

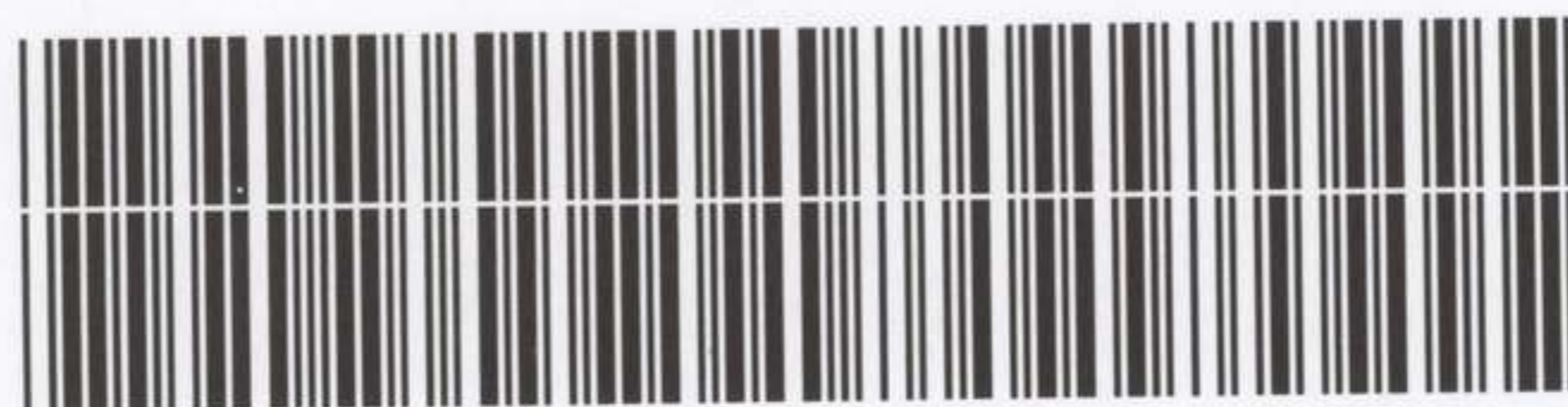
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| Pt 463 113G 17D | 1/7/18 | | Here day not too warm with slight breeze. | at |
| | 2/7/18 | | DDMS attended usual fortnightly conference of AD. M. at JERUSALEM. Nothing much doing but pointed out delay in sending in field returns. He also saw Gloucester Yeo. who looked 'off colour' - they had just come out of the plane. DDMS made sanitary inspection of GHURANIYEM bridgehead. There is much improvement here. + the area is now fairly clean. The anti-infiltration work close to the JORDAN has not been looked after + as a result all the subsidiary drainage channels have become blocked up. The main channel is running well but contains a lot of algae. This work was well done + it is a pity that it should be neglected now. Amphibians were found to be breeding in a few small stagnant channels. Condition reported to ADMS 14 Division. | at |
| | 3/7/18 | | DDMS left for CAIRO + PT SAID. DDMS inspected Corps headquarters camp + adjoining units. Messes disposal by burning now very satisfactory. | at |
| | 4/7/18 | | DDMS inspected area from Kilo 13 on JERUSALEM - JERICHO road to H 200 camp. This area has now been cleaned up thoroughly + all accumulation of refuse burnt. As have also all trees which have now been stacked. A water supply is being laid on to Kilo 13 + it is evident that this area is to be used as a camping ground. Pretty warm in the afternoon. | at 1962 at |

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| Pt 463. 113 G 17 D | 8/7/18 | | <p>DASHES inspected area round springs at AIN ED DUK. Splendid anti malarial work has been done here. The bamboo growing on the banks has been cut down + the stream + raduak cleaned. A few very small uncleaned water courses still exist + in one of these about 15 yards from the main spring, one culex + two anophelina larvae were discovered. On proceeding towards the main stream (i.e. WADI NWEI (MEH.)) another small collection of water almost entirely covered with cut down bamboo anophelina larvae were again discovered. To strike this main channel from the main spring would require to be constructed. At two places one about 15 yards above + the other about 30 yards below the raduak, the cut bamboo has fallen into the stream + caused the water to run over the new made banks. This only shows the necessity for constant supervision when work has been carried out if the main object is not to be defeated. An inspection of the A. J. 7 Kiosk in JERICHO was also made. There is still a family living next door. Expect visit of Maj. AUSTEN + Lt Col FOWLER (ADM'S 54th Div) tomorrow to see some anti malarial work. 10 Heavy cars obtained for tomorrow's evacuations from Amara Receiving Station. Another very windy + sultry night. Concert took place in a gale.</p> | |
| | 9/7/18 | | <p>DASHES interviewed ADM'S Cassin at BETHLEHEM. + proceeded to SOLOMON'S POOLS + saw 8th Reg L.H. The men are very much improved by their rest. ADM'S 2nd Mth Div. called today.</p> | At G.S. |
| | 10/7/18 | | <p>Moderately warm today with wind rising towards night time. DASHES inspected 350 E.L.C. Camp. + also 38th Ordnance Workshop Camp. Report submitted to A.H. I think re latter camp as it has been suggested to move it on medical grounds. This was not recommended.</p> | At |

