

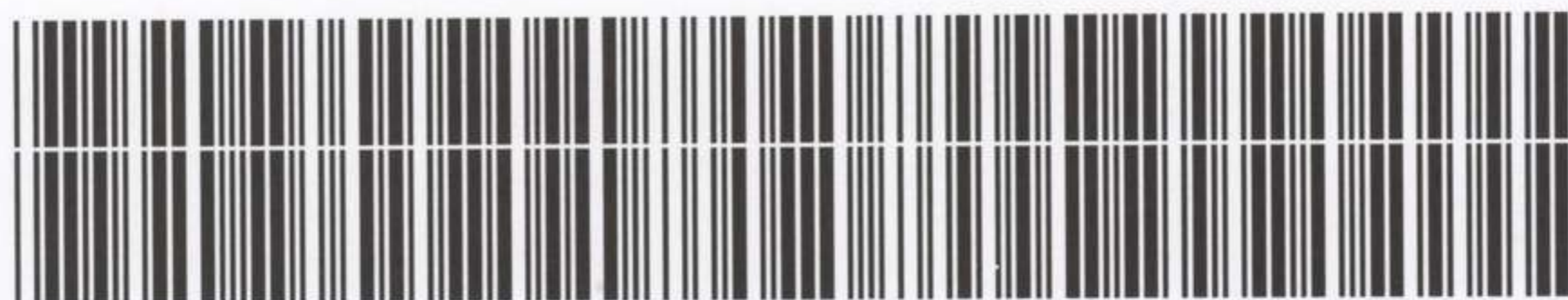
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MAZAR	December 2 nd		<p>Medical Corps Order No. 24 issued and attached.</p>	Appendix 38
C.E.H.			<p>Receiving Station established at KILO 123 by portion of Immobile Section of 3rd. L.H.F.A. for reception of patients from 1st. L.H.F.A. Brigade at GERERAT. Report on method of distribution of water from Fantasses on Brigade areas was submitted to D.D.M.S. It was pointed out that as at present constructed the service fantassi could not be emptied without danger of exposure to infection it being found that almost invariably the fantassi was emptied by means of hand dipping, the tap provided for emptying being soldered up in most cases.</p>	
C.E.H.			<p>Infectious diseases reported in Division during the week were 2 cases of Diphtheria, 4 of Malaria and 2 of Bilharziosis. Statement of sick and wounded admitted to and evacuated from Field Ambulances by regiments herewith attached.</p>	Appendix 39
C.E.H.	December 3 rd		<p>5 casualties from hostile aeroplane bombing were admitted into Receiving Station, 2nd. L.H.F.A. at MAZAR.</p>	
C.E.H.	December 4 th		<p>Railway accident at KILO 120, 27 injured were admitted into our Receiving Station at MAZAR</p>	
C.E.H.	December 5 th		<p>The Hospital Train evacuated from MAZAR for the first time to day. This train will meet a long felt need.</p>	
C.E.H.			<p>Submitted suggestions to D.D.M.S. re Mobile Sanitary material. It was again pointed out to the D.D.M.S. Desert Column and the A.A. & Q.M.G. Anzac Mounted Division the handicap under which this Division was working owing to no camels being provided for the carriage of first line sanitary material</p>	
C.E.H.			<p>The number of camels suggested was one per Regiment and 4 for Divisional Units. In answer to instructions from D.D.M.S. Desert Column, proposals were submitted to the A.A. & Q.M.G. for the mobilisation of the Sanitary Sectn. of this division. The necessary alterations in the Mobilisation Store Table of the sanitary section were attached.</p>	
C.E.H.	December 9 th		<p>Medical Corps Routine Order No. 21 attached.</p>	Appendix 40
C.E.H.			<p>Three cases of Diphtheria have occurred during the week. Statement of sick and wounded admitted to and evacuated from Field Ambulances by regiments attached herewith.</p>	Appendix 41
C.E.H.	December 7 th		<p>Memo to C.O. Ambulances re organization for evacuation of wounded issued & attached</p>	Appendix 42

