

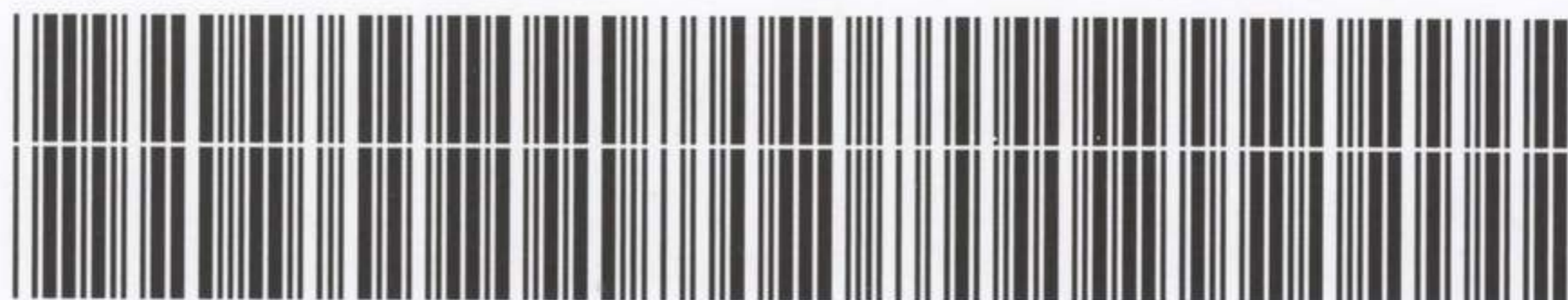
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL ARISH <u>CEX</u>	Feb. 2 nd	1917	<p>With regard to the mobilisation of first line transport of this division the question of vehicles for carriage of medical stores and equipment remains unsettled. The establishment on which we have been working is 5 G S wagons and 2 G S Limbered wagons per ambulance. It is now proposed to alter this to 7 GS limbered wagons which would be quite inadequate for authorised equipment. It is thought that G S wagons of a lighter type than Mark X such as the light spring R E wagon would be more suitable in view of the nature of the country in which they are to be used. This has been recommended by the AA & Q.M.G.</p> <p>Orders were received from D. D. M. S. Desert Column for the incineration of all organic refuse in camps occupied by British troops and natives in the Divisional area. In accordance with this order indents were submitted for the necessary equipment, the portable pan and cover latrines and incinerators</p>	
<u>CEX</u>	Feb 3 rd	1917	<p>Sick admitted 117, Evacuated 67, percentage of daily admissions .16.</p> <p>During this week the 1st. L H F A. went out of this section.</p>	
<u>CEX</u>	Feb 8 th		<p>2nd. L H. Brigade arrived MASAIID.</p>	
<u>CEX</u>	Feb. 10 th		<p>1st. L H. Brigade passed out of Desert Column area into Northern Canal section</p> <p>Two bicycle stretchers per ambulance have been taken on the strength</p> <p>The shafts of these stretchers are too long to enable the driver to be mounted on the horse drawing the vehicle thus necessitating a second horse. This difficulty has been overcome by the field ambulances by substituting a lighter short shafts for the issue pattern, and they are now ready for use in the field.</p> <p>Portable sanitary material for Brigades is coming to hand very slowly.</p>	Appendix 55
<u>CEX</u>	Feb 13 th		<p>Sick admitted for week 119, Evacuations 76, % of daily admissions .19%</p> <p>Medical Corps Routine Order No. 27 issued and attached.</p> <p>Major Fowler, Captain Parry, Captain Yuille and 35 other ranks left the Division and reported at MOASCAR to form part of the 4th. Light Horse Brigade field Ambulance.</p>	
<u>CEX</u>	Feb 17 th		<p>Sick admitted 92, Evacuated 49, % of daily admissions .14%</p>	Appendix 56
<u>CEX</u>	Feb. 19 th		<p>Medical Corps Operation Order No. 26 issued and attached.</p>	Appendix 57
<u>CEX</u>	Feb. 20 th		<p>Medical Corps Operation Order No. 27 issued and attached.</p>	

