

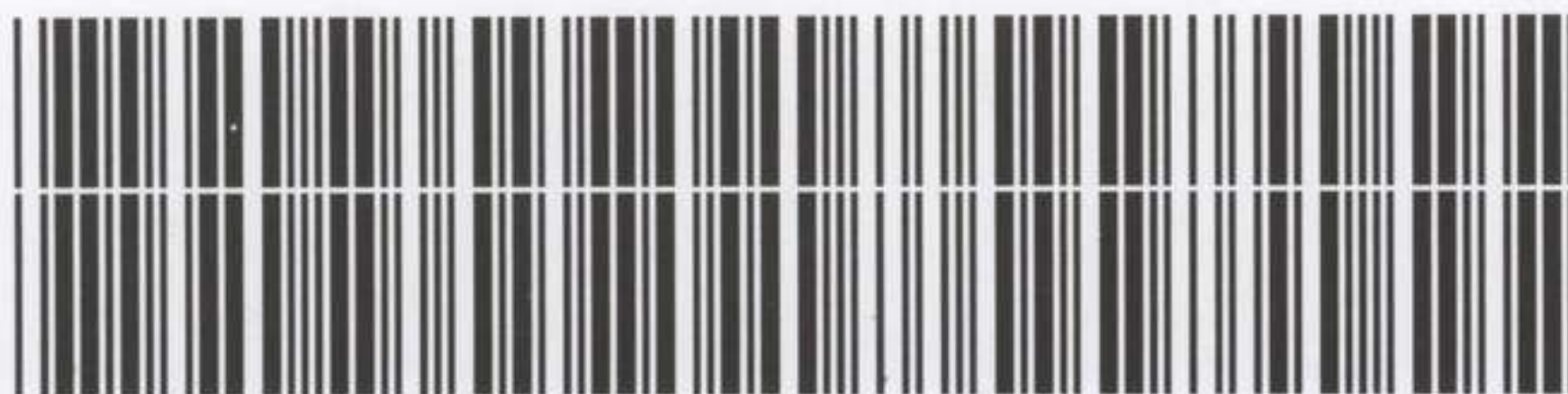
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From 1. 10. 18 To 31. 10. 18

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OF

2nd Light Horse Field Ambulance.

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Signature of Officer compiling *Wideman Major.*

Signature of Officer Commanding *Wideman Lt. Col.*

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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AMMAN	1.10.18		Effective strength. officers 3 Other Ranks 70. H.T. Native 1 H. Horses 34. L.D. Horses 42. Donkeys 10. Camels 19. Transport with Brigade Transport left for NIMRIN via ES. SALT. Patients admitted 11 sick	Un8.
SUR	2.10.18	0830 1345	Remainder of unit with camels left with. Brigade for NIMRIN via No. 4 Road. Passed through AIN ES SUR at 1200 arrived at SUR 1345 and camped for the night.	Un8.
NIMRIN	3.10.18	0830 1600	Continued march to NIMRIN ^{arrived} at 1545. Brounce for the night.	Un8.
HASLA	4.10.18	0830 1230	Left with Brigade. Crossed the Jordan by the HASLA Bridge and reached HASLA Monastery at 1230, camping on its Eastern side. Patients were collected on the march as follows:- 2 nd 1 sick, 3rd. 9 sick, 4 th 10 sick. From this camp site patients were evacuated to Dugaa Receiving Station, a distance of from 5 to six miles, by Ambulance wagons.	Un8.
HASLA	5.10.18		20 sick were admitted. The majority of these cases were Malaria.	
HASLA	6.10.18		31 sick admitted	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
7.10.18 HASLA	7.10.18	0530	Left with Brigade for TALAAT. ED DUMM. Arrived at 1400 in camp. 25 sick admitted during the day, as number of these coming in before the move and being left at Augac Receiving Station en route.	
TALAAT. ED DUMM.	8.10.18	0800	Moved off with Brigade. Reached JERUSALEM at 1300. Camped on the East side between the Mt of OLIVES and NABLUS roads. Patients admitted 27 sick Evacuations to the C.C. Stations in JERUSALEM.	Mu8.
JERUSALEM	9.10.18		18 sick admitted	Mu8.
	10.10.18		31 sick admitted	Mu8.
	11.10.18		55 sick admitted	Mu8.
	12.10.18	0800	Moved with Brigade. Arrived at LATRON, 1700. and camped. 18 sick admitted during the day.	Mu8.
LATRON.	13.10.18	0900	Moved with Brigade. Reached WADI HANEIN. at 1500. and camped on old site. Admitted 20 sick.	Mu8.
WADI HANEIN	14.10.18		14 a/r. Reinforcements received. Arrangements made with No. 2 Field Laboratory, LODD, for reports on slides to return with boxes of slides. It was decided with few exceptions to hold all cases except Malignant Tertian Malaria. These to be evacuated to 76th. C.C. S. Ludd. 25 sick admitted.	Mu8. - OCT 1918 557



