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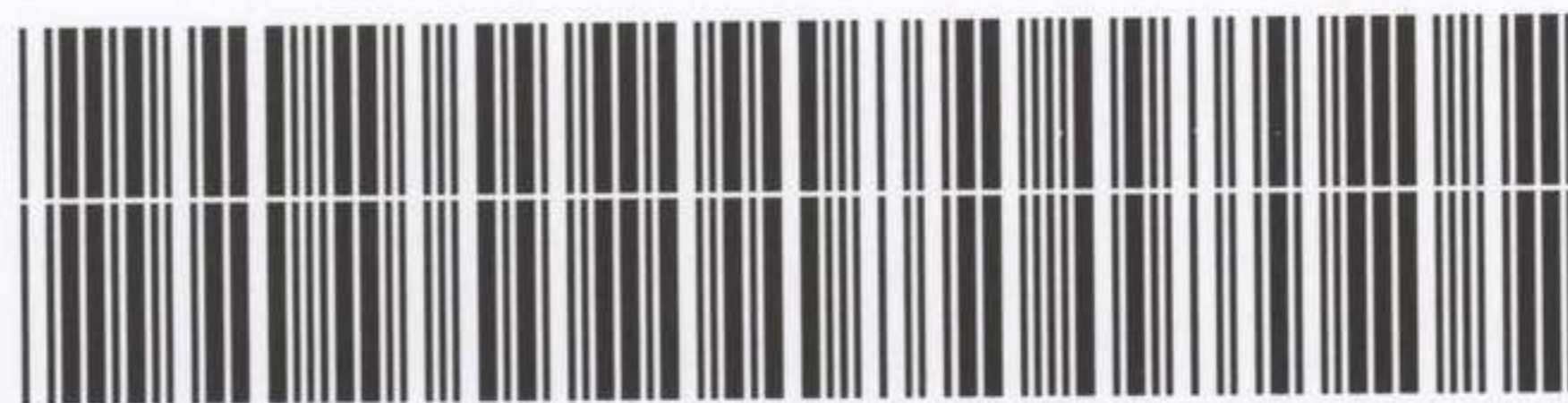
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1st Lt. Field Amb

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ARNUSSI	2		<p>Hospital return for week ending 2/12/16</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr><td>Remained</td><td>25/16</td><td>Nil</td></tr> <tr><td>Admitted</td><td></td><td>30</td></tr> <tr><td>Discharged</td><td></td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>Evacuated</td><td></td><td>13</td></tr> <tr><td>Remaining</td><td></td><td>12</td></tr> </table>	Remained	25/16	Nil	Admitted		30	Discharged		5	Evacuated		13	Remaining		12	
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	3		Received MCO order no. re move																
			Joined Field Amb. order NO 2																
BIR EL GERERAT	4	1030 1215	<p>^{MOVE} Left ARNUSSI with 1st Lt Bde marched to BIR EL GERERAT</p> <p>Arrived BIR EL GERERAT. Heavy fog over sand dunes. Watered open horses & pitched camp. Camels bridled & marched about army 1245.</p>	Appendix I															
	6		<p>Strength following men having joined from training camp MONSIEUR are taken as strength, dated 3/12/16</p> <p>NO. 92 Cpl HAMILTON S. - NO. 46 Lt. BRETT S.N. NO. 26 Pte ROBERTSON W. NO. 111 Pte PARTRIDGE CRW. NO. 760 Pte PLATT E. NO. 620 Pte ROBERTSON R. NO. 845 Pte DAVIS Pte NO. 14504 Pte LONARD C. NO. 1158 Pte BONDESEN C.A. NO. 6206 Pte WILSON LEB. NO. 14509 Pte LEWIS E.A.</p>																
	7		<p>Capt. SHELLEY to details at KANTARA for duty.</p> <p>Capt. MACHIN appointed Brigade sanitary officer.</p> <p>Inspected camp area & found things unsatisfactory. Issued instructions to remedy.</p> <p>Analysis of well water from wells at GERERAT made & handed to ADAMS.</p> <p>All too saline for drinking.</p>	<i>SAD</i>															

