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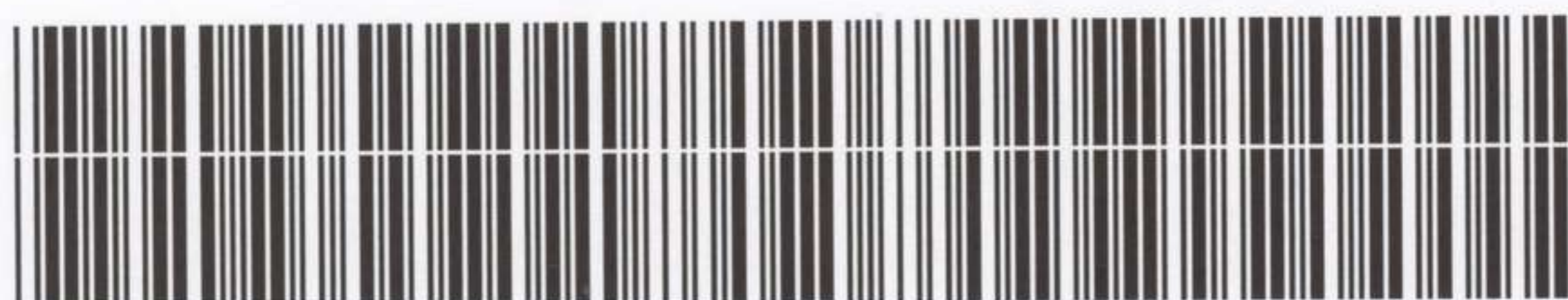
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Wadi Sabra	1917	0600	New Zealand Ambulance Tent Division in action. Divisional Collecting Station attacked by two hostile aeroplanes. This attack wholly from the isolated position of the station must have been deliberate. Was reported to G Branch.	
CEX		0830	Wire received from A.D.S.S. Australian Division that hospital arrangements in BEERSHEBA were being made, and that evacuation could commence at once.	
CEX		1000	Evacuation of the two collecting stations situated on main Beersheba - Rashim Ruims Road was commenced by means of 15 light motor ambulances. The 4 th L.H.F. Amb. Tent Division was also cleared by means of these cars. Evacuation completed. Total cases evacuated 15 Officers and 140 O.P.'s.	
CEX		1400	7 th M.P. Bde Field Ambulance came under my administration.	
	2		1 st L.H.F. Amb. Tent Division reported its Brigade in reserve in neighbourhood of 960. 2 nd L.H.F. Ambulance Tent Division established dressing station on Beersheba - Hebron road west of BIR EL MAKRUHEH. NZ M.P. Unit accompanied the Brigade East towards WADI EL MALHAM in search of water. Further light motor ambulances were taken over from I.D.M.S. of Beersheba. All cars were shot of petrol. The cars accompanied NZ Ambulances sent to 2 nd L.H.F. Amb. 5 were parked with 1 st L.H.F. Amb. on Beersheba - Hebron road near 960. Weather conditions were hot, while area very dusty and dark. No-kill shortage of water.	
CEX		1700	7 th M.P. Bde Field Ambulance dressing station established at cross roads 2 miles S.E. of Ain KOLEH. 1400	

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Tel el Saba	Nov 2	2045	Orders were sent to 1 st Lt & Field Ambulance to accompany their Brigade and to establish a Divisional Collecting Station on Hebron Road about "K" of KHALIL. Instructed to take all cases there and push two up road to "N" as far as KHELKAS. If possible to meet ambulances of 7 th M.P. Bde & Amb. Evacuation to Australian Receiving Station, Birsheba. Casualties for 24 hours, 2 nd Lt H Bde, 1 Officer & 2 OFCs - 7 th M.P. Bde 2 Officers 15 GPRs and 5 GPRs injured.	
		1750	Message from Collecting Station asking for assistance and evacuation. Shortage of light Motor Ambulances reported, a steady stream of casualties coming in, with 18 cases already awaiting evacuation.	
		1015	Mounted orderly was despatched to D.H.M.F. asking for assistance in evacuation of Collecting Station by means of motor ambulances. A.D.M.F. visited Collecting Station and found control of motor ambulances confused and uncertain. NCO replaced on duty for purpose of noting number, time of departure, destination & probable return of each car, as it left the station. 2 nd Lt HFA 2 nd subdivision at BURMAKRUEN was found to be 1/4 mile from the road. They were ordered to move onto the main road, thus facilitating the work for the motors. The six cars attached to them were withdrawn to Divisional Collecting Station. 2 nd Field Ambulance were ordered to evacuate to Divisional Collecting Station and not to Birsheba.	
		1800	Advanced dressing station 1 st Lt HFA situated near the M of MIKREH report an accumulation of casualties.	
		1810	Ordered all cars to cease evacuation to Birsheba until advanced dressing station clear.	