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| Point 463 1139 170. | 15/7/18. | | <p>Inspection of WADI AUJAH. from 1134 29 B. to River JORDAN. The WADI is now completely canalised + at parts has been converted from a slow flowing river of many channels whose total breadth at places reached 20 to 30 into a swift running well confined stream whose breadth does not exceed 10' + in many places is considerably less. It would improve the work of some more of the bars were removed as in some cases the branches tend to drop into the stream + impede the flow. The work has been exceedingly well done. A former interview with the men, mosquitoes do not trouble them now.</p> <p>At the Wood Bridge on the AUJAH. Amalgamated latrine is a pool (a side stream from the River Jordan) which should be filled in. It has been emptied now but has filled again. What the men chiefly complain of is the sand fly.</p> <p>Very hot + dusty in the plain all day.</p> | C. |
| | 11/7/18. | | <p>Went morning. Troop went to JERUSALEM. to inspect building about to be taken over as a mess + club. Found the building locked up + couldn't get in. Went in to prophylactic tent at Reinforcement camp. The tent had been knocked over by an aeroplane the previous afternoon + the orderly mess knocked about. Only 7 tentacles were done that night whereas the usual number is between 15 + 25. The tent is now in good order again. Visited Rest camp + instructed Capt Stafford to send a prophylactic outfit to Camel Field Amb.</p> | C. C. |

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| Point 463 113 G. 17 D | 12/7/18 | | DAMS inspected H ₂ O area as far as watering area. Still a good deal of clearing to be done. Col Wehr at DAMS Tuesday called this morning. Not so hot. | at |
| | 13/7/18 | | DAMS returned from leave. | at |
| | 14/7/18 | | DAMS inspected MELLAHAM WADI. Good artificial work has also been done here & there is not much water. The channel is only about 15" broad & a few inches deep but aubeline breeding was found in a small pool quite near 5 th L.H. Regiment headquarters. The men do not complain of the mosquitoes at night at all. | |
| | 15/7/18 | | Saw about 300 German prisoners at Auzae Headquarters - the result of the previous night's shoot. DAMS visited Receiving Station. Col WADE proceeded to Receiving Station. 37 cars from 35 th M.A.C. this morning for evacuation of wounded & sick. DAMS went off early to Receiving Station. Very hot morning. DAMS met DAMS & visited Receiving Station. Evacuation of wounded proceeding satisfactorily. 37 heavy cars were obtained from 35 th M.A.C. 103 German wounded men also dealt with. Col WADE returned from Receiving Station as his own operating unit was able to cope with all surgical cases. | at at |

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| Point 465 113 G 17D | 14/7/18 | | Conference of ADIMS at JERUSALEM. Present: DOWNS, BAILEY, ADAMS, ANGEL, BOWEN, AUSTIN, ADAMS, QUINN, ADAMS, TROSBY, DOWNS, ANGEL, BOWEN, QUINN, ADAMS, BOWEN, QUINN. Subject: Reduction of transport in Combined Field Ambulance, Relation of Ambulance to Brigade Commanders. Use of Immune prophylaxis. Very hot all day. | Cib. |
| | 17/7/18 | | DOWNS attended conference at Q.H. 2. Still very warm. | Cib. |
| | 18/7/18 | | DOWNS inspected TEL ES SULTAN area. Nothing much has been done here since TROSBY took over. There is still a good deal of trimming of edges of streams to be done. DEAD SEA post also inspected. The iron pipe conveying the water from the spring to the post has become choked + as a result there is much flooding + formation of pools + probable breeding places. This has been reported to the R.E.s. Temp at DEAD SEA. Dry bulb 36.6 WET BULB 26.5 Time 1445. | Cib. |
| | 19/7/18 | | Very warm morning. DOWNS + BOWEN visited WADI NUIEAMEH. when there still remains work to be done on lower part. | Cib. |
| | 20/7/18 | | DOWNS inspected camp area at hill 17. JERUSALEM - JERICHO road. The ground was occupied by the New Zealand Bde. had not been thoroughly cleared. | Cib. |
| | 21/7/18 | | Col Balfour + Maj Austin arrived this morning to have a look at the anti-infantry work at TEL ES SULTAN. DOWNS visited hill 17 camp area in the morning + DEAD SEA post in the afternoon. Very hot all day + humid. | Cib. |