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EL ARISH				
<u>CEX</u>	Feb. 21		Immobile Sections of all ambulances have now united with the Mobile sections with the exception of the 3rd. L.H.F.A. Immobile section which continues to act as a Receiving Station at EL ARISH.	
SHEIK ZOWAID	Feb. 22		N.Z.M.F.A. Immobile Section moved to el BURJ by rail and opened there as a Receiving Station. M.Z.M.F.A. and 2nd L.H.F.A. moved to SHEIKH ZOWAID. Divisional Headquarters moved to SHEIKH ZOWAID.	
<u>CEX</u>	Feb. 23		Mobile Sections of 2nd. L.H.F.A. n.Z.M.F.A. with detachments from 3rd. L.H.F.A. and 5th Mounted Brigade F. Ambulance took part in reconnaissance to KHAN YUNIS on 23.2.17. Eleven casualties were collected and carried to SHEIKH ZOWAID where tent division of 5th Mounted Bge F.A. were established as a Dressing Station. Thence cases were conveyed to Immobile section of N.Z.M.F.A. at EL BURJ who evacuated them to hospital train.	
<u>CEX</u>	Feb. 24		The country over which this reconnaissance passed was suitable for use of light motor ambulances and it is recommended that these be made available as soon as possible.	
			22nd Mounted Bge F.A. arrived at SHEIKH ZOWAID from EL ARISH.	
			3rd L.H.F.A. has now been detached from this division.	
<u>CEX</u>	Feb 27		SHEIKH ZOWAID position has been divided into sanitary areas under 53rd and Anzac Mounted Division respectively. Portable sanitary material is being used where available. No faecal incinerations being carried out as no incinerators are yet available. THE water supplies from the newly developed wells along the coast is free and of low salinity particularly on the northern side of the dunes. Chlorination of wells being carried out.	
<u>CEX</u>	Feb 28		Sick admitted for week 80 Evacuated 82 daily % of sick admitted .12	
			<i>Revised establishment for Light Horse & Mounted Brigade Field Ambulances Marked A as authorized at C.H.C. received. This now includes the Immobile Sect. Total Camels are increased to 106.</i>	

Return showing sick and wounded admitted to Field Ambulances of division, by units, for week ending 3rd. February 1917.

Unit.	Remained Sick	Wounded To duty	Evacuated	Remaining Strength	% daily			
1st L.H. Regt	1	4	-	1	3	1	461	.10
2d "	1	6	-	1	4	2	475	.18
3rd "	3	10	-	4	5	4	446	.32
Sundry units	4	75	-	4	3	2	501	.14
	9	25	-	10	15	9	1903	.18
5th L.H. Regt.	-	-	-	-	-	-	519	---
6th "	1	-	-	-	1	-	487	---
7th "	-	3	-	-	3	-	493	.08
Sundry Units	2	4	-	2	4	-	551	.10
	3	7	-	2	8	-	2050	.04
8th L.H. Regt.	1	11	-	3	6	3	480	.32
9th "	4	12	-	5	9	2	455	.37
10th "	-	10	-	4	6	-	458	.31
Sundry Units	2	11	-	5	5	3	504	.31
	7	44	-	17	26	8	1897	.33
A. M. R.	1	6	-	1	4	2	453	.18
C. M. R.	4	14	-	5	5	3	478	.41
W. M. R.	-	1	-	-	-	1	477	.02
Sundry Units	2	8	-	6	1	4	493	.23
	6	29	-	12	10	10	1901	.21
Wyrshire	2	2	-	-	4	-	205	.13
Inverness	-	2	-	-	1	1	224	.12
Leicester	-	2	-	1	1	-	233	.12
Somerset.	1	1	-	-	-	2	250	.05
	3	7	-	1	6	3	912	.11
Field Squad	-	-	-	-	-	-	178	---
Signal Squad	2	3	-	1	1	3	170	.24
Sundries	1	2	-	1	1	1	145	.20
	3	5	-	2	2	4	493	.14
Total.	33	117	-	44	64	39	9156	.18.

R. M. D OSHES, Colonel.

A. D. M. S.
Anzac Mounted Division.

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION

Return showing sick and wounded admitted to Field Ambulances of Division, by units, for week ending 10th February 1917.

