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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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N.Z. MTD FIELD AMBCE.

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SEARPEUM	1916.			
	March			
	4th		The N.Z. Mtd Rifles Brigade received ordxrs to proceed to RAILHEAD FERRY POST and to take over the sector held by the 2nd Australian Infantry Brigade. Railhead lies about 8 miles due East of the SUEZ CANAL with which communication is kept up by a light railway and in addition by a well formed traffic road.	
	5th		The Brigade left SERAPEUM at 12 noon; the M.F.A. remaining behind to await orders.	
	6th		At 1400 a signal message was received from Brigade Headquarters for the Ambulance to join up with the Brigade as soon as possible. Heavy stores were loaded into two railway trucks and left for ISMAILIA with a guard at 2000.	
	7th		Transport section left for ISMAILIA at 0700 the ambulance personnel travelling thence by rail. The Unit re-united at FERRY POST where a halt was made for three hours. The transport then proceeded to RAILHEAD by road, the personnel by train.	
	10th		A Field Hospital has been constructed of timber and matting and serves its purpose excellently and is much cooler and more commodious than tents would be. The Hospital has accommodation for 20 patients and comfortable beds have been made by placing stretchers on supports about 3 feet from the ground. RAILHEAD is a good centre for this Ambulance as C.M.R. Hqs are situated about 3 miles to the right, A.M.R. Hqs about 3 miles to the left while W.M.R. are in reserve at RAILHEAD Captain Hercus of this Ambulance is acting as Brigade Sanitary Officer and visits the outlying positions daily.	
	17th		The health of the Brigade continues to be satisfactory, the average daily number in Hospital being 10 while the evacuations to L.ofC. Hospitals only total about 40% of this number.	
	21st		The Prince of Wales visited the Camp and Area defended by the Brigade.	
	23rd		General Birdwood visited the Hospital.	
30th		Received orders to proceed to SERAPEUM WEST with the Brigade on April 1st. The following is a summary of the work done by this Hospital during the time we have been at RAILHEAD, that is from 7th to 31st March		
RAILHEAD	31st		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 venereal disease, 3 cases appendicitis, and 6 cases of fracture. Present strength of Unit is 5 Officers 69 other ranks (i.e. 1 Officer and 1 O.R. below War Establishment A.S.C. attached Officers 0. Other ranks 50. Transport 6 light ambulance wagons short. Those previously in possession of the Unit were handed over to Ordnance Department at FERRY POST having been condemned as unserviceable. The following appointments and promotions affected the Unit during the month:-	

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	1916 March 31st		<p>Lt Col Murray appointed to command No 2 N.Z. Field Ambulance (Dated 1.3.16).</p> <p>3/153A Q.M.S. Mitchell M.F.A. appointed Quartermaster No 2 Field Ambulance with the rank of Hon. Lieutenant (Dated 24.2.16)</p> <p>3/115A Sergt Beauchamp H.R.H. to be Quartermaster. Sergt vice Q.M.S. Mitchell transferred to No 2 F.A</p> <p>3/144A T/Sergt Hadler E.A. promoted Sergt.</p> <p>The following T/Cpls to be Cpls: 3/101A Green F.A., 3/410 Hawke A.R., 3/125A Kerr R.A., 3/432 McNab L.M., 3/424 Miller G.L., 3/146A Parsons V.W., 3/95A Williams W.A.</p> <p>3/108A Corp Cavell A.H.C. Promoted Sergt</p> <p>3/154 Skinner C.H. Warrant Officer returned to New Zealand on duty.</p> <p>3/115A Q.M.S. Beauchamp H.R.H. promoted to rank of Warrant Officer 1st Class confirmed by ADMS NZ Di</p> <p>5/100 Driver White W.S. to be Sergt (confirmed by O.C. Divisional Train)</p> <p>5/41 Sergt Major Durand V.D.G. rejoined Hqrs N.Z. Divisional Train.</p> <p>5/100 Sergt White W.S. promoted to rank of Warrant Officer 2nd Class by O.C. Divisional Train.</p> <p>3/151A Sergt Hurson C.H. promoted Q.M. Sergt.</p> <p>5/66 Driver Bolton promoted L/Sergt by O.C. Divisional Train.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sgd C.T. Hand Newton Major</p> <p style="text-align: right;">O.C. N.Z. Mtd Field Ambce.</p>	