

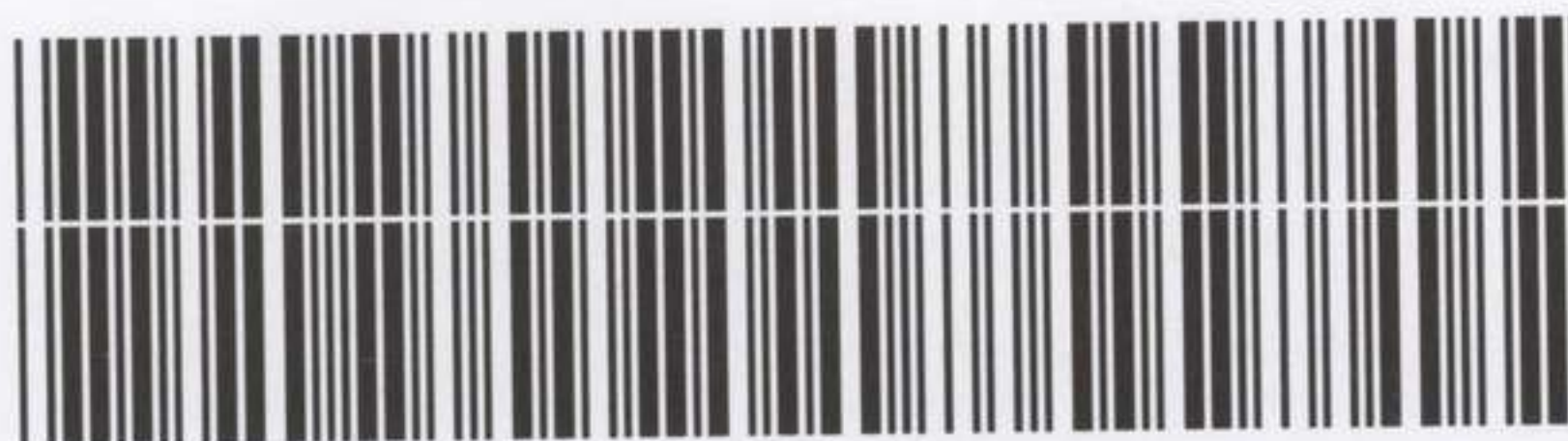
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Date.	Place and Time.	2nd Light Horse Field Ambulance	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1914 Dec 14 th	Enoggera 1.30 pm	Left	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> A. G's OFFICE AT THE BASE 3rd. ECHELON. M. E. F. 13 SEP. 1915 CENTRAL REGISTRY. No. M. F. C/ </div>
16	Pinkarbah 8.15 am	Sailed	
18	Sydney 6 am	Arrived	
19	" 3.30 pm	Sailed	
21	Melbourn 5.20 pm	Arrived	
22	" 6 pm	Sailed	
28	Albany 8 am	Arrived	
31	Albany 10 am	Sailed	
1915 Jan 13	Colombo 8 am	Arrived	
15	" 2 pm	Sailed & out anchorage	

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AUSTRALIAN HEADQUARTERS (EGYPT)

CAIRO July 5th 1919.

The Collator,
Medical Histories,
Australian War Records Section,
A.I.F., Headquarters,
L O N D O N.

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 narrative 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., BRENNAN formerly of the 2nd L.H.F.A., to write a narrative. He had kept a very full private diary and all available records were placed at his disposal. Q.M.S., BRENNAN 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., BRENNAN and in its completed form can guarantee its accuracy in that respect. Q.M.S., BRENNAN has put in two months solid work on this narrative and the result is a most creditable and valuable record.

D. D. M. S......Colonel.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY WAR DIARY FROM MEMORY & AVAILABLE RECORDS
BY Colonel D.G. CROLL, DDMS., AIF., in EGYPT,
or
MAY 1919.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
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BY Colonel D.G. CROLL, DDMS., ~~in~~ AIF., in EGYPT.

M A Y 1919.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks reference Appendix
ENOGERA Dec	1914		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 & 3rd reinforcements. Reinforcements for 3rd F.Amb., and 1st A.G.H. attached for instruction and discipline.	Appendix 1
	9		Warning order received to be ready to embark on 16th instant. All ranks inoculated 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 waggon 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. No 514 Pte HOWELL Ernest died - Myelitis. (Appendix 4)	Appendix: 2 Appendix: Appendix 4
	15		Embarked on Transport "BORDA". Supply of Red Cross Comforts placed on board for use on the voyage and later.	Appendix: 5
	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. Capt L.G.O. Macdonnell to A37 Newcastle.	Appendix: 6
			<i>L.G.O. Macdonnell</i> Colonel D.D.M.S. A.I.F. in Egypt	

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OR BY Colonel
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

BY Colonel D.G. CROLL, DDMS., AIF., in EGYPT,
IMARY. MAY 1919.

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APPENDIX 1.

27th December 1914.

Commanding Officer,

2nd Light Horse Ambulance,

ENOGGERA.

Authority has been given for the enlistment of 2nd 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 1st Australian General Hospital will be attached to your Unit for instructions and discipline.

Please arrange accordingly.

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

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W. Wood Colonel
D.D.M.S. A.I.F. in Egypt

APPENDIX 2.

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

P E R S O N N E L.

	<u>"A" Section.</u>	<u>"B" SECTION.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
Officers	3	3	6
Men	60	56	116
Horses - Rides	44		
Draughts	56		
Spare	6		
			----- 106
Wagons - Ambulance	Nil.		
Transport G.S.	Nil.		
Transport 2 horse	Nil.		
Water Cart -----	Nil.		
Equipment --- Saddlery			-----140 Sacks.
<u>General Equipment</u> - 5 G.S. Loads.			

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W. C. Croll Colonel
D.D.M.S. A.I.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) ^{MAILLE} W. ~~MACLEAN~~, 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.

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R. C. Moll
Colonel
D.D.M.S. A.I.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.

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

2nd LIGHT HORSE FIELD AMBULANCE.

Near Cape Moreton, 16:12:1914.

District Commandant,

1st 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 ---

<u>NAME.</u>	<u>REASONS.</u>
120 Sea Kit bags (cotton)	For use of men on troopship.
75 pairs pyjamas	For use of patients in hospital.
Old linen	For use in Hospital.
Bandages	To supplement supply in Hospital.
ORDER FOR £30:0:0	To purchase surgical instruments to supplement those supplied.
Honey	As a variant for diet of sick in Hospital.
Mincing Machine (1)	To prepare food for invalids in Hospital.

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

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W. H. H. H.
Colonel
D.D.M.S. A.I.F. in Egypt

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) ^{MILLER} W. ~~MACLEAN~~, Major
D.A.Q.M.G.

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W. Maclean Colonel
D.D.M.S. A.I.F. in Egypt

APPENDIX 7.

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Date	Place and time	The following horses have died	Remarks or references to Appendices etc., attached.
1914			
Decr 21st	MELBOURNE	A 10126 Bay Geld.	Pneumonia.
" 22nd	"	A 167 Brown mare	Telances.
" 27th	AT SEA	A 9915 Brown Geld.	Pneumonia.

(Original of above written on same sheet as entries for January 1915 and filed
with volume for that month)

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