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**Item number:** 26/39/8

**Title:** 1st Australian Light Horse Field  
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July 1916



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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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1st Lt H F Amb

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1st Amb.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ROMANI	July 8, 1916		<p>Detachment of ambulances under Capt ROBERTSON &amp; GLISMAN left Camp 0345 with 3rd Reg. nice afternoon 203</p> <p>Received Op orders by wire from ADMS. at 1400 and 1700. Issued Op. order No 16 appendices 4</p> <p>Detachment of 16 bearers, 4 sandcarts &amp; 21 camels with caudles under CO &amp; Capt McLAREN left ROMANI 2315 with 14th Reg. arrived OSHRATINA 0345 (9.7.16). Camels arrived 0730 (9.7.16).</p> <p>Bivouacked till 1515. Whole amb. detachment under great hardships independently to ROMANI arriving 1930. Strong, camels went well. Brought in 2 cases from Wellington Rifles, 5th LH. Bg.</p> <p>Strength NO 9540 P. TUCKER M. evacuated sick.</p> <p>Promotion NO 16 2nd Lt G. BOUCHER A. to be Corporal 11.7.16.</p> <p>Strength NO 38 D. CULLEN S. rejoined unit from TEL-EL-KEBIR.</p> <p>Issued Amb. <del>order</del> order NO 17. Appendix 5.</p> <p>Detachment of ambulances (as per order NO 17) under CO &amp; Capt ROBERTSON left ROMANI at 1515 &amp; accompanied Bg &amp; 12th Reg. to OSHRATINA arriving at 1900. Men all went but tea, they remained to bivouac site about 400 yards North of HOD.</p> <p>Capt McLAREN with detachment (as per order NO 17) accompanied by ADMS. left ROMANI at 1530 &amp; accompanied 2nd Reg. to HOD ES SHASIA arriving 1900 &amp; bivouacked for night.</p> <p>Capt ROBERTSON with 1 section bearers, 1 sandcart &amp; 6 horses left at 0200 with 14th Reg. &amp; arrived at HOD DEBABIS at 0400. Brevet accompanied Regiment on drive -</p> <p>Area round UMM AISHA to OSHRATINA arriving 0900</p> <p>Sandcart under Sgt STOREY returned along by direct route to OSHRATINA arriving 0645-</p>	<p>Appendix 2</p> <p>Appendix 3</p> <p>Appendix 4.</p> <p>Appendix 5.</p>

