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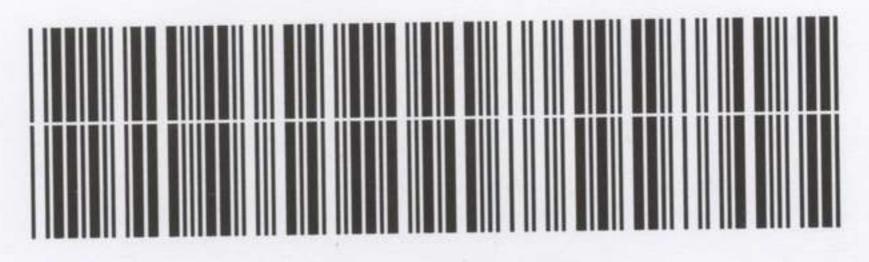
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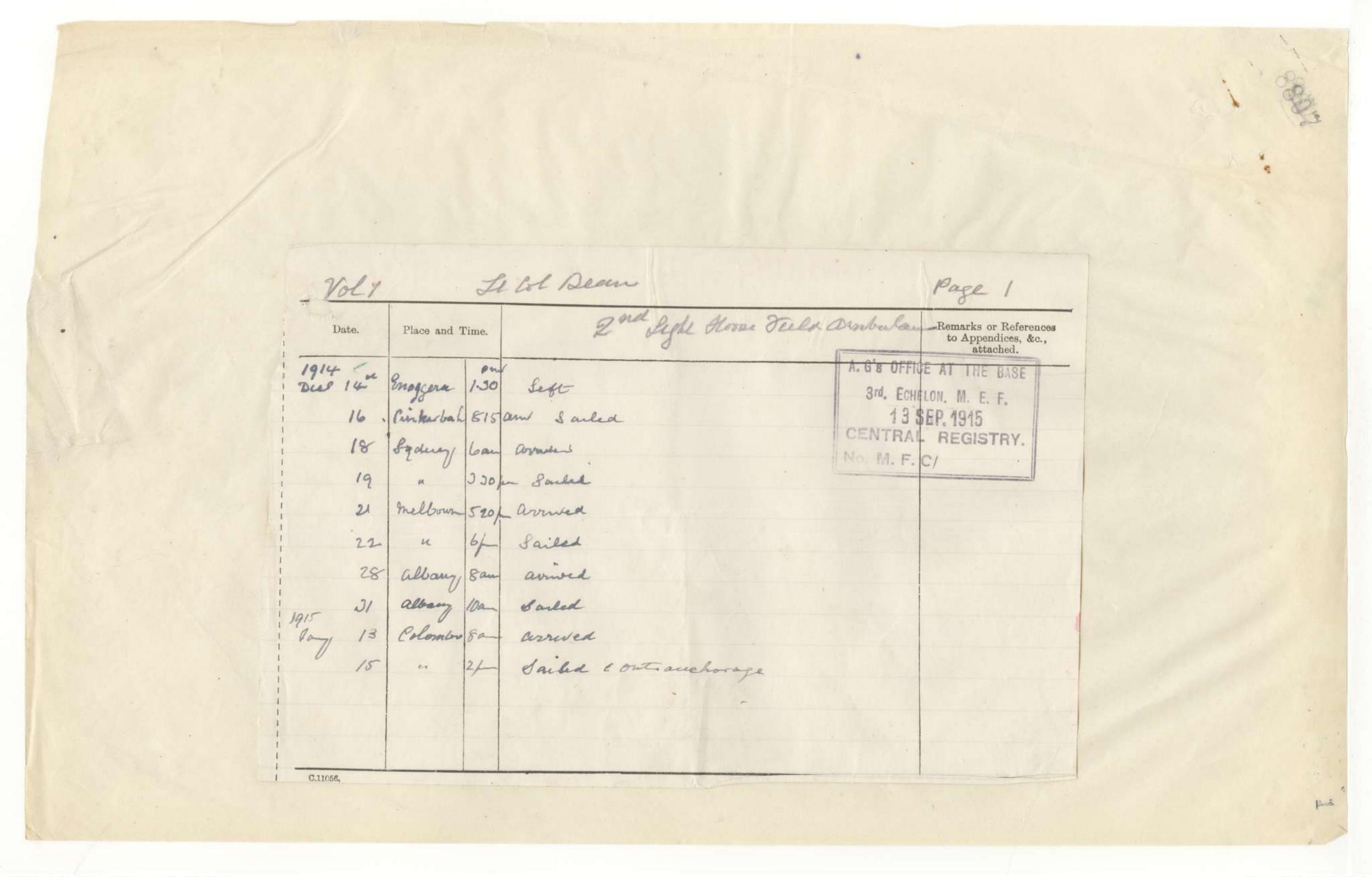
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Date.	Place and Time.	The following horses have died.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
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" 22nd.		A 167 Brown Mare	Telances.
" 27th.	At Sea.	A 9915 Brown Geld.	Pneumonia.
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		with volume for that month).	nd filed

