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LATRON	2/1/18	1540	Ambulance left HARIYEH 1230. very heavy pulling. Arrived at LATRON 1540 and bivouacked for the night. Horses watered at LATRON. 1st Ambulance 1st Ambulance attached temporarily to 8th Abn Regt evacuated sick Total evacuations 5 Ambulances 3rd Abn Brigade sick to 1st Ambulance receiving station.																																																									
KATRAH	3/1/18	1400	LATRON was left at 0900. Roads drying rapidly. + Draught Horses evacuated from 8th Mobile Vet Section Ambulance arrived KATRAH at 1400. Details of personnel as follows. animals wagons as follows. - with Unit.																																																									
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KATRAH	4/1/18		<p>Position KATRAH. Men unable to be mounted sent off at 0900 to ESTAD. Two half linkers surplus equipment and gear despatched to ESTAD to go to BELAH by train. Connecting files rejoined from regiments. Nine patients sent evacuated to 7<sup>th</sup> CCL JUNCTION STATION. (3<sup>rd</sup> Bde 5<sup>th</sup> Bde 1<sup>st</sup> AC 1<sup>st</sup> Div Troops etc.).</p>	
ESTAD	5/1/18	1400	<p>Left KATRAH 0900 and proceeded to ESTAD which was reached at 1400. Very heavy travelling across flats. Every wheel and camel had to be loaded owing to accumulation at details of gear and equipment. Distance pit at ESTAD confined and not altogether clean. 1 off 2 patients 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Bde 2 patients 1<sup>st</sup> Div Troops evacuated sick to ANZAC Receiving Station ESTAD. 1 patient evacuated sick from AM 1<sup>st</sup> Div Dump Belah struck off strength.</p>	
MEIDEL	6/1/18	1415	<p>Left ESTAD 0830. in heavy rain. Arrived MEIDEL 1415. light Ambulance wagons travelled as easily as other vehicles through mud. Patients and forage very good. Rain extremely heavy during night. wheels at times sank in mud above axles.</p>	
GAZA	7/1/18	1530	<p>Left MEIDEL 0845 through DEIR SENEID to GAZA. Great difficulty in getting camels along. Some slipping and falling. Heavy travelling today began. 2 Div Troops evacuated sick to 7<sup>th</sup> CCL GAZA. Arrived GAZA 1530. 4 patients (2.3<sup>rd</sup> Bde).</p>	



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GAZA	9/1/18		<p>Mounted men of Ambulance left camp with Brigade at 08:45 and moved to BELAH through town of GAZA giving men an opportunity of seeing effect of our bombardment. Transport moved to BELAH by road. SOUTH of town and arrived in Camp before Mounted troops. Camp site fair but very restricted. Side horse evacuated to Mobile Vet Section. 1 spank returned from 3<sup>rd</sup> Field Troop Engrs. <del>evacuated</del> 1 spank 3<sup>rd</sup> Bde evacuated sick. Draught horse evacuated from 8<sup>th</sup> Mobile Vet Section.</p>	
BELAH				
"	9/1/18		<p>BELAH. Area allotted too small and restricted to make a good camp. D.R.S. portion of Ambulance joined Mobile Section. Collected equipment etc from Gen Seneid. No reinforcement arrived from Moasem taken on strength. Superannuation strength as Medical Detail 8<sup>th</sup> Lt Regt. 1 spank transferred to 8<sup>th</sup> Lt Regt. Side horse returned to 8<sup>th</sup> Mobile Vet Section. 1 spank evacuated sick returned to strength. 5 spanks sick (3 3<sup>rd</sup> Bde. 2 7<sup>th</sup> Troop) + spanks proceeded to Descorps Rest Camp Belaid.</p>	
BELAH	10/1/18		<p>BELAH. One operating tent not collected. This tent was with Immobile Section. Probably with either 4<sup>th</sup> Lt. or 5<sup>th</sup> Mtd Bde &amp; Ambulance. Staff Lt Aday proceeded to Cairo for embarkation to Australia. 1 spank to 74<sup>th</sup> Coy BELAH. Evacuations from Ambulance hospital.</p>	



