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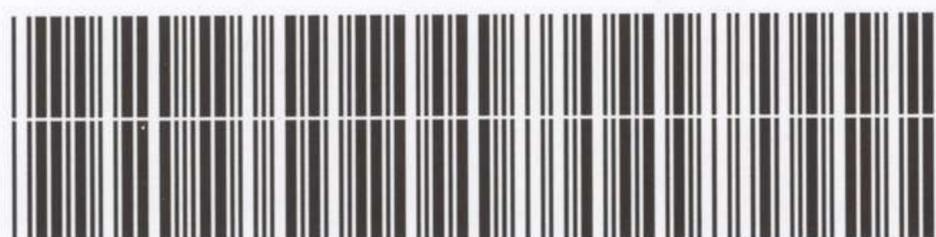
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Desert Mounted Corps

August 1917



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
KHAM YUNGS	1 5 15		<p>Report received from Messrs AVSTIN re his induction of the work from FARAT URGAN. Induction not as satisfactory as last time. There is a heavy decrease of breeding in places. That report to Adams Angus Dr on his information + action + working out. Not of breeding in the belt under constant supervision + attention to detail in the anti-mosquito work must be maintained. Saw the Adams both Dr and his part became attached to the desert to him. Discussed with him various questions, but especially the following - personnel + transport of field units, portable shelters, equipment + supplies. Especially, method of using his shooting section to the best advantage, anti-mosquito campaign in the West. Q. H. V. Z. E. etc. Also discussed with him the best method of using the searchlight. That sub div of his field units with the normal time + in action. In his opinion they should be situated in the vicinity of water as it takes more time from his dressing stations. Heeding instruction by HQ of L. A. in his letter they may be further housed in form of collecting station, from which he will send down all work back to the head.</p>	EAM

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Ant 25			<p>The question of the use of natives in the Anti Mosquito Campaign in the Kedi Line has been already done with regard to the Angue Dow, but I told him that I did not think it wise to use them in that manner seeing that the Kedi on the whole are drinking water freely, & most of the natives are carriers of infectious disease in various forms. For this reason I considered it better to use water from the British tank in the trenches. He was greatly pleased with the type of hostile sounding equipment & that they had worked for something of that sort at SALONIKA but had worked nothing like this.</p>	
Ant 25	3 8 17		<p>Received reports from A.D. of Angue & Australian Mounted Div on crossing of Kedi Q#VZ ZEE + roads on certain side as to their suitability for use by motor ambulances in case of emergency gained during recent operations. Promised them to send report on census of all sick & wounded mounted down to them. Both taken under instruction received from S#2 regarding A.D. & F. The intention obviously is to maintain the health of the men & to prevent the loss of service in the trenches. I think, on a whole, more & more, it is only the best thing to do.</p>	H.E. 25

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Ditto	4/6/17		<p>checked for a the forms without any differentiation as regards the length of service in the country I don't see how any definite conclusions can be drawn re the information obtained.</p> <p>Sent Major AUSTIN to inspect the fly breeding 2nd Mounted Div. camp with regard to fly breeding.</p> <p>Arranged with D. J. C. for 1000 + 2 men from each field unit of the Mounted Div. to be attached to a unit of the Camel Transport Coy for instruction in the feeding + general management of camels. Notified A.D.M.C. of the arrangement. It is more necessary now that the personnel of field units should have some knowledge re these animals as the camels are in their human hands & not in those from the C. J. C.</p>	
Ditto	6/2/17		<p>Another supply of fuel received from KANTARA + distributed to the dam at SHELLAL yesterday.</p> <p>Sent the A.D.M.C. (San) to inspect a Bazaar of the 60th Div as I am anxious to see how the sanitary work of the Division is being carried out especially as it has only recently arrived in the country from SALAHIA.</p>	E.M.H.

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	12		<p>Sent Major AUSTIN to inspect the Anti-aircraft work in the field from SHELAL to HISEIA + report on the new gunner (book) he carrying on the work.</p> <p>Desert Column Order No 44 received under the Division of present training part of Section Force will be reorganized from the 2 Aug 1917 but his books to mounted books under -</p> <p>(a) <u>2nd Books</u> 53- Div 60th L 74th L</p> <p>(b) <u>21st Books</u> 52- Div 54th L 75th L</p> <p>(c) <u>Desert Mounted Books</u> Turk Mounted Div Austrian L Romanian L</p> <p>Received report from Major AUSTIN on his inspection of the 8th Mounted Brigade. It is on the whole satisfactory. Sent to Adams Romanians Div for information, when report left.</p> <p>Received report from Major AUSTIN on his inspection of the 8th Mounted Brigade. It is on the whole satisfactory. Sent to Adams Romanians Div for information, when report left.</p>	
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Out of	5		<p>found out about 100 miles E of ... I was ... to a recent case of abdominal wound + wounded ... in ... in these cases - experience in ... going to show that ... under these houses in ... of the ... after that time it was ... it would be better to ... in the ... dressing station ... than that valuable time in ... such cases to the CES of RAFA. But while this procedure would meet requirements in ... I considered that there many such cases ... to me, satisfactory arrangement would be taken ... to the ... men so that these cases could be taken ... + dealt with without delay.</p> <p>Visited the ... at MARAKEB + found everything working satisfactorily.</p>	11/E

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Jetta	8 5 17		<p>6</p> <p>LT DOWNES ADMS Anzac Dtd came to see me about question of taking me to duty here as ADMS but no orders of any kind have so far been received or any instructions about it discussed with him various points were raised to the effect being stressed especially the necessity for submission to the sanction of the whole area, any relaxation of these would in my opinion be bound to lead to success in the sub-act.</p> <p>At 5.20 pm received message from D A + Q US Desert Column to inform me that my appointment as ADMS to the 21st Col is confirmed that I am to report at head quarters of that formation at 11 am tomorrow to the 4th unit at BELAH.</p> <p>No instructions received as to who is to relieve me.</p> <p>On the 6th inst I received a wire direct from Dms D A + Q to inform me that Lt THORPE ADMS had been instructed to proceed to relieve Dms BACSHAW who is relieving to report at his base at CAIRD. This morning I received a further wire from Dms D A + Q informing that he is to proceed</p>	E+1

