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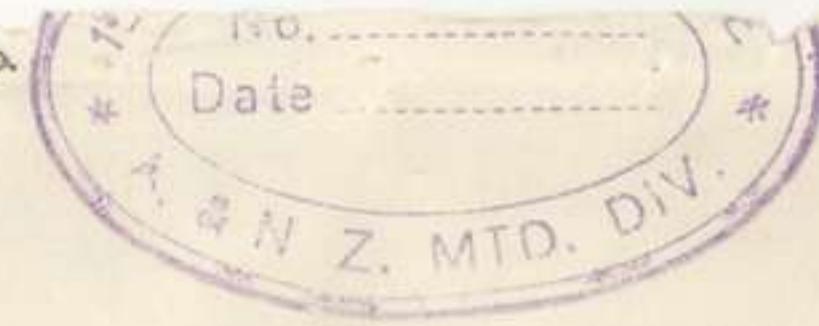
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

I<sup>l</sup>L.H.T. Amb (mobile section)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL-GHORANIYE APRIL 29/18 Square Q 7 B	29/4/18	1030	<u>REFERENCE MAP - Composite Map EAST of JORDAN (ES-SALT) 2<sup>nd</sup> EDITION - SCALE 1/63336.</u>	
		1130	Operation order B Medical instructions N° 2 received from A.D.M.S. - AUST DIV. - The 1 <sup>st</sup> L.H.F.A mobile section is to accompany its brigade arrange for collection & evacuation of its casualties to ANZAC RECEIVING STATION at EL-GHORANIYE (Square Q 237). The ambulance only possesses 14 Cacolet camels, 12 being sitting + 1 being lying cacolets, which was considered insufficient, in the event of many casualties in the hills. Should the brigade proceed there. The O.C. proceeded to B.H.Q. to find out if more cacolets were to be issued to the ambulance, but no information could be obtained. Only 25 water camels were to be supplied for the whole of the brigade (i.e. 500 gallons) and provision was made for an extra supply generate for the ambulance. The O.C. then proceeded to ANZAC. T.M. H.G. saws the A.D.M.S. who stated that no cacolet camels were to be supplied to this amb, as the brigade was to operate on the flat country of the JORDAN VALLEY. The O.C. proceeded to AUST DIV. H.Q. to attend a conference of O.C.'s AMBS. Those present were COL. DIXON (A.D.M.S.) MAJOR EVANS. M.C. (D.A.M.S.), LIEUT. COL. STUART + CAPT Woods (3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H.F.A), LIEUT. COL. SINGLE (4 <sup>th</sup> L.H.F.A), LIEUT. COL. FORREST (5 <sup>th</sup> MTD Bdg FA) LIEUT. COL. CAVE (1 <sup>st</sup> L.H.F.A.). The question of cacolet camels ascending the hills via the UM-ES-SHERET - ES-SALT TRACK (Road VII) was discussed. It was pointed out that during the previous operations against ES-SALT, the 1 <sup>st</sup> L.H.F.A was stationed in the JORDAN VALLEY from UM-ES-SHERET to the foot hills, that the 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H.F.A had 12 cacolet camels attached to it when it set off to ES-SALT via ROAD VII, but that the O.C. of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H.F.A considered it impossible for the camel camels to ascend such track, & the camels were consequently returned to the amb. The question of cacolet camels was considered not to concern the 1 <sup>st</sup> L.H.F.A as its brigade would be operating in the valley, consequently would take all possible wheels with the ambulance. The question was raised as to what means would be available for evacuating casualties in the event of the brigade having to ascend the hills, it was considered that man-handling & various stretcher cases was the only means.	MOS.
		1200		
		1400		
		2130	<u>Disposal of transport</u> ① One empty G.S. Wagon with drivers to be sent to ANZAC. DIV. TRAIN for carrying supplies for the unit. ② One G.S.W. loaded with urgent medical stores to be packed with brigade vehicles to be ready to move out at very short Notice to ES-SALT, as soon as the installed EL-GHORANIYE - ES-SALT road (N.P.T. road) is open for traffic. ③ Remained of wheeled transport to accompany brigade.	