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BELAH	11/1/18		17 CTC natives arrived from No 2 Depot - 1 CTC native returned from hospital 1 grand evacuated sick. Evacuations 3 grants. to 74 <sup>th</sup> col BELAH	
"	12/1/18		Six Motor Drivers with 4 Ambulance Cars & 1 Motor Cycle rejoined unit from Aust Mid Dir Receiving Section 14 Camels evacuated from 8 Mobile Det Section. 3 grants temporarily detached as Medical Details to 9 <sup>th</sup> 10 <sup>th</sup> Regts 3 <sup>rd</sup> Coy respectively 1 grant transferred to supernumerary strength attached 8 <sup>th</sup> abal Regt as Medical Detail. Evacuations Nil.	
BELAH	13/1/18		14 CTC time expired natives returned to No 2 Depot CTC for discharge 1 grant & 2 abal held ambulance attached returned to his unit Evacuations Nil.	
"	14/1/18		1 grant evacuated sick & 1 abal off strength Evacuations to 74 <sup>th</sup> col BELAH 1 grant temporarily detached with Aust Depot Stores Coy eight grants sick	<p>1 JAN 1918</p> <p>M 11/5</p> <p>P M Schmitt Col</p>





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BELAH	15/1/18		<p>1. Draught horse returned from 8<sup>th</sup> Mobile Section            Capt. Hodder transferred to 12<sup>th</sup> Afr. Regt as R.M.O. 1. Frank (bairn) temporarily detached            with 12<sup>th</sup> Afr. Regt. Steel helmets arrived. 1 CTC native evacuated            to Egyptian hospital. Evacuations to 7<sup>th</sup> CCL of Frank's sick.</p>																															
BELAH	16/1/18		<p>Evacuations to 7<sup>th</sup> CCL 1 of Frank.            All baggage &amp; equipment with. Divine Messing station not returned.            a field cooker (English pattern) was loaned a few days ago to the unit.            This has proved a great boon especially considering the shortage in            camp kettles. This cooker was kindly loaned by the officer in charge of 54<sup>th</sup> Div.            dump Belah. They are extremely light, well built &amp; would be a decided acquisition to an Ambulance.</p>																															
BELAH	17/1/18		<p>1. Draught horse evacuated to 8<sup>th</sup> Mobile Section: 1 of Frank horse attached            returned to Phoscar details            Evacuations to 7<sup>th</sup> CCL BELAH 1 of Frank sick            The following is the daily routine <del>for</del> commencing 21/1/18</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="590 1411 2797 1774"> <tr> <td>Reveille</td> <td>0615</td> <td>Breakfast</td> <td>0800.</td> <td>afternoon Parade</td> <td>1345 - 1445 (Training)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Parade</td> <td>0630.</td> <td>Parade</td> <td>0900 (Training)</td> <td>watering Parade</td> <td>1500</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Watering</td> <td>to</td> <td>Camp inspecting</td> <td>1145 to 1200</td> <td>Stable Parade</td> <td>1600 - 1630.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grooming</td> <td>0745</td> <td>Midday. Stable hands</td> <td>1215</td> <td>Tea</td> <td>1700</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>Midday Meal</td> <td>1230.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Reveille	0615	Breakfast	0800.	afternoon Parade	1345 - 1445 (Training)	Parade	0630.	Parade	0900 (Training)	watering Parade	1500	Watering	to	Camp inspecting	1145 to 1200	Stable Parade	1600 - 1630.	Grooming	0745	Midday. Stable hands	1215	Tea	1700			Midday Meal	1230.			<p>1 JAN 1918  <i>M.H.C.</i></p>
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BELAT	17/18		The following is copy of syllabus of training need commencing 21/1/18 forwarded to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lt		
			Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan.		
			Time	Nature of Training Morning	Nature of Training afternoon
			0900 To 1000	Dismounted Troop drill for whole Ambulance	Stretcher Drill for bearers and Tent Subdivision
			1000 To 1115	Exercise of all horses except those likely to be used	
			1115 To 1120	hooking to and unhooking on horse lines Saddling & harness	
			Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan.		
			0900 To 1000	Dismounted Troop drill for whole Amb with exception of Drivers	Lecture & demonstration to whole unit on First Aid bandaging use of
			0900 To 1115	Wagon Drill for Drivers	First Aid Dressing by Captheoby
			1000 To 1115	Exercise of riding horses by bearers in charge of an officer senior bearer Cpl	
			Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan.		
			0900 To 1000	Dismounted Troop drill for whole Ambulance except drivers	Stretcher drill for bearers (Lt) answer
			0900 To 1100	Wagon drill for drivers on conclusion wagon horse chains will be attended to until 1115 as on previous day	
			1000 To 1115	Exercise of riding horses by bearers one man to two horses as on previous day	



