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2nd Field Squadron A.M.D

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	9.		OC met Bridge Detachment Lt Harper from 5th Troop at Bridge site also 200 Turkish Prisoners as fatigue party.	
	10.		Squad. Hdqrs. sent Detachment to repair damaged Bridge below D.HQ at hill on road to Damascus Town.	
	5-12		5th Troop had maintenance party on Damer Road repairing culverts + defects to Bridges.	
KESSTER	1-21		During this month 4th Troop remained with 4th Bde at KUNIEIRA + were employed running flour mill, ^(old Russian Prisoners 12-14 to H.P. engine) maintaining 13 gals water area. Lt Harrison with Detachment of Sappers remained at S ASA + rebuilt	
KUTIEFE			Bridge + repaired considerable length of road + culverts to assist supplies reaching Damascus.	
			also employed in collecting + destroying enemy mines + explosives around KUNIEIRA AREA.	
			Lt Harrison was evacuated to hospital on 18th. Considerable work put in watering large batches of	
HEST	1-21		Prisoners by this Troop + other Troops. 4th Troop moved to Damascus with Brigade on 26th.	
			3rd Troop carried out water duties for Brigade but were so reduced in strength owing to sickness that no	
			work was carried out + prisoners were employed to assist in watering horses + camp duties.	
HESSER			During this month the Squadron had 78 ORs evacuated through sickness (Influenza + malaria)	
HORNS.			+ during the month + 9 deaths took place.	
			Squad Hdqrs employed six German Prisoners to assist in lines + a temporary hospital was arranged in HQ	
			lines to nurse sick men as hospitals were full + attention paid.	
			Party of prisoners under supervision of Squad. erected barbed wire enclosure around Cemetery at MEZZE	
			Sign board erected here + about 100 identification boards prepared + written for registering graves.	
	15		Lt Scholes made survey of main road to Kanket reported defects to culverts re	
	16.		Lt Treket with prisoners + material travelled by Lorry + repaired culverts + road to Kanket	
			Culverts are bridged with large stone slabs throughout district require considerable labour to repair	

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DAMASCUS.	16.		Sergt. Jessop 5th Troop fired on in Gorge at dusk by sniper. Bullet penetrated horses neck + saddle + wallet.	
	23.		Took Municipal water Inspector round camp areas + arranged for increased water supply for troops	
	25		Put S.H.Q. in house for wet weather. Warned to be ready to move camp toward Aleppo at six hours notice	
	26.		Lt. H.V. Trickett ordered to report to a J.F. Headquarters to sign papers preparatory to returning to Australia this service	
	27.		No further required in A.G. Ordered to move camp on 27th. OC + Capt. Brisbane with NCO + 2 sappers left in advance of 5th Bde with one Squadron working party with orders to keep in advance of Bde + repair roads + culverts + bridges at river crossings or reported defective.	
KESSEIR (KUSSEIR)	28.		Moved to Kessier doing necessary repairs en route. Investigated water areas + sent report to Divisional HQ (Streams water) Ditch Hags + 3rd + 4th Brigades moved to Kessier. Party with working party in advance of 5th Brigade moved to Kutiefé. Arranged water areas + put in report for Divisional use following day. Area found water from	
KUTIEFÉ	29.		Spring through village. Large quantity of Tubbin discovered here. Ditch Hags + 3rd + 4th Brigades moved to Kutiefé. Advance party + 5th Bde moved to NEBK. Good water supply found from aqueduct from Hills. Horse troughs not required as water formed open stream N. of village	
NEBK	30.		Ditch Hags + Bde. moved to NEBK. Advance Party + 5th Bde moved to HASIE. A party of sappers left before dawn from 5th Troop to reconnoitre + develop water at AIN-ET-TINE under Lt. Harper. Water found a mile W. of main road but road was unsatisfactory + only part of Divisional Brigade watered here. Cisterns were found at frequent intervals along road full of good water. On arrival at Hesse (26 miles) it was found that the Intelligence reports were at fault + no water was obtainable there excepting one cistern of 4000 gallons.	
HESSE - HOMIS.			Parties were sent out + a well 240ft deep with native lifting gear located at Jadder (not on map) 4 miles water carts were sent forward + filled + after six hours rest the Brigade had to march by night for a further 26 miles into HOMIS. Capt Brisbane + 2 sappers were left at Hesse to push on at daylight making careful report of all water on road + adjoining villages. Ditch Troop + Brigades had difficulty in entering + followed to	
			Homs on 31-1st. Good river + spring water were located at Homs for whole Division + rapidly developed. 3rd + 4th Troops + S.H.Q. had difficulty with watering owing to contradictory orders + exceptional shortage of men. Attached is report from Troop Officer illustrating the difficulties + considerable amount of unnecessary labour involved. Sqdn Sery Troop Lt. Donald did say (3) excellent work on this trip with a very small working party.	