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Tel el Saba	1917 Nov. 3	2000 2100	<p>Advanced dressing station 1st. L.H. Field Ambulance reported all clear. Cars have been pushed forward towards HK. KHUWMEILFEH until stopped by shell fire.</p> <p>Evacuations from Divisional Collecting Station to BEERSHEBA recommenced by light motor ambulances. This was completed by 0230 on the 4th. A wire was sent to Anzac Details at SHELLAL asking for the Anzac Sanitary Section to be sent forward to TEL EL SABA immediately.</p> <p>Australian Camel Ambulance came under our administration. Their position half a mile South of EL JERWAL. Return of Sick & Wounded admitted & Evacuated (by Bdes) for week ending 3rd. attached.</p>	Appen. 11/1
	" 4	0900	<p>D.D.M.S. was advised to push forward the Anzac Receiving Station now in reserve $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile West of BEERSHEBA, to cross roads to K of KHALIL, to relieve Divisional Collecting Station. This was agreed to. About 0600 1st. L.H.P. Ambulance relieved by 5th. Mtd. Bde. Field Ambulance, who came under our administration.</p> <p>Divisional Collecting Station at cross roads ordered to rejoin its Brigade at BEERSHEBA when relieved by Anzac Receiving Station. 5th. Mtd. Bde. F. Amb. ordered to open its Tent Division near the R of MIKREH.</p>	
		1030 1230	<p>Ten cases in 5th. Mtd. Bde. Tent Division awaiting evacuation. A number of casualties still coming down from RAS EL MAGB. N.Z.M.R. Bde to relieve 5th. Mtd. Bde. this afternoon. Orders were left at Divisional Collecting Station for N.Z.M.F.A. Tent Division to open a Divisional Collecting Stn. adjacent to 5th. Mtd. Bde. Tent Division, relieving the same. N.Z.M.F.A. were advised to push forward an advanced dressing station to the neighbourhood of B.H.Q. where cases could be collected and kept in safety during daylight. Evacuations to collecting station not to commence until dusk as road was being heavily shelled.</p>	
		1800	<p>Anzac Receiving Station take over from 1st. L.H.P. Amb. Tent Division at cross roads. At the same time N.Z.M.F.A. take over from 5th. Mtd. Bde. F. Amb. The weather continues very hot and dry. The water scarcity is acute. Indiscriminate drinking of unsterilised surface water is going on. 1st. L.H. Regt report four cases suffering with profuse diarrhoea with mucus and blood. Each Brigade has been provided with one protected source for drinking water under guard and under the closest supervision of the Bde Sanitary Officers. Bi-sulphate tablets are not being used by the emen. Casualties admitted for 24 hours, 31 - 2 officers and 29 O/Rs.</p>	
	" 5	0800 0930	<p>Sanitary Section arrive and commence work on the burning and burial of dead animals, present in large numbers around TEL EL SABA.</p> <p>Orders were sent to Australian Camel Field Amb. to take over from the N.Z.M.F.A. ^{92nd LHFA} during the day, conforming to the movements of the Camel Brigade. Casualties for 24 hours Wounded Officers 3 O/Rs. 75. All evacuated.</p>	M8/3 Nov 17

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Tel el Saba	Novr. 6	1300	<p>N.Z.Bde. not relieved by Camel Brigade. Heavy fighting all day in region of TEL KHUWEILFEH and RAS EL NAGB. Casualties reported heavy. Orders were received from D.D.M.S. Desert Corps that all Divisional Cars would be at Anzac Receiving Station under our orders and that 4 cars were to be reserved for the 5th. Mtd. Bde. Three heavy cars were to be used for evacuation from Receiving Station to BEERSHEBA. Heavy ambulance convoy to beat BEERSHEBA under D.D.M.S. Evacuations were to be to the Anzac Receiving Station.</p> <p>The 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance arrives with its Brigade and bivouacs in the neighbourhood of 1040.</p>	
		1730	<p>D.H.Q. moved out to the rendezvous point to West of TEIAHA.</p>	
		2300	<p>Moved on over rough country to YBODIV Headquarters, situated about a mile north of H in KH EL MUWEILEH, which point was reached about 2400. Considerable difficulty was experienced in getting wheeled traffic over this rough country.</p>	
	7	0600	<p>Casualties admitted Wounded Officers 1,0/Rs. 6.</p> <p>Moved on at dawn to KH EL UM BAKR, where a Divisional Collecting Station was established by 1st. L.H.F. Amb. Notification of this was sent to D.D.M.S. Descorps at 1045, with information that this station was accessible to cars from SHERIA.</p>	
		1130	<p>D.H.Q. moved on to a point two miles South of KH UM AMEIDAT.</p>	
		1230	<p>2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance Tent subdivision ordered to push on and be ready to open a Divisional Collecting Station near AMEIDAT. Message sent to 1st. L.H.F. Ambulance to move forward to KH UM AMEIDAT, leaving any serious cases with a small detachment at KH EL UM BAKR, notifying A.D.M.S. immediately number left.</p>	
		1530	<p>D.H.Q. moved on to AMEIDAT.</p>	
		1630	<p>Arrived AMEIDAT. D.H.Q. opens at Railway cutting S.W. of station.</p>	
		1700	<p>Casualties - Wounded other ranks 4 slight, sick admitted 4, wounded Turks 13.</p>	
		1830	<p>D.D.M.S. Descorps notified Divisional Collecting Station at AMEIDAT.</p> <p>1st. L.H.F. Ambulance Tent subdivision opened as Divisional Collecting Station immediately South of D.H.Q.</p>	
		1930	<p>A large Turkish Hospital completely equipped with medical stores was found about a mile North of AMEIDAT Station. It contained 13 wounded Turks, but no medical Personnel.</p> <p>2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance ordered to send Q.M. Sgt. to Turkish Hospital to make a complete inventory of captured medical stores.</p> <p>Some casualties from the 2nd. L.H. Brigade were admitted during the night.</p>	

