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			<p>WAR DIARY FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 1917.</p> <p>"A" BRANCH.</p> <p>HEADQUARTERS,</p> <p>AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.</p> <p>-----OO-----</p>	

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	16.7.17.		<p><u>BASE HEADQUARTERS, EGYPT.</u></p> <p>(A.I.F. in Egypt Order No. 5, para. 5, dated 27. 9. 16 is cancelled).</p> <p>"In future the Anzac Mounted Divisional Base & Australian Headquarters, Egypt, will be known as <u>Australian Headquarters, Egypt.</u></p> <p><u>MOTOR CYCLISTS AND DESPATCH RIDERS.</u></p> <p>In future all motor cyclists will be enlisted as sappers and paid as such.</p> <p>An establishment for non-commissioned ranks as per table below, is now approved, and will come into operation forthwith.</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border: none;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Sgts.</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Cpls.</th> <th style="text-align: center;">2nd.Cpls.</th> <th style="text-align: center;">L/Cpls.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Divisional Sig. Sqdn.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1 <i>o</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Divisional Sig. Troop</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1 <i>o</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> <td style="text-align: center;">-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Divisional Sig. Coy.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2 <i>o</i></td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">2</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>o</i> Includes 1 Artificer Corporal.</p> <p>Where despatch riders are now borne on the strength of Units as N.C.Os. less in excess of these establishments they will continue so to be borne and paid until absorbed. Casualties will, however, be replaced by sappers.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Authority A.A.G.A.I.F. 21/114 of 2.5.17).</p> <p><u>ROYAL AUSTRALIAN NAVAL BRIDGING TRAIN-DISBANDMENT OF.</u> The Royal Australian Naval Bridging Train has been disbanded, as from 31st. March, 1917.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Auth: A.A.G., A.I.F. 25/86 of 19.5.17). A.I.F. Order 670. 1.6.17.</p>		Sgts.	Cpls.	2nd.Cpls.	L/Cpls.	Divisional Sig. Sqdn.	1	1 <i>o</i>	1	2	Divisional Sig. Troop	-	1 <i>o</i>	-	-	Divisional Sig. Coy.	1	2 <i>o</i>	1	2	
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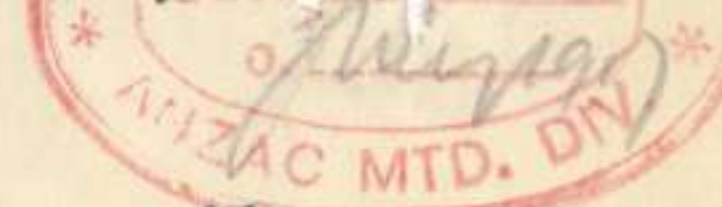
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	16. 7. 17		<p data-bbox="373 592 541 797">MAB</p> <p data-bbox="635 459 2777 538">The following Special Order issued by General Sir A.J.MURRAY, G.C.M.G., K.C.B., C.V.O., D.S.O., Commander-in-Chief, Egyptian Expeditionary Force, is re-published for information:-</p> <p data-bbox="620 572 2850 842">"On handing over my command to General Sir Edmund Allenby I wish to express to all ranks of the Staff, Departments, and all troops in the Field and in Garrison my deep gratitude for the loyal service they have rendered during the eighteen months we have been engaged in expelling the Turks from Sinai and the Senussi from Egypt's Western Provinces.</p> <p data-bbox="620 876 2825 995">"It is a record that we may well be proud of, and it has been carried out under conditions of great hardship, owing to heat and water difficulties."</p> <p data-bbox="620 1029 2777 1149">"To the British, Australian, New Zealand, Indian, West Indian and Egyptian troops serving under my command I say good-bye and God-speed.</p> <p data-bbox="2091 1141 2777 1220">A.J.MURRAY; General, Commander-in-Chief" E.E.F. "</p> <p data-bbox="620 1288 1765 1327"><u>WAR ESTABLISHMENTS FOR UNITS OF MOUNTED DIVISIONS.</u></p> <p data-bbox="620 1367 2777 1558">As from the 12th. June 1917, the authorisation for the adoption of Part VII. Establishments for Mounted Units in the E.E.F., came into operation. The new establishments are set out in attached schedule (Appendix I.)</p>	

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	31. 7. 17		<p><u>CASUALTIES.</u> The following is a summary of the Casualties for the month of July:-</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-right: 10px;"><u>Killed.</u></td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Officers</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Nil.</td> <td style="padding-right: 10px;">Other Ranks</td> <td style="text-align: right;">6</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Wounded.</u></td> <td>"</td> <td>3</td> <td>" "</td> <td style="text-align: right;">33</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Missing.</u></td> <td>"</td> <td>Nil.</td> <td>" "</td> <td style="text-align: right;">Nil.</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Sick Admitted.</u></td> <td>"</td> <td>21</td> <td>" "</td> <td style="text-align: right;">916.</td> </tr> </table> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">The average daily evacuations sick was 21%</p>	<u>Killed.</u>	Officers	Nil.	Other Ranks	6	<u>Wounded.</u>	"	3	" "	33	<u>Missing.</u>	"	Nil.	" "	Nil.	<u>Sick Admitted.</u>	"	21	" "	916.	
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APPENDIX.

COPYG.H.Q., E.E.F.
12th. June, 1917.

G.S.550.

General Officer Commanding,
Eastern Force.