		2330	<u>Disposal of Equipment etc</u> A brigade dump is to be formed & responsible O.R. to be left in charge of each unit dump.	<del>July 1918</del>
			<u>Composition of MOBILE SECTION accompanying Brigade</u> Officers 5 - O.R. 69 - Motor amb. 4 - Motor cycles 1 - Sandcabs 2 - Light Amb. wagons 4 - Heavy amb. wagons (Australian pattern) 2 - Limbered G.S.W. 2 - Water cart 1 - Riding horses 24 - draught horses 40 - Cacolets 14 (12 sitting + 1 lying) - C.T.C. natives 9. (A8004) Wt W1771/M2031 750,000 5/17 Sch. 52 Forms/Cat 18/14 Unit ready to move & camp Site all cleaned up. 1 <sup>st</sup> L.H. Bdg moved from its bivouac area, 2 1/2 MI of EL-GHORANIYE to the Amb. to take its position on the column as Bdg passes MM Cave Lieut. Col.	



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EL-GHORANIYE SQUARE Q7 B.	30/4/18	0045 0110	The MOBILE SECTION of the Amb. took up its position at the rear of the brigade & proceeded along the road to the bridge. The Brigade crossed the JORDAN RIVER by the most southerly bridge (Camel pontoon). The amb. was divided to the other two bridges, the vehicles crossing by the most northerly pontoon bridge, whilst the mounted personnel crossed by the suspension bridge. owing to some delay in crossing with the vehicles, it was found that the brigade had moved ahead. Two mounted bears were sent forward to keep in touch with the brigade. Two sandcats & 2 camels the camel carts were held up; so the remainder of the ambulance followed after the brigade. Capt PASCOE was placed in charge of all transport, as he is a most efficient reliable officer having had considerable experience. He remained to bring up the vehicles & camels. The ambulance proceeded along N.E. Road to square O33A where N.W. road joins N.E. road, crossed the WADI NIMRIN here a guide was left for Capt PASCOE. The amb. then proceeded along ROAD #1 in a N.E. direction to SQUARE O18C, passing through the barked area at 0245. Here touch was obtained with the rear of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H. Regt. The Bdg now moved N by NW making for the rendezvous in Square F19 D. The 1 <sup>st</sup> L.H. Bdg proceeded nearer to the JORDAN RIVER, with the 5 <sup>th</sup> MTD Bdg. on its right flank. The country traversed was very rough, there being no road at all, & more so the nearer the brigade approached the JORDAN.	
Square O.18.C.	-do-	0245		
Square F.19.D.	-do-	0500		
— do —	-do-	0515		
Square F.2B.B	-do-	0600	The mobile section of the vehicles proceeded N. in rear of the brigade & halted in Square F2B.B at 0600. The motor amb. arrived at 0615. Lieut. Col. SINGLER (4 <sup>th</sup> L.H.P.A) arrived at 0630, & it was arranged that the 1 <sup>st</sup> L.H.P.A would evacuate casualties brought in from 4 <sup>th</sup> L.H.P.A, which was moving further NORTH, to ANZAC RECEIVING STATION (mobile section of N.Z.P.P.A) in square O33D by motor amb., until the AUSTDIV. COLLECTING STATION (formed by part of 5 <sup>th</sup> MTD Bdg. P.AMB) was established in square C35 Central at the cross roads. At 0800 the first casualty was brought in, being one from 4 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Bdg, a slight one. He was kept until others should be admitted. B.H.Q was established at Square F2D. Instructions were received from B.H.Q that the brigade would remain here & that all horses were to be watered which was carried out & on their return all horses were fed. At the food at UM.ES-SHERET there is a good strong bottom, & is a suitable place for watering horses.	