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MAZAR <u>C.E.H.</u>	December	17 th	<p>Various methods have been tried for the carriage of the Mobile Stretcher issued to Regimental and ambulance Stretcher bearers. The method which has proved the most satisfactory as being the simplest is a small leather bucket fixed on to the right stirrup iron, in which the base of the poles rest, and having a strap from the saddle wallets to the stretcher allowing it to rest behind the rider at an angle of about 60 degrees with the ground thus allowing the rider to mount easily and giving him both hands free.</p>	
<u>C.E.H.</u>	December	12 th	<p>Instructions for exercise on Dec. 14th issued and attached.</p>	Appendix 43
	"	14 th	<p>Report on this exercise to D.D.M.S Desert Column, attached.</p> <p>The above mentioned method of carrying the mobile stretcher proved eminently satisfactory. The method of communication from R.M.O. to O.C. Field Ambulance by means of mounted bearers proved satisfactory it being understood by Brigade commanders that medical transport is only sent in response to a demand from a medical officer</p>	.. 44
<u>C.E.H.</u>	December	15 th	<p>Medical Corps Routine Order No. 22 issued and attached.</p> <p>The water supplied of late in fantassis has been discoloured and has had an unpleasant astringent taste which persists after boiling. A fine brickish red precipitate separates out after standing. A report was sent in to the D.D.M.S on this water suggesting that the taste was due to Fe₂O₃ formed by the action of hyperchlorinated water on recently opened iron pipes, it having been found on experiment that the unboiled specimen contained no free chlorine.</p>	Appendix 45
<u>C.E.H.</u>	December	16 th	<p>2 cases of Diphtheria occurred during the week. Report of sick admitted to and evacuated from Field Ambulances by regiments issued and attached.</p>	Appendix 46
<u>C.E.H.</u>	December	19 th	<p>Welsh ambulance No. 2 Convoy attached to this Division. Orders were received for the movement forward of 1st. L.H. Brigade, 3rd L.H. Bge, N.Z.M.R. Bge and D.H.Q. on the 20th. Brigade of Imperial Camel Corps attached to Anzac Mounted Division from today.</p>	
<u>C.E.H.</u>	December	20 th	<p>Mobile sections Nos. 1 and 2, and Welsh ambulance Mobile section attached to Camel Brigade, report for duty.</p> <p>D.H.Q. leave for KILO 128.</p> <p>Arrived at rendezvous 2 miles east of KILO 128.</p> <p>Left rendezvous for EL ARISH</p>	
		1330 1800 2200		

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Hill 120 EL ARISH P.E.H.	Dec. 21	0700	D.H.Q. established at HILL/200.	
	"	1130	EL ARISH occupied unopposed.	
	"	1300	Chlorination of wells was taken in hand efficiently by regimental water duty men. at MASMI and EL ARISH.	
P.E.H.	December 22	1200	Medical Orders for attack on MAGDHABA were incorporated in the General staff orders. Tent Division of 3rd. L.H.F.A. was established on the beach to act as a Receiving Station. The remainder of the 3rd L.H.F.A. mobile section and the mobile sections complete of 1st. L.H.F.A. N.Z.M.F.A. and Welsh amb. were ordered to proceed with their brigades. to rendezvous 2 miles south east of EL ARISH.	
	"	1600	parked	
	"	1930	All ambulance camels were parked behind the 3rd L.H. Brigade under an escort provided by I.C.C. Welsh Amb Mobile section with an establishment of 9 sandcarts arrived at the rendezvous with none; it's convoy with an establishment of 8 sandcarts also arrived without any. They were also short of 3 medical officers. Amb Convoy No. 2 attached to Anzac Mounted Division were still at KILO 128. 52nd Divsn. requested by wire to send forward convoy	} sandcarts to Magdhaba
	"	2100	Left rendezvous for MAGDHABA.	
MAGDHABA CEX	Dec. 23	0100	N.Z.M.F.A Dressing XXXX Station established 3 miles west of MAGDHABA	
	"	0800	1st. L.H.F.A. Tent Division held at this place in reserve, also No. 1 Amb. Convoy. Bearer and Transport Division of amb. proceeded forward with their brigades. The few casualties which were reported up to 1400 were evacuated to the N.Z.M.F.A. Dressing Station. A large number of casualties were sustained at 1600 in the final capture of the reboouds at MAGHDABA Communication re casualties at this stage broke down. About 100 wounded, British and Turkish were placed in the Turkish hospital at MAGDHABA and had to be left in this position until the 24th. A convoy of medical supplies, comforts &c., was sent forward to MAGDHABA arriving there at 0245. About 80 of our own wounded had meantime been evacuated to the N.Z. Dressing Station and these were evacuated to EL ARISH by sandcart and cacaolet during the night. The sandcarts sent forward by the 52nd. Division proved invaluable for this evacuation. The 3rd. L.H.F.A. assisted by regimental medical officers took over the work of the MAGDHABA hospital.	} 4
	"	1400	Turkish wounded were collected in the reboudts up to 1300. The first convoy of wounded left MAGHDABA at 1200 in 9 sandcarts, 3 sledges, 1 Turkish	
CEX	December 24	1200		

