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H. 33 B.	1 <sup>st</sup>		Routine as usual.	RHW
	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Routine as usual.	RHW
	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Routine as usual.	RHW
	4 <sup>th</sup>		Capt. H. H. Gray proceeded on leave.	RHW
	5 <sup>th</sup>		Capt. J. S. Gow proceeded to Division for temporary duty.	RHW
			Owing to projected more hospital cases which were mostly Post. Influenza cases. There were sent to Deserpe Hospital for Station Post. Deserpe. Unit moved out at 1930 and was relieved by 1 <sup>st</sup> Light Horse Field Ambulance. We arrived at our new Camp H. 17A at 2130 and took over from 1 <sup>st</sup> Light Horse F. Amb.	RHW
H. 17A.	6 <sup>th</sup>		Morning spent in pitching camp - much attention to sanitation required. Very dry site. Camp 2 1/2 miles from water. No eat intense and altho there was humidity. Unit is evacuating for N.Z. M.R. By the bus	RHW
	7 <sup>th</sup>		C. M.R. 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Battalions of B. M.C.'s. Left Camp H. 17A and were odd units. Cases are brought into M.F. in night by Carab. Evacuations by Light Ambulance to Sutton's Springs then sent by motor ambulances which come patients to Angas Receiving Station. Heat being bad - Temp. 110° shade very dusty. Some horses had to main treatment on account of effects of heat. New G.S. Huges arrived from Luda. Evacuations for week 89.	RHW

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H. 17A.	8 <sup>th</sup>		Heat continues - atmosphere very humid. 2 men + teams marched out to bring new water cart from Ludd. Admissions 20 Evacuations 19. P.M.O. Malania 2.	Row
	9 <sup>th</sup>		Heat wave continues. Camel natives joined. Most sick. 19 natives 20 Camels. 15 lying Carrels 5 sitting. He put 7 lying Carrels to replace 7 sitting also 115 C.T. natives were replaced by 14 C.T. natives from Des cups Amb. Camels. Admissions 17 Evacuations 18. P.M.O. 2, Entente 2, Malania 1.	Row
	10 <sup>th</sup>		Lieut R. L. Christie took over Anti mosquito work and Brigade Sanitary. Admissions 15 Evacuations 2. P.M.O. 7. Jantra 2. Entente 2, S.C.T. 2, Malania 1.	Row
	11 <sup>th</sup>		Routine as usual. Admissions 14 Evacuations 13. P.M.O. 11.	Row
	12 <sup>th</sup>		Routine as usual. " 12 " 9.	Row
	13 <sup>th</sup>		2 Light Ambulances left for Jerusalem to be fitted up to carry + stretch cases. New water cart arrived from Ludd. Admissions 19. Evacuations 14. P.M.O. 4 Entente 2, Malania 2.	Row
	14 <sup>th</sup>		Routine as usual. Admissions 15 Evacuations 15. P.M.O. 7 Entente 2. Cases for sick mainly P.M.O. Malania 1, S.C.T. 1 Entente 1, Jantra.	Row
	15 <sup>th</sup>		Lieut R. L. Christie vacated P.M.O. Water cart on way from Ludd. Advance taken over by 1st N.Z. M.G.S. Capt R. H. has returned from leave. Admissions 11. Evacuations 9. P.M.O. Malania 5, S.C.T. 1 Entente 1.	Row
	16 <sup>th</sup>		1 of 1st N.Z. M.G.S. posted to strength. Admissions 9. Evacuations 11. P.M.O. Malania 4.	Row
	17 <sup>th</sup>		Lieut R. L. Christie returned from hospital (Amey Pains - Sticks). Admissions 11. Evacs. 11. P.M.O. 5. Malania 1. S.C.T. 2.	Row
	18 <sup>th</sup>		Wagon sent to form Dump which done and Unit made sufficiently near to main market place. 1st Welsh Ambulance 10th N.Z. M.G.S. detached rejoined unit. Admissions 14. Evacs 10. P.M.O. 6. Malania 1. S.C.T. 2. Various 5.	Row

