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WAR DIARY

OF

5th Australian L. H. Field Ambulance



FOR

April

1919

Signature of Officer compiling

H. Secombe
Lieut. Col.

Signature of Officer Commanding

H. Secombe
Lieut. Col.



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Place Date Hour

April 1st

Strength:- Officers Lt Col. C. Lowther CLARKE Commanding Major C. M. O'HALLORAN
Captains G. S. SHIPWAY, J. J. KELLY, & F. M. WILCOX.
5 of 77 OR's 4 LD mules 1 G.S. Limber. attached 1 QR.
No 258 Sgt. BROWNE R.M.E.M. promoted to 3/ Staff Sgt to complete Establishment.
A General meeting of the Unit was held and a committee was elected ~~initially~~ to control matters of Sports and Recreation. A representative body was elected including all grades of other ranks and the C.O. appointed Capt. G. S. SHIPWAY to act as ex-officio president.

2nd

1 OR. sick to hospital.

3rd

No 4051 Cpl CAPES. T.E. was sent to CAIRO to endeavour to locate a case containing the Unit typewriter & many important records including A & D books. This case was left at the Divisional Dump at Ludd when operations commenced last September & has not been traced since.
The C.O. left for Cairo for the purpose of obtaining Special Dental treatment at AIF HQ's.

MORSCAR - ISMALIA.

Charles Barber
Rt Col



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MOASSARA - ISMAHIA	April	3 ¹	Owing to the general unrest & recent disturbances amongst the Civilian Native populations in Egypt, special orders issued by Bde, all men outside of the Camp Area after 1800 daily, must be in parties, also men proceeding on leave to ISMAHIA must walk about the town in parties.	bb
		4 ¹	Major C. M. O'HALLORAN assumes command during the temp. absence of Lieut. Col. C. Lowther CLARKE to Cairo.	
			Capt. F. M. WILCOX posted to 2 ¹ Signal Bde as RMO auth. ADMS Australian M ¹ Division.	
			Owing to an outbreak of Small Pox in the village of ARISNIA EL SUDANIA, village placed out of Bounds to all ranks.	
			Telephone communication received from Bde., 1 VC0 and 10 men to report to B.H.Q., to take over 22 horses Rides and equipment (Saddlers). These animals and equipment were left behind by the 15 th L. H. Regt, who had moved to ZAG-A ZIG.	Shonther Clarke Lt Bde



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April 5th

6 R. 4 L D Horses received from B. HQ. 25 R. 4 L D Horses returned to Australian Remounts MOASCAR all equipment received with animals, was returned to Advance Auth. 5 L. H. 7. 3. HQ.

No 565 W.O. Class II (RQMS) BRENNAN, TV "MM" proceeded to AIF HQ's Cairo, in accordance with instructions from DDMS AIF. The services of this warrant officer being required to assist in writing up the Unit history of the 2nd L. H. 7. Ambulance.

No 4051 CPL CAPES TG returned from CAIRO, could find no trace of the missing typewriter & Unit Records, after making searching enquiries at AIF HQ's, and Depot Stores GHEZIREH. 1 OR remained in hospital.

A Bridge Tournament in which all ranks took part was held in the mess shed. Khamsen blowing all day very unpleasant, shows during the afternoon.

MOASCAR - ISMAILIA

6th

7th

Shantha Barber Lt. Col.



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MOASSARA - ISMALIA	April	8 th	Letter from G.H.Q. re. the temporary suspension of Demobilisation of troops serving in the E.E.F., read to all ranks.	bll
		9 th	In view of a likely demonstration by the natives in ISMALIA town placed "Out of Bounds". In future all men when outside the Camp Area must be armed. 1 OR remained at Hospital 1 OR marched in ex "A" Details Moassara. 2 ORs returned from CAIRO with Kit Bago from Depot Stores GHEZIREH.	bll
		10 th	Leave granted as usual to ISMALIA. Lieut. Col. C. Lowther CLARKE resumed command on return from CAIRO. A supply of sporting material received from the Australian Compts Fund CAIRO ie. Cricker material, Footballs, Punching ball, Games, Cards etc, these being greatly appreciated by all. Will receive from ADMS Aussdis, Station;	bll C. Lowther Clarke Lt Col