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Dunth	4/5/15		<p> In view of the fact that I telephoned to D.D.M. 57 & told him that THORPE had not arrived & asking if Miss BACSHAWE was to go without waiting for his arrival. I pointed out that it would interfere with the continuity of the summary work here especially as I myself would be very close. The D.D.M. 57 gave to D.D.M. 58 instructions & I received a telephone message at 4.20 P.M. to meet that Miss BACSHAWE was to proceed without waiting to be relieved. We all proceeded to morning & as I am going also I am afraid there is bound to be a good deal of distraction of the work here. </p> <p> Went to see the Chinese Commissioner before leaving to see Mrs. Bai. He said he was very sorry I was leaving & that especially as the work had been carried out so well. </p> <p> Went to BELAH afternoon & reported to the S.V.C. 21st Lt. (Lt. BILFIN). I told him that my relief at Dunth would not get on & that I had consequently not been able to hand over the duties. It was necessary that he look </p>	E 48

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Cairo			<p>I should like to return to the things I should like to do. He told me I need not come on duty until the 11th as he was not taking me. He looks until the 12th. On my return to Desert Mountain. Both had been found that my wheel had not yet arrived. I telephoned to him & he said he had received no order. Rang up the DA & MS & asked if a telegram could be sent instructing this man to come, & he said that one had been sent last night but that he would take action about it. The DA Dms in the Desert Mountain looks has not yet arrived nor has the DA Dms in the 21st looks in relief of them BACSHAW & come. Men BACSHAW & others who were in CAIRO this afternoon. In accordance with telegraphic instructions from Dms. What I heard from them AUSTIN is his intention of his trip from FARAT-CAMEL. There has apparently been some discussion of the Anti-Museum work in the light of the recent change of the Dms.</p>	1/14/49

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Ditto	10 8 17		<p>Sent about to ADMS both Div for information + action Men AUSTIN sent to capture his attention to what to do S.F. for inclusion work in the Vets. report of BELAH.</p> <p>Sent order to VC Motor Ambulance Convoy to send 6 Motor Amb to report to VC sent sent div ILC Field Amb at EL JEMMI as soon after daylight & morning as possible. This is in connection with the proposed raid on the SANA Adoubt, which is to start at daylight.</p> <p>Sent THORPE ADMS around to report to relief of Major BACSHAW, a DADMS 21st Corps. From what I have seen of him he is I consider quite unsuitable for the appointment. He has not just arrived in his country, he had no training or experience of sanitation in the field, in case of Army Sanitation in these times at home, he has done some work but not even able to write. In addition he is not the type of man that I will such a position as a DADMS of a Corps with any prospect of efficiency. He would be unable to handle the work which he is undertaking.</p>	<p>Remarks and references to Appendices</p> <p>ECO</p>

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			<p>work in the office so that I should be able to handle the necessary work in the office. In view of the importance of the work in the office and the necessity of constant supervision I am to maintain a high standard of work. It is essential that the office should be thoroughly searched and that the necessary measures be taken to ensure the security of the office. The work in the office has been very satisfactory and I have been able to handle the necessary work in the office. The work in the office has been very satisfactory and I have been able to handle the necessary work in the office.</p> <p>Handed over the necessary work to Colonel DOWNES + handed special attention to the following work:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Summary of work done with special reference to the beach at MARAKHEB and the necessity of the work CHUZZEE in the forward area, where the danger from our blackness in the aspect must be kept in view. It is essential that the necessary measures be taken to ensure the security of the office. The work in the office has been very satisfactory and I have been able to handle the necessary work in the office. 	

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Camp #1			<p>of drinking water under all circumstances + the maintenance of all faces, horses + horse droppings. By these methods the high standard of health so far has been maintained + this only by a continuance of them. Can it be continued.</p> <p>2. Advised him strongly not to allow his present establishment with respect to Field Ambulance, which is devised to meet his present requirements + does so admirably. No change should be made until he deserts + finally left behind in good + the ordinary Post VTI establishment would be satisfactory. He is to be ready however for the change when the time comes for making it + advised that he hold Camp where should all be brought up + R.A.F. so that they should be available with the least possible delay.</p> <p>3. Obtained the system of instruction adopted by the course he is to be through thoroughly satisfactory providing it is necessary for the establishment of a military station which he thought would be improved somewhat by some minor cancellations + from which they all his proposed plan is to be made with care + by instructions + illustrations.</p>	None

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Omet 4	12		<p>The fact that if additional was required to close the front advantage must be taken of the fact transport cars, whereas in transferring back from the collecting station to the CCS the credit camel must be used + returning transport wagons to left base</p> <p>4. Obtained to detail the arrangements with regard to the two immobile Sub Div. at MARAKEB which has been found to be satisfactory</p> <p>4. Received at the end of list year has been sent to the Base but has been leaving from the beginning of the present year of to now for reference, but has asked that they also be sent to the Base so there are many important files amongst them</p> <p>Advised my departure to the DA + DMS Desert Mounted Corp + left for the Head Quarters of the 21st Army Corps. Accompanied by the DA DMS and Capt BERRY etc</p>	
DMS	11/11/17		<p>W. W. D. D. DMS Desert Mounted Corp</p>	ESS

The following notes from office records and inspection reports are submitted for your information for week ending 7/7/17.

SICK ADMITTED RATES.

