

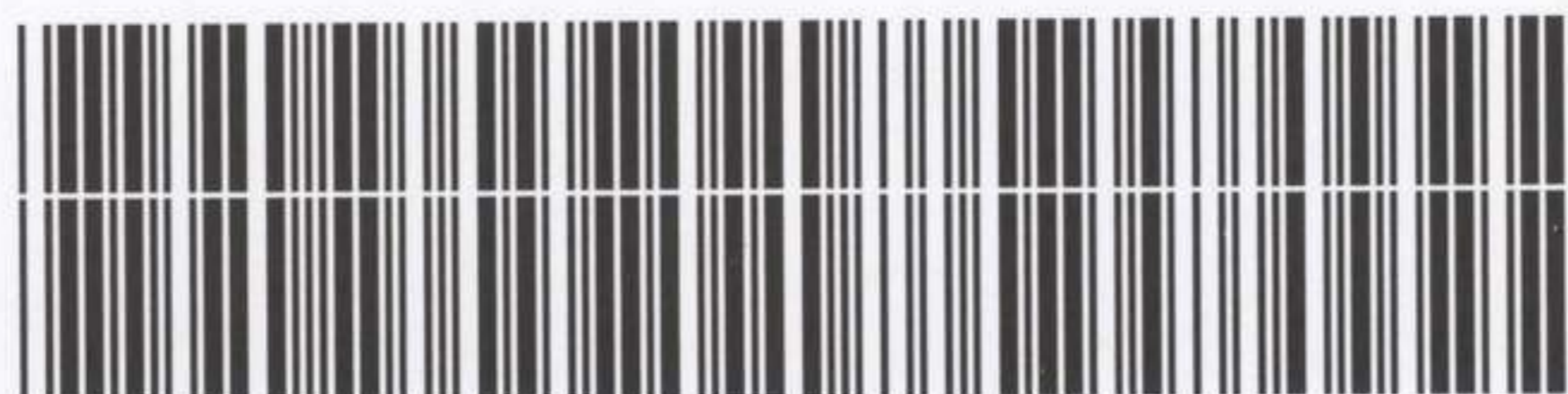
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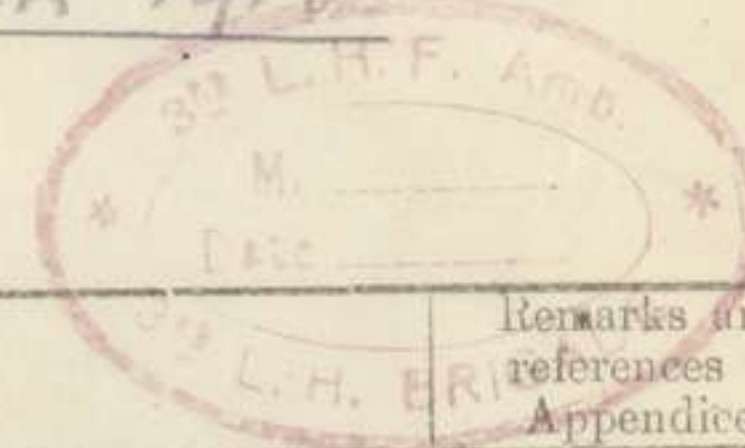
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LUDD	1/9/18		Nothing to report.	AMS
	2/9/18		Nothing to report.	AMS
	3/9/18		Cases of Influenza appearing. Capt Baker M.M.O. 10th A.L.H. departed on short leave to Egypt, & also 1 other rank. 1 Other Rank (Jou LUMSDEN) evacuated sick.	AMS
	4/9/18		Influenza fairly prevalent in 9th A.L.H. Regt, Medical Officer Capt SHELLEY admitted to Ambulance & also a large number of other ranks from 9th A.L.H. Regt. Number of cases of Malaria subsiding. An E.P.I.P. tent was obtained from 3rd A.L.H. Brigade for hospital purposes. Sick parades of 9th & 10th Regiments, B.H.Q., attached units & Machine Gun Squadron done in Ambulance lines. Capt CHESTERMAN returned to Malard Diagnosis Station from hospital. 1 other rank reported as Mosseau (The GRIFFEN)	AMS M/W AMS
	5/9/18		Sick parade of 10th A.L.H. done in Ambulance lines & 9th A.L.H. in regimental lines. The Tab & The Baden temporarily detached to 9th A.L.H. as medical details. 1 Other Rank (The THOMPSON) evacuated sick.	AMS
	6/9/18		Informal inspection by Director General Medical Services tomorrow.	AMS