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Ameidat	1917 Nov. 8	0830	D.H.Q. moved to the neighbourhood of TEL EL HUDRIWE.	
		0945	Orders sent to 7th Mtd. Bde. P. Ambulance to proceed at once up railway to neighbourhood of TEL EL MEJILA and be prepared to open tent subdivision there.	
		1400	Wire received from D.D.M.S. Descorps - "Have ordered your cars to YEO DIV Recg. Station SHERIA". "You will arrange further movements".	
		1430	The following wire sent to YEO DIV Recg. Station SHERIA. - M44. "Send Anzac cars to AMEIDAT immediately".	
		1500	Orders sent to Anzac Collecting Station AMEIDAT to look out for and meet cars coming from SHERIA. Evacuations to YEO DIV Recg. Station SHERIA.	
		2000	2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance remain in reserve near D.H.Q. all day. D.D.M.S. Descorps notified number of patients in collecting station and that no evacuations had yet taken place.	
		2400	7th. M. Bde. Field Ambulance notify us that they have 20 casualties and no means of evacuation, as Brigade probably moving out at dawn. Instructed to evacuate immediately by sandcart to AMEIDAT. Casualties admitted for 24 hours ending 1600 - Officers 5, O/Rs 45, Turks 16.	
"	9		Orders sent to 2nd. L.H. Field Ambulance for tent subdivision to move to HUI and open Divisional Collecting Station there. Brigades notified that all evacuations to HUI till further orders. Orders sent to Divisional Collecting Station AMEIDAT, when clear to move to HUI and remain in reserve beside 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance All cars to be diverted to direct route SHERIA-HUI as soon as collecting station at AMEIDAT cleared. 1st. L.H.F. Ambulance ordered to detail 2 men to remain on captured medical stores at AMEIDAT.	
Bureir	Nov. 9	0800	D.H.Q. moved to BUREIR - arrived 1300.	
	Nov. 9	1630	D.H.Q. moved to high ground above JULIS, arriving about 2400. Progress report was sent to D.D.M.S. Descorps and is attached herewith. Appendix No. 2.	No. 2
	"	0500	Orders were sent by motor despatch to 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance tent subdivision to push on to ES SUAFIR ESH SHERKIYE as soon as evacuation completed; further orders would await them there. Orders also sent to 1st. L.H.F. Ambulance tent subdivision instructing them to move to ES SUAFIR ESH SHERKIYE as soon as practicable. Attached message also sent to D.D.M.S. Descorps. Appendix No. 3.	No. 5
		0720	7th. Mtd. Bde. P. Ambulance were ordered to proceed to ES SUAFIR ESH SHERKIYE immediately and to establish a divisional collecting station there.	
		0915	1st. and 2nd. Brigades notified a divisional collecting station established at ES SUAFIR ESH SHERKIYE and all casualties to be evacuated to that place.	
		0950	Divisional Collecting station heavily shelled - 2 medical officers wounded. Several casualties admitted from 2nd. L.H. Bde. P. Squadron.	

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Julis.	1917 Nov. 10	0945	Orders were sent to Divisional Collecting Station to move immediately down main road to JULIS and reopen there.	
		0950	1st. & 2nd. Brigades were notified of change of site of divisional collecting station.	
		1130	1st. L.H. Brigade report only only 2 sandcarts with 1st. L.H.P. Ambulance, remainder at HUI, and they are awaiting our instructions. Mobile Section (1st. L.H.P.A.) less tent subdivision are at EL MEJDEL and report casualties awaiting evacuation.	
		1500	Admissions to collecting station JULIS - Wounded officers 3, O/Rs. 7, Sick O/Rs. 10. Turkish wounded 30.	
Hamame		2000	D.H.Q. moved to HAMAME. The weather conditions continue hot and oppressive; the scarcity of water is still acute. Endeavour was made to evacuate the wounded Turks by returning motor lorries from JULIS, but failed owing to uncertainty as to evacuating centre. Return of Sick and Wounded for week ending 10th, attached herewith.	Appendix. No 4.
	"	11	Collecting station at JULIS has 100 patients awaiting evacuation. A marked shortage of medical comforts, dressings and rations is being experienced.	
		0900	Arrangements were made with S.D.O. JULIS to issue all available rations to Divisional Collecting Station. Arrangements also made for any returning vehicles to carry patients. Capt. VANCE 1st. L.H.P. Ambulance was detailed to assist at collecting station.	
		1100	5 sandcarts 1st. L.H.P. Ambulance arrived from HUI. No word from 1st. or 2nd. L.H.P. Ambulance tent subdivisions and no sign of motor ambulances. A large number of oranges were requisitioned at EL MEJDEL as medical comforts for Divisional Collecting Station. Received message from D.D.M.S. Descorps dated 9/11/17. - "YEODIV Reg. Station moves AMEIDAT west of railway tomorrow, with Operating Unit. Evacuations direct thence to IMARA by heavy cars".	
		1500	Visited advanced Headquarters Descorps and saw D.A.D.M.S. who had no knowledge of whereabouts of motor ambulances or line of evacuation.	
		1830	1st. L.H. Brigade tent subdivision rejoined 1st. L.H. Brigade at ESDUD, having travelled through from Hamame during the day.	
	"	12	Motor lorries again refused to evacuate patients last night. Shortage of drugs and dressings becoming acute at Collecting Station JULIS. No word from 1st. or 2nd. L.H.P. Ambulance tent subdivisions. No motor ambulances have yet reported to us, although many heavy and light cars of Infantry ambulances are in the neighbourhood.	
		1300	2nd. L.H.P. Ambulance tent subdivision arrive at JULIS.	
		1500	2nd. L.H.P.A. tent subdivision instructed to report to O.C. 7th. M.B.P. Ambulance at JULIS and give him any assistance he might require - if not required, to rejoin ambulance at HAMAME.	

