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1st L H Hld Amb

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL SHA'UTH	1/8/17		Strength - CAPTAIN BAKER - R.A. posted to 1st LHFA The following reported from TRAINING Camp - MOASCAR - No 8 Sgt. MOULDS - No 6442 Troop MELVILLE A.W. - No 714 Troop HUDSWELL. A. - No 17027 TRP MORONEY. J.B. No 2427 L/Sgt RITCHEE - W.R. Posting L/Sgt. RITCHEE post as A.M.C. detail to 3rd L.H. Regt. Three other ranks joined MOBILE Section from IMMOBILE Section REVERSION No 92 Temporary Sgt HAMILTON. G reverts to rank of CORPORAL on return of No 8 Sgt. MOULDS from MOASCAR.	MWC
- do -	3/8/17		Capt BAKER, R.A. reported for duty Reversion No 1158 - Troop BONDESON. C. voluntarily reverts to rank of Trooper.	MWC
- do -	4/8/17		Strength No 16 Cpl. BOUCHER - A. evacuated sick. <u>HOSPITAL RETURN</u> Remained ADMITTED To DUTY EVACUATED - Rang. - To REST CAMP (MARRAKEB) off - OR off - OR off - OR off - OR 0 - 0 2 - 34 5 - 4 2 - 27 0 - 3 0/R 31	MWC
- do -	5/8/17		2 Sand carts accompanied 1st L.H. Regt on minor operation	MWC
- do -	6/8/17		2 Sand carts accompanied 2nd L.H. Regt on minor operation	MWC
- do	7/8/17		Strength No 995 Troop BENNETT. A.J and No 14436 Troop BEASANT transferred from Hld. of Australian Mounted Troops to 1st LH.F.A. No 62 S.Sgt. BURNS. J.T. admitted to 14th A.G. Hospital at ADASSIA. No 8287 Troop NEILSEN. L.E. transferred to AUSTRALIAN MTD. DIV. Hld. QRS dated 1/7/17 2 Sand carts + 2 horses accompanied 3rd L.H. Regt. in minor operations	MWC AUG 1917 E 56 MWC Lt. Col.

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1st Lt LF Ambulance

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SHA'UTH	7/8/17		MAJOR CAVE, attached to Hd. Qrs AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION, reported to Col. R.M. TOWNES - A.D.M.S. - AUSTRALIAN and NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION, for instructions & ordered to proceed to 1 st LIGHT HORSE FIELD AMBULANCE, and to take over command of the unit. The ambulance is camped with its brigade at SHA'UTH. MAJOR MACLARE was o/c of the ambulance.	<u>Mo</u>
— do —	9/8/17	0900	attended a conference at Brigade Headquarters. Object of conference to gain information from any officer of the brigade who might know of a good observation post from which the defences of BEERSHEBA & the town itself might be viewed. Finally decided by Brig. Gen. COX that a reconnaissance by the 1 st L.H. Bgd will take place on the 12 th inst, in the direction of ESANI - GOZ SHEHILI - ASLUJ BEERSHEBA Road. 1600 MAJOR MACLAREN and 1 O/R proceeded to MARAKEB to relieve Capt TRINCA, who is in charge of the IMMOBILE part of the ambulance. This part of the ambulance is in reserve at MARAKEB. 1630 15 NATIVE HORSE TRANSPORT CORPS drivers arrived from ADVANCED H.T. DEPOT - KANTARA - and taken on the strength of the unit.	<u>Mo</u>
— do —	10/8/17	—	MAJOR MACLAREN & 24 O/R from this unit relieved the 2 nd L.H.F. Amb, which was working the ANZAC REST CAMP at MARAKEB. CAPTAIN TRINCA & 1 O/R rejoined the MOBILE portion of the unit from the IMMOBILE SECTION. 2 A.A.M.C. drivers & 2 NATIVE H.T.C. drivers detached & sent to BRIGADE TRANSPORT PARK for duty. The opinion is that the H.T.C. drivers will prove unsatisfactory. Three A.A.M.C. drivers paraded to the O.C. & asked to be reduced to the rank of PRIVATE, the reason being the objection to working with NATIVES. No 1510 & Trooper DAVIS S.T.A. EVACUATED. Cpl SULLIVAN and 2 O/R detailed for supervision of NATIVE personnel, Camels & Cacolets.	<u>Mo</u>
— do —	11/8/17		No 9462 Trp. MACKIE. R.S. evacuated. 2 O/R (beavers) with 2 riding horses detached & to	- AUG 1917 <u>Mo</u> L 5/10/17

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report to O.C. ANZAC REST CAMP. There is a strong objection on the part of the A.A.M.C. drivers to work in a team of 4 horses with a native H.T.C. driver. For horse transport work there are only 28 A.A.M.C. drivers, the 12 SANDCARTS taking up 24, as it is considered unsafe to have native H.T.C. drivers in vehicles to carry wounded and it is also unknown how these native H.T.C. drivers will behave should they come under shell fire. Consequently there are only 4 A.A.M.C. drivers available when 13 drivers are required for the remaining vehicles (2 L.G.S.W. - 2 G.S.W. - 2 Water carts - 1 Maltese cart). All available reinforcements should be forwarded to relieve the necessity of using such NATIVE H.T.C. drivers.

A conference was held at D.H.Q. to discuss the question of what stores, baggage etc was to be packed in the G.S. Waggon (cooks + baggage). Conference presided over by MAJOR FARR - D.A.G. Brigade L.H.F.A.

