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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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A & Q Imperial Mt Division #36/1

May 1917

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BENI SELH	1 st May		<p>Camels are now to take the place of wheels, on alternate days, for delivery of supplies - in order to relieve the horses. We are to have 900 of A, B, C, & D. Camels - Hardly sufficient. Spoke to D.C. asking if we could retain the 97 camels of F. Co - (as they are ordered back) which are employed on water distribution - they say they should be unnecessary as we have water carts in the Div - but each Regt has 2 carts of necessity - a Regt 5 miles from water cannot manage with 1 cart. Also D.C. say we should have more carts. so we should. but owing to shortage of horses, every water cart means giving up a g.s. wagon or other vehicle - The position is more than unsatisfactory - If our suggestion to reorganise the D.C. by a stiller horse team is only showed it will liberate the transport now forming that Column for its ultimate job -</p> <p>Osborn ordered for duty to Desert Column. To take up an 'A' appointment - he has always been Q up to now</p>	<p>and</p> <p>W. J. ...</p> <p>...</p>
	2 nd 3 rd May		<p>The retention of 97 camels employed on local water distribution, sanctioned.</p> <p>The question of washing men & their clothes is becoming still more urgent - that a pipe line is being run to Abasan at Kebeir, it is proposed to, in addition to watering the horses there, allow one Regt a day to wash there, in separate places, for that special purpose.</p>	<p>and</p> <p>(51)</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	3 rd Cont.		<p>It is of course all a question of water supply. Men are being despatched in the special railway train for the purpose but it is necessary to keep them clean, once they are in that state. Owing to be having to be ready to move at short notice, not having anything here which cannot be taken away. The men's diets have only been available in short quantities - the fresh meat, in way acceptable but cannot always be cooked.</p> <p>Capt Thornton R.A. D.A.D. M.B. left for employment with Total Force, he is succeeded by Capt Dunningham A.A.S.C.</p>	
BENI SELA	4 th		<p>Gen inspected horses of 5th M^{ts} Bde. found same in poor condition, which is put down to want of regular watering + insufficient forage ration, which again is due to want of transport. Visited Ain el Belah + arranged for concentration of dumps there, a hope soon to move the whole to R.A.F.F.A.</p>	aid
"	5 th		<p>Gen reported to C upon the state of the horses of 5th M^{ts} Bde, to about 40% will not be ready for the field in from 14 to 21 days. Went to Supply Dept to discuss the taking over of supplies + averaging weights. Supplies here have to issue at weights they receive stores from Kantara</p>	aid aid
"	6 th		<p>Commenced watering at new Abason watering area -</p>	
"	7 th		<p>Arranged for washing men's clothes at Abason - It is hoped in this way to give a bath to every man once a week - Moved site of bivouacs of 6th + 3rd Bde to S + S.E. of Abason</p>	Append A aid

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references Appendix
Buni Bela	8 th 9 th		Sent forward special requisition for light draught horses to complete transport establishment - The washing + bathing parades at Abason are most satisfactory - The second pump is now working, + C.L. Desert Column can pump at rate of 4,000 gallons per hour, for 20 hours = 80,000 a day Uninstructed Bedouins they can draw their field forges, they having used all their old shoes, have no opportunity of fitting others without fine.	ack
	10 th		More of the Dump progressing satisfactorily Arranged for all the Division to water at Abason - Had committee to discuss the best mode of erecting sun shelters from available material - it was decided to suggest that the bivouac should be made of 2 blankets, 2 4' sticks + 20' turnie with 6 pegs - 2 men to sleep inside using the horse blanket + ground sheet. It is safe very shortly to let the horses stand uncovered at night.	ack
	11 th		The 2nd Lt. left for Cairo on 3 days leave The details camp at Belah was closed + moved to Rafa	ack
	12		The percentage of sick wastage is too large - principally due to septic sores - issued orders regarding more constant inspection of the men + a parade to take place twice weekly for this purpose.	ack
	13.		Forwarded remarks on podgorals for the new transport estab. - the allowance is insufficient - 2 water carts per Regt are absolutely necessary	ack

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Beni Salah	14 th		Put forward suggestions for new establishment of transport - on proposed scale of the Force - the scale is not liberal enough	a/c
	15 th		The 3 days emergency rations may be consumed The sick admissions this week greatly reduced - was only 2.05 - last week 3.33	a/c
	16 th		Opened yesterday a "Rest Station" for 100 patients by the sea at Marakeb where slightly sick men may go for a few days - this is a purely medical camp.	a/c
	17 th		Hit	
	18 th		Conference concerning raid on BERSABA line. One days rations will be distributed GAMHI. but kept on wheels in case the Division returns here earlier than expected, when the ration convoy will return. issued Administrative instructions upon the subject.	a/c Appendix
	19 th		Bad Khamseen started to flow - Khan Yunis well began to give up - used to yield 150,000 falls a day - now only 80,000 a day - 50,000 of which we can only make use of - In consequence one Bde has been sent to the sea at Marakeb (3 rd) The situation is really serious, as we are entirely dependent upon Khan Yunis well - one Bde sent to Abu Litta well to water - continued to water up to 2130 -	

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MAY 1917

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Beni-Lela	19 th May 20 th		<p>Saw C.F. Des Column re water - 20,000 gallons pumped in during the night - Have had to arrange again for a Sdc to water at Abu Sitta.</p> <p>HQ. Desert Column reported during the morning that the well is normal + delivering again, 4,000 gallons an hour - This unfortunately is not a statement of facts. They having been misinformed - 2 separate tests for delivery have been made by the ac at the utmost, with all valves open + both engines working is 2,580 gallons per hour. As we have been instructed that only 65,000 galls is to come through to Abu Sitta (the balance going on to Abu Sitta) it will be necessary to pump for 26 hours in the 24 (!) or in other words the supply does not equal the demand - This means all washing water must stop - + men strictly limited to 1 gallon - This is a most serious condition - the health of the men must be considered - It is one that cannot continue without affecting the fighting efficiency of the Division.</p>	<p>see</p> <p>see</p>
"	21 st		<p>The question of establishments is causing some confusion in the Division, owing to information, see having issued a table of estab. which could not be followed as the Division was operating on the scale of Canal Transport estab. - Our demands for remnants, + other states have been based on Canal estab. and Desert Column informed us on 4th May that we were still on that estab, whilst they was based on our states as if we shd be on Part VIII + other prescribed estab.</p>	