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ROMANI	1916 Aug 13		<p>Tent subdivision established a dressing station at HOD - OSHRATINA.</p> <p>1 half section of bearers of Capt McLAREN's party accompanied 2nd Regiment to HOD MUHAMMAD. at 0300 took horse drive to OSHRATINA arriving there at 1100. Capt McLAREN with sand cart &amp; half section bearers left SAGIA at 0815. Forwarded desert to OSHRATINA with B Squadron 2nd Lt. Ry. arriving 1100.</p> <p>Whole Ambulance detachment left OSHRATINA with camel train at 1530 &amp; marched via SHARHET RESHAFAT &amp; ER RAIBAH arrived ROMANI 1900.</p> <p>Horses &amp; camels went splendid. No casualties.</p> <p>Strength No 6444 Pte INGHAM R injured wrist from details Camp TEL-EL-KEBIR</p> <p>Strength No 123 Pte ELDRED A.C transferred to No. 3 A.G.H. for transport duty.</p> <p>Punishment No 8059 Pte DONOSHUE J was awarded 168 hours F.P. No 2. (about from pocket without leave)</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="580 1232 2775 1550"> <tr> <td rowspan="5" style="vertical-align: middle;">Hospital return for week ending 15.7.16</td> <td rowspan="5" style="font-size: 4em; vertical-align: middle;">}</td> <td>Remained</td> <td style="text-align: right;">30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Admitted</td> <td style="text-align: right;">70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Discharged</td> <td style="text-align: right;">34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Transferred</td> <td style="text-align: right;">28</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Remaining</td> <td style="text-align: right;">38</td> </tr> </table> <p>Strength Removal No 38 evacuated from 6th Mobile Vet. Section KANTARA notified by Scottish Home F. Amb that Pte TUCKERMAN died at KANTARA of appendicitis 15.7.16.</p>	Hospital return for week ending 15.7.16	}	Remained	30	Admitted	70	Discharged	34	Transferred	28	Remaining	38	
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ROMANI	July 17		The following men joined the unit from Detach TEL-EL-KEBIR. No 32 TORRENS J.D. No 41 Pte JAMES S.S. No 9426 Pte TEHSUE W.L.	
	19		Strength No 4136 Pte WILSON P evacuated sick No 4232 Pte HUNTER transferred to 2nd Lt. Ref No 1254 Shoeing Smith FLINT P. joined unit from 6th Lt. Ref.	
	20		Orders received from B.H.Q. to send by an 8000 Tons reported at BIREL ABD Admt. arrived. arrangements to procure camels & packmen for march made Strength Major FOWLER R. struck off strength.	
			The following men were evacuated sick. No 9469 Pte GORDON T.R. No 5080 Pte MITCHELL J. No 103 Pte OWEN C.	
	21		No 4053 Pte WESTLEY W. taken on strength dated 17.7.16 Received signal message from Admt at 0030 to take mt leave & transport provisions with apt medical equipment. Detachment consisting of 26 beavers 22 drivers 3 W.C.O.S & sandcart 20 caaslet 1 sleep & horse teams 28 camels. Under self, Capt MCLAREN & SLISSAN left camp at 0315 with 14 Lt. Bde & marched via reluctant unmounted with 7 IKATIB SHAKIT to QATIA arriving at dawn. Watered horses & bivouacked by day. At 1700 Capt SLISSAN with sandcart & 4 beavers proceeded to DMN 4521 & brought a man severely wounded a head. He arrived QATIA at 1900 & proceeded direct to ROMANI with camel train accompanied by Capt MCLAREN & 6 sandcart. arriving ROMANI 2100. Proceed with 1 sandcart left QATIA with Bde at 2100 arrived ROMANI 2300.	

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Place	Date 1916	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices											
ROMANI	July 22		Punishment no 6446 O.S. JOHNSTONE R awarded 168 hours G.P. for smoking while on march.												
	23		Hospital return for week ending 22/7/16												
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	23		Promotion Capt. ROBERTSON M.K. to the Major vice Major FOWER dated 29-6-16 (A.I.F. Max 10-7-16 des. no. 65).												
	24		Major Robertson Capt. GLISSAN + BATEMAN with leaves + transport division left camp at 0130 marched with Bde to QATIA. Promoted for day + returned to ROMANI 2400. There were no casualties.												
	24		Strength NO 774 Pte WYATT V. evacuated sick.												
	25		Self Major Robertson + Capt. McLaren with leaves + transport division left camp at 0200 arrived QATIA at dawn. Promoted for day. Collected 4 casualties.												
	25		Left QATIA 2100 arrived ROMANI 2330.												
	26		Strength NO 4453 Pte WESTLEY W having been returned to Details TEL-EL-KEBIR is struck off strength.												
	27		Strength. NO. 9466 Pte STITT E.W. + NO 4859 Pte MANN J. evacuated sick.												
	27		Self, Capt. Glissan Capt. Bateman + Lt Cunningham, left camp with Bde at 0200 via 3rd Regiment south of KATIB SANNIT arrived QATIA 0530. Promoted for day.												
	27		Left QATIA 2045 arrived ROMANI 2300 via BIR ROMANI where losses were taken. NO casualties.												