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Hamame.	1917 Nov. 12	1500	1st. L.H.F. Ambulance tent division ordered to open a Divisional Collecting Station at ESDUD.	
		1530	Australian Receiving Station arrive at JULIS and take over from 7th. Mtd. Bde. F. Ambulance, who were instructed to rejoin their Brigade as soon as relieved.	
		1800	2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance tent subdivision rejoin their unit.	
		1845	^{ANZAC} Orders sent to O.C. Possessa Motor Ambulances ^{to send all Anzac ambulances to Anzac Div-}	
		1845	^{Divisional Headquarters immediately.}	
Esdud.	" 13	0730	D.H.Q. moved to north end of ESDUD.	
		1330	D.H.Q. moved to a point half a mile South of YEBNAH. Division was in reserve all day.	
		1930	Orders sent to N.Z.M.F.A. to establish a Divisional Collecting Station at YEBNAH; evacuations to be to Australian Receiving Station, JULIS.	
	" 14	0900	D.H.Q. moved to NEBI KUNDA arriving 1130.	
			2nd. L.H. Brigade detached as Corps Troops.	
		1200	1st. L.H.F. Ambulance complete is with it's Brigade at DEIRAN.	
			Orders were sent to N.Z.M.F.A. tent subdivision to form a Divisional Collecting Station at EL KUBEIBEH.	
El Kubeibeh.		1300	Brigades notified that all evacuations to Divisional Collecting Station at EL KUBEIBEH.	
		1420	Divisional Collecting Station opened at EL KUBEIBEH.	
		1600	Enemy deliver a heavy counter attack on the N.Z. left. Heavy casualties reported.	
			Orders sent to 1st. L.H.F. Ambulance tent subdivision to return to EL KUBEIBEH immediately and open alongside the N.Z. Station.	
		1830	N.Z. Collecting Station very crowded. Arrangements were made with 1st. L.H. Brigade for returning G.S. Wagons of "B" Echelon to pick up light cases.	
		2000	1st. L.H.F. Ambulance tent subdivision arrive and open.	
		2200	Sixty nine light cases evacuated by returning G.S. Wagons of "B" Echelon.	
			Capt. DOUGLAS, R.A.M.C. and 3 men were detailed to accompany the convoy to Divisional Refilling point at YEBNAH. Arrangements were made for cases to be transferred at this point to motor lorries returning to JULIS.	
		2400	Information received that motor lorries would not return till 1200 next day. O.C. Australian Camel Ambulance was immediately communicated with and asked to send sufficient personnel and medical comforts to assist Capt Douglas in attending to detachment.	

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El Kubeib-eh.	1917. Nov. 14	2400	Total casualties admitted to 2000. Officers 9 O/Rs. 121. - also large number of Turkish wounded coming in. D.D.M.S. Descorps was notified of the number also that no motor cars had arrived.	
<i>CEN</i>	"	15 1030	Motor ambulances arrive.	
KH Surafend.	"	1330	Anzac Receiving Station arrives at YEBNAH and was ordered to open there. D.H.Q. moved to KH. SURAFEND. A number of Turkish wounded still left in the field in front of the N.Z. Brigade, who had had orders to move on ere evacuation was completed. The collecting station at KUBEIBEH evacuated by light motor ambulances to Anzac Receiving Stn, at YEBNAH. All wounded Turks were collected from the field by camelot camels. Evacuation was completed by midnight.	
<i>CEN</i>	"	2000	Orders were sent to N.Z.M.F. Ambulance ^{to be prepared to} to move by direct road to RAMLEH, where they were to remain in reserve. <i>They were not to move until all cases were evacuated</i>	
	"	2200	1st. L.H.F. Ambulance tent subdivision moved to west side of RAMLEH and opened Divisional Collecting Station there.	
<i>CEN</i>	"	16	Forty two wounded Turks discovered in the town hall of RISHON LE SION; they were receiving attention from a local doctor and two women. Orders were sent to the 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance, who were now at KH. DEIRAN, to detach and send sufficient personnel of tent division to take over the care of these Turks till further orders.	
	"	1000	Orders sent to Divisional Collecting Station RAMLEH to evacuate to Anzac Receiving Station, KH DEIRAN.	
	"	1130	N.Z.M.F.A. in reserve at RAMLEH adjacent to the 1st. L.H.F. Ambulance.	
	"	1600	A.D.M.S. visited JAFFA and inspected it's available hospital accomodation.	
<i>CEN</i>	"	17 1000	D.D.M.S. Descorps was communicated with by telephone and notified of the hospital accomodation in JAFFA. He agreed for N.Z.M.F. Ambulance to push forward into JAFFA and take over the French Society's hospital.	
	"	1145	Orders were sent to N.Z.M.F. Ambulance tent subdivision to proceed immediately to Jaffa and take over the French Hospital.	
	"	18	Return of Sick and Wounded for week ending 17th. inst. appended herewith.	
<i>CEN</i>	"	1530	Sixty wounded Turks at RICHON LE SION were evacuated to Anzac Receiving Station by camelot camels and village carts. Orders were received from D.D.M.S. Descorps that Anzac Receiving Station with operating unit	

