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# WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL FARA <i>C.E.H.</i>	May 2		Considerable difficulty having been experienced in getting regiments to use their water duty personnel for water duties it has been recommended to the A.A. & Q.M.G. that one regimental water duty man from each regt. horsed from the regt. be instructed to report to the O.C. Field Troop and be attached to him for the specific purpose of water duties	
<i>C.E.H.</i>	4		Sanitary Inspection 1st. L.H.Bge carried out to day. Recommendations re the regimental water duty men reporting to Field Troop have been carried out. Instructions have been given to Field Troop that one of the three men attached is to be continually on duty at the Brigade drinking water supply. He is to be responsible for the chlorination and general water control of the area. Bge. Sanitary Officers have been instructed to frequently inspect the work of these men. One Horrock's box has been detached from each ambulance to the Field Troop for the use of these men. Septic Sores are greatly in evidence. Fresh meat and vegetables have not been on issue during the week but are to be supplied on alternate days starting on May 7th. Representations have been made asking that men be given more time off duty to permit of adequate ablution. Mobile sanitary material arrived by G.S.Ws from DEIR EL BELAH, also cooking material. Infectious diseases. No cases have been notified during the week. Sick Admitted 156, Evacuated 121, % of daily admission of sick .27 Statement of sick admitted to Field Ambulances attached.	<i>appendix 70</i>
<i>C.E.H.</i>	5		Sanitary Inspection 2nd. L.H.Bge. Inspection of drinking water supplies for the division carried out Canvas covers have been erected over all reservoirs to prevent access of dust. The salinity of the water at TEL EL FARA is 128.7 parts per 100,000.	
<i>C.E.H.</i>	6		Medical Corps Routine Order No. 31 issued and attached. Application was made to the AA & QMG for the immediate mounting of 12 sanitary inspectors in order to enable them to accompany the division into the field. It was pointed out that the experience of the last three weeks demonstrated the necessity of these sanitary inspectors and the impossibility of their accompanying the division when operating at a distance from the railway unless horses were provided.	<i>appendix 71</i>
<i>C.E.H.</i>	7		Orders were received that only one Red Cross was to be shown in the division and the ambulance to erect this was to be selected by D.D.M.S. Necessary orders were issued to mobile sections accordingly.	
<i>C.E.H.</i>	8		The breeding of anopheles having been reported in the WADI GHUZZE instructions were received from Desert Column that we were to undertake oiling and keroseneing the pools from SHELLAL to GAMLI, the removal of all green weed and the draining of all stagnant pools wherever possible. Indents were submitted to Ordnance for the necessary materials.	
<i>C.E.H.</i>	9		Sanitary inspection 1st. L.H.Bge. C.R.E. was requested to proceed at once with the erection of showers and ablution places in the Wadi GHUZZE and to ensure that no water from the ablution area returned direct to the Wadi without adequate filtration. It was suggested that a dam of clay of at least 5 feet wide be constructed beneath each ablution area. The sanitary section is now in the divisional area situated with the Anzac	

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TEL EL FARA <i>CEN.</i>	10		Receiving Station at SUEILMA. Daily routine sanitary inspection is being carried out. A deficiency in latrine equipment exists in most units. The supply of all sanitary equipment has been taken out of the hands of the sanitary section and made an ordnance issue. Indents on Ordnance for necessary equipment has been made by all units. This alteration is not considered satisfactory.	
<i>CEN</i>	11		Sanitation of the division is now on a good footing. N.C.I. powder is now in general use and is found to be effective. Lime juice is now being issued.	
<i>CEN</i>	12		Septic sores are still much in evidence and in this connection it is suggested that the issue of white open wove bandages should be replaced by the kharki bandages which last considerably longer and are less conspicuous. Flies are greatly on the increase. 14 cases of diarrhoea were evacuated during the week. Application was again made to the D.D.M.S. for permission to establish a convalescent home on the beach for cases of Debility &c.	
<i>CEN</i>			Sick admitted for week 132, Evacuated 104, % of daily admission of sick .20.	
<i>CEN</i>	13		Infectious diseases reported during the week 4 cases of Diphtheria, 1 of Scarlet Fever and 1 of Parathyphoid. Admission of sick by regiments to Field Ambs. attached.	<i>Appendix 72</i>
<i>CEN</i>	14		D.D.M.S. Desert Column instructs that a Rest Station for the Division may be established on the beach site to be chosen to morrow.	
<i>CEN</i>	15		Site for Rest Station chosen near TEL EL MARAKEB. Transport arrangements were made to move N.Z. Immobile Sectn. from DEIR EL BELAH to this site. Supplies <del>were</del> for Station are to come from KHAN YUNUS, Water is to be developed on the beach adjacent to the station.	
<i>CEN</i>	16		Rest Station established by N.Z. Immobile Section near TEL EL MARAKEB. Instructions concerning the use of the Station were issued to all medical officers of Division. Instructions attached.	<i>Appendix 73</i>
<i>CEN</i>	17		Medical Corps order No. 30 issued and attached.	<i>Appendix 74</i>
<i>CEN</i>	18		Twenty men were admitted to Rest station. 2nd. L.H. Bge take over new position on the south flank from 6th Mounted Bge. 2nd. L.H. Bge Mobile Section established at SHAU'UTH.	
<i>CEN</i>	19		Portable sanitary equipment continues deficient both in quantity and fly proof efficiency. Indents for this equipment on the scale laid down in Eastern Force order & G.R.O. 2405 have been indented for but no word has yet been received of their issue. Considerable difficulties are being experienced in the water control of the Wadi GHUZZE in spite of frequent orders prohibiting washing in the Wadi bed and on the wadi banks within 20 feet of the shingle infringements of these orders are of hourly occurrence. Troops in many cases seem to be genuinely unaware of orders. It has been recommended that notice boards be erected at frequent intervals prohibiting these irregularities but this has not been carried out to date. Filling of water bottles and drinking from unauthorised sources is rife.	
<i>CEN</i>			The evacuation rate for the current week has been large the contributing causes being again mainly septic sores, tonsillitis, debility and diarrhoea. The prevalence of flies and dust are undoubtedly largely responsible. In spite of the more or less systematic use of N.C.I. powder lice infection is on the increase.	

