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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Anzac Mounted Division. Army Veterinary Services	
Sheikh Zowaid	1st	2K	22nd Mtd Bde make a reconnaissance to RAFA.	
	2nd	9K	2nd A.L.H. Bde " " "	
	3rd	9K	N.Z. Mtd Bde. " " "	
	4th	9K	D.H.Q. moves from Sheikh Zowaid to the beach.	
	5th	9K	A.D.V.S. visits R.H.A. Batteries and finds them all fit.	
	6th	9K	A.D.V.S. visits 1st A.L.H. Bde at Bir-el-Abd. Horses of the Bde Headquarters, Machine gun Squadron & 3rd Regt refuse to drink the water at Abd and are suffering very badly from Debility. It is recommended that they be moved immediately. The 2nd & 1st Regts at Mazar and Bayoud respectively are in splendid condition.	
	7th	9K	Capt Spencer reports for duty with 3rd Training Regt at Moascar.	
	8th	9K	D.D.V.S. Col Todd D.S.O. Visits Sheikh Zowaid.	
	9th	9K	2nd A.L.H. Bde move to Abu Shunnar.	
	10th	9K	Major Robin For duty from hospital.	
Bir Abu Shunnar	11th	9K	Anzac mounted division Hdqtrs, NZ.M. Bde & 22nd Mtd Bde & R.H.A. Batteries move from Sheikh Zowaid to Bir Abu Shunnar. Good water available on beach.	
			N.Z. Mtd Bde make a reconnaissance to Khan Yunis.	
			Horses generally are showing the effects of long journies and report sent to A.A.&Q.M.G. that relief be given to the Brigades or a decrease be made in the number of reconnaissances.	
			Weather at the time being very windy and cold.	
	12th	9K	22nd Mtd Bde make reconnaissance to the Wadi Gnuzzi re water.	
			Desert Column Routine order published 11th March to the effect that all horses and mules to be shod throughout by the 21st inst.	
	13th	9K	5th A.L.H. Regt reconnaissance to Khan Yunis and Gaza.	
	14th	9K	Arrangements made by the D.D.V.S. for evacuation of sick animals viz 15 railway trucks every Saturday at El Arish to be distributed as required by notice on Thursdays.	
	15th	9K	22nd Mtd Bde makes a reconnaissance and have four horses die on journey.	
	16th	9K	A.D.V.S. inspects R.H.A. Batteries. Ration raised from 12lbs corn & 12lbs Hay to 14lbs Corn and 14lbs Hay.	
	17th	9K	2 Regts from 22nd Mtd Bde make a reconnaissance	
	18th	9K	N.Z. MTD BDE " " " "	
	19th	9K	Proposition for changes in transport recommended owing to the nature of the country being suitable for wheeled transport.	
			Mobile Vet Section have 1 wagon limbered & 4 draught horses & 3 camels.	

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	25th	JH	<p>D.H.Q. R.H.A. Batteries 2nd, 23rd & N.Z. Mtd Bdes move from Bir Abu Shunnar for operations around Gazan.</p> <p>3 days rations accompany the Division, Forage for 26th is drawn at Deir el Belah on return to Bivouac on 27th.</p> <p>Casualties for the period of operations were for the Division Killed 23, Wounded 30 Missing 3.</p> <p>Capr Percy A.V.C. B.V.O. 23rd Mtd Bde goes sick and is sent to hospital.</p> <p>For the operations half of each Mobile Veterinary Section with the O.C. accompanies each Edge, the remainder stay at Abu Shunnar and act as a receiving depot and evacuate animals to the 54th Mobile Vet Section which is now situated at Rafa for this purpose.</p> <p>Brigades in turn each day go out on out post duty.</p> <p>The horses generally have stood the work exceptionally well are losing condition owing to being on Mobile rations.</p> <p>Grazing facilities are availed of and has a beneficial effect on the animals generally</p> <p>Camels, except those used for water and hospitals, are taken from the Division and replaced by wheeled transport which is made up temporarily into a Divisional Train.</p> <p>Casualties for the month were. Evacuated 124 Died, Killed or Destroyed. 61</p>		
	26th	JH			
Deir el Belah	27th	JH			
	26th	JH			
	28th	JH			
	31st	JH			

*Mendall Major
A.D.V.S.*