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ROMANI	July 28		Strength NO 9469 Pte GORDON T.R. resumed unit.	
	29	0230	Major Robertson, Capt. McLAREN & GLISSAN left camp with detachment at 0230.	
		0700	Arrived QATIA bivouacked	
		1800	2 casualties brought to ROMANI by sand cart	
		2030	2 Camels brought to ROMANI by sand cart	
		1930	Remainder of detachment left QATIA with Bde.	
		2245	Arrived ROMANI. Major Robertson reported continuous skirmishes between our patrols & enemy.	
	30		Strength The following were appointed drivers from dates as shown. NO 9468 Pte SPURRETT 15/6/16 - NO 8094 Pte PINNOCK F.H 15/6/16 - NO 4138 Pte SNOW W. 1/7/16.	
	31	0230	Self, Capt McLAREN & BATEMAN left camp with detachment	
		0330	Arrived at Bivouac site - 3rd Recruitant Coy KATIB GANNIT.	
		0400	left bivouac site & marched to point 1 mile West of QATIA arriving about 0530. Bivouacked	
		1100	walked home at QATIA.	
		1201	Found bivouac - small HOD about 400 yards South of bivouac shot very hot & seen.	
		1900	left bivouac for starting point.	
		2015	left with Bde for home.	
		0030	arrived ROMANI via 3rd Recruitant.	
			Hospital returns for week ending 29-7-16	
			Remained 22.7.16	26
			Admitted	63
			Discharged	30
			Evacuated	48
			Remaining	11
				One casualty.

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Field Ambulance Operation Order No 15

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by  
Lt Col G F Dixon Commanding 1st L.H.F. Amb

Romani

7th July 1916

Reference Maps

QATIA 1000,000

SABKHET EL BARDAWIL 1:125,000

Intention (1) To make a reconnaissance of BIR SALMANA and  
HOD SALMANA

Date (2) Saturday July 8th Sunday July 9th Monday July 10th

Means (3) Capt GLISSAN with 2 Sections of Bearers from A Section  
and 1 NCO and Capt ROBERTSON with SGT MOULDS  
+ Sand Carts, 10 Drivers & 20 horses will  
leave camp at such an hour on the morning of  
Saturday July 8th as to reach the lines of the  
3rd L.H. Regt. at 03.45.

The detachment will accompany the Regiment  
to QATIA where it will bivouac for the day

On the night of July 8-9 it will leave with  
the Regiment and proceed with it

The Sand cart will not proceed beyond HOD  
EL DEBARIS unless required.

Supplies (4) One day ration horse ration on the march  
2 feet in sand bag for each horse to be carried front of unit

Evacuation (5) Casualties will be evacuated to 1st L.H.F. Amb  
at ROMANI.

Reports (6) To CO 1st L.H.F. Amb at Romani

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| <u>Copies to.</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>Capt Robertson</u> |
|                   | <u>2</u> | <u>Capt Glissan</u>   |
|                   | <u>3</u> | <u>A.D.M.S.</u>       |
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S.O 1st L.H. Field Ambulance,  
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1st Lt. H. F. Amb

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Romani	7/7/16		Received orders to proceed with 3 <sup>rd</sup> Regiment during reconnaissance of Bir Salmana	
	8/7/16	03:45	Left camp with Capt Gibson 2 MCO 8 teams 10 Drovers 4 sand carts Arrived Kutia 06.00. Bivouacked for day. Left Kutia 17.50 arrived <sup>near</sup> Ghatina 20.00 delayed 2 hours by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Brigade moving out. Reached Hod at Dababih 23.15 Remained there with transport	Horses in sand carts travelled down. Horses used water at Dababih
	13		Capt Gibson <del>to</del> & team section went on with the 3 <sup>rd</sup> regiment. One case of entrenchment was picked up between Hod Etsan & Dababih and was evacuated to 2 <sup>nd</sup> IATA tent subdivision at Dababih	
	9-7-16	10:30	Capt Gibson & teams returned with 3 <sup>rd</sup> regiment. No casualties	
		12:00	Left Dababih for Ghatina. Two ration & baggage. Left for Romani at 16:30	
		20:15	Arrived Romani.	
			<p>Romani Capt H. F. Amb</p>	

