

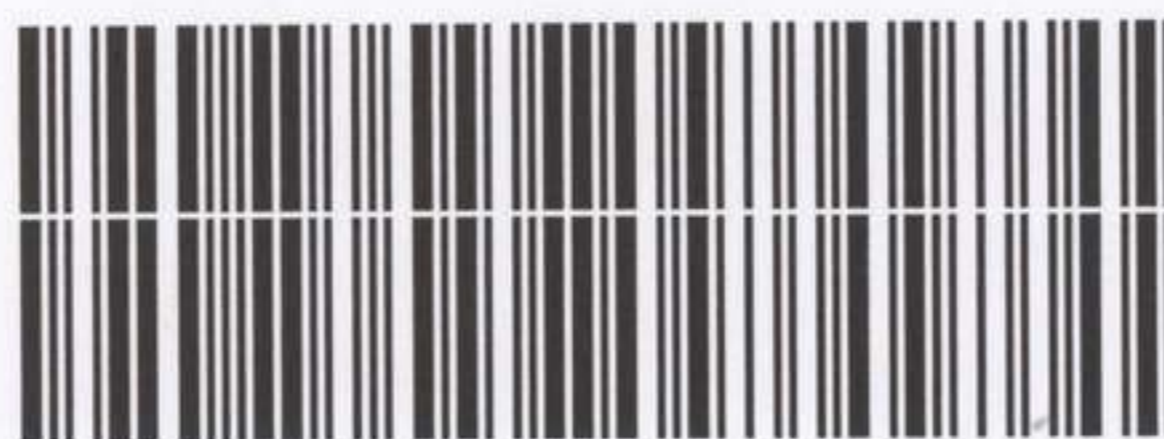
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| Jericho | June 1 | | Morning. Visited Dump. Division completed with Mosquito nets & 700 Lents. Dox respirators at the rate of 10% (650) demanded. | |
| | 2 | | Afternoon. Visited 3rd Brigade. Issue order for Small Box Respirators for the whole of the Division submitted. Two lorry loads of stores arrived from Jerusalem & were distributed the same day. | |
| | 3 | | Morning. Visited Dump and arranged that Dsh Train be equipped with Mosquito Nets. | |
| | 4 | | Afternoon. Wired Ludd about C.R.A. Ajdah Defence Camp Egypt. Three lorry loads of stores distributed. Issued 4 E.P. I.P. tents to D.A. Q. & again wired Ludd about Egypt for C.R.A. | |
| | 5 | | Visited 4th & 5th Brigades & instructed 18th Lancers to return surplus Binoculars in their possession. Official notification received that 4th Bde would move back on 9th inst. | |
| | 6 | | Visited Dump & instructed B.W. O. on 8th inst. Sixteen hundred fly killers issued to Division. Adto advise C.R.A. stores mentioned above left Ludd three days ago. | |
| | 7 | | L/Cpl Clark A.D.C. reported in exchange for Sgt Williams proceeding to 1st Division. Visited Dump in evening. | |

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| Jericho | June 8 | | Reported to A. D. O. S. the unsuitability of Lt/Cpl Clark as a substitute for Sgt Williams. Visited Hd Qrs 5 th Bde after 18 th Lancs, who were rather concerned about non arrival of stores. matter satisfactorily explained. | |
| | | | Office work in the afternoon | |
| | | 9 | A. D. O. S. sanctions establishment of Dump at Jerusalem during 3 rd & 4 th Bdes move to Solomon Pools. | |
| | | 10 | Visited Dump and arranged return of Surplus mosquito nets to Des Corps one lorry load of stores arrived, including three Forge Field for Field Squadron. R.O.O. Jerusalem commenced to move his dump to new site. | |
| | | 11 | Morning. office work. Afternoon visited 9 th Mobile Vet Sect. | |
| | | 12 | Visited Dump & arranged return of more surplus mosquito nets. Chief Clerk left for England on furlough. Three lorry loads of stores arrived from Jerusalem | |
| | | 13 | Six hundred wheels reported on the way to Jerusalem for Division. arranged exchange of 63 tents for 5 th Bde. | |
| | | 14 | Visited Dump. Sent six lorries of dump stores to Jerusalem. Instructed Reed 5 th Brigade to proceed to Jerusalem preparatory to Bde moving. office work in record heat temperature. | |
| | | 15 | 19 th Bde R & A reported that all transport recently lost in operation had been made good at Dudd with the exception of two Bodies G.F. 13 pr. G.H.Q. officially refuses relief for my chief clerk but instructs me to order Cpl Clark to report tomorrow. Have instructed him to report tomorrow. | |