Unit.	Remained sick wounded To duty Evacuated Resang Strength						Daily	
1st L.N. Regt.	1	8	-	2	7	-	476	.24
2nd. " "	2	5	-	5	4	-	469	.33
3rd. " "	4	3	-	1	5	1	450	.09
Sund. Units	2	6	-	4	4	-	482	.17
Brigade	9	22	-	10	20	1	1877	.16
5th L.N. Regt.	-	-	-	-	-	-	518	-
6th. " "	-	3	-	-	3	-	484	.08
7th. " "	-	3	-	-	2	1	480	.08
Sund. Units.	-	6	-	-	4	1	547	.13
Brigade	-	11	-	-	9	2	2037	.07
8th L.N. Regt.	2	6	-	2	2	4	476	.18
9th. " "	1	17	-	5	11	2	445	.54
10th. " "	-	5	-	1	4	-	455	.15
Sund. Units	1	12	-	2	9	2	493	.34
Brigade	4	40	-	10	26	8	1867	.30
A.M.R.	2	5	-	2	2	3	488	.14
C.M.R.	8	17	-	8	11	3	444	.54
W.M.R.	1	5	-	2	9	2	493	.34
Sund. Units	4	7	-	6	2	3	499	.30
Brigade	15	34	-	18	16	15	1913	.35
Ayrshire	-	1	-	-	1	-	208	.06
Inverness	2	2	-	1	1	2	222	.07
Leicester	-	3	-	-	-	3	232	.18
Somerset	2	1	-	-	1	2	248	.05
P.M.A.	4	7	-	1	3	7	910	.10
D.M.A.	1	1	-	-	-	-1	56	.35
Rd. Squad.	-	2	-	-	2	-	176	.16
Sig. " "	2	1	-	-	2	1	170	.08
Sund. Units	1	1	-	-	1	1	95	.15
	3	5	-	-	5	3	497	.14
DIVISION	35	119	-	39	79	36	9100	.18

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S.H.G.
14.2.17

For your information please.

R.M.D.

Colonel
A.P.M.S.
Anzac Mounted Division.

13th February 1917 5

200 APPOINTMENTS.

No. 1260 Sergt. ROWE, R. 2nd. A.S.H. to be Staff Sergeant (Temporary), dated 17.11.16.

201. POSTINGS.

Major J C. STOREY, A.A.M.C. 3rd. L.H.Regt. to 14th A.G.H. 6.2.17.
 Capt. F.N. BATTMAN, A.A.M.C. 1st L.H.F.A. to 3rd. L.H.Regt. 6.2.17.
 Capt. Burke, Gaffney A.A.M.C. 10th. L.H.Regt. to 2nd. A.S.H. 12.2.17.
 Capt. C.M. O'HALLORAN, A.A.M.C. 8th. L.H.Regt. to 2nd. A.S.H. 12.2.17.
 Capt. D.D. JAMIESON, M.C., A.A.M.C. 2nd. L.H.F.A. to 8th. L.H. Regiment, dated 10.2.17.
 Major. C.V. SINGLE, A.A.M.C. 12th L.H.Regt., to 2nd. L.H.F.A. dated 12.2.17.
 Capt. C.J. SIMPSON, A.A.M.C. 2nd. L.H.F.A. to 12th. L.H.Regt 12.2.17.
 Capt. MACHIN, A.A.M.C. 1st. L.H.F.A. to 2nd. L.H.Regt 9.2.17.
 Major W.W. McLAREN, A.A.M.C. 2nd. L.H.Regt to 1st. L.H.F.A. 9.2.17.
 Capt. J.G.M. B'ALD, A.A.M.C. reported for duty, posted to 2nd. L.H.F.A. 11.2.17.

202. BATHING.

Owing to currents no one is to swim out more than 25 yards from the shore. This order is to be repeated in the orders of all formations and units.

203. DISCIPLINE.

Following order is to be read on three successive days to all units in Desert Column
 The G.O.C. Desert Column never rides about EL ARISH without seeing numerous men riding horses across the railway, or camels and horses across and along the infantry roads, frequently within a few yards of marked crossing places, in spite of numerous appeals in orders.
 After this order has been read a third time, all Officers, N.C.Os. and M.P. are strictly enjoined to place under arrest at once any man they see contravening this order, and it is the G.O.Cs order that they are brought to trial by F.G.C.M.

204. RED CROSS BRASSARDS.

All units in possession of brassards which, owing to frequent washing, are indistinctly marked with official stamp should be returned to Ordnance for replacing.

205. CHARGE SHEETS.

D.R.C. 469 is republished for information and is to be made known to all Commanding Officers.
 "All charges made by Military Police at PORT SAID or elsewhere must be forwarded to A.P.M. ANZAC Mounted Division, when dealt with. They will be returned after perusal by A.P.M."