Ordered details of 4th Lt Col to Rafa from Khan Yunis -

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MAY 1917

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BENH. Paha	21 st	None	The S.S. have written Desert Column upon the subject of the scarcity of water affecting the efficiency of the units.	air
"	22	"	The division left last night to cover a raiding party, demulsing the railway south of Beersaba. Div Train marched to SUMLI - the refilling point. Orders issued for the distribution of the transport now in the Div Transport Park to units.	air
	23		No remarks.	
	24 th		Division returned to camp this morning - The question of a title for the subject is still in dispute. However S.S. Desert CD have been written to on the subject.	
	25 th		It has been decided that we are now on the establishments as issued on the formation of the Division to have left the Provisional Estab of a Div with a Div Transport Park.	air
	26 th		The Div Transport Park was broken up & units now have the nucleus of their own transport. Went with S.S. to see new bivouac sites. Arranged to draw supplies from Khan Yunis on 28 th to go right through to Waily Sheik on camels, & after 25 th will draw from Waily Sheik. The S.S. leaves for new camp today tomorrow, returns empty tonight so as to be available for work transport work tomorrow.	air

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Beni Sela TEL el FARA	27 th 28 th 29	Thoy	D.A.C. Marched to Sheik-Nuran. Disturbed some transport-camp at Beni Sela Division moved to Tel el Fara.	air
"	30 th		Conference with 54 th Div + Camel Bede re watering arrangements in the Wady - defined areas of responsibility Issued instructions upon the watering arrangements in the Wady - The principle being that Bedgy shall be responsible for sections of the river bed - The improvised Train of the 54 th Div has now been working for two days - their animals are poor & tired - we have 9 vehicles less than we had with the previous Train - They have to do 2 trips every day, taking 15 miles over soft sand - too much - The D.A.C. provides 10 teams a day to assist - which in principle is wrong, but in this case necessary - It appears probable that we shall shortly have to ask for more transport - The Regt's transport, working between units & refilling points do about 6 miles.	air air Appendix D
"	31 st		Informed Crest Channon of the necessity of having more transport. Should the Div be ordered to move we have not even enough to carry a mobile ration for the whole Div - capacity for 10 tons more is necessary. Appendix E - gives the strength of the Div 1 st of the month & total casualties due to the enemy during Thoy.	air

W. Channon Lt Col.
A.A. - Amb. 1 Mt.

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CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 14

ABLUTION.

1. At the now ABASAN watering area a place where men can wash themselves and their clothes has been set apart.
2. The area is dependant for water upon the pumping in KHAN YUBUS continuing for a certain number of hours; should water run short the ablution place will be closed.
3. So far as circumstances permit, 500 men per day will be allotted space for washing, the allowance of water being 2 gallons per man for bathing and washing. This will require strict supervision on the part of officers as waste of water will mean that other men will have to go short..
4. It is important that parties should be as near 500 men as possible in order that all troops bivouaced in the neighbourhood may have a fairly frequent opportunity of washing.
5. A schedule of attendances will be issued every Monday.
6. Washing area is to be cleared by 1300 daily.
7. Washing Parties will be accompanied by 1 officer/ but ^{per 100 men} Regiments will detail a senior officer to take charge during the whole period of attendance.
8. Canvas buckets will be necessary.
9. On order to sub-divide the party, it may be taken that 40 men can wash their clothes at one time and another 40 bath; three hours should be sufficient for the 500 men.
10. On arrival of parties the senior officer will report to the Divisional Water Officer for instructions. Men are to be dismounted and horses left at least 300 yards of the area.

SCHEDULE OF ATTENDANCES.

8th. May	at disposal of	3rd. A.L.H. Brigado.
9th. "	" " "	3rd. " "
10th. "	" " "	3rd. " "
11th. "	" " "	3rd. " "
12th. "	" " "	Signals, R.E. D.H.Q. & H.Q. Unit
13th. "	" " "	5th. Mounted Brigade.

A.C. Robinson

Lieutenant Colonel
A.A. & Q.E.G. IMPERIAL MOUNTED DIVN

7-5-17.

To all Brigades and Divisional Troops.

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HEADQUARTERS
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IMPERIAL MOUNTED DIVISION
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SECRET.

Headquarters	O.C. Signal Squadron
3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.	O.C. Field Squadron
4th. "	Camp Commandant
5th. Mounted Brigade.	O.C. A.S.C.
6th. "	S.S.O.
C. R. A.	O.C. 54th. Divisional Train.
General Staff.	

Reference Operation Order No. 21 of 17th. inst.,

1. On Y day rations and forage will be delivered under existing arrangements. The supplies will be on full scale except that preserved meat will be issued instead of fresh meat.
Supplies for 4th. A.L.H. Brigade will on above day be delivered at their new bivouac at ABASAN at 0830.
2. Out of the above rations troops except:-
 - (a) The Squadron 4th. A.L.H. Bde. proceeding to RAFA on X day
 - (b) Field Squadron.
 - (c) The 60pdr. Battery.
 will carry on horse and man sufficient rations and forage for consumption on Z day.
The portion of the full ration (see para 1) that cannot be carried will remain in Brigade bivouacs and will be consumed on Z.1. day on return to ABASAN.
3. On Z day supplies will be on mobile scale and will remain on wheels at GAMLI until required. Brigades etc. will send on representatives in advance to draw rations.
4. The transport taking out supplies on Z day will carry two days supplies for itself.
5. Supplies for consumption on Z.2. day will be taken to ABASAN bivouacs on Z.1. day on full scale.
6. Reference para. 2:-
 - (a) This Squadron will leave with current days supplies. The I.C.C. Brigade will carry Y and Z days.
 - (b) Will carry 3 days supplies on Regimental transport.
 - (c) Is independent of Divisional arrangements.
7. Hours of watering at ABASAN on Y day will be issued later.

A.A. & C.M.G.

Lieut. Colonel.
A.A. & C.M.G. IMPERIAL MOUNTED DIVISION

18-5-17.

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ORDERS FOR WATERING IN THE WADI EL GHUZZEE.