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MAGDHABA <i>CEX</i>	Dec. 24	1330	<p>buggy and cacolets. The final convoy left MAGDHABA by cacolet at 1330. Several moribund Turks were left in the hospital. These convoys proceeded to N.Z. Dressing Station where urgent dressings were attended to, anti-tetanic serum administered and all wounded received medical comforts. The whole amb. convoy left N.Z. Dressing Station at 1700. During the night's travelling which followed great difficulty was found in the cacolet transport, Cacolets were repeatedly breaking down and in several cases had to be abandoned. Considerable suffering was experienced by the wounded travelling in these cacolets. 3 cacolet patients died en route. About 3 miles out from EL ARISH at 0200 the convoy was met by sandcarts supplied largely by the 52nd Divsn. All cacolet cases were transferred at this place to sandcarts. The convoy evacuated it's patients to the Receiving Station at EL ARISH at 0400.</p>	
		1700		
<i>CEX</i>	Dec. 25	0200	<p>No evacuations to day. The weather having become stormy the sea is rough. Tents were loaned by the R.N. Beach party and Anzac Mounted Division. The 52nd Division again rendered invaluable assistance supplying 2 marquees, stretchers, blankets and medical orderlies.</p>	
EL ARISH		0400		
<i>CEX</i>	Dec. 26	1100	<p>A convoy of sandcarts was preparing to start evacuations xx to KILO 128 when orders were received from Desert Column that all evacuation must be by sea. A heavy sea was running at the time this order was received. In accordance to this order the sandcarts were returned to their lines.</p>	
<i>CEX</i>	Dec. 27		<p>No evacuation took place to day; Evacuation by sea being impracticable. Orders were received this afternoon that evacuation must proceed by land to KILO 139 where hospital train would receive patients.</p>	
<i>CEX</i>	Dec. 28		<p>A convoy of 77 sandcarts and nine sledges left EL ARISH for KILO 139 at 0900 conveying 109 British and 40 Turks; some of the latter were transported in cacolets.</p>	
<i>CEX</i>	Dec. 29		<p>The remainder of the wounded who were able to travel were evacuated this morning. 5 British and 1 Turk remained in Hospital. Immobile Section 3rd L.H.F.A. arrive EL ARISH; immobile section 2nd L.H.F.A. is ordered to leave KILO 128 and establish a Receiving Station at KILO 139.</p>	
			<p>Owing to there being no provision for the carriage of sanitary material the Division is in the position of having no disinfectants, and are without sanitary material of any kind. Repeated applications for the supply of camels to bring up the Sanitary Section or portion thereof have been fruitless fruitless. As we xxx may have to use the water of the country at any time,</p>	

Total Casualties British 7 OR 105
Turks 66

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL ARISH <i>62%</i>	Dec. 30 th		<p>this failure to provide the means for proper sanitary control of areas is serious.</p> <p>Representations to Desert Column have resulted in a truck load of sanitary material coming forward from MAZAR to KILO 139. No other camels being available 50 camels of Welsh Ambulance Convoy were utilised to bring up this material.</p> <p>One acute case of Typhus occurred in the 1st. L.H. Brigade during the week. Patient was taken ill in the morning and died in the Receiving Hospital the same evening. 4 cases of Diphtheria occurred during the week. Statement of sick and wounded admitted to and evacuated from Field Ambs. for the ^{previous two} week, by regiments attached herewith.</p> <p>The immobile section of the 3rd L.H.F.A is now established at eL ARISH and has taken over the Receiving hospital from the Tent Division of the same ambulance, which has rejoined 3rd L.H.F.A. Mobile Section at MASALD.</p>	<i>Appendices 47 & 48</i>
	Dec. 31 st			

SECRET

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION

MEDICAL CORPS ORDER No 24

by

Colonel R.M. Downes

D.H.Q.

Dec. 2nd 16

Reference Map

1:125,000 SARKHET EL BARDAWIL

1:125,000 EL ARISH

1. INFORMATION

- (a) Agents report that the advanced guard of MOHAMED ALI PASHA'S Army numbering about 2000 reached MASAI'ID on the 25th Nov. It may be assumed that the remaining 3000 troops under this Commander are in or close to MASAI'ID by this date.
- (b) The 62nd Division (less 1 Infantry Bgde group) reaches MAZAR from SALMANA on 2nd December. On arrival it forms the General Reserve.
- (c) On December 3rd 1 Squadron N Z M.R. Brigade will relieve the Squadron 1st L.H. Bgde at ZOABATIA by 1200.
- (d) On December 4th 1st L.H. Bgde will move to BIR EL GERIRAT.
- (e) 1 Squadron N Z M.R. Bgde will occupy ARNUSSI arriving before departure of 1st L.H. Bgde.

2 MOVES

- (a) 1st L.H.F. Ambulance Mobile Section will move with 1st L.H. Bgde. on December 4th to BIR EL GERIRAT.
- (b) O.C. N.Z.M.F.A. will arrange for evacuation of sick for the Squadrons of N.Z.M.R. Bgde. at ARNUSSI & ZOABATIA.
- (c) Portion of Immobile Section 3rd L.H.F.A. will move from MAZAR to KILO 123 on December 3rd.

3 EVACUATION

1st L.H.F. Ambulance Mobile Section will evacuate to Evacuating Station formed by portion of Immobile Section of 3rd L.H.F. Ambulance at KILO 123.