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<i>Jel el Fara</i>			Five cases of Diphtheria, 3 cases of Scarlet Fever, 1 case Bilharzia and 25 cases of Tonsillitis have been notified during the week. Climatic conditions have been extremely trying. 2 cases of heat exhaustion were reported. One patient wore helmet, one wore felt hat. Sick admitted 179, Evacuated 151, % of daily admission .26. Sick admitted to Field Ambulances by regiments attached. Medical Corps Op. Order No. 31 issued and attached.	<i>Appendix 75 Appendix 76</i>
<i>CEN</i>	21		Arrangements completed for forthcoming operations. Division left the concentration area 1 mile E of TEL EL FARA at 1930.	
<i>CEN</i>	22		The 1st. L.H.F.A. accompanied it's Bge in the demolition of the enemy's railway from ASLUJ to AJUA. No casualties were sustained in the Division during the operations. The Divisional motor cars were taken as far as IM IL'AGA. The water supply at BIR EL ESANI was examined and found to be most plentiful. The salinity of the water which was subsequently tested was found to be 250 parts per 100,000. The whole division returned to bivouac areas by 2300.	
<i>CEN</i>	23		70 men went to the Rest Station this morning. Gamalisation of and cleaning out of pools of the Wadi GHUZZE with keroseneing and oiling of the water has been carried out from SHELIAL to south of UM URGAN. It was found that a constant flow of 4 miles per hour was continuously maintained in the canals between the chains of pools.	
<i>CEN</i>	24		An inspection of the whole water area from HISEIA to GAMLI was carried out. G.S. 617 of 22nd May 1917 re mounting of 12 inspectors for Sanitary section received. Sanction is given to this increase subject to War Office sanction.	
<i>CEN</i>	25		A report on water control of Wadi GHUZZE submitted to D.D.M.S. Gamping sites were selected for the Division at ABASAN EL KEBIR. Several square miles around ABASAN EL KEBIR were found to be in a thoroughly dirty and insanitary condition. Diarrhoea is on the increase 35 cases being evacuated during the week. The weekly percentage admissions for the N.Z.M.R.Bge being over 2% analyses of sick rates were prepared for D.D.M.S. Desert Column and are attached. Four cases of scarlet fever, 4 cases of Diphtheria, 1 case of Bilharzia, 1 case of Malaria and 13 cases of Tonsillitis notified during the week.	<i>Appendix 76a</i>
<i>CEN</i>	26		Sick admitted 199, Evacuated 179, % of daily admission of sick .29. Weekly admissions of sick to Field Amb. by regiments attached. Anzac Receiving Station and Sanitary Section moved from SUBILMA to site on main JEMMI road near ABASAN EL KEBIR.	
<i>CEN</i>	27		Imperial Mounted Division relieved Anzac Mounted Division at 1330.	<i>Appendix 77</i>
<i>CEN</i>	28		Delousing of the 22nd. Mtd Bge. by the disinfecting train at KHAN YUNUS commenced this morning.	
<i>CEN</i>	29		Owing to the large amount of dental work presenting certain principles of work were drafted at a conference of the dentists of the division.	
<i>ABASAN EL KEBIR</i>				