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LUDD	6-9-18 contd		<p>Military Forces, General FEATHERSTON. Owing to shortage of Medical Officers, Ambulance work & medical attention to regiments is as follows: Major CLARKE & Capt QUINLAN being the only two M.O.s left with Ambulance, carried on with Ambulance work in addition to taking sick parades of 9th 11th Regiments & the smaller units of the Brigade. 1 Other Rank evacuated sick. (Pte DUNN)</p>	JMS
	7-9-18		<p>Communicated with Brigade reference obtaining two E.P. tents for accommodating patients. 3 Other Ranks (Sgt TROTMAN & STONE, Pte HANLY) admitted to hospital.</p>	JMS
	8-9-18		<p>Report by Corporal Whelwright that certain duplicate parts are unobtainable for ambulance wagons at Ordnance workshops & that these parts are necessary & have communicated with Brigade accordingly. Don Lamden & Stone rejoined ex-hospital. 1 Heph McIntyre admitted.</p>	JMS
	9-9-18		<p>Nothing to report. Lt Sgt Hanley, Sps Cooney & Thomas returned from ACO's school Modseau. Pte Hanley ex-hospital.</p>	JMS
	10-9-18		<p>Nothing to report. Pte Judges admitted to hospital.</p>	<p>SEP 1918 M/1/3 JMS JMS JMS</p>

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LUDD	11/9/18		Hospital accommodation now very satisfactory, there being 3.00 tents Dons Hutman & Cpl Mc Intyre rejoined from hospital & The Thorne M.T.A.S.C. evacuated. Douglas motor cycles sent to stores at Ludd.	JMS
	12.9.18		Make of spare parts for ambulance wagons being rectified. This was referred through Brigade to Division. 1 Other Rank (Tilden) joined 2nd Lt A.G.H.	JMS
	13.9.18		Some difficulty experienced in dividing into Mobile & Immobile sections owing to unit not being complete as regards saddles, shoes etc. Subjects have consequently to be held in Mobile Lines Pte W. Allan M.T.A.S.C. rejoined ex hospital. Two JAMES transferred to 4th A.S.H.	JMS
	14.9.18		Parade Divisional in the morning of Mobile Section satisfactory loyalty very good Immobile Section, consisting of Cpts BEALE & QUINLAN & 36 other ranks & & networks with 3 spades 14 draughts 2 miles 2 M.Wagons, 1 Lumber, & watercart. left to join up with corresponding section of 5th L.H.A. Am under Lt Col McLAREN collected 4 eight-gallon fantasses from Ordnance. "blunt equipment" for water purposes will be difficult to carry with limited transport & 11 ranks joined ex Details, all being members of unit who had been evacuated sick (Cpl McKay Ptes Abbott rollers Williams). 2 Ptes joined Motor transport. Cpl. Taylor evacuated sick. 20 Ptes (Smith & McLoughlin) sent to 1st School Mesopotamia.	JMS JMS SEP 1918 JMS

