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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

N.Z. MTD FIELD AMBCE.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1915			
CHALK HILL	<del>28th</del> 29th	Aug.	<p>During the past week the work of the Unit has consisted almost entirely in treating cases of sickness, and only a few wounded have passed through the Ambulance. The capacity of the hospital has been increased from 35 to 50 patients, and as the Ambulance has been reduced by casualties and sickness to under the strength of a single section the work for the men has been heavy but has been consistently carried out with commendable thoroughness. The majority of the cases of sickness are enteritis many of which are undoubtedly cases of true dysentery. Treatment of these cases with emetin hypodermically has given very good results in many of the cases.</p> <p>On August 29th stores were received from this Unit from the Mounted Brigade and these were distributed equally among Officers and men.</p> <p>On September 3rd Capt H.L. Widdowson N.Z.M.C. was attached to this Ambulance and on Sept 4th he was detailed to act as M.O. to the Auckland Mtd Rifles vice Capt Jory N.Z.M.C. Evacuated sick. The present strength of the Ambulance consists of 3 Officers and 30 other ranks.</p>	
ANZAC.	to			
	4th	Sept	<p>Casualties during the week treated by this Unit have not been numerous, and most of the wounds have resulted from stray bullets. The number of sick treated has somewhat diminished probably because the N.Z. Mtd Rifles is very much below strength. At present there are 38 patients in the Hospital and the average daily number has been 35.</p> <p>5th. Captain B. Amires Chaplain to the N.Z.M.R. held a Church Service here this afternoon.</p> <p>6th. Captain C.E. Hercus and Capt J.C. Simpson both members of this Unit evacuated sick. Capt Trotter rejoined Unit.</p> <p>11th. Capt Trotter remains with the Unit but has been appointed Bde Sanitary Officer in addition. Strength of Unit now consists of 2 Officers and 26 other ranks. During the week 2 privates rejoined the Unit. These are the only ones who have returned after evacuation, since we left EGYPT on the 10th May 1915.</p>	
	5th			
	to			
	11th			
	Sept.			
	13th.		<p>Received instructions from the A.D.M.S. N.Z. &amp; A. Division to accompany the N.Z. Mtd Rifles Brigade to Rest Camp at Lemnos.</p>	
	14th.		<p>Relieved by B Section of 7th Australian Infantry Brigade Ambulance under Major Burston. Embarked on S.S. Osmanieh with all personnel and equipment.</p>	
	15th		<p>Arrived at LEMNOS at 11.30 am.</p>	
	18th		<p>Since arrival men have been occupied in disembarkation of stores, and in the construction of our Camp. Present strength 2 Officers 24 other ranks.</p>	
	Week ending		<p>During the past the principal duty of this Ambulance has been the re-inoculation of the N.Z. Mtd Rifles Bde with typhoid vaccine. This has now been completed for the first injection. The members of this Ambulance were re-inoculated at the same time. No reinforcements have yet arrived for this Unit and no men evacuated for sickness or wounds have returned this week. Two men were evacuated for sickness to No 3 Aust General Hospital. Strength 2 Officers 23 other ranks</p>	
	2nd			
	Oct.			

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During the past week the men have been occupied mainly with general fatigue duties.

The stores left at Mudros East in July have been collected and brought to this camp.

The general equipment of the ambulance has been overhauled.

Present strength of Unit

2 officers

25 other ranks.

1 officer and 1 other rank left on leave for Alexandria on 23/9/15.

C. T. Hand Newton

Major N.Z.M.C.

(temporarily) C.O. N.Z. M.R.F. Amb.