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<p>ABASAN EL 29 KEBIR</p> <p><i>CEN</i></p> <p><i>CEN</i></p> <p><i>CEN</i></p>	<p>30 31</p>		<p>The watering area at ABASAN EL KEBIR was found to be placed in the centre of an appalling dusty area. Access to the troughs was being permitted from all sides thus enveloping the whole surroundings in dust. Only one reservoir for drinking water was covered and no arrangements for filling the water bottles existed. It was recommended that a large area to the windward side be fenced off and that access to reservoirs and troughs be limited to one side and that a second reservoir be set aside for drinking purposes and immediately covered and that a water bottle filling arrangement be installed. Chlorination and general water control for the first week was taken over by water duty men attached to First Field Troop. Medical Corps Routine Order No. 32 issued and attached.</p> <p>Recommendations made concerning ABASAN EL KEBIR water supply have been carried out.</p> <p>Secured forms and tables sufficient for 125 men for Anzac Rest Station.</p> <p>The experience of a month has again brought forward the need for immediate provision of transport for mobile sanitary material. The inadequacy of the present allotment per division of fly deterrents G.R.O. 1153 lays down the monthly issue Sodium Arsenite 30 bottles, Borax 30 lbs, Lefroys Fluid 15 gallons, 'C' Solution 60 gallons, Green Oil 60 gallons, Fly papers 4000. It is recommended that this be replaced in the case of Sodium Arsenite and Lefroys' by double the quantities stated and that Borax, 'C' Solution and Green Oil be cut out. The need for the provision of some fly proof and dust proof receptacle for the storage of meat and food at each cookhouse has been demonstrated during the month. It is suggested that the provision of some light textile material with a light portable frame could be made an issue to all units. It would be light, inexpensive and portable.</p> <p>Sanitation. It seems impossible to get the nine men set aside by establishment for sanitary duties permanently allotted by regimental commanders for these duties. The need for an efficient corporal to direct sanitary work of these men is also greatly felt. It is suggested that to obviate the employment of inefficient men on sanitary duties, no corporal should be eligible for promotion to Sergeant who has not served as Sanitary corporal to the satisfaction of the medical officer for the period of at least one month. This would make for keenness and efficiency and remove the impression that this important duty is of secondary importance.</p>	<p><i>appendix 78</i></p>

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

Unit	Remd.	Sick	Wounded	To Duty	Died	Evacuated	Remng.	Strength	% admission
									daily.
1st. L.H. Regt	-	9	-	-	-	9		517	.24
2nd. "	-	10	-	-	-	10		471	.30
3rd. "	-	5	-	-	-	5		519	.13
Sundry	-	16	-	3	-	13		569	.34
	)	40	-	3	-	37		2076	.27
5th. L.H. Regt		2				2		505	.05
6th "		9				9		495	.25
7th "		19				19		514	.52
Sundry		7				7		420	.23
	↓	37	-	-	-	37		1934	.27
A. M. R.	-	6	-	-	-	5	1	470	.18
C. M. R.	1	22	-	6	-	12	5	448	.70
W. M. R.	-	4	1	1	-	3	1	451	.12
Sundry	-	8	-	2	-	5	1	613	.18
	1	40	1	9	-	25	8	1982	.28
Ayrshire		2				2		243	.11
Inverness		4				4		247	.23
Leicester		3				3		246	.17
Somerset		-				-		240	.00
	-	9	-	-	-	9	-	976	.13
Staffs Yeo		10				10		428	.33
Lincs.		10				10		473	.30
East Riding		23				22	2	445	.73
Sundry		10		1		8	1	427	.33
	)	53	-	1	-	49	3	1773	.42
Sundry Units	-	4	-	-	-	4	-	606	.09
<b>Total Divsn.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9347</b>	<b>.27</b>

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## AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND HONOURABLE DIVISION.

## MEDICAL CORPS ROUTINE ORDER No. 31.

by  
Lieut-Colonel G.P. DIXON, A.D.H.S.

233. POSTINGS.

Lt-Colonel DAWSON, A.A.M.C. to 1st. L.H.F.A. temp. date 9.4.17  
Major W. McLAREN returned from leave and posted to 1st. L.H.F.A.  
dated 20.4.17.  
Capt. E.K. PARRY returned to duty to 4th. L.H.F.A. 23.4.17  
Capt. KINDER, N.Z.M.C., evacuated sick ~~XXXXXX~~ 3.5.17  
Major PALMER, R.A.M.C., Staffs Yeo. wounded and evacuated 17.4.17.  
Capt. HAVOR, R.A.M.C., posted to Staffs Yeo. vice Major PALMER  
19.4.17  
Capt. MOLESWORTH, A.A.M.C., posted to 1st. L.H.F.A. 9.4.17  
Capt. MOLESWORTH, A.A.M.C., evacuated sick to hospital 28.4.17  
Lieut. ISDALE, N.Z.M.C., from Transport Details to N.Z.H.F.A.  
dated 1.5.17.  
Staff Sergt. BURKE, N.Z.M.F.A. Dental Section, wounded and  
evacuated 4.5.17.

234. DIAGNOSIS

Attention is drawn to H.C.R.C. No. 30, para 228 re diagnosis  
Nourasthonia and Shell Shock.

235. SLEDGES.

No sledges are to be in possession of ambulances after this date.