Square F.2D.	-do-	0900		
— do —	-do-	1230	Col. VIXON, A.T.M.S. AUSTDIV came to the amb. Col. VIXON came over again stating that the 1 <sup>st</sup> L.H. Bdg was to proceed to ES-SALT over the hills via the UM.ES-SHERET - ES-SALT track but that written orders would be issued later. The question of transport was now very serious, & all that could be done was to take all mounted personnel available, with a few stretchers & surgical tourniquets, the remainder of the unit to be sent back to the ANZAC RECEIVING STATION in Square O33D & await instructions there. Information received from B.H.Q that all horses were to be watered immediately, & that 1 squadron of the 1 <sup>st</sup> L.H. Regt. was to remain in Square C31, so 1 sandcat was detailed to remain with such squadron. At 1030 the OC. & Capt WATERHOUSE with 15 mounted bears moved off with the brigade & the remainder sent back in charge of Capt PASCOE to the ANZAC RECEIVING STATION in Square O33D & there to await further instructions from the OC.	
— do —	-do-	1430	D. D. & L. London, E.C. detailed to remain with such squadron. At 1030 the OC. & Capt WATERHOUSE with 15 mounted bears moved off with the brigade & the remainder sent back in charge of Capt PASCOE to the ANZAC RECEIVING STATION in Square O33D & there to await further instructions from the OC.	

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Square F 8 B.	30/4/18	1530	The section of the ambulance moved off in rear of the brigade, which travelled almost due east to the foothills where the track to Es-Salt begins in square C 36 A. Arrived at the foothills at 1600 & began the ascent at 1650, everybody being dismounted horses led. The first mile of the ascent was very steep & considered almost impossible for camels. At 1930 arrived at junction of Roads VI & VII in Square K 21 B. Here 1 squadron of 2nd L.H. Rgt was left. A plentiful supply of fresh water is obtained from a well.	
Square K 21 B	— do —	1930	Moved on again, the track being very rough. The greater part of the brigade was well ahead owing to some confusion in the unit which the section of the amb. was following. At 2100 main body of brigade reached, & moved on again. It was now possible to ride every advantage was taken of this. The track now was along a continuous gully very rough. At 2210 the brigade halted in Square K 11 D, orders issued for horses & men to be fed but no fires were allowed.	MMS.
Square K 16 A	— do —	2030		
Square K 11 D	— do —	2100		
Square K 11 D	— do —	2210		
Square K 12 A	1/5/18	0330	Rewille at 0230 & the brigade ready to move out at 0400.	
Square K 12 A	— do —	0700	The brigade moved off travelling N.E. but halted in Square K 12 A to allow the 2nd L.H. Bqd to pass through at 0730. A supply of drinking water was obtained from a well on the hill. The brigade moved off & followed in rear of the 2nd L.H. Bqd, & travelled until	
Square K 6 B	— do —	0805	0900 arriving in Square K 6 B, the Bqds all concentrated in one area, 2nd L.H. Rgt in another. AUSTDIV. Headquarters in another.	
Square K 6 B	— do —	0900	The 2nd L.H. Bqd was sent forward to Es-Salt. At 0920 the 2nd L.H. Rgt (less 1 squadron) was sent back to protect the junction of Roads VI & VII in square K 21 B, & A.D.R. from the amb. were detailed to report to the R.M.O. of 2nd L.H. Rgt (Capt Tunica) to act as stretcher bearers if required. Any wounded from the 2nd L.H. Rgt, i.e. stretcher cases, would have to be carried by hand to the AUSTDIV. COLLECTING. STATION in Square C 25 central. The Bqd (less 2nd L.H. Rgt) moved off, travelling N.E. about a mile & then halted in Square J 31. AUSTDIV. H.Q. being established in Square J 31 A & Q.H.Q., with the section of the Ambulance in square J 31 D arriving there at 