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OF

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| 4 Miles from ES SALT | 1/5/18 | | <p>Rain started in the morning at about 0630. Casualties were fed, wounds cleaned and dressed and Ambulance then moved into ES SALT. Dressing Station was then established in a building in ES SALT in charge of Capt SHELLEY and superintended by D.A.D.M.S. of Aust Mid Division Major EVANS. Carpets were utilized to keep patients off the stone floors. stretchers were also used. Sanitation of building used, which was the best for the purpose as it had a good entry for stretchers. Cases, was left in a frightful condition. Defaecation had been promiscuous throughout. However it was well cleaned before being used. In the church itself, of which this building formed a part there were large stores of wheat and barley in good condition. This dressing station received casualties from all units in the ES SALT fighting area. at 1800 4000 officers and 12 bearers rejoined. Brigade at top of hill on W side of ES SALT. just outside town. Capt SHELLEY and QUINLAN were left to run the dressing station. Hoses watered in ES SALT.</p> | |
| ES SALT | 1/5/18 | 1800 | <p>Night was cold and damp with slight drizzling rain with clouds right down on the hills making much fog. Ambulance. Bearers came. "stood to" all night of 1st & 2nd.</p> | |



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| ES SALT | 2/5/18 | | <p>Members in Dressing Station slowly accumulating. Case of wound in abdomen showed signs of localized abdominal rigidity with dullness in flanks. Wound site right side just above level of umbilicus. The wound was cleaned down to the peritoneum in morning of 1/5/18. On morning of 2/5/18 there was edema, swelling of leg with febrile patches on outside. Patient complains of pain in the leg. No pulse felt at ankle. Color not good. Tongue clean.</p> <p>This case noted on account of its peculiarity as to etiology of leg condition as there was no other wound except the abdominal referred to. Medical comforts running very short, especially sugar and salt. Head & Meat identified for by D.A.M.S. for patients. Two officers extremely busy. Iron rations consumed today.</p> | <p>One particular</p> |
| | 3/5/18 | | <p>Night of 2nd/3rd extremely busy for Dressing Station for that portion with D.A.M.S. sharp fighting during the night by 8th & 10th Regts. capturing over 300 prisoners and killing over 100. 10th mostly slight casualties and able to ride to hospital. All casualties were evacuated straight to Dressing Station at ES SALT by Camel and Car. Cars consist of a captured Motor Ambulance and other Motor an Adler fitted up extremely well carrying & lying cases. and other Motor vehicles. a few heavy h.c. shells at long range fell in vicinity of D.A.M.S. and ambulance this morning.</p> | <p>Comparative quiet</p> <p>Capturing over 300</p> <p>9/11/18</p> <p>MS Stewart</p> |



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| 3/5/18 ES. SALT | | 1600 1635 | <p>Sandbag of bandages and dressings were dropped for use by Ambulance by an aeroplane.</p> <p>Received orders for withdrawal at 7.30</p> <p>MS orders to send all available Camel Camels to Dressing Station.</p> <p>The work of the Tent Sub Division was excellent, the greatest energy and enthusiasm being shown throughout by day & night by Corporal ELLINGWORTH and Staff Sgt EMMONSON and orderlies working under them.</p> | |
| <p>JORDAN Valley</p> <p>2 1/2 miles S of ES SHERI.</p>  <p>N. W JERICHO</p> | 4/5/18 | <p>1800 1845 2115 2230</p> | <p>JORDAN valley reached by three o'clock by Mounted heavers</p> <p>Proceeded to position in reserve 2 1/2 miles S of ES SHERI.</p> <p>Watered horses in JORDAN</p> <p>delivered patients to Angas Collecting Station.</p> <p>Each horse proceeded to Aust Mt Det Receiving Station and then on to old bivouac site</p> <p>Ambulance wagons water cart and equipment to be forwarded from bivouac to Ambulance with Brigade.</p> <p>Orders to move to old bivouac site arrived.</p> <p>closed.</p> <p>Other orders cancelled in regard to transport</p> <p>Arrived in bivouac N.W. of JERICHO. Men very fatigued, horses foot sore and weary.</p> <p>Camels arrived, having stood the journey remarkably well.</p> | <p>MAY 1918</p> <p>4/11</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p> |