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1<sup>st</sup> Lt. F. Lamb.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	8/7/16	2330	Left Hrd Ed. Dehalis with 1260 + 8 beavers. <del>Arrived at Bin el Abd.</del>	
	9/7/16	0130	Arrived Bin el Abd.	Horses drunk killed at Bin el Abd.
	9/7/16	0230	Left Bin el Abd.	
	9/7/16	0330	Reached point from which reconnaissance of Bin Sulman was made. Breakfast fed horses	
	9/7/16	0630	Left above point for Bin el Abd.	
	9/7/16	0745	Arrived at Bin el Abd. watered horses.	
	9/7/16	0815	Left Bin el Abd.	
	9/7/16	1030	Arrived Hrd ed Dehalis fed horses. having rejoined Capt. Robertson.	

Appendix No 3

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1st L.H. Fd. Amb. Operation Order No 16

by  
Lieut Col G P Dixon Commanding 1st L.H. Fd. Amb.

ROMANI

Authority Signal Message from ADMS M943.

8 July 1916

Reference Maps

QATIA 1,000,000

SARKHET-EL BARDAWIL 1,125,000

Moves

(1) Detachment of 1st L.H. Fd. Amb. Consisting of B Section bearers, and 1 Transport Sergt. 4 Sand Carts with 1 spare team of horses under CO & Capt. McLAREN will leave Camp ROMANI at 22-25 on night of July 8-9 & report to BHQ 1st L.H. Bde at point 400 yards east of watering troughs ROMANI at 22-45.

Order of March

(2) Detachment will march in rear of 2nd L.H. Regt

Supplies

(3) One days ration, iron ration, & full water bottle on each man & 2 feeds for horses in sand bags on front of saddle.

Lights

(4) Until daylight no lights of any description will be shown

Evacuations

(5) All casualties will be evacuated to 1st L.H. Fd. Amb. ROMANI

Reports

(6) Reports to OC 1st L.H. Fd. Amb. OGH RATINA

After Order

(7) Twenty one camels with cacklets will accompany the detachment to OGH RATINA

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J.C 1st L.H. Field Ambulance,  
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Field Amb Operation Order No 17

by

Lt Col G P Dixon  
Comdg 1<sup>st</sup> L.A. Fld Amb

ROMANI12/7/16Reference Map

QATIA 1:100,000

Intention

① To clear natives and animals from Area round UMM AISHA by 1<sup>st</sup> L.A. Bde (less 1 regt) on Wednesday July 12<sup>th</sup>

Moves

② C.O. and Capt ROBERTSON with tent sub-division of B section, 2 bearer sections,

5 sand carts (with 6 spare horses)

12 camels for setting up caches and personnel,

6 camels for water and 7 camels for

Hospital equipment will accompany the

1<sup>st</sup> Regiment to OGH RATINA and

beouac there and form a dressing station

start at 1500

Capt M<sup>c</sup>LAREN with 1 bearer section and 1 sand

cart and 6 horses will accompany the 2<sup>nd</sup>

Regiment to HOD ES SAGIA and beouac there for

the night

Time and place of starting 1530

On Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> Capt ROBERTSON with

1 bearer section, 1 sand cart with 6 horses

will accompany the Regiment to

HOD ED DEBABIS arriving at dawn and drive



Move Continued to OGH RATINA

Capt McLAREN and Ambulance party will  
arrive at HOD EL MUHAMMAM at dawn and  
move to OGH RATINA

Supplies (3) One days rations and 2 feeds for each  
horse will be carried

Evacuations (4) All casualties to be evacuated to  
OGH RATINA

Reports (5) Reports and messages to CO OGH RATINA

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