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**WAR DIARY**

OF

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8. Aust. Mobile Vety Section

FOR

Month of March 1919



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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tripoli	1 <sup>st</sup>		Orders received for this Unit to remain in present locality along with 3 <sup>rd</sup> A.M.G. Co., as the Transport "Elingar" cannot accommodate the whole Brigade.	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Arrangements made for rations to be drawn from 12 <sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Reg. camped in the same locality.	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>		Unit baggage and baggage guard recalled from the Embarkation sheds Tripoli.	
	4 <sup>th</sup>		The Section remains under direct orders from H. A. A. S. Bde H. A. and other Regiments embark on this date.	
	5 <sup>th</sup>		Rations drawn daily from 12 <sup>th</sup> A.M.G. Reg; parade states being supplied showing ration strength of Unit, 1 Officer + 13 (C.Rs)	
	6 <sup>th</sup>		Weather again very stormy. High winds with dust and sand make this camp site extremely disagreeable.	
	7 <sup>th</sup>		Received orders for the preparation of forms to hand over all equipment corresponding with Mobilisation Store Tables	
	8 <sup>th</sup>		Moved to fresh camping ground on beach, in order to co-operate with Div Train for Ration Supply.	
	9 <sup>th</sup>		Effective and ration strength of Unit as shown in weekly report, app I	App I
	10 <sup>th</sup>		The camp site here is mostly beach sand under foot and therefore not so dusty. Weather fine with slight breeze during the day.	
	11 <sup>th</sup>		Carried out work of preparing schedules to show unit equipment as per establishment, amount returned to D.A. & C. S. and deficiencies.	
	12 <sup>th</sup>		Weather fine, developing towards hazy conditions.	
	13 <sup>th</sup>		Carried out preparations for embarkation from Tripoli.	
	14 <sup>th</sup>		Unit personnel marched down to Tripoli and remained in Embarkation sheds overnight. Camp equipment stored in sheds.	
Moascar	15 <sup>th</sup>	0900	All Personnel and Equipment of this Section embarked on H.T. "Elingar" at Port Said and entrained for Moascar. Arrived there and became attached to 3 <sup>rd</sup> A.M.G. Co. for rations.	App II
	16 <sup>th</sup>		Attached 4 A.A.V.C. (C.Rs) from details of Unit in Moascar Camp. Total Ration strength 1 Off + 14 (C.Rs)	
	18 <sup>th</sup>		Received Unit baggage from Port Said, checked all camp equipment.	
	19 <sup>th</sup>		Detached 1 (C.R) for duty with A.D. & C.	
	21 <sup>st</sup>		Received authority for promotion of Dvt. Bateman to the rank of S/Corporal, to date from 1/2/19, with unconfirmed rank of Act. Sergeant for Educational Staff.	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Checked and arranged Veterinary Stores to be handed over. Sent in weekly Veterinary Services Report.	App III
	23 <sup>rd</sup>		Medical inspection of personnel for completion of Demobilisation Schedule re. Physical Disability.	
	24 <sup>th</sup>		Forwarded all Records of animals admitted and discharged since formation of this Section, to Records Office, Cairo.	
	25 <sup>th</sup>		Made arrangements to rejoin Bde at Zagazig.	
	27 <sup>th</sup>		Weekly Veterinary Services Report shows effective strength of Unit: 1 Off + 18 (C.Rs)	
	28 <sup>th</sup>		Ration strength 16 (C.Rs)	App IV
	29 <sup>th</sup>		Weather extremely hot during the day with cool breeze towards evening.	
	30 <sup>th</sup>		Drew 2 days mobile rations and completed arrangements for movement to rejoin Bde.	
	31 <sup>st</sup>	1100	Moved out to Zagazig. 2 C.Rs rejoined from hospital making ration strength of 1 Off + 18 (C.Rs)	

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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1	Vety Services Report, week ending	8-3-19
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App. II

8<sup>th</sup> A.M. V.S.