N.Z.M.F.Amb. and 3rd L.H.F.Amb. will continue to evacuate to ANZAC CLEARING STATION at MAZAR.

Evacuating Station at KILO 123 will evacuate daily to ANZAC CLEARING STATION at MAZAR.

4. SUPPLIES.

From the afternoon of the 4th December 1st L.H.F.A. will draw rations & Forage from Dump at KILO 123.

Portion of 3rd L.H.F.Amb. on arrival at KILO 123 will draw rations and forage from Dump at Kilo 123.

CHARLES E HERCUS MAJOR
For A. D. M. S.
A. & N. Z. Mounted Division

Copy No 1	1st L.H.F.A.	9	N.Z.M.R. Bgde.
2	2nd " "	10	D.D.M.S. Desert Column
3	3rd " "	11	"G" Branch
4	N.Z.M.F.A.	12	H.Q., A.S.C.
5	No 7 Sanitary Section	13	War Diary
6	1st A.L.H. Bgde.	14	3rd L.H.F.A. Immob. Section
7	2nd " " "	15	2nd " " " "
8	3rd " " "	16	File.

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STATEMENT OF SICK AND WOUNDED ADMITTED TO AND EVACUATED
FROM FIELD AMBULANCES FOR WEEK ENDING December 2nd, 1916.

Unit	Remained	Sick	Wounded	To Duty	Died	Evacuated	Rem. in Strength	Hosp.	%
1st LH Regt	-	3	-	2	-	2	4	451	.25
2nd "	-	3	-	-	-	2	1	497	.09
3rd "	-	17	-	-	-	13	4	491	.49
Sundry Units	-	10	-	3	-	3	4	474	.29
<i>Brigade</i>	-	38	-	5	-	20	13	1913	.28
4th LH Regt	-	5	-	-	-	5	-	489	.14
5th "	-	6	-	1	-	5	-	417	.20
7th "	-	7	-	2	-	5	-	476	.21
Sundry Units	-	12	-	5	-	6	3	648	.26
<i>Brigade</i>	-	30	-	6	-	21	3	2030	.21
8th LH Regt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	456	..
9th "	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	461	.09
10th "	-	8	-	-	-	6	2	427	.26
Sundry Units	-	5	-	1	-	4	-	705	.11
<i>Brigade</i>	-	16	-	1	-	13	2	2050	.09
A. M. R.	1	7	-	-	-	6	2	432	.23
C. M. R.	1	16	-	4	-	8	5	418	.54
W. M. R.	-	5	-	-	-	2	3	452	.14
Sundry Units	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	381	.05
<i>Brigade</i>	2	30	-	4	-	18	10	1883	.22
Ayrshire RHA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	228	..
Inverness	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	237	..
Leicester	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	249	.01
Somerset	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	232	..
<i>S. H. A.</i>	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	946	.00
Field Squad	-	10	-	-	-	10	-	191	.74
Signal "	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	164	.23
Sundry	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	163	.17
<i>Total</i>	2	131	-	15	-	88	28	9360	.19



AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

MEDICAL CORPS ROUTINE ORDER NO. 21.

D.H.Q.
Deor. 9th. 1916149. APPOINTMENTS.

Major A.L. DAWSON, 2nd. L.H.F.A. is appointed to Divisional Staff, ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION Supernumerary to Establishment, for A.I.F. duties and is granted temporary rank of Lieut- Colonel whilst so employed, dated 20th. November 1916. (AIF list 115)

150. POSTINGS.

Capt. G.E.M. STUART, 3rd L.H.F.A. to 2nd. L.H.F.A. dated 6.12.16.
 Capt. R. BASSETT from Signal Squad to 3rd. L.H.F.A. " 7.12.16
 Capt. C.J. SIMPSON, A.A.M.C. to 2nd. L.H.F.A. dated 2.12.16.
 No. 3/1106 L/Corp. COOMBRIDGE, O.E. (Medical details to N.Z.M.R.
 No. 3/1225 Pte FLYNN (Bge M.G. Squad posted to
 strength of N.Z.M.F.A. in
 continuation of M.C.O.138.

151. DISCIPLINE.

Attention is called to Section Order No. 423. No troops, horses or camels are to march on the Railway formation. Neglect of this order has resulted in a serious accident.

152. EFFECTIVE STRENGTH. A.F.B. 213.

G.R.O. 960 dated 11th March 1916. is cancelled and the following substituted:-
 "Other ranks will not be struck off the effective strength unless they are -
 I. Casualties in action (Killed wounded or missing).
 II. Admitted direct to Field Ambulances, Casualty Clearing Stations or Hospitals and have been away from their units for 14 days.
 III. Permanently away on extra regimental employment.
 Notes. Officers and other ranks detached from their units for attachment on probation to the Royal Flying Corps will not be struck off the effective strength of their units until they have been so detached for 30 days. After this period they will be ~~xxx~~ taken on the effective strength of the R.F.C.