1. 5th. Mounted Brigade will water East of TEL EL FARA.
 4th. Light Horse Bde " " West of TEL EL FARA,
 3rd. " " " " at UH URGAN.
 6th. Mounted Brigade " " " SHELLAL.
 Divisional Troops " " West of TEL EL FARA (see 7).
2. The Brigade areas have been defined by notice boards and each Brigade will be responsible for policing its own area and for the observance of all orders and for discipline in the areas.
3. All drinking water is to be chlorinated. The water in the pools is not fit for drinking. Water bottles are not to be filled from the pools or horse troughs, and officers in charge of watering parties will be held personally responsible that this order is carried out.
 There is no objection to certain men collecting a number of waterbottles and taking them to be filled at the drinking water tank but individual men will not be permitted to fill their waterbottles from the tank.
4. Brigades will detail a guard over their watering arrangements; if the drinking water is too far away from the horse-troughs a separate guard must be found. These guards are to be given written orders. Troughs are to be left full after watering.
5. Lieut. Y.H. WALKER A.I.F. Divisional Water Officer will superintend the whole watering and ablution arrangements in the WADI and will be assisted by 2nd. Lieut. H.H. Haywood Bucks Yeomanry.
6. The Brigade washing places are to be the recognized area for ablution purposes and indiscriminate washing along the banks of the Wadi will not be permitted. Brigades will issue orders so that all units of the Brigade have opportunities given them of washing at prescribed times. The 4th. L.H. Brigade and 5th. Mounted Brigade will include times for certain units mentioned in 7, that have been allotted to their ablution stands and will notify those concerned.

For the purposes of these orders the Divisional Troops will consist of the following units whose watering arrangements will be as follows:-

U N I T .	DRAW DRINKING WATER FROM	ABLUTION STANDS USE OF	TIME FOR WATERING HORSES.
D.H.C.	5th. Bde.	4th. Bde.	1000 & 1330.
Field Sqdn.	5th. "	5th. "	0930 & 1300.
Signal Sqdn.	5th. "	4th. "	0930 & 1300.
C. R. A.	5th. "	4th. "	1000 & 1330.
O.C. A.S.C.	5th. "	4th. "	1000 & 1330.
D.A.C.	4th. "	4th. "	0900 & 1530.
54th. Imp. Train	4th. "	5th. "	as required before & after above hours.

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Copies to:- All Brigades and Divisional Troops.

A.C. ROBINSON.

Lieut. Colonel

A.A. & C.H.G.
 IMPERIAL MOUNTED DIVN.

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Casualties May 1917

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Date	Units	Officers		Others		Remarks
		Killed	W ^d	Killed	W ^d	
5/5/17	8 L.H.	-	x	1	5	Bombed in 3rd AdH Field Amb.
	10 L.H.	-	2	2	1	
	10th RHA	-	x	1	-	
	3rd Hd Amb.	-	2	2	1	
	106 Denton Section att.	-	1	-	1	
7/5/17	9th L.H.	-	1	-	-	- do -
16/5/17	Berks Yeo.	-	-	-	2	Bombed in front line, remaining at duty.
	10th R. Dragoon att Berks Yeo	-	-	-	1	
	6th Bde Signal Sp.	-	-	-	1	
22/5/17	4th Regt	-	-	-	1	- Operations -
24/5/17	Bucks Yeo	-	-	-	4	Bombed in front line
28/5/17	9th AdH.	-	1	-	-	- Lt Col Scott
29/5/17	Gloucester Yeo	-	-	1	-	Special Reconnaissance
31/5/17	Bucks Yeo.	-	-	1	13	Bombed in front line
			3	8	30	

R A F A.
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BRIGADE

Headquarters 1st MP

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MAY 1917

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NATURE OF BAGGAGE & STORES.	HOW DISPOSED OF BY 7th. OF JUNE.	WEIGHT OF BAGGAGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	No. OF MEN LEFT IN CHARGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	NUMBER OF HORSES.	REMARKS.
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Saddlery.

* Machine Gun accessories.

Mens Kits.

* Spare Equipment.

Officers Kits.

* Camel Saddles.

* Camp Equipment,
Fire forges & Offices.

* Signallers Stores,
Medical & Dental Stores.

Nil

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C. R. A.
IMPERIAL MOUNTED DIVISION

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R A F A.
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NATURE OF BAGGAGE & STORES.	HOW DISPOSED OF BY 7th. OF JUNE.	WEIGHT OF BAGGAGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	No. OF MEN LEFT IN CHARGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	NUMBER OF HORSES.
Saddlery.	nil		2	nil
* Machine Gun accessories.	nil			
Mens Kits.		12 cwt.		
* Spare Equipment.	nil.	2 cwt.		
Officers Kits.				
* Camel Saddles.	nil.			
* Camp Equipment, Farriers forges & Offices.	nil.			
* Smokers Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.	nil.			

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We have only a very small dump at Rapa, consisting of Kit bags with 2 men in charge. no other Kit is at El Arish or anywhere further up the line than Kantara.

O. L. Suptey

5. June 17.

MAJOR
COMDG. 1/"A" BATTERY H. A. C.

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R A F A.
EL ARISH

BRIGADE *B. Battery H.A.C. 5th M^{tn} Bde.*

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NATURE OF BAGGAGE & STORES.	HOW DISCLOSED OF BY 7th. OF JUNE.	WEIGHT OF BAGGAGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	No. OF MEN LEFT IN CHARGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	NUMBER OF HORSES.	REMARKS.
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Saddlery.	<i>Small quantity at dump</i>	<i>1</i>			
* Machine Gun accessories.	<i>-</i>		<i>2</i>	<i>nil</i>	
Mens Kits.	<i>10 sacks at dump</i>	<i>5</i>			
* Spare Equipment.	<i>returned to Oruanui</i>				
Officers Kits.	<i>-</i>	<i>10-15 cwt</i>			
* Camel Saddles.	<i>-</i>	<i>approx.</i>			
* Camp Equipment, Messes, forges & Offices.	<i>nil</i>				
* Small stores, Medical & Dental Stores.	<i>Small quantity at dump</i>	<i>6</i>			

There is no dump belonging to this unit at EL ARISH.

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A. J. Hawking

~~NAME~~
COMMANDING BATTERY, H. A. C.