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| N.W. JERICHO | 4/15/18 | | <p>Total number of men wounded & killed during operations. Killed 1 off 38 ranks Wounded 5 officers 92 ranks. Prisoners 1 sick 7 wounded Deaths 5 ranks and 2 prisoners</p> <p>2 badly wounded ranks were abandoned at the hospital at ES SART one being the case previously referred to as peculiar with malignant gangrene of right leg. Most medical and surgical equipment had to be abandoned owing to the hurried evacuation of the Dressing Station (ie that in use in the Dressing Station) when leaving ES SART. Capt Shelley lost his horse, which fell into the darkness frightened by the rifle fire and has not been seen or heard of since. One lying down Camel other sitting up. Camel Camels were killed or injured and abandoned during the withdrawal. No injuries to casualties resulted however.</p> <p>to be somewhat scrappy owing to the way the unit was split up attention would like to be drawn to the excellent work of the following.</p> <p>Capt Leahy. D.G. - for his great zeal, coolness and common sense throughout. Capt Shelley. J.E. - for his enthusiasm and excellent work on the night of 30/4/18 and afterwards in the Dressing Station Capt Quinlan B.G. - for his keenness in rendering surgical aid to casualties at the Dressing Station QMS Sutton D.M. - for the manner in which he handled his transport (horse) Sgt Lewis R.D. - for his handling of the heavy sections Lt/Sgt Carling A.H.C. - for his excellent management of the Camel conveyance Lt/Sgt Swanson D.A.P. - for his work as dispenser and dresser. Cpl Ellingsworth Y. - for his splendid work at the Dressing Station Cpl Giles W. - for his work as clerk.</p> | |



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| NW JERICHO | 4/5/18 | | <p>cpl Robbins PE - for his most excellent and enthusiastic work as cook his performance was most creditable</p> <p>cpl Middleton G - for excellent general work.</p> | |



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| N. W JERICHO | 27/5/18 | 1330. | <p>Weather gusty and slightly showery. Shortages investigated and showed deficiencies in men, horses, personnel Camels → general equipment. Orders arrived to get ready immediately to proceed to AJZA CROSSING, no further intimation with regard to move received later. Traced down to the AJZA CROSSING. JORDAN river at present not fit for wheels, rapid crossing many steep and difficult grades. approach to JORDAN does not allow of use of wheels. Ambulance beached on wadi allowing nearest approach of wheels to JORDAN. Camels to be brought up for evacuation from JORDAN to wadi</p> | |
| Bridge AJZA CROSSING JORDAN RIVER | 6/5/18 | | <p>Weather slightly overcast and showery. Moved heavy Tent Division (with exception of two) and Camels into JORDAN wadi and beached close to Bridge at AJZA CROSSING. Ambulance wagons and transport vehicles moved to and beached in site close to Quarries on the road to the AJZA CROSSING and about 1 1/2 miles from JORDAN. This splitting of the Ambulance was done for two reasons (a) Suitable sites affording protection for a complete Ambulance in case of an attack are few in neighbourhood of AJZA CROSSING. and what there are are now occupied by Combatant troops (b) The road up from the JORDAN has a steep gradient and evacuations of casualties would be better carried out by stretchers and caquet up the banks to the plain rather than evacuating direct by Ambulance wagon and motor. The strain both on horse and motor being too excessive.</p> | <p>MAY 1918 M/L [Signature]</p> |



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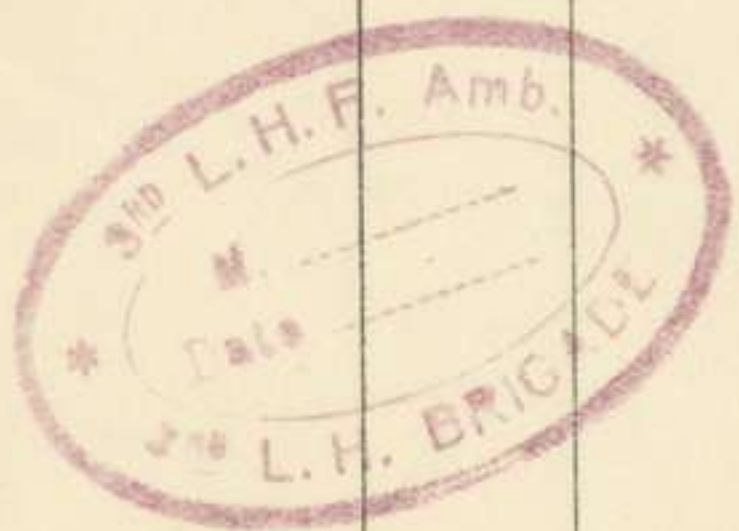
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| AUSA CROSSING JORDAN. | 6/5/18 | | <p>Capt SHELLEY with Q.M.S. SUTTON as senior N.C.O. took over charge of the transport section. All equipment and personnel were moved from old base area site near road SOLIAN to transport camp.</p> <p>2300 orders were received to stand to ready saddled up for any emergency until further orders.</p> <p>No further orders arrived and the "stand to" existed throughout the night.</p> <p>Transport camp likewise stood to.</p> <p>Three squads temporarily detached with regiments rejoined ambulance 5/5/18</p> <p>one squad rejoined at Advanced School of Cookery Alexandria.</p> <p>2 hide boxes evacuated to 8th Mobile Section</p> | |
| | 7/5/18 | 0500 | <p>Moved base area at 0500 in JORDAN to better cover.</p> <p>Motor ambulances arrived for evacuation of wounded. These were attached to transport camp. and received orders to report at 1000 and 1630 daily</p> <p>all patients evacuated to D.R.S. 1 mile west of JERICHO.</p> <p>Heat at midday particularly trying.</p> <p><u>Weather</u></p> <p><u>Water</u> Water in AUSA very brackish, unable to obtain lather with soap.</p> <p>Water in JORDAN not at all clear and evidently fair.</p> <p>Amount of organic matter is at suspicious as it takes up a fairly large quantity of chlorine</p> <p><u>Insects</u> One or two Anopheles Mosquitoes noticed.</p> <p>Sand flies numerous attacking the wrists causing much cutaneous and mental irritation.</p> | |