153. RIFLES AND EQUIPMENT OF SICK AND WOUNDED.

Reference G.R.O. 630. Arms and accoutrements of patients in Field Ambulances and C.C. Stations should be retained there until such time as the patient is discharged or evacuated. In the event of the patient being discharged to duty his arms and accoutrements should be returned to him. If he is evacuated to a Stationary or General Hospital, arms and accoutrements should be returned to the nearest Ordnance depot.
 Arms and accoutrements should accompany men transferred from Field Ambulances to C.C. Stations.

154. NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS.

C.Os Ambulances will render to this office by the 15th. inst. a nominal roll of Medical Officers and Dentists in their Brigade, giving rank, name and age.

155. MUGS AND PLATES.

Units will indent on Ordnance for Mugs and Plates, enamelled to complete to one each per soldier.

156. LEVEL CROSSINGS.

Horses and camels crossing the railway of MAZAR station are to do so only at the properly made level crossings, and men are on no account to climb up or down the railway embankments anywhere.

M.C.R.O. No. 21. contd.

157. BOARDS OF INQUIRY.

It has been shown by the findings of the various Boards of Inquiry held to take evidence on the loss of equipment during the recent operations that C.O's do not take nearly enough care (1) in searching for and collecting lost articles. (2) in safeguarding articles that have been temporarily left in camps or are being sent from station to station. (3) In returning to Ordnance surplus or damaged equipment.

158. Clipping of Horses

All horses of the Division are to be clipped, and in order to enable this to be completed at the earliest opportunity only trace night clipping will be resorted to.

160. Ration Indents

When Officers Commanding Units have details of other Units attached for rations these details will be shown by Units in the Remarks Column of A.B.55 (Indent for Rations).

R.M. DOWNES..Colonel

A . D . M . S .

Anzac Mounted Division.

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION

Statement of sick admitted to and evacuated from Field Amb. of Division for week ending December 9th. 1916.

Unit	Remained in Hosp.	Admitted Sick.	Wounded	Died	To Duty	Evac- uted	Remain- ing in hospitals	Daily Admiss- ions of sick	Strength
1st L.H. Regt.	4	6	-	-	1	9	-	.18	474
2nd L. " "	1	10	-	-	3	8	-	.29	490
3rd " " "	4	8	-	-	3	5	4	.24	474
Sund. Units	4	6	-	-	4	5	1	.14	568
Brigade	13	30	-	-	11	27	5	.21	2026
5th L.H. Regt.	-	3	-	-	-	2	1	.08	498
6th L.H. Regt.	-	9	-	-	-	8	1	.24	523
7th " " "	1	4	-	-	2	2	1	.12	474
Sund Units.	3	18	-	-	10	5	6	.47	547
Brigade	4	24	-	-	12	17	9	.23	2042
8th L.H. Regt.	-	9	-	-	-	8	3	.28	456
9th " " "	-	8	-	-	1	7	4	.25	456
10th " " "	2	12	-	-	5	8	1	.39	436
Sund Units	-	7	-	-	1	6	-	.14	697
Brigade	2	36	-	-	7	27	4	.25	2045
A.M.R. Regt	2	8	-	-	2	6	2	.26	433
C.M.R. " "	5	10	-	-	3	9	3	.34	412
W.M.R. " "	3	2	-	-	2	3	-	.06	454
SUND Units	2	3	-	-	1	2	2	.07	539
Brigade	12	23	-	-	8	20	7	.17	1838
Ayrshire R.H.A	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	.06	210
Inverness " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	223
Leicester " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	224
Somerset " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	251
R.H.A.	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	.01	908
D.H.Q. and Div. Units	-	5	-	-	-	5	-	.13	541
Division	31	129	-	-	38	97	25	.19	9400
I.C.C. Attd.	3	2	-	-	1	4	-	.04	675

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December 12th 16

Colonel.
A.D.M.S
A.N.Z. Mounted Division

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

Headquarters,
December 7th. 1916.C.Os.
Ambulances.

During the August fighting, the organisation for carrying wounded from the firing line to the ambulance transport and the system of transmitting information from regiment to ambulance regarding the situation and number of wounded was not efficient.

A. The first point, it is hoped, has been met by the provision of the light portable stretchers at the rate of 3 per regiment, 16 per ambulance, and 1 per M.G. Squadron. As they are rather fragile, care must be taken with the poles.

Ambulance Commanders will arrange that the bearers, regimental and ambulance, of their brigades are trained in a uniform method of carrying the stretchers on horseback and of preparing and of loading them. It is suggested that ~~stretchers~~ it will be most suitable for the stretcher complete to be carried rolled on one bearer's back, by means of slings. To ensure uniformity of method, each ambulance commander will report briefly on his method as soon as possible and state when all bearers have been trained sufficiently in the use of these stretchers.