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at H.H. / Ditch Troop / 01.2nd Lt. Sery / Abut

Special Report.

on work of 4th Field Troop from
28/10/18 to 1/11/18 inclusive.

28/10/18. Arranged with Bde so as
to have gear (3 troughs) lifted
by time of moving - 1030.

Moved with Bde - Bde behind
mounted part of Bde & limbers
at head of transport.

Strength on marching out -
mounted portion 1 off, 13 of
32 horses.

With transport: - 11 of
wagon, 3 limbered wagons
24 animals (horses & mules).

Arrived at camp area
Khan Kusseir at dusk. Dapper
sent with advance party
had received no orders as
to erecting gear. No orders
as to watering (told by Asst.
staff capt. later that orders
had been sent round to
other units). About 1 hour
after arrival I went to
BHQ to arrange for next
day watering. Saw G.O.C.

~~Confidential~~

cc

2nd Field Squadron A.E.

Herewith a detailed report of
work done by this troop in the
move from Damascus to Homs.

The watering arrangements
were by no means good
owing chiefly to conflicting
orders, lack of orders, sites
chosen with no regard to
type of water gear & no
engineer having any voice in
the whole arrangement.

I forward this for your
information & in the interests
of the Field Squadron

2/11/18

G.W. Scholes Lieut
4th Field Troop
A.E.



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made for drinking water & the reservoir would not be required. Met ~~the~~ Asst Staff Capt, who with authority from Division ordered a reservoir to be erected & change of horse water area. The new area had narrow & muddy approach - ground very unsuitable for erecting troughs - water in stone channel [plentiful & good water] but below level of horse feet raised level as far as possible by damming stream. Channel about 50' long of which about 20' allowed space of only about 4' between it & a wall. This formed a dead end. Shown position in Khan to erect reservoir. Had entrance to Khan, small area inside, small supply stream. Khan already used by 13th Bde as watering area & by 4th Bde for issuing tibben so fairly congested. Chagned ~~the~~ site for reservoir selected by Division so as to allow more room to exit

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Bde who told me that no troughs or reservoirs would be needed at present camp site. Arranged to chlorinate water salts in morning. Personally told by G.O.C. to move ahead of Bde in morning & arrange water area at Kutufe.
29/10/18. Moved at 0730 [Bde moved 0900], arrived Kutufe at 1130. Reconnoitred village while waiting for transport. Had received no Divisional watering orders. Saw 3rd Bde had area in Khan. Rooms in square E of mosque for about 6 or 7 troughs so decided to put down 3 troughs & 1 reservoir. Tested water & found it exceptionally good. This ^{arrangement} would leave plenty of room for Win troops as entrance to square was good. As bushes were nearly up I went to Bde to inform them of what I had done. Saw G.O.C. who told me that arrangements had been

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orders earlier in the evening
to lift water gear.


31/10/18. Lifted gear & moved
at Obao to Kara. Limbers
being only 15 minutes ahead
of 3rd Bde were overtaken.
At Kara RA & OMO decided to
water in small fast flowing
aqueduct. 3rd Bde delayed
somewhat through the stream
being diverted. Do not know
who cut the stream off.
A corporal in the troop ordered
by a Divisional Major
(name unknown) to tell me
to move at ~~sooner as possible~~
to Hasi. Divisional troops
watering & stream blocked
by horses walking into it
& filling it with stones.
Ordered by ~~to~~ to develop
stream ~~who so~~ & remain
till 4th Bde finished watering.
This watering is done with
very little trouble. Follow
Bde to Hasi. Limbers on
ahead. Chlorinate water
Carts filled by bucket or
water cart pump from cistern.
Move behind Bde at 2330.

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to place reservoir on earth instead
of paving stones. 3rd Bde using
all flow from stream for
water carts. Pumping party
ordered to report ~~by~~ by Bde
did not do so. Reservoir not
used - carts filled direct &
chlorinated. No hours of
watering ~~at~~ allotted to troop.
Orders to move at 0500 next
day. - Lifted gear.

