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**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Medical, Dental & Nursing

Item number: 26/40/12

Title: 2nd Australian Light Horse Field
Ambulance

June 1915



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Date	Time & Place		Remarks & References to appendices &c. attached
Typed to be 1915. June 21	Maadi E.	A 9370. aged. Bay gelding BK. fls. Injury to near fore limb. Complicated fracture of radius. Prob. Shot by order of V.O. (Capt. Rudd)	
June 27	" "	9353 5 yrs. Bay gelding Purpura Hamorn. Tajica. Shot by Order of Capt. Kendall O.C. & Vet. Section. (Original of above will be found on page 1 of diary for month of April 1915 and bound with that month.)	

SUPPLEMENTARY

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FROM MEMORY AND AVAILABLE RECORDS Army Form C. 2118.
BY Colonel D.G. CROLL, DIMS., AIF., in EGYPT.
MAY 1919.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
1915 ANZAC	JUNE 3 ---		Captain PITCHER and one other rank detached to 3rd Field Artillery Brigade. Tent Division men recalled from sanitary work owing to increased amount of hospital work in ambulance. Flies becoming very numerous - number of cases of diarrhoea & dysentery being admitted. Casualty Cpl BURRELL (Cpl. Clerk) head wound evacuated.	
	11 18th 20		Captain J.D. BUCHANAN, and one other rank detached to 12th Battalion. Second Brigade having now taken over section of line on extreme right - 2nd L.H.F.A., took over advanced station from 1st F.A. Station occupied by bearers - 24 hour shifts - 3 squads per shift reliefs daily 0700. Evacuations to Anzac Cove. Route used by 1st F.A. lay through Victoria Gully and over McCoy's ridge thence to Beach. Decided to adopt Beach route which although more exposed was level and shorter 1 1/2 miles against 2 miles.	
	22 24 25	1900	Enlarged advanced dressing station - making excavation for shelter for shelter of bearers. Captain PITCHER and one other rank rejoined from 3rd F.A. Brigade. Received orders embark for Mudros 0300 on 26th. Handed over station to 1st F.A. - <u>Appendix 1.</u>	
	26		- all equipment (approx 4 tons) packed and conveyed to Beach. Marched to Anzac Cove - bargee not there - waited on beach till 0530 - barge arrived and embarked with 3rd L.H.F.A. - Conveyed to Sweeper Prince Abbas. Reason of move to lessen overcrowding and shortage of water at Anzac. Some patients accompanied Unit.	
MUDROS	27		Transferred patients to Hospital Ship - disembarked Mudros transferred camp on hill above Australian pier. Received orders to prepare for 100 patients tomorrow.	
	28		Casualties 67 admitted from Cape Helles - majority lightly wounded cases - some sick - dysentery. Drew 5 hospital marquees from C.C.S. and all necessary increased equipment from ordnance ship. Detached Captain FRASER and 2 other ranks to S.S. "SATURNIA" 4 other ranks to Sweeper "PRINCE GEORGE".	
	29		Drew Red Cross stores from No 15 Stationary Hospital. Wood very scarce - water has to be carried 500 yards. Sudden storm this evening blew down large Hospital tent and others only saved with difficulty. More patients admitted from Anzac & Helles.	

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APPENDIX 1.

COPY OF TELEGRAM.

2nd L.H.F.A.

L.B.618

25th

"2nd L.H.F.A. WILL PROCEED TO MUDROS BY FLEET SWEEPER TOMORROW

"26th AAA. PERSONNEL WITH EQUIPMENT TO REPORT TO MILITARY

"LANDING OFFICER ON NEW PIER READY FOR EMBARKATION AT 0300 AAA.

"DAY'S RATIONS TO BE CARRIED AAA. CAPTAIN BUCHANAN WILL NOT

"EMBARK PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS AAA. ACKNOWLEDGE".

"2nd L.H.BGDE"