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Saddlery.	<i>Base Kantara</i>	<i>NIL</i>	<i>NIL</i>	<i>NIL.</i>	
* Machine Gun accessories.	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>NIL</i>	<i>NIL.</i>	
Mens Kits.	<i>Base Kantara</i>	<i>NIL</i>			
* Spare Equipment.	<i>Base Kantara</i>	<i>NIL</i>			
Officers Kits.	<i>Base Kantara</i>	<i>NIL</i>			
* Camel Saddles.	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>			
* Camp Equipment,	<i>—</i>	<i>—</i>			
Engine forges & Offices.	<i>1/2 Battery</i>	<i>NIL</i>			
* Firrillere Stores,	<i>1/2 Battery</i>	<i>NIL</i>			
Tool & Dental Stores.	<i>Base Kantara</i>	<i>NIL</i>			

5/1/17.

A. Landley Capt R.A.C.

Commanding 1st Berkshire Battery, R.H.A.

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**DIVISIONAL AMM. COLUMN.
IMPERIAL MOUNTED DIVISION**

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H A F A.
~~EL ARISH~~

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NATURE OF BAGGAGE & STORES.	HOW DISPOSED OF BY 7th. OF JUNE.	WEIGHT OF BAGGAGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	No. OF MEN LEFT IN CHARGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	NUMBER OF HORSES.	REMARKS.
Saddlery, (Broken headstalls &c)	Ret'd to Ordnance	—			
* Machine Gun accessories.	Nil	—			
Mens Kits.	Left at RAFA	1000 lbs			
* Spare Equipment, (gun parts & Artillery chest)	Left at RAFA		2	Nil	
Officers Kits.	Left at RAFA	150 lbs			
* Camel Saddles.	Nil	—			
* Camp Equipment, Horseshoes, Ammunition forges & Offices.	Left at RAFA	1 1/2 tons			
* Signallers Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.	Nil	—			

Total 2 1/2 tons
(roughly)

CAPT. *W. M. Smith*
CMDG. DIVISIONAL AMM. COLUMN,
IMPERIAL MOUNTED DIVISION

— June 5th 1917 —

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Saddlery.		} 30 Cwt approx.	3.	Nil
* Machine Gun accessories.				
Mens Kits.	5			
* Spare Equipment.	20			
Officers Kits.	1			
* Camel Saddles.				
* Camp Equipment, Mess forges & Offices.	4			
* Signallers Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.				

The 3. O.R. are engaged on Sanitary duties under supervision of S.M.O. Rafa



J.M. Gunn

Capt. Kame.
OC. 31 Sanitary Sec.

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54th Div Impressed Troop

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R A F A.
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Saddlery.					
* Machine Gun accessories.					
Mens Kits.					
* Spare Equipment.					
Officers Kits.					
* Camel Saddles.					
* Camp Equipment, Messes, forges & Offices.					
* Ammunition Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.					

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Nil

54th Div Impressed Troop
Capt - [unclear]

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HQ ASC Imperial Mtd Div

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NATURE OF BAGGAGE & STORES.	HOW DISPOSED OF BY 7th. OF JUNE.	^{approximate.} WEIGHT OF BAGGAGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	No. OF MEN LEFT IN CHARGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	NUMBER OF HORSES.	REMARKS.
Saddlery.	NIL	NIL	} <i>One</i>	} <i>nil</i>	* <i>To join unit as soon as transport is available</i>
* Machine Gun accessories.	NIL	NIL			
Mens Kits.	<i>Remaining in dump</i>	<i>3 cwt.</i>			
* Spare Equipment.	<i>do</i>	<i>1 cwt. *</i>			
Officers Kits.	<i>do</i>	<i>4 cwt.</i>			
* Camel Saddles.	NIL	-			
* Gun Equipment, ^{<i>and re</i>} <i>barriers forges & Offices.</i>	<i>Returned to ordnance</i>	<i>2 cwt.</i>	} <i>*</i>		
	<i>Remaining in dump</i>	<i>5 cwt.</i>			
* Ammunition Stores, ^{<i>and</i>} <i>Medical & Dental Stores.</i>	NIL	NIL			

*H. Q. A. S. C. used
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RAFA.
EL ARISH.

UNIT... 3rd A.L.H. Bde

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NATURE OF BAGGAGE & STORES. : HOW DISPOSED OF BY 7th. OF JUNE. : WEIGHT OF BAGGAGE AFT-ER 7/6/17. : No. OF MEN LEFT IN CHARGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE. : NUMBER OF HORSES.

Saddlery.	BHQ Rafa 3 rd Sig Troop " 8 th LH " 9 th " 10 th " 3 rd M.G.S. " Field Amb	1/2 Cot- 1/4 " 2 1/4 " 5 1/4 " 3 " 10 " 2	1 1 2 2 2 1	NIL NIL NIL NIL NIL NIL
M. Gun accessories.	9 th LH Rafa	2 "		
Mens Kits.	BHQ Rafa 3 rd Sig Troop " 10 th LH " 3 rd Field Troop " Field Amb.	1 1/2 Cot 1/2 " 25 " 1/2 " 2 "		
Spare equipment.	9 th LH Rafa	1/4 "		
Officers Kits.	BHQ. Rafa 8 th LH " 10 th LH " 3 rd M.G.S. " 3 rd Field Troop " Field Amb.	1 Cot. 4. " 15 " 2 " 1/2 "		
Camel Saddles.				
Camp Equipment, Farriers forges & Offices.	BHQ. Rafa 8 th LH " 9 th LH " 10 th LH " 3 rd M.G.S. " 3 rd Field Troop " Field Amb.	2 Cot. 16 " 4 1/2 " 8 " 1 " 2 1/2 " 5 "		
Signallers Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.	BHQ Rafa 3 rd Sig Troop " 8 th LH " 9 th LH " Field Amb "	1/2 Cot. 2 1/2 " 2 " 2 " 21 "		
Total	RAFA	146 Cwt.	10	NIL

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H.M. Darlane, Lieut.
Act. Staff Captain.
3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.

To Imperial M^{rs} Dir H/Q

Herewith Summary & Detail by Units of Brigade
Dump at Rafa. as requested in Circular Letter
dated 26th Jan 1917.