1000. At 1030 instructions issued for all horses to be watered at Es-Salt. On returning, all horses were grazed. At 1300 a wire received from ADMS. AUSTDIV to the effect that an AUSTDIV. COLLECTING. STATION had been formed in Es-Salt & that all cases were to be evacuated to it, & also acting for the CO. to report to A.D.M.S. The CO. reported to A.D.M.S. at 1400. Information received that 1st L.H. Rgt (less 2nd Rgt) was to proceed almost due South. Arrangements made with ADMS that in the event of serious casualties, such would be manhandled to the main installed road (CN 95), & a messenger sent to AUSTDIV. Col. COLLECTING. STATION at Es-Salt stating where such casualties were & that the ADMS would arrange for their transport to Es-Salt.	MMS
Square J 31 D.	— do —	1000		
Square J 31 D.	— do —	1330		
Square J 31 D.	— do —	1400		
— do —	— do —	1600	Moved off at 1600 travelling due South. The track was quite good suitable for camel camels. The column continued on till 1510, when the 1st Rgt was stationed in K 24 B, & the 2nd Rgt, BHQ & Amb in K 24 A. R.M.O. informed by wire of position of AUSTDIV. COLLECTING. STATION in Es-Salt. At 1615 BHQ & the section of the amb. moved to Square K 24 B. Instruction received for horses to be watered at a well in Square K 24 A & that probably the Bqd would remain there some hours, so horses off saddled, watered & fed. At 2000 instruction received that the brigade would move out at 0300 tomorrow. So far there have been no casualties or sick evacuated.	✓ 1/5/18 6th
Square K 24 A.	— do —	1710		
Square K 24 B	— do —	1815		
		2000		
— do —	2/5/18	0230	Rewille at 0230, ready to move off at 0300. The brigade moved back into a hollow in K 24 A. The head of the column crossed If D. D. & L. London, E.C.	MMS Case
— do —	— do —	0420	(A8004) Wt W1771/M2031 750,000 5/17 Sch. 52 Form/C2118/14 at 0300, but the section of the amb. did not move till 0420	Luit. Col.



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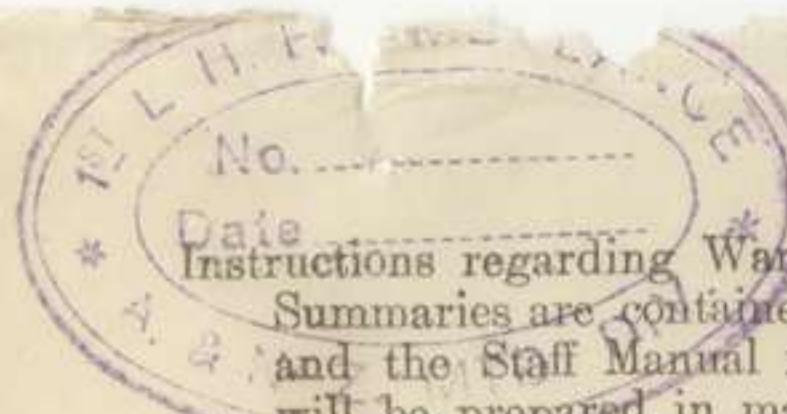
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Square K21B.	2/5/18	0420	Moved off in single file mounted almost due north arriving at road VII in Square K12C at 0600, the east-half mile of the hill being very steep. The brigade then moved S.W. along Road VII, turned at the Junction of Roads VI + VII in Square K21B at 0830. Horses were off saddled + watered at a well, then grazed. At 1200 a wire sent to Capt PASCOE at ANZAC. RECEIVING STATION in Square K35 D to forward all cacolet camels, with some stores + any available mounted personnel to AUSTDIV. COLLECTING STATION in square C35 Central, that guides were to be sent there to bring them to brigade. Wire acknowledged received by Capt PASCOE at 1900.	
	-do-	0830		
	-do-	1200	off saddled + watered at a well, then grazed. At 1200 a wire sent to Capt PASCOE at ANZAC. RECEIVING STATION in Square K35 D to forward all cacolet camels, with some stores + any available mounted personnel to AUSTDIV. COLLECTING STATION in square C35 Central, that guides were to be sent there to bring them to brigade. Wire acknowledged received by Capt PASCOE at 1900.	
	-do-	1600	Information received from B.H.Q. that the iron ration for consumption today was to be made to last for tomorrow also as no ration Convoy was coming up. No casualties today.	
Square K21B	3/5/18	0300	Parville.	
	0330	Stand to.		
	0630		Wire sent to Capt PASCOE instructing CAPT. PASCOE + Capt HALL to proceed immediately to brigade.	
	0640		a Party of 5 horses sent to 1st L.H.Rgt, one mile N. to carry down a serious casualty. Time taken to proceed to Rgt + bring casualty back being 2½ hours. Patient made as comfortable as possible + instruction given for him to await arrival of cacolets.	
