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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. N.Z. MID. FIELD AMBULANCE

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1917			
MASSAID.	Jan			
"	1		Moved with NZMR Brigade to Kilo 139, and there bivouacked.	
"	4		Mobile Section returned with Brigade to MASSAID.	Medical Corp Order.
"	8	1200.	Mobile Section left MASSAID with the Brigade at 1200. With other Brigades intention was to attack the enemy positions at MAGRUNTEIN, SHOKH. EL. SUFI and RAFA at dawn on January 9 th .	25-
<u>On the March</u>	"	1515	Reached rendezvous at a spot about 2 miles E. of the WADY EL ARISH.	
	"	1630	Moved off in column of Ambulances I.E. all ambulances followed the Brigades and not each with its own Brigade.	
	"	2330.	Arrived at SHEIKH. ZOWAIDD.	
	9	0130	Left " " " " " "	
	"	0450	arrived point 250, and halted there till daylight.	RAFA. MAP
	"	0700.	Joined up with NZMR. Bde. which moved forward to point 350 on RAFA map - immediately N.E. of SHOKH. EL SUFI.	"
	"	1000	Dressing station opened at a point on RAFA map due S. of the i in SHOKH EL SUFI. ADMS + Brigade notified as to its position.	"
	"	1400.	Cases arrived slowly up till 1400 and then steadily increased in number. Wounded on arrival were treated, fed and in most cases given anti-tetanic serum.	"
	"	1400	First convoy of wounded despatched to SHEIKH. ZOWAIDD. - consisting of slightly wounded Cox and Trucks.	"

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SHOKH. EL. SUFI.	1917 Jan 9	1700	Received warning from ADMS, Angce Hta Division to be ready to move at short notice the Tent Division. Wounded were accordingly loaded on to camels as rapidly as possible, and equipment was partially loaded on to the baggage camels. Order sent to O.C. unit transport to evacuate all cases collected as rapidly as possible.	
"	"	1720	Received order from DHQ to withdraw as soon as possible. Order sent to O.C. unit transport to make send sand carts on the direction taken by NZMR (which was commencing to withdraw) and not to send any further cases to N.Z. dressing station which had received orders to close.	
"	"	1735	A Troop arrived from DHQ, the officer of which had instructions to act as messengers to the MFA. Order received from General ROYSTON to withdraw immediately.	
"	"	1800.	Left EL SUFI. and joined main body of troops now en route to SHEIKH ZOWAIDD.	
"	"	1810.	Reported to ADMS, Angce Hta Division.	
29.	2320.		Arrived at SHEIKH ZOWAIDD. Wounded transferred to 1st ALH. Dressing Station.	
			Summary of work of Bearer & Transport Division. -----	
9.	1000		Transport Division consisting of 5 sand carts and 4 pledges, together with the Bearer Division, moved off with the NZMR Brigade.	
	1030		Collecting Station established on road, near Blugide Hops and cases forwarded to Dressing Station.	

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In Action	1917 Jan 9.	1300	<p>Brigade advanced, and collecting station moved up to a spot immediately in rear of Brigade Hqrs. Communication kept up by means of Beards with Bde Hqrs. MFA and RMO's.</p> <p>Order received from O.C. MFA to hasten on collection of wounded as Division might soon be retiring.</p> <p>Later order directed Transport Division to follow the Brigade with the wounded in the carts and not to send latter to Dressing Station as latter had been ordered to close.</p> <p>1900. Collection of wounded continued under difficult conditions. At this hour 4 wounded belonging to the Canterbury Rifle Corps were discovered but no others could then be located.</p> <p>2100. Brigade Major, 3rd L. H. Bde assured O.C. Transport that all New Zealand casualties had been collected, and that the battle ground was clear.</p> <p>Carts continued collecting, however, and these cases were evacuated to the 3rd L H F Amb^{ce} dressing station.</p> <p>10 0130 Last N.Z. sand carts left for SHEIKH ZOWAIDY. which was received without incident.</p> <p>Summary of Wounded at RAFA. Action (many cases were collected and evacuated to another Ambulance. Several seen by an MFA other such cases not included)</p> <p>Officers 7. Other Ranks 60. Total 67. Proportion of serious cases recovered about the same as at MAGHADABA.</p>	

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SHEIKH ZOWAID	1917 Jan 10	0815	<p>MFA left for MASSAID. which was reached at 1600. As at Magdhaba the number of sandcarts was inadequate and provision for more lying down was made work of locomotion easier and more satisfactory in every way. The general equipment taken proved to be ample.</p>	
	12.		<p>Capt TROTTER appointed Temporary Major since Major HOLMES departed on duty to ENGLAND.</p>	
	13		<p>Major Trotter rejoined Ambulance 1 Sand Cart abandoned at MAGDHABA was today recovered.</p>	
	13-31		<p>Members of unit have been granted leave to Port Said, during the last fortnight - 10 percent going at one time.</p>	
	January		<p>Summary of work treated by N.Z. MFA <u>NOT</u> including wounded Admitted 105 Discharged to duty 46 Evacuated 59</p>	
			<p>C. T. Hanson Lt Col D.C. N.Z. MTD. FIELD AMBULANCE</p>	