Anzac Mounted Division.	2.01 %.
Australian Mounted Division.	2.22 %.
Yeomanry Mounted Division.	2.00 %.
53rd Division.	
188th Brigade.	1.59 %.
189th Brigade.	1.05 %.
190th Brigade. (less 2 Btns).	1.65 %.
Divisional Troops.	1.45 %.
Column Troops.	
I. C. Brigade.	2.43 %.
Other units.	1.00 %.

The average rate of sickness shows a slight decrease - 1.71 %, the Australian Mounted Division (2.22%) and I. C. Brigade (2.43%) being the only two above 2 %.

There was no special incidence of disease in either formation, with the exception of Diphtheria, which shows an increase in the Australian Mounted Division - 10 cases distributed through the Division having been reported.

Septic sores are much diminished throughout the force.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Malaria. - 3 cases.
R.A.C. "E" Battery 1. Reported not inoculated during past year. Previous case shown for week ending 23/6/17.
53rd Division.
 2/4th R. West Kents 1. No previous case in unit. T.A.B/2 23/5/16.
 1/5th R.W.F. 1. No previous case. Inoculated Dec. 1916.

Dysentery. - 12 cases in 12 units.
Australian Mtds Divn. 1.
Yeomanry Mtds Divn. 5.
53rd Division. 5.
I. C. C. Brigade. 5.

Malaria. - 9 cases.
53rd Division. 4 cases.
 439 Coy., R.E. 1. Probable relapse.
 246 Coy., A.S.C. 1. Infected at SALONIKA.
No information received as to other 2 cases., in 436 Pd. Co. R.E. & 1/7th R.W.F.
I. C. C. Brigade. 1. No history of a previous attack. Admitted to hospital 15/6/17. Recent movements:- 2/5/17 to 20/5/17 on Wadi Ghazze; from 20/5/17 to 29/5/17 at Rafa; Auja, and again on the Wadi.
Yeomanry Mtds Divn. 1. Lincolnshire Yeomanry. Probably infected in the FAYOUK. Not recently near the wadi.
Australian Mtds Divn. 5.
 5th Mtds Field Ambulance. Relapse.
 Warwick Yeomanry. Camped at Tel-el-Yara on East bank of wadi 200 yards from Bds watering area from 4/6/17 to 26/6/17, date of admission to Field Ambulance.

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D.A.C. 1 case admitted 30/6/17. Camped at FARA near the Wadi bed on 23/5/17 to 25/5/17. On 27/5/17 camped 3 miles from Wadi, watering horses in Wadi.

Recent inspections of the Wadi have shown very marked decrease in mosquito breeding, following energetic measures.

Corpl. Hurst, 1/5th Welsh Regt., reported in last week's summary is not known to have had a previous attack of malaria.

Diphtheria. - 32 cases.

Anzac Mtd: Divn:	5.	
Canterbury Mtd: Rifles.	2.	Previous cases in Regiment.
1st A.L.H. Regt.	1.	No previous case. Returned from Zeitoun School on 24/6/17. Admitted 30/6/17.
Somerset R.H.A.	2.	No previous cases.
Australian Mtd: Divn.	10.	
H.A.C. "B" Battery.	2.	Previous cases.
H.A.C. "A" Battery.	1.	Previous case.
D.A. Column.	1.	Previous case.
4th Field Troop.	1.	
4th L.H. Brigade.	2.	Separate units.
3rd L.H. Brigade.	2.	Separate units.
5th Mtd: Brigade.	1.	
Yeomanry Mounted Division.	1.	East Riding Yeomanry.
53rd Division.	16.	
158th Brigade.	1/1st Herefords	3.
	1/6th R.W.F.	1.
	1/5th R.W.F.	1.
159th Brigade.	1/4th Cheshires.	1.
	1/4th Welsh Regt.	1.
160th Brigade.	2/4th R.W. Surreys.	1.
	1/4th R. Sussex.	2.
	2/4th R.W. Kents.	2.
Div'l Troops.	158th M.G. Coy.	2.
	Mob: Vet: Sect.	1. No previous case in unit.
	1/2nd Welsh V. Am.	1.

Scarlet Fever. - 4 cases.

Aust: Mtd: Divn'l Troops.	1.	"B" Batty. H.A.C.	No previous case.
6th Mtd: Bde.	1.	Berks Yeomanry.	No previous case.
160th Bde.	2.	1/4th Sussex.	No recent case.
		2/4th R.W. Surreys.	Arrived with draft on 24/6/17. Reported sick 5/7/17. Previous case 24/5/17.

Relapsing Fever. - 1 case.

160th Brigade.	2/10th Middlesex.	Admitted 30/6/17. Previous case 20/6/17.
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Bilharzia. - 2 cases.

East Riding Yeomanry.	1.	Source of infection - FAYOUM.
I.C.C. Brigade.	1.	Source of infection - KUBRI.

~~The following information is for the information of the medical authorities at the various camps and is not to be used for any other purpose.~~

~~It is requested that the medical authorities at the various camps should be kept advised of any cases of Bilharzia which may occur.~~

~~It is also requested that the medical authorities at the various camps should be kept advised of any cases of Relapsing Fever which may occur.~~

An issue of permanent incinerators for beach camps has been recommended.

An issue of lamps, brazier, has been made for disinfecting dugouts.

A supply of fish for the SHELLAL dam will be sent from KANTARA for destruction of larvae.

Desert Column H.Qrs.

19-6-17.

Colonel, A.M.S.,

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The undermentioned are the sick Admitted and evacuated rates for week ending 7th July, 1917.

