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NZ MH Field Ambulance

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL FARA	1917 May 1		Mobile Section of Ambulance in bivouac with NZMR Brigade at a spot on the FARA - SHEIKH NURAN Road about 1 mile West of Fara.	Beersheba Map.
"	"	5:00	Bearer and Transport Section accompanied the Brigade on reconnaissance to IM. SIRI. No casualties.	CTHN
4.	"	"	Immobile Section of NZMFA at BELAH bombed by hostile aeroplane; Camels 1 patient killed, 3 Ambulance personnel wounded, and evacuated.	CTHN.
2.	"	"	Lieut ISDALE NZMC. posted to strength.	
3	"	"	Capt KINDER " evacuated sick.	
6	1930	"	NZMR Brigade with Bearer and Transport divisions of MFA left bivouac area with the intention of surrounding and capturing the Arabish garrison of el BUGGAR, KH KHASIF and IM SIRI. The positions were surrounded during the night but no enemy were found to be present.	CT Handwritten W.C.C.

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N-2 MFA Field Ambulance

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FARA	1917 May 7	0930	Brigade returned to bivouac area.	
"			Trooper CRAIG, Wellington Mtd Rifles transferred to the N.Z. Dental Corps with rank of Staff-Sergeant and posted to N2 MFA.	
9		1800	Mobile Section of the Ambulance bombed by hostile aeroplane. Casualties: - 1 N2MC private dangerously wounded (died of wounds 3 hours later) 5 horses killed and 6 wounded.	CTHN
10			Pte CRUM, N2MC. Buried at Military Cemetery, Deir el Belah.	
11			Bearer and Transport division accompanied the Brigade to KARM. A reconnaissance of the environs was carried out but there were no formations.	Map Beersheba
12			Capt DONALDSON, N.Z. Dental Corps reported for duty.	
14			N-2 MFA Immobile Section opened the Anzac Rest Camp at EL MARAKEB. Provision to be made for 100 convalescents.	CTHN

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Place	Date 1917 May	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ELFARA	22	1800	Mobile Section of the N2MFA complete moved out with the NZMR Brigade.	Medical Corps order No 31
		1900	Assembled with the other Brigades of the Anzac Mtd Division at a point West of the Wadi GHUZZE, one mile South of FARA.	CTM
		1915	The division moved off and marched to 750. - above a of ABU el RIGAL where DHQ were established. The NZMR took up a defensive position from GOZ. SHEIHILI (inclusive) to UM AJUA (exclusive) and the Brigade was accompanied by the Bearer and Transport Sections which were held in reserve near Brigade Hqs which were situated near the OLD WELL.	Map Beersheba
	23	0600	Communication was kept up throughout the day with the ADMS at DHQ. A dressing station was established about 400 yards west of the Wadi IMALAGA about 1/2 mile due N. of Point 770 (East of the A of SAND) & motor ambulances were posted as a reserve for the division with the dressing station.	" CTM
		0700	There were no casualties. And at 1830 the Brigade left for Fara.	" CTM
	23	1830	Mobile Section reached Beersheba area at Fara.	" CTM
		2400		

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N.2 MH Field Ambulance

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
.FARA	1917 May 25	May	<p>Mobile Section accompanied the Brigade to a new camping site near ABASAN.</p> <p><u>Health of the Brigade During May.</u></p> <p>The general health of the Brigade has somewhat deteriorated with the onset of the hotter weather. The Brigade has been for several weeks continuously on outpost duty, and the troops are tired. The evacuations per week have steadily risen and the last week produced 43 evacuations. The principal causes of the loss have been enteritis and T. muller's. The latter cases are almost invariably of an acute follicular variety, and respond well to treatment.</p> <p>Septic sore shows steady signs of lessening and cases that arise appear to respond more rapidly to treatment than formerly.</p>	<p>CTHh</p> <p>CTHh.</p> <p>C. Matthews Lt Col.</p>