With reference to the establishments of Mounted units in the Egyptian Expeditionary Force and your O.G./12/3 dated 9/6/17, herewith is forwarded for your information a table which will be printed as soon as possible showing these establishments with the exception of the Horse Artillery, regarding which a further communication will be sent you with reference to your O.G.3/1 of 8th June.

Provisional Sanction is given for the adoption of these establishments. Copies of the establishments of the Field Squadron and Signal Squadron dated 5th June will be circulated as soon as the reorganisation of the Mounted troops into three divisions is notified in a Force Order.

(Sd). A. LYNDEN BELL, Major-General,
C.G.S., E. E. F.

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APPENDIX,

Forwarded herewith copy of G.H.Q.memo.G.S. 550 of 12th. June 1917, authorising the adoption of Part VII Establishments for Mounted Units in the E.E.F

All Units will therefore, henceforth, come under the establishments as set out therein.

With reference to the establishment of a Light Horse Regiment- Riding horses to be on the scale of 2 per officer- a recommendation has been made to G.H.Q. that this should read "on the scale of 3 per officer" as set out in Part VII establishment. No reply has been received to date.

W. H. Law

Major,
D.A.A.G.

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

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WAR ESTABLISHMENTS FOR
A MOUNTED DIVISION, EGYPT.

Provisional sanction is given for the adoption of the following War Establishments for units of Mounted Divisions, whether Imperial, Australian or New Zealand.

HEADQUARTERS OF A MOUNTED DIVISION.

War Establishments, Part VII, No. 351/2 as amended by No. 492 " with the following alterations:-

- 1 additional riding horse for officers of G.S., and 'A' and 'Q' branches, and for A's D.C.
- 1 D.A.Q.M.G., with 3 riding horses.
- Number of batmen to read "33".
- 7 riding horses to be substituted for 7 bicycles.
- 2 additional draught horses to be provided for the water cart, and 1 additional driver, A.S.C..

HEADQUARTERS OF A MOUNTED BRIGADE.

War Establishments, Part VII, No. 351/4, as amended by War Establishments, Part VII, No. 492 " with the following alterations:-

- 3 riding horses each for Brigade Major and Staff Captain.
- 8 riding horses in lieu of 8 bicycles.
- 1 additional horse for the supply officer.
- 2 riding horses for the Requisitioning Officer.
- 3 riding horses for the supply personnel.
- 2 additional draught horses and 1 driver A.S.C., for each of the limbered wagons.

REGIMENT (LIGHT HORSE, MOUNTED RIFLES or YEOMANRY)

War Establishments Part VII No.351/13 with the following alterations:-

- Riding horses to be on the scale of 2 per officer (Quarter-master excepted).
- 17 riding horses in lieu of 17 bicycles.
- 6 additional riding horses for batmen with headquarters.
- 1 wagon, limbered G.S., with 2 drivers and 4 draught horses in lieu of the Officers' Mess Cart.
- 2 extra draught horses for the Maltese Cart.
- 2 extra draught horses for the water cart.
- Any extra drivers required to be found from the fighting ranks.

As regards Yeomanry Regiments, the increase of establishment (40 other ranks) involved by the adoption of W.E.Part VII will not come into force pending further instructions.

MACHINE GUN SQUADRON.

War Establishments Part VII No. 351/78 as amended by No. 492 " with the addition of 1 Transport Sergeant and 1 riding horse (Authority War Office letter 20/M.G.C./64/S.D.2 of 26/2/17).

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" These amendments were reproduced in General Routine Orders 2479 of 16/5/17 and 2510 of 28/5/17.

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SIGNAL TROOP WITH A MOUNTED BRIGADE.

Provisional Establishment "Signal Troop with a Mounted Brigade, EGYPT" dated G.H.Q., May 1917. Where the personnel of these units is not R.E. personnel for "Sappers & Pioneers" read "Privates."

FIELD SQUADRON.

Provisional Establishment for a "Field Squadron, Mounted Division, EGYPT" dated G.H.Q. 5th. June 1917.

SIGNAL SQUADRON.

Provisional Establishment for a "Signal Squadron, Mounted Division, EGYPT," dated G.H.Q., 5th. June 1917.

(This is identical with that dated G.H.Q., March 1917 for the Signal Squadron, Imperial Mounted Division).

HEADQUARTERS, R.S., DIVISIONAL A.S.C.

War Establishments, Part VII, No. 351/10 with the following alterations:-

7 riding horses in lieu of 7 bicycles.
 xx 2 riding horses for the Senior Supply Officer.
 xx 1 extra riding horse for the Captain, Supply details.
 xx 2 riding horses for the requisitioning officer.
 1 G.S. Wagon with 4 draught horses, in lieu of Maltese Cart, to be driven by 2 of the Artificers.

xx in lieu of 2 Motor Cars.

FIELD AMBULANCE.

"Provisional Establishment with Camel Transport for a Light Horse or Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance", issued and distributed with G.R.O. 2687 of 14th. July 1917.

MOBILE VETERINARY SECTION.

War Establishments Part VII No. 351/135 with the following additions:-

2 drivers A.S.C.) for the wagons limbered G.S.
 4 draught horses)

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SANITARY SECTION.

War Establishments Part VII No 351/120 with the following additions:-

2 riding horses for Staff Sergeants.
9 (nine) riding horses for rank and file.
1 G.S. Wagon and 4 draught horses in lieu of 30-cwt lorry.
The 2 drivers A.S.C., to be Horse Transport.

N.B:- These establishments are to be regarded as provisional permanent establishments for the purposes of records, etc., modifications made by "Mobile Establishments with Camel Transport", will only be local and temporary.

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