At the same time he will enquire into the following matters relating to the regimental establishments, remedying faults if possible and informing me of the state of affairs:-

1. That stretcher bearers are trained and that it is understood that they will be at the disposal of the R.M.C. on going into action.
2. That rifle buckets and S.B. brassards are in the possession of each bearer.
3. That the R.M.C. understands that under most conditions his place is at his collecting post to which point the wounded are brought by his bearers and removed by ambulance bearers.

B. The most suitable means for transmitting information regarding casualties was decided on in conference, but it will bear repeating. The R.M.C., as far as possible, will keep the ambulance informed directly of the position of his collecting post and of the number of his wounded by means of his orderlies or stretcher bearers. The ambulance commander in his turn will endeavour to keep in touch with the various regimental medical establishments by means of his bearers so as to inform them of the position of the Dressing Station and to ensure direct communication. In case touch cannot be obtained by a regimental medical officer by these means after a reasonable time, then a message should be sent to his Brigade Headquarters.

It is certain that inaccurate demands for transport of wounded will be received by ambulance commanders, but if communication with the R.M.Cs can be kept up in this way there will be much less confusion and waste of time, as the ambulance commander will have some real knowledge of the total number of wounded he has to collect from the collecting posts.

Ambulance commanders will attend to this point at the earliest opportunity and inform me when the regimental medical officers thoroughly understand it.

This communication is to be treated as urgent.

Colonel.

A.B.M.E.
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.War Diary

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Headquarters
Anzac Mounted Division
December 12th 16

To

War Diary

Instructions for exercise on December 14th 16

1. An attack on the MASAID position will be practised on December 14th. A position has been selected representing Turkish position at MASAID running from point 100, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S of the Mazar-EL ARISH road to the salt pan $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles S of S of EL SEBIKA and thence Northwards to EL SEBIKA. Railhead will be at Kilo 108 SARKHET EL MUSTAFIG where a Clearing Station will be situated.
2. Troops taking part in the practise will be H.Q. Desert Column, and parts of Anzac Mounted Division, 42nd and 52nd Divisions. 52nd Division will attack on the left from EL SEBIKA to small salt pan inclusive, 42nd Division from this salt pan to Hill 100. Anzac Mounted Division, consisting of Headquarters, 3rd L.H. BDE and N.Z. Bde moving by BIR EL GERERAT ^{will attack} enemy's left flank at point 100 and cut his line of retreat.
3. 3rd L.H.F.A. and N.Z.M.F.A. each represented by C.O. a section of bearers, one sledge, one equipment camel and one caacolet camel will assemble with their respective brigades by 0650 at ARNUSSI and accompany their brigades when they move forward. The tent divisions of their mobile column should be established in the region of BIR EL GERERAT as selected by them individually and evacuation will be thence to ARNUSSI where the tent division of 1st L.H.F.A. will be considered to be ready for patients, and the 2nd L.H.F.A. Mobile Section in reserve. A Camel Convey will take over patients from this point to Clearing Station at Railhead.
4. Special attention should be given to practising communication with regimental establishments.
5. C.O. 1st L.H.F.A. if not engaged in work on front line will attend and report at D.H.Q..
6. D.H.Q. will be first at the Trig point on the high sand hill $\frac{1}{2}$ mile slightly N. of West of ARNUSSI.

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Anzac Mounted Division

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Headquarters
Anzac Mounted Division
December 15th 1916To
D.D.M.S.
Desert Column.

Your 64/174 of 13-12-16 did not come into my hands until the afternoon of 14-12-16 when the practice attack was over.

Regarding the items on which you require a report; as this division was unaware of any attack on the enemy's main line by the adjoining 42nd division, the brigade on our left did not come into action by the termination of the exercise, and no casualties occurred. The 3rd L.H. Bgde. however attacked the enemy's communications and sustained casualties.

The method of transporting wounded was as follows :- The regimental bearers carried patients to the collecting post from which they were carried back in some cases to where the sandcarts and sledges were situated, and this would correspond to the Advanced Dressing Station, though personnel of the tent division is insufficient to allow of two dressing stations per unit; in other cases the sandcarts and sledges proceeded ~~xx~~ right to the collecting post which then corresponded to both Regimental Aid Post and Advanced Dressing Station of the Infantry Scheme. The distance from the firing line to which horse transport can come varies with the nature of the country and artillery fire, but usually is a few hundred yards, often under a hundred; in flat country it might be a mile or more according to the amount of artillery fire.

The horse transport carried casualties from there to the dressing station from 1 to 3 miles in the rear and thence camel transport was utilised except in severe cases where sledges were employed.

From this point the arrangements were unsatisfactory. According to your telephone directions I endeavoured to find from the A.D.M.S. 42nd Division where his nearest dressing station would be; this he was unable to tell me until the action began and in country such as this with so few landmarks and so undulating it would be very difficult to describe or locate the situation of such a dressing station. Accordingly the one ambulance receiving casualties at 0900 began to try and locate this dressing station by mounted orderly and helio, but had not succeeded by 1200 when the exercise terminated. The time of evacuation therefore cannot be stated.