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362 AM	17/18		Thursday January 24 <sup>th</sup>			
		0900 to 1115	Mounted troops drill for Beavers (tent division to pay attention to lines etc) Wagon drill etc for drivers paying special attention to driving & handling of teams	1345 to 1445 1445 to 1530	lecture practices Splints and their application by Capt Shelley to whole unit.  Instruction in Tent Pitching for Tent Division later amendment 1345 to 1445 Gas Parade	
		0900 to 1115	Mounted troops drill for Beavers Drivers to exercise heavy horses not being used for transport.	1345 to 1445	Beavers and Tent Division Sketches and handseat drill on conclusion instruction in Tent pitching for Tent Division	
		0900 to 1130	General cleaning up of harness and equipment.		Tent division etc on cleaning of lines in general.	
			Friday Jan 25 <sup>th</sup>			
			Saturday Jan 26 <sup>th</sup>			
			Sunday Jan 27 <sup>th</sup>			
			Normal routine with exception general inspection by OC at 1200. by that time the whole Ambulance Hospital Kitchen Dresslines Wagons & M's Store and all tents are to be in Military Orderliness.			



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BELAH	18/18		1 Draught horse evacuated from 8 <sup>th</sup> Mobile Vet Section	Evacuations Nil.
BELAH	19/18		Three ponies returned from Desert Mt Corps Rest Camp Port Said Camels Evacuations Nil.	1 of same admitted to hospital 1 Sgt A.V.C. and 16 natives arrived to camp
BELAH	20/18		4 ponies proceeded to Descorps Rest Camp Port Said 1 of same returned from Aust Depot Stores Cairo. Evacuations Nil 3 ponies sent to 7 <sup>th</sup> Coy BELAH The following is a suggested programme of training by Det 1st but was not adopted.	3 CTC natives arrived from JAN 1918 M 11/9



Reveille 6 am  
Morning Stables 6-30 am - 7-15 am  
Breakfast 7-15 am  
Water and training 8 am - 11-0 am  
Stables (including saddles) 11-15 am to 1 pm  
afternoon training 2 pm to 3 pm  
water 4-30 pm - 5 pm  
Stables 5 pm - 5-30 pm.

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BELAH	21/18		<p>G.O.C. Desert-Med Corps inspected Brigade  Capt Quinlan BQ arrived at 14<sup>h</sup> also taken on strength  RMO 9<sup>th</sup> Lt Regt proceeded to 7<sup>th</sup> Lt Regt temporarily for instructional purposes  Capt Tregear BQ temporarily attached 9<sup>th</sup> Lt Regt as RMO. 1 grand (batman) also  temporarily attached 9<sup>th</sup> Regt. Capt Quinlan BQ a batman temporarily attached  10<sup>th</sup> Lt Regt. whilst RMO 10<sup>th</sup> Regt is away at Dorkaid Rest Camp.  Evacuations nil.</p>	
BELAH	22/18		<p>Evacuations to 7<sup>th</sup> col 3 patients sick</p>	



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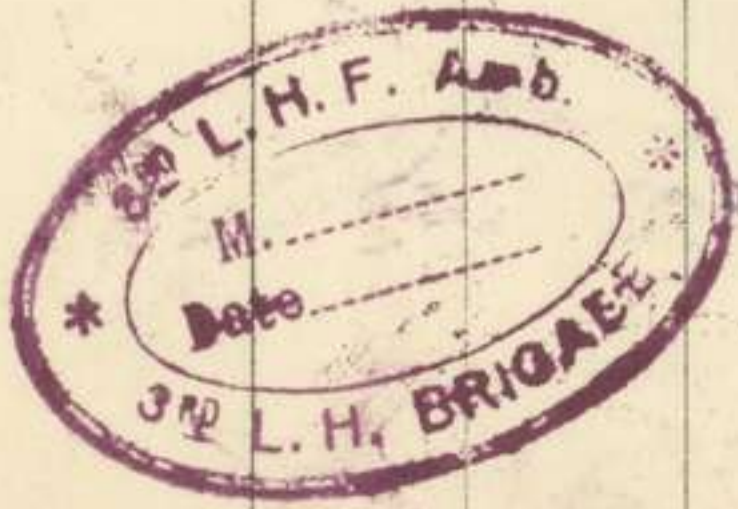
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BELAH	24 1/18		Delousing Parade. at Belah Station	Evacuation 5 of ranks sent to 74 <sup>th</sup> ccd Belah.
BELAH	25 1/18		1 of rank arrived from Moascar & taken on strength taken on strength as Medical Detail 9 <sup>th</sup> ccd Regt. 1 Sgt A.T.C. & 6 Natives temporarily attached left for (ao Mtd) Division	2 of ranks from Moascar transferred to Superannuation Evacuations to 74 <sup>th</sup> ccd 2 of ranks sent
BELAH	16 1/18		1 of rank temporarily attached to 10 <sup>th</sup> Regt rejoined Unit. 3 of ranks.	Evacuations to 74 <sup>th</sup> ccd



