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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks reference Appendix
Hill 70	2-1		Our experience of desert transport is that more sand carts should be supplied to field ambes. and that camel transport by means of oacolets should be reduced to a minimum as being too slow and most uncomfortable. On June 1st. 2nd L.H.F.A. had to deal with 25 casualties by bomb wounds received in hostile bomb attack on ROMANI. Four cases died in hospital. Approval has been received from G.O.C. N.Z.E.F. for mounting the bearers of N.Z.M.F.A. Authority has also been given for the formation of a Sanitary section for this division and its organisation is now in hand. Admissions for week ending Saturday 3rd June, Sick 148, wounded 27, evacuated 114.	
	2-2		X 1st. L.H.F.A. and 2nd, L.H.F.A. interchanged positions. On June 5th and 6th N.Z.M.F.A. accompanied their brigade on a reconnaissance to HOD EL MUWEITIR but had no casualties to collect.	
	2-3		M.C.O. No. 6 5th. June attached. Sick admitted week ending 10th., 134, Evacuated 61.	
	2-4		On June 10th 11th and 12th a reconnaissance of BIR EL JEFFEIR, BIR BAYUD and BIR EL MAGEIBRA was ordered. Medical Corps Op. Order No. 11 attached. The 1st. L.H.F.A. and portion of N.Z.M.F.A. were engaged in reconnaissance. Turkish casualties and Bedouins were the only casualties transported by them. Establishments for Ambulance Mobile Columns were called for by 3rd. Section. The following establishment was suggested and approved 4 Officers, 40 O/ranks Horses 22, Mules 34, Sandcarts 8, Camels required for patients 25, Lying oacolets 10, Sitting 15, Water 8, Equipment 10, Rations 1, Total 44 camels. These mobile sections were organised and are prepared to take the field at short notice.	
	2-10		On June 15th and 16th these mobile sections accompanied these brigades to BIR EL ABD and worked satisfactorily, with the exception of inadequate provision of water. Sick admitted for week ending 17th June 119, Evacuated 70. M.C. Order No. 8 issued on 18th attached.	
	2-11		A reconnaissance of HOD EL GE'KILA was ordered for the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. Operation Order No. 12 attached. The Sanitary section of this division has now been formed and is in process of training. On June 25th 2nd L.H.F.A. left HILL 70 and proceeded to ET MALER. N.Z.M.F.A. taking over their camp at HILL 70.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks reference Append
<u>HILL 704</u>	June	30th.	<p>On June 30 and July 1st a reconnaissance of BIR EL ABD and BIR EL MAGEIBRA was carried out. ^{the} water in many of the HODS was found to be more saline and scarcer than before, some of the transport horses returning in a very serious condition. Several sporadic cases of diphtheria have occurred in the division during the week. The sick rates of the brigades have increased.</p>	
<u>C. E. H.</u>			<p>(Original of above written on same sheet as entries for beginning of subsequent month and filed with volume for that month).</p>	

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Medical Corps Order No 6
issue by
Lieut Col. R.M. DOWNES
A.D.M.S. ANZAC Mounted Division
Head-quarters
Hill 40 Kantara
5th June 18.

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Postings.

35. Capt. G. Huntley Wood, N.Z.M.C. having reported for duty is posted to N.Z.M.F.A. dated 25/5/18.
Capt. C.M. O'Halloran, A.A.M.C. is posted to 8th L.H. Regt., dated 28/5/18, vice Capt. Grieves evacuated sick.
Lieut. Terry A.A.M.C. Dentist, having reported for duty is attached temporary to 2nd L.H.F.Amb. dated 27/5/18.
Lieut H.E. Lambert, A.A.M.C. Dentist, attached to 2nd L.H.F.A. is transferred to NO 3 A.C.H. dated 28/5/18.

Promotion.

36. No 923 L/Cpl H. Hardley, A.A.M.C. attached to Divisional Head-quarters, to be corporal, dated 1/6/18.

Orders

37. The attention of Field Ambulances is drawn to D.R.O's NOs 212 213 218 221 G.R.O. 1286, copies of which are issued herewith, also D.R.O. 223 224 227 & 229.

Patients in Hospital.

38. Evacuation of - Patients being evacuated from Field Amb. at Romani are to be at Rail Head in time for the 0500 train. The Scottish Horse Field Amb. is acting C.C.S. at Kantara. All patients for evacuation are to be sent to this Amb. Ambulances in front line will keep patients four days; at Hill 70, seven days.

Epileptics. In all cases where a man is evacuated as an epileptic there must accompany him written evidence that a Medical Officer saw him in a fit. If this is not done the patient cannot be boarded.

Drugs.

