

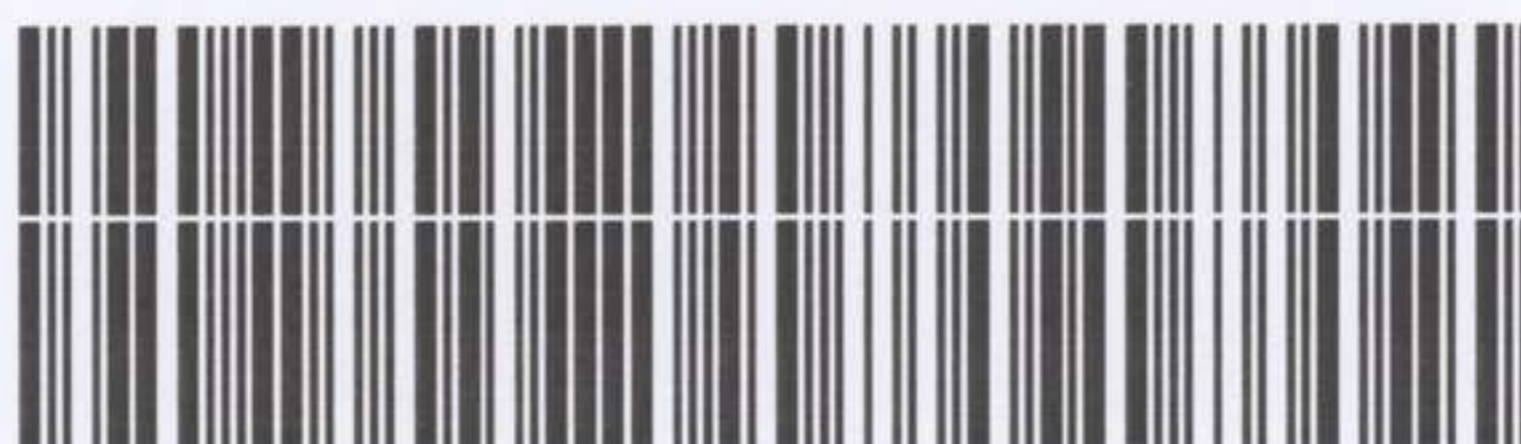
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| ABASAN.     | 1917<br>July 3 | 2345   | Mobile Section of Ambulance moved off with NZMR Brigade to junction with rest of Anzac Mtd Division and to take part in a reconnaissance in the direction of Beersheba.   | Maps.<br>RAFA<br>BEERSHEBA           |
| KHASIF      | "              | 4 0530 | Arrived at Kh. KHASIF. Dressing station established by Tent Section. Bearer and Transport Divisions accompanied Brigade about 3 miles further on. 3 wounded treated and evacuated by motor Ambulance to Anzac Receiving Station.  | CSTM.                                |
| "           | "              | 0830   | Left KHASIF.  |                                      |
| ABASAN.     | "              | 2300   | Arrived camp.   |                                      |
| "           | "              | 6      | Moved with Brigade to new camp site at Tel el FARA.   | NZMR order 26.                       |
| TELEL FARA. | 6 }<br>13 }    | -      | Brigade on patrol duty. Daily patrols were sent to Koy Mahruk, Kh. Kasif, Koy el Beral etc. And each day a small detachment was sent from the Ambulance [consisting of 1 squad Bearers and 1-2 sandcarts] and placed in a central position for the collection of possible casualties. | CSTM                                 |
| "           | "              | 8      | Reconnaissance by Anzac Mtd Division in the direction of Beersheba.   |                                      |
| "           | "              | 0500.  | Mobile Section complete moved off with NZMR Bde and marched to KARM. where a Divisional Dressing Station was established. Motor Ambulances arrived at 0930 and were parked near the Dressing Station.   | Medical Corps order No 32.<br>CSTM.  |

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| KARM  | July 8           | 1930  | Bearer and Transport Divisions accompanied the Brigade to neighbourhood of EL BOGGAR.                              | Map. FARA Beersheba.                 |
| 10    | 0230             | Returned with Brigade to Fara. 1 wounded man was evacuated. Mobile Section moved out in direction of KARM. Brigade had left 2 hours previously and surrounded KHASIF in an endeavour to capture British patrol who were supposed to water their horses at dawn in Khair - none captured. Returned to camp.  | CSTN   |                                      |
| FARA. | 13)<br>to<br>21) | 0700  | Brigade holding EL GHABI defences. The Auckland Mtd Rifles moved to EL GHABI but rest of Brigade remained at FARA. | CSTN                                 |
| 12    | 0905             | Brigade less Regiment went out in direction of KHASIF and was accompanied by Mobile Section of Avulance. No casualties.   | CSTN.  |                                      |
| 19.   | 1000             | Brigade ordered to proceed at once in direction of Beersheba, a report having been received that the enemy was evacuating it. Mobile Section Avulance complete moved with Brigade to GAMLI Wadi the Wady there and proceeded to a point about 1 Mile W. of KARM on contour 420. Patrol pushed on and it was soon manifest that Beersheba was strongly held. An artillery duel ensued and several bombs fell among the Brigade troops killing 2 men and wounding 18 others. One Avulance private was slightly wounded by a bomb which fell within 40 yards of the position. CTH and Newman Coloc | CSTN.  |                                      |

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| FARA  | 1917<br>July<br>21<br>28<br>29 |      | <p>yards of the parked sandcarts. The wounded were evacuated by sandcart to the Amzac Receiving Station at SHELLAL junction.</p> <p>Brigade in reserve.</p> <p>Small detachments of ambulance personnel &amp; transport sent to accompany troops on reconnaissance duties.</p> <p>Brigade reconnaissance in direction of GELEIB. 1 wounded.</p> <p><u>Health of the Brigade during July.</u></p> <p>Throughout the month the health of the troops has been fair though there has been a heavy incidence in the incidence of acute tonsillitis and more cases of dysentery than in June. 1 case of typhoid also occurred but these were the only infectious diseases diagnosed.</p> <p>Small parties have continually been sent on leave, to rest camps at Marehah &amp; El Arish and this has undoubtedly greatly helped to diminish the sick rate.</p> <p><u>Health of Ambulance Personnel</u> - good. No officers have arrived or been evacuated during July.</p> <p><u>Sanitation</u> - Satisfactory. All faeces are now being incinerated &amp; the method has proved entirely satisfactory.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C T H and Newman<br/>Lt Col.</p> | <p>CTH</p> <p>CTH</p> <p>CTH</p>     |

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