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Belah	17/1/18	0830 to 0945	<p><i>Programme of Training</i></p> <p>Mounted Amb drill beavers Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup></p>	
		0945 to 1045	<p>Mounted Amb drill beavers transport sections by signals</p> <p>Matches drill for beavers. (F)</p> <p>Instruction in <sup>(essential part)</sup> proper points of harness cleaning &amp; care thereof to drivers by Sgt. Down.</p>	<p>Caring of horses by beavers &amp; drivers</p>
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		0830 to 1145	<p>cleaning of Saddlery and harness and camp throughout.</p>	
		1030 to 1130	<p>Caring of horses.</p> <p>OC inspection for week at 1200.</p>	



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BELAH	28/18		Cooker loaded from 5 <sup>th</sup> Det Dump returned to camp in accordance with instructions from A.D.S. Div. Mallise Cart returned to R.O. BELAH Typewriter sent to Cairo for repairs Evacuations 1 off to hospital sent pack	
BELAH	29/18		Evacuations 5 of pack sent log + <del>1</del> <sup>2</sup> ccs BELAH	
BELAH	30/18		Lt/Col McIntyre Party returned from <sup>1</sup> <del>1</del> <sup>2</sup> ccs sent with limber 2 sand carts were returned to R.O. <sup>1</sup> <del>1</del> <sup>2</sup> ccs sent 1 hide horse, 1 hide - 3 Burden Camels evacuated to 8 <sup>th</sup> Mobile Det Section Evacuations log + <del>1</del> <sup>2</sup> ccs 2 of pack.	JAN 1918 M 11/18 [Signature]





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BELAH	31/18		<p><i>off</i> hide of use, hide 3 burden camels evacuated from 8<sup>th</sup> Mobile Veterinary Section station strength. natives re-loaded at BELAH. Evacuation to 74<sup>th</sup> Coy Belah</p> <p><i>2</i> of hands and</p> <p><u>General review of events etc. for the month.</u></p> <p><u>Rations for men.</u> On the whole very satisfactory.</p> <p><u>Forage.</u> Marked shortage in tiberi &amp; chaff. This has interfered with rapid fattening of horses, nevertheless horses have improved wonderfully since arrival at Belah.</p> <p><u>Endurance.</u> Delivery of supplies for vehicles have been very slow. Orders for such things as forges camp kettles etc were submitted very early, there is no sign of them as yet &amp; a forge for proper shoeing is badly needed.</p> <p><u>Establishment.</u> The frequent alterations in the establishment of a Light Horse Field Ambulance is at times somewhat bewildering. This makes itself felt in the rendering of concert actions. It is reported that the new Provisional establishment still adheres to the inclusion of native a.s.e. devices in fact increase them from 3 to 5</p>	



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Belah	31/1/18		<p><u>General Health of Personnel:</u> So on the whole good.</p> <p>The present daily routine (which allows a large portion of the afternoon off for the purpose of playing games) ought to prove a decided factor in rendering the men fit for future operations.</p> <p>At first after returning from active operations there was a general soreness at having to go through the monotony of drill &amp; the close discipline of a standing camp.</p> <p>This however soon disappears.</p> <p>A small canteen has been instituted in the unit where beer, groceries, cigarettes can be obtained. It has proved a great success. It has been observed <del>that</del> that beer has a wonderful conciliatory effect on the average Australian.</p> <p><u>Leave.</u> Under the present system this has been reduced to a minimum. Since our arrival at Belah no officers &amp; two other ranks have had leave to Cairo.</p> <p>This exclusive of the Post and Rest Camp parties.</p> <p>These take place every ten days &amp; consist of 4 men.</p>	<p>2 JAN 1918</p> <p>M. H. [Signature]</p> <p>J. M. Stewart [Signature]</p>

