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A. D. M. S. 4TH CAVALRY DIVISION.

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1st	Major W. Grove D.A.D.M.S. rejoined Div.H.Q. from rear H.Q.
2nd	Sickness is reduced. Admissions for w.e. Br.140. Ind. 92.
4th	Inspected 10th Bde. C.F.A.
5th	Inspected Turkish barracks with view to occupation by troops if necessary, found them in very foul state in many parts & the rooms bug infested. Much cleaning & disinfecting would be required before occupation.
6th	Major Reinhold I.M.S. reported for duty. 11th Bde C.F.A. Capt. Shaikh, I.M.S. reported for duty 6th Cav.
7th	Cpts. Kelly & Vey arrived for "tempy" duty. Capt. Kelly posted to Staffs. Capt. Vey to 12th C.F.A. for D.R.S. Lt. Chattis I.M.S. to D.R.S. Lt. Wadgouika to 11th C.F.A. for D.R.S.
8th	Visited Div. R.S. Very few patients passing now. 10th Immob Section ordered to join its unit at BAALBEK.
9th	Visited case of Typhus with Municipal doctor & arranged for cleansing of town. Raimakam is to tax to pay labour. Turk. prisoners to be used to begin with. Recommended town to be put out of bounds. Visited Turk barracks. Prisoners part is cleaned. Other rooms are to be cleaned for reception of troops.
10th	Visited Div. R.S. & arranged disposal R.A.M.C. reinforcements, also visited 12th Bde C.F.A. MOOALAKA. Warm clothing has arrived.
11th	Inspected Turkish barracks after cleansing by Regt. Allowed troops in to bivouac within the walls. Rooms occupied by Turk prisoners not to be used. Not considered advisable to put men in houses in the town which is not clean enough.
12th	Wet & cold. Warm clothing arrived. Arranging for shelter in empty houses.



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- 13th Still very wet.
- 14th Sickness remaining low. Visited M.O.Dorsets his regt. remaining in bivouac.
- 16th Major W.Grove D.A.D.M.S. returned from hospital. Enquiries as to opium Eaters, Venereal Disease & use of Dysentery Serum sent to Fd.Ambs. Sickness diminishing -  $\frac{1}{2}$  week ending 9th - 1.8.
- 18th Visited LEBWE to arrange for hot baths. Troops are in need of cleansing.
- 19th Motored with G.O.C. to BEIRUT to look for camp site. Sand dunes round ALUZAI considered suitable. Mosquito breeding being about & only prevalent to N. of the town.
- 20th Major REINHOLD the new O.C. 11th Bde C.F.A. visited A.D.M.S. & discussed re-equipping his unit etc.
- 22nd Visited MOOLAKKA and RYAK with D.A.D.M.S. with view of possibility of having to change site of Div. R.S. German hospital near narrow gauge railway at RYAK would do for small unit & Turkish one bear by could be cleansed & made fit for use also but it is considered that MOOLAKKA is still the best site.
- 23rd Orders to move to BEIROT shortly.
- 24th Issued Medical instructions for move of Brigade C.F.As. disposal of sick etc.
- SHTORA.
- 25th Marched about 25 miles & bivouaced.
- AINSO FAR.
- 26th Marched about 17 miles & bivouaced. Very stiff pull up.
- BEIRUT.
- 27th Marched into camp about 3 miles S. of BEIRUT.
- 28th Fine weather much warmer than in Coele Syria. 10th Bde came in & is camped in sand dunes, taking shelter from wind off sea which is said to be of great strength at times.
- 29th D.A.D.M.S. reported to D.D.M.S. 21st Corps & discussed health with D.A.D.M.S. Corps A.D.M.S. visited Sanitary M.O. Capt. Mann & arranged for disinfection. He considers our site the healthiest in the region & that we



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29th            are more likely to escape the Influenza there.  
(contd.)       Malaria of very recent is about JONIE.

30th            Visited new site for H.Q. Strongly  
recommended to leave all troops out in this  
area & not to move them to sites occupied  
by 54th div. who have had many sick with  
Influenza.  
Strict preventive measures to be adopted  
against V.D. Irrigation with Condy Calomil  
ointment. Addresses by M.Os. No. 8 Ad. Diag.  
Unit joined 10th Bde. C.F.A. 12th Bde marched  
in & will camp S. of 10th Bde. Water good  
in well at ALUZAI & in sumps on shore.

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