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Jaffa <i>CEH</i>	1917 Nov. 24		Return of Sick and Wounded for week ending 24th. inst. attached herewith.	Appen. No. 8
<i>CEH</i>	" 25	0400	Heavy counter attack delivered by the Turks on the M.Z. Mounted Brigade, and 161st. Infantry Bde. Casualties reported heavy.	
		0800	All available motor ambulances sent for to bridge MAHR EL FARIDEN, where a small collecting post was formed.	
		1155	Orders sent to 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance tent subdivision YASUR to move at earliest moment to Jewish school JAFFA. An officer to report to these headquarters at once for further instructions.	
		1530	The last detachment of wounded arrived at collecting station <i>now formed by 4379</i> Evacuation to RAMLEH was commenced by camel and motor ambulances.	
		213	Casualties admitted for 24 hours ending 1600 - Office 11, 0/Rs. 53.	
		213	Priority wire sent to D.D.M.S. Descorps notifying him of urgent shortage of blankets and stretchers. The Receiving Stations are not returning these with our motor ambulances.	
		213	Capt. GILL reported for duty and was put in charge of civilian hospital.	
<i>CEH</i>	" 26		Capt. GILL reports grave condition of affairs at civil hospital and orphanage. No rations drawn for 2 days, no water has been pumped owing to shortage of petrol, no cook for hospital. Of the two nurses, one is sick, the other is overwhelmed with work. The children of the orphanage have only one blanket to 6 children, and an acute ophthalmia is spreading amongst them. The military governor was again approached and the state of affairs again laid before him. He was asked to make immediate arrangements for a regular supply of rations and medical comforts and to take steps to immediately increase the staff and to supply cooks and cooking facilities. Meantime a supply of medical comforts was sent to both hospital and orphanage from Field Ambulances of this Division.	
			The sanitation of the hospital has been taken over by Anzac Sanitary Section and they report that they can repair existing sanitary arrangements.	
			Detachment under Capt. Trinca sent to BELAH to collect medical stores and comforts and ambulance ambulance wagons.	
<i>CEH</i>	" 27	1100	Aus. Camel Field Ambulance instructed to form collecting post at SELMEH. Evacuations from this point to Jewish school JAFFA by car. 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance instructed to evacuate through this post.	
		1530	Town of JAFFA bombed by hostile aircraft. About 30 casualties occurred among the civilian population. These were all attended to at the Civil hospital by Capt Gill assisted by Major Trotter, M.Z.M.F.A.	
			Heavy attack delivered on Camel Brigade.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Jaffa	1917 Nov 28	0900	Orders sent to 1st. L.H.F. Ambulance to send tent subdivision to Jewish school Jaffa for purpose of receiving medical cases, particularly cases of camel itch from the A.C. Brigade. The condition of Civil Hospital and orphanage greatly improved. Rations now coming to hand regularly. Sanitation of hospital now satisfactory. Aus. Camel Field Ambulance at SELMEH report 43 cases awaiting evacuation. All available camelot camels from 2nd. and N.Z. Field Ambulances sent forward to SELMEH to evacuate these patients. Casualties for 24 hours ending 1800. Officers 2 O/Rs. 25.	
	"	29	Acting on orders from Descorps, 7 camelot camels from each ambulance sent to BEIT SIRA to report to A.D.M.S. Yeodiv. A large number of cases are being ^{admitted} from I.C.C. Brigade suffering from intensely irritable, diffuse, papular eruption, undoubtedly resulting from parasitic infection from camels. A thorough search was made in Jaffa to procure a disinfecting plant, but without success. Casualties - Other ranks 1.	
	"	30	A report was sent into "A" Branch, D.H.Q., on the condition of Camel Brigade, recommending their withdrawal from the line until adequate disinfection could be carried out. Report attached. A letter written to D.D.M.S. Descorps with recommendations re W.E. Part XI proposed to be adopted. Copy attached. Casualties for 24 hours ending 1800. Officers / O/Rs. 14.	No 9 " 10
			<i>The experiences of the month's operations have again emphasized the need for providing mounted troops with the means for the individual sterilization of small quantities of water. Bulk sterilization in water carts was constantly impracticable owing to the rapid scattered nature of the operations. Owing to the caustic nature of the Sodium Bisulphate tablets the prejudice against their carriage is so strong that the continuation of its issue is not indicated. It is strongly recommended that the issue of a chlorine compound which when dissolved in water will liberate free chlorine be substituted for the Sodium Bisulphate. The unique value of the sandcart for the character of the country over which the late operations were held was clearly proved. They proved equally suitable for the heavy sandy country between ESANI and KHALASA as they did in the broken stony country traversed at night between BEERSHEBA and SHERIA. Experience shows that they can follow mounted troops into places where limbers cannot go. To entirely replace sandcarts with four wheeled ambulances however light would in our experience seriously reduce the mobility of an ambulance working with mounted troops.</i>	

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

Return of Sick ~~and Wounded~~, admitted to and evacuated from, Field Ambulances for week ending 3rd. November 1917.