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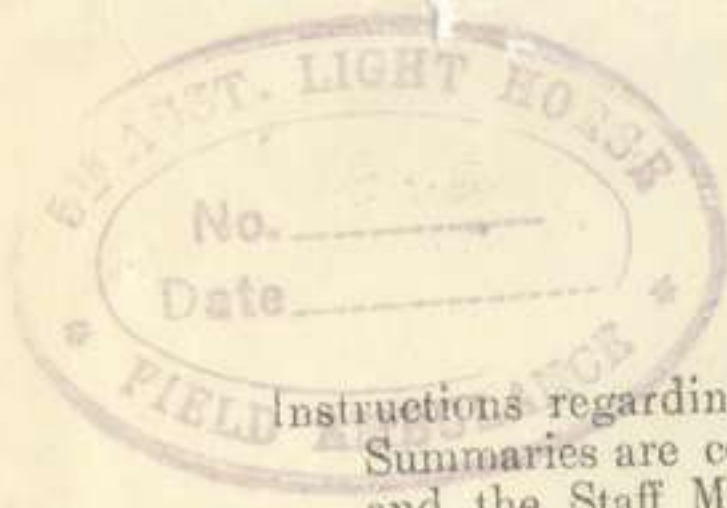
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MOASCAR - ISMALIA	April		"Units commanders should immediately impress on all ranks that use of Turkish flag should not be taken as provocation. Turkish flag being only one in possession and used in Egypt, is merely a sign of respect."	
	10 th		AIF Form 536 completed for personnel of unit.	
			Practice Cricket matches during the afternoon	
	11 th		In view of a likely demonstration in ISMALIA, town placed "out of bounds" to all troops.	
	12 th		Major C.M. O'HALLORAN proceeded to Desert M ^o Corps Res ^t Camp Pres ^t Said to await embarkation Australia.	
		500 Card Tournament held in mess. Mess. Two all ranks taking part.		
		Applications called for to fill vacancies as Clerks at AIF Hq ^r Cairo, demobilisation records etc.		
		N: 9861 Sgt DUGGAN A.I. strongly recommended for position.		

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Moascar - Ismailia

April 13th

Palm Sunday. Special Service arranged for in Camp.

Memo from ADMS Australia M.C. Division: - Captain K.A. STEPHENSON M.O. of Isolation C.T.D. and all medical personnel attached to be taken on strength of this unit, & detached for duty at Isolation C.T.D.

14th

Captain K.A. STEPHENSON had short interview with C.O.

Wind and dust terrific all day, also slight showers during the day, making it very unpleasant in the mess shed and tents.

A good supply of Red Cross boxes received from Cairo for patients. Amongst these boxes were the following: Tinned Fruit, Shirts, Pyjamas, old linen, sheets white, chairs & tables, face towels, magazines and books for library, these articles etc all appreciated in the comfort of patients & are greatly appreciated. Chatterley Lt Col.

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April 15th

1 OR marched in ex A Details.

Instructions contained G.I. (Demobilisation) para 67 of 20/3/19 re amendment to Depended Pay, read on parade to all units.

Unit Library opened, 200 books to be selected from.

AIF Form 536 for personnel of unit completed by Board, & forwarded to ADMS (Australia) M.D. Div. for approval.

Instructions re personnel approved for leave to U.K.

Instructions received from 5th L.H. Bde HQ re to detail 1 NCO & 2 men to report to Bde., to proceed as guard to 26th Stationary Hospital ISMALIA. Protest lodged to ADMS Australia M.D. Division. See appendix I

MOASCAR - ISMALIA

Charles Parry
Lt Col.



