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| Etunaler | 1916<br>July 1. |      | <p>Arrived Hod Dababis 0130, and Tent Division established dressing station there. Bearers and transport left with Brigade at 0150 and halted <del>about</del> about one mile West of Bir el Abd till dawn. There being no casualties returned to Hod Dababis to pick up Tent Division and proceeded to Qatia arriving 1230 and leaving at 1600 for Etunaler, which was reached at 1830. The transport was the cause of considerable anxiety, owing to scarcity of water. The horses would not drink that at Hod Dababis or Oghratina and on reaching Qatia the well had failed, the Brigade having been there first. Consequently although the outward journey occupied 24 hours, the return journey had to be commenced at once and completed in 12 hours. Except in the first stages of the outward journey, two miles per hour was the most attained.</p> <p>7. Rejoined unit - O/R's. 4.<br/>Reinforcements arrived, O/R's. 6.<br/>Transferred from 7th M.V. Section. O/R's. 1.</p> <p>8. Taken on strength - 1. (Capt. B. C. M. O'Reilly. A.I.M.C.)<br/>Rejoined unit. O/R's. 1.</p> <p>Bearer and transport divisions with dressing station left Etunaler at 0200 for reconnaissance of Riv Salmana. Left Romani wells at 0430 and arrived Oghratina at 0830. Left with Brigade at 2000 and halted at Hod Dababis where a dressing station was established and the sand carts detached. Left Hod Dababis at 2400 and reached Bir el Abd at 0200 on July 9th. Remained there during the action and returned with Brigade at 0440, picking up the dressing station and sand carts at Hod Dababis and reaching Hod Negiliat at 1400. Left at 1600 and reached Etunaler at 1930.</p> <p>Patients - O/R's. 3. Medical cases.</p> <p>The horses returned in much better condition than on the previous trip,</p> |                                      |

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| Etimaleh | 1916<br>July 8 |      | <p><u>Cont<sup>d</sup></u><br/>                     The weather being cooler, and longer intervals of rest being allowed. Water was also obtained at Riv Abu el Afein and Riv el Abd. The camels did remarkably well - at all stages of the journey they were never far behind the horses, and easily kept up with them on the return journey.</p> |                                      |
|          | 10.            |      | <p>Rejoined Unit. Officers. 1. (Lt Lambert H.A.)<br/>                     Attached from Aus Dental Corps. O/R's. 1.<br/>                     Evacuated sick. O/R's. 2.</p>   |                                      |
|          | 11             |      | <p>Transferred to Details - Officers 1. (Lt Devoy C.H.) of Dental Corps</p>  |                                      |
|          | 14             |      | <p>Reinforcements joined - O/R's. 10</p>   |                                      |
|          | 15             |      | <p>Evacuated sick. Officers. 1. (Capt G.J. Appleford).</p>   |                                      |
|          | 19             |      | <p>"B" Section left with Brigade for reconnaissance of Riv el Abd. Owing to enemy's advance a halt was made at Qatia.</p>  |                                      |
|          | 20             |      | <p>"B" Section accompanied Brigade on reconnaissance of Turkish position at Oghratina.</p>   |                                      |
|          | 21             |      | <p>Evacuated sick - O/R's. 1<br/>                     "B" Section returned with Brigade at 0300. No patients.<br/>                     Evacuated sick O/R's. 2.</p>  |                                      |
|          | 22             |      | <p>Bearer and transport divisions with dressing station accompanied Brigade to Qatia. Left Etimaleh at 0100 and returned at 2330. No patients.</p>   |                                      |
|          | 23             |      | <p>Evacuated sick - O/R's. 1.</p>  |                                      |

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| Etmaler | 1916<br>July 24 | -    | Bearer and transport division with dressing station accompanied Brigade to Qatia. Left Etmaler at 0130 and returned 2115.<br>Patients. O/R's 3 (wounded).<br>Evacuated sick - O/R's 1.   |                                      |
|         | 25              | "    | " " - O/R's 1.<br>Horses struck off - 1  |                                      |
|         | 26              |      | Bearer and transport divisions with dressing station accompanied Brigade to Qatia. Left Etmaler at 0200 and returned 2125. No patients   |                                      |
|         | 27              |      | Rejoined unit. O/R's 1.  |                                      |
|         | 28              |      | Bearer and transport divisions with dressing station, accompanied Brigade to Qatia at 0530. Established dressing station in Qatia and collecting posts 1/4 mile to the East and one mile to the South, respectively.<br>Returned to Etmaler at 2115.<br>Patients. O/R's 6 (wounded)<br>Sent to transport details camp, Kantara, Dental Section consisting of 1 Officer, 3 O/R's. |                                      |
|         | 30              |      | Bearer and transport divisions accompanied Brigade to Qatia. Left Etmaler 0230 and returned to Etmaler 2100. Patients. O/R's 1 (wounded).  |                                      |
|         | 31              |      | Evacuated sick - O/R's 1.<br>Camp bombed by aeroplanes - no casualties.  |                                      |

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