Vety Services Report

Week ending 15/3/19

Casualties	Nil
Admissions to Hospital	Nil
Dates of Rejoining	Nil
Promotions Transfers & Changes	Nil
Changes in Location	Embarked at Tripoli 15/3/19 Moved to Marseilles 16/3/19
Personnel on leave	Nil
Veterinary Equipment	Nil
Reinforcements Received	Nil
Reinforcements Required	15 (ORD)
Effective St. of Unit	Off Sgts Cpls Invs Pts 1 1 3 3 6
Detached	1 (Edu Staff)

15/3/19

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App. I

Vety Services Report

Week ending 8/3/19

Casualties	Nil
Admissions to Hospital	Nil
Dates of Rejoining	Nil
Promotions Transfers & Changes	Pte Magill, J.C. to be Thrives under A.I.F. Order 486 vice Mr Bateman & Edu. Staff.
Changes in Location	Nil
Personnel on leave	Nil
Veterinary Equipment	—
Reinforcements Received	Nil
Reinforcements Required	15 (ORD)
Effective St. of Unit	Off Sgts Cpls Invs Pts 1 1 3 3 6
Detached	1 (Edu Staff)

8/3/19

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App. IV

Vet. Services Report (Week ending 29-3-19)

Casualties	Nil
Admissions to Hospital	Nil
Dates of Rejoining	Nil
Promotions, Transfers & Changes	T/Cpl Raven G.W. Masys to be Corporal vice Cpl. Davidson, to date from 24/1/19
Reinforcements Received	Nil
Reinforcements Required	11 (O.R.s)
Personnel on leave	Nil

Veterinary Equipment	—				
Effective Strength of Unit	Off	Sgts	Cpl	Invrs	Pts
	1	1	3	3	9
Detached	1 (Edu Staff)				1 (D.H.A.)

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App. III

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Veterinary Services Report (Week ending 22-3-19)

Casualties	Nil
Admissions to Hospital	Nil
Dates of Rejoining	No 671 Pl. Foster J.G. } From 2008 Pl. Phillips T. } Details 1186 Pl. Smith A. } Moscar 1214 Pl. Bradley C.E. }

Transfers & Changes, Promotions, etc.	No 48 Dvc. Baleman to be T/Cpl, under AIF Order 11492
Change in location	Unit removed to Moscar Camp 15/3/19
Personnel on leave	Nil
Veterinary Equipment	—
Reinforcements Received	4 (O.R.s) as detailed above
Reinforcements Required	11 (O.R.s)
Effective St. of Unit	Off Sgts Cpls Invrs Pts
	1 1 3 3 8
Detached	1 (Edu Staff) 1 (D.H.A.)

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Mussent	April 1919				
	1		owing to quota for embarkation on the Elunga from Tripoli being cut down, this unit along with 3rd Coy must remain in present position and embark on a large ship. Arrangements made for Ration Supply to be drawn from 12 & 1/2 Reg.		
	2		Luggage and gear recalled from Tripoli embarkation sheds.		
	3		The 1st and 10th Coy with details of other Regiments embark at Tripoli. This unit remains under direct orders from Div HQ.		
	4		Rations drawn daily from 12 & 1/2 Reg. on parade. Active strength of unit 1 Officer & 13 O.Rs.		
	5		Weather again with storm. Blowing sand and dust makes this camp site very disagreeable.		
	6		Commenced preparation of forms for handing over of all stores corresponding to Mobilisation Table.		
	7		Moved to fresh camping grounds on beach further north in view to be in co-operation with Div Train of Ration Supply.		
	8		This area is mostly beach sands under foot and very dusty. Weather again with slight breeze.		
	9				
	10				
	11			Prepared schedule showing unit equipment as per establishment, amount returned to A.D.C. and deficient.	
	12			Copy sent to A.D.C. for reference.	
	13			Unit personnel marched up to the factory pier at Tripoli and remained overnight in embarkation shed. Luggage stored in shed.	
	14	0900		Embarked at Tripoli on the Elunga, strength of unit embarked 1 Officer & 13 O.Rs. Luggage carried on same transport.	
	15			Disembarked from the Elunga at Port Said. Embarked for Mersa Matruh camp and on arrival there became attached to 3rd Coy of Ration Supply.	
	16			Attached for a short time to details of unit in Mersa Matruh camp. Total ration strength 1 Officer & 17 O.Rs.	
	17			Remained with luggage from Port Said. Checked all camp equipment.	
	18			Detached 1 O.R. for duty with A.D.C.	
	19			Port Bateman promoted to Lt Col and Education Staff to date from 1/2/19 and carrying rank of Act. Sergeant.	
	20			Weather exceptionally fine with slight breeze.	
	21			Checked and arranged necessary stores to be handed over.	
	22			Medical inspections of Personnel for completion of Demobilisation Schedule re Physical Disabilities.	
	23			Unit Records of animals admitted and discharged sent for formation of mobile section sent to Records Office Cairo for storage.	
	24				
	25				
	26			Made arrangements to receive Rats at 2000.	
	27			Weekly Report shows effective strength of unit, 1 Off + 18 O.Rs., Ration Strength 16 O.Rs.	
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	29			Weather extremely hot during the day but cool towards evening.	
30					