When the scheme at present in operation of Mobile and Immobile Sections was evolved it was arranged that no ambulance convey would be supplied by this division but that one should be supplied to it from an infantry division ~~if~~ when necessary. This was done during the fighting of August and the arrangement (apart from the great defect of caeplet carriage of wounded) was quite satisfactory. If a convey is not ^{made} available either from a field ambulance or by the provision of transport to allow of some movement of an immobile section I am emphatically of opinion that the evacuation of wounded ~~xx~~ from this division will be attended by confusion and delay if a serious number of casualties occur; in the latter case it would be necessary to send them to an infantry dressing station, as practised with failure yesterday, instead of to the divisional Clearing Station direct; evacuation to the Divisional Clearing Station ~~xxxxxx~~ could be carried out either if casualties were small and the fighting soon over or if a convey were provided in case of heavy casualties. ^{For} the latter ~~convey~~ ^{convey} it is assumed that Mounted Ambulances will be operating at a distance from their Clearing Station too great to allow of their return the same day..

R.M.D.

Colonel

A.D.M.S.
Anzac Mounted Division

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION

MEDICAL CORPS ROUTINE ORDER NO 22

D H Q
December 15th 16

160. APPOINTMENTS

TO BE MAJOR DATED NOVEMBER 14th 1916

Capt. (tempy Major)	W R C Mainwaring	2nd A.S.H.
Captain	W W McLaren	2nd L H Regt.
Captain	M W. Cave	3rd L H F A.
Captain	G.E.M. Stuart	2nd L H F A.
Captain	J.R.McN. Beith	6th L.H.Regt.

No 835 Sgt. Moran. D. 3rd L H F A. to be Tempy Staff Sgt.
vice Mathias evacuated sick, dated 11-11-16

161. DRESS OFFICERS

The "Sam Browne" belt (brown leather) will be worn by Officers on all occasions with Service Dress uniform. At least on brace will always be worn with the belt. The frog will only be worn when the sword is worn.

162. CHRISTMAS PUDDING

A supply of Christmas puddings has been received from the Daily Telegraph and Daily News Fund for issue to the troops. The issue will be at the rate of half a pound per officer and man of the E.F.F.

O's.C Units will submit a demand on the Supply Depot from which rations are drawn for the quantity of pudding required and a certificate should be added thereon that the numbers shown are the actual numbers on the strength for the day of issue. Issues will be made from Supply Depots on the 23rd December 1916.

163. CHLORIDE OF LIME

In future issues of Chloride of Lime (Bleaching powder) for disinfectant purposes, will be made on the written authority of the A D M S., and the authorities for such issues should be sparingly given.

Quicklime and other disinfectants are available for ~~xxxx~~ issue.

Chloride of Lime ~~and~~ will still be available for the purification of water without any special authority.

164. EQUIPMENT

The issue of "Ladies Cooks" for units not supplied with Field Cookers has been approved at the rate of 1 per 100 men. Indents to complete should be admitted in the usual manner.

R.M. DOWNES Colonel

A D M S .

A.&.N. Z. MOUNTED DIVISION.

Diary

Australian and New Zealand Mounted Division

 Statement of sick and wounded admitted to, and evacuated from
 Field Ambulances for week ending December 16th 1916.

Unit	Remained in hosp.	Sick Wounded Admitted	To Duty	Died	Evac- uated	Remaining in Hosp.	Daily % Ad miss ions.	Strength.
1st L.H.Rgt.	-	4	-	-	4	-	.11	489
2nd " " "	-	5	-	-	3	2	.14	485
3rd " " "	4	4	-	2	2	4	.12	472
Sund. Units	2	5	-	2	4	1	.13	523
Bgde.	6	18	-	4	13	7	.13	1969
5th L.H.Rgt.	1	5	-	1	5	-	.14	494
6th " " "	1	3	-	2	2	-	.09	435
7th " " "	1	5	-	3	3	-	.16	425
Sund. Units	6	7	-	4	7	2	.15	650
Bgde.	9	20	-	10	17	2	.14	2004
8th L.H.Rgt.	3	5	-	2	6	-	.15	471
9th " " "	-	9	-	-	8	1	.26	486
10th " " "	1	9	-	2	8	-	.27	476
Sund Units	1	9	-	2	7	1	.22	570
Bgde.	5	32	-	6	29	2	.22	2003
A?M?R. Rgt.	2	6	-	2	5	1	.19	430
C.M.R. "	3	9	-	2	5	5	.31	406
W.M.R. "	-	4	-	1	2	1	.12	449
Sund Units.	2	2	-	2	-	2	.05	533
Bgde.	7	21	-	7	12	9	.16	1818
Ayrshire	-	2	-	-	1	1	.13	209
Inverness	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	223
Leicester	-	1	-	-	1	-	.06	229
Somerset	-	2	-	-	2	-	.11	254
"B" H.A.C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	138
R H A	-	5	-	-	4	1	.06	1053
D.H.Q. and Div. Units	-	4	-	1	3	-	.10	538
Division	27	100	-	28	78	21	.15	9385
I.C.C. Attchd.	-	2	-	1	1	-	104	674

 D.H.Q.
 December 16th 1916.

