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RICHON LE ZION November 7	Divisional Headquarters, and 1st. A.L.H. Brigade (less 2nd. Regiment) arrived in camping areas, RICHON LE ZION.	
9	<p>7th. A.L.H. Regiment and Canterbury Mounted Rifles Regiment are to be dismounted and held in readiness to proceed overseas at short notice.</p> <p>Persomel will be taken on their present War Establishments, and riding horses and transport on a reduced scale.</p> <p>S.A.A. will be taken - On the man, 90 rounds: as Regimental Reserve- 100 rounds per rifle. Hotchkiss Rifles will not be taken.</p> <p>Surplus Animals, Transport, Harness, Saddlery, Hotchkiss Rifles and any other surplus stores will be handed in at LUDD.</p>	
11	<p>Wire from G.H.Q. reads "Wireless message from MALTA begins AAA ARMISTICE SIGNED AT 0600 TODAY NOVEMBER 11th."</p> <p><u>"1914 LEAVE." (A.I.F.).</u></p> <p>Permission has been granted for Officers, N.C.Os., and men who embarked from Australia in 1914 and have not been back to Australia since to be given leave.</p> <p>The period in Australia will be 2 clear months (approximately 60 days).</p> <p>Leave to England will be granted for a limited number whose relatives and interests are proved to be in England.</p> <p>Leave for any persons may be refused at any time if it is considered that by reasons of bad conduct they have forfeited the right to such leave.</p> <p>Under arrangements set out in A.I.F. in Egypt Circular Memo. No. 24 of 26th. October, 18 officers 325 other ranks have proceeded to Moascar preparatory to embarking for Australia, followed later</p>	

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RICHON LE ZION. 1918	by smaller parties and individual cases.	
November 13	The 7th. A.L.H. Regiment and Canterbury Mtd. Rifles Regiment (N.Z.M.R. Bde) entrained at 2100 for KANTARA (en route ALEXANDRIA), arriving Kantara 1305 on the 14th., from whence they will not proceed further until further instructions. Headquarters, Canal Zone will arrange camp site on arrival.	
17	A nominal roll of six 1914 Officers and six 1914 other ranks desirous of leave to England was rendered to Australian Headquarters, CAIRO.	
18	Owing to slow communications and necessity for audit of pay books, A.A.G., A.I.F. in Egypt intimates that all 1914 personnel with clean conduct sheets who can be spared, and who wish to go to England or Australia should be sent to Moascar at once.	
20	Desert Mtd. Corps advises that other ranks on leave in United Kingdom will no longer be sent back to Egypt.	
	With a view to forming industrial classes for Military Personnel Descorps have asked for names of officers or N.C.Os. recommended as instructors in the following subjects:- Stenography (Commercial), English, Arithmetic, Bookkeeping, Higher Accountancy, Publicity Agency, Building Construction and Elementary Schools. These are being ascertained, and a list will be submitted in due course.	
24	In regard to the allocation of captured enemy guns, G.H.Q. has been asked that they may be allocated in such a manner as to ensure that a proportion may be secured to the respective Countries to which the various Units which composed CHAYTOR'S FORCE in the recent	

