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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FARA	1 <sup>st</sup> June		<p>Genl. [unclear] has arranged to allot 3 caterpillar tractors to the Division to assist the Train - in spite of pointing out that we have not sufficient transport to carry a mobile ration for the Div, should it move, the Genl. Column will not point us more transport, saying that when the Division is ordered to move the question of transport will be re-considered.</p> <p>Genl. [unclear] Brigades power to give a limited amount of [unclear] to [unclear] not more than the strength of 1 Squadron, from the whole Div - to be away at the same time - i.e. 2 1/2 % of the total strength.</p>	
"	2 <sup>nd</sup> June		<p>The question of the position of the Mobile Veterinary Section has lately been open in dispute - recently by [unclear] direction the tendency has been to have these Secs in [unclear] away from the Bidges - for instance, we have 2 at Khan Yunis 12 miles away + 2 at Rafa 16 miles away - It seems difficult to account for such a distribution - But yesterday, owing to a water crisis at Khan Yunis we were instructed to move the 2 Secs of at Khan Yunis either to the Div or Rafa. It has now been decided to send 1 to Rafa &amp; have the other one up here - we shall evacuate to Rafa.</p>	ac R
"	3 <sup>rd</sup> June		<p>[unclear] is calling for the reduction of the internal personnel at the various dumps on [unclear] - [unclear] especially - the staff to go to Alexandria - that cannot be returned to [unclear].</p>	ac R

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FARA	4 <sup>th</sup> June		SAC inspected the 56 <sup>th</sup> Co Improved Train. condition of horses excellent fair. Mobile Veterinary Section arrived from Khar Yamis - for general duty throughout the	act
"	5 <sup>th</sup>		Div - 54 <sup>th</sup> Co Train - to return to its Division will be replaced by 450 Camels (during two trips) + 3 Caterpillar Tractors.	
"	6 <sup>th</sup>		Column Commander presented foreign decorations to Brig General Doyton + Keredith - A considerable amount of the stores at the dump at Safa have been returned to the Ordnance - the men reduced very much. The J.G.C. intends to dispense the dump at Kantana, which will effect the 5 <sup>th</sup> M.Bde - the balance of stuff will be sent to Alexandria -	act
"	7 <sup>th</sup>		[450 Camels P. Co P.T.C. arrived.	act
"	8 <sup>th</sup>		SAC call for special return of extra - requiremently employed men - in order to prepare special "man power" statement O. Column require volunteers to join a new Railway Company - very hard work to take the place of the Egyptian labour Corps - doubtful if we will get many candidates -	act

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Tel + TARA.	9 <sup>th</sup> June		<p>East Force calls for special return showing all Regimentally &amp; extra Regimentally employed men with Brigades, in order to lay before Gen Lawson of man power committee. 600 <del>the</del> men, including artificers and Regimentally employed in the 2 Geo Bdegs &amp; field Ambs. &amp; Batteries etc</p> <p>The 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> L.H. Bdegs have 587 Regimentally employed - this includes Batmen - cooks etc</p> <p>The CC. No 1 and Can Patrol has been ordered to return various poses etc to the MT shops - which he says will put his patrol out of action. Saw him &amp; he goes tomorrow to East Force to see the D.A.D.T.</p> <p>Much trouble has been caused by the scarcity of fuel crossings another has extension of the line here - permission has now been obtained for us to make our own arrangements with Capt Boyd R.E. He will make two more &amp; alter the position of another.</p> <p>Sgt. &amp; S.M. G.M. inspected Detach Camp at Rafa &amp; other small units there</p> <p>There are too many men at Rafa - they were sorted out sent to four Hqs Supts - leaving 3 men in charge of each Germanys Bde dump &amp; 6 in the case of Light Horse Bdegs.</p> <p>Nothing to record</p>	<p>a-2</p> <p>a-2</p> <p>a-2</p> <p>a-2</p>
	10 <sup>th</sup>			
	11 <sup>th</sup>			
	12 <sup>th</sup>			
	13 <sup>th</sup>			