206. STRETCHER POLES.

Attention is again called to the fact that the bamboo poles for light stretchers are obtainable only with difficulty and their future replacement is quite uncertain. Ambulance commanders and R.M.Os must therefore take all care to prevent their loss in action and to prevent their deterioration. They are not to be exposed to the sun nor used to make bivouacs.
 It is advisable to have poles bound to prevent them cracking.

R. M. DOWNES, Colonel.
 A. D. M. S.
 Anzac Mounted Division.

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Append. 55A.

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

Return showing sick and wounded admitted to and evacuated from Field Ambs. of Division for week ending February 17th. 1917. 6

UNIT.	Remaining in Hosp.	Admitted Sick Wounded	Ye- Died	Evac- uated	Remain- ing in Hosp.	Strength	% Daily
1st. L. H. Regt.	-	9	-	-	5	484	.36
2nd. " " "	-	5	-	-	5	464	.10
3rd. " " "	-	3	-	-	2	476	.09
Sundries	1	8	-	-	2	468	.24
Brigade	1	25	-	-	14	1689	.18
5th. L. H. Regt.	-	2	-	-	1	519	.05
6th. " " "	-	2	-	-	2	485	.05
7th. " " "	1	2	-	-	1	465	.05
Sundries	1	12	-	4	3	544	.31
Brigade	2	16	-	4	7	2033	.12
8th. L. H. Regt.	4	5	-	1	5	500	.14
9th. " " "	2	5	-	2	3	484	.14
10th. " " "	-	3	-	-	-	501	.08
Sundries	2	4	-	2	1	496	.11
Brigade	6	17	-	5	9	1981	.12
A.M.R.	3	1	-	1	-	492	.02
C.M.R.	6	10	-	3	6	469	.30
W.M.R.	3	8	-	2	4	482	.14
Sundries	3	4	-	3	4	522	.10
Brigade	15	23	-	13	15	1965	.14
Ayrshire	-	-	-	-	-	209	-
Inverness	1	1	-	-	-	222	.06
Leicester	3	2	-	1	3	231	.12
Somerset	2	2	-	1	1	248	.11
British N.H.A.	6	5	-	2	4	910	.07
D.H.Q. and sundry units.	5	7	-	3	6	490	.20
DIVISION	37	92	-	27	52	9268	.14

D.H.Q.
20/2/17.

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For your information please.

Colonel.
A.D.H.S.
Anzac Mounted Division.

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION

MEDICAL CORPS ORDER NO 26

by

Colonel R. M. Downes

February 19th 1917.

Reference Maps

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Sheets North H.36

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- INFORMATION** 1. By February 23rd the following will be the location of the 53rd Division. Divisional Headquarters, Two Infantry Brigades and Two Artillery Brigades at SHEIK ZOWAIID. One Infantry Brigade at BIR el BURJ.
- MOVES.** 2. (a) On February 22nd the Anzac Mounted Division will move to SHEIK ZOWAIID.
(b) The Division will assemble on the East side of the Wadi EL ARISH on the South side of the EL ARISH ↔ SHEIK ZOWAIID Road with the head of the column in line with 22nd Mounted Brigade Headquarters Camp at EL RISA at 0800 on February 22nd. in the following order
Headquarters Anzac Mtd. Division
N.Z.M.R. Brigade
22nd Mounted Brigade
2nd L.H. Brigade
Mobile Sections of Ambulances, less camels, will accompany their Brigades.
(c) Ambulances will march in Column of Ambulance Sections.
(d) All camels will march in rear of the 2nd L.H. Brigade, each Ambulances' camels accompanying their respective Brigade's Camels, keeping on as broad a front as possible. Other first line transport will march with their units.
- TENTS** 3. Mobile Sections will march out complete. Tents above Mobile Establishment will not be taken except those absolutely essential for Divisional, Brigade, and Regimental Headquarters.
- INVISIBILITY OF CAMP** 4. Bivouacs will be made as inconspicuous as possible.
- IMMOBILE SECTIONS** 5. Immobile Section of N.Z.M.F.A. will proceed to EL BURJ. Other Immobile Sections will remain in present positions until further orders.
- EVACUATIONS** 6. Evacuations will be made to the Immobile Section of N.Z.M.F.A. which will act as a Receiving Station at EL BURJ.