	Strength.	Admitted. Off. Q.R.	% Admitted.	Evacuated. Off. Q.R.	% Evactd.
Anzac Mtd Divn.	6914	2 137	2.01	2 128	1.79
Aust Mtd Divn.	6458	2 142	2.22	- 134	1.92
Yeomanry Mtd Divn.	3989	- 80	2.00	- 66	1.65
53rd Division:					
158th Brigade.	5836	4 57	1.59	4 45	1.29
159th Brigade.	3761	1 39	1.05	1 32	.87
160th Brigade. (less 2 Btns).	1875	- 31	1.65	- 18	.96
Div'l Troops.	3445	2 48	1.45	- 25	.72
Column Troops.					
I.C.C. Brigade.	2748	1 66	2.43	1 24	.90
Other Units.	895(app)	- 9	1.00	- 9	1.00

Desert Column H.Qrs.

10-7-17.

Colonel, A.M.S.,
D.D.M.S., Desert Column.

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A.D.M.S., Aust: Mtd: Divn.
A.D.M.S., Yeomanry Mtd: Divn.
A.D.M.S., 53rd Division.
S.M.O., I.C.C. Brigade.

With reference to the high sick rates, the following are the prevailing diseases in the formations concerned :-

Australian Mtd: Divn. 1. Septic sores.
2. Tonsillitis.

I.C.C. Brigade. 1. Septic sores.
2. Diarrhoea.

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Eastern Force.
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The following notes from office records and inspection reports are forwarded for week ending 14th July, 1917.

SICK ADMITTED RATES.

Anzac Mounted Division.	1.81 %.
Yeomanry Mounted Division.	2.22 %.
Australian Mounted Division.	4.19 %.
53rd Division.	
158th Brigade.	1.64 %.
159th Brigade.	1.08 %.
160th Brigade.	2.08 %.
Divisional Troops.	1.11 %.
Column Troops.	
I.C. Brigade.	2.59 %.
Other Units.	.81 %.

The average sick admitted rate for the Column is 1.92%, an increase of .2%.

This is due mainly to the increased rate in the Australian Mounted Division.

Other formations showing a slight increase and above 2.1 % are the Yeomanry Mounted Division (2.22%), and I.C. Brigade (2.59%).

The average evacuation rate shows a decrease from 1.24 % to 1.09 %.

In the Australian Mounted Division there were 21 admissions for septic sores, and 25 for tonsillitis, 5 of which are returned as diphtheria. There is no other prevailing disease, the increased rate being due to the number of light cases transferred to MARAKES, principally from the 3rd Brigade. The Division is now in reserve.

Yeomanry Mounted Division. - 2.22 %. Prevailing diseases, septic sores - 20 admissions; diarrhoea - 16 admissions, of which 7 showed symptoms of Dysentery.

I.C. Brigade. - 2.59 %. Prevailing diseases, septic sores - 10; diarrhoea - 10 (1 Dysentery); Pyrexia - 9, of which 5 were considered to be malaria.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Enterica. - 4 cases.

53rd Division, 287 Bde. R.F.A. - 3 cases. Gr. John. Reported sick 1/7/17. T.A.S/2 27/2/15.

Gr. Higgins. Reported sick 1/7/17.

2/Lieut. Burrows. Reported sick 20/6/17.

A.F. A35 not yet received. No recent case in Bde.

I.C. Brigade, 2nd battn. - 1 case. Pte. Loasby. Admitted 29/6/17.

Re-inoculated, 1st dose, one week before admission. Previous case in Battn. notified 26/6/17, who had also just been re-inoculated.

Note: - The 3 cases of Enterica reported in 53rd Divn. are now stated to have contracted the disease outside this area.

Dysentery. - 14 cases.

Anzac Mtd: Divn. 1.

Yeomanry Mtd: Divn. 4. 18th M.G. Co. 2. Leicester R.H.A. 1.

Dorset Yeomanry. 1.

53rd Division. 6. In separate units.

I.C. Brigade. 2. In separate units.

Column Troops. 1.

Diphtheria. - 22 cases.
Anzac Mounted Division. 3. In separate units.
Australian Mounted Divn. 5.
4th A.L.H. 2.
12th A.L.H. 1.
Worcester Yeo. 1.
A.S.C. 5th Bde.
Pd. Amb. 1.
Yeomanry Mtd. Divn. 1. Dorset Yeomanry.
53rd Division. 12.
158th Bde. 1. 1/5th R.W.F.
160th Bde. 7. 2/4th R.W. Surreys 3. 2/4th R.W. Kents 2.
2/10th Middlesex 2.
Div'l Tps. 4. In separate units.
I.C. Brigade. 1.

scarlet fever. - 2 cases. In 53rd Division.

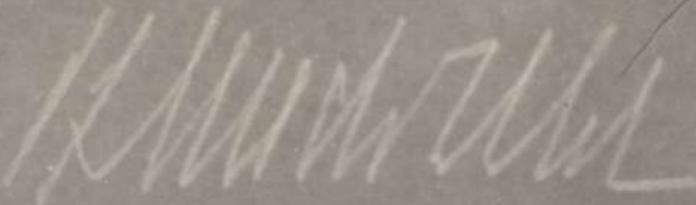
Malaria. - 3 cases.
160th Bde. 2. } No information as to source of infection yet
91st R.G.A. 1. } received.

Silharzia. - 1 case. I.C. Brigade.

Distribution of bins for disinfecting purposes has been made.
Gadalla Said, 59th Coy., E.L.C., Sheikh Muran, admitted after death on 1/7/17 to No. 2 Egyptian Hospital, Shellal. Reported as Cholera on 9/7/17. Contacts isolated and examined. No further case.
A consignment of fish arrived from Kantara, and were placed in the Shellal reservoir.

Desert Column H.Q.s.

23-7-17.


Colonel, A.M.S.,
D.D.M.S., Desert Column.

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The undermentioned are the sick Admitted and Evacuated rates for week ending 14th July, 1917.