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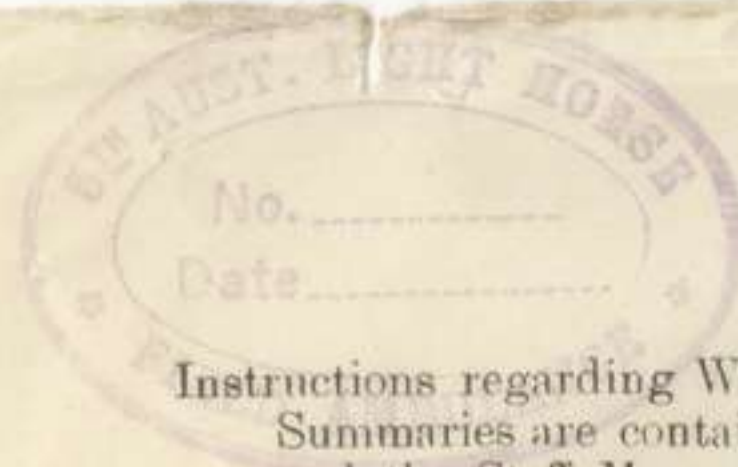
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MASCAR - ISMALIA	April 17 th		Lieut. Col C. Lowcher Clarke posted to A.D.M.S. Div. No. 1 Division Capt. G. S. Shipway assumed command. 5 912s marched out to A Details pending leave to U.K. & pending their embarkation they have been attached for duty & taken on the rating strength of this unit.	
	18 th		Good - Friday. Special Church Services held in Y.M.C.A. during the morning, voluntary. No parades. Sports held at the Australian Remount Depot during the day.	
	19 th		1 912s marched out to A Details for early repatriation to Australia.	
	20 th		1 912s rejoined ex 26 th Station Hospital ISMALIA. 1 912s marched out to A Details to await early repatriation to Australia.	

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MOSCOW - 176 WSI	April			
	20 th		14 9TRs (Drivers) detached for transport duty at 5 th L. 24 Ball. Hqs.	SH
	21 st		Hon Lieut & QM. F.H. PHILLIPS rejoined ex U.K. 1914 leave.	SH
			Notification from ADMS Australia M th Division Hon Lieut & QM F.H. PHILLIPS to be Hon. Captain temporarily dated 10/1/19. Auth: A.A.G. AIF memo 1257430/16/4/19. For the past few days the weather has been excellent. 132 9TRs medically examined from A Details & presented on pages one & two of AIF Form 536.	SH
	22 nd		1 9TR (N: 16947 Pte. TAYLOR AS) proceeded to Desert M th Camp Post Said for transport duty to Australia. Telephonic communication from ADMS Australia M th Division Board would sit at A Details at 1400 for completion	SH

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	April.			
	22 nd		of AIF Forms 536 of personnel proceeding to Australia and U.K.	sts
MOSCOW - ISMAKIA.	23 rd		7 th 1395 P.C. McCarty E.H. nominated for position as cook on return journey of HMAS "Australia" leaving Port Suez 28 th . Strain wire	
			5 Q.R.s proceeded on special leave to Jerusalem.	sts
	24 th		Major S.H. Seccombe 4 th L.H. 7. Ambulance posted and to command 5 L.H. 7 Ambulance.	Agf
	25 th		Lieut. H.V. Byth Educational Services attached, and arrangements being made to hold classes daily.	Agf
			1 Q.R. detached to Central Training Depot Moscow Medical detail.	

