray appointed to command No 2 N.Z. Field Ambulance (Dated 1.3.16).  3/153A Q.M.S. Mitchell M.F.A. appointed Quurtermaster No 2 Field Ambulance with the rank of Hon. Lieutenant (Dated 24.2.16)  3/115A Sergt Beauchamp H.R.H. to be quartermaster Sergt vice Q.M.S. Mitchell transferred to No 2  3/14A T/Sergt Hadler E.A. promoted Sergt. The following T/Cpls to be Cpls: 3/10lA Green F.A., 3/410 Hawke A.R., 3/125A Kerr R.A., 3/432  McNab L.M., 3/424 Miller C.L., 3/146A Parsons V.W., 3/95A Williams W.A.  3/108A Corp Cavell A.H.C. Promoted Sergt  3/154 Skinner C.H. Warrant Officer returned to New Zealand on duty.  3/115A Q.M.S. Beauchamp H.R.H. promoted to rank of Warrant Officer 1st Class confirmed by ADMS N  5/100 Driver White W.S. to be Sergt (confirmed by O.C. Divisional Train)  5/41 Sergt Major Durand V.D.G. rejoined Hqrs N.Z. Divisional Train.  5/100 Sergt White W.S. promoted to rank of Warrant Officer 2nd Class by O.C. Divisional Traim.  3/151A Sergt Burson C.H. promoted Q.M. Sergt.  5/66 Driver Bolton promoted L/Sergt by O.C. Divisional Train.	T.A
			Sgd C.T. Hand Newton Major	
			O.C. N.Z. Mtd Field Ambee.	
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