Bde.	Remd.	Admitted Off. O/Rs.	Evacuated Off. O/Rs.	To duty.	Stren gth.	% Admtd.	% Evactd.
<u>S. I. C. K.</u>							
1st. L.H. Bde.	-	31	31	-	1884	.23	.23
2nd. L.H. Bde.	-	31	30	2	1850	.24	.22
N.Z. M.R. Bde.	-	13	12	1	1990	.09	.09
18th. Bde. R.H.A.	-	1	1	-	814	.02	.02
D.H.Q. etc.	-	3	3	-	935	.05	.05
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Totals.	-	79	77	3	7473	.15	.14

OTHER UNITS.

I.C.C. Bde.	-	2	2	-			
3rd. L.H. Bde.	-	5	5	-			
Corps Troops.	-	3	3	-			

Charles E. Hercules Major Colonel.

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

Return of WOUNDED for week ending 3rd. November 1917.

Bde.	Remd.	Admitted O. O/R.	Died O. O/R.	To duty. O. O/R.	Evacuated. O. O/Rs.
1st. L.H. Bde.	-	12	5	1	11
2nd. L.H. Bde.	-	11	-	-	11
N.Z. M. Bde.	-	31	-	-	31
18th. Bde. R.H.A.	-	1	-	-	1
D.H.Q. etc.	-	-	-	-	-
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Totals.	-	14	5	1	13

OTHER UNITS.

3rd. L.H. Bde.	-	4	-	-	4
I.C.C. Bde.	-	6	-	-	6
Sherwood Rgnad	-	13	-	-	13
Other Yeomanry	-	6	-	-	6
4th. L.H. Bde.	-	1	-	-	1
R.W. Fusiliers	-	4	-	-	4
Corps Troops	-	5	-	-	5

Charles E. Hercules Major Colonel.

for A.D.M.S., Anzac Mtd Divn.

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Anzac Mounted Division,
TEL EL HAWA,
1800, Novem. 9th. '17.
Now moving on.

To D.D.M.S.,
Desert Mounted Corps.

Have left 72 British, and 39 Turkish wounded and sick at AMEIDAT with the 1st.L.H.F.A.Tent Subdivision and about 30 at HUJ with the 2nd.L.H.F.A.Tent Subdivision - they are out of rations- at both places.

Am now evacuating, as far as possible, to collecting station at HUJ.

Have wired and sent messenger to YEODIV Receiving Station SHERIA for cars, but no word of them when last I heard this morning.

Can you attend to this matter please as I am getting out of touch?. If you can send the cars I will have a man waiting for them at EIJE just North of BURBERA, till 1800 tomorrow.

I will try and keep touch with the 2nd.L.H.F.Amb.station at HUJ, if you could send the 1st. there when free.

(Sgd). D.G.CROLL Colonel.

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

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C O P Y.

Anzac Mounted Division,
ES SUAFIR ESH SHERKIYE,
0700, 10/11/17.

To D.D.M.S.,
Desert Mounted Corps.

I am establishing my last tent subdivision (7th.Mtd.Bde. F.Amb.) at ES SUAFIR ESH SHERKIYE.

As far as I could see last night there is a good road all the way to that place.

I have sent orders to the tent subdivisions of the 1st. and 2nd.F.Amb.s to report there for further instructions as soon as they are clear.

Casualties reported so far 1 Officer and 21 other ranks, of whom 4 are serious. A few more still to come in but I dont think that we exceed 30 as yet.

It would be a great help if you could send forward some medical comforts by the cars, as we are quite out of them. Not yet short of dressings.

(Sgd). D.G.CROLL Colonel.

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

Ref. Map SYRIA, Jerusalem.
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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

Return of Sick and Wounded, by Brigades, admitted to and evacuated from Field Ambulances, for week ending Saturday 10th. ~~XXXX~~ Nov. '17.

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Bde.	Remd.	Admitted	Evacuated	To	Strength	%	%
		Off. O/Rs.	Off. O/Rs.	duty.		Admtd.	Evactd.
<u>S I C K.</u>							
1st. L.H. Bde.	-	30	30	-	1830	.23	.23
2nd. L.H. Bde.	-	11	11	-	1805	.09	.09
N.Z.M.R. Bde.	2	10	12	-	1915	.08	.09
18th. R.H.A. Bde	-	2	2	-	814	.03	.03
D.H.Q. etc.	-	3	3	-	930	.05	.05
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Totals.	3	56	58	-	7294	.11	.11

OTHER UNITS.

I.C.C. Bde.	-	3	3	-			
53rd. Division	-	22	22	-			

W O U N D E D.

