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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Sheet 1

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ESANI	1-11-17	1800	Verbal order received from A.D.V.S. through D.A.R.S. Anzac Division - for M.V.S. to link up with Brigade at BEERSHEBA occupied this day	(Chk)
BEERSHEBA	2-11-17	0900	Left ESANI. Proceeded via route along Wady SABBA. Arrived at BEERSHEBA. Brigade moved out some miles. Instructions at D.H.Q. ANZACS to move to DESCORPS. M.V.S. area allotted 300 yards S & E of Stone wall. Encamped in this area overnight. Section collecting party with Brigade brought in 9 horse casualties.	(Chk)
	3-11-17		no horse casualties received. Some collections of horses & mules at wady Krongh. Could only get one drink for horses this day. 1 horse died (Colic)	(Chk)
	4-11-17		Advice received that all evacuation cases must proceed to SHELLAL by road. In view of being long distance to conduct cases, decided to hold all possible - having been advised of probable stay here over some days. 1 horse admitted. 2 discharged	(Chk)
	5-11-17		7 horses admitted. 1 discharged	(Chk)
	6-11-17		18 horses admitted. watering facilities better today. easy to get water for sick & injured animals twice	(Chk)
	7-11-17	0700	Heckle airplane dropped two bombs from great height. They landed well away off lines. No other troops camped within half mile radius. Inspected homes of A Sqdn of I.H.R. and 3 troops M.G.S. returned from TEL KHUWEILFE and admitted 20 with gunshot wounds. 2 scrubbers as fit horses discharged to this Squadron. Found homes of these troops looking very well. in spite of lack of both water & feed in liberal quantity	(Chk)
	8-11-17		30 animals sent by road to SHELLAL for evacuation to base. 2 admitted	(Chk)
	9-11-17		5 admitted 1 died (Colic)	(Chk)
	11-11-17		Order received from HQ Corps Admin Dept for M.V.S. to proceed following morning with Anzac Division to GAZA	(Chk)
ABU HARIERA	12-11-17	1000	Left BEERSHEBA along route of BEERSHEBA-GAZA road. Encamped here overnight. 13 animals received here from Brigade	(Chk)
GAZA	13-11-17	0700	Left ABU HARIERA. Arrived at bivouac site allotted (Palestine Map Sheet XIX Sq. U3). Met A.D.V.S. ANZACS and D.D.V.S. HQ Corps. Instructions received from A.D.V.S. to send party to collect horses at HUT. and to then proceed as soon as possible to MEJDEL	Appendix 1. (Chk)
MEJDEL	14-11-17	0630	Party left to go to HUT. Sent 18 animals with conducting party to Casualty Clearing Sta. BELAH.	(Chk)
		1200	Left GAZA and reached MEJDEL 1615. bivouacking near wells overnight.	(Chk)
	15-11-17		Got in touch with Brigade V.O. CAPT. ENWOOD who had collected a large party of horses on beach 3 miles N of MEJDEL. 92 animals admitted this evening from Brigade. A good percentage of these horses were "exhaustion" cases, being very much tucked up - owing to the continued stress of work on short rations & water. They had already had 3 or 4 days open. as the sections took them over and after consultation with B.V.O. it was decided to send as many of them as possible back to the Brigade the following day, poor though they looked.	(Chk)
	16-11-17		55 horses, including a good proportion of cases received the previous day were discharged to the Brigade for duty. 2 destroyed and 35 were sent on the road to BELAH for evacuation to the base. Supplies of kibbles were available in the village - in fact it is certain that many cases being held, would unquestionably have had to be evacuated. The horses received were all suffering manifestly from the continued lack of fresh food.	(Chk)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
METDEL	17.11.17		No fresh casualties received and fullest attention was given to cases held in hospital (CHK)	
	18.11.17		5 casualties admitted. Hospital treatment for cases held (CHK)	
	19.11.17		5 casualties admitted. Hospital treatment for cases held (CHK)	
	20.11.17		8 hours evacuated to Clearing Station BELAH. Treatment of cases continued 14 hours discharged to Brigade (CHK)	
	22.11.17		18 casualties admitted Treatment of cases. (CHK)	
	23.11.17		patients evacuated to Clearing Station BELAH. Orders received from A.D.V.S. for M.V.S. to form Brigade at LUDD (CHK)	Appendix 2
YEBNA	24.11.17	1000	Left METDEL - proceeding along TAFFA road - arriving at YEBNA in the afternoon. Commencing overnight (CHK)	
YAZUR	25.11.17	0700	Left YEBNA	
(Reference map PALESTINE Sheet 411 Sec 63360) Square 69		1145	Arrived at RAMLEH - halting for midday meal. Learn from Amjad Ali Bani here that 2nd LH Bde was near YAZUR. and that if section proceeded to LUDD no operations could be done there. After lunch moved along RAMLEH-TAFFA road to junction of this road with GAZA-TAFFA road. Got in touch with 2nd LH Bde and moved into a suitable bivouac area (CHK)	
	26.11.17		18 casualties admitted 20 hours discharged to Brigade. Reported arrival location to A.D.V.S. (CHK)	
	27.11.17		12 casualties admitted. Hospital treatment to cases held (CHK)	
	28.11.17		9 casualties admitted Hospital treatment to cases held (CHK)	
	29.11.17		10 casualties admitted Hospital treatment to cases held. One lumber load of timber collected from neighbouring road (CHK)	
	30.11.17		10 casualties admitted 3 discharged to Brigade (CHK)	
			18 cases sent along the road to Clearing Station GAZA. The difficulties of evacuating cases from this site were increased owing to the extremely long distance ambulances would have to travel: many cases which are "evacuation" cases must be held at the site for some days till they are fit to travel. This is a hindrance to "mobility"	
			For summary of work carried out by Section see ———	
			For summary of various units losses by evacuation is through of M.V.S. see ——— (CHK)	