236. WATER DUTY MEN.

Circumstances may render it necessary in the near future to  
withdraw A.M.C. personnel attached to units for water duties and to  
replace them by men drawn from the units themselves.  
With this possibility in view, R.M.Os should take steps to have  
two suitable men from each unit selected and trained in water  
duties.  
Names of these men should be sent to this office when their training  
is completed.

237. RED CROSS GOODS.

The Australian Branch of the British Red Cross Society has arranged  
that the Australian ambulances of division shall draw Red Cross  
goods from the depots at EL ARISH or the 54th. C.C.S., whichever  
is more convenient.  
Indents for Red Cross goods will in future be submitted to this  
office for approval.

238. IDENTITY DISCS.

In the case of the death of an officer or soldier in the field, the  
lower disc, known as "Disc, Identity, No. 2, Red" will be removed  
and sent to the A.A.G., 3rd. Echelon. The upper disc known as  
"Disc, Identity No. 1, green" will not be removed, but will be  
buried with the body.  
The practice of sending both discs to the A.A.G., 3rd. Echelon,  
must be discontinued.

239. SANITARY EQUIPMENT.

All units of the Eastern Force will be supplied on the following  
scale per 1,000 men:-  
22 Buckets (to nest) 1 Incinerator (inclined plane)  
22 Seats, self closing for buckets 5 Urine Funnels.

240. SALINITY OF WATER.

A salinity of over 150 parts per 100,000 has in the past been  
regarded with suspicion as a drinking water source. As some of the sources  
at present in use by the Division approach, and in the case of Shellal  
exceed this salinity, medical officers shall immediately report to  
the A.D.M.S. if cases occur which suggest that excessive salinity  
of water might be the cause of symptoms.

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241. HEAT EXHAUSTION.

In future when reporting cases of heat exhaustion, it on the weekly sick return, the following information should be given:-

(1) Out of total cases - Number wearing helmets,  
do. not do do.

(2) Particulars regarding the quantity of drinking water available per man.

242. FLY VEILS.

Fly Veils have been approved for issue at the rate of one per all ranks.

Indents should be submitted through the usual channel.

243. FLY KILLERS.

The issue of Fly Killers (King pattern, wire gauze) is approved at the rate of one per 4 all ranks.

Indents should be submitted in the usual way.

244. DEFICIENCIES.

Under the heading "Deficiencies" in the Regimental weekly returns any deficiencies in Gauze, H.C.I. powder, Soap, Soda, Rations, Cresol, Crude Oil, and Quicklime should be included with date of last R.Q.M.'s indent for same.

245. SANITATION.

R.M.Os are reminded that disinfectants are an A.S.C. issue. A supply of Crude Oil, Cresol and Quicklime should be constantly on hand. It is the duty of R.M.Os to ensure that indents for these articles are submitted at regular intervals by their regimental quartermasters.

G. P. DIXON, Lieut-Colonel.  
for A. D. M. S.  
Australian and New Zealand Mounted Division.

May 6th. 1917.



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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION

Following is a statement of sick admitted to and evacuated from field ambulances of division for week ending May 25th 1917.

	Remained Admitted To		Evac- Duty used	Remain- ing in Amb.	Strength	% Daily			
	S.	W.				Adv	Evac.		
1 Regt.	-	8	-	2	6	-	507	.22	.21
"	-	6	-	-	6	-	497	.17	.17
"	-	10	-	-	10	-	511	.26	.26
1st Bn.	-	13	-	2	6	3	473	.39	.39
2nd Bn.	-	37	-	4	30	3	1900	.28	.21
3rd Bn.	-	2	-	-	2	-	491	.05	.05
"	-	9	-	-	9	-	476	.27	.27
"	-	10	-	-	10	-	505	.50	.50
4th Bn.	-	5	4	-	9	-	469	.15	.27
5th Bn.	-	24	4	-	28	-	1941	.25	.27
6th Bn.	1	7	-	1	7	-	478	.20	.20
7th Bn.	5	21	-	5	21	-	472	.63	.63
8th Bn.	1	4	-	1	3	1	466	.12	.12
9th Bn.	1	20	-	3	15	3	505	.50	.50
10th Bn.	6	52	-	10	46	4	1901	.37	.28
11th Bn.	-	2	-	-	2	-	246	.11	.11
Inverness	-	4	-	-	4	-	240	.23	.23
Leicester	-	3	-	-	3	-	242	.17	.17
Donnerstag	-	3	-	-	3	-	242	.17	.17
H.A.A.	-	12	-	-	12	-	970	.17	.17
Staff Coy.	-	10	-	-	7	3	436	.32	.22
Lim-ia	-	17	-	-	16	1	517	.46	.44
Kniding	2	17	-	-	16	1	442	.54	.58
Band Units.	-	15	-	2	12	3	319	.67	.53
Band Units.	2	29	-	2	25	7	1714	.49	.34
D.S.C. and Band Units.	-	7	-	-	6	1	606	.16	.14
<b>TOTAL DIVISION</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9200</b>	<b>.31</b>	<b>.28</b>

D.H.Q.  
May 30th 1917.