39. Formaldehyde- The following extracts from letter from D.S.T. War Office is brought to the notice of all Medical Officers:-

"Formaldehyde. There is a great scarcity of this article and in consequence I am obliged to ask that it be used as sparingly as possible. It should be restricted to use for medicinal purposes only, until further notice."

Returns.

40. Dialy Sick States.- Owing to the dispersion of Brigades and the consequent inconvenience in sending in daily sick states, these will be dispensed with. In lieu a weekly return, as "pro forma" attached will be compiled on Saturdays by Medical Officers i/c units, and despatched to this office by quickest route. First return to be rendered on Saturday June 10th.

Personal Cleanliness

41. The attention of M.O's i/c units is drawn to the fact that soap is an issue under G.R.O. No 1236. When the use of hard water renders the washing of clothing wasteful of soap "Marine Soap" may be obtained on indent from A.O.D. As personal cleanliness is so important a factor in the maintenance of health in hot weather, it is noted that these supplies may be replenished, as required by indent on A.O.D.

42. The E.F. Canteens will have on sale in the course of a day or two, the Egyptian slightly porous water bottles. The cost of these articles are small, and as they form a most effective means of providing cool water it is hoped that their efficacy in this direction will be brought to the notice of all ranks.

Sgn. R.M. Downes
Lieut Col.

A.D.M.S.
ANZAC Mounted Division.

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MEDICAL CORPS OPERATION ORDER NO. 11.

Reference Maps. $\frac{1}{100,000}$ Qatia
 $\frac{1}{125,000}$ SABKHET EL BARDAWIL.

INTENTION. 1. To carry out a reconnaissance of BIR EL JEFFEIR, EL MAGEIBRA, and BIR BAYUD.

DATE. 2. Saturday 10th June, Sunday 11th and Monday 12th June.

TROOPS. 3. (a) For reconnaissance:-
1st.L.H.Brigade less 1 regiment, bearer subdivision
1st.L.H.F.A.
1 regiment N.Z.M.R. Brigade, detachment N.Z.M.F.A.
1 Squadron 5th.LH regt. detachment 2nd. L.H.F.A.
(b) Covering troops:-
1 Regiment 1st.L.H.Brigade, bearer and transport sub-
divisions of 1st. L H.F.A.
(c) Dressing station:-
1st. L.H.F.A. tent division and camel transport,
escort from regiment of N.Z.M.R. brigade.

MOVES. 4. June 10th. Tent division 1st.L.H.F.A. will leave ROMANI with one troop escort from N.Z.M.R.Brig. at such an hour on the morning of 10th June as to arrive at QATIA before 0800 where they will establish a dressing station. Bearer subdivision 1st.L.H.F.A. and one officer 6 bearers and two sandcarts of N.Z.M.F.A. will accompany 1st. L.H.Briagde and N.Z.M.R. regiment. to HOD EL SAGIA, where they will bivouac for the day. One bearer subdivision of 1st.L.H.F.A. with 4 sandcarts and 2 sledges will leave ROMANI at 1500 on 10th June and move to OGH RATINA with one regt. of 1st. L.H.Bge. They will bivouac there for the night.

5. Night June 10th / 11th. Bearer subdivision of 1st. L.H.F.A. will accompany 1st. L.H. Bge on night June 10th /11th. to reconnaissance of BIR BAYUD. If sand carts are necessary they will communicate with transport section at HOD ED DABABIS. Bearer subdivision of 1st.L.H.F.A. with 4 sand carts and 2 sledges will leave OGH RATINA with the regt. and proceed to HOD ED DABABIS where they will await orders. 1 Officers and 6 bearers of N.Z.M.F.A. with 2 sand carts will leave HOD ES SAGIA on night June 10/11th and accompan regt. of N.Z.M. R. Bge. They will proceed as far as HOD EL FARWA. where they will remain until ordered to advance or withdraw. C.O. 2nd.L.H.F.A. will detail one squad of bearers to proceed to DYEIDAR and report to R.M.O. 5th. LH regt. by 1700 on June 10th. One sandcart of 2nd.L H.F.A. with an N.C.O. will accompany the squadron of 5th L.H. regt. on night of June 10/11th. as far as HOD EL GAZUHA, where they will await orders. 2nd. L.H.F.A. squad of bearers will accompany reconnoitring squadron to BIR EL JEFFEIR.

Withdrawal. Officers in charge ambulance parties will act in accordance with orders of C.Cs. troops to which they are attached as regards withdrawal. Unless prevented by unevacuated patients 1st. L.H.F.A. tent division will withdraw when main body of 1st.L.H.Bge returns.

EVACUATIONS. 6. To N.Z.M.F.A. at ET MALER.

CAMELS. 7. No camels will be taken except by 1st.L.H.F.A. tent division which will take and retain sufficient camels for personnel, necessary equipment, water for patients and all caicolets.