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P.L.H. 2. amb

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<i>BIR 10 SEREANT</i>	<i>8</i>		<i>Admsl Col DOWNES visited camp. Received instructions to re training of R.M. stretchers bears + some same to R.M.O. Promotion NO 71 Lt Col WIGHTMAN H. to Lieut Colonel Clerk vice NO 6202 Col LESLIE A.H. who voluntarily reverts to rank of Lt Col dated 1/12/16.</i>											
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	<i>14</i>	<i>0530</i>	<i>Left camp with Major Robertson to see the situation of area in M.B.S.A.P. position. 1st Bde not included in the scheme</i>	<i>Headquarters near ARNUNCI at 0700</i>										
	<i>15</i>	<i>1200</i>	<i>Inspection of camp by G.O.C. 2nd Column + G.O.C. 4th Division</i>											
	<i>16</i>		<i>Strength NO 1771 Pte SMITH H.B. (medical detail 3rd L.H. Reg) transferred to 68 Aust. R.A.C. (15/12/16)</i>											
	<i>17</i>		<i>Proceeded with Major MARKWELL on reconnaissance beyond AAV ARTAA. Country very different for transport</i>											
	<i>19</i>		<i>Stretchers and (remains) with new portable stretchers. Visited P.L.H. Reg at GIMAL</i>											
	<i>20</i>		<i>Hospital return for week ending 16/12/16</i>	<table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr><td>Remained 16/12/16</td><td style="text-align: right;">5</td></tr> <tr><td>Admitted</td><td style="text-align: right;">34</td></tr> <tr><td>Discharged</td><td style="text-align: right;">7</td></tr> <tr><td>Wounded</td><td style="text-align: right;">26</td></tr> <tr><td>Remaining</td><td style="text-align: right;">6</td></tr> </table>	Remained 16/12/16	5	Admitted	34	Discharged	7	Wounded	26	Remaining	6
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			<i>Strength No 553 Pte BYRNES H.E. took on medical order to 3rd L.H. Reg.</i>											

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PL 47 Amb

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
GERERAT	20	1430	<p>Received signal message from HQ PL 47 to be ready to move before dark. Packed equipment of mobile section. No orders received from HQ.</p> <p>Watered horses with great difficulty. Drove camels from camel lines.</p> <p>Left GERERAT with Bde (Mobile section - 4 off 77 OR. Horses 108 sand carts 9 sleds 6 caissons sitting 13 lying 8. Camels 44. G.S. Lumber 12)</p> <p>Transport under Major Robertson marched independently with Ade transport + camels</p>	
EL ARISH	21	0530	<p>Arrived WADI EL ARISH</p> <p>Selected site of dressing station on telegraph line 2 miles East of EL ARISH.</p> <p>(Route: via ABA ARTAA to UM ZUGHBA thence a bearing of 85° to Hill 100 on West bank of WADI EL ARISH thence north to dressing station site) Very heavy sand & salt flats.</p> <p>Before 1st hour all came through very well.</p> <p>Wind NW at dressing line of situation of dressing station passing for roads re evacuation.</p>	
		0701	<p>Received reply "Advocate" to Kilo 125.</p>	
		0800	<p>Transport + camels arrived in camp.</p>	
		1130	<p>Removed dressing station from front line back to point on EL MARWALA near Hod about 2 miles N.E. of EL ARISH & promised for night.</p>	
		1600	<p>Advised Bde to have all wells chlorinated & men warned not to drink before they are declared safe by RMO.</p>	
	22		<p>Chlorinated wells</p> <p>Promotion No 1567 Pte POOLE J.W. medical detail to PL 47 Reg. the L. Col. detail to 12/16</p> <p>Major HERCUS D.A.M.S. visited camp & discussed water question.</p>	JPD