	0800		Two guides sent to AUSTDIV COLLECTING STATION in Square C35 Central to collect cacolet camels.	
	1015		LIEUT. COL. M.W. CAVE evacuated sick with Clinical Practitioner Trenerry struck off strength. CAPT WATERHOUSE left in charge pending arrival of CAPT. PASCOE.	
			The AUSTDIV. COLLECTING. STATION in square C35 Central had moved right back to EL GHORANIYE, + ANZAC COLLECTING. STATION formed by M.Z.M.P.A. at Square F.24.C.	
			at 1410 Capt PASCOE + HALL seen by LIEUT. COL. CAVE at Square F.24.C + all instructions given to the former as to disposal of wounded etc etc. Capt PASCOE + HALL proceeded with cacolet camels at 1430 to join brigade.	
			<i>M.W. Cave Lieut. Col.</i>	
			<i>1/4th May 8/3008</i>	
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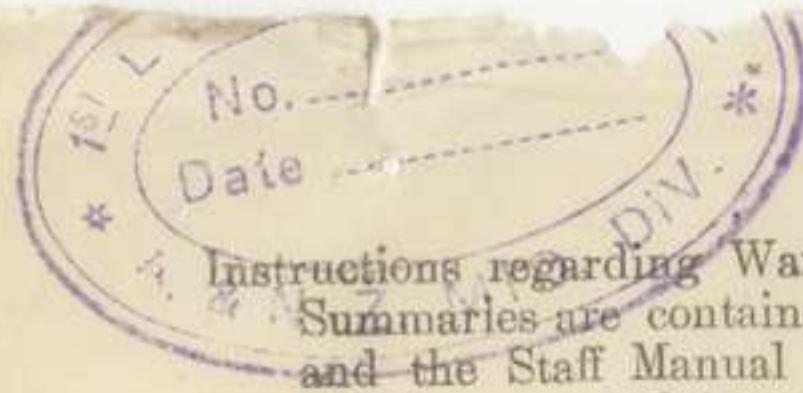
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Sq Q 33. D.	4.5.18	1000	Capt Hall returned to Ambulance - Capt Puccos and beaces returning soon afterwards.	
—	—	1700	Capt Waterhouse returned to Ambulance -	
—	—	2200	Orders received from Staff Captain to cross the Jordan and occupy camp site on plain east of Jordan. Reached camp site close to B.H.Q. - 2 miles E of Jericho - Capt Hall remaining behind with 2 L Amb Wagons and beaces and joining up early in the morning of 5.5.18. No 17847 Tp MERRYMAN W. evacuated sick (on 2-5-18) and struck off strength.	JHL
2 miles E of Jericho.	5.5.18		No 18692 Tp WHEELER A.T. evacuated sick and struck off strength - Sgt Morris and party arrived from Beipole Debailis Drift.	JHL
—	6.5.18		Capt Puccos proceeded to Cairo on duty. No 8209 Tp RICHES E.T.S promoted T/Officer (Vice Lt Off. Mackay evacuated sick) - and taken in supernumerary strength.	JHL
—	8.5.18		Promotion - No 914 T/Officer RICHES to be Capt 25-4-18 - Vice Capt Mackay evacuated 25-1-18. 1 R.H & 1 D.H to Vat lines. No 16657 Tp MULVENY N.S. marched out for duty to 2 A.S.H.	JHL
—	9.5.18		2 doctors received from 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H Regt.	JHL
—	10.5.18	1615	Ambulance moved out to Tsalal Ed. Dum. via Neby Musa.	JHL
Tsalal Ed. Dum.	11.5.18		Meeting of MoI to discuss site from Sambar point of view.	JHL
—	13.5.18		one L Amb. Car No 0589 returned from mortars. into our mortars. P.	JHL G
—	15.5.18		one L Amb. Car No 0785 returned from 2nd Capt M. Amb.	JHL G