Wagon available	Capacity in pounds allowing 1 Ton to a G.S. wagon & 3/4 Ton to a L.G.S.W	Total establishment of horses	Weight of forage @ 9 1/2 lbs per horse per day	Total personnel of Ambulance	Total weight of rations @ 2 lbs per man per day	Total weight of rations + forage to be carried	Surplus Capacity in lbs
G.S.							
2	4480	119	1130.5	138	552	1682.5	2797.5

A return is asked as to the details of such surplus capacity in lbs wt. The suggestion for return is as follows

<p><u>Cooks equipment</u></p> <p>Firewood lbs 200</p> <p>Picnic 4 68</p> <p>Soyus stove 1 120</p> <p>Butcher's kit 1 37</p> <p>Table P.S. 1 30</p> <p>Miscellaneous 10</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">Total 465</p>	<p><u>Mens equipment</u></p> <p>Blankets 80 lbs 360</p> <p>ground sheets 80 200</p> <p>Extra personal equipment @ 2 lbs per man 320</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">Total 880</p>	<p>office gear lbs 50</p> <p>Yental .. 50</p> <p>Saddles & harness 40</p> <p>Miscellaneous 100</p> <p>officers mess 75</p> <p>officers kit (6) 200</p> <p>extra water 500</p> <p>Surplus medical equipment 300</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: right;">Total 1315</p>
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Grand total
2650 pounds

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SHA'UTH	11/8/17 (cont.)		<p>The original table takes it for granted that the whole unit will move out as a complete unit, but owing to lack of transport the usual total of personnel to move out is 99 all ranks + a maximum 110 horses, thus allowing another 163.5 lbs surplus carriage. The above allotment of this surplus poundage is considered quite sufficient for the Mobile portion of the unit to proceed out if necessary remain out for at least 14 days before surplus equipment etc could be brought up to the Mobile Section.</p> <p>1545 BRIGADE ORDER No 52, dated 11/8/17, copy No 8 received. This deals with the RECONNAISSANCE to be made in the area SOUTH, SOUTH WEST, + SOUTH EAST of BEERSHEBA, on August 12/13.</p> <p>1830 MEDICAL CORPS ORDER No 33 from A+N.2. Int. Div. received.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>HOSPITAL RETURN</u></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">REMAINED</th> <th colspan="2">ADMITTED</th> <th colspan="2">TO DUTY</th> <th colspan="2">EVACUATED</th> <th colspan="2">TO REST CAMP</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Off.</th> <th>OR.</th> <th>Off.</th> <th>OR.</th> <th>Off.</th> <th>OR.</th> <th>Off.</th> <th>OR.</th> <th>OR</th> <th></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>3</td> <td>1</td> <td>62</td> <td></td> <td>4</td> <td></td> <td>60</td> <td>25</td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	REMAINED		ADMITTED		TO DUTY		EVACUATED		TO REST CAMP		Off.	OR.	Off.	OR.	Off.	OR.	Off.	OR.	OR			3	1	62		4		60	25		<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">Mue</p>
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- do -	12/8/17		<p>The Brigade is RECONNAISSANCE Bgd from 12th to 18th inclusive. "STAND TO" at 0230, saddle up + will not "STAND DOWN" until order given from B.H.Q. 1 officer (Capt TRINCA) + 7 teams 6 sandcarts, 12 drivers, 24 draught horses detailed to accompany brigade on reconnaissance. Two of sandcarts to be attached to 1st L.H. Rgt. with 2 teams, remainder to B.H.Q. for instructions. Capt VANCE acted as P.M.O. to the 1st L.H. Rgt. during the reconnaissance.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">- AUG 1917</p> <p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">Mue</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">Mue Capt Trinca</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">Mue Capt Trinca</p>																														