H.M. Darlane Lieut
Act. Staff Capt
3rd A.L.H. Bde

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NATURE OF BAGG- AGE & STORES.	HOW DISPOSED OF BY 7th. OF JUNE.	WEIGHT OF BAGGAGE AFT- ER 7/6/17.	No. OF MEN LEFT IN CHARGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	NUMBER OF HORSES.
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Saddlery.	Rafa.	1/2 Cwt.	1	NIL.
M. Gun accessories.	—	—	—	—
Mens Kits.	Rafa	1 1/2 Cwt	—	—
Spare equipment.	—	—	—	—
Officers Kits.	Rafa	1 Cwt	—	—
Camel Saddles.	—	—	—	—
Camp Equipment, Farriers forges & Offices.	Rafa	2 Cwt.	—	—
Signallers Stores, Medical & Dental Stores. + GAS Equipment	Rafa	1/2 Cwt.	—	—

Rafa. 5 1/2 Cwt. 1 NIL.

AM Laidlaw, Lieut.
Act. Staff Captain.
3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.

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RAFA UNIT... *3rd Signal Troop* 589 23/

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NATURE OF BAGG- : HOW DISPOSED ; WEIGHT OF ; No. OF MEN LEFT ; NUMBER OF
 AGE & STORES. : OF BY 7th. ; BAGGAGE AFT-IN CHARGE AFTER ; HORSES.
 : OF JUNE. ; ER 7/6/17. ; 7th. OF JUNE. ;

Saddlery.	Rafa	1/4 Cwt.	1	NIL
M. Gun accessories.	NIL	-		
Mens Kits.	Rafa	1/2 Cwt.		
Spare equipment.	Nil	-		
Officers Kits.	Nil	-		
Camel Saddles.	Nil	-		
Camp Equipment, Farriers forges & Offices.	Nil	-		
Signallers Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.	Rafa	1/2 Cwt.		
MOTOR Cycle. (under repair)	Rafa	2 Cwt.		

Rafa 3 1/4 Cwt 1 NIL

Am. Carlane, Lieut.
Act. Staff Captain.
3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.

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3rd Lst. Brigade

Herewith is information asked for
in your A. 911. 3/6/17.

5th June 1917

Alfred Heath Lieut.
Adjutant Sth. L. H. Regt. A. I. F.

for Abel bondy

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BRIGADE 3 ALHB^{de} 8th LH.

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NATURE OF BAGGAGE & STORES.	HOW DISPOSED OF BY 7th. OF JUNE.	WEIGHT OF BAGGAGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	No. OF MEN LEFT IN CHARGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	NUMBER OF HORSES.	REMARKS.
Saddlery.	Rafa	2 1/4 Cwt.	2 men.	NIL.	
* Machine Gun accessories.	—	—			
Mens Kits.	—	—			
* Spare Equipment.	Ordnamt	—			
Officers Kits.	Rafa	4 Cwt.			
* Camel saddles.	—	—			
* Camp Equipment, Officers forges & Offices.	Rafa	16 Cwt			
* Ammunition Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.	Rafa	2 Cwt			
	Rafa	<u>24 1/4 Cwt.</u>	2	NIL.	

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~~EL ARISH~~

BRIGADE 3rd L.H. Bde

9th Light Horse Regt

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NATURE OF BAGGAGE & STORES.	HOW DISPOSED OF BY 7th. OF JUNE.	WEIGHT OF BAGGAGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	No. OF MEN LEFT IN CHARGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	NUMBER OF HORSES.	REMARKS.
* Saddlery.	Store Rafa	580 lbs.	2	NIL.	Pistol cases etc. will be issued on arrival of Pistols
1 * ^{Hofekiss} Machine Gun accessories.	" "	220 "			
Mens Kits.	Issued	—			
* Spare Equipment.	Store Rafa	20 "			
Officers Kits.	To Guezreh	—			
* Camel Saddles.	—	—			
2 * Camp Equipment, Forgers forges & Offices.	Store Rafa	500 lbs			
* Smelters Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.	Issued	—			
3 Shoemaker material etc	Store Rafa	200 lbs.			
	Total	1520 lbs. roughly 14 Cwt 2.			NIL

- 1 Strips cartridge + boxes. These strips will be issued as soon as Carriers are Available at Ordnance.
2. Pumps & Troughs. only These will be carried when full transport rejoins unit.
- 3 material. This is being brought out from dump as required.
- * Saddlery. This saddlery belongs to Horses at present in M.V.S. and may be required at any moment.

Lt Col Major
CO 9th L.H.

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R A F A. BRIGADE ... A.L.H. 10th L.H.
 E L A R I S H. Nil HOW DISPOSED WEIGHT OF NO. OF MEN LEFT NUMBER OF REMARKS.
 OF BY 7TH . BAGGAGE AF TER IN CHARGE AFTER HORSES.
 NATURE OF BAGGAGE & STORES. OF JUNE . 7TH OF JUNE . 7TH JUNE.

NATURE OF BAGGAGE & STORES.	HOW DISPOSED OF BY 7TH OF JUNE .	WEIGHT OF BAGGAGE AF TER 7TH OF JUNE .	NO. OF MEN LEFT IN CHARGE AFTER 7TH JUNE.	NUMBER OF HORSES.	REMARKS.
Saddlery	At Rafa	3 Cwt.	2	Nil.	393
Machine Gun Accessories	Nil.	Nil.			
Mens Kits	At Rafa	25 Cwt.			
Spare Equipment	Nil.	Nil.			
Officers Kits	Nil.	15 Cwt.			
Camel Saddles	Nil.	Nil.			
Camp Equipment, Farriers Forges and Offices.	At Rafa	Farriers Eqt. 8 Cwt			
Signallers Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.	Nil.	Nil.			
	<u>Rafa</u>	<u>51 Cwt</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Nil</u>	

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*Palcajrows.
 Howleath
 2nd Lt Regt*

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Saulford
 Major.
 C.O., 10th A.L.H. Regt.