—	16.5.18	0950	Ambulance marched out and reached new site - 2½ m. S of Solomon's Pools at 0500-17.5.18 where the immobile portion of Ambulance under Major Leeson was joined up - 1 R.H to Vat lines - 6 donkeys loaded from 1 <sup>st</sup> A.M.C.S - 1 L Amb. Car No 0803 moved from 2nd Capt M.A. No 6441 Dr. DUMBRIDGE W. evacuated sick struck off strength. One heavy Amb. Wagon to 4 <sup>th</sup> L.H.F. Amb.	JHL G

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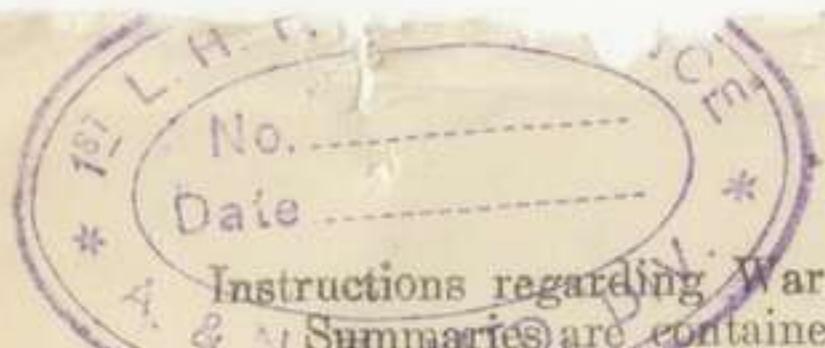
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Hebron Rd.	19.5.18		No 925 Tpr Newton C.R. evacuated sick and dead off strength - 2 D. Horses to V.C. unit - <u>Promotion</u> - NO 6405 T/cpl Martin J. to be cpl - 11-5-18 - <u>Appointment</u> NO 296 - Tpr Morris H. to be Dr - 20-5-18. NO 15508 - Tpr Cornish A.W. to be serjeant - 14-5-18	F.H.
	20.5.18		<u>Reversion</u> NO 4505 Dr Morris L. Vol. reverts to Tpr. NO 16210 T/cpl Cribb J.G.B. evacuated sick & dead off strength. <u>Exchange</u> - NO 16859 Tpr Thackeray H.S. - M.S.M. marched out to 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H. Reg as medical detail in exchange with NO 4846 Tpr Thomson A. who marched in to unit -	F.H.
	21.5.18		<u>Promotion</u> - NO 955 T/cpl Bennett A.J. to be cpl 21-5-18. NO 166 Cpl Morris A.R. evacuated sick & dead off strength. One L. Amb. car NO 30803 reported to Army Dr. for duty.	F.H.
	22.5.18		<u>Promotion</u> - NO 760 Tpr Platt S. R. to be T/cpl vice Cpl Morris A.R. dated 21-5-18. NO 5578 Tpr Maleden W.C. marched out to 1 <sup>st</sup> L.H. Reg as Med. detail & supernumerary strength. NO 1567 L/cpl Pooler J. evacuated sick & dead off supernumerary strength.	F.H.
	23.5.18		<u>Promotion</u> - NO 1033 Tpr Neil R. to be T/cpl vice L/cpl. Pooler. dated 23-5-18. 7 machines and 15 camels with 15 pr lorry caulked - marched out to A.D.M.S. 10 <sup>th</sup> Divn - Bill. sq. Zait 107430.R of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dental unit marched in & taken on strength. NO 16958 Tpr Somers A.E. marched in from dump Lizard -	F.H.
	25.5.18		<u>Promotion</u> - NO 17270 Srs Davlin A.O to be T/cpl Saddler vice Cpl Pearce 22-5-18 NO 197 Cpl Pearce D.A. - NO 1846 Dr Wheeler F. & NO 18922 Tpr Thomas C.L. transferred to A.F.C. (11-5-18) and strength off strength - NO 17287 Tpr O'Dwyer C.R. evacuated sick 8-5-18 & strength off strength. NO 21. L/cpl Hill evacuated sick strength off strength.	<del>D</del> <del>107430.R</del> <del>107430.R</del> <del>107430.R</del> F.H.