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124th Amb

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SL ARISH	1916 Dec	23	<p>Hospital report for week ending 23/12/16</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>Remained</td> <td>16:12</td> <td>16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Admitted</td> <td></td> <td>27</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Discharged</td> <td></td> <td>7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Evacuated</td> <td></td> <td>26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Remaining</td> <td></td> <td>nil</td> </tr> </table>	Remained	16:12	16	Admitted		27	Discharged		7	Evacuated		26	Remaining		nil	
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		22	<p>Strength No 100 Cpl NICOL evacuated sick 8/12/16 - struck off strength</p> <p>Received signal message from Bde to be prepared to move at 1730.</p> <p>Received signal message from DTOMS to mount all cases immediately to Receiving Station at SL ARISH.</p> <p>Received order from Bde to draw rations at 1800.</p> <p>Left camp with Bde & proceeded to rendezvous about 1 mile south of SL ARISH to receive rations & fodder.</p> <p>Made for rendezvous up WADI SL ARISH to bivouac about 4th mile N.W. of MASDHABA, arriving 0600.</p>																
		23	<p>0045 Road good except for occasional wash outs. Abandoned 1 sand cart and bag but axle unusable. S.E. of LANZATV all rations broken.</p> <p>All camels under Capt MACHIN moved independently under tent with 3rd Bde arriving about 0800</p> <p>0800 Saw DTOMS received order to bivouac tent division in presence of camels & sand carts & 124th Amb with ECC. under Capt BATEMAN. No 38th CULLIEN S. (proclamation) to bivouac in band of wadi about 2 1/2 miles from village</p> <p>1000 Sand cart & boxes abandoned (Bde in reserve) to bivouac in band of wadi about 2 1/2 miles from village</p> <p>1030 Under order from DTOMS all loaded camels under Supt KNOX sent to DTOM.</p> <p>Bivouac bivouac with each RMO. on pack mules.</p> <p>1530 Wanted transport division sent Capt BATEMAN back & tent. Keeping Capt MACHIN with us, reported by DTOMS that our own return shortly very far camels. Difficult country & long distance from firing line to receiving station made evacuation very slow.</p>																
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1st LH7 Amb

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
MASDHABA	23	1600	Received message from Lt Col Fraser, 3rd LH7 Amb, that he had several cases casualties for collection also verbal message from Capt HUDSON that French were being shelled & heavy casualties reported.		
		1630	Proceeded with Capt MACHIN & sand carts & sledges & sledges along bed of water course (very difficult country) filled 2 sand carts & 1 sled on route, evacuated to NZMFA.		
		1700	Sent message to Major ROBERTSON to forward all available transport to village of MASDHABA. Report to Major ROBERTSON as numerous casualties were being reported.		
		2200	Reported by Lt Col Fraser, 3rd LH7 Amb, that a dressing station had been opened in building at MASDHABA so some of our men to save time in collecting in the dark.		
		2230	Finished collecting all reported cases & searching hillside W & SW of village about 15 cases sent in from this area.		
		24	0100	Of 24 sand carts sent by Major Robertson only one reached me the remaining 23 having been filled en route. Collected losses at MASDHABA.	
		24	0100	Arrived at dressing station NZMFA found tent dressing room. Cases sent as information or orders.	
		24	0215	Major ROBERTSON received instruction from Major ROBERTSON to have 5 heavy sledges & 10 heavy sledges collected also medical comfort panniers & 195 panniers containing provisions stores blankets & 2 ponies with.	
		24	0400	Also ordered to pack up & load all available transport with wounded from NZMFA & forward to Lt Col ARISH. Tent dressing unit 11 wounded wounded to Lt Col ARISH arriving 0530.	
		24	0745	Remainder arrived NZMFA. I found tent dressing room cases sent as information or orders. NO ration or water & equipment left for my party so decided to follow Bde to Lt Col ARISH.	