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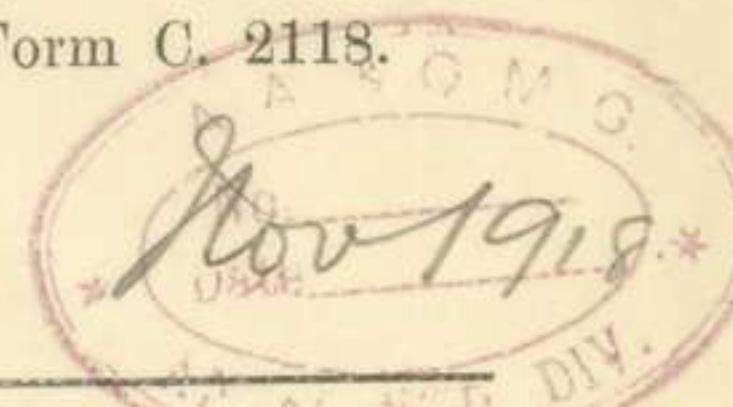
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RICHON LE ZION. 1918. November	<p>operations, belonged: particularly considering the 1st. and 2nd. Battalions, B.W.I., and also the 10th. Indian Mountain Artillery Brigade.</p>	
25	<p>The following from the General Commanding the Australian Imperial Force was received in memorandum from A.A.G., A.I.F. in Egypt.</p> <p>Cablegrams--"14.11.18.- Promotion all officers to be suspended for present AAA No more commissions to be granted or personnel to be sent to Cadet Schools.</p> <p>"17.11.18.- Promotion of all W.Os. and N.C.Os also to be suspended."</p>	
<i>146th</i>	<p>In regard to the adequate administration of Units, question arose as to whether temporary promotions might be made in ordinary way to fill vacancies vice those evacuated to hospital, and a ruling received to the effect that temporary promotions can only be made vice 1914 leave personnel for the present, for which latter promotions authority has been received.</p>	
26	<p>A programme has been arranged for a Divisional Xmas Race Meeting to be held on 11th. December next.</p> <p>This is only one of the many efforts being made to entertain and create enjoyment for the troops. Races and Sports Meetings have already been held under Brigade arrangements.</p> <p>In this connection also, there are two Bands with the Division, - the A.I.F. and N.Z. These are utilised in such a way as to obtain the maximum benefit from this important source of entertainment.</p> <p>Concert Parties have been formed, and are frequently performing in the Y.M.C.A. booths, etc.</p>	
28	<p>G.O.C. Division met in conference with G.Os.C.Briganades and Brigade Majors to discuss schemes for demobilisation.</p>	

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RICHON LE ZION 1918 November 28	<p>A further conference is to assemble at Australian Headquarters, CAIRO, on Saturday 7th. December at 1100, and will consider Demobilisation and matters appertaining thereto. Brigade Commanders and Regimental Commanders will attend.</p> <p>Schemes for the A.I.F., one from Administrative Headquarters, LONDON, and another from Australian Headquarters Egypt, have already been submitted to the Brigadiers concerned, for their consideration.</p>	
29	<p>The G.O.C. Desert Mounted Corps will inspect the Units of the Division on Sunday, 1st. December, and all necessary instructions respecting the parades, and also a time table, have been issued to Brigades and Units.</p>	
<i>H6H</i> 30	<p>The Corps Commander inspected the 2nd. A.L.H. Regiment at Jerusalem.</p> <p><u>LOCAL LEAVE.</u></p> <p>Except for the party of 1 officer and 101 other ranks which departed 22nd. October and returned on the 3rd. November, no Divisional parties have recently been sent to PORT SAID REST CAMP.</p> <p>On the 3rd. November, 4 officers 20 other ranks were despatched on 7 Clear Days Leave in Egypt, and a party composed of 16 officers 80 other ranks on each of the following days, - 10th., 17th. and 24th. November.</p> <p><u>SUPPLIES.</u> A full issue has been maintained throughout the month, including fresh meat daily.</p>	

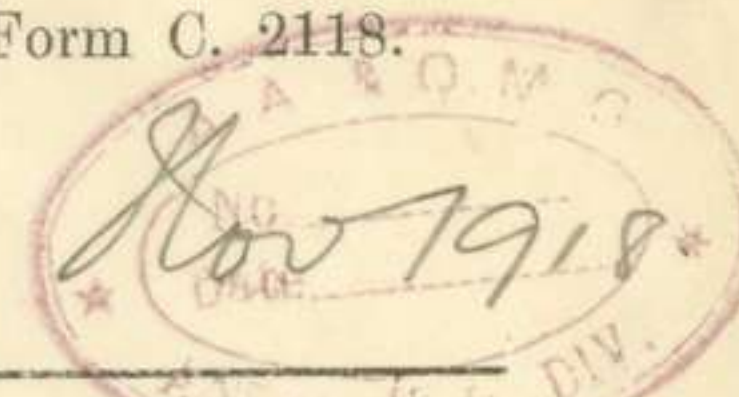
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<p>RICHON LE ZION 1918 November 30th.</p> <p><i>146H.</i></p>	<p>The casualties for the month have been:-</p> <table><tr><td></td><td><u>Officers</u></td><td><u>Other Ranks.</u></td></tr><tr><td>Sick</td><td>14</td><td>758</td></tr></table> <p>The average daily percentage of evacuations sick was .36%</p> <p><i>W. Humphreys</i> Major D. A. A. G. A. & N. Z. Mid. Division</p>		<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>	Sick	14	758	
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