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| AVJA CROSSING JORDAN | 7/5/18 | | Enemy planes active over our lines early this morning Small enemy field gun spasmodically attempting to reach AVJA pontoon bridge throughout the day. no damage reported. | |
| " | 8/5/18 | | 1 squad 8th Sanitary Section attached as Brigade Sanitary Inspector 1 ride horse to 8th Mob Detachment. 2 rides returned from Regt. 9th LH | |
| " | 9/5/18 | | Sgt Lewis temporarily attached returned to Descorps HQ. 1 attached ride horse to 8th LH Regt. 1 to Sherwood & Angus Geo. | |
| " | 10/5/18 | | 1 squad rejoined unit + 10th LH Regt. | |
| " | 11/5/18 | | 1 squad 8th Sanitary Section attached to supervise Malarial. (Mosquito Destruction Party) work. Squad Wagon - Boyd proceeded to build gaffa with 5 S Wagon + 5 Mules to collect stores from dump - Canteen stores also oranges Lemons for use of Personnel. | |
| " | 12/5/18 | | 1 squad reinforcement + Moascar details taken on strength 2 squads 3rd LH Amb evacuated sick to hospital from Dr. Reccey Station 5 Ride and 3 Draught Horses remnants arrived taken on strength | |
| " | 13/5/18 | | Capt O'Shea transferred to Aust Infy Camp Suva as SMO 1 squad temporarily detached to Aust Infy Camp Suva 1 squad evacuated sick to hospital 2 ride horses evacuated from 8th Mob Detachment 3 Camels 2 lying 1 sitting Caedlet with native transferred to 4th LH Field Ambulance | |



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| AUSA Crossing RIVER JORDAN | 14/5/18 | | Capt R G Woods batman rejoined Mobile Section + Det Receiving Station 4 M.T. ASC Drivers 3 Motor Ambulances → Motor Cycle rejoined Det R.S. 1 spare evacuated sick to hospital 3 attached Ride Hoses evacuated to Det Section | |
| | 16/5/18 | | 2 Ride Hoses returned from Veterinary Section 3 attached Rides to 8 th Mob 1 attached ride to 8 th Lt Regt | |
| | 17/5/18 | | Capt R G Woods evacuated sick. 1 spare evacuated sick | |
| | 18/5/18 | | 5 spares evacuated sick to hospital | |
| | 19/5/18 | | Weather extremely trying heat about 100° F flies numerous and extremely bad. While the flies are able to breed in such numbers is not known at present that sanitation in the area is not perfect is well known yet there are no evidences of organic deposits in the area sufficient to produce such myriads. Heat of the sun at midday has "played up" on one or two of the heavy horses causing slight heat stroke. G.S. wagon in charge of Waugman and Boyd arrived back from head and Jaffa bringing equipment, canteen stores, oranges and lemons for use of the unit. | |
| | | | 2 Ride Hoses returned from 8 th Mobile Det Section. 1 spare M.T. ASC attached spare Driver. Motor Ambulances. | |