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EL SHA'UTH	14/8/17		<p>No 6446 Tro. JOHNSTONE R. transferred to Hd. Qrs AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION struck off strength of unit</p> <p>No 845 Tro. DAVIES, P.E. transferred to 7th Sanitary Section, struck off strength of this unit.</p>	None														
— do —	15/8/17		<p>Strength - The following arrived from MOASCAR + were taken on the strength of the unit</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">No 117 Tro. HARPER, W.H.</td> <td style="width: 50%;">No 9269 Tro LAWRENCE, G.T.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- 11244 Tro. IVES, J.W.</td> <td>- 2074 - ANGUS, AV.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- 16870 - BARNES, W.J.</td> <td>- 16994 - ROBERTSON, W.H.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- 16945 - RYAN, J.J.</td> <td>- 16958 - SOMERS, NE.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- 16871 - COLLESS, L.</td> <td>- 16876 - JACKSON, AB.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- 17272 - MOORE, H.J.</td> <td>- 17273 - SANDELS, W.L.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>- 17274 - SMALL, H.A.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>None of the above men were available for the reconnaissance, as they arrived after the mobile section of the unit had left camp.</p> <p><u>Reconnaissance</u></p> <p>Reference MAPS - RAPA Sheet $\frac{North H}{E. III}$ 1/125000 + BEERSHEBA $\frac{North H-26}{E. IV}$ 1/125000</p> <p><u>Intention of Brigade</u> - To carry out a reconnaissance of the country S.W. of Beersheba.</p> <p><u>Personnel of Ambulance</u> - Officers - Ings Mr. K. Law - Capt AHEARN - TRINCA - PAECOE</p> <p>(dental officer) - 14 Beasus - 10 Sandcarts each with 2 drivers + 4 heavy horses - water cart with 8 heavy horses - 1 timbered g.s. wagon with 8 heavy horses.</p> <p><u>Movements of Mobile Section of ambulance</u></p> <p>1400 Watercart with horses sent on ahead to GAMLI to water horses - fill water cart + await rest of Mobile Section of Ambulance.</p>	No 117 Tro. HARPER, W.H.	No 9269 Tro LAWRENCE, G.T.	- 11244 Tro. IVES, J.W.	- 2074 - ANGUS, AV.	- 16870 - BARNES, W.J.	- 16994 - ROBERTSON, W.H.	- 16945 - RYAN, J.J.	- 16958 - SOMERS, NE.	- 16871 - COLLESS, L.	- 16876 - JACKSON, AB.	- 17272 - MOORE, H.J.	- 17273 - SANDELS, W.L.	- 17274 - SMALL, H.A.		None
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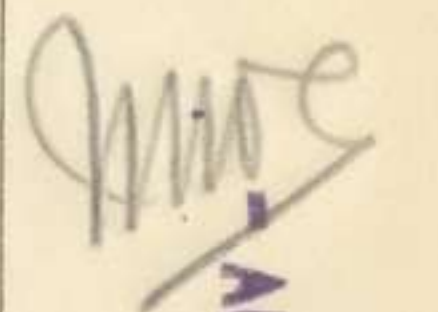
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EL SHA'UTH	15/8/17	1430	MOBILE section ready to move out. necessary equipment carried to open a Tent subdivision of casualties necessitate it. Unexpired portion of 24 hrs forage rations plus 24 hours forage rations carried, as it is expected that Brigade will return by 1900 tomorrow.	
		1500.	MOBILE section moved off to take up its position in rear of brigade. Brigade moved off to GAMLI to water horses.	
GAMLI	15/8/17	1545	Ambulance horses taken out of all vehicles & taken to troughs. Brig Gen Cox gave instructions that Brigade would reform, after watering, 500 yds S.W. of GAMLI. All ambulance transport placed in charge of dental officer, Capt PASCOE, owing to lack of experience of ambulance officers, Capt PASCOE having been a combatant, knows the transport work.	
		1630	Horses return to vehicles - one draught horse found to be suffering from Colic - Replaced by another horse - This caused delay.	
		1700	Ambulance moved off to Bendybone, only to find that Brigade had already set off. Ambulance in rear of Rear Guard. Trail of brigade, about 1 mile ahead, easily seen. Traveled S.E., running about from 200 to 400 yds from the W. bank of the WADI GHUZZE.	
		1750	Halted - Rear guard now almost in touch with ambulance.	
		1800	Ambulance moved off again - Very evident that SAND TYRES are required for heavy vehicles. The weight of a water cart is 15 cwt. empty, & full another 1200 pounds is added. The wheels sank into the sand at least 3 inches. Even with 8 draught horses pulling water cart, it was impossible for this vehicle to keep up with the column & soon dragged behind. The sooner this heavy type of water cart is discarded, the better for the ambulance, as it then has a chance of keeping today as a column. The old original Australian pattern water cart proved most satisfactory at Suapeum.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
602 MABRUK	18/7	1815	but unfortunate when all transport was parked at KANTARA East MAY, such watercarts were discon- tinued from being used & have since been returned to ORDNANCE. Passed 602 MABRUK. - Still very heavy pulling for the horses. Mobile section has now passed through Red Guard.	
		1850	Halted for spell. almost dark & dust of brigade not easily seen. Cable wire a most excellent guide	
ESANI		1900	Moved off again. Transport moved further away parallel to wadi, as country somewhat junior. Pulling the vehicles very heavy work for the horses, more so as the wadi could not be picked owing to the darkness.	
		2000	Arrived at ESANI. Numerous files of troops to be seen. Quite evident to any Turkish patrols, should such be in the vicinity, that a large body of troops had arrived at ESANI. Bivouached in rear of the 1 st L.H. Rgt. Horses sent to water & on return all ranks & horses had a meal. Discovered that pole of 1 sandcart had become broken. Decided to leave cart & pick up on return. 2 nd L.H. Rgt. bivouached in wadi. Two sandcarts detail to report to RMO of 2 nd L.H. Rgt. These carts were found later roaming about on W. bank of wadi & had to be guided to regiment Two sandcarts detailed to report to R.M.O. 3 rd L.H. Rgt.	
		2145	All vehicles got ready to move off.	
		2000	Ambulance followed in rear of 3 rd L.H. Rgt. Country becoming very undulating, rough, very heavy for vehicles. After travelling for 45 minutes, ambulance well in rear of column, water cart being chief cause of slow progress.	
		2050	Halted, irrespective of brigade. Horses in water cart, now increased to 70 in number	