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Habron Rd	27.5.18		One R.H. received from Vich lines - one D.H. to Vich lines.	✓
	28.5.18		A.D.M.S. - Anzac Div. unsped Ambulance. <u>Reverent</u> - No 8059 Dr. Donoghue, J. Voluntary went to Tp <sup>2</sup> - 28-5-18 - <u>Appointments</u> - No 1339 Tp <sup>1</sup> Tilden, LA. to be 1903 - 12-5-18 - No 2094 Tp <sup>2</sup> Angus, A.V. & No 17345 Tp <sup>2</sup> Plummer LA to be Devis - 26.5.18 - No 17273 Tp <sup>2</sup> Sandys, M.L. to be Devis - 28-5-18 -	✓
	29.5.18.		No 1339 Dr. Tilden, LA. No 9364 Tp <sup>2</sup> Reardon, F.P. & No 11056 Dr. Bishop, W.C. marched with 1 <sup>st</sup> A.G. H. Port Said & left off strength. One ambulance evacuated to Vich lines.	✓

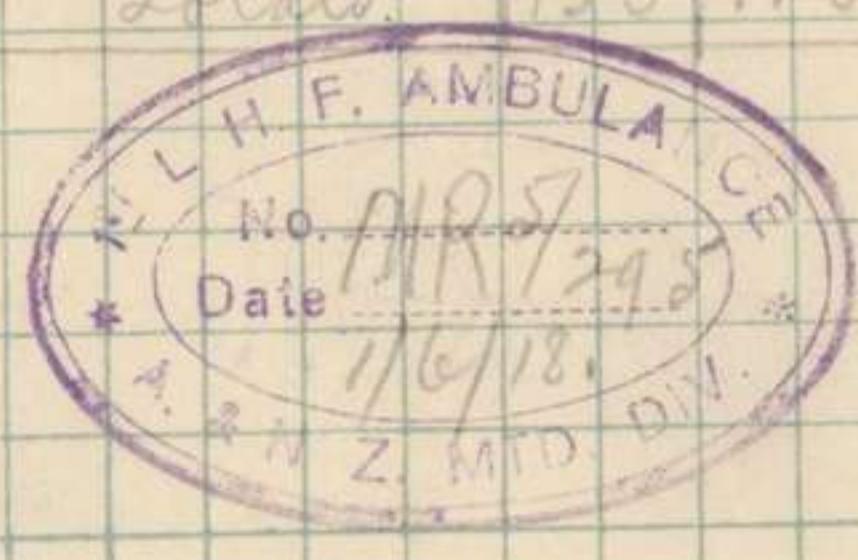
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Return showing Number of Patients  
Patients Admitted to 1<sup>st</sup> L. H. Amb. for May 1918.

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	Admitted	Evacuated	Received	Discharged	Clinical	Dysentery	Pneumonia	Leucocy.	Wounds	Other	Diarrhoea
22 <sup>nd</sup> to 4 <sup>th</sup>	2	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	10	-
5 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup>	30	30	1	1	4	-	12	-	2	-	-
12 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>	48	48	-	1	2	2	20	-	-	22	-
19 <sup>th</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup>	28	21	2	2	4	-	8	-	-	12	-
26 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup>	22	9	4	3	2	3	3	-	1	-	10
Totals.	130	110	6	7	12	7	43	-	3	2	54



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Army Form 2118.