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| AVJA Crossing RIVER JORDAN | 20/5/18 | | <p>Weather as previous, very gusty raising large clouds of dust between 1700 and 1900. Dental officer Capt Mitchell arrived and was attached to Ambulance to take up dental duties in the Brigade.</p> <p>He will be stationed at transport Camp near Quaines.</p> <p>Drinking water supply for Brigade moved to a position above the AVJA. This ought to be an improvement.</p> <p>3. Dumps attached taken on strength.</p> | |
| " | 21/5/18 | | <p>Weather extremely close. Two bombs dropped not far from drinking water tank. Killing officers mess orderly 16712 Pte J. M. Jameson.</p> <p>This was a definite loss to the unit for Pte Jameson was one of the units brightest, most willing and obliging of its members.</p> <p>It is rather remarkable that both bombs hit the water exploding in the River Jordan.</p> <p>1. Squad Medical Detail 8th Lt Regt evacuated sick to hospital.</p> | |
| " | 22/5/18 | | <p>1st Squad reinforcements arrived at Moascar taken on strength.</p> <p>1. Squad transferred to Aust Camel Field Amb as Staff Sgt Dispenser.</p> <p>1. Squad Medical Detail 10th Lt Regt. evacuated sick.</p> <p>1. Squad transferred to 14th A.S.H.</p> | |
| " | 23/5/18 | | <p>1. Squad evacuated sick.</p> <p>1. Squad evacuated sick from R.S.</p> | |



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| AVIA Crossing RIVER JORDAN | 25/5/18 | | 1 officer Major CLARKE arrived at R.S. + Aust Infy Camp Suweg. | |
| | 26/5/18 | | 1 patient evacuated sick to hospital 1 patient transferred to No 2 A S Disp AS Disp. 1 patient transferred from No 2 1 patient despatched with Brigade Party to Dump at | |
| | 27/5/18 | | tryed to bring forward some equipment 1 Ambulance Wagon with Waugman and despatched to Jerusalem to collect Mule Carters from ESCORPS Reinforcement Camp. | |
| 113 J 20 to Central | 1600 | | 1 Ambulance Wagon (Aust Battery) arrived from R.S. for trial. 1 patient to Adl School of Cookery Alexandria 3 patients evacuated sick to hospital Receives Tent Division joined up with transport section at transport Camp. 113. J. 20. & Central ref map inset 1 mile. | |
| | 28/5/18 | | Capt R E Woods rejoined at hospital no 1st A S Disp. 1 patient transferred from 8th Inf Regt LA + 46 to workshops for overhaul. | |
| | 29/5/18 | | 1 no Waugman Wilson with 1st Wagon with Mule Carters minus Canvas supports | |
| | | | 7 patients reinforcements arrived at Moascar details taken on strength 2 patients evacuated sick to hospital LA + 91 to workshop for repairs | |



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| 113 I 20 to Central Map 1 inch 1 mile | 30/5/18 | | 1 point + Moascar taken on strength 4 points (3 cpls + 1 pl) repaired at Inco' school Moascar | |
| | 31/5/18 | | 1 point evacuated. sent from R.S. Temperature inside E.P. Tent at midday 110° | |



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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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| 1 | Statement of personnel Animal Vehicles actually sent to front on specified dates |
| 2 | Statement of men wounded admitted & evacuated |
| 3 | Report on Surgical operations ES S&T ^{2 pages} |
| x | Camel convey of wounded from ES S&T to Jordan Valley |
| 5 | 3rd and Bde Order no 10 copy 7. 29/4/18 |
| 6 | Report on sample of water from drinking water tank made AVSA. |

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Statement of Personnel Animals Vehicles actually on duty on dates specified during month of May 1918

| Date | Personnel | | attached | | Horses | | Mules | | Donkeys | | Camels | | Wagons | | Carts | | Mechanical | | Cocleto | | |
|------|-----------|---------|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|---------|---------|---------|----|
| | off | present | off | present | present | present | present | present | present | present | present | present | present | present | present | present | present | present | present | present | |
| 1 | x | 38 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 31 | 15 | | | 25 | | | | | | | | | 10 | 15 | 2 |
| 2 | x | 38 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 31 | 15 | | | 25 | | | | | | | | | 10 | 15 | 2 |
| 3 | x | 36 | 1 | 2 | 16 | 28 | 15 | | | 23 | | | | | | | | | 10 | 13 | 2 |
| 4 | x | 63 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 26 | 37 | 5 | 3 | 21 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | 2 | 9 | 12 | 10 |
| 5 | x | 67 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 28 | 37 | 5 | 3 | 21 | 2 | 1 | | | | | | 2 | 9 | 12 | 10 |
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| 13 | 3 | 66 | 1 | 9 | 14 | 33 | 41 | 5 | 3 | 18 | 2 | 1 | | | | 4 | | 2 | 7 | 11 | 12 |
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| 18 | 3 | 58 | 1 | 13 | 14 | 36 | 41 | | 3 | 18 | 1 | 1 | | | | 4 | | 2 | 7 | 11 | 4 |
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Daily State of Patients admitted Discharged - evacuated
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| Date | Admitted | | | | | | Discharged | | | | | | Evacuated | | | | | | Remaining | | | | | | Died | | | | | |
|------|----------|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|------------|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----------|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|-----------|--------|-----|--------|-----|--------|------|--------|-----|--------|--|--|
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| 1 | | 8 | 1 | 5 | 1 | x | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 1 | 9 | 2 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | 14 | 2 | 65 | | | 1 | 1 | 26 | 5 | 72 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Immediately after the capture of ES SALT by the 3rd Brigade the 3rd Ambulance were ordered to establish a dressing station in the Turkish Hospital.

