

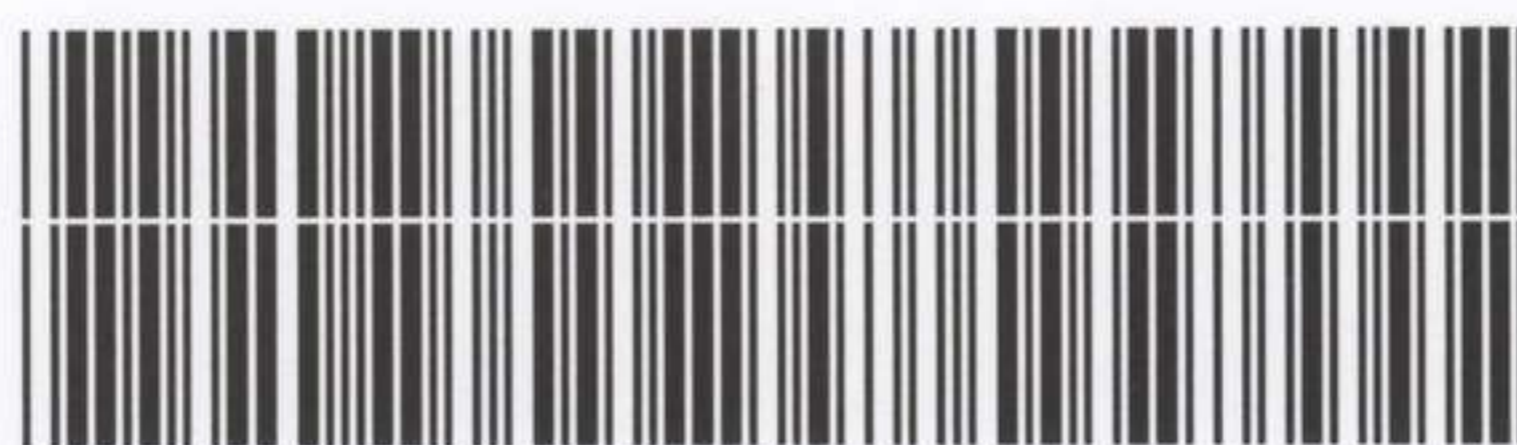
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	<u>June</u>			
Larkhill	23		34th Battalion (9th Inf Bde) - Lt Col. M. St J. Lamb Commanding, ex "Hororata", arrived at Larkhill at midnight, by rail from Plymouth, and occupied No 1 Camp.	
	<u>July</u>			
	9		Convoy consisting of 'Marathon', 'Argyleshire', 'Beltana' and 'Benalla', arrived at Plymouth. Troops entrained for Larkhill.	
	10		All troops which disembarked yesterday marched into Camp as follows:-	
			Ex ' <u>Marathon</u> ' Headquarters 9th Inf Bde. - Brig General A Jobson	) Approx Total
			33rd Battalion	)
			9th Field Ambulance	) 40 Officers
			Detail 9th Machine Gun Company	)
			1st Reinforcements 33rd Battalion	) 1190 O.R.
			Ex ' <u>Argyleshire</u> ' 7th Field Artillery	) Approx Total
			9th " "	) 44 Officers
			9th Field Ambulance	) 1570 O.R.
			Ex ' <u>Benalla</u> ' 35th Battalion,	) Approx total
			9th Field Ambulance	) 40 Officers
			1st Reinforcements 35th Battalion	) 1319 O.R.
			Ex ' <u>Beltana</u> ' 36th Battalion	) Approx Total
			14th Light Horse	)
			3rd H.Q. Inf Base Depot	) 40 Officers
			Details of 10th and 11th Field Ambulances	)
			1st Reinforcements 36th Battalion.	) 1271 O. R.
	11		9th Inf Bde. settling down in Camps 1, 2, 3 & 4, Artillery in 15, 16 & 17. Complaints made that	