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| Unit 463 139/17 | 22/7/18 | | Very warm morning. Observed inspected TEL ES SULTAN area. Presumably nothing has been done in this area. |
| | 23/7/18 | | ^{DESCRIPS} observed inspected 54 Cavalry Div (late Tuesday) went all over TEL ES SULTAN area. All the work required to be done was pointed out to observed 54 Cav Div. It is also suggested that all available E.L.C. should be put onto this work. It is expected that 300 E.L.C. formerly employed on anti material in WADI NUCIYAMAH will be available for TEL ES SULTAN on Thursday 25.7.18. |
| | | | observed inspected QHORANIYEH Bridgeland area. Larvae Culex + Anopheles were found at junction of main drainage channel with JORDAN + also in WADI KIMBIN. This was reported verbally to ADMS 55 Cav. Div. Reported also to AD ^{AD} Lt Col. Deserofs. |
| | 24/7/18 | | Very warm + blowing in the afternoon. Col FOWLER returned for duty as ADMS Australia Division (near Col DIXON to Australia). |
| | 25/7/18 | | ADMS + ADMS moved in ADMS 55 Cavalry Div when employed in quadrant from AINDAK to 55 Cav. Div. H24. Not much work has been done here although Anopheles breeding was only found at one place. It is quite evident that the E.L.C. work under closely watched + this has not been done but as the ADMS has been informed he will be able to put this matter right now. |
| | 26/7/18 | | observed inspected 96 Anti Aircraft camp. Several cases of Malaria have occurred there recently but it is quite evident that infection has occurred in the JORDAN VALLEY. ADMS left for town of AD ^{AD} Corps area. |

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| Pt 463 113970. | 27/7/18 | | Moderately warm. ADMS 5 th Cav. Div. called this morning. Nothing to record. | |
| | 28/7/18 | | ADMS inspected the following areas: 1 TEL ES SULTAN, 2 GHORANIYEH BRIDGEHEAD, 3 WADI NUUEAMEH. With regard to <u>area No 1</u> work is proceeding much more satisfactorily & a good deal of improvement has been made. Quagmire breeding was found in one irrigation channel. About a fortnight's work should finish it. <u>Area No 2</u> . Breeding again found in exactly the same spot as before. Nothing had been done to them. This area is being neglected. ADMS 5 th Div. rec. 1577. had informed. <u>Area No 3</u> . Good work has been done here but the 10 th A.M. Regiment are nullifying it to a great extent by watering their horses in the stream instead of at troughs which are provided. ADMS with R.E. officer went to Receiving Station re erection of stone huts. | At |
| | 29/7/18 | | ADMS & ADMS attended conference of ADMS at Jerusalem. | At |
| | 30/7/18 | | ADMS inspected area round Rest Camp at Jerusalem. Calicene breeding found in most of the underground cistern. Appropriate measures taken. | At |
| | 31/7/18 | | ADMS attended conference at G.H. 2. & then went on to BEIRAN to inspect 10 th & 11 th Cav. Bde 7A's & 1 st ALH 7A. | At |

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| Pt 463 113 G 17 D. | 14/7/18 | | <p style="text-align: center;">Appendix T</p> <p>An attack was made on this date by the Turks against the left Sector & a demonstration against Right Sector.</p> <p>Disposition of ambulances & Receiving Station.</p> <p>7th M. B. C. 7. Amb. Adv. Dress Station. 127 Q 13 B. (Ref West Palestine Sheet FVIII)</p> <p>2nd L. H. 7. Amb. 113 J 13. (Sheet IV Palestine Exploration Fund)</p> <p>Receiving Station. 113 K 34 C. (Palestine Sheet FVIII)</p> <p>The attack took place in the early hours. All ports were taken & at 0510 the situation was restored.</p> <p>Numerous German prisoners (over 400) were taken. They were mostly young & of good physique, but very much exhausted owing to lack of water.</p> <p>The cars of the 35th M. A. C. were called in for evacuation purposes. The evacuation proceeded smoothly. The Receiving Station was considerably taxed.</p> <p>In addition to the usual daily sick the following were dealt with.</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>British Wounded</td> <td style="text-align: right;">115</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Enemy wounded</td> <td style="text-align: right;">124</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Enemy sick</td> <td style="text-align: right;">12.</td> </tr> </table> <p>Col. WADE arrived to lend a hand at Receiving Station but was not needed.</p> <p>Went visited Receiving Station.</p> | British Wounded | 115 | Enemy wounded | 124 | Enemy sick | 12. | C 71 A 1 |
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