Finding on our arrival in ES SALT that the Turkish Hospital was unsuitable in many ways e.g. difficulty in admitting stretchers owing to small entrance and narrow steps, we established a dressing station and hospital combined, in the Roman Catholic Church near the Turkish Hospital.

The furnishings and equipment at our disposal were necessarily limited. There was no floor-covering, no furniture of any description and the buildings used by the Turks as a granary and storehouse were in a most insanitary condition.

The yard and outhouses were on arrival in an appalling state.

Mats and carpets were commandeered from the Turkish H.Q. building and the adjacent chapel and buildings cleaned as well as well as possible by prisoners, the result being fair.

An operation table was brought from the Turkish Hospital and with equipment carried with us we were able to render surgical aid to the most urgent cases.

Our casualties the first day were light but a few operations were performed that night and throughout the next two days.

Capt B G Quendon acted as surgeon and Capt J E Shelley as Anaesthetist.

The following is a brief summary of the operations performed.



Amputation of right leg below knee of a Turkish prisoner.
Type of operation modified flap

Amputation of penis and plastic operation for an artificial urethra in other places.
This patient was also wounded. He had the muscles of the right testis very badly torn and the bone fractured in its

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upper third. The testicles were shot away and wound extended from the Perineum to the lower part. There was so much blood lost before his admission into hospital that further aid was impossible. This patient unfortunately succumbed in about 12 hours.

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(3) Incision for removal of a large splinter H.E. shell from the Rt Gluteus Maximus.

(4) Amputation of the left arm at junction of middle and upper thirds of a man in the 5th Mtd Brigade. The bone and vessels and nerves were so badly shattered and torn that there was no chance of saving the limb. There was also very great haemorrhage.

(5) A plastic operation for shell wound of the face was performed. The face was fearfully torn in places: - the wound extending from the middle point of the lower eyelid of the right side across the malar bone and the right Maxillary bone and ala nasi and also cut the lips and upper part of the mouth. The wound extended in a similar manner on the left side of the face, both nasal bones were broken and the left superior maxillary bone and part of the Turbinate bones. The whole flap could be raised from the face. There was severe haemorrhage.

(6) In this case the Ant^{er} 1/3 tongue was shot away. Facial artery was severed on the left side and both coronary arteries and the right Infra-orbital. The right lower Maxilla was broken and several teeth absent.

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were cases in which small pieces of shrapnel pellets, shell fragments, and bullets, were removed from a number of wounds and these latter were made as aseptic as possible.



Amputation of the right arm, 1 inch below the surgical neck of humerus. The axillary artery was torn and the humerus fractured just below the end of the Dicipital Groove. The Brachial vessels and nerves were also torn.

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Excision of a large portion of the right quadriceps
 Extensor muscles which was torn away by H E from the
 femur. Wound was very dirty and a quantity
 of foreign material was removed during the course of the
 operation.

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The orderlies gave every possible assistance and ably
 performed their duties during each operation.

The lack of facility for perfect asepsis and the
 limited assortment of instruments minimised the possibility
 of excellent results but notwithstanding all these
 drawbacks all patients did remarkably well.



Michael Stel

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Camel Convoy of Wounded from ES SALT

Wounded and sick patients able to ride horses or camels were being evacuated from ES SALT during operations in that vicinity as fast as transport could be provided at about 1630 on 3/5/18. The rumour that ES SALT was to be located by our troops became a certainty and the Cacolet Camels of the 2nd and 3rd L & Field Ambulances were brought to the door of the hospital improvised in the R.C. Church. All wounded cases had been redressed and fed before notice to move arrived and there was no delay in loading the camels. As the great majority of slightly wounded men had ~~been~~ already been evacuated the remainder were mostly serious cases but the accommodation for lying down cases was limited.

Two very serious cases viz 3261 Iper Cayler G.V. 3rd Lt Regt with a hernia cerebri following SW of the tablet of the skull. and 3180 Goyden A.G. Iper 10th Lt Regt with a perforating wound of the abdomen and peritonitis were abandoned as being too ill to survive the journey.