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			Stores had been taken away from Battalions and sent to Ordnance Tidworth. Enquiries made but no transport available. Divisional Headquarters Staff not yet arrived.	
	12		Daily Progress Reports asked for with regard to inquiries made for missing stores.	
	14		Major Sir H.E. Dering (A.P.M.) assumed duty.	
	15		Major R.E. Jackson (D.A.A & Q.M.G.) assumed duty	
	17		Lt Col. G.H.N. Jackson D.S.O. (G.S.O.1) took up duties.	
	18		Lt Col. H.M. Farmer D.S.O. (A.A. & Q.M.G.), Major G.G.E. Wylly V.C. (G.S.O.2), Major G.F. Wooten (G.S.O.3), Major H.A. Woodruff (A.D.V.S.), and 2nd Lieut W Jack (D.A.D.O.S), took up respective duties. The 'ASCANIUS' berthed at Devonport, and first troops entrained for Amesbury at 5pm.	
	19		Following troops ex 'Ascanius' marched into Camp:- Headquarters 10th inf Bde (Brig.Gen. W.R. McNicoll) ) 39th Battalion ) 1st Reinforcements 10th Machine Gun Co ) 3rd Divisional Signal Co ) Detail of 10th Field Ambulance ) 1st Reinforcements 39th Battalion ) 14th Light Horse marched out of Camp for Mooltan Barracks, Tidworth. 'Demosthenes' arrived at Plymouth. Following troops ex 'Medic' marched into Camp:- ) 8th Field Artillery ) Detail 3rd Casualty Clearing Station ) 23rd Howitzer Brigade )	Approx Total 52 Officers & 1580 O. R.
	20		First 31 horses for Division received during week ended to-day.	
	21		Reinforcements 9th Inf. Bde. moved to Training Centre.	

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	July		Brig. General J Monash C.B., V.D. (Lieut E.L. Simonson (A.D.C.)) took over command of Division. Headquarters 11th inf Bde (Brig Gen C.D.W. Rankine) 41st Battalion and 1st Reinforcements marched into Camp. Other troops to arrive ex 'Demosthenes' were;- 3rd Sanitary Section, 11/15 Depot Units of Supply, 3rd Field Butchery, and 3rd Field Bakery - approx Total - 52 Officers and 1514 O.R.	
	22		Brig Gen. H.W. Grimwade (C.R.A.) and Major B.B. Crozier (Brigade Major R.A.) assumed their duties. Troops ex 'Suevic' marched into Camp as follows;- 44th Battalion, and 1st Reinforcements, 11th Field Company. Approx Total 37 Officers and 1415 O.R.	
	23		Troops ex 'Borda' via Egypt and France, marched into Camp as follows;- 42nd Battalion and 1st Reinforcements, 11th Machine Gun Coy, 2 Officers and 17 O.R. Third Casualty Clearing Station. Approx total 41 officers and 1257 O.R.	
	24		Troops ex 'Afric' via Marseilles arrived at Larkhill as follows;- 43rd Battalion and 1st Reinforcements ) One Company Divisional Train ) Approx total 42 Officers 3rd Div Supply Column ) and 1507 O.R. 1 Officer 11th Field Ambulance ) 1st Reinforcements 43rd Battalion marched out to Rolleston Training Area	
	25		'Persic' arrived at Devonport Three Government Motorcars with Drivers for use of Divisional Headquarters Staff received on loan from M.T. Bulford.	
	26		Troops ex 'Persic' marched into Camp as follows;- 3rd Divisional Train ) 3rd Motor Ambulance workshop ) Approx total 51 Officers 37th Battalion ) and 1367 O.R. 1 Officer 10th Field Ambulance ) Accident to Government Dept Motor Car attached to Division, and damage to premises in Salisbury - Court of Inquiry held.	
	27		3rd Pioneer Battalion (Lt. Col. R Law) disembarked from 'Wandilla' at Plymouth, entrained for Amesbury and marched into Camp 25. Equipment complete.	

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	July		Lt. Col. Spencer and Lt Wagner D.A.C. and 4 other ranks ex 'Wandilla' reported at Artillery Headquarters. Details of 10th and 11th Field Ambulances, Dental Detail, 1 Officer and 4 O.R. of the 37th Battalion left from 'Persic' at Capetown, and two Officers 3rd Casualty Clearing Station, also arrived by 'Wandilla' and reported. Approx Total 35 Officers and 1055 O.R. Difficulty in obtaining horses - total strength to-day 51. First Divisional Routine Order (printed) published.	
	29		Lieut A.C. Colman (A.D.C. & Camp Commandant) reported and took up his duties. Letter from D.A.D.R. Southern Command stating that no orders had been received from War Office to issue horses to the Division and that no further animals would be issued till authority had been received. G.O.C. wrote to A.I.F. Hqrs London requesting representations be made to War Office for authority for issue of horses at earliest possible moment.	
	31		A.A.S.C. sub-depots formed for issue of rations.	
	Aug.			
	1		First reinforcements of 41st 42nd and 44th Battalions marched out to Training Centre Rolleston. Lieut E.G. Blanchard reported and took up duties as Field Cashier to the Division.	
	2		Field Ambulances commenced to reorganise on a three Section basis (vide D.O. 5, para 32 of 1/8/16). Orders issued that vehicles and harness brought from Australia will be traced by Units and temporarily marked for identification. Progress reports in this matter called for. Considerable difficulty experienced not only in tracing the vehicles etc, but in obtaining necessary transport for removal when discovered. Routine Order 36, having reference to localities and special instructions for picquets in connection with the Larkhill Station issued. Nucleus Mounted Police arrived from Light Horse Details - patrols inaugurated. Town and Village picquets and traffic control posts formed.	
	3		Divisional shoemakers' Shop established under direction of D.A.D.O.S. 73 horses on strength of Division.	
	4		Battalion Guards discontinued and Brigade Guards substituted.	
	7		Capt. C.A. Pyke reported and took up duty as D.A.Q.M.G.	