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LUDD	15/9/18		Collected 1st lying down caecoles. Tent forwarded to Ordnance for repair 20/ks transferred to supernumerary strength (The Divisional Railhead) 1 qr supernumerary strength (The Murray) transferred to Dental Unit at LUDD. 2 Motor Motor ambulances dispatched to Div Depo Str.	JMS
	16/9/18		19 b. 1/6 Natives with 20 camels six caecoles collected. Also 12 small riding mules 10 light stretchers sent to Div. Dump Ludd (The Depot)	JMS
	17/9/18		Camp extremely busy collecting new & dispatching old Ordnance equipment forming dumps etc. (On 15.9.18) Capt KELLY joined unit as D.M.C. Unit.	JMS
	18/9/18		Camp out said, vice Capt ANDREWS Lieut THOMPSON with No 6 Dental Unit proceeded to join temporarily Australian Flying Corps. At last moment we were informed that we had to return by our own transport & tents to Palestine Line of communication. Enquiries had been made concerning this matter a few days previously the reply from Brigade was to leave ^{them} standing. These tents had been used to hold Brigade influenza patients the return at the last moment is most inconvenient	JMS
	1800 1900 1930		Remaining 4 motor ambulances left mobile section at 1800. Had to evacuate wagon load of socks by hoisted vehicle at 1900. Mobile section moved out at 1930. Moved under Divisional Control to region around Jaffa. House was reached at 2000	JMS - SEP 1918 M/S JMS

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LEJJUN	25/9/16		<p>The Co had been advised of what had taken place, the Messenger arriving from Transpont while Beament were at SHEIKH. As before stated Beament left at 0100 on 20th unit. Nothing worthy of note travelling from LEJJUN was reached about 0600 where sick were collected left in charge of a Beament to await Transpont, which upon arrival at Sheikh Muhammed had attended to houses + Sgt Carling, with 5 Desert 410 houses were sent back to bring in 1st Wagon + light ambulance wagon which had been abandoned. Capt KELLY was left behind with patients who had been picked up on road. Major Evans S.D.M.S. was seen + he said that could be no evacuations from Sheikh, so it was necessary to send back a wagon to bring on the patients, in the hope of evacuating them at SUMRAH. The transport rushed on to TEL-EL-DRUHR, + so on to SUMRAH up WADI ARA to MUSMUS, to</p>	<p>Remarks and references to Appendices</p>
JENIN	25/9/16	1930 1930	<p>LEJJUN arriving here at 1930 The Beament section received a sudden order to move on JENIN at 1530 + LEJJUN was left at 1600 + JENIN reached at two hours later. During the night the few casualties were carried long distances on stretchers to Dressing Station on Key line 1400 yards from town. Some difficulty was experienced in dressing stations owing to absence of lights. Early in morning 21-9-16 hospitals at JENIN. Turkish Beament, were looked over Beament Hospital was chosen as site for ambulance</p>	<p>Remarks and references to Appendices</p>

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JENIN	20/9/18	1100	<p>A motor ambulance with trailer in good order was found there & immediate use was made of it to convey patients from field to hospital. All hospitals when first entered were in a very dirty condition but the German hospital, where there was a staff of Doctors, Nurses & orderlies, rapidly assumed order. There were a large number of German men here wounded - approximately 40 wounded 150 sick, mostly malaria & para-typhoid. All the less sick prisoners were evacuated by motor-lorry as soon as able to travel.</p> <p>The transport section arrived at JENIN at 1100, having been ordered south by A.D.M. & patients were left at LESJON in charge of an orderly. These patients had been brought from SHEIKH MOHAMMED by ambulance & were sent back to being them on. Owing to the lack of a wagon which was sent back to being them on. Owing to the convenience of hospital, patients were well attended to. Our own patients were few there being only two - both from 10th & 11th. of whom Kent MCWHIRTER was seriously wounded in chest. 60 of ambulance was also unwell.</p>	<p>BMS</p>
AFULEH	20/9/18	0400 1430 1630	<p>Entire unit "stood to" & "all clear" was received at 0400. At 1430 ambulance proceeded to AFULEH, leaving C.O. Capt Kelly, & 9 other tanks (with mounts) to carry on at hospital. AFULEH was reached at 1630 & a camp site selected 1 mile N. of Aley on NAZARETH Road.</p> <p>A section of the ambulance with wagon was dispatched to NAZARETH</p>	<p>SEP 1918</p> <p>BMS</p>