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ABU GHALYON.	15/8/17	2300	<p>talso same with horses in L.G.S. wagon, as there were 4 spare horses from discarded Sand Cart. Moved off again - CONNECTING FILE with the brigade had to be used. Brigade moved at a very fast pace. Fortunately cable wagon could not keep up with column, & would had to be frequently passed forward to that effect, so that several halts made by brigade to allow of vehicle to keep up. Country seems to be getting more hilly & worse for wheeled traffic.</p>	
		2350	Halted by the wadi at ABU GHALYON	
	2400	Crossed the wadi at ABU GHALYON. There is a gentle slope on either side of the wadi & no difficulty arose with wheeled traffic. Country not quite so undulating east of wadi & almost possible for the ambulance to keep up with the column.		
	16/8/17	0050	Halted for usual rest. Horses in water cart & L.G.S. wagon beginning to show effects of hard pulling.	
		0100	Moved off again, travelling N.E	
		0130	Halt. Informed that Bgd H.Q., 1 st L.H. Rgt. & Ambulance will remain until dawn, which seems to be an indefinite hour.	
		0430	Column moved off again travelling in same direction. Country not quite so sandy, but still hilly.	
		0530	Halted at position marked C on map, about 1/2 mile north of i in W. KHAZALI. Informed by staff captain, Major Hudson, that we are to remain here until further orders. If in 1/2 hour no further orders to move, then horses may be unsaddled & unharnessed.	
		0600	Instructions given for horses to be unharnessed & unsaddled.	
		1875 Wt. W593/826 1,000,000 4/15 J.B.C. & A. A.D.S.S./Forms/C. 2118.		
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	16/8/17	0605	<p>Position & location of ambulance unit & A.D.M.S. - also stating impracticability of cars reaching ambulance, also that should casualties eventually, they would be forwarded by sandeal & divisional motor ambulances at point 690 near TRASHID BEK.</p>	<p>BEERSHEBA</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p> <p>- AUG 1917</p> <p>1160 G. EL NAAM</p> <p>IBN SAID</p> <p><i>[Signature]</i></p>
			<p>1st Sect = 1.97 MILES. 2nd Sect = 1.97 Miles → = Route taken by Brigade. Same route taken on return journey.</p>	
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ABU GHALYDN	16/8/17	0610	Instructions given for horses men to be fed. From summit of hill where B.H.Q. was established, a good view of the surrounding country could be obtained. The country appeared suitable for motor traffic. Only a few stray rifle shots were heard.	
		1000	Wire sent to A.D.M.S. stating casualties NIL.	
		1315	Instructions received from Brig. Gen. Cos, G.O.C. 10 th L.H. Bde, that the ambulance could return.	
		1335	Ambulance set off on return journey. Water cart emptied to lighten the load, a more suitable route could be taken. Wire sent to A.D.M.S. advising casualties nil + unit retiring.	
		1415	Halted for the usual 10 minutes spell.	
		1425	Moved off again	
		1440	Recrossed Wadi at ABU GHALYDN.	
ESANI	-do-	1515	Halted for spell. The country over which unit passed last night was the same for some considerable distance on either side of the track actually taken.	
		1525	Moved off again, but now kept close to the WADI.	
		1630	Arrived at BIR EL ESANI. Horses taken to water afterwards fed. - Brigade began to collect. Instructions received that Brigade would reform at 1730.	Mustaw
		1710	Harnessed up. Necessary permission obtained from B.H.Q. for ambulance to proceed independently. One of draught horses in L.G.S. wagon appeared to be knocked up, so 6 horses only to be left with watercart, eight with L.G.S. wagon. Pole of broken sandcart repaired + two horses mended.	
		1730	Beavers were sent ahead with Capt TRINCA. Transport moved independently. Sixth horse led.	
1820	Halted for usual spell. On advice from Brigade Veterinary officer, sixth horse distended.			

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	16/8/17	1830	left to find its own way home. Moved off again. Quite dark.																															
		1920	Halted for spell - Horses showing signs of being tired + a tendency to lie down during the halt.																															
		1930	Moved off again.																															
GAMLI	- do -	2100	Arrived at GAMLI - Horses outpanned + watered.																															
		2130	Horses repanned + moved off for camp at EL SHA'UTH.																															
EL SHA'UTH	- do -	2230	Unit arrived back in its bivouac area.																															
		2300	Instructions from B.H.Q. to the effect that the Brig will not stand to in the early hours of tomorrow																															
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			<p><u>Strength</u> No 16 Cpl BOUCHER, A. struck off strength of unit - evacuated sick on 4/8/17.</p> <p>No 56 Warrant Officer JACKSON, H.G. } transferred to A.I.F. Hd. Qs for transport duties to</p> <p>No 1158 Troop BONDESON, C.A. } Australia - Struck off the strength of unit.</p> <p>No 16657 Troop Mulvaney N.S. evacuated sick.</p> <p>No 16657 Troop Mulvaney N.S. evacuated sick.</p>																															
			<p>The Brigade moved from EL SHA'UTH to the beach at MARAKEB.</p> <p>The transport available was 10 C.T.C. camels to carry the 48 hours emergency rations + frage etc</p> <p>20 C.T.C. camels for baggage etc + 2 G.S.W. - 2 L.G.S.W. - 1 Mallin cart for equipment</p> <p>0815 The brigade moved out at 0815 + travelled well to the west of angae P.H.Q. Wali Sheik Numan.</p>																															