To: *T. J. J.*

For your information please.

Major.  
for A. D. M. B.  
Anzac Mounted Division.

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A Divisional Rest Station is being formed at the beach at TEL EL MARAKEB, It will be formed by one immobile tent sub-division and should be able to accomodate 100 cases

The object of the Rest Station is to afford a period of rest and change coupled with a more extensive dietary to men requiring it. No cases of acute illness are to be sent there, but only those of a more chronic type such as septic sores, &c. men temporarily run down as a result of some casual complaint, or men who become below par without any definite apparent cause

All cases reporting sick will be admitted to the Field Ambulances when required as heretofore, those which come under the above categories to be subsequently transferred to the Rest Station, those suffering from serious illness or from some disability necessitating it, to be transferred to the C.C.S. as formerly.

The period such men remain at the Rest Station will be limited to ten days for the present and that period must not be exceeded without reference to this office. It should not, however, be necessary to keep all cases so long, and those who have benefitted sufficiently by the change should be discharged to duty when found fit to do so, so as to enable as large a number of men as possible to have an opportunity of obtaining a similiar advantage.

An admission and discharge Book will be kept by the Rest Station, but all cases sent to it by the Field Ambulances will be entered as transfers. A return will be sent to this office daily, giving admissions, discharges, and remaining, to be made up to midnight for preceding 24 hours.

The necessary Medical Comforts will be idented for so as to give the men the benefit of a fuller and more varied food.

Application should be made to the Red Cross Society for any articles which they can supply, so that the men may be made as comfortable as possible during their stay in the Rest Station.

The number of camels required for the transport of the Immobile tent sub division to the beach will be supplied on the date of the move.

The number of camels required for daily use for drawing rations, etc., will also be allotted and will be placed in the charge of the senior officer of the two Rest Stations present on the beach. He will be responsible for those, and also thenative drivers accompanying them, and will allot them to each unit as circumstances require.

Portable sanitary equipment is essential.

*G. P. D. M.* Lieut Colonel  
for A. D. M. S.  
Anzac Mounted Division.

Medical Corps Order No 20  
by Lieut Colonel G.P. Dixon  
for ADMS Angac Mrs Dwyer

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May 15 '17

Reference Maps EL SHELLAL 1/40000  
FARA 1/125000

1 On the night of 16/17<sup>th</sup> one regt of the NZMR Bde and one regt of 2<sup>nd</sup> LH Bde will act as covering force to the 74<sup>th</sup> Div<sup>on</sup> who are digging a new battle line. Covering line will be divided into two sectors. The right sector being from EL GAMLI to a line drawn thro' EL SHELLAL to GOZ EL GELEIB exclusive. The left sector from the above line inclusive to a point  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile N of HASEIA.

NZMR Bde will be responsible for right sector & the 2<sup>nd</sup> LH Bde for the left sector.

Regiments will be in position by 1830 on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

2 NZMR Bde and 2<sup>nd</sup> LHFA will each detail 2 officers, 10 bearers and 4 sand carts to proceed with their respective regiments. Remaining sand carts to be on readiness to proceed forward if required.

3 Evacuations to Dressing Stations on their present sites.

4 Communications all messages to ADMS DHD. Cable Communication will be established between regimental HQs and DHD.

5 Acknowledge.

G.P. Dixon Lt Colonel  
for ADMS.

Memo  
15.5.17

- 1 2<sup>nd</sup> LHFA
- 2 Nqurra
- 3 G
- 4 Warhead
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## AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

Statement of sick and wounded admitted to Field Ambulances of Division.  
by regiments.

*War ending 1915*

Unit	Remnd	Sick	Wounded	To Duty	Evacuated	Strength	% daily admission of sick
1st. L.H. Regt		5			5	516	.13
2nd "		17			17	480	.50
3rd "		5			5	521	.13
Sundry		6		1	5	589	.14
		33		1	32	2106	.22
5th. L.H. Regt		-			-	515	
6th "		10			10	465	.30
7th "		13			13	494	.37
Sundry		8			8	494	.23
		31			31	1966	.22
A. M. R.		3		-	3	471	.09
C. M. R.	2	11		7	6	456	.37
W. M. R.	3	6		4	5	446	.19
Sundry	1	7	1	8	1	543	.18
	6	28	1	19	15	1916	.20
Ayrshire		1			1	254	.25
Inverness		-			-	248	...
Lincolnshire		9			9	247	.52
Somerset		-			-	243	...
		10			10	992	.14
Staffs. Yeo.		3			3	437	.09
Lincolnshire Yeo.		10		1	9	450	.31
East Riding		8			8	455	.25
Sundry	1	2			3	407	.07
	1	23		1	23	1749	.18
Sundry Units		3			3	593	.07
Total Divsn.	7	128	1	21	114	9322	.19

"A" Form **Appendix No 76** Army Form C. 2121  
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message.....