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	April 26 th		"A" Details personnel for UK leave presented on A.I.F. Form 536: Khamsen during the day.	<u>fol</u>
TSMARIA	27 th		Church Parade for all ranks compulsory at 0915. United Service of Memorial of Thanksgiving for ANZAC DAY 1915. N: 18857 Pte BAINBRIDGE, T. promoted to Temp. Sergeants in the Educational Service.	<u>fol</u>
MOASCAR	28 th		2 NCOs attached from "A" Details recalled for immediate embarkation Australia. Major S.H. SECCOMBE to be Lieut. Colonel temporarily dated 17/4/19. Auth: - A.A.G. A.I.F. & Equip 143/172 of 27/4/19. Educational classes commenced. see appendix II Demobilisation Forms for Advance Equipment handed to D.A. D.O.S. Australian M ^{rs} Division.	<u>fol</u> <u>III</u>



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MASCAR - ISMAILIA.	April 29 th		<p>Capt. J. T. KELLY proceeded under instructions from ADMS Ausdms to attend Medical Board at FAIED. Personnel of 'A' Details proceeding out of Egypt vaccinated. Notification that French, Arabic, & Hindustani classes will be held at 75th Divisions. Demobilisation Circular E18 read on parade. Leave granted to Ferry's Post HMAS "AUSTRALIA" passing thro' Canal.</p>	H/H
	30 th		<p>6 OR's attached from 'A' Details recalled for immediate embarkation to U.K. Leave granted to Ferry's Post HMAS "SYDNEY", several submarines passing through canal. 5 OR's rejoined at Leave Jerusalem.</p>	H/H
			J. Seear	

Commanding 5th. A. L. H. F. A.

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OF

5th AUSTRALIAN L.H.F. AMBULANCE

FOR

A P R I L1919

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1	Letter to A.D.M.S. Aust Div re NON-COMBATANT PERSONNEL PERFORMING "COMBATANT" DUTIES
2	EDUCATIONAL TIME-TABLE
3	HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS & DISCHARGES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 1919

A.D.M.S.
AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION

Attached herewith is a copy of wire received from 5th L.H. Brigade this day.

The instruction contained therein has been carried out but it is considered necessary that a ruling be obtained as to the legality of the order, as an important principle is involved.

- The execution of this order has produced the following anomalies;
- (1) A non-combatant non-commissioned officer, untrained in the use of arms is in command of two ambulance drivers and has two combatant privates drawn from Brigade H.G.
 - (2) The ambulance drivers are non-combatants, trained only in the use of a rifle and not in its use.
 - (3) They possess no side-arms
 - (4) The N.C.O. is liable to punishment for failure to properly carry out a duty in which he has received no training.

The drivers of ~~ambulance~~ Ambulance are armed with rifles in order that they may be able to protect their patients should occasion arise and are non-combatants wearing the Geneva Cross.

It is submitted that the use of Ambulance personnel for guard and sentry duty (outside their own unit) is inadvisable and contrary to Army practise

It is not unusual, on the other hand for a medical unit to call on a combatant unit for protection

May this matter be referred to the authority competent to give a definite ruling as to Army regulation and practice on the subject and the bearing of the Geneva Convention thereon.

M O A S C A R
16-4-19.

Sgd C. Lowther Clarke Lt Colonel
C.O. 5th L.H.F. Ambulance

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.
No. of Message

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TO	5th L.H.F. AMBULANCE					
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Detail	one N	N.C.O.	and			
Two	O/Ranks	to	report			
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HOURS.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
9-9'30.	ENGLISH.	GEOGRAPHY.	ENGLISH.	GEOGRAPHY.	ENGLISH.
9'30-10.	ARITHMETIC.	GEOMETRY.	ARITHMETIC.	GEOMETRY.	ARITHMETIC.
10'30-11.	ALGEBRA.	FRENCH.	ALGEBRA.	FRENCH.	ALGEBRA.
10'30-11.	BOOK-KEEPING.	HISTORY.	BOOK-KEEPING.	HISTORY.	BOOK-KEEPING.
11-11'30.	MENSURATION.	TRIGONOMETRY.	MENSURATION.	TRIGONOMETRY.	MENSURATION.
11'30-12.	SHORT-HAND.	LATIN.	SHORT-HAND.	LATIN.	SHORT-HAND.



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ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES FOR MONTH OF APRIL 1919.

	ADMISSIONS.			DISCHARGES.			TRANSFERS.		
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