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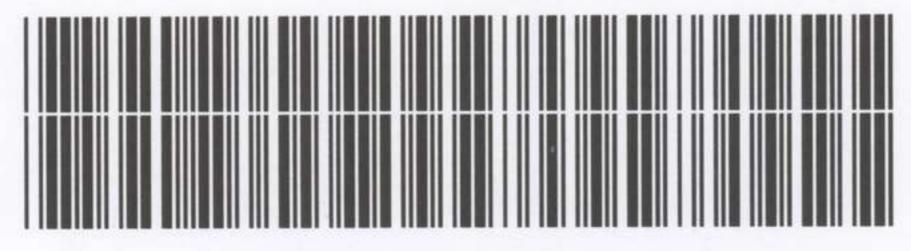
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BASAN EL EBIR.		3rd % 8th % 12th % 12th % 15th	18th R.H.A.Ammunition Sections are formed into a Divisional Ammunition Column. Capt E.N.WOOD. returns to duty with the 2nd A.L.H.Bde. Major A.H.ROBIN returns to the command of the 7th Mob Vet Section after being attached to the A.L.H.Bde vice Capt E.N.WOOD. D.D.V.S.& A.D.V.S. inspect the Mob Vet Sections at Malallah and arrange for evacuation of all unfit animals and for return of all fit animals to their respective units. (All animals with the exception of 15 are found fit for service out of a total of 221 in the sections J. 1st A.L.H.Bde receive 1,1b sucraphaille extra forage ration. A.D.V.S. inspected New Zealand Bde horses. They are retaining their condition very well. The horses of the Inverness Battery R.H.A have improved greatly owing to better supplies of water and more care taken over them.	nd	

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	Oct	30th	A.D.V.S.inspected the horses of D.A.C. at Esani and found four or five horses totally knocked up.  IO camels were obtained to releave the loads and the column only proceeded to Khelassa on the 29th, and then on to Asluj on the 30th to where the animals had travelled very well. 50 camels releave the loads of four wagons which are left behind.  Capt J.PENROSE reports back to duty with 6th Mob Vet Section from Belbeis Vet Hospital.  Ist A.I.H. and New Zealand Mtd Bdes moved from Khalassa to Asluj. At Asluj the watering arrangements were very bad and difficult to remedy. 2nd A.L.H.Bde have 2 intervals of 40 hours without water for their horses and when water was developed the whole Division could only be watered once daily with difficulty as the wells had been destroyed. The horses were fortunately in good condition and although they were tucked up they retained their condition splendidly.  Full forage ration supplied up to this date when animals are placed on Mobile ration of 12 lbs grain. Horses of the 2nd A.L.H.Bde are on several occasions sent from Asluj to Khalassa to water.  They suffered greatly from lack of water and heavy recommaisance work but are still fit to carry on.  Division(complete) move from Asluj to Beersheba, hill 1180 and D.H.Q. leave about 1630 for Tel el Saba after it had been forced by lstA.L.H.and New Zealand Bdes.  Veterinary arrangements for the operations up to this stage were as follows.
			One N.C.O. and & four men from the 6th ,7th and 2nd N.Z.Mob veterinary Sections accompanied their respective Brigades with the B.V.Officer whilst another N.C.O 4 men from each section formed a casualty clearing station at Khalassa under Capt Crossley whilst the remaining portions of the Mob Vet Sections with their O.C.s. proceeded with the Brigades to Esani and remained there till later when Beersheba had fallen.  The distance travelled was so great that it was too far to send sick animals from Bdes back, so that after the Divisien had left Asluj no more Sick animals were sent back to the Sections and up to this time only IO had been sent.
			The exact number of animal casualties up to date unknown owing to operations continuing but were only slight in this Division.  [27]  [27]  [38]  [48]
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