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AUSTRALIAN HEADQUARTERS (EGYPT)
CAIRO July 5th 1919.

The Collator,
Medical Histories,
Australian War Records Section,
A.I.F., Head quarters,
LONDON.

Upon examining the war Diary of the earlier years of the 2nd Light Horse Field Ambulance with the idea of writing a narrative I found it to be utterly worthless. My own private diary having gone to Australia I therefore abandoned the idea of writing a marrative and instead have written a supplementary diary for the years 1914 & 1915 using as a foundation the available records. Any of these records which appeared to me to be of especial interest or importance I have had re-typed and attached as appendices to the supplementary diary.

From November 1915 to July 1917 the diary was better but still far from sufficient. For that period therefore I have had every important record re-typed and attached to the respective months as appendices. The original records I still hold with the intention of completing the work and possibly writing a narrative when I obtain my private diary. I regard the matter of a narrative however as of great importance I therefore obtained the services of Q.M.S., BREIMAN formerly of the 2nd L.H.F.A., to write a narrative He had hapt a very full private diary and all available records were placed at his disposal. Q.M.S., BRENHAN was instructed to write it from his own point of view of an N.C.O. in the Ambulance. I have merely corrected it with regard to facts which may not have been available to Q.M.S., BREMMAN and in its completed form can guarantee its accuracy in that respect. Q.M.S., BRENHAN has put in two months solid work on this narrative and the result is a most creditable and valueble record.

D.D.M.S., A.I.F., IN EGYPT.

SUPPLEMENTARY WAR DIARY FROM MEMORY & AVAILABLE RECORDS Army Form C. 211

BY Colonel D.G. CROLL, DIMS., AIF., in EGYPT,

M A Y 1919.

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Place	Date Hot	Summary of Events and Information	Remar referen
RISBANE	octr 12th?	Authority received from "DEFENCE" for formation of 2nd L.H.F.Amb., Lt.Col. CUPPAIGE appointed to command. Major D.G. CROLL, 2nd in command.	
	13th?	Captain L.G.A. MACDONNELL posted to 2nd L.H.F.A. Enoggera to commence work of forming Unit.	
		Number of men enlisted for No 1 A.G.H. transferred to 2nd L.H.F.A. and joined Unit at Enoggera.	
		Two N.C.O's Sgts., J.A. CROLL and C. HAMMOND sent with necessary authority to enlist recruits at TOOWOOMBA, CROWS NEST and COOMAR.	
		Lt. Col. CUPPAIGE declines offer of Command. Captain W.A. FRASER, Captain J.D. BUCHANAN and Major D.G. CROLL join Unit in above order.	
		Sgt. Major DOOLAN R.A.A., and Sgt.Major CHRISTIE, AAMC., attached to unit for instructional purposes.	
		Training proceeds in Camp Routine, physical drill, foot drill, and stretcher drill.	
		Instructions given in first aid, hursing and duties of N.C.O's. Horses and ambulance waggons at tached on loan from 2nd F.Amb., C.M.F. Training commenced in stable routine.	
		20Croll Colonel	
		D.D.M.S. A.S.F. in Egypt	