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	Aug. 9		Mobile Veterinary Section arrived at Park House via Egypt and France, under Capt S.J. Gilbert Lt. Col. A.T. White reported at Larkhill as A.D.M.S. Orders issued for all horse transport vehicles belonging to the Division to be collected through O.C. A.A.S.C., by whom it was to be subsequently distributed to Units.										
	10		'Runic' arrived at Plymouth. Lt Col White (A.D.M.S.) and Major C.E. Wassell ( D.A.D.M.S.) took up their respective duties. Dental Dressing Station established in Hut 22 Camp 10. First light draught horses received during week ended to-day - Divisional strength in horses now 218.										
	11		Troops ex 'Runic' marched into Camp as follows:- <table style="margin-left: 40px; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">38th Battalion and 1st Reinforcements</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">)</td> <td>Approx Total</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10th Field Company</td> <td>)</td> <td>43 Officers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>10th Field Ambulance</td> <td>)</td> <td>1493 O. R.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Orders issued that hats are to be worn with brim turned down, - hat badge to be placed in front of hat immediately above the hat band.</p>	38th Battalion and 1st Reinforcements	)	Approx Total	10th Field Company	)	43 Officers	10th Field Ambulance	)	1493 O. R.	
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	12		Mobile Veterinary Section marched into Larkhill.										
	13		Capt. A Turner (19th London Regt) reported and took up duties as Riding Master.										
	15		Riding School for Officers (fortnight's duration) commenced. Tests made to see if wheels and poles of Commonwealth Waggon G.S. were interchangeable with Mark 10 Imperial. Report favorable.										
	16		Lt. Col. W.O. Mansbridge D.S.O. assumed command temporarily of the 11th Inf Bde. Arrangements completed by the Divisional Train for the shoeing of animals of the Division at No 9 Camp.										
	17		Remount Depot for Division established at the Stables of Divisional Train. Orders issued all animals for distribution to <del>be</del> be passed by A.D.V.S., and issued through Depot. Horses came in freely during week ended to-day including 127 from Shirehampton and 109 from Eastern Command and Abbotsfield Cross - Total strength now 492										

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	1916			
	Aug.			
	21		Battalion Transport School of Instruction, Riding Driving, commenced under direction of Capt Turner and Officer of A.A.S.C. For this purpose all Brigade Transport concentrated and a thorough course of training one Brigade at a time instituted. Special attention being paid to care of horses, fitting of harness, horsemanship and march discipline.	
	22		'Berrima' arrived at Devonport.	
	23		Troops ex 'Berrima' marched into Camp as follows:- 40th Battalion and 1st Reinforcements     )    Approx total Detail 11th Field Ambulance             ) - 32 Officers and 1119 O.R. Proceedings of Court of Inquiry into Motor Car accident (see July 26) approved by Southern Com and and necessary action taken.	
	24		Divisional Mounted Military Police brought up to establishment. Total Strength of horses 625.	
	25		Routine Orders contain instructions regarding Regimental Police Approval given by First A and N.Z. A.C. for appointment one Officer per Trench Mortar Battery supernumerary to Establishment. D.A.C. arrived and commenced training at Larkhill with limited equipment.	
	27		Excellent results reported from Transport School of Instruction which will be continued until all Brigade Transport Drivers have been through the course.	
	30		Decided to withdraw all rubberised equipment throughout the Division and to replace it with web equipment.	
	31		Copies of Battalion Standing Orders as specially prepared and printed, issued to Brigades etc. Horse strength of Division now 624.	
	Sept			
	2		Nominal Roll of W O 's, N.C.O's and Men taken on strength of Headquarters and attached there- to published in Routine Orders.	
	3		Passes for all Divisional Motor Vehicle Drivers available at A.P.M's Office.	

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	4		9th Field Company placed in isolation by order of the A.D.M.S. Lt Col. Cannon C.B. took over command 11th Inf Bde.								
	5		No Divisional orders published to-day								
	6		Notice given that establishment of Divisional Ambulance Workshop A.S.C. is abolished by G.R.O.No 1484/30/3/16.								
	7		Total strength of horses of Division 610.								
	8		Authority given for appointment of four extra subaltern officers to be engaged as Bombing Officer, Brigade or Brigade Intelligence Officer.								
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