Prefix.....	Code.....	m.	Words	Charge.	This message is on a/c of: <i>Copy No 10</i>	Recd. at.....
Office of Origin and Service Instructions			Sent			Service.
<i>Secret</i>			At.....		From.....	
			To.....		By.....	
			By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	

TO *Medical Corps Order No 31*  
*by Lieut Colonel G.P. DIXON* *AGMS*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
*	<i>20<sup>th</sup> May</i>		

*Referenced Maps RAFA 1/125000, BEERSHEBA 1/125000*  
*ABDA 1/125000, KOSSAIMA 1/125000*

1. INFORMATION. (a) A raid will be made on the enemy's railway between ASLUJ and HADAJ by the 1<sup>st</sup> LH Bde at 0400 on May 23<sup>rd</sup>

(b) Strong flank guards will be provided by the NZMR Bde and 2<sup>nd</sup> LH Bde, the NZMR Bde along a line from GOZ SHEIHILI (inclusive) to UM <sup>ATVA</sup> ~~ATVA~~ (exclusive); the 2<sup>nd</sup> LH Bde from GOZ SHEIHILI (exclusive) along the high ground running SE, getting into touch with the left of the 1<sup>st</sup> LH Bde.

2. MOVES. Mobile sections of 1<sup>st</sup> LHFA, 2<sup>nd</sup> LHFA and NZMFA will move with their brigades on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. *Rever* and *Sub* ~~sub~~ sub-divisions of 22<sup>nd</sup> MFA will accompany 22<sup>nd</sup> Mtd Bde to PONT 820, and remain in reserve.

From		
Place		
Time		

*The above may be forwarded as now corrected.* (Z)  
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.....			By.....		(Signature of "Franking Officer.")		

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\*  
 Anzac Receiving Station remains in its present position. Tent sub-division of 1<sup>st</sup> LHFA will be opened close to D.H.Q. at POINT 820 NW of KHALASA. Tent sub-division of NZMFA will open on the west bank of the KADI KHALASA in the vicinity of POINT 820, exact point to be chosen by O.C. and position notified to D.H.Q. Tent sub-divisions of 2<sup>nd</sup> LHFA to remain at POINT 820 in reserve. Bearers and Transport sub-divisions of 1<sup>st</sup> LHFA, 2<sup>nd</sup> LHFA and NZMFA accompany their brigades. All ambulances must retire with their brigades.  
 EVACUATIONS. From front line to Dressing Station by sandcarts, hence to Anzac Receiving Station by Divisional Motor ambulances (if practicable) and hence to C. O. S. by motor ambulance convey.

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COMMUNICATIONS All messages to ADMS at DHR. Telephonic communication between DHR and motor ambulance Convoy. Reports to be sent in every two hours. NIL returns if necessary. A34 5 to be sent in to DHR at 0800 and 2000 during operations. SUPPLIES. One day's supplies for man and horse will be carried.

Gordon Lieutenant Colonel  
for ADMS  
Angiac Mounted Division

Copies to

1	1st LHFA	6	A Branch
2	2nd ✓	7	DDMS
3	NZ MFA	8	Receiving Stn
4	22nd MFA	9	War Diary
5	G Branch	10	File

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D. D. M. S.  
Desert Column.

The weekly percentage admissions for the N.Z.M.R. Bge and 22nd. Mtd Bge being over 2% analyses of sick rates herewith:-

26/5/17.

N.Z.M.R.Bge	(a) Non Infectious cases.		
		Surgical	7 13
		Medical	9
	(b) Possibly Infectious		
		Enteritis	18 (3 returned to duty).
		Conjunctivitis	1
		Pyrexia	1
	(c) Infectious Diseases		
		Tonsillitis	11 (3 returned to duty)
		Venereal	1
	Scabies	1	

22nd Mtd Bge.

(a) Non infectious cases surgical	12	
	medical	10
(b) Possibly infectious		
	Enteritis	12
	<del>Tonsillitis</del>	<del>2</del>
	N.Y.D. Pyrexia	8
(c) Infectious		
	Scabies	3
	Tonsillitis	2
	Conjunctivitis	3

Total Number of Diarrhoea cases 35.

Cases which present clinical features of dysentery 7.

Of the 25 cases of Tonsillitis reported for last week 4 were returned positive Diphtheria and 4 for Scarlet Fever.

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

26/5/17



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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION. *Appendix No 77*

The following is a statement of sick admitted to and evacuated from Field ambulances of division for week ending May 26th 1917.