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Place	Date 1914	Hour	Summary of Events and Information refer App
ENOGGERA	Novr		Lt.Col. H.K. BEAN appointed to Command and joined Unit.
			Major D.G. CROLL proceeded to GYMPIE for two days to obtain further recruits.
			Full establishment of horses drawn - two gum carriages used for breaking in transport animals. Training in stable routine and riding continued. Training in mounted drill commenced.
	20		Horses teamed - Unit inspected by Major MAILLER, DAQMG.
	21		Harness and saddlery issued and checked. Captain C.F. PITCHER reported for duty.
	23		Class of instruction for officers commenced under Major D.G. CROLL. Veterinary Officer from 5th L.H. Regt., examined farriers. 14 men of tentdivision under
			Captain BUCHANAN detailed to proceed duty or Brisbane Hospital for instruction in nursing duties.
	25		Personnel of Unit now up to establishment.
	29		Men and horses allotted to sections.
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			D.D.M.S. A.I.F. in Egypt
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or BY Colonel D.G. CROLL, DIMS., # AIF., in EGYPT,

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. MAY 1919.

SUMMARY.

Place	1914	Hour	Summary of Events and Information re
ENOGGE	RA Dec		Training continued physical drill and officers class before breakfast - stretcher drill & stable routine in the morning - Mounted drill in the afternoon.
	6		All ranks vaccinated.
	7		All horses dipped in accordance with stock regulations. Authority received for enlistment of 2nd 23rd reinforcements. Reinforcements for 3rd F.Amb., App and 1st A.G.H. attached for instruction and discipline.
	9		Warning order received to be ready to embark on 16th Instant. All ranks inocupated with Typhoid Vaccine 500,000,000.
	10		Vaccination severely felt - many men down last night - about half turned out for stable this morning.
	14		Equipment complete except waggons which are to be picked up at Melbourne Unit left by road for Pinkenba to embark on Transport "BORDA", Dismounted personnel & baggage to proceed by train tomorrow. Appendix 4 xpm
	15		Embarked on Transport "BORDA" . Supply of Red Cross Comforts placed on board for use on the Appervoyage and later.
	16		Following detailed proceed by train and report for duty on other transports:- Captain W.A. FRASER to A36 Newcastle. Captain C.F. PITCHER & 2 other ranks to A44 Sydney. Sailed from Pinkenba 0815.
		7	Capt L.G. a. Macdamell to Azy Newcastle.
			D.D.M.S. A.L.F. in Egypt
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Place	Date 1914	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SYDNEY	Decr 18	0600	Arrived Sydney - no shore leave, weather since leaving Brisbane excessively hot. Other troops embarked.	
AT SEA	19		Sailed from Sydney 1530.	
	20		southerly gale - great fall of temperature especially in the horse decks.	
MELBOURI	NE 21	1720	Arrived Melbourne - no shore leave.	
	22		Shipped vehicles to complete establishment. Two other ranks joined on transfer from 3rd L.H.F.A More troops embarked. Sailed 1800.	•
AT SEA	27		A number of horses ill owing to knocking about of embarkation and sudden change of temperature A after leaving Sydney. Two died of pneumonia one of tetanus.	ppendix 7
ALBANY	28	0800	Arrived Albany and anchored in Sound - no shore leave, fleet assembling here.	
	29		one man pte ACREMAN dangerously ill with typhoid fever - every effort made to land him but impossible to lower stretcher on to tug in the rough sea running - Attempted to get ship into	
			Inner Harbour but her draught too great.	
AT SEA	31	1000	Sailed from Albany with 2nd Fleet.	
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APPENDIX 1.

Eth December 1914.

Commanding Offi cer,

2nd Light Horse Ambulance,

ENOGGERA.

and 3rd Re-inforcements of all the Medical Units of the Australian Imperial Forces, organised in this district up to date.