	Strength.	Admitted. Off. O.R.	% Admitted.	Evacuated. Off. O.R.	% Evacuated.
Anzac Mtd: Divn.	6868	2 109	1.61	2 116	1.71
Australina M. Div.	6438	5 265	4.12	- 86	1.33
Yeomanry Mtd: Div.	4713	4 101	2.22	4 30	.72
53rd Division.					
158th Bde.	3839	2 61	1.64	- 36	.93
159th Bde.	4039	1 43	1.08	1 35	.89
160th Bde.	3799	2 77	2.03	3 53	1.44
Div'l rps.	4118	- 46	1.11	- 33	.80
Column Troops.					
I.C. Brigade.	2733	- 71	2.59	- 34	1.24
Other Units.	985	- 8	.81	- 8	.81

Desert Column H.Qrs.

17-7-17.

Colonel, A.M.S.,
D.D.M.S., Desert Column.

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A.D.M.S., Australian Mtd: Divn.
A.D.M.S., Yeomanry Mtd: Divn.
A.D.M.S., 53rd Division.
S.M.O., I.C. Brigade.

With reference to the high sick rates, the following are the prevailing diseases in the formations concerned :-

Australian Mtd: Division.

Debility.
Septic Sores.
Tonsillitis.

Yeomanry Mtd: Division.

Septic Sores.
Diarrhoea.

I.C. Brigade.

Septic Sores.
Diarrhoea.

The following notes from office records are submitted for the week ending 31st July, 1917.

	<u>SICK ADMITTED</u>	<u>RATES</u>
Anzac Mounted Division.	1.53	%
Australian Mounted Division.	3.08	%
Yeomanry Mounted Division.	2.06	%
53rd Division.		
158th Brigade.	1.02	%
159th Brigade.	1.50	%
160th Brigade.	1.54	%
Divisional Troops.	2.60	%
Column Troops.		
I.C.C. Brigade.	2.32	%
Other units.	Nil.	

The average sick admitted rate for the Column is 1.95%. Formations showing a rate above 2.1% are the Australian Mounted Division - 3.08% - I.C.C. Brigade - 2.32% - and Divisional Troops, 53rd Division - 2.60%. Average evacuation rate 1.9%.

In the Australian Mounted Division the prevailing diseases were :-
 M.Y.D. Pyrexia 34., the majority of which were thought to be Phlebotomus fever.

 Tonsillitis 18., including 2 Diphtheria.
 Septic sores 15.

Admissions to the Tent sub-Division, MARAKEB, are again chiefly responsible for the high rate. The Division is now on the beach.

In the I.C.C. Brigade there is no prevailing disease.

In the 53rd Divisional Troops the prevailing diseases are :-

 M.Y.D. Pyrexia 32.
 Tonsillitis 24.

The cases of Pyrexia were chiefly from D.A.C., lately joined the Division from MAZAR. The disease is thought to be Phlebotomus fever.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Bacterica. - 5 cases.

53rd Division.

 2/4th B.W.Kents. Pte. Bottle. Admitted 19/7/17. Inoculated 1.4.5/2. No previous case in unit since 28/4/17.

 1/5th B.W. Fusiliers. Pte. Evans. Admitted 8/7/17. Previous case 19/5/17. No information available as to inoculation.

I.C.C. Brigade. Pte. Jupp. Admitted 5/7/17. P/1 1916.

5th Mtd. Bde. Warwick Yeomanry. Admitted 14/6/17. No recent case in unit. Probable source of infection from casual water while on a reconnaissance. No information available as to inoculation.

3rd L.H. Bde. H.C. Sqdn. Dvr. McQuigan. Admitted 16/7/17. On leave in Cairo from 10/7/17. No previous case. No information available as to inoculation.

Dysentery. - 11 cases.

I.C.C. Brigade.

53rd Division.

Yeomanry Mtd. Divn.

Australian Mtd. Divn.

Anzac Mtd. Divn.

Column Troops.

1.

3.

2.

1.

2.

2.

In separate units.

In separate units.

Wellington Mounted Rifles.

In separate units.

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Diphtheria. - 21 cases.

53rd Division. 13 cases.

158th Brigade. 2. In separate units. Pte. Wanklin, 1/1 Herefords., contact reported sick on 12th day of isolation. Previously reported negative with 7 other contacts.

159th Brigade. 2. In separate units.

160th Brigade. 3. 1/4th R. Sussex 2.

Div'l Troops. 5. 257 Bde. R.F.A. 3. A cook at Sergeants' mess found to be a carrier. 2 in separate units.

Anzac Mtd. Divn. 5 cases.

3rd A.L.H. Regt. 1. Previous case 1/6/17.

Auckland M. Rifls. 2. 11th Squadron.

Somerset R.H.A. 3.

Australian M. Div. 1 case. 5 previous cases in regiment since 9/8/17. Throats of whole regiment examined on two occasions, and swabs from a number taken.

Yeomanry Mtd. Divn. 2 cases.

6th Mtd. Bde. 1. Arrived on transport at ALEXANDRIA 1/7/17. Joined unit 16/7/17 & admitted Pd. Ambs.

22nd Mtd. Bde. 1.

I.C.C. Brigade. 1 case.

Scarlet Fever. - 1 case.

H.A.C. "A" Battery. No previous case.

Relapsing Fever. - 1 case.

1/4th Cheshires. The division has since had the use of the Disinfecting Train.

c The man infected was employed as a storeman, and thus came into contact with C.Z.C. drivers.

Malaria. - 14 cases.

53rd Division. 11 cases.

1/3rd Welsh Pd. Amb. 1. Information not yet received.

265 Bde. R.F.A. 1. First attack at KANTARA in 1916.

2/4th R.W. Surreys. 1. No record of previous attack.