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WADI HANEIN	15.10.18.		Patients admitted 15 sick. Distance to the b.b.s. about 6 miles. The 35 th M. A. C. transported our sick when possible. The Dental Unit set up and started work again.	Mus.
"	16.10.18.		Patients admitted - 14 sick.	Mus.
"	17.10.18.		" 14 sick - 6 sick camels evacuated to 23 rd F.V.S. Ludd.	Mus.
"	18.10.18.		4 sick admitted.	Mus.
"	19.10.18.		10 sick admitted. A large room and veranda of a house in the village with tents formed the Hospital.	Mus.
"	20.10.18.		28 Patients admitted. Inoculation against Cholera started throughout the Brigade.	Mus.
"	21.10.18.		Patients admitted 36 sick.	Mus.
"	22.10.18.		" 14 sick.	
"	23.10.18.		" 9 sick.	
"	24.10.18.		" 11 sick.	
"	25.10.18.		" 16 sick.	
"	26.10.18.		" 10 sick.	
"	27.10.18.		" 5 sick.	
"	28.10.18.		" 10 sick. Inoculation against Cholera completed.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WADI HANEIN	29.10.18		15 sick admitted. 5 O/R Reinforcements received.	
"	30.10.18		13 sick admitted	
"	31.10.18		12 sick admitted	Und
			Effective strength officers 3. O/R 86. H.T.N. 4. R. Horses 38 L.D. Horses 44. Donkeys 3. Camels 13.	
			Immobile section: Stationed during this month with Anzac Receiving Station SERICHO. Strength. 1 officer. 34 other ranks. 2 H.T. Natives 2 R. Horses 18 L.D. Horses and 10 donkeys.	Und
			2 O/R. evacuated sick to Hospital	

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2ND L. F. Field Ambulance

FOR

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2. Report of 7659. R. Q. M. S. Whitford Es., 28. 9. 18 to 8. 10. 18.

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19.9.1918.

4000 hrs.

The immobile section of the Ambulance was at K.34.D. (Rakastix (Palestine Sheet 18)). helping to form the Anzac Receiving Station and consisted of 1 Officer and 34 Other Ranks. The Mobile Section was standing by ready to move out with the Brigade at short notice - nothing beyond the usual routine happened until 0400 on 23rd. when orders came to move out ~~at~~ at once. The Ambulance moved ~~out~~ at 0600 in the rear of the Brigade making for TEL ER RAMEH.

Effective Strength 4 Officers 69 Other Ranks. 34 R.H., 42 L.D., 7 donkeys, 6 light Ambulance Wagons, 2 G.S. Wagons, 1 G.S. Limber, 1 Water Cart, 1 Maltese Cart, 5 L., 55 *sitting* Cacolet Camels and 9 Natives. The heavy wheeled transport joined the Brigade Transport and the remainder of the Unit crossed the Jordan at HAJLA FORD proceeded East to (T.6.C. Essalt 2nd Edition). The L.A. Wagons being left at (T.1.a. Essalt 2nd Edition). Later they were sent back to report to D.A.D.M.S. at GORANIYEH or SHUNET NIMRIN. There was no fighting but ^{sick} ~~5~~ were sent riding back to A.R.S.. During the morning a Bearer was sent back to AIN HAJLA to wait for 10 Cacolet Camels from 1/1 Welsh F.A. At 1600 received orders to concentrate at KABR MUJAHID. 1 Officer and 3 Other Ranks sent to T.1.a. (Essalt 2nd Edition) to wait for Camels and follow on up the main ESSALT ROAD.

All the ten camels with the Unit were carrying small loads of dressings, blankets, Medical Comforts and Dixies - about 5 camel loads in all. On the way to KABR MUJAHID one camel with sitting cacolet had to be abandoned as it was quite unable to travel in the dark. 2 sick Officers were left ^R there to ride into A.R.S. next morning.

Moved off off behind the Mountain Battery about 2030 east of SHUNET NIMRIN towards No. 4 Road. After proceeding about 2 miles across flat country the country became very hilly and the mules delayed us. Reached No. 4 Road at 0100 after passing the Battery, then proceeded to follow The Brigade up No 4 Road. When we reached the hill

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Country camels travelled very badly and did not reach SUR till 1300 on 24.9.1918 having had an hour's stop on the Road. Brigade had moved on past AIN ES SUR by now so we stopped for two hours then proceeded on after picking up 2 sick Indians from the Battery who had caught us up. we reached the Plateaux at 1630 and bivouaced for the night with Headquarters 6th L.H. Regt. at T.2.c. (Amman Sheet 2nd Edition). 2 Other Ranks sick were admitted here. Received orders to be ready to move with Brigade who were to attack AMMAN at 0600 25.9.18. Moved off at 0600 after evacuating 2 Indians on Camels and 3 Other Ranks riding 2 to SUWEILEH. First wounded were received at 0900 being brought to R.34.a. (Amman 2nd Edition) on Camels or riding, wounds were attended to and shelters made with blankets. 2 O.R. were evacuated to SUWEILEH riding. The Ambulance moved on again with Brigade to Y.2.D. (Amman Sheet 2nd Edition) carrying patients with us as we could not send any camels away. At 1400 20 casualties had been received. Received word that our L.A.W. were on the main road 3 miles east of SUWEILEH so sent for three to evacuate us there, arrived at 1600 and after evacuating patients the Ambulance moved forward to Y.10. Central (Amman 2nd Edition). 8 wounded received here and these were evacuated to collecting station in Amman by camel and riding.