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O. G. 7th. Mobile Vety. Sect. A.I.F.

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APPENDIX I

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Water is the great difficulty, it is also
difficult to arrange supplies for small parties so that
as soon as opportunity occurs the Sections will
be untroubled to join their brigades.

Sqd. J. Kendall Major
A.D.V.S.

Major Robins.

Please prepare to O.C. 6th & 7th Mobile

Tel. Section.

Sqd J.K.

APPENDIX I

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In the field.

13-11-17.

Instructions to O.C.s of Mobile Veterinary Sections of
Anglo Mounted Divisions

All will proceed to MEJDEL as speedily as possible
where brigades have left any of their knocked up
animals or sick (at the wells near the pumping
stations). Mejdal is situated about 10 miles from
Saga on the left side of the Saga-Loppa road.

Storage dumps at present 2 miles north-west of Saga
are pushing forward to TULIS tonight, so that
units may draw their rations from there (three
miles from Mejdal).

Major Robins will detail a reliable N.C.O and
one O.R. to proceed to HVI, where several hours of
second brigade are awaiting evacuation.

Evacuation centre is now at BELAH but will probably
be at CAZLA about the 17th inst.

Sections will remain at MEJDEL till otherwise ordered

They will also take any instructions through D.D.V.S.
because communications from Divisions is only by wireless
& D.R.L.S. to Descorps. so that it is impossible ^{for me} to issue
any orders direct

It is likely that an extensive advance will be made
so Sections must be prepared to move forward & be
prepared with supplies

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APPENDIX 2

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Major Robins.
S.V.O. M.V.S.



Please have these instructions
given out to O.C.'s of 6th N.2. M.V.S. and
get sections on the move as soon as
possible

Sgt. J. Kendall Major
A.D.V.S.

APPENDIX 2.

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Instruction for O.C.'s of Mobile Veterinary Sections
of Anzac Mounted Division

All sections are to join their respective brigades
immediately

6th M.V.S. To 1st A.L.H. Bde at ESDUD

7th M.V.S. To 2nd " " " LUDD

N.2. M.V.S. " N.2. Bde " JAFFA

O.C.'s will make necessary arrangements for
dewas supplies, supplies & forage for the journey
& notify their brigade so that further supplies
& forage may be directed also to that of the
brigade

All surplus animals to be evacuated.

O.C. 6th M.V.S. to supply a man to collect 1 sick
animal of 1st A.L.H. Bde & captured animal for
evacuation at A.P.M. Depots office at
KHURBET DEIRAN.

O.C.'s to notify A.D.V.S. of their arrival

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APPENDIX 4

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Summary of Total Losses through 7th M.V.S. for period 28-10-17 to 30-11-17

① Evacuated from 7th M.V.S. to Base Temporary Hospitals for treatment

5 th L.H. Regt	39	Notes Bty R.A.A.	8
6 th L.H. Regt	21	9 th L.H. Regt	1
7 th L.H. Regt	30	Liv. Amun Col. Amoyce	6
Machine Gun Sqdn	14	Liv. Train. 7 th Yes W.L. Sqdn	1
Adpts 2 nd L.H. Bgde	4	Captured pony	1
7 th M.V.S.	2		
Cyprus Bty R.A.A.	6	Total	<u>133</u>

② And in hospital at 7th M.V.S.

6 th L.H. Regt	3
Cyprus Bty R.A.A.	1
Total	<u>4</u>

③ Destroyed in hospital at 7th M.V.S.

5 th L.H. Regt	1	Adpts Amoyce Bn	1
7 th L.H. Regt	1	Food Sqdn Eng ^{rs} Amoyce	1
Cyprus Bty R.A.A.	1	1 st L.H. Bgde	1
		Total	<u>6</u>

2-12-17

Ch Robin Major R.A.A.C.
O.C. 7th M.V.S. Tel. Sect.