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NATURE OF BAGGAGE & STORES.	HOW DISCLOSED OF BY 7th. OF JUNE.	WEIGHT OF BAGGAGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	No. OF MEN LEFT IN CHARGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	NUMBER OF HORSES.	REMARKS.
Saddlery.	Rafa	10 cwt	1	Nil	594
* Machine Gun accessories.	—	—			
Mens Kits.	—	—			
* Spare Equipment.	—	—			
Officers Kits.	Rafa	2 cwt			
* Camel Saddles.	—	—			
* Camp Equipment, Messiers forges & Offices.	Rafa	} 1 cwt.			
* Ammunition Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.	—	—			
	Rafa	<u>13 cwt.</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>NIL</u>	



C. L. Nichols
Major
C.O. 3rd Aust Machine Gun Sqn.

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R A F A . U N I T . *3rd Field Troop. ENGINEERS.* *595* *A 36/31* *29*
 EL A R I S H . : HOW DISPOSED : WEIGHT OF : No. OF MEN LEFT : NUMBER OF
 NATURE OF BAGG- : OF BY 7th. : BAGGAGE AFT-IN CHARGE AFTER : HORSES.
 AGE & STORES. : OF JUNE. : ER 7/6/17. : 7th. OF JUNE. :
 : : : : :

Saddlery.	<i>NIL</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>NIL</i>	<i>NIL</i>
M. Gun accessories.	<i>NIL</i>	<i>-</i>		
Mens Kits.	<i>Rafa.</i>	<i>1/2 Cwt.</i>		
Spare equipment.	<i>Nil</i>			
Officers Kits.	<i>Rafa</i>	<i>1/2 Cwt.</i>		
Panel Saddles.	<i>Nil.</i>	<i>-</i>		
Camp Equipment, Farriers forges & Offices. + <i>ENGINEERS TOOLS.</i>	<i>Rafa.</i>	<i>2 1/2 Cwt.</i>		
Signallers Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.	<i>Nil</i>			

Rafa *3 1/2 Cwt.* *NIL* *NIL*


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H.M. Starbuck. Lieut.
 Act. Staff Captain.
 3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.

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RAFA EL ARISH. Nature of Baggage & Stalls.	How Disposed of By 7 th June	Weight of Baggage after 7/6/17	No. Men Left in Charge after June 7 th	Number of Horses
Saddlery	Rafa	1 Cwt.	1	Nil
M. Gun. accessories	Rafa	Nil		A 36/32
Mens Kits	Rafa.	2 Cwt.		
Spare Equipment	—	Nil		
Officers Kits	Rafa.	3 Cwt.		
Camp Equipment offices etc.	Rafa	5 Cwt.		
Medical & Dental Stores	Rafa	21 Cwt.		
	Rafa	32 Cwt.	1	Nil.

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3rd Lt H Field Amb.


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EL ARISH

HQ
BRIGADE 4th LH Bde

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NATURE OF BAGGAGE & STORES.	HOW DISPOSED OF BY 7th. OF JUNE.	WEIGHT OF BAGGAGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	No. OF MEN LEFT IN CHARGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	NUMBER OF HORSES.	REMARKS.
Saddlery.	✓	✓	—	—	Nothing but 1 st line stores at Rafa which can all be moved when STHQ has its transport returned
* Machine Gun accessories.	✓	✓	—	—	
Mens Kits.	Stores remaining all transferred to Rafa	100 lbs	—	—	
* Spare Equipment.		✓	—	—	
Officers Kits.		200 lbs	—	—	
* Camel saddles.		✓	—	—	
* Camp Equipment, Mess forges & Offices.		✓	—	—	
* Rollers Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.	Statements	100 lbs	—	—	

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after 7th June

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Camp Equipment.	Remaining	100 lb	—	—
Officers Kits.		100 lbs	—	—

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Wheeler Capt
for OC HQ 4th LH Bde.

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Saddlery.					
* Machine Gun accessories.					
Mens Kits.					
* Spare Equipment.					
Officers Kits.					
* Camel saddles.					
* Camp equipment, Forges & Offices.					
* Signallers Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.		12 cwt.	one	mil	

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Sig Troop.

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The Staff Captain
4th A.L.H. Bde
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In Ref to Men and horses at
Seasonal Dump Rafa. —

There are no men or horses of
this Unit stationed there or any
unnecessary baggage at Dump.

W. Hughes Lt

O.C. 4th Field Troop Eng

O/C 4th A. Troop Eng



Please fill in form
showing what you have
at dump please.

W. Hughes
4th A.L.H. Bde

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4th Field Troop
4th L.H.

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NATURE OF BAGGAGE & STORES.	HOW DISPOSED OF BY 7th. OF JUNE.	WEIGHT OF BAGGAGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	No. OF MEN LEFT IN CHARGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	NUMBER OF HORSES.	REMARKS.
Saddlery.	→ Relieved to advance through Sqd H.P.	Nil	Nil	Nil	No spare baggage for officer or men carried Spare kits in kit Sling Quiza. Men carry only change of underclothing & one blanket. No material or baggage in Brigade Dump.
* Machine Gun accessories.					
Mens Kits.					
* Spare Equipment.					
Officers Kits.					
* Camel saddles.					
* Camp Equipment, Fire forges & Offices.					
* Signallers Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.					

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B. J. Hughes to
etc

FIELD TROOP
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4th AUST MACH GUN SQUAD, 4th L.H. BDE.

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NATURE OF BAGGAGE
AND STORES.

HOW DISPOSED
OF BY 7th JUNE.

WEIGHT OF BAGGAGE
AFTER 7th JUNE.

N^o OF MEN LEFT
IN CHARGE
AFTER 7th JUNE.

N^o OF
HORSES.

REMARKS.

SADDLERY.

7 Saddles 2 Sets harness

80 lbs.

3. Two of which
are DRIVERS
working with the
limber, doing
duty for the
whole of BDE details

4
in use in
limber.

1 limber & harness
in use with BDE
DETAILS.

MACH GUN ACCESSORIES.

12 Gun Cases
6 Range/under cases.
1 Ammunition Kit.

1 CWT.

MENS KITS.

216.

5 CWT.

SPARE EQUIPMENT.

OFF. KITS.

8

1/2 CWT.

CAMEL SADDLES

CAMP EQUIPMENT.

COOKS. UTENSILS

15 lbs.

FARRIERS FORGES

AND OFFICE.

→ → → 1 Case

→ → → 30 lbs

SIGS STORES

1 BAG WIRE.

1 CWT

MED & DENTAL STORES.

TOTAL 10 CWT.

D. Woodworth
C.O. 4th AUST M.G. SQUAD.

CAPT.