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MARAKEB	19/8/17	1400	<p>All the brigade transport is parked at KHAN YUNUS, + the following vehicles of the ambulance were left there 4 G.S. wagons - 1 water cart. All reserve rations + forage (48 hours) also left packed in the G.S. wagons + any superfluous equipment.</p> <p>The ambulance arrived at its allotted site on the beach at Marakeb.</p> <p>Owing to drowning fatalities in the pool, instruction given that bathing only to take place at certain times during the day, also an officer to be present always. The strongest swimmers of the unit have been detailed to be present every day at swimming parade with instruction that they alone are to make any attempts at life saving should there be such necessity.</p> <p><u>Strength</u> No 62 Staff Sgt BURNS. J.F. evacuated 6/8/17 is struck off the strength</p> <p>Transport inspected by Brig. Gen. Cox., G.O.C. 1st L.H. Bgd.</p>	
- do -	20/8/17		Transport vehicles, horse + saddle inspected by ADS + T., Royal Mounted Corps.	
- do -	21/8/17		CAPTAIN VANCE proceeded on leave, 7 days.	
- do -	22/8/17		<p><u>PROMOTIONS</u></p> <p>No 92 Cpl HAMILTON. G. to be Sgt. STEWARD dated 22/8/17</p> <p>- 93 2/sq. KNOX. J.G. to be Supernumerary Sergeant dated 22/8/17.</p> <p>- 6481 7/cpl BURLEY. N.W. to be Cpl. Clerk dated 22/8/17</p> <p>- 28 2/cpl KEMP. J.H. To be Cpl. Pack Store Keeper dated 22/8/17.</p> <p>- 70 2/cpl KNIGHT. J.A. To be Cpl. Wagon Orderly dated 22/8/17.</p> <p>- 112 T./sgt KELLY. W.S.R. to be Transport Sgt dated 23/8/17.</p> <p>- 77 Tro. COLLIER. G. To be Temporary Cpl. Cook vice Cpl. BOWCHER evacuated</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a struck off strength 18/8/17, dated 18/8/17.</p>	

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MARAKED	22/8/17		No 48 Cpl HIRD. E. To be 2/sgt dated 22/8/17. No 69 Cpl SULLIVAN. E. to be 2/sgt. dated 22/8/17. No 1254 T/cpl FLINT. P. to be Cpl Wheeler, vice Cpl Henderson evacuated 22/5/18, dated 22/8/17. - 37 Trov EVANS. M.C. to be 2/cpl. dated 22/8/17. - 711 Trov GILLIS. W. to be 2/cpl. dated 22/8/17. - 6483 Trov NORTON. J.S. to be 2/cpl. dated 22/8/17. - 67 Cpl MACKAY. G.P. to be 2/sgt. dated 22/8/17.	None																																
-do-	24/8/17		STRENGTH No 51 Trov MACKIE. J.W. struck of strength, evacuated sick (HOSPITAL TRAIN).	None																																
-do-	25/8/17		PROMOTION No 2447 Trov BEST. P.C. to be temporary driver dated 25/8/17	None																																
-do-	26/8/17		STRENGTH. The following struck of strength unit, being evacuated sick. No 73 Trov RYAN. J.L. dated 10/8/17 - 15108 Trov DAVIS. S.T.A. dated 10/8/17. - 9462 - MACKIE. R.S. - 11/8/17. - 16657 - MULVENEY. N.S. - 19/8/17. - 16137 - JONES. C.H. - 22/8/17	None																																
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MARAKEB	26/8/17		<p><u>Strength</u> The following men are struck off the strength No. 73. Pz. RYAN. J.L. evacuated 10/8/17. No 16657 Tp. MULVENEY. N.S. evacuated 19/8/17 - 15108 Tp. DAVIS. S.T.A. - do - 10/8/17. - 16136 - JONES C.H. - do - 22/8/17 - 9462 .. MACKIE. R.S. - do - 11/8/17. - 51 - MACKIE J.W. - do - 24/8/17.</p>	<p>MWS</p>
-do-	27/8/17	1015	<p>Inspection of the Ambulance by MAJ. GEN. CHATER. G.O.C. A+N.Z. Intd. Div. - G.O.C. only inspected horses, saddlery, caecoles & rams. TENT Division, caecoles not inspected though prepared for such. Only comment passed "5 men on parade unshaved".</p> <p><u>Strength</u> No 16658 Tp. STUBBS. F. evacuated & struck off strength.</p>	
		1600	<p>A.D.M.S. A+N.Z. Intd Div inspected Native H.T.C. drivers.</p> <p>I 13 of these natives were made to mount riding horses, 1 of whom had difficulty in mounting. They were then made to advance in line, the result being very poor. They were then made to advance at a trot, result horses galloped & spread out like a fan, the natives had no control of the horses whatever, showing lack of sufficient training. They were all collected again & trotted (!!!!!) back to camp.</p> <p>II 8 natives, at random, were detailed, 4 to act as horse holders & 4 to saddle up & charge horses & harness them into 2 h.g.s. wagons. It was evident from the start their lack of knowledge of the saddlery etc. The eight natives took 27 minutes to harness up, even with occasional assistance from the transport Sergeant. They were finally started off & it was obvious that they did not know how to hold the reins, as they were held too long & so had very little control of the horses. One team was set at a trot, with the result that the limber was taken over a hillock & it capsized. The lack of control of the horses was the big feature. A white driver was then substituted for a native lead driver, & the team then proceeding at an increased pace, the pole driver (native)</p> <p>MWS Cave Lt Col.</p>	<p>MWS</p> <p>- AUG 1917</p> <p>ES/14</p>