Copy No 1 to N.Z.M.F.A.
2 2nd L.H.F.A.
3 22nd Mtd. Bgde. F. Amb.
4 N.Z.M.R. Bgde.
5 2nd L.H. Bgde.
6 22nd Mtd. Bgde.
7 Anzac Sanitary Section
8 " G " Branch
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Anzac Mounted Division

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION
MEDICAL CORPS ORDER NO 27

by
Colonel R. M. Downes

February 20th 1917

Reference Maps

SINIA PENINSULA
Sheets North M 36
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MOVE 1. Reference Order No 26 para 2 (b) the division will be formed up at 0900 instead of 0800. Horses will be watered at 52nd Division troughs in the Wadi EL ARISH between 0700 & 0900.

BIVOUAC 2. The division will bivouac ~~SKK~~ S.W. of SHEIK ZOWAID on arrival.

OPERATIONS 3. The 2nd L.H. and N.Z.M.R. Brigades with one battery under Brigadier General Chaytir will leave on the night of 22/23. The mobile sections of 2nd L.H.F.A. and N.Z.M.F.A. will accompany this force, camels not proceeding beyond RAFA where dressing stations will be established.
Transport ~~Sandcarts~~ of 2nd M.F.A. will accompany the camels and remain with them at RAFA until required.
C.O. 3rd L.H.F.A. will attach 6 sandcarts, 4 sledges and 2 cycle stretcher carriers in charge of an officer to 2nd L.H.F.A. for this operation to report there at 1800 on February 21st.

IMMOBILE SECTIONS

4. Immobile section of N.Z.M.F.A. will move to EL BURJ arriving not later than Thursday 22nd. Ground for tents will be marked out and pegged but tents will not be erected till actual word of casualties arriving is received.
Immobile section of 2nd L.H.F.A. and 22nd M.F.A. will move to EL BURJ by train as soon after 22nd Feb. as can be arranged.
^{5th} 22nd M.F.A. less sandcarts will be prepared to supply at SHEIK ZOWAID hot drinks to wounded en route to EL BURJ.

MOTOR

AMBULANCES 5. IT is hoped that motor ambulances will be available on February 22nd.

R.M. Downes Colonel
A. D. M. S.

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| | 3 | N.Z.M.F.A. | |
| | 4 | 22nd M.F.A. | |
| | 5 | 2nd L.H. Bgde. | |
| | 6 | 3rd L.H. Bgde. | |
| | 7 | N.Z.M.R. Bgde. | |
| | 8 | "G" Branch | |
| | 9 | O.C. A.S.C. | |
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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

Statement of sick and wounded admitted to and evacuated from Field Ambulances of division for week ending February 24th.1917.

UNIT.	Remained in Hosp.	Admitted Sick	To-Admitted Wounded	Died	Evacuated	Remain- ing in Hosp.	Strength	% Daily.	
1st. L.H. Regt.	4	2	-	2	-	1	3	484	.05
2nd. " " "	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	464	.06
3rd. " " "	2	1	-	2	-	-	1	476	.03
Sund Units.	6	13	-	5	-	5	9	465	.39
Brigade	12	18	-	9	-	8	13	1889	.13
5th. L.H. Regt.	1	2	-	-	-	3	-	516	.05
6th. " " "	-	5	-	2	-	3	-	488	.14
7th. " " "	2	3	-	1	-	4	-	503	.08
Sund Units	4	10	-	4	-	10	-	526	.27
Brigade	7	20	-	7	-	20	-	2033	.14
A.M.B.	-	5	-	-	-	5	-	494	.14
C.M.R.	5	7	3	2	-	11	2	468	.09
W.M.R.	2	5	7	-	-	14	-	479	.17
Sund Units	3	6	1	1	-	9	-	522	.16
Brigade	10	23	11	3	-	39	2	1963	.14
Wyrshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	211	-
Inverness	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	222	-
Leicester	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	228	-
Somerset	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	244	-
R.H.A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	905	-
Stafford Yeo.	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	463	.06
Lincoln "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	476	-
East Riding	-	7	-	-	-	6	1	482	.20
Sund Units	-	7	-	-	-	6	2	369	.27
Brigade	-	16	-	-	-	13	3	1790	.12
D.H.Q. and	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sund Units	-	3	-	-	-	2	1	488	.08
DIVISION.	29	80	11	19	-	82	19	9068	.12.

H.Q. 2/3/17.

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For your information please.

Charles E. Huron Major.
for A.D.M.S.
Anzac Mounted Division.