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SUPPLIES. 8. One day's ration and one iron ration will be carried by each man two feeds for each horse will be carried in nose bag. 5

COMMUNICATIONS. 9. The Signal squad will have communication established between D.H.Q. and the troops carrying out the reconnaissance.

REPORTS. 10. Messages and reports intended for D.H.Q. will be sent to ROMANI.

R. M. D O W N E S, Lieut-Colonel.

A. D. M. S. ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

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MEDICAL CORPS ORDER NO 6

issued by Lieut Col. R.M. Downes

A.D.M.S. ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

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Head-quarters
Hill 40 Kantara
18th June 1918.

- Postings. 44. Capt. A.W. Cave, A.A.M.C., temporarily attached to Divisional Head-quarters rejoined and. L.H.F.A., dated 3/6/18. Capt. A.A. Trotter R.E.M.C. N.Z.M.F.A., is temporarily attached to Divisional Head-quarters for instructions in Staff duties, dated 18/6/18.
- Orders. 45. The attention of Field Ambulances is drawn to the D.R.O. Nos. 233, 234, 237, 238, 239, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 248, 249, & 254, copies of which are issued herewith.
- Returns. 46. Where it is impracticable to deliver returns by hand P.L.S. ("Signal Service") is to be used in preference to Postal Service.
Punctuality in rendering of returns is essential.
- Stretcher Bearers. 47. R.M.C.'s will be responsible that their stretcher bearers are proficient in the formation and use of blanket stretchers.
- Patients in hospital. 48. Attention of Field Ambulances is drawn to the following extracts from General Routine Orders:-
"880" Effective Strength. Army Form B 218.
STANDING ORDERS AND EXTRACTS FROM G.R.O.'S M.E.F. Appendix B, Para 200, are cancelled and the following substituted:-
(3)(a) No officer is to be struck off the strength of a unit unless he is either:-
1. A casualty in action (killed, wounded or missing)
2. Transferred or attached to another unit or to the staff or extra-regimentally employed.
3. In hospital over 30 days.
(3)(b). Other ranks will not be struck off the strength unless they are:-
1. Casualties in action (killed, wounded or missing).
2. Evacuated sick out of the divisional area, i.e. from Field Ambulances.
3. Permanently away on extra-regimental employment.
Patients Evacuated. Field Ambulances will notify the units concerned of all patients evacuated from their ambulances.
- Flat Feet. 49. The following is an extract from memo (121/Med/59725/6/18 received from D.C., Army Medical Service:-
"Flat Feet should be regarded as a ~~disability~~ disability unless accompanied by eversion. The attention of soldiers should on no account be called to this condition unless they themselves bring it to notice."

Signed R.M. Downes,
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ANZAC Mounted Division.

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MEDICAL CORPS OPERATION ORDER NO. 12.

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Reference Maps. $\frac{1}{100,000}$ QATIA.
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- INTENTION. 1. To carry out a reconnaissance of the HOD EL GH'RILA
HOD WM EL DHAUANIN, HOD EL MUSHALFAT.
- DATE 2. Wednesday June 21st, Thursday 22nd, and Friday 23rd June.
- TROOPS. 3. (a) For reconnaissance:-
1st.L.H.Brge with 1st.L.H.F.A.
(b) For Covering:-
1 regiment N.Z.M.R. Bge with detachment of NZMFA.
- MOVES. 4. 1st. L. H.F.A. will leave ROMANI camp with 1st. L.H.
Brigade on morning on June 21st. for OGHRAHINA at such an
hour as to avoid travelling in the heat of the day. One
bearer subdivision and 2 sandcarts N.Z.M.F.A. will leave
ROMANI CAMP for QATIA with the regt.N.Z.M.R. Bge. on the
morning on Wednesday June 21st. at such an hour as to
avoid moving in the heat of the day. 1st.L.H.F.A. will
leave OGHRAHINA. on night of June 21st/22nd. with 1st.
L.H.Brigade. Tent division will remain at HOD ED DABABIS
with an escort. Bearer and transport divisions will
accompany Brge.
- EQUIPMENT. 5. 1st.L.H.F.A. will take full transport with surgical
equipment and cacolets and water for patients on camel
Camels will not proceed beyond HOD ED DABABIS.
- EVACUATIONS. 6. Casualties will be sent to N.Z.M.F.A. at BT MALER.
- SUPPLIES. 7. One day's ration, one iron ration and two feeds for
Horse will be carried.
- REPORTS. 8. Reports for D.H.Q. to ROMANI after 1200 on
Wednesday June 21st.

R. M. D OWNES. Lieut-Colonel.
A. D. M. S.
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.