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TALPATT ED DUMMY	9.8.18	1965	Large number of evacuations to-day (28). moved off in rear of Brigade with two L.A. waggons remainder of transport with Brigade transport. All ambulance cars sent on ahead. marched all night.	grants
KILO.17.	10.8.18	04.45	Arrived at the new camp site at Kilo 17 on the Hebron Rd. after a good but tiring march	grants
	11.8.18		Excellent camp site & very cool, hardly been camped on before. Four hill tents received as area stores	grants
	12.8.18		No change.	grants
	13.8.18		Still good weather & no dust or flies. Sick fairly numerous mostly malaria.	grants
	14.8.18		Four other ranks sent to Desert mounted corps West bank, Jerusalem to help the 1st ambulance who are all sick	grants E. AUG 1918 M10/2
	15.8.18		no change	grants
	16.8.18		no change	

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HEBRONK KILOIT	17-8-18		no change	plans
	18-8-18		Preparing for an inspection by G.O.C. A+M. 2, surrounded Division. Only 2 L.S. waggons + water carts on the line, the remainder in Jerusalem Ordnance workshops	plans
	19-8-18		Inspected this afternoon, apparently satisfactory	plans
	20-8-18		nine other ranks detached to Descots Rest Camp, Jerusalem	plans
	21-8-18		seven other ranks reported from details near camp	plans
	22-8-18		no change.	plans
	22-8-18		Capt. Marsh rejoined ex details	plans
	23-8-18	1600	moved out in rear of Brigade passing through JERUSALEM about 2000. Bivouaced at KILO 3 on JERICHO rd. for 6 hours moving on at 0330 for TALAAT ED DUMM	plans P119 Aug 1918
	24-8-18	0700	Reached TALAAT ED DUMM. Very warm & dusty after the hills. Bivouaced for the day. Sent 10 other ranks to Anzac Receiving Station by lorry in the morning.	plans



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	25/8/18	0400	moved off in rear of Brigade down the old road to JERICHO, transport going by new road. Arrived at 0900	present																																																																
JORDAN VALLEY		1800	Remained here till 1600 when we moved to Jsa arriving at 2100 & took over from 12 th Cavalry Combined Field Ambulance.																																																																	
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J 5 a	26-8-18		Busy day setting up camp. Evacuating for ALWA (Indian) + 38 th Royal Fusiliers also about five batteries	Grenade
	27-8-18		Not many sick from our own Brigade but many from other units.	Grenade
	28-8-18		1 officer, 16 other ranks, * 2 sand carts + 1 LA waggon of 1 st Welsh Field Ambulance attached for dealing with 38 th Royal Fusiliers	Grenade
	29-8-18		Still very warm here but ambulance site very good & fairly free from dust	Grenade
	30-8-18		no change.	
	31-8-18		A small amount of influenza has appeared in the Brigade but so far not very much	Grenade

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Sanitation

- 1/8/18 TALHAT ED DUMM
The Brigade moved into this camp site on # 27.8.18 at 0100. Watering arrangements good. Drinking water filled from stand pipe into 2000 gallon canvas reservoir and there chlorinated. Allowance of water per day per man = 4 gallons. Hours for drawing water 0700-0900 + 1500-1700. Horse manure spread in the four square system and burnt on the previously used areas. Faeces were burnt daily. Flies, few.
- 2/8/18 " Incineration carried out in all units.
- 3/8/18 " Visited units and found sanitation satisfactory.
- 4/8/18 " Drinking water supply did not arrive in afternoon. Communicated with Bde who arranged it with D.M.C.
- 9/8/18 " Inspected Brigade area at 1830, on the moving out of the units. Horses were withdrawn from lines half an hour previous to moving off and lines cleaned up. Manure spread for drying. Faeces burnt on rubbish incinerator. Reported camp clean and sanitary to B.H.Q.
- 10/8/18 HEBRON ROAD Kilo XVII (Arrup).
Inspected new camp area + found it satisfactory. Drinking water drawn from 6000 gallon reservoir, which ~~was~~ contained a fair amount of dust and tins. Suggested to Bde HQs the installation of 2000 gallon tank which could be more effectively cleaned out. This was not carried out.
- 11/8/18 " Suggested to B.H.Q. an increase on the mobile establishment of latrine buckets while in this camp the extra ones to remain as area stores. Sent a report to A+N.Z. Divn (DADM.S) on number and state of repair of latrines in possession of the respective units of the Bde.
- 15/8/18 " Inspected units, ~~san~~ incineration satisfactorily carried out. Flies not numerous.
- 23/8/18 " Visited and inspected camping area on the moving off of units and reported clean and sanitary to B.H.Q.
- 24/8/18 Kilo III Jericho Rd.
Moved off at 0330, no efforts at sanitation made

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24.8.18	TALHAT-ED-DUMM <u>Sanitation</u> Inspected watering area and found it satisfactory. A 2000 gallon tank is permanently installed & chlorination carried out therein.
25.8.18	" Bde moved out at 0400. Manure spread for drying, on mumeration areas.
26.8.18	WADI AUJA } " MELLAH# } Visited drinking water area at 0715 and found unsatisfactory state of affairs. The two tanks were empty: there was no water guard, no pumping party, no water duty man for chlorination. Men were bathing within a few yards of the stream, horses were being washed at a similar distance. Fanatis, water bottles etc were being filled directly from the stream. There was no evidence of Military Police control. Reported above to AD.M.S. and Staff Captain B.H.Q.
27.8.18	" Visited drinking water area and found little improvement on the above. Reported such to Staff Captain.
28.8.18	" Visited watering area and found water not being consistently chlorinated. Reported same to Staff Captain.
29.8.18	" Area visited by Lt. Col. Beith and chlorination of water found to be unsatisfactory.
30.8.18	" WADI AUJA banks reconstructed where broken down in the ambulance area. Visited watering area and found at 0700 no pumping party in position. Chlorination of tank just filled, had not been performed altho' the guard was allowing it to be pumped into fanatis. Inspected saline springs near junction & found them not flowing freely but they were wellboiled.
31.8.18	" Conditions at water dump unsatisfactory. Water drawn into fanatis without chlorination, men "dipping out" of reservoirs, men filling water bottles from stream. Reported same to Staff Captain.

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