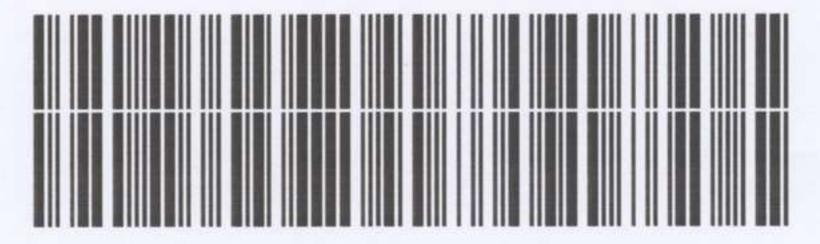
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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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N.Z.MTD FIELD AMBULANCE (Erase

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Place	Decembe	e Hour 1917	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	ls:	to	The N.Z.M.R.Brigade did not take part in any important operations, so that the work of the Ambulance was chiefly the routine care of the sick. The sick rate of the Brigade has been fairly high and so also the percentage of evacuations as 1 in the first place reserve space had to be kept in case of casualties, 11 in the latter part of the month owing to limited xxxx accommodation and severity of climatas conditions only the very lightest cases could be held. The prevailing deseases were-Enteritis, Tonsillitis, Pyrexia	
JAFFA	ls		cases and septic sores.  Lt/Col C.T.H.NEWTON departed for EGYPT to await embarkation for FRANCE. Major A.M.TROTTER  pemporarily in command. Evacuations to Anzac Receiving Station by motor ambulances. Road  beyond YASVR under shell fire, and traffic held up for a few hours. M.F.A. still in	
	4t)	1	building of Jewish College in JAFFA (Suburb of TEL ABIB)  Brigade repeived. I.C.C.Brigade in line YEHUDIEH to point 165 (Ref Palestine) 1"=  1 Mile Sheet X111) Tent subdivision remained in School buildings. Bearer and  transport division accompanied the Brigade and established near IBN IBRAK. Evacuations by  motor ambulance at SELMEH, and thence to tent subdivision. The only practicable road is  via SELMEH owing to winding and branching of NSHR EL BARIDEH. One light ambulance arrived  from BELAH to replace one sand cart. Found to be of very heavy draught of the soft ground	
	6t]	1	Cold and rainy. Tent sent out to Bearer and Transport Division, to shelter cases pending evacuation to tent subdivision.	
	7t)	n	Very cold and wet. Bearer and transport division in a sea of mud, and road impossible for motor transport. Sick from the trenches with temperatures of 96' Fah, frequently going up to 104' and 105' fter being put into dry blankets, no cases of pneumonia however. 22 cases were taken over from detachment of 2nd L.H.F.A. in adjacent building.	
	9t.		Still cold and rainy.  Brigade releived after dusk and marched (less one Regt) to bivouac area in KHURBET  SURAFEND. Bearer and transport division pejoined the tent subdivisionin JAFFA leaving  2 sand capts with each Regt. Patients remaining (23) handed over to 2nd Lowland F.A.	
KHURBET		0900		
			Signed Major M.TROOTER C.O.N.Z.M.F.A.	
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Moved with the Brigade (less two Regts) to bivouac area on edge of gand dunes couth	Place Decembe	r 1917	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to
(A7092). Wt W12839/M1293 75 ,0:0. 1/17. D. D. & L., Ltd. Forms/C.2118/14.	SURAFEND ESDUD  14th 14th 19th  25th 26th 28th 30th	to	Divn respectively, two sand carts with each. Near ESDUD & Road very soft after recent rains, and going very heavy for limbers, G.S.waggons and light ambulance waggons. Horses had to be borrowed to get the G.S.waggons through, they being fairly heavily loaded.  Three sand carts left for BEER SINEID to be handed in, two light ambulances to be drawn in place of them. Evacuations to Yeomanny Divisional Receiving Station at JULIS Immobile Section (B Subdivision) being brought up to Mobile establishment with medical, surgical, and despensary panniers and reserve dressings, medical comforts. Non-essintial material sent back to dump, at BELAH, while cook's gear and necessary medica and surgical equipment was brought up. A and B tent subdivisions then put on weekly roster of duty.  2 more light ambulances received from 2nd L.H.F.A.in exchangr for two sand carts. This now leaves 6 sand carts and 6 light ambulance waggons with the transport. Rainy spell on again. Road to TULIS was impossible for motor ambulances.  Christmas day. Cold, windy and rainy.  Weather clearing again. 2 G.S.waggons sent off to BELAH to bring up E.P.tents and tent linings etc, for heepital use. Single lined tents do not keep the rain out. Motor ambulances sent to workshop at JUNCTION STATION for inspection and probable replacement.  Dieinfection of Brigade by Disinfection Train at ESDUD railway Station.  B tent subdivision moved to near ESDUD village and established Anzac Receiving Station. Evacuations to MEJDIL by motor ambulance and empty trains.	