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MARAKES	27/8/17		<p>promptly fell off his horse & the team was pulled up in time before the vehicle could pass over the native. Generally speaking the faults of these native horse drivers are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Inability to speak English (b) Insufficient training before being sent out to any unit (c) Lack of horse knowledge, only gained after considerable experience. <p>General recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) That native H.T.C. drivers be removed from the ambulances, & replaced by white drivers, if insufficient white drivers available, then a certain number of combatant troops be transferred to the same to make up the deficiency (b) If (a) is impossible then <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Either at least 3 of the natives must be able to speak English, & an interpreter must be supplied. (2) No native H.T.C. drivers be sent out into the field until after a considerable period of training. <p>An unknown factor at present is "How will these natives behave when under shell fire." Now that the natives have been increased to 12, this will necessitate a native driver in a sand cart, which may prove most unsatisfactory when wounded are being carried.</p> <p>Promotion No 15096 Troop BUTLER to be temporary driver. Strength No 6202 Cpl. LESLIE. H. evacuated & struck off strength. No 3813 Troop. WISE. T. A. do do</p> <p>Capt VANCE returned from leave. Instructions received for Maj. MCLAREN to report to 14th A.G.H. for duty. Struck off strength Capt AHEARN relieved Maj MCLAREN at MARAKES.</p>	<p>MWE</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">- AUG 1917</p> <p>MWE</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">- AUG 1917</p> <p>MWE</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">E 5/6 15</p>
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Pemi Sela	1/8/17	0900	Camel driver No 2983 evacuated to Egyptian Hospital with abrasion of face. At the request of O.C. 1 st Lt. H. F. A. Sps Mackie, Morris L & Reeves J were transferred to the Mobile Section.	¶1
"	2/8/17		Dr Ryan J. L. reported for duty fresh from the Mobile Section & Dr Wilson was transferred to Mobile Section.	¶1
0900			10 Camels with Cacolets & 7 natives taking 24 hours rations proceeded to Mobile Section in charge of Sps Wilson	¶1
"	3/8/17	1600	Received instructions from O.C. L Coy to return 5 baggage Camels attached to unit to L Coy under orders from Desert Column. Rode over & saw O.C. L Coy who stated units were no longer allowed baggage Camels & other transport would have to be obtained from Mobile Sections Camels returned on 4/8/17. O.C. F.A. notified accordingly.	¶1
4/8/17	1100		5 baggage Camels & 3 natives with 24 hours rations of fodder returned to L Coy	¶1
5/8/17			Camel driver No 2983 returned to duty.	¶1
6/8/17	0900		Returned 8 pers sitting Cacolets to Arzac Ordnance Dump in accordance with instructions from ADMS.	¶1
1700			Were received from ADMS to be prepared to move to Rest Camp at 0800 on 7/8/17 30 Camels to be provided.	
7/8/17	0730		Received wire dated 6/8/17 time 2000 with instructions to draw 30 Camels at 0600 7/8/17 from L Coy. Camels drawn 0800.	¶1

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Pemi Sela	7/8/17	1100	at 1100 had loaded equipment on 25 Camels & as 12 were needed to transport 1 marquee tent, 3 Eps tents & 3 Bell tents to Shullal Junction. 7 more were applied for from L. Coy & provided. At 1000 a lumber arrived from W. S. D. Immo Section requesting 1 operating tent be forwarded to Shullal Junction which was done. Arrived at Rest Camp at 1830 & after discussion with Col White decided to place equipment in store tent & attach men to Rest Camp to learn practices of various departments.	M.
	9/8/17	0700 2000	Received wire instructions Capt. Tomca to return to Mobile Section on 9/10/17. Maja Mc Loren & Sgt. Houston A.C. arrive from El Shant with instructions for Capt. Tomca & Pte Ralph to proceed to Mobile Section.	M.
	10/10/17	1000	Capt. Tomca & Pte Ralph left Rest Camp to join Mobile Section.	M.

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Tel-el-Markab	Aug. 10 th		Major McLaren W. relieved Captain Trincea at Anzac Rest Camp. N-1156 Dvr Bishop W.C. joins Immobile section from Anzac Rest Camp.	
	11 th		Look over Anzac Rest Camp from 2 nd Light Horse 2d Amb. Immobile Section N-8109 2pr Lebbutt W.C. + 5578 2pr Malcolm W.C. report for duty from Mobile section with 2 riding horses. <u>Hospital Returns for Week Endg 11/8/17.</u> <u>Admissions</u> <u>Evacuated</u> <u>Sick</u> O. Pks 157. <u>To Duty</u> O. Pks 162. <u>Other Hosp.</u> do. 4.	
	16 th		N-73 Dvr Ryan J.L. evacuated to Hospital Train Khan Yunus.	
	17 th		Received wire from O.C. Unit to collect 8 pes. Lying caolets from Divisional Ordnance Dump on 17 th .	
	17 th		Caolets collected.	Wellcharen W.C.
	18 th		Wire from O.C. Unit for W.O. Jackson H.G. to report at A. D. F., H. 2rs. 19 th for Transport Duty	
	1500		W.O. Jackson H.G. left via Khan Yunus. <u>Hospital Return Wk Endg 18/8/17.</u> <u>Admissions</u> O. Pks. <u>Evacuations</u> O. Pks. <u>Sick</u> 38. <u>To Duty</u> 93. <u>Hospitals</u> 16.	CW

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Tel-el-Marakib.	19 th		One Native K. T. Driver N-4066 Seliman Ali reported for duty from Mobile Section.	
	20 th		Auckland M. R. Band rejoins Regiment (10ff. 180pks). N-3 L/dgt Warden C. 6485 2pr Martin J. 8209 2pr Russell E J. 2pr Gves 16871 2pr Colless L. 16658 2pr Stubbs F 924 2pr Riches C.W. 1033 2pr Neil K. 16076 2pr Jackson A.B. 16951 2pr Somers N.E. 16945 2pr Ryan J.J. 92 Cpl Hamilton G. report for duty from Mobile Section, also 1 Riding horse.	
	21 st		N-5597. L/dgt Mackenzie A.K. 93 L/dgt Knox J. G. 37 2pr Evans M.C. 4404 2pr Horne H 16136 2pr Jones C. H. 8187 2pr Ball W.G. + 1 Riding horse join Mobile Section. N-311088 Pte Dryburgh G. 311075 Pte Millar J. 311069 Pte Wilson D. 311025 Pte Barclay C. of Imp. Camel Corps 2d Amb., attached Rest Camp are relieved by 16938 Pte Miles F y E. 16886 Pte Blake F. 16954 Pte McLean C. D. + 16927 Pte Foster H. N-26 L/cpl Robertson W. 11255 2pr Knill-Snell H.G. 2074 2pr Angus A. G. 5576 2pr Corner H.C. 2pr Thomson A. 2pr Brothers J. report for duty from Mobile Section.	D. McLean Meyers

