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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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N.Z. Mtd Field Ambulance.

Place	Date 1917	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BELAH	April 1		Ambulance bivouacking with N.Z. M.R. Brigade at BELAH near the sea shore. Stores and equipment now replenished after the Gaza action.	
"	2		Bearer and Transport Divisions accompanied the brigade on outpost returning the following afternoon.	CTHTN.
"	8.		Brigade again on outpost duty. Ambulance, less Tent Division which remained at Belah, accompanied Brigade and returned to bivouack on April 9.	
"	15		Warrant officer BEAUCHAMP. HRH and Sergt CAVELL. A.H.C. having been nominated for commissions in the N.Z. Infantry Division departed for England.	
"	15	1830	The Mobile Section of the Ambulance complete moved off with the N.Z.M.R. Brigade which joined up with the other Brigades of the Anzac Mounted Division at 1900 near the Belah Lagoon.	
"	16	0530	Crossed the WADI GUZZE and shortly afterwards halted for 2 hours. The intention of the Division was to engage the enemy in the direction of HAREIRA and also to prevent reinforcements passing from BEERSHEBA to GAZA during the attack on the latter position by the Infantry.	Order No 72. Brig. General CHAYTOR. Order No 28. A.D.M.S. Cotton.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
action	1917 14	1800	The Division did not become engaged and at 1800 the Brigade marched to a brownish area on the West bank of the Wadi Kungze near SHEHAL	RAFA Map.
PI GOZZE	18	1000	Moved to Brigade to Point 420 GOZ EL BELIT but no action resulted.	
		1730	Ambulance moved to SHEHAL independently arriving there at 1930.	Map Beersheba.
		2330	Moved with Brigade and Datta at 0300 joined the Army the Amys MHA Division	
	19	0530	Proceeded to Point 280 on Wadi Fuleik below UM of M.H.R.Y.L. Reported to A.D.M.S. who ordered movement to be loosened to Tel el Jemari.	Map Gaza.
		0700	Brigade bombed by hostile aeroplane - 2 killed 4 wounded. Later it was evacuated by parachute to JEMMI	
		1100	W.M.R. went into action in attack on ATAWINEH. 25 aircraft I.C.A.S + 4 ground based sent with the regiment. Later in the day communication was rather difficult to the Regiment but was some distance from the rest of the Brigade.	
	6	1400	Remainder of Brigade went into action about 3 miles on the left of the W.M.R. Near and transport during	
		1630	Moved off with the Brigade less a mile or so west as the Army station which was established about 1/2 mile E. of Wadi Fuleik. First patients arrived at 1530. On how later patients ambulances were available and to avoid time transporting the patients in carts the D.S. was ordered to the W. bank of Wadi. Cars now arrived rapidly, were parked, protected against tanks, fuel and other supplies as available evacuated to Upper R. Bank at Tel el Jemari.	
		2215	All cars being evacuated collected the ambulance material and marched to Brigade brownish area about 1 1/2 miles W. of Tel el Jemari.	

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W-Z M H Field Ambulance

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IMLIEH	1917 April 19		Moved to the West Bank of the Wadi to avoid tiring transferring the wounded in sand carts. Wounded now arrived rapidly and being better treated fed and protected against Tetanus were evacuated by motor ambulance to Tel el JEMMI.	
JEMMI		2215	All wounded having been collected and evacuated the ambulance followed the Brigade to a bivouach area 1 1/2 miles W. of the Wadi GUZZE near Tel el Jemmi; arriving there at 0330.	Maps Refs GAZA.
HILL 410	20	1000.	Moved with Brigade to Hill 410 near Sheikh NURAN. Brigade on outpost duty.	
ABASIN	21	1615	Moved to ABASIN EL. KEBIR.	
Point 310	22	1430	Moved to a spot a little west of Point 310 near KARM el HISEIA. Sick evacuated to Point 430 on ABASIN - JEMMI Road.	Map Refs.
"	23		Atkes very oppressive. And sick rate rose rapidly.	"
"	24			"
"	25			"
"	26	1700	Moved to bivouach area 2 miles west of Point 310.	"
"	29		Moved to a point on the Sheikh NURAN - Tel el FARAH road about 1 mile west of the latter.	"

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April ELLAL	1917 May 17	1800	The Division did not become engaged and at 1800 the Brigade moved to a bivouac area near Shellal.	Map Rafa.
	"	18 1000	Moved with Brigade to Point 420 near GOZ-EL-GILEIB. but no action ensued & Brigade returned to Shellal.	Map BeerSheva
	"	1330	Moved off with Brigade to junction with the Anzac M.H. Division.	
	"	19 0300	Joined up with the Division	
	"	0530	Proceeded to Point 280 near Wadi IMLEIH below UM of UM RYL.	Map Gaza BeerSheva
	"	0700	Reported to ADMS who ordered wounded to be evacuated to TEL EL JEMMI	
	"	1100	Brigade bombed by hostile aeroplane. - 2 killed, 4 wounded. Latter were evacuated by Sandbags to Anzac Receiving Station at Tel El JEMMI.	
	"	1400	Wellington Mounted Rifles advanced to attack ATAWINEH. 2 tanks, 1 CAS & 1 armoured carriers detailed to accompany them. Throughout the day communication with and movement from the support force rather difficult as it was somewhat isolated from the rest of the Brigade.	
	"	1630	Remainder of Brigade went into action and were accompanied by the Beers and transport Divisions - less a small portion kept in reserve at the Dressing Station which was established about 1/2 mile West Wadi IMLEIH. First wounded arrived at 1530. An hour later motor ambulances being available the Dressing Station was	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FARA	1917 April 30	-	<p>During the heavy action on April 19. 5 officers and 78 other ranks wounded were treated at the Dressing Station and in addition 7 wounded men remained on duty with their units. 1 Ambulance bearer was wounded. During the month 121 sick were admitted to the Field Hospital of which 86 were evacuated and 32 returned to duty. <u>Water Supply for Troops.</u> With such frequent rains the efficient distribution and segregation of water area has proved exceedingly difficult and it was usually found advisable to double the N2AF personnel on duty. <u>General Health / Malaria.</u> Septic sore increasing in number and severity. Of infectious disease typhoid and dysentery conditions were prominent rather high a percentage but no other infectious diseases were diagnosed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>C. H. Manshewm Lt Col</i> <i>W. Z. N 2 AF Ambulance</i></p>	