UNIT.	Remained S.	Admitted	To- W. Duty	Evac- uated	Remain- ing in Hosp.	Strength	% Daily Adm	% Daily Evac.
1st L.H. Regt.	-	8	-	2	6	507	.22	.21
2nd. " " "	-	6	-	-	6	497	.17	.17
3rd. " " "	-	10	-	-	10	511	.26	.26
Sund Units.	-	13	-	2	3	473	.39	.39
Brigade.	-	37	-	4	30	1988	.26	.21
5th L.H. Regt.	-	2	-	-	2	491	.05	.05
6th. " " "	-	9	-	-	9	476	.27	.27
7th. " " "	-	18	-	-	18	505	.50	.50
Sund Units.	-	5	4	-	9	469	.15	.27
Brigade.	-	34	4	-	33	1941	.25	.27
A.M.R.	1	7	-	1	7	478	.20	.20
C.M.R.	5	21	-	5	21	472	.63	.63
W.M.R.	1	4	-	1	3	466	.12	.12
Sund Units	1	20	-	3	15	565	.50	.50
Brigade.	8	52	-	10	43	1981	.37	.28
Ayrshire	-	2	-	-	2	246	.11	.11
Inverness	-	4	-	-	4	240	.23	.23
Leicester	-	3	-	-	3	242	.17	.17
Somerset	-	3	-	-	3	242	.17	1.17
R.H.A.	-	12	-	-	12	970	.17	.17
Staff Yeo.	-	10	-	-	7	436	.32	.32
Lincoln "	-	17	-	-	16	517	.46	.44
Riding "	2	17	-	-	18	442	.54	.58
Sund Units.	-	15	-	2	12	319	.67	.53
Brigade.	2	59	-	2	53	1714	.49	.44
D.H.Q. and Sund Units.	-	7	-	-	5	606	.16	.14
<b>TOTAL DIVISION</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>9200</b>	<b>.31</b>	<b>.28</b>

D.H.Q.  
May 30th 1917.

To.

*War Diary*

For your information please.

Major.

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

## AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

MEDICAL CORPS ROUTINE ORDER No. 32

by

Lieut-Colonel G. P. DIXON, A. D. N. S.

May 30th. 1917.

246. APPOINTMENTS.

Staff Sergt. C. E. Burke, N.Z.D.C. to be Lieut. dated 5.5.17.

247. POSTINGS.

Major R. DRAPLER, R.A.M.C. evacuated sick 20.5.17.  
 Capt. G. BRITTAIN GILL, R.A.M.C. evacuated sick 20.5.17.  
 Capt. R. F. LINTON, R.A.M.C., posted to Leicester R.H.A., 30.5.17.  
 Capt. F. L. TRINCA, A.A.M.C., reported to 1st. L.H.F.A. 18.5.17  
 Capt. HOLDSWORTH, A.A.M.C., returned to duty 16.5.17.  
 Capt. E. HUNTER, A.A.M.C. reported for duty 20.5.17 and posted to Signal Squadron 29.5.17.  
 Capt. DONALDSON, N.Z.D.C. reported for duty 10.5.17.  
 Capt. WATERHOUSE, A.A.M.C., reported to 2nd. L.H.F.A. 19.5.17.  
 Capt. MCCARTHY, R.A.M.C. to 22nd. Mtd F.A. dated 21.5.17.  
 Major T. DUCHANAN, R.A.M.C. proceeded on leave England, 25.5.17.

248. MUSLIN FOR COVERING FOOD ) ISSUE OF.

The issue to all units of muslin for covering food for protection against contamination by flies is approved, on the scale of 5 yards per 100 100 men. Indents should be submitted to the Army Ordnance Department in the usual manner. (East force Order No. 166 16.5.17).

249. BIVOUACS - SANITATION.

Officers in command of troops which vacate their bivouacs by night, and are therefore unable to thoroughly clean up and scour the bivouac before the sanitary detachments or other personnel finish up. If for any reason this is impracticable the officer in command will take steps to ensure the Headquarters of the area concerned being informed that the cleaning of the bivouac has not been completed. It is essential that bivouacs when vacated should be thoroughly scoured as otherwise they at once form intense fly breeding places.

*Area before they leave are to arrange for necessary personnel to remain to finish*

250. RETURNS.

Infectious diseases. When units are advised that a man has been bacteriologically diagnosed positive for an infectious disease Army Form A 35 should be immediately forwarded to this office. Receipt of Operation Orders should be promptly acknowledged by wire.

251. BLEACHING POWDER.

241. Attention is directed to M.C.R.O. 326. The following reserves of bleaching powder should be maintained in air tight tins,-  
 Each R.M.O. 5 lbs.  
 Each Fld. Ambulance 25 lbs.

252. CEREBRO SPINAL FEVER.DIAGNOSIS.

Clinical. This disease is characterised by the following symptoms and signs:- Intense headache, pain and stiffness in the muscles especially of the neck, retraction of the head, fever, vomiting, delirium, and subsequent coma. A positive Kernig, strabismus, and photophobia are common early manifestations and purpuric eruption occurs in some cases. Anomalous cases may occur in which the usual initial symptoms are suppressed; for instance, sore-throat may suddenly be succeeded by coma and death.

Bacteriological. The Diplococcus Intracellularis of Weichselbaum is to be regarded as the causative micro organism, and as having primary residence in the nasopharynx.