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Tel-el-Monrakels.	21 st		<p>N-6202 Cpl Leslie A. K. 15100 2pr Catter D. 166 2pr Morris A.R. 14509 2pr Lewis A.E. 925 2pr Newton J.S. 3813 2pr Wise R.A.G. 100 Cpl Nicol A. join Mobile Section.</p>	
	22 nd		<p>Evacuated to M.V.S. (1st Brigade) brown mare Riding, Corps N-111 Remt N-114 + replaced by brown mare Corps N- from Mobile Section.</p> <p><u>Mobile Section Corps Orders.</u> N-92 Cpl Hamilton to be Sgt. Steward dated 22/8/17., 2imp. Cpl Durlay N.W (6481) to be Cpl. Clerk dated 22/8/17.</p> <p><u>Medical Corps Orders N-35.</u> N-25 Sgt. Stanger-Leather to be Staff Sergeant dated 22/8/17.</p>	
	25 th		<p>N-151252 Achmed Faid Ibrahim (E.L.C.) evacuated to Egyptian Hospital.</p> <p><u>Hospital Returns for Week Ending 25/8/17.</u></p>	
	26 th		<p>N-16658 2pr Stubbs F. admitted to Rest Camp (Pyrexia).</p> <p>N-4 P/Sgt Mc Lillivray G. + 15508 2pr Cornish A.W. report for duty from Mobile Section.</p> <p>N-25 P/Sgt Stanger-Leather + 1846 2pr Wheeler F. join Mobile Section.</p>	<p>W. W. Linn Major</p>
	27 th		<p>N-16658 2pr Stubbs F. evacuated to Hosp. Train Khan Yunus.</p>	

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Tel el Masakel	28 th Aug	0900	Capt Sheen B.D. arrives from Mobile Section and takes over from	
		1500	Major W. McLaren, who proceeds to Cairo to join the 14 th A.G. Hospital Sgt Reardon joined from Mobile Section also one riding horse.	
	29	1200	151752. Ahmed Feid Ibrahim E.L.C. returns to duty from Hospital	
	30	1500	6485 Sgt Martin J. leaves to join Mobile Section	

*Capt Sheen
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Field Ambulance Operation Order No 1



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by
Lt Col G F Dixon
O.C. 1st I.H.F. Amb.

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12th Sept 1944

Reference Maps

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- SABRHET EL BARDAWILL 1:125,000

Intention (1) To attack the enemy at BIR EL MAZAR on the morning of September 16th.

Means (2) The Mobile Section of 1st I.H.F. Amb with the following officers ^{CO} Major Robertson, Capt. McSwain & Parry will leave camp at 2015 on 14th September & proceed via the gap in the high ground to North side of high ground to starting point 400 yards East of that post and march with the 1st I.H.F. Amb to BIR EL ABB.

The mobile section will remain in reserve at BIR EL ABB. One bearer will report to C.O. General Ambulance Coy at 2nd Forward Field Ambulance at MANGADIVA at 1800 on 13th September to act as guide to BIR EL ABB.

Supplies (3) One full day's rations and one extra ration with full water bottles for the men & 3 feeds for the horses will be carried.

Reports (4) To I.C. at BIR-EL-ABB

Instructions (5) Strict silence must be maintained, there will be no word of command. No neck chains to be used. No lights of any kind. No one is to leave the ranks without the permission of an officer.

Gordon
Lt.-Col., A.A.M.C.
J.O 1st L.H Field Ambulance,
Aus. Imp. Force. PTC

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Antitank Operation Order N° 19

Measures (1) Mobile Section of 1st L.H. Field Amb will leave camp at 1815 on the 15th September (vide memo BM 750) instead of time previously ordered

(2) 2 Drivers and 4 horses will report to 3rd L.H. Field Amb Remains at HCO today where they will get a sand cart and take it out to HOD AMARA. After handing over the cart to N. of No. 7 Amb they will remain at HOD AMARA until the evening of the 15th when they will proceed independently to BIR EL ABD and repair this unit

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permission must be had under
Red Cross instructions. Lieut Bose,
also present, stated the carts
were to be sent on account of
the rough nature of the country
being likely to cause subsequent
delay. At 1900 2 Sandcarts
were detailed to report to D.C.
2nd Regt then on the East side of
the Waddi, the 2 beavers being
instructed to act as messengers
in case of casualties or other need.
Two Sand Carts were also sent
to report to D.C. 1st Regt who
adjt Capt Eaton then present,
directed them to the Regt.
The remainder of the ambulance
was then moved up alongside
BHQ & the horses proceeded to
water. At 1945 and were fed at
1940. At 2030 orders were given
to harness up & the M.P. proceeded
to BHQ & got orders from the
staff Capt to work over to
rear of 3rd Regt then forming
up. At 2100 the Brigade
moved out for Goy Shalibi.
Halt was given at 2200. During
this period the Sand carts found
it difficult to keep up & it was