R.M.O. of 5th L.H. Regt. was wounded early in the afternoon so an Officer from the Ambulance was sent to replace him. The majority of wounded were not serious but one Officer died in the Ambulance from a bad abdominal Bullet wound. Largest number held at one time was 30. In the evening 2 Germans were picked up just above Amman and sent to collecting Station. The only Medical Comforts were biscuits, tea and Milk. The limber with rations arrived just before dark.

26.9.1918.

Quiet night - camels from 1/1 W.F.A. arrived and L.A.W. proceeded into AMMAN with Brigade transport. A few sick coming in, evacuation to collecting station. Two lots of rations issued to-day.

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All transport brought up to unit and tentage erected to hold patients till such time as the Collecting Station could take them 3 sick admitted.

28.9.1918

1 N.C.O. 2 Bearers 19 Natives and camels with 10 L. & 9 S.

Cacolets left at daybreak to report to 1st L.H. Brigade at ZERKA where they collected wounded Turks and brought them back to Amman returning to bivouac site at 2000. R.Q.M.S.

Whiteford and 1 O.R. detailed to take over and tabulate ~~individual~~ ^{Medical} stores at Amman Station. 4 sick admitted.

29.10.1918.

Unit less wheeled transport and 3 O.R.'s. of the tent division moved out at 1415 to XZIZA where we arrived at 2300 about 5 hours after the Brigade. Bivouaced till daylight.

30.10.18

About 5000 Turks had surrendered and there were 200 sick in Hospital with 2 Medical Officers and some Orderlies. Most of these were able to walk to the Station and the remainder were carried in cacolet camels. At 0900, 30 of the worst cases were put on cacolet camels and sent to Amman. The remainder were grouped together in and around the Station Buildings ^{till} such time as the train could be got running. This number grew to 500 by midday when they were handed ~~in~~ over to the N.Z.M.F.A. Most of them were cases of sore feet and exhaustion. They were fed from their own supplies but little else could be done. The Unit returned to Amman after the N.Z.M.F.A. Had taken over. 2 O.R. admitted sick and transferred to N.Z.M.F.A.. All the Turks were in a bad condition from exposure, forced marches and fear of Arabs who had attacked them.

1.10.18.

11 Sick admitted and 2 Indian Sick all evacuated during the afternoon as the transport moved off at 1400 for ESSALT. 6 O.R. detached to assist R.Q.M.S. Whiteford with Turkish sick and wounded at Amman Station.

2.10.18.
0830 left Amman enroute for Jordan Valley which we eventually reached on 4.10.18. after a good trip down. Transport rejoined here also.

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To O.C., 2nd L.H.F. Ambulance.
From No. 7659 R.Q.M.S. Whiteford G., 2nd L.H.F.A.

Sir,

Appendix II

Following your Instructions I proceeded to AMMAN Railway Station, accompanied by Pte Pottage.

September 28th - 1800 I took over Medical Stores and Drugs which were in good condition and sound packing. A large quantity of stores had been rendered unserviceable, mainly through people without a knowledge of Drugs going through boxes and leaving packages to be trodden into the ground.

The Hospital was occupied by 140 Turkish prisoners and 14 Germans, a Medical Staff of 3 Medical men, 1 Dispenser, 5 Nurses (Female) and 3 Orderlies were in attendance and were put to work looking after their own people.

September 29th & 30th Looked after Hospital generally, packed Drugs and issued Medical Stores to sundry Units on an Order from A.D.M.S. Anzacs. 3 Prisoners died on Sept. 30th.

October 1st 1400 Evacuated 137 Turkish and 14 Germans per Motor Lorries to JERICHO.

October 2nd 2200 Received 27 prisoners into Hospital. Cared for patients and issued Medical Stores. Two deaths occurred.

October 3rd. 0500 Evacuated 25 prisoners per motor lorries to JERICHO. Admitted 9 patients to Hospital.

Ptes. Owen, Kirkness, Deacon, Vincent, Moore and Watt reported for duty. October 4th. Evacuated 9 Refugees to AMMAN compound. Admitted 338 prisoners to hospital including 78 stretcher cases.

October 5th Cared for and fed prisoner patients and got a party of 50 able-bodied prisoners from D.H.Q. to clean up Hospital and grounds generally. 13 patients died.

October 6th. 5 patients died. 0500 I evacuated 320 prisoner patients to JERICHO.

Cleaned up camp generally and received orders from A.D.M.S. Anzacs to proceed and join up Unit. Handed over all Medical Stores to Capt. Harvey Sutton.

October 7th Left Amman Station and received further orders to report for duty to Anzac Receiving Station.

October 8th. Reported with party to Major Seccombe at Anzac Receiving Station and posted to duty there.

(Sgd)

Geo. WHITEFORD.

R.Q.M.S.

2nd L.H.F.Amb.

Wadi Hanein.
26.10.18.