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FARA	14 <sup>th</sup>		Arranged with 5-5 Div for new watering places for 5 <sup>th</sup> Mt Bde at SAMLI.	
"	15 <sup>th</sup>		Issued instructions for Bde to draw material - i.e. Blankets, pickets & prep for lean shelters - 2 men per shelter - These are very acceptable but they cannot be moved if we move, owing to lack of transport.	
	16 <sup>th</sup>		Received authority for two new level crossings over the <del>made</del> <del>over</del> <del>the</del> <del>Saudi</del> extension Railway	acR
			Desert Column calling for names for despatch for period 1 <sup>st</sup> March - 30 <sup>th</sup> March at rate of 1% per unit, all ranks. Very short notice is <del>unit</del> list is to be at Desert Column at 1500 on 19 <sup>th</sup> .	
			SAI & G. to attend committee at SMO on 19 <sup>th</sup> dealing with location of dumps. Base Kils & such matters	acR
	17 <sup>th</sup>		A.A.S.M.G. proceeded to Cairo to attend committee dealing with Dumps Base Kils etc.	acD
			Issue of tents authorized for Div at on following scale: 1 per field officer and above that rank 3 per other officers and one per 10 men 1075 asked for. Desert Column used only 550 available at present	acD

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Fara	June 18th		Names for despatch period 1st March to 31st May received from all units by 1100. In view of issue of tents Batos instructed to hold blankets for shelters on his dump at RAFA pending further instructions.	acc
"	19th		4th A.L.H. Bde had clothing disinfected at Weli Sheikh Muran	acc
"	19th		Names for despatch period 1st March to 31st May completed and sent on to Desert Column by special messenger. 95 names submitted	acc
"	20th		Pegs for shelters arrived at Weli Sheikh Muran. Instructions issued to OC Field sqdn to hold them in R.E. Park 6th Bde had clothing disinfected advised by Batos that tents for Division were at Rapa, and coming forward on 21st	acc
"	21st		3rd Bde and portion of Divisional troops had clothing disinfected Recommendation to Desert Column for Knickeri (2 pairs) to be substituted for present issue A.M.S. returned from Cairo	acc

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Fara	22 <sup>nd</sup>	pmc.	Decided that only three of the present areas are to be given tents - the 5 <sup>th</sup> Mt Bde will not put up tents - instructions again issued as to necessity of pitching these tents -	acB
"	23 <sup>rd</sup>	"	The title of the division from the 20 <sup>th</sup> inst is to be The Australian Mounted Division, which consist of the 3, 4 & 5 Mt Bde - The 6 <sup>th</sup> Mt Bde goes to the new Yeomanry Division -	acB
"	24 <sup>th</sup>	"	Orders for the 6 <sup>th</sup> Mt Bde to move to their new Div on 26 <sup>th</sup> inst. Withdraw all transport of the 6 <sup>th</sup> Bde from the base. Represented again to the Column the necessity for withdrawing Regt 1 Transport from the base - + forwarded statement of artillery personnel necessary to take these places.	acB
"	25	"	Units instructed to draw the material further down. Shelters + keep same in permanent property.	acB
"	26 <sup>th</sup>	"	6 <sup>th</sup> Mt Bde left the division today to join the Yeomanry Div. They have been handed over all their transport in the base. + all possible extra - regimentally employed men have been returned to the units of the Brigade. A soda water + other minerals drink stand has been opened - the occasional beer - a very good thing for the men who have no chance of obtaining a decent drink.	acB 211 6





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Casualties June 1917. A

Unit	Day	Killed		Wounded		Missing	
		O	OR	O	OR	O	OR
12 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Bn <sup>Regt.</sup> <del>Bn</del>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	-	-	1	-	A62 8	
10 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Regiment	7 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	-	1		
Dover Germany	11 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	-	1		
10 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Regiment	18 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	1	-	-	-
Gloucester Yes	22 <sup>nd</sup>	-	-	-	1	-	-
4 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt.	25 <sup>th</sup>	-	1	-	1	-	-
Gloucester Yes	"	-	-	1	3	-	-
				(Remaining)			
9 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt	27 <sup>th</sup>	-	-	-	-	-	1
							Returned Rtds
			1	3	7	-	1

Names overleaf

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3/6/17 12<sup>th</sup> L.H. 2nd Lt. COY F.V.

7/6/17 10<sup>th</sup> L.H. 44 Cpl HEREDITH W.W.

11/6/17 Dorset Regt. 2309112. Pte. DOWD. C.

13/6/17 10<sup>th</sup> L.H. 2nd Lt. HERBERT A.

22/6/17 Gloucester Regt. 2063 Pte COX B.

25/6/17 4<sup>th</sup> L.H. 1081 L/C. BERRYMAN L.

- do - 2990 Sgt. MOORE T.M.

" Gloucester Regt. 2nd Lt. COOK. E.H.

(remains with unit) 1895. Sgt JAMES B.L.

1821 7<sup>th</sup> Sgt MORGAN W.F.

2969 Pte DAVIES C.R.C.

27/6/17 9<sup>th</sup> L.H. 139. Sgt JOHNSON R.J.J.

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