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H. 17A.	19 <sup>th</sup>		<p>At 0100 Capt How moved out with Camels and Bearers to collect for B.N.I's. Stand to at 0400. P.M.O. Malania B.L.H.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Admissions</td> <td>N.Z.M.R.</td> <td>16</td> <td>Evacs</td> <td>N.Z.M.R.</td> <td>20</td> <td>14</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Various</td> <td>33.</td> <td></td> <td>Various</td> <td>"</td> <td>7</td> <td>1</td> <td>23.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Wounds mostly caused by shrapnel.</p>	Admissions	N.Z.M.R.	16	Evacs	N.Z.M.R.	20	14	-	-		Various	33.		Various	"	7	1	23.	RHW																																				
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N. 12A (Daniel map)	22 <sup>nd</sup>		<p>Unit arrived at N 12A. at 0500 off Ramiah Bridge-head. Formed Dressing Station at 7<sup>th</sup> mile. Sickness reported to this unit for 24 hours.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Admissions</td> <td>N.Z.M.R.</td> <td>12</td> <td>Evacs</td> <td>N.Z.M.R.</td> <td>2.</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Various</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> <td>Various</td> <td>31</td> <td>1</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>P.O.N (Turkish)</td> <td>7</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Evacs</td> <td>N.Z.M.R.</td> <td>12</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Various</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>P.O.N.</td> <td>31.</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Wounded collected by Camels &amp; Light Ambulance wagons. Turkish Hoop. Captured 123 sick &amp; wounded. for which arrangements made for rationing and evacuation. Evacuation had to be transported 8 miles over very rough roads to Khinbat Fusul where met by 2<sup>nd</sup> Ambulance.</p>	Admissions	N.Z.M.R.	12	Evacs	N.Z.M.R.	2.	1	-	-		Various	2		Various	31	1	-	-		P.O.N (Turkish)	7								Evacs	N.Z.M.R.	12								Various	2								P.O.N.	31.						RHW
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	23 <sup>rd</sup>		<p>base remaining over night 1 N.Z.M.R. 6 Various &amp; P.O.W. were evacuated early by the Ambulance. Orders to concentrate at Damieh Bridge. head at 0800. Capt Gray + Capt Ryan went with transport by Khurayja Bridge along the air to Salt Road via Shunt Nimin. Reunited, but sub. division + Camels left Damieh at 1145 for to S. Salt. going very rough and difficult over steep hills + rocky country. Arrived at S. Salt at 1400 and camped for night.</p>	RAW
	24 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Moved into S. Salt at 0830 and established hospital + admitted N.Z.M.R. 19 Sick } all P.W.O cases. also attended 57 P.O.W sick + wounded Dressing 2 Capt Sattor of Divisional Sanitary Section took over and Unit moved at 1200 and arrived at Suweikh at 1830 where camped for night.</p>	RAW
	25 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Formed a Dressing Station in a building at Suweikh and admitted 14 N.Z.M.R Sick. Unit moved at 0600 and formed Dressing Station 2 1/2 miles from Amman. Admissions N.Z.M.R Sick 6 1 Handled on P.O.W. died.</p>	RAW
	26 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Evacuation by camel and Light Ambulance to Suweikh. Patients collected by Camels. Transport arrived at 1600 also Capt Young + one Op 14200. Unit moved with Boyde to Camp site just outside Amman.</p>	RAW
	27 <sup>th</sup>		<p>Morning spent in collecting German and Turkish sick and admitting them to Turkish Hoosp. on Amman. Unit moved at 1400 to Camp near Amman Railway Station X 33 c. Sick Handled 4 of which remained on duty. Admissions N.Z.M.R 13 5 to 1st L.H. F.A. on Amman. Evacs 13 1 to 1st L.H. F.A. on Amman.</p>	RAW
X 33 c Amman compos map			<p>Arrangements made about treatment and evacuation of Turkish and German Sick + wounded in Hoosp. at Amman Station. In afternoon a party from this Unit collected and stored abandoned enemy Medical equipment. Admissions N.Z.M.R 24 Various 1 Evacuation N.Z.M.R. 23 Various.</p>	RAW htes

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X 330	28 <sup>th</sup>		Ordinary Camp Routine. Admissions N.Z. M.R. 30 Barrons 2. to vac. " 29 " 2.	Rel 5
	29 <sup>th</sup>		Brigade moved out at 1600 and arrived at Kising Station at 1900. Col. Walton and Hoop. Staff remained in camp to attend patients not yet evacuated on account of lack of rooms at Kising Station. Admissions N.Z. M.R. 29 Barrons 1. to vac. 30 " 1.	Rel 5
	30 <sup>th</sup>		At 0200 Major Trotter, Capt. Hay, Young and Ryan moved out with 5 Light Ambulances, Benews and some of tent sections to Kasht. Lt. Ross remained at Kising with Camels and one Light Ambulance and was rejoined by Hoop. Staff at 1200. Admissions N.Z. M.R. 22 Barrons 3. to vac. 18 " 3.	Rel 5
	1 <sup>st</sup>		Notes on Cavitation Sanitary routine as usual. Forces evacuated - Cavitation at Kasht. All well. Plus a little more to be done. On moving to the new site the most wasteful sanitary water was owing to change in sanitary effect of unsuitable. One man left by NMR at 1430 was left in a tent duty & utility shed. In new area no sanitation passes carried out.	Rel 5
	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Active operations	
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