(Immobile Section) May 1918

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Anzac Receiving Station

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
GORANIYEH Bridge Head	2-5-18	1500	<p>TOOK over Anzac Receiving Station from N.Z.F.A (immobile Section) - Major Scoccombe D/C -</p> <p>Details - 1<sup>st</sup> L.H.F.A. - Major Scoccombe - Capt Hodgeson - 270 R. - 2 natives - 17 horses 4 mules 6 donkeys</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> L.H.F.A. - Capt LANG - 340 R. 3 natives - 54 horses - 24 horses - 15 donkeys</p> <p>6<sup>th</sup> Mtd Brigade T.A - Lt. McMURRICH - 310 R</p> <p>No patients transferred - patients received from front line soon after 1500 - 2 op + 24 Bell Tent Casualty Returns to 1800. Admitted (British) wounded 136. Sick 82. (Indians) wounded 23. Sick 4.</p> <p>(Natives) 7. Prisoners of War 1.</p> <p>Evacuations to 4/4 London, Cleary Station at Roman Rd. Jericho.</p> <p>Casualty return for previous 24 hours - Wounded - British 83. Indian 9.</p> <p>Sick - 101 - n - 3 Native &amp; 6 Prisoners of War.</p>	1st
	3-5-18	1800	Casualty return for previous 24 hours - Wounded - British 83. Indian 9.	2nd
	4-5-18	1800	<p>Cd. Care - C.O 1<sup>st</sup> L.H.F.A. Evacuated sick.</p> <p>Casualty return for previous 24 hours - Wounded - British 128. - Indian 15</p> <p>Sick - 121 - n. 1 and 1 native.</p>	3rd
	—	1900	<p>Orders received to evacuate all patients and move across to the West side of Jordan.</p> <p>Patients evacuated and movement completed by 2400 - (Capt LANG and 9 details) leaving till dusk on 5-5-18 to secure (staples) - and unit bivouacked in Anzac Div area, 1m E of Jericho.</p> <p>No 3538 Tps GRIFFIN N.C. reported for duty from 2<sup>nd</sup> A.S.Hosp and left in strength 30 camels <del>200</del> and 16 mules (C.T.C) marched in and later marched out Capt LANG and details marched in from GORANIYEH at 1920.</p> <p>Casualty return for previous 24 hours:- Wounded - British 24 - Indian 5</p> <p>Sick - 7 - n 1</p>	4th
Anzac Div Area	5-5-18	Jericho	<p>No 18672 Tps WHEELER A.J evacuated to Hospital and strength off strength -</p> <p>No 8209 Tps RUSSELL E.S. marched out as medical detail to 2<sup>nd</sup> L.H.Rgt.</p> <p>Weekly Hosp Return - 26 off (W 12 - S 14) 459 O.R. (W 210 - S 249) Indians 46 (W 37. S 9) Native and Prisoner of War 13 - Deaths - 3</p>	5th

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JERICHO (in E.A.S.)	6.5.18		one O.R. and 1 R.H. marched out to 2 <sup>nd</sup> L.H.F.A. 27 lpsng Cacolets collected from Oranarie.	J.H.S.
	7.5.18	0500	Camp area bombed by enemy aeroplane - no casualties in unit. Lt. HENRY MURRICK and personnel of 6 <sup>th</sup> M.M.C. T.A. marched out to join unit, and Shells off straight. H.O.R. 1 Native Ladder 2 P.L. carriers with 14 horses & 8 donkeys marched out. to rejoin 2 <sup>nd</sup> L.H.F.A. and Shells off straight -	J.H.S.
			A10 1274 Cpl REID - and Cpl EDWARDS - O.H. with one horse reported for duty from 2 <sup>nd</sup> L.H.F.A. Pte WAUGHOP.E (attached 2 <sup>nd</sup> L.H.F.A) marched out to 4 <sup>th</sup> Sam. Cco. & Shells off straight -	J.H.S.
	8.5.18		No 2181. Tp. MCNAULAN Q.P. marched out to join mobile section.	J.H.S.
	11.5.18		Dental Section from 2 <sup>nd</sup> L.H.F.A. - marched later in same straight. Hospital section for sick - Wounded B.O.H. - 2 (wounded) - Brit O.R. - W. 22. S.S. - India O.R. - W. 5. S.I. Died - Brit O.R. 1 - India O.R. 2.	J.H.S.
	13.5.18		1 O.R. (2. L.H.F.A) reported his unit, and Shells off straight -	
	16.5.18		Cpl LANG with immobile section of 2 <sup>nd</sup> L.H.F.A marched out to rejoin his unit. Immobile Section 1 <sup>st</sup> L.H.F.A. marched out - Cpl HOBSON and 5.O.R. with equipment proceeded by motor lorry to Jerusalem and bivouacked for the night at 907 M.T. dep'd. Major LECCOMBE with command of personnel and transport, marched out at 1830 and joined motor lorry party at Jerusalem at 0900 (17.5.18).	J.H.S.
JERUSALEM	17.5.18		Immobile Section marched out at 1000 and joined mobile section of 1 <sup>st</sup> L.H.F.A. on HEBRON Rd - 2½ miles S of Solomons Pools. at 1300.	J.H.S.