Report by M.O. in charge of Beavers
& Sand Carts from 1st Lt. G.A. during
Reconnaissance near Goy Shalibi
on 12/13/17

The two Sand Carts & six beavers
detailed moved out of camp at
Phanth at 1515 & took up position
400 yards East of Camp of 2nd Regt
at 1520, at the rear of the 3rd
Lt Regt. The order to advance was
given at 1535 & unit moved in
column of route. First halt was
at 1550. The second halt was
at 1655. At 1730 an NCO from
Capt Vance Rms. 1st Regt brought
a request for a Sand cart to
proceed to pick up a sick man.
This Sand Cart rejoined the unit
with the patient at Esani later.
The next halt was at Esani at 1840
& the M.O. in charge of Sand
Carts proceeded to BHQ to
make arrangements regarding the
Sand Carts. Major Hudson
Staff Captain asked that 2
Sand Carts accompany the
2nd Lt Regt to El Hathura.
He was informed the Brigade Major

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the trace of a Sand Cart was broken,
wood of which was passed on,
the ambulance proceeding on till a
general halt was called. The sawers
of the Sand Cart meantime replaced
the trace by rope & pulled up
to the Brigade but the rope was
cutting the horse & was not satisfactory.
This halt was the hourly one so
a beaver provided to a following
limber & obtained a spare trace
& so the trouble was righted by the
time the Brigade moved forward.
at 2315. The next halt was at
2355. The next at 0050. Gz
Sherlily was reached at 0130.
The M.O. proceeded to B149 &
learnt that the staff were
turning in till day light.
At 0500. went to B149 & later
at 0700 when the Brigade
Major Major Chisolm stated we
would remain in this area
& could fuel up which was
done at 0730. Later Major
Hudson was seen & advised of
best route for Motor ambulances
if necessary i.e. cross at Shellal
& proceed along E Side of Waddy.
Also learnt ^{at 1150} that Brigade would

necessary to form connecting file
with the Beavers on up grades
& accelerate on down grades. The
lack of an NCO under such
circumstances was felt & calls
for a recommendation that one be
detailed with the unit on such
occasions. The Waddy abn Shalyer
was crossed at 2245. A few
minutes later a call came from
the rear to halt & order was
given to carry on where possible
until the reason was ascertained.
A Beaver then found a limber
carrying cable had broken down
& that the ambulance was
forming a connecting file.
Urgent order was sent back
to ambulance to advance at
once & a connecting chain was
asked for & supplied by the Sgt
of the rear troop of the 3rd Regt &
information that cable cart had
broken down was passed on
to B149 staff. & members of unit
were instructed on no account
to halt without word from the OC but
to report reason first if due to
break down to fuel to one side &
connecting file would be obtained.
at 2300 word was received from the
rear that

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push on as rapidly as possible to
Esani & so the ambulance ^{alone} moved on.
Arriving at Esani at 1530 no
Motor ambulance could be seen
by B+C or ourselves. The
hobos were then led to water by
the MO at 1545 and fed at
1605. At 1630 the ambulance
moved on with the wounded & the
sick man who had been picked
up the previous day between
El Shambh & Esani but left at
Esani with his unit for the
night, they volunteered to
look after him. He was apparently
a heat exhaustion case. No
Motor had arrived the MO
wrote a note to the D.C. ^{1st Lt} to
be carried ahead by a beast
re evacuating the wounded
but soon after the Motor was
seen on the side of the waddy
approaching Esani under
great difficulty on account
of the country having come
down on the W side of the
Waddy. Capt Vance then
moved his sand carts across to the
Motor & opened the patients forming
up later near Gamble with the
other sand carts.

no moving on in an hour
fed up at 1200 & harnessed up
at 1225 on receiving orders.
At 1230 Capt Vance moved
past with 2 sand carts carrying
1 man killed by shell fire, 1 man
wounded seriously - 3 wounds on
the thorax one apparently
penetrating, 1 perforation of right
upper arm, 1 wound of entry
in popliteal space. - 1 man
wounded slightly with a loss of
the terminal phalanx of 3rd right
digit. The wound in the man
killed in action was in the
lower abdomen. (Capt Vance
was asked to give a detailed
account re these wounds to
Dgt Bell for record &c) a
wire was sent by Major Hudson
at 1230 for a car to proceed
to Esani to evacuate the
casualties. Brigade moved out
of Goy Phulili at 1250 & the
ambulance was told to go
ahead & join Capt Vance who
stated earlier he was to proceed
without us. A halt was called
by the Brigade following, at
1330 but on consultation with
the Brigade it was decided to

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that the Transport Sgt stated
Some of the sand cart tanks were
in a leaking condition.
That the available splints with
the unit are very limited & in
bad order.

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El Shaiikh

No 17th was as usual. so on
1850. Soon after an officer from
BHQ rode up & asked that
the sand cart containing the
body be handed over to the
O.C. 1st Regt who were in the
rear, on arrival at Gamlii
where watering was to be carried
out. At 1900 the sand cart
was handed over to the padre
at Gamlii to proceed to
Tava for burial as it was
becoming dark these particular
horses were not watered on the
advice of Major Druce of 1st
Regt. The ambulance then
watered at 1945 & returned
to camp at 2100 & arrangements
made to stable the horses &
vehicles. The sand cart which
brought the body returned
about 2330.

Comment might be made on the
fact that the weakness in the
harness had been noticed before
necessitating an overhaul for
similar defects by the Transport
Sgt.
Also that on proceeding out

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