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION

Statement of sick admitted to and evacuated from Field Amb ,
of Division for week ending December 23/12/16.

Unit	Remained Sick in Hosp.	Sick Wounded Admitted	To Be Treated Duty.	Died.	Evacuated	Remain- ing in Hosp.	Daily Admissions of Sick.	Strength
1st L.H Regt.	-	3	3	-	-	6	.08	486
2nd " " "	2	1	5	2	-	6	.02	484
3rd " " "	4	10	13	5	-	22	.30	462
Sund Units	1	7	3	-	-	10	.19	516
Brigade	7	21	24	7	-	44	.15	1948
5th L.H Regt.	-	1	1	1	-	1	.02	493
6th " " "	-	5	-	-	-	5	.16	430
7th " " "	-	7	2	-	-	6	.23	418
Sund Units	2	7	-	2	-	2	.08	646
Brigade	2	17	3	3	-	14	.12	1987
8th L.H Regt.	-	4	6	-	1	9	.12	467
9th " " "	1	8	12	4	-	17	.23	418
10th " " "	-	12	5	1	-	16	.26	464
Sund Units	1	6	-	2	-	5	.16	464
Brigade	2	30	23	7	1	47	.22	1873
A.M.R.	1	5	1	-	-	7	.16	425
C.M.R.	5	13	8	4	-	19	.47	393
S.M.R.	1	1	17	-	-	19	.03	448
Sund Units	2	1	2	2	-	3	.02	532
Brigade	9	20	23	6	-	48	.15	1798
Ayrshire.	1	1	-	-	-	2	.06	268
Inverness	-	3	-	-	-	3	.19	220
Leicester	-	2	-	-	-	2	.12	227
Somerset	-	2	-	-	-	2	.11	252
B.Brty.H.A.C.	-	1	-	-	-	1	.10	137
H.H.A.	1	9	-	-	-	10	.12	1044
D.H.Q. and Div. Units.	2	8	-	1	-	9	.112	979
Division 23	105	78	24	1	-	172	.15	9629
I.C.C. Attchd.	-	12	23	-	-	32	.25	662

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December 23rd 16.

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION

Statement of Sick and Wounded admitted to and evacuated from Field Amb. for week ending December 30th. 1916.

UNIT.	Remained in Hosp.	Admitted Sick	Wounded	To Duty	Died	Evacuated	Remain ^g in Hosp.	Strength	% Daily Admiss-ions of sick
1st L.H. Regt.	-	4	-	-	-	3	1	483	.12
2d " " "	-	5	1	-	-	5	1	483	.14
3rd " " "	-	11	-	2	-	7	2	461	.34
Sundries	-	9	-	1	-	5	3	499	.25
Brigade	-	29	1	3	-	20	7	1916	.21
4th L.H. Regt.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	500	-
6th " " "	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	465	.03
7th " " "	3	4	-	3	-	3	1	481	.11
Sundries	2	9	-	3	-	6	2	610	.14
Brigade	5	14	-	6	-	10	3	2056	.09
8th L.H. Regt.	-	9	5	-	1	9	4	472	.17
9th " " "	1	1	16	-	-	18	-	465	.03
10 " " "	-	4	6	-	-	9	1	453	.09
Sundries	-	9	-	-	-	8	1	564	.22
Brigade	1	23	27	-	1	44	6	1954	.13
A.M.R.	-	3	-	-	-	2	1	433	.09
C.M.R.	3	17	-	4	-	14	2	432	.56
W.M.R.	-	9	-	1	-	1	1	444	.09
Sundries	-	9	-	1	-	5	3	593	.21
Brigade	3	32	-	6	-	22	7	1902	.24
Ayrshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	209	-
Inverness	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	219	.05
Leicester	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	229	.03
Somerset	-	2	-	-	-	-	2	242	.11
R.H.A.	-	5	-	-	-	1	4	899	.08
Fd. Squad.	-	5	-	-	-	3	2	192	.29
Sig. "	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	175	.16
Sundries	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	152	.04
Division	-	8	-	-	-	5	3	519	.12
DIVISION	9	111	28	15	1	102	30	9246	.17
I. C. C.	7	18	26	1	1	37	10	1600	.16

Headquarters
Anzac Mounted Division
January 2nd, 17.

To War Diary

Forwarded for your information please.

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A. D. M. S.