Within an hour of the arrival of the camels the convoy had started to leave the town by the steep and dangerous track to Hamm Es Shert amidst serious misgivings on the part of the officers in charge. The convoy consisted of ~~ten~~ ^{thirteen} pairs of Cacolets and ~~eleven~~ ^{ten} pairs of sitting Cacolets or twenty three camels in all.

About half a mile from ES SALT the track which at its best is little better than a goat track becomes very difficult and winds above a deep ravine.

It was at this place the Bedouin and Turkish inhabitants of the town chose to ambush the convoy and it was subjected to a continuous volley of rifle fire until eventually it moved in its necessarily sluggish fashion into the hills and comparative safety.

One member of the 3rd L & Field Amb. was wounded in the knee and though able to continue his journey on horseback was later evacuated. A few horses sustained bullet wounds but none was incapacitated.

One camel with two lying down cases in Cacolets evidently disturbed by the firing, missed its foothold and disappeared over the cliff.

Capt Shelley who was bringing up the rear of the convoy rescued one patient but the other, more or less

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dissatisfied with his boisterous experiences forgot previously appeared to be a painful injury and the remainder of the journey on horseback.

The Camel was abandoned and the Convoy pushed on little the worse for its disquieting experiences.

The Camels had very little rest on the whole of the twelve hours journey: there were only two stops one of ten minutes and some hours later one of half an hour.

In places the track was quite good but in others particularly one stretch about two miles long near the middle of the journey and another of about a mile and a half near the end the track was so bad that the possibility of keeping laden Camels on their legs was beyond the wildest hopes of anybody.

The surface was composed of great outcrops of smooth rock scattered over with dirt and shingle and the gradient is frequently as steep as one in two. The stretch of track where the descent to the Jordan valley becomes more abrupt was reached without further incident but here new difficulties arose.

The track narrowed down to a single path about two feet wide winding continuously and sharply about a deep wadi. The possibility of encountering some such dangerous country led Sgt Carling to remove the patients from one Camel which was fairly blind. According to expectations this Camel deserted at this point and the Convoy entered on the last and most difficult stage with the loss of two Camels but with all patients doing excellently considering everything.

This last stage which was reached luckily just on daylight was a mixture of every conceivable sample of "impossible" road varying from steep shingle covered slabs of rock to huge boulders with no sign of a furrow.

The bearers were dismounted and told off to assist the Camels over these treacherous parts and that no mishap eventuated reflects the greatest credit on Sgt Carling, the bearers and Camel drivers. Beating the dangerous 'E'S SALT' road the Convoy breathed easier but to the consternation of everybody, particularly one Camel driver who hurried on to await his leisurely moving Camels at a safe place, the enemy repeatedly his performance at DAMIEN some days previously shelled the Ambulance Convoy accurately and continuously.

It is remarkable that nobody was hurt for at times the Camels were almost invisible in the dust raised by



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bursting shells.

when the Convoy got out of range a patient on the journey was buried in the foothills at Umm Es Shurt. This was destined to be the end of a memorable voyage for a little further on under the hills, skirting the east of the Jordan Valley the Angac Collecting Station was located and here the camels were unloaded much to the relief of everybody including the patients.

The wonderful endurance of camels and camel drivers is worthy of mention and the ability with which they were plodded over dangerous places reflects the greatest credit on Sgt Carling.

It is also worthy of note that patients who had been operated on only a few hours before starting the journey were at the end of it remarkably well.

On occasions when the Convoy halted patients were found in lots of cases sound asleep. This was so only in the lying down caecoles for it appears that riding in a sitting caecole is not a "crowning mercy".

Account of H. J. Leahy Capt.
3rd L.H.F. Amb



H. J. Leahy

3rd A.L.H. BRIGADE ORDER NO. 10.

Reference Map East of JORDAN Composite Sheet (2nd Edition).