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| Jericho | June 16 | | Lt Col Clarke reported to 1 st Division. Instructed Plt Wenden to take over Jericho Dump on June 21 st , when Col Allen goes to Jerusalem. | |
| | 17 | | Visited Divisional Train & Dump, arranged with Adjutant about moving my office from D. H. Q. to Jericho and Jerusalem to Solomon's Pool. 4 th Bde instructed to hand over Disbanc Mosquito nets to 2 nd Amiac Bde. Issued 2 EPSP tents to Receiving Station, who will look after them while the Division is resting. | |
| | 18 | | Drill Trainers for the whole of the Division arrive at Jerusalem, one lorry of Drill stacks from requisitioned for June 20 th for detail stores for Artillery. | |
| | 19 | | D.A.D.O.S. office moved by lorry from D.H.Q. to Jerusalem. One lorry of Drill stacks from Jerusalem to Jericho for Drill Artillery. | |
| Jerusalem | 20 | | Spent morning on my dump at Jerusalem. Arranged with D.A.D.O.S. to come as my chief clerk in turn. D.W.O. 3 rd Bde to report on Saturday 23 rd . In the afternoon moved to Divnl Hq. Qs at Bethlehem. | |
| Bethlehem | 21 | | D.A.D.O.S. office moved from Jerusalem to the French Convent Bethlehem. Visited 4 th Bde Hq. Qs to consult about shortage of Kets Mosquito which they had to hand over to 2 nd Bde; 919 were issued originally but only 463 could be produced. Plenty of wheels in Jerusalem for 4 th & 3 rd Bdes but difficulties in providing same for 5 th Bde to move from Jordan Valley. | |

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| Bethlehem | June 22 | | Rang up A.D.O.S. about putting in Bulk demands on Ludd who are closing down. No more indents to be put in on Ludd after July 2 nd | |
| | " 23 | | Rode to Jerusalem dump. Saw all my B.W.O.S., who report that transport is getting well fixed up with new wheels and repairs. Visited Visited J.O.M. who reports lots of wheels available. Indented for one Lorry for 19 th Bde RHA Jericho. Arranged for Lornies for stores to refilling point for 3 rd & 4 th Bdes. | |
| | " 24 | | Sgt Williams & Cpl Allen granted 2nd 3 rd rate Corps Pay from 2-4-18. Got bulk demands off to Ludd. In future all bulks go to Nantara. Office work. Not much going on. | |
| | " 25 | | W.O. of 3 rd Bde reported at Divl Hd Qrs to act as Chief Clerk for a period. I am having all my W.O.S. & their Sgt Clerks to D.H.Q. in turn for the purpose of giving them experience while Sub Cdr Newsham is away. Visited 3 rd Bde & issued them with two more E.P. J.P. Lents as area stores. Also received 4 E.P. Lents for 5 th Mounted Bde. | |
| | " 26 | | A D.O.S. returned from leave & called for number of wheels drawn by Division during last 3 weeks. J.O.M. has no wheels left, but they are all available at Ludd. Shortage causes great inconvenience. D.O.S. informs us that Bitouac Mosquito nets cost 11/6 each. | |
| | " 27 | | Visited dump, arranged wheels for 5 th Bde Transport officers. Had recommendation through for Cpl Pascoe to become Sgt Clerk in new Bde. | |
| | " 28 | | Went to Ludd with D.A.R.M.S. They are forwarding all wheels to Jerusalem as quickly as possible. Have no vehicles here at present, are extracting very largely to Nantara. 4 th Bde moved to Salaatt-ed-dum. | |

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| Bethlehem | June 29 30 | | <p>Large consignments of Water Buckets, Camp Kettles, & Sects 172 generally advised from Ludd. They have been vouchered off since June 27, had been hastened but delay was not explained. Wrote A.D.O.S. for permission for Hotts Sgt to drive 10 Fantases while water cart is under repair. Wheels coming along better, as 38 D.M.W. are getting about 25 a day, am fixing up the 19th Bde P.A.A.</p> <p>Visited 3rd Bde Units A.D.O.S. called for a return of all tents on charge of the Division including area tents to be shown separately. Difficulty in getting lorry for jericho for 19th Bde: stores included nets screening guns urgently required. A.D.V.S. puts in a complaint about knives flaying for skinning horses. Fortunately they are advised from Ludd.</p> | |

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