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Pl Lt 7 Ant

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EL ARISH EL RISA	25		3 horses unfit with laminitis & 2 with strained tendons remainder unfit for No bus back in fall.											
		1600	Infected by Bde Gen. Cox. Blowing hard from N.W. heavy showers of rain.											
	26	0700	Major ROBERTSON left with party under escort & transport in channels & sandcast less holes & cover arriving 1700.											
		1530	Bde assembly of 500 Second Column.											
		1700	Force 604 & 1200 Major HERCULES re hammered. No trace at present. Still blowing hard with heavy showers. Cold.											
	27	0645	Capt BATHMAN with 7 sandcast 3 sleep 2 section horses proceeded to Resupply Station & transport wounded to rail head Rte 139. Returned 1900.											
		0900	Sgt KNOX reported to camel office by post at Rte 128 for stores.											
	28	1700	Sgt KNOX returned 1700 with red cross gifts & equipment.											
	29		Strength No 2204 PENEILSON J. transferred from Pl Aust Remount Unit.											
		1730	Bde Order No 32 re move received.											
	30	0800	Mobile section (less camp guard) left EL RISA.											
		1830	Arrived SHEIKH ZOWAID. browned. weather evening wet & cold.											
	31	0800	Left SHEIKH ZOWAID											
		1315	Arrived EL RISA. 3 patients brought in.											
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SWINGBRIDGE CAMP KANTARA WEST	2/12/16		Record of patients for week ending 2/12/16. Remained from 1-12-16 6 admitted 29. Discharged 5 evacuated 28 Remaining 2.	
"	3/12/16		Heaven (II) Reinforcements arrived from Mouscar Detail Camp. Detained them here.	
"	7/12/16		S. Sgt. Southgate left the unit for Mazar for the 2 nd L.H.F.A.	
"	8/12/16		Shoemp Smith FLINT joined the detail. Dvr. Brett left for the MOBILE SECTION	
"	9/12/16		Corp NICOL evacuated to 34 th Stationary Hosp. Capt SHELLEY reported for duty from MOBILE SECTION.	
"	10/12/16		During the week ending 9.12.16 Remained from 8.12.16 2 Admitted 30 Discharged 6 Evac. 20 Remaining 6.	
"	10/12/16		Pte CAPE S reported from Cookery School ISMAILIA Interviewed O.C. 92 nd Sanitary Sect ⁿ with regard to treatment of malaria patients in transport Camp. Up till then no post hospital treatment obtained sanction from MEDICAL ADVISER to B.O.C NORTHERN SECTION to treat these cases and made an indent for 2 lbs Sulfate Quinine and have now the malarial patients under treatment 2 lbs Sulfate Quinine daily for one month.	
"	14/12/16		Corp M ^o RAE & Pte TINDLE left for duty at 1 st L.H.Bde dumps MAZAR	
"	16/12/16		Sgt STOREY reported sick from MOBILE SECTION	
"	13/12/16		Corp SULLIVAN left to join MOBILE SECTION	
"	14/12/16		Pt. CUNNINGHAM of 31 st Dental Section left for ALEXANDRIA on duty to collect some necessary instruments returned on 15.12.16	
"	16/12/16		24 cases of RED CROSS goods received	
			Return of patients for the week ending 16.12.16 Remained from 15.12.16 6 admitted 19 Discharged 8 Evacuated 11 Remaining 6.	

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SWINBRIDGE CAMP	22/12/16		Pls TEAFUE evacuated sick to 24 th Stationary Hospital	
KANTARA WEST	23/12/16		Return of patients for wk ending 23.12.16. Remaining from 25.12.16 - 6 Admitted 10 discharged 5 evacuated 9. Remaining 2	
	24/12/16		Received one (1) Light Draught Horse from REMOUNT DEPOT HELIOPOLIS	
	24/12/16		Received 2 cases of Xmas present from Red Cross Society	
	24/12/16		Forward one draught horse to MOBILE SECTION	

E. K. Parry Capt
 Commanding 1st Lt. F. B. Detail

3rd December 1916

Field Ambulance Order No 2

by
Lt Col G. P. Dixon
Commanding 1st L.H.F. Amb.

Reference Maps 1:125,000. I.L. KRISH

(1) Moves The 1st L.H.F. Amb mobile section will form up near transport lines at 10.15 on December 4th & march with 1st L.H. Regt to BIR EL GERERAT

(2) Order of March As per margin

A & Q
1st Signal Troop
2nd L.H. Regt
M. G. Sq
1st L.H. Regt
3rd L.H. Regt
1st L.H.F. Amb
6th Mobile Vet. Sec

(3) Evacuations 1st L.H.F. Amb will evacuate to a evacuating station formed by portion of 3rd L.H.F. Amb at Kilo 123.

(4) Blankets Each man will carry his blanket and waterproof sheet.

(5) Supplies The unexpended portion of days rations & full water bottle & 2 feeds for each horse will be carried by each man.

From the afternoon of December 4th rations & forage will be drawn from K123 by first line camels.

(6) Camel Transport All fantases camels will be loaded at 0600 and handed over Camel Officer at 0700 at Supply dump. Sgt Carl, Sgt Forbes & Pte Mann. will proceed GERERAT with these camels.

Other camels will be loaded at 0700 and parked at Supply dump at 0900.

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