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- (i) The latest information about the enemy will be issued separately.
- (ii) Desert Mounted Corps is to envelop the right of the enemy's main forces about SHUNET NIMRIN, capture ES SALT and advance to the line KUSR, 142.T.9 - Pt. 2900, 142.O.35. The operation commences about dawn on April 30th.
- (iii) Major General SHEA, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., commanding the right attack, is to operate about one hour before dawn as follows:-
- (a) To seize, with I mounted Regt., I Squadron Hyderabad Lancers and I Battn. Patiala Infantry, the enemy's advanced works near the KARR SAID and KARR MUJAHID tracks.
- (b) To occupy the line HAKKAR ED DERBASI - TELL EL MUSTA-EL HAUD.
- (c) To direct A. & H.Z. Mtd. Divn. to advance to the line KUSR, 142.T.9 - ES SALT.
- (iv) Major General HOBGSON, C.V.O., C.B., will command the left attack, which will operate as detailed in Para. 2.
- (v) The I.C.C. Bde. is ordered by 0400, to have thrown forward its right to about 113.x.23.a, and to have established a post of at least a section to command the right bank of the JORDAN near the bend in 113.X.17.d.
- (vi) 20th Inf. Bde. is to be prepared to defend the Bridgeshead.
- (vii) 6th Mounted Bde. and Imperial Service Cav. Bde. are in Corps reserve West of GHORANIYEH Bridge.

2. INTENTION.

The Divisional Commander intends to advance rapidly Northwards East of the JORDAN, place one Brigade facing N.W. astride the UMM BSH SHERT - JISR ED DAMIE and the ES SALT - JISR ED DAMIE tracks and with the remainder of the Division move on ES SALT from West and North West.

When ES SALT is captured, dispositions will be made to protect it from the North; one Brigade will move on Pt. 2900, 142.O.35, and a detachment will move towards SHUNET NIMRIN with the object of capturing the enemy retiring in front of the right attack.

3. 1ST STAGE OF OPERATIONS (CAPTURE OF ES SALT).

- (i) G.O.C. 4th A.L.H. Brigade at dawn at latest, will move forward from the Wadi ABU MURAIR and will force his way with the utmost rapidity towards JISR ED DAMIE. The Brigade will take up a position facing N.W., astride the UMM BSH SHERT - JISR ED DAMIE and ES SALT - JISR ED DAMIE tracks, in order to enable 3rd Bde. to move behind 4th Bde. on to the ES SALT - JISR ED DAMIE track.
- (ii) G.O.C. 5th Mtd. Bde. at dawn at latest, will move forward from the WADI ABU MURAIR and will seize with the utmost rapidity the entrance of the UMM BSH SHERT track into the foothills. The Brigade will then advance and occupy ES SALT.

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(iii) G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Bde. will move from WADI ABU NIMRAH in closest support of 4th A.L.H. Bde.

G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Bde. will maintain close touch with G.O.C. 4th A.L.H. Bde. and will afford him all immediate assistance in forcing his way rapidly Northwards.

3rd A.L.H. Bde. will seize the entrance to the hills on the ES SALT - JISR ED DAMIE Road and move on ES SALT as rapidly as possible.

- (iv) G.O.C. 1st A.L.H. Bde. will at dawn push forward one Regt. and one section M. Guns on the left of the 4th A.L.H. Bde. Their role will be to contain the enemy in the RED HILL about C.25 from the South and South East.
- (b) The remainder of the Brigade will be in Divisional reserve and will take cover in a position of readiness in the JORDAN VALLEY about F.19.

(v) ARTILLERY.

- (a) 19th Bde. R.H.A. (less "B" Battery H.A.C.) under command of the C.R.H.A. will support 4th A.L.H. Bde.
- (b) The 3.7" Battery and "B" Battery H.A.C. will support 5th Mtd. Bde. under direct orders of the G.O.C. 5th Mtd. Bde.
- Immediately "B" Battery H.A.C. is unable to support 5th Mtd. Bde. any longer, it will be ordered by G.O.C. 5th Mtd. Bde. to move North and support 3rd A.L.H. Bde.
- (c) H.K. & S. Battery will support 3rd A.L.H. Bde. under direct orders of G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Bde.

(vi) 12th L.A.C. Battery.

- (a) Two L.A. cars are allotted to 4th A.L.H. Bde.
- (b) Two L.A. Cars are allotted to 5th Mtd. Bde.

Immediately the G.O.C. 5th Mtd. Bde. no longer requires them, he will order them to report to the G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Bde.

When G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Bde. no longer requires them, he will order them to report to G.O.C. 4th A.L.H. Bde.

END STAGE (DEFENCE OF ES SALT AND CO-OPERATION WITH A. & N.Z. MOUNTED DIVISION.

- (i) After ES SALT is captured every effort will be made to
- (a) Protect it from the North.
- (b) Move a detachment towards SHUBET NIMRIN with the object of capturing the enemy retiring from in front of Major General SHEA's force.
- (c) Send one Brigade to occupy Pt. 2900, I42.O.35.
- (ii) The above three tasks are stated in order of importance. Until the Divisional Commander arrives at ES SALT, the senior Commander present at ES SALT will use whatever troops of the Division are available at the time to carry out the above three tasks.
- (iii) The dividing line between A. & N.Z. and Australian Mounted Divisions East of ES SALT will be a line from ES SALT to Pt. 2900, I42.O.35, inclusive to Australian Mounted Division.

