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A. D. M. S. YEOMANRY MOUNTED DIVISION

1918.

January. ASCALON.

- 1st The Division under orders to move to BELAH. Immobile Sections of 6th & 22nd M.B.F.As moved to MEJDEL & are to remain there under D.M.S. Capt.Harding R.A.M.C. reported for duty with 25th Bde R.H.A.
- BELAH.
- 3rd Division arrived having marched in two days from ASCALON.
- 4th D.A.D.M.S. visited all Brigade Areas & arranged for disposal of manure & animal burying ground etc. The area is rather constricted & many old camp sites are adjacent. Lt.Col.Bradley joined 22nd M.B.F.A.
- 5th Sanitary Equipment is now available and all units are able to incinerate faeces.
- 6th Heavy ~~storm~~^{STORM} of rain & wind. There are still a number of cases of Jaundice, the cause of which is not cleared up.
- 7th Disinfection of Divisional troops begun with Thresh Disinfector. D.A.D.M.S. made tour of camp with Station Sanitary Officer. A.D.M.S. visited 7th Mtd. Brigade.
- 8th to
14th Ordinary camp routine.
- 14th Visited 22nd Mtd. Bde.Fd.Amb & had a talk with Lt.Col.Sylvester Bradley who had succeeded Lt.Col. Goodwin who proceeded to take command of 48 Stat.Hosp.on Jan. 5th.
- 15th Visited 6th M.B.F.A. & went round with Lt.Col.Moore. Visited M.Os of 22nd Mtd. Bde in afternoon.
- 16th Inspected Drinking water area of Division. Water is chlorinated in tank & is in charge of R.A.M.C. man attached to duty Brigade Water Guard.
- 17th A meeting held of Divl. Med Officers at 6th Bde. Fd.Amb. Lt.Col.Wade read a paper on surgical experiences of recent operations. A.D.M.S. Aus.div. & some of his M.Os. were present.

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- 18th Capt. Maingot R.A.M.C. exchanged with Capt. Mavor of Staffs Yeo. who is over 44 & who takes over med. charge of Divl. train. Visited No. 7 Ad. Dept. Med Stores & arranged for supply of Thomas' knee splints for use of fractured femur cases in transport.
- 20th Visited old rest camp MARAKEB. Capt. Harding relieved in charge of 20th Bde. R.H.A. by Capt. Bartlett who is over 44 years. Capt. Harding is to proceed to 22nd Mtd. Bde. F.A.
- 21st D.D.M.S. visited A.D.M.S. Rode round camps of 6th & 8th Bdes.
- 22nd Capt. Catford R.A.M.C. attached to Div. H.Q. for instruction in staff work. Capt. Gilmour reported for duty with E. Riding Yeo. Capt. Vey reported for duty with Lines Yeo.
- 23rd All anti-cholera inoculations to be got up to 100% as soon as possible, a case of cholera being reported from further up the line.
- 24th Hot baths are now installed, boilers built by R.E. & Marquee pitched. Whole Division has been disinfected this work by Disinfecting train under supervision of D.A.D.M.S. & Bde. San. M.Os. Steam spray used for breeches.
- 25th Attention drawn thro "A" to necessity for keeping up Antilouse measures after disinfection by train. D.A.D.M.S. having discovered lice very soon thereafter.
- 27th Visited hot baths. These are much appreciated & should help much to keep down vermin.
- 28th Visited new M.Os E. Riding & Lines Yeo. in the morning after office work.
- 29th Programme of work is being carried out by F.As. Drills, Lectures, Riding School etc. Immobile Sections of 6th & 22nd M.B.F.As have rejoined their Fd. Ambs.
- 30th Jaundice very much less only 2 cases last week & general health is very good.

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