Procedure to be adopted on occurrence of a case, or notification of a positive case.

(a). Patient must be effectively isolated, disinfection of urine clothing, bedding, feeding utensils and quarters should be carried out.

(b). Direct contact must be sent for isolation to nearest divisional Immobile section acting as a hospital. Each man's equipment, kit and bedding should be disinfected.

(c) Indirect contacts such as members of the same troop as patients should be medically inspected daily with utmost thoroughness. Particular attention should be paid to men with sore throats, headache &c., suggesting influenza.

253. ANZAC REST STATION.

A Rest Station has been established on the beach near EL EL MARAKEB for men suffering from intractable septic sores, debility &c.,. No cases of acute illness are to be sent. Ambulances will be notified by wire when cases are to be sent and R.M.Os will be notified in turn by C.Os Ambulances. No Officers are to be sent. All cases must be sent to ambulances and shown on A36 return, as transferred to Rest Station. R.M.Os should not send cases direct to Rest Station. All cases must reach the rest station by 1100. While on the beach Brigades will have their allotment reduced in favor of Brigades at ABASAH EL KEBIR. The total stay at Rest Station should not exceed 10 days except in special cases.

254. DYSENTERY.

A return is to be shown by ambulances on weekly A34 showing number of cases of diarrhoea presenting clinical features of dysentery.

255. MALARIA.

In diagnosing Malaria it should always be stated whether infection is thought to be of recent origin.

256. DENTAL.

Owing to the pressure of dental work it has been found necessary to instruct dental officers to adopt the following principles in the selection of their work.

- (a). Patients reporting with dental pain are to receive first attention.
- (b). Patients with septic roots, pyrrhoea, calculus deposits &c., will receive priority in treatment.
- (c). Dentures will only be made and repaired when dental officer decides that such manufacture or repairs necessary for masticatory purposes. No aesthetic plate work will be done. for example an incisor broken off an upper dentures will not necessarily be replaced.

257. SANITATION.

R.M.Os are reminded of the following points:-

(a). Inspection of rations. A daily inspection of rations by medical officer must always be carried out. Special attention should be paid to the amount of fresh vegetables and the due proportion of fat in the meat issue. Any radical defects in quantity and quality such as is likely to adversely affect the health and efficiency of men should be promptly reported to this office. Continual minor defects should be noted in weekly report, see M.C.R.O. 244.

(b). Inspection of cookhouses. (1) Medical history of men engaged in preparation and handling of food should be inquired into and enquiry made daily as to their freedom from diarrhoea. In the case of a cook giving a previous history of dysentery,, full enquiry as to the possibility of his being a carrier should always be made.

(11). G.R.O. 1793 of 6.10.16. provides " The issue of Aprons, cooks and Dishcloths for use in cook houses is provided for the Egyptian Expeditionary Forces in Egypt on the following scale:-

Aprons, cooks,	One per cook.
Dishcloths	3% of units strength.

Indents should be submitted to the A.O.D. in the usual manner".

(111). Wood ash or baked sand should be kept available in a special receptacle for cleaning dixies &c.,

(1V). Tables and meat boards should be scrubbed with soap and soda.

(V). All kitchen refuse must be collected in a fly proof receptacle at each cook house subsequently burnt in the incinerator.

(VI). Fly papers and tanglefett should be exposed freely around cook houses. Sprays of Lefroy's fluid should be used *occasionally*

C. Water carts and fantasses. These should be cleaned out by a regimental water duty man under medical supervision twice weekly. Rust and slime should be removed with a sterilised cloth and the receptacles washed out with a strong solution of Pot. Permang. or bleaching powder. Finally rinsing out with clean water before re-filling.

D. Where materials are obtained and statement of authorities for their issue.

D. A. D. O..S.

Soap. Average issue 50 bars per regiment per week.  
 Marine Soap, G.R.O. 1236  
 Scrubbing Brushes 2 per regiment and 1 per smaller unit  
 G.R.O. 1230

Sanitary Equipment on the following scale per 1000 men,

22 buckets (to nest) 22 sets self closing for buckets,  
 1 Incinerator and 5 Urine funnels, authority G.R.O. 3405.  
 Fly Veils Eastforce Order 113  
 Fly killers 114  
 Flat Irons as an anti-verminous measure on seams of  
 pants, G.R.O. 987  
 Soda  
 Muslin Eastforce Order 166.

A. S. C.

N.C.I. powder  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz per man per week, D.R.O. 613  
 Crude Oil, Cresol, Chloride of Lime No fixed scale  
 laid down Attention is drawn to M.C.R.O. 220  
 re Economy and expenditure of disinfectants.

Sanitary Section.

Tanglefoot, Fly papers, Sodium Arsenite,  
 Lefroy's fluid, 'C' Solution, Green Oil.  
 G.R.O. 1153.

CHARLES E. HERCUS, Major.

for A. D. M. S.

Australian and New Zealand Mounted Division.