1/4th Welsh Regt. 3. Pte. Blowing - stationed at SHELLAL for 2 months, and previously near the WADI GHUZZE. Pte. Daniels - SHELLAL from 17/6/17 to 14/7/17 near WADI. No previous attack. Pte. LLOYD, No. 49714 - had a previous attack in MESOPOTAMIA last year.

1/7th Cheshires. 1. Total service 6 months. In Egypt 6 weeks.

1/4th Cheshires. 1. In bivouacs near the WADI GHUZZE. No previous attack.

1/5th R.W. Fusiliers. 2. Information not yet received.

160th M.G. Coy. 1. Information not yet received.

Yeomanry Mtd. Divn. 1 case.

East Riding Yeomanry. Contracted in FAYOUM.

Anzac Mtd. Divn. 2 cases.

3rd A.L.H. Regt. 1. No history of previous attack. Not recently camped near the WADI.

Somerset R.H.A. 1. Old infection.

Examination of contacts of CHOLERA case completed, and all reported negative. Quarantine removed on 14/7/17.

Application made for an increased allowance of disinfectants authorised by G.R.O. 1153 and amendments, for extra-divisional units. One sanitary section in the area to draw 50% above the nominal scale.

Desert Column H.Q.s.
7-8-17.

[Signature]
Colonel, A.M.S.,
D.D.M.S., Desert Column.

Mem.

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The undermentioned are the sick Admitted and Evacuated rates for week ending 21st July, 1917.

	Strength.	Admitted. Off. O.R.	% Admitted.	Evacuated. Off. O.R.	% Evacuated.
Anzac Mtds Divn.	6837	1 105	1.53	1 81	1.19
Aust: Mtds Divn.	6606	2 202	3.06	- 101	1.52
Yoo: Mtds Divn.	5127	1 105	2.06	1 58	1.15
53rd Division.					
153th Bde.	3609	1 33	1.02	1 41	1.10
159th Bde.	3978	3 57	1.50	3 45	1.20
160th Bde.	3810	2 57	1.54	2 52	1.41
Div'l Tps.	4263	5 106	2.60	5 77	1.92
Column Troops. I. C. Brigade.	2672	- 62	2.32	- 46	1.72
Other Units.	-	-	-	-	-

Desert Column H.Qrs.

24-7-17.

Colonel, A.M.S.,
D.D.M.S., Desert Column.

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- A.D.M.S., Yoo: Mtds Divn.
- A.D.M.S., 53rd Division.
- A.M.O., I.C. Brigade.

With reference to the high sick rates, the following are the prevailing diseases in the formations concerned :-

- Aust: Mtds Divn. (1). N.Y.D. Pyrexia - majority suspected sand-fly fever.
(2). Septic Sores.
(3). Tonsillitis.
- 53rd Division.
Div'l Troops. (1). N.Y.D. Pyrexia - Type not yet differentiated. Amongst men of D.A.C. lately joined Divn.
(2). Tonsillitis.
- I.C. Brigade. No definite prevalence of any special disease.

R.D.M.C.,
 Eastern Force.

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The following notes, from office records and inspection reports, are forwarded for week ending 28th July, 1917.

SICK ADMITTED RATES.

Anzac Mounted Division.	1.74 %
Australian Mounted Division.	2.24 %
Yeomanry Mounted Division.	1.79 %
53rd Division.	
158th Brigade.	1.43 %
159th Brigade.	1.35 %
160th Brigade.	2.41 %
Divisional Troops.	1.82 %
Column Troops.	
I.C.C. Brigade.	2.90 %
Other units.	.32 %

The average sick admitted rate is 1.8 %, a slight decrease. Formations showing a sick rate above 2 % are :-

Australian Mounted Division.	2.24 %.
160th Bde., 53rd Division.	2.41 %.
I.C.C. Brigade.	2.90 %.

Septic sores and tonsillitis are the prevailing diseases in these formations, and in addition, the I.C.C. Brigade shows 3 cases of insolation, 4 of whom wore helmets, the remainder felt hats.

The 160th Brigade has had numerous reinforcements, who are not yet acclimatized.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

<u>Scarlet fever.</u>	-	2 cases.	
Yeomanry Mtd. Divn.		In separate units.	No connection traceable, and no previous cases in units.
<u>Mumps.</u>	-	1 case.	
Australian Mtd. Divn.		source of infection -	Isolation Camp at MOASCAR.
<u>Enterica.</u>	-	3 cases.	
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.	1.	8th Regt.	T.A.B. June, 1916.
53rd Div'l Troops.	2.	D.L.O. Yeo.	1. D.A.C. 1.
<u>Dysentery.</u>	-	15 cases.	
Anzac Mtd. Divn.	2.		
Yeomanry Mtd. Div.	4.		
Staffordshire Yeomanry.	2.		
Bucks Yeomanry.	1.		
22nd Mtd. Bde. 9d. Amb.	1.		
53rd Division.	6.		
I.C.C. Brigade.	1.		In separate units.
<u>Malaria.</u>	-	11 cases.	
Anzac Mtd. Divn.	1.		Old infection.
Yeomanry Mtd. Divn.	5.		
Lincoln Yeomanry.	1.		Old infection.
Staffs. Yeomanry.	1.		No previous history of attack. Was in FAYOUM 1916.
Riding Yeomanry.	1.		No previous attack. Has not been camped near the WADI with the exception of 1 night at GAMLI.
Leicester R.H.A.	1.		Relapse. Previous attack at SALONIKA.
R. Engineers.	1.		
53rd Division.	4.		
D.A. Column.	2.		
2/4th R. W. Surreys.	1.		
1/1st Herefords.	1.		
91st R.G.A.	1.		