All the re-inforcements for the 3rd Field Ambulance and lest Australian General Hospital will be attached to your Unit for instructions and discipline.

Pleas e arrange a coordingly.

(Bgd) A.M.McINTOSH, CAPTAIN. A/C. P.M.O. 1st. M.D.

D.D.M.S. A.I.F. in Egipt

APPENDIX 2.

----- 2nd LIGHT HORSE FIELD AMBULANCE -----

PERSONNEL.

	17 A17	Section.	"B" SECTION.	TOTAL.
Officers		3	3	6
Men		60	56	116
Horses - Rides 44 Draughts 56 Spare 6				106
Wagons - Ambulance Transport G.S. Transport 2 horse	Nil. Nil.			
Water Cart	Nil.			
Equipment Sad dlery			14	O Sacks.
General Equipment - 5 G.S.	Loads.			
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D.D.M. S. A.J.F. In Egypt

APPENDIX 3.

COMMONWEALTH MILITARY FORCES.

1st MILITARY DISTRICT.

BRISBANE 14th December 1914.

Memorandum

To: - C.O., 2nd Light Horse Field Ambulance,

(Per Camp Commandant)

I have just received further information re the embarkation of the 2nd L.H. Field Ambulance on board the "BORDA" as follows:-

Embarkation will begin at 11 a.m. on Tuesday (15th)
Please communicate accordingly.

It is quite fortunate that the Unit made arrangements to bivouac tonight at Pinkenba.

(Sgd) W. MAGLEAN, Major D. A. Q. M. G.

Regtl. Staff Medical Officer and Veterinary Officer to meet the Embarkation Staff Officer on board at 11 a.m. on 15th Instant.

D.D.M. S. A. 4.F. in Egypt

APPENDIX 4.

DEATH No 514 Pte HOWELL Ernest 14:12:1914 - MYELITIS.

Next of Kin Thomas Howell, Pollock Street, Colac, Victoria.

Buried By John HISLOP & Sons.

Colone D.D.M.S. A.I.F. In Egyp

APPENDIX 5.

2nd LIGHT HORSE FIELD AMBULANCE.

Near Cape Moreton, 16:12:1914.

District Commandant,

lst Military District.

Victoria Barracks, BRISBANE.

RE RED CROSS -I beg to report that I received from the Brisbane Red Cross Society the following articles, the reasons for each item being set opposite ---

NAME.

75 pairs pyjamas

old linen

Bandages

ORDER FOR 230:0:0

Honey

Minding Machine (1)

REASONS.

120 Sea Kit bags (cotton) For use of men on troopship.

For use of patients in hospital.

For use in Hospital.

To supplement supply in Hospital.

To purchas e surgical instruments to supplement these supplied.

As a variant for diet of sick in

Hospital.

To prepare food for invalids in Hospital.

(Sgd) H.K. BEAN Lt. Col. C.O., 2nd Light Horse Field Ambulance.

APPENDIX 6.

COMMONWEALTH MILITARY FORCES. 1st MILITARY DISTRICT.

BRISBANE 14th December 1914.

MEMORANDUM To C.O., 2nd L.H. Field Ambulance.

(PER CAMP COMMANDANT)

The following wire has been received from D.G.M.S., on the 12th Instant:-

"W.8054. This Office 7803. Nomination Medical Officer
"Reinforcements withdrawn now too late. Detail Medical
"Officers 2nd Light Horse Field Ambulance embark transport
" as follows: - 2 Medical Officers embark Newcastle A36 and
"A37. 1 Medical Officer and 2 men embark A.44 Sydney.
"Report Principal Medical Officer, Sydney, Thursday next
"17th instant for orders" "Featherston".

please take action accordingly and forward names of personnel so detailed to reach this Office with the least possible delay.

(Sgd) W. MACLEAN, Major D. A. Q. M. G.

D.D. M. S. A.I. F. in Egypt

APPENDIX 7.

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D.D.M.S. A.I.F. in Egypt