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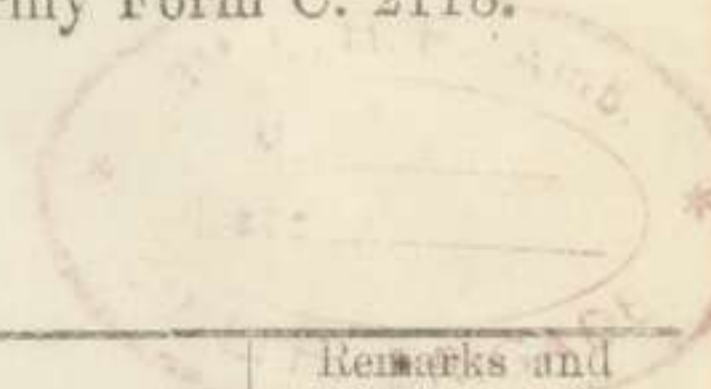
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APOLEH.	23/9/18		<p>to report to AMO. 5th A.H.A. Ambulance then moved to a German receiving station which was being run by 3th Cav Div. This only patients both our own & prisoners - total 40. (There was a small German staff of Doctors & orderlies who were allotted duties of attending to prisoners & a number of sick were admitted. A reserve supply of water was secured in some Turkish fanatics which were found in Turkish Ordnance - this was deemed advisable owing to great demand on water by prisoners in compound close by. A small supply of rations was received from 3rd A.H.A. Dump. Very little equipment was found the entire hospital was in a dirty state, it was decided to move back to original position early on following day.</p> <p>Private Collins had been sent to collect patients with camels, at 10th A.H.A. but he was compelled to return owing to being fired at. After some difficulty, an escort being sent from B.H.A. the patients were collected.</p>	
		1700	Two couriers arrived in afternoon (1700) & some patients were sent on to LETJON.	AMS
	24/9/18	1400	At 1400 Ambulance returned to original position on NAZARETH, evacuating remaining patients to Div Clear. Str (Major Pacey) which had arrived in vicinity. On arrival at Rasghe area a tent was erected & patients admitted.	SEP 1918 AMS
	25/9/18	0430	Reveille at 0430 orders to move at 0630 but move was not carried out.	AMS
		1630	Ambulance proceeded through NAZARETH to LIBERIAS.	AMS

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MEJDEL	26/9/18		<p>a somewhat tedious task owing the congestion of traffic The W. coast of the lake was reached at 0500 Lat 1130 proceeded with Brigade to MEJDEL where Brigade remained for night. Both houses, some enjoyed plentiful supply of water afforded from the lake. Lat were erected patients were admitted. During the night a heavy shower of rain fell. Col Stuart returned by motor ambulance from JENIN.</p>	PMB
YABOK BRIDGE	27/9/18	0730	<p>Capt R.G. Woods proceeded with small party patients to TIBERIAS with the intention of there forming a shelter station, as orders had been received that Brigade was to move at 0700. This station was found to be unnecessary as the patients were transferred to motor lorries. Capt Woods & party therefore returned & joined ambulance en route.</p>	PMB
JORDAN RIVER CROSSING	24/9/18	0600	<p>Recon under Major CLARKE left at 0730 & Transport in charge of CO at 0800 Brigade went into action at 1330 operating between end of Lake HULEH & YABOK bridge, recon took up position just behind BTR battle position. Recon were detached to regiments with camels. They brought back wounded who were dressed & attended to & evacuated to 5th Cav Det. Transport arrived between SAFED & JORDAN River crossing. Here patients (sick) were attended to.</p>	<p>SEP 1918 PMB</p>
		1200	<p>Transport left at 0730 & proceeded to JORDAN R. crossing, where considerable delay had occurred owing to bridge being blown up A crossing was not effected until midday & fair progress was then</p>	<p>SEP 1918 PMB</p>