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Diphtheria. - 22 cases.
 Anzac Mtd. Divn. 4.
 Canterbury Mtd. Rfls. 2.
 Wellington Mtd. Rfls. 2. One of these returned from ZEITOUN
 2 days before admission.
 Australian Mtd. Div. 2.
 12th A.L.H. Regt. 1. Previous cases 4. No obvious contact
 between them.
 H.A.C. "B" Battery. 1.
 Yeomanry Mtd. Divn. 3.
 Lincs. Yeomanry. 1.
 Dorset Yeomanry. 1.
 Bucks Yeomanry. 1. No previous case.
 53rd Division. 11.
 1/1st Herefords. 2. Separate companies.
 1/7th Cheshires. 3. "C" Coy. 2, one of whom was attached
 to H.Qrs. Bde.
 2/4th R.W. Surreys. 2. "C" Coy. 2 Platoon.
 2/10th Middlesex. 1. No previous case in "A" Coy.
 Divisional Troops. 3. Separate units. 267th Bde. R.F.A. 1.
 No case in this unit for 6 weeks.
 I.C.C. Brigade. 2. 4th Battalion.

D.D.M.S. inspected the 5th Mounted Brigade, and submitted report for the information of the D.M.S.

A further consignment of fish were liberated in the SHELLAL reservoir.

A section of the 121st Indian Field Ambulance has been asked for to form a cholera hospital. The D.M.S. instructed that a section is not available, and that cases among Indian troops are to be admitted to British Hospitals.

Desert Column H.Qrs.
7-8-17.

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Colonel, A.M.S.,
D.D.M.S., Desert Column.

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The undermentioned are the sick Admitted and Evacuated rates for week ending 28th July, 1917.

	<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Admitted.</u>		<u>%</u>	<u>Evacuated.</u>		<u>%</u>
		<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Admitted.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Evacuated.</u>
Anzac Mtd: Divn.	6888	4	118	1.74	4	98	1.43
Aust: Mtd: Divn.	6756	6	143	2.24	-	95	1.40
Yeomanry Mtd: Div.	7035	1	125	1.79	1	31	.45
53rd Division.							
158th Brigade.	3989	4	53	1.43	4	37	1.02
159th Brigade.	3996	-	54	1.35	-	49	1.22
160th Brigade.	3694	3	91	2.41	2	84	2.30
Div'l Troops.	4160	2	74	1.82	2	66	1.63
Column Troops.							
I.C. Brigade.	3583	3	75	2.90	3	35	1.41
Other Units.	1219	-	10	.82	-	5	.41

Desert Column H.Qrs.
2-8-17.

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- A.D.M.S., Yeomanry Mtd: Divn.
- A.D.M.S., 53rd Division.
- S.M.O., I.C. Brigade.

With reference to the high sick rates, the following are the prevailing diseases in the formations concerned :-

Australian Mtd: Divn.

Septic sores.
Tonsillitis.

I.C. Brigade.

Septic sores.
Tonsillitis.
Insolation.

160th Brigade.

53rd Division.

Septic sores.
Tonsillitis.

D. D. M. S.,
Eastern Force.
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The following notes from office records are forwarded for week ending 4th August, 1917.

SICK ADMITTED RATES.

Anzac Mounted Division.	1.64 %
Australian Mounted Division.	2.52 %
Yeomanry Mounted Division.	1.95 %
60th Division.	
179th Brigade.	1.58 %
180th Brigade.	1.95 %
181st Brigade.	2.72 %
Divisional Troops.	1.33 %
Column Troops.	
I. C. C. Brigade.	3.33 %
Other Units.	.49 %

Formations showing a sick rate above 2 % are:-

Australian Mounted Division.	2.52 %.
I. C. C. Brigade.	3.33 %.
181st Bde. 60th Divn.	2.72 %.

In the I. C. C. Brigade the prevailing disease is septic sores along with some diarrhoea and some insolation.

There is no prevailing disease in either the Australian Mounted Division or the 181st Brigade, 60th Division.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Enterica. - 1 case.
Anzac Mtd. Divn. 1st Canterbury M. Rfls. T.A.B2 25/11/16. No previous case reported in unit.

Scarlet Fever. - 1 case.
Yeomanry Mtd. Divn. Dorset Yeomanry. No previous case reported in unit.

Diphtheria. - 6 cases.
Anzac Mtd. Divn. 1. Auckland Mtd. Rifles.
Australian Divn. 2. 4th A.L.H. Regt. "A" Btty. H.A.C.
Yeomanry M. Divn. 2. In BERKS R.H.A.
I. C. C. Brigade. 1. 2nd Battn. sent to hospital from MARAKREB.

Dysentery. - 15 cases.
Anzac Mtd. Divn. 2. In separate units.
Australian Divn. 1.
Yeomanry M. Div. 2. In separate units.
60th Division. 10.
 179th Bde. 2. In separate units.
 180th Bde. 5. 2/18 London Regt. 3. Other 2 in separate units.
 181st Bde. 3. In separate units.

Malaria. - 9 cases.
Anzac Mtd. Divn. 2. 2nd A.L.H. Regt. Old infection.
 1st Fd. Sqdn. Old infection.
Yeomanry M. Divn. 4. E. Riding Yeomanry. Previous attack in FAYOUM.
 Staffs. Yeomanry. No history of previous attack.
 A.S.C. attd. 22nd M.B. Fd. Amb. 2 cases, both having histories of previous attacks in FAYOUM.
60th Division. 2. Both Divisional H.Qrs.
I. C. C. Bde. 1. 2nd Battalion.

Headquarters.

Colonel,
D. D. M. S., Desert Mtd. Corps.

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The undermentioned are the Sick Admitted and Evacuated rates for week ending 4th August, 1917.