Bde.	Remd.	Admitted	Died	Evacuated	To duty	Remarks.
		Off. O/Rs.	Off. O/Rs.	Off. O/Rs.	Off. O/Rs.	
1st. L.H Bde.	-	22	2	2	20	-
3rd. L.H. Bde.	-	31	1	2	30	-
N.Z.M.R. Bde.	-	58	2	5	66	-
18th. R.H.A. Bde.	-	3	-	-	3	-
D.H.Q. etc.	-	1	-	1	-	-
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Totals.	-	124	5	10	109	-

OTHER UNITS.

I.C.C. Bde.	-	4	-	-	4	
53rd. Division	-	121	-	8	121	

(Sgd) D.G. CROLL Colonel.
A.D.M.S., Anzac Mounted Divn.

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

Return of Sick and Wounded, by Brigades, admitted to and evacuated from Field Ambulances, for week ending Saturday 17th. Novem. '17.

Bde.	Remd.	Admitted	Evacuated	To	Strength	%	%
		Off.O/Rs.	Off.O/Rs.	duty.		Admtd	Evactd.
<u>SICK.</u>							
1st.L.H.Bde.	-	31	31	-	1810	.24	.24
2nd.L.H.Bde.	-	43	41	2	1780	.34	.33
N.Z.M.R.Bde.	-	40	40	-	1820	.32	.32
10th.R.H.A.Bde.	-	10	10	-	805	.19	.19
D.H.Q.etc.	-	-	-	-	925	-	-
Totals.	-	124	122	2	7140	.25	.25

<u>OTHER UNITS.</u>							
Yeo.Divn.	-	4	4	-			

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Bde.	Remd.	Admitted.	Died.	Evacuated.	To	Remarks.
		Off. O/Rs.	Off.O/Rs.	Off. O/Rs.	duty. Off.O/Rs.	
<u>WOUNDED.</u>						
1st.L.H.Bde.	-	1	1	1	20	-
2nd.L.H.Bde.	-	6	6	1	3	-
N.Z.M.R.Bde.	-	119	10	7	109	-
R.H.A.Bde.	-	1	1	-	-	-
D.H.Q.etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	-	11	15	9	132	-

<u>Other Units.</u>						
I.C.C.Bde.	-	7	-	-	7	-
Yeo. Divn.	-	1	-	-	1	-

(Sgd). D.G.CROLL. Colonel.
A.D.M.S., Anzac Mtd. Division.

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Anzac Mounted Division,
Novem. 30th. 1917.

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To HEADQUARTERS;

Anzac Mounted Division.

Following is a report of the movements of the Anzac motor ambulances during the operations commencing November 8th. -

On November 8th. near W. JEMMAMA I received the following wire from D.D.M S. Descorps - "Have ordered your cars to Yeodiv R. Stn. at SHERIA. You will arrange further movements". I immediately wired Yeodiv Recg. Station - "Send Anzac cars to AMEIDAT immediately" That night I rode back to AMEIDAT and was informed by Capt Ahern, O.C. Anzac Collecting Station that Major Yuille of Descorps had been therein the afternoon and had left promising to send up the Anzac cars. I told him when he got the cars not to let them go.

On November 9th. At BUREIR I received a memo. from Capt. Ahern that the cars had not arrived at 0830. At 0900 eight light and two heavy cars arrived at AMEIDAT and were sent off at once with patients to IRGEIG under orders to return immediately. At 1600 not knowing they had reported I sent a despatch to D.D.M.S. Descorps asking him to direct them to EIJE.

On November 10th. About midday 6 of the 8 cars returned to AMEIDAT, and were again despatched with patients to SHERIA under orders to return. Remainder of patients were evacuated by camel and collecting station removed to HUI, leaving instructions with Yeodiv Recg. Station at AMEIDAT for cars to follow to HUI. They did not report at HUI and in spite of every effort made to trace them nothing more was heard until on November 15th. I discovered them with the Anzac Receiving Station, they having been brought there the night before by a motor cyclist sent to look for them on November 12th. They have since been with the Division.

The Corporal i/c. the cars reports as follows-

On November 9th. he proceeded with 8 cars loaded, from AMEIDAT to IRGEIG, and returned the next day. Novem. 11th He now had 7 cars one having joined and reported to Major of Yeodiv Recg. Station. D.D.M.S. was there and ordered him to remain with Yeodiv Recg. Station, which he did. Novem. 12th. five of the cars were sent out to find and obtain rations for the Yeodiv Recg. Station. Novem. 13th. they were still being used to obtain rations. Novem. 14th. again used for rations. While out after rations they were found by the motor cyclist sent to look for them, and brought to Anzac Receiving Station on the afternoon of Novem. 14th.

(Sgd). D.G. Croll. COLONEL.

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

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Anzac Mounted Division,
Nov. 20th. 1917.

To/
Headquarters,
Anzac Mounted Division.

On the establishment of a Mounted Division there is a car for the use of the A.D.M.S. which has never been supplied in this Division.

During operations the A.D.M.S. has to control units from the front line to the base. It is frequently impossible to reach them by mounted orderlies, and ambulances or collecting and receiving stations are seldom on signal or telephone communication.