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R A F A.
EL ARISH *nil.*

BRIGADE *4th L.H. Regt*
4th Brigade

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Saddlery.	<i>Dump</i>	<i>7-2-0</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>602</i>
* Machine Gun accessories.	<i>nil</i>	<i>—</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>Nil</i>	
Mens Kits.	<i>Dump</i>	<i>10-0-0</i>			
* Spare Equipment.	<i>"</i>	<i>3-0-0</i>			
Officers Kits.	<i>"</i>	<i>3-0-0</i>			
* Camel Saddles.	<i>nil</i>	<i>—</i>			
* Camp Equipment, Messiers forges & Offices.	<i>Dump</i>	<i>2-5-000</i>			
* Ammunition Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.	<i>"</i>	<i>8-0-0</i>			
		<u><i>3-16-2-0</i></u>			

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capt.
4th L.H. Regt

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 11th Lt Regt.
 H. A.H. Bide

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NATURE OF BAGGAGE & STORES.	HOW DISPOSED OF BY 7th. OF JUNE.	WEIGHT OF BAGGAGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	NO. OF MEN LEFT IN CHARGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	NUMBER OF HORSES.	REMARKS.
Saddlery.	-	12 cwt.			Saddlery of horses sent to Hospital for which remounts are on demand and not yet received
* Machine Gun accessories.	Returned to Ordnance.	nil	1 NCO 20 privs	2	
Mens Kits.	-	25 cwt.			
* Spare Equipment.	Ret'd to Ordnance 11.6.17	nil			
Officers Kits.	-	5 cwt.			
* Camel Saddles.	-	nil			
* Camp Equipment, Forgers forges & Offices.	-	3 cwt. *			
* Military Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.	-	15 cwt.			
	-	1 cwt. &			
	-	2 cwt.			
S.A.A. (Reserve).	-	18 cwt.			
		<u>Total. 42 and 1 cwt.</u>			
* 2 Bell tents and 1 tarpaulin - covering baggage & Guard tent. & Telephone Cable. (Pack horses not yet in possession).					

Hugh Mansland
 Lieut.
 Adjutant 11th Lt Regt. A.I.F.

R A F A. Dump.
 EL ARISH

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- Saddlery & harness
- * Machine Gun accessories.
- Mens Kits.
- * Spare Equipment.
- Officers Kits.
- * Camel saddles.
- * Camp equipment, Forges & Offices.
- * Ammunition Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.

1 ton
nil

4 tons
nil

1 ton

nil

2 tons

Total weight:

8 tons

Plus 47,000 rounds reserve S.A.A.

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The Saddlery & harness is spare at present undergoing repair. Saddlery at dump. It is then issued to reinforcement in good order as they come along, a draught of which are expected shortly. Camp equipment includes axes etc. that cannot be used at present owing to shortage of wood but will be required when wood is available. Sig stores include cable wire etc that is required in the field but cannot be carried at present owing to shortage of pack horses which are on demand.

J. Khassie
 Lieut. & Adj.
 12th. Light Horse Regt. A.I.F.

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Ltj. attached return. No per forma
 available, as they have all transport
 with them, they have neither men nor
 baggage at El Arish or Rafa dump.

W. S. Under Capt.

17/6/17

Staff Capt.
4th AHB

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4th Light Horse Field Ambulance.
(Mobile Section)

Return showing Baggage at Rafa Dump.

4 th L.H.F.A. Mobile Sect.	<u>Nil</u>
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None of the mobile equipment is at Rafa and the Immobile Section is sending a ^{nil} return

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W. Perry

Capt + Adj
4th L.H.F.A.

R A F A.
~~WILKINSON~~

BRIGADE 5th Ind. B^d

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NATURE OF BAGGAGE & STORES.	HOW DISPOSED OF BY 7th. OF JUNE.	WEIGHT OF BAGGAGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	No. OF MEN LEFT IN CHARGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	NUMBER OF HORSES.	REMARKS.
Saddlery.	To Ordnance. Small portion left on dump.				
* Machine Gun accessories.	To Ordnance, and portion forwarded to Sqdn.				
Mens Kits.	With exception of small amount sent to Units, left on dump.	*	F		
* Spare Equipment.	Small portion left on dump. Bulk returned to ordnance.	5-6	6	2	
Officers Kits.	left on dump.	Tons			
* Camel saddles.	Nil.				
* Camp Equipment, Messes forges & Offices.	1 Forge, 2 bell tents & few boxes of stores left on dump. Tents are in use for storage purposes.				
* Ammunition Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.	Bulk sent to Ordnance. A portion left on dump and a small quantity brought up to Units. No dental stores.				
* Approximate only.					
F It is hoped to shortly replace these with P. B. men from Hantara.					

- (1) The stored equipment shown as left on dump is small in quantity, but may be required for use at any time. It is not in excess of mobile & portable establishments.
- (2) a good deal of the private property consists of consumable stores which will rapidly diminish.
- (4) What remains of the dump will by June 7th. be concentrated into a space of about 20 yds. square.
- (5) The 2 horses left are to enable the N.C.O. i/c to get about & arrange ration matters etc. Also to meet anyone visiting the dump, at the station, which is 1 1/2 miles away.

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Hampton Capt.
 Staff Capt.
 5th Ind. B^d

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Headquarters,

Imperial Mt'd Div.

Herewith States in
accordance with your letter
of 1st instant.

J. L. Grant
Captain.

Staff Capt. Col.
6th Mt'd Bde

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The General Officer Commanding directs, that special attention shall be paid to reducing the number of men at the Divisional Dump at RAFA. It is considered that only sufficient men to act as guards over the stores there are required.

There is no reason for extra horses to be at the Divisional dump. There are now two Mobile Veterinary Sections at RAFA and there is no necessity for horses to be with the dump beyond those required for the few men who must be there.

All articles of camp equipment and other Ordnance stores if not required in the field should be returned to Ordnance.

The General Officer Commanding, Desert Column directs that any surplus baggage of Australian units not required in the field should be sent to MOASCAR. The 3rd. A.L.K. Brigade will arrange to move their property from EL ARISH either to RAFA or MOASCAR, and will report action taken to this office.

The attached schedule has been called for by Eastern Force, it should be completed, one for RAFA and the other for EL ARISH and returned to reach this office please on the evening of 5th. June. The numbers stated in column (4) should be reduced numbers and not those there today.

The articles in column (1) marked " # " it would seem ought not to be at the dump and should be returned to Ordnance, except for special reasons.

R. H. ...

Lieut. Colonel,
A.A. C.S.G.,
Imperial Mounted Division.

HQ., I.C.D.
1/5/17.

Copies to :-
All Brigades and Divisional Troops.