	<u>Strength.</u>	<u>Admitted.</u>		<u>%</u>	<u>Evacuated.</u>		<u>%</u>
		<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Admitted.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O.R.</u>	<u>Evacuatd.</u>
Anzac Mtd. Divn.	7001	3	112	1.64	3	102	1.49
Australian Mtd. Div.	6540	3	160	2.52	-	88	1.34
Yeomanry Mtd. Div.	7124	3	136	1.95	3	59	.87
60th Division.							
179th Brigade.	3650	4	54	1.56	4	57	1.67
180th Brigade.	3533	4	65	1.95	4	59	1.78
181st Brigade.	3854	6	99	2.72	6	102	2.80
Div'l Troops.	5303	2	69	1.35	2	59	1.15
Column Troops.							
I.C.C. Brigade.	3570	1	88	3.33	1	43	1.64
Other units.	1219 (app)	1	5	.49	1	6	.57

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Desert Column H.Q. Qrs.
6-8-17.

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- A.D.M.S., Yeomanry Mtd. Divn.
- A.D.M.S., 60th Division.
- S.M.O., I.C.C. Brigade.

With reference to the high sick rates, the following are the prevailing diseases in the formations concerned:-

I.C.C. Brigade.

Septic sores.
(some) Diarrhoea.
(some) Insolation.

Australian Mtd. Div.

No prevailing disease.

181st Brigade.

60th Division.

No prevailing disease.

WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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D.O.M.S. office August 17

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
KHAN YUNUS	2/8/17		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DESERT MOUNTED CORPS</u></p> <p>East Force & DESERT MOUNTED COLUMN ceased to exist as such</p> <p>DESERT MOUNTED CORPS established consisting of Anzac Mounted Division - Australian Mounted Division - Yemeni Mounted Division South Corps troops attached & 60th Division attached</p> <p>Consequent upon these changes certain moves of personnel took place on the date as set out below</p>	
" "	10/8/17		<p>Col. R.M. DOWNES reported for duty as D.D.M.S. DESERT MOUNTED CORPS</p>	J.A.
" "	10/8/17		<p>Majr BASHAWA transferred to be D.M.S. 1st Echelon</p>	J.A.
" "	11/8/17		<p>Cornet MACDONALD transferred to be D.D.M.S. XXIst Army Corps</p>	J.A.
" "	12/8/17		<p>Captain E.B. ARGLES reported for duty as D.A.D.M.S. DESERT MOUNTED CORPS</p>	J.A.
" "	16/8/17		<p>A Reconnaissance was carried out by the Anzac Mounted Division in the area south west of BEERSHEVA</p> <p>Mobile Section of Field Ambulances accompanied the Troopers</p> <p>Casualties: - One Officer 2 (two) other ranks (one serious)</p>	<p>J.A. Argles Capt D.O.M.S. office</p>

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Ref map KARM - BEERSHEVA 1/125000	22/8/17		<p>A reconnaissance by the G.O.C. Desert Mounted Corps of the district which included KARM - RASHID BEK - ABU SHAWISH. The Yeomanry Division & a Composite force of the 3rd & 4th Australian Light Horse Breggs took part. Divisional collecting stations for wounded was formed at RASHID-BEK & at KARM. Total casualties 28. It was found that sand-carts needed teams of 6 mules to work effectively in the heavy sand.</p>	J.H.
WADI GHUZZE	20/8/17		<p>Major E.E. AUSTEN accompanied by Major Desert Mounted Corps made an inspection of the WADI GHUZZE (from 500 yards above TEL EL FARA to UM ERGAN) in connection with anti magueto precautions. A Spanish report was reviewed. The general condition was fairly satisfactory although breeding was being in several pools.</p>	J.H.
SHEIKH NURAN	22/8/17		<p>An inspection of the units in vicinity of SHEIKH NURAN by Major (D.M.C.) An inspection of the Wadi GHUZZE from SHELLAH - HISEIA by Major AUSTEN in connection with anti magueto work. (Semiary Inspecting Committee)</p>	J.H.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Summary of Events and Information	
3/8/17			<p>The medical units of the Divisions are forming the corps are as set out below</p> <p><u>Angac Infantry Divn</u> ADMS Lt. Col. CROLL DADMS Maj. C.E. HERCUS 1st Light Horse Field Amb. 2nd " " " " New Zealand " " " Co 7 Sanitary Section Angac Field Helmetry</p> <p>Other medical units :- Australian Camel Field Ambulance Co 2 Egyptian Hospitals 121st Indian Field Ambulance</p> <p>The sick admission rates are as under</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The total sick are expected as a % of the strength of the Divisions</p> <p> (A) Angac Divn 1.57% (B) Germany 1.70% (C) Other units 7.2% (D) Australian 1.68% (E) Dec. Brigade 2.50% </p>	
			<p><u>Australian Inf Divn</u> ADMS Col. G.P. DIXON DADMS Maj. W. EVANS 3rd Light Horse Field Amb. 4th " " " " 5th Inf Brigade " " Co 8 Sanitary Section</p> <p><u>Yeomanry Inf Divn</u> ADMS Lt. Col. J. RICHARDSON DADMS Capt. H. J. HUMPHREYS 6th Inf Brigade Field Amb. 8th " " " " 22nd " " " " Co 31 Sanitary Section</p>	

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Remarks and references to Appendices

Place Date Hour

31/8/17
KHAN YUNUS

The total casualties reported for the month are:

Yeomanry Div	2	OR	31
Australian Div	-		2
Anglo Div	1		3
<u>Total</u>	<u>3</u>		<u>36</u>

The sanitary condition of units comprising the Corps is on the whole satisfactory. There has been no outstanding occurrence of infectious disease apart from the 2nd Brigade the percentage of sick admitted is under 2%. Septic sore cases are still rather frequent but the number is diminishing.

Admission of 6 Anglo Australian Division Trench Subdivisions near Haifa at MANAKEB :-

Australian Div	Anglo Division
Remained 30	Remained 228
Admitted 196	Admitted 308
Remaining 58	Remaining 116