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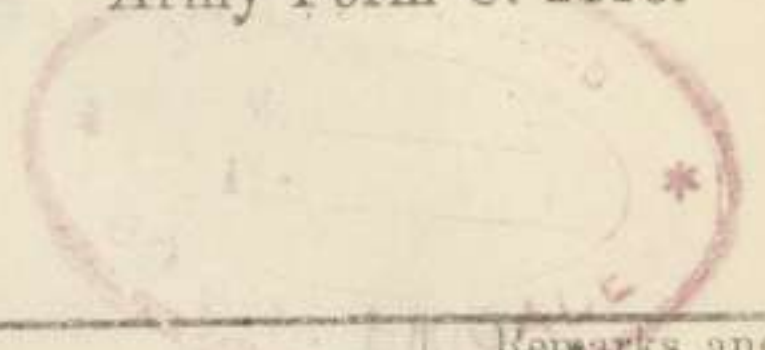
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JORDAN	28/9/19		made until KUNEITRA was reached & ambulance bivouaged outside town. Patients had in the meantime found the river & Oventaken Brigade. Two wounded were picked up by transport en route.	JMS [Signature]
KUNEITRA	29/9/19		Here owing to plentiful supply of kibbin, all animals were well fed. At 1200 ambulance proceeded 1 mile N. of KUNEITRA & rejoined Brigade. Patients being transferred to 4th Lt. S. A. as that unit had formed a dressing station. One 4th Lt. S. A. was attached to this unit. 2 patients (The DUNCAN & Lt. MCINTYRE) were evacuated. Sick. banteen stores were received & distributed.	JMS [Signature]
DAMASCUS ROAD (1/250000 DAMASCUS I 15 W.)	30/9/19	1500 0630	Patients under Capt Woods left at 1500 & proceeded with Brigade. Transport moved at 1600 but halted after going short distance. The halt lasted until 0630, when progress was again made passing SARSAH, where a German Hospital tent stood at side of stream. This hospital tent was taken over by 5th Lt. S. Amb. & several German patients who were picked up in route were evacuated here. Ambulance again proceeded, bivouaging at about I 15 W (DAMASCUS 1/250,000) on KUNEITRA-DAMASCUS Road. Here sick were admitted & attended to. Of the patients in German tent at SARSAH two are said to have been captured on previous night by enemy & left there during retreat. Their names to will appear in 5th Lt. S. A. records. They belong to [Signature] Lt Col.	Collecting Station SEP 1919 [Signature]

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			<p>Owing to rapidity of advance & the fact that the ambulance was split up into so many detachments this diary is somewhat scrappily incomplete. Perhaps it would be well to point out that, when halted, the tent subdivision bearers were busily engaged in attending to patients, both our own & enemy. When on the move all available space in wagons was taken up by patients. No members of ambulance except drivers, rode in vehicles, all being mounted.</p>	<p>Remarks</p> <p>14/11/1918</p> <p>1918</p>

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No. OF PATIENTS ADMITTED EVACUATED & DISCHARGED

SEPT	ADMISSIONS		EVACUATIONS		DISCHARGES	
	OFFICERS	OF RANKS	OFFICERS	OF RANKS	OFFICERS	OF RANKS
1		15		17		4
2		13		15		1
3	1	33		17		6
4	2	40		50		1
5		42	1	23		4
6		23		24	1	10
7	1	45		23		8
8	1	28	1	16		21
9		13		6		-
10		24		8	2	3
11	1	10		8		14
12	1	12		15		9
13		17		10		4
14		9	1	12		7
15		11	1	14		6
16		6		17		1
17		20		21		
18		26		26		
19	2	12		12		
20	1	4		2		
21	1	9	1	2		
22		7		14		
23	1	33	1	22		1
24		7		15		
25		4		5		
26	2	11	2	11		
27		17		17		
28	2	10	2	10		
29		21		21		
30		8		7		



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