R A F A.
EL ARISH

BRIGADE *6th Mounted Bde* ROYAL BUCKS HUSSARS

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1) Saddlery. ϕ	10 sets - remainder to Ordnance	62 430	1 cpl & 5 OR.	Nil	610 Awaiting remainder to replace casualties
2) * Machine Gun accessories.	Nil	-			
3) Mens Kits.	381 =	3810			
4) * Spare Equipment.	Squadron Stores	2000			Containing, head ropes, rosebays etc
5) Officers Kits.	26	780			
6) * Camel Saddles.	NIL	-			
7) * Camp Equipment, Forges & Offices.	1 Forge, less lip; to be brought to tent as soon as available. O. Room & Q.M.'s Boxes	112 336			
8) * Ammunition Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.	Nil	7468			
		2240			
		6720			
		748			
<i>Off Bennett</i> Lt. A. H. Ayt. ROYAL BUCKS HUSSARS					Note Of the personnel, only 1 cpl & 1 OR. are fit men.

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NATURE OF BAGGAGE & STORES.	HOW DISPOSED OF BY 7th. OF JUNE.	WEIGHT OF BAGGAGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	No. OF MEN LEFT IN CHARGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	NUMBER OF HORSES.	REMARKS.
Saddlery.	-	<i>nil</i>	-	-	
* Machine Gun accessories.	-	-	-	-	
Mens Kits. <i>+ blocks</i>	-	<i>2 1/2 tons</i>	<i>1 Officer 5 OR</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>Major Parent of Saddlery Supt Custer in office Supt Stables The Lovelock Servant by the name "Eury" to be kept "Smith"</i>
* Spare Equipment.	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>			
Officers Kits.	-	<i>12 cwt.</i>			
* Camel saddles.	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>			
* Camp Equipment, Forges & Offices.	-	<i>about 10 cwt.</i>			
* Signallers Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.	<i>nil</i>	<i>nil</i>			

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Brigade 6th Mounted. Unit Berks Yeomanry.

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Nature of Baggage & Stores		How disposed of by 7 th of June.	Weight of Baggage after 7 th of June.	No. of men left in charge after 7 th of June	No. of horses.	Remarks.
26 sets	Saddlery	Remaining at Dump	1040 lbs			20 complete horses to mob. vet.
	Machine Gun Accessories	Nil	-	-	-	
400	Great Coats	at Dump.	3200 lbs			} Brigade Order 10 th Kit bags
100	Mens Kits	at Dump	4000 lbs			
	Spare Equipment	Nil	-	-	-	
Various	Officers Kits	Remaining at Dump	500 lbs about.			
	Camel Saddles	Nil	-			
Various	Camp Equipment	} Remaining at Dump	450 lbs.			} Required for refilling Regt in Field.
	Farriers forges & tools		250 "			
Telephone cables 12 miles	} Signallers Stores Medical & Dental Stores	} Remaining at Dump	300 lbs	1 NCO.		} awaiting arrival of buzzers, electric cells etc.
Stretchers Ambulance			100 "	3 men	nil.	

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Adjutant 1/ Berks Yeomanry

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NATURE OF BAGGAGE & STORES.	HOW DISPOSED OF BY 7th. OF JUNE.	WEIGHT OF BAGGAGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	No. OF MEN LEFT IN CHARGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	NUMBER OF HORSES.	REMARKS.
Saddlery.	DUMP.	2 CWT.			
* Machine Gun accessories.	"	2 "	} 1 off 3 O.Rs. 1		
Mens Kits.	"	15 "			
* Spare Equipment.	"	3 "			
Officers Kits.	"	5 "			
* Camel Saddles.	NIL	NIL			
* Camp Equipment, Forgers forges & Offices.	NIL	NIL			
* Ammunition Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.	DUMP.	3 CWT.			
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Lieut

17th MACHINE GUN SQUADRON

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Saddlery.	To unit in the field	150 lbs			
* Machine Gun accessories.	nil	nil			
Mens Kits.	remaining	1860 lbs			
* Spare Equipment.	bulk handed in to Ordnance	150 lbs			
Officers Kits.	remaining	180 lbs			
* Camel Saddles.	nil	nil			
* Camp Equipment, Field forges & Offices.	remaining	100 lbs			
* Strainers Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.	nil	nil			
	Remaining	1000 lbs approx			
		$\begin{array}{r} 3440 \\ 248 \\ \hline 1200 \end{array}$	No of men left		
			3.	none	

2 spare saddles. Saddlery leather & a few spare parts of harness - includes great coats -
Orderly Room Records - box of soap - N.C. powder -
Includes blankets as a reserve for patients when transport allows same to be carried -
Consisting of essential medical & surgical stores which must be retained. These will be carried in the field as soon as transport is issued which is shortly expected.

1/2nd. Sth. Mid. Mtd. Bde.
FIELD AMBULANCE
6th Mtd Bde
Date 4/6/17.

Certified that this dump has been reduced to the absolute minimum compatible with working this Fd Amb. efficiently

Commanding 6th Mtd Bde Fd Amb. 154

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Saddlery.					
* Machine Gun accessories.			}	}	<i>may be required.</i>
Mens Kits.	<i>Remaining</i>	<i>3 cwt.</i>			
* Spare Equipment. (Tents)	<i>Remaining</i>	<i>4 cwt.</i>			
Officers Kits.	<i>Remaining</i>	<i>15 cwt.</i>			
* Camel Saddles.					
* Camp Equipment, Engineers forges & Offices.	<i>Remaining</i>	<i>15 cwt.</i>			
* Ammunition Stores, Medical & Dental Stores.					

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*Dr Layant
Captain
Staff Captain 1906
6th Mtd Brigade.*

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Signal Troop

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NATURE OF BAGGAGE & STORES.	HOW DISPOSED OF BY 7th. OF JUNE.	WEIGHT OF BAGGAGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	No. OF MEN LEFT IN CHARGE AFTER 7th. OF JUNE.	NUMBER OF HORSES.	REMARKS.
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Saddlery.

Nil. Nil.

* Machine Gun accessories.

Mens Kits.

*Remaining
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70 lbs

* Spare Equipment.

to

160 lbs

Officers Kits.

30 lbs

* Camel saddles.

* Car Equipment,
Furniture forges & Offices.

* Ammunition Stores,
Medical & Dental Stores.

to

140 lbs.

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*Captain [unclear] Lt
Commandant Signal Troop
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