4. REPORTS.

Div. H.Q. will be at the head of the 1st A.L.H. Bde. about F.19 from 0300 onwards.

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5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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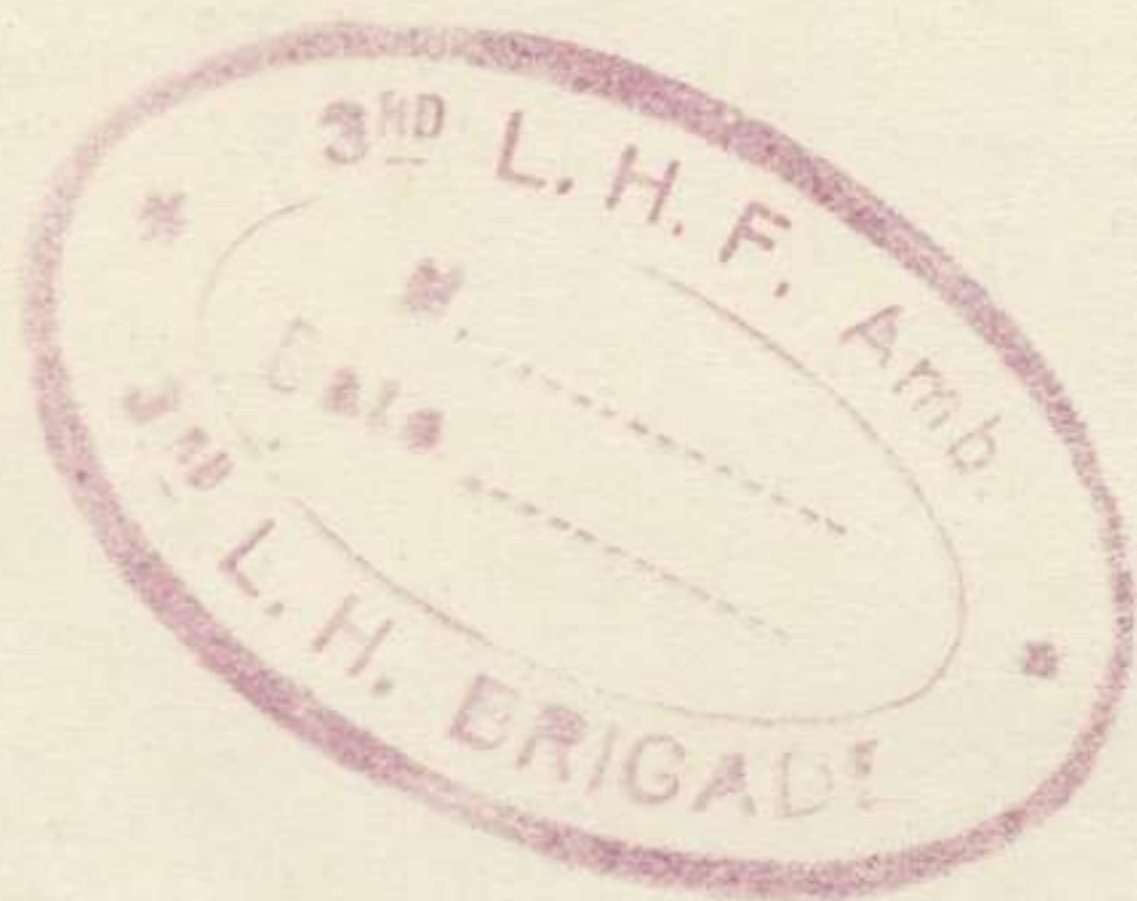
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Brigade Major,
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| 7 | 3rd L.H.F.A. |
| 8 | 8th Mob. Vet. Sec. |
| 9 | 36th Coy. A.A.S.C. |
| 10 | 3rd Field Troop, A.B. |
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REPORT ON SAMPLES OF WATER BACTERIOLOGICALLY EXAMINED.

| SOURCE | Date of Sample | Hour of Sample | Hours before Examination. | Colony Count per C. C. | Glucose Fermentation in ccs. | Lactose Fermentation in ccs. | Flaginac B. Coli in ccs | Remarks |
|--|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| DRINKING WATER TANK from S.M.D. 3.L.H.Bde. | 23-5-18 | 1800 | 20 hrs. | 10 | 10. Acid only | 10. Acid only | 10. not recovered | Chlorinated 3 hrs before Sampling Residue from bottom of drinking water tank. Negative for V Cholera. |

[Signature] Major
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