30/10/18. Moved at 0500. (Bde moved 0600)
to Nekk, arrived about 1230.
Received orders from Div &
got gear erected as soon as
transport arrived about 1400.
3 troughs & 1 reservoir: 5HA
erected 2 troughs & 1 reservoir.
When Div Train had watered
went to Bde (as no orders
had come to troop) to inquire
re ~~despatch~~ lifting gear.
Saw Bde Major who told me
not to lift till Staff Capt
sent word. About 2100
Orders arrived to move at
Obao to Kara. Lifted gear
in morning & moved.
Saw Staff Capt & was told
that Division had been

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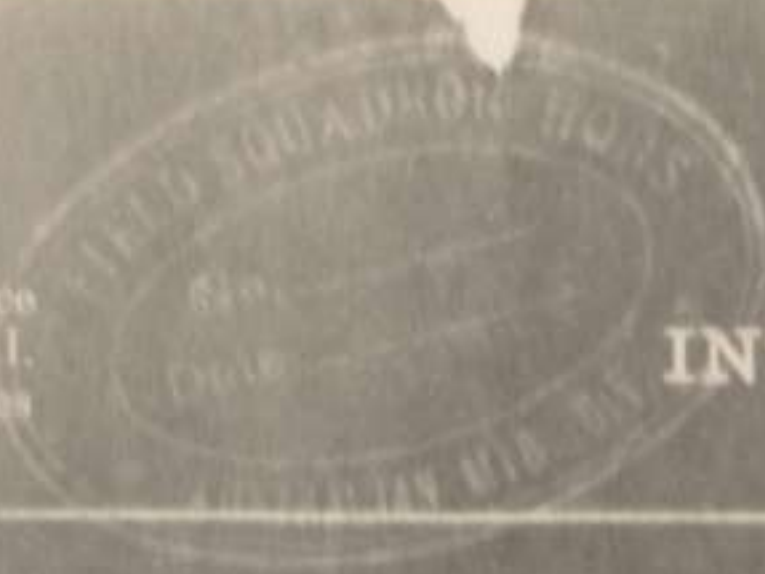


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1/11/18 Arrive camp area at Home
about 0900. Met by Assist
Staff Capt & shown ^{water} area
erect 4 troughs. Learn that
one divisional drinking water
area being formed so do
not erect reservoir near
horse water as arranged
with Pde. - Inform Pde
& send AMC orders to
arrange chlorinating.

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G.W. Scholes Lieut
4th Field Troop
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		2	All available men from above worked at Bridge site from 0500 with orders to obtain crossing by 11.00. Trees were felled + culvert formed to allow water to pass + the space filled in one culvert to road level (about 5ft x 30ft x 12ft filling). Cui Cross expected to cross here for official march through Damascus. Capt Brisbane + 10 Sappers attended to represent Field Squadron in official march through the city.	
		3	Spk 11 deposit 5th Troop moved to SALAHIE to Divisional Supply Area.	
		4	Bested Drinking + chase water gear for Divisional + Desert Corps Troops. Collected locomotive from KADAM STN + took same through Baramkie Stn toward DURBAR STN + endeavored to bring in 2 trains of stores previously captured. One Bridge was mined + mines were first removed but it was found that rails had been cut + had to abandon attempt.	
		5	Supplied Colage tools to assist in clearing dead bodies + horses along ponds + streams.	
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the reservoir would not be
required. Mr. [unclear]
Capt. who with authority
from Division ordered a
reservoir to be erected & change
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& muddy approach - ground
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selected by Division so as
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28/10/18
Pde who told me that two
troughs or reservoirs would
be needed at present camp
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water pots in morning.
Personally told by G.O. to
move ahead of Pde in morning
& arrange water area at
Kutufe.

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on work of 4th Field Troop from
28/10/18 to 1/11/18 inclusive

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Moved with Bde - Bde behind
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Appendix ^{ED/4}

cc
2nd Field Squadron HQ

Herewith a detailed report of
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G. W. Scholes
4th Field Troop
HQ



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30/10/18. Moved at 0500. (Pd moved 0600)
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11/18 Arrive camp area at Home
 about 0900. Met by Asst
 Staff Capt & show ^{water} area
 erect 4 troughs. Learn that
 one provision drinking water
 area being formed so do
 not erect reservoir near
 horse water as arranged
 with Pde - Inform Pae
 & send AMC orderlies to
 arrange chlorinating.

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