During the operations North of BEERSHEBA I was attempting to control on horseback and by mounted orderlies units over an area of 15 miles. During the next operations commencing on November 6th. it extended to 25 miles, AMEIDAT, HUIJ"JULIS and BEIT DURAS. At present units under my control are spread over an area of 12 miles.

During recent operations for want of a car in which to control them, I lost the use of 12 motor ambulances for 5 days during active operations, with considerable casualties, and then only obtained them by means of a car I was enabled to obtain the use of for a few hours.

I consider that the car which is shown on the Establishment is absolutely necessary for the efficient working of the medical service of the Division, and ask that it be obtained at the earliest possible date.

(Sgd). D.G. CROLL Colonel.

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

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

Return of Sick and Wounded, by Brigades, admitted to and evacuated from Field Ambulances for week ending Saturday 24th. Novem. 1917.

Bde.	Remd.	Admitted	Evacuated	To	Strength,		
		Off.O/Rs.	Off.O/Rs.	duty.	Admtd.	Evactd.	
<u>Sick.</u>							
1st.L.H.Bde.	-	1 48	1 48	-	1645	.43	.43
2nd.L.H.Bde.	-	3 43	2 42	2	1707	.38	.37
N.Z.M.R.Bde.	-	3 65	3 44	7	1657	.57	.40
R.H.A.Bde.	-	- 8	- 7	-	735	.14	.13
D.H.Q.etc.	-	- 6	- 5	-	896	.09	.08
Totals.	-	7 168	6 146	9	6600	.38	.33

OTHER UNITS.

101st.R.H.A.Bde.	-	8	-	6	-	-	-
161st.Bde.	-	17	-	17	-	-	-
I.C.C.Bde.	1	31	1	31	-	-	-

Bde.	Remd.	Admitted	Evacuated	Died	To duty.
		Off.O/Rs.	Off.O/Rs.	Off.O/Rs.	Off.O/Rs.

WOUNDED.

1st.L.H.Bde.	-	-	-	-	-
2nd.L.H.Bde.	-	-	3	-	3
N.Z.M.R.Bde.	-	-	2	-	2
18th.Bde.R.H.A.	-	-	-	-	-
D.H.Q.etc.	-	-	-	-	-
Totals.	-	-	5	-	5

OTHER UNITS.

Nil.

(Sgd.) D.G.CROLL Colonel.

A.D.M., Anzac Mounted Division.

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Anzac Mounted Division,
30th. November 1917.

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To/
HEAD QUARTERS,

Anzac Mounted Division.

The men of the I.C.C. Brigade are suffering from an infectious skin disease which is probably due to infection from the camels. It is of an extremely irritating nature, causing great discomfort and loss of sleep. In some cases it is assuming a serious aspect owing to scratching and secondary infection from septic sores.

It is estimated that about 65% of the Brigade are infected and about half of these would be evacuated under ordinary circumstances, but owing to the exigencies of the situation they are being retained in their units.

Vigorous measures are being taken to deal with the disease and it will necessitate at least one battalion at a time being pulled out of the line. In the meantime it is a considerable hardship for the men to carry on with their work, especially trench digging or anything else which makes them perspire.

(Sgd). D.G. CROLL. Colonel.

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

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Anzac Mounted Division,
30th. Noven. 1917.

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To D.D.M.S.,

Desert Mounted Corps.

With reference to T.S. Part XI, which it is proposed to adopt; after consultation with the Ambulance Commanders I wish to make the following recommendations.-

1. Ambulance waggons and water carts must be 4 horsed. Bearers must be mounted on horses and the nursing orderlies of the Mobile Section, must have some means of transport provided; at present it is camels. A horse is essential for the Q.M.Sgt. A waggon orderly in each section should carry the rank of Sergt. instead of Corporal. Two trained signallers with a helio and lamp should be on the establishment of each Ambulance.
2. A Mobilisation Store Table is not available but I would suggest the following.
 - (a). Operating tent of Australian pattern with higher sides.
 - (b). The splint box might be omitted or considerably modified.
 - (c). The inclusion of 1 Soyers stove per section. This is very economical of fuel-particularly serviceable in wet weather. Its inclusion would also allow the number of camp kettles to be considerably reduced. They have been carried during recent operations by all ambulances of this Division and proved invaluable.
 - (d). The inclusion of the following mobile stretcher of the pattern now in use in T.M. Rifles, 12 per ambulance and 6 per regiment.
 - Operation and preparation box. (Aus. Pattern).
 - Helio lamp and field telephone for connection with Brigade H/Quarters.
 - Typewriter.
3. The most marked feature in recent operations was the difficulty of communicating in the medical service. Flag signalling is practically useless, the distances being too great. I would recommend the attachment of two signallers with lamp and helio to each ambulance. Another noticeable matter was the want of coordination between Brigade H/Qs. and ambulances in the matter of sanitation and water discipline. I would suggest that the Brigade Sanitary Officer be attached to B.H.Q. instead of to the ambulance, and he should carry the rank of Major. His duties should include, Brigade sanitation, water discipline and sick parade of B.H.Q., Signal Troop and M.G. Squadron. Relieved of these duties I think the ambulances could spare an officer. They certainly could if a Lt. Quartermaster were added to the establishment.

(Sgd). D.G. CROLL Colonel.

D.D.M.S., Anzac Mtd. Division.