

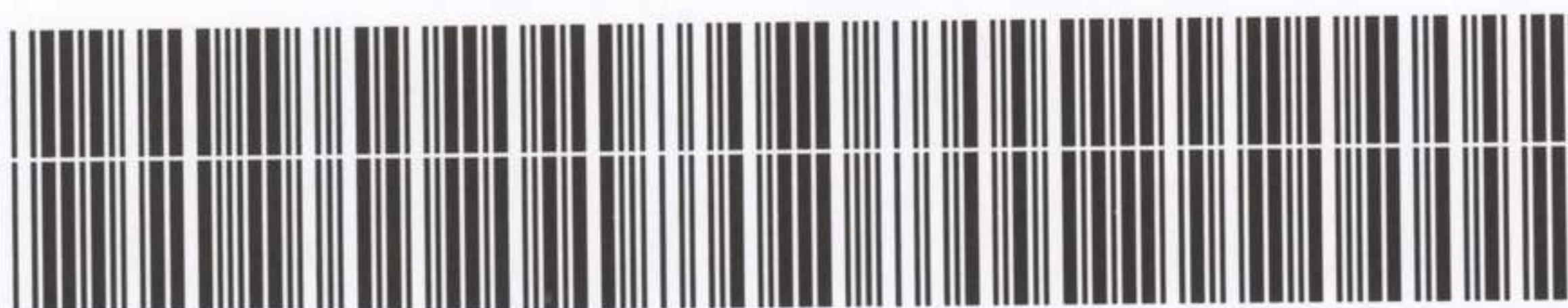
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rischon.	1918. Feb. 1		Instructions were received from D.D.M.S. Desert Mounted Corps, to detail 5 officers to attend the School of Instruction MOASCAR, commencing on February 4th. The object of the School is to secure a uniformity of methods in the field, and to train new officers. The intention is for all medical officers of the Division, in turn, to attend this school. Period of attendance will be 13 days. A syllabus of instruction was attached. Instructions were issued to Ambulances in accordance with this order.	
	" 2.		An inspection of the billets in occupation by the Division, in RISCHON and WADI HANEIN, was carried out and a detailed report on same was issued to "A" Branch. The primitive state of the Municipal sanitation was again pointed out. The necessity for avoidance of overcrowding of billets was also stressed in view of the danger of lice infection. No infectious diseases were reported during the week.	
			Sick Admitted. - Officers O/Ranks. Evacuated. Officers O/Ranks Daily % of Admissions Evacuations - 63 - 38 .11 .07	
			18 cases of football injuries are included in these figures. Football tournaments are in progress throughout Brigades and are serving to keep the men fit, and in good spirits. Detailed statement of Sick admitted and evacuated (by Regiments) attached.	Appendix. No. 1
	" 3.		An inspection of the water supply areas of the Division was carried out. Chlorination in the 1st. L.H. Brigade area was practically deficient, and Staff Captain was informed.	Append. No. 2
	" 4.		Attached letter from Desert Mounted Corps was received in this office from "A" Branch. Instructions were issued to ambulances in accordance with this order and a protest against the adoption of this establishment was submitted to "A" Branch.	Appendix. No. 3
	" 6.		Weather conditions cold and wintry. The hot baths of RISCHON are now at the disposal of the Division three times a week. They are allotted to one Regiment on each day and are proving very beneficial to the troops.	
	" 7.		Instructions were received from Desert Mounted Corps to indent at once for 9 pairs of Mule Cacolets and 9 Travois per Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance. Necessary action was taken.	
	" 8.		Weather conditions cold and wet.	
	" 9.		One case of Diphtheria, one case of Measles and one of Jaundice occurred during the week. The squadron in which the measles occurred was isolated.	
			SICK:- Admitted Officers O/Ranks Evacuated Officers O/Ranks Daily % of Admiss. Evacts. 1 72 1 47 .13 .09	Appendix. No. 4
			Detailed statement by Regiments attached.	

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Rischoon.	1918. Feb. 9		Orders were received from "G" Branch for Mobile Sections of 1st. L.H.F. Ambulance and N.Z.M. Field Ambulance to be in readiness to move with their Brigades at 12 hours notice.	
CFM	"	10	Weather conditions continue wet and cold.	
CFM	"	11	Application was made to "Q" Branch to bring up from BELAH the number of G.S. Wagons ^{required} to bring ambulance transport up to establishment.	
CFM	"	12	The whole Division is in process of being re-inoculated for Cholera. Scheme of Medical arrangements for forthcoming operations was was received from D.D.M.S. XXth, Corps. Attached. Appendix	No. 5
CFM	"	13	Orders were received from "G" Branch for the moves of the N.Z. and 1st. L.H. Brigades to BETHELEM on the 15th. and 16th. insts. respectively.	
CFM	"	14	N.Z.M.F. Ambulance were instructed to redraw from Ordnance the 4 sandcarts for use in the forthcoming operations. All units were instructed that sanitary natives and portable sanitary equipment were to accompany them to JERUSALEM area.	
Jerusalem	"	15 0900	D.H.Q. leaves for JERUSALEM. Arrive LATRON 1530 and bivouac for the night.	
CFM	"	16	Left LATRON 0730 and arrived at JERUSALEM 1650. No infectious cases were reported during the week. SICK:- <u>Admitted</u> Officers O/Ranks. <u>Evacuated</u> Officerz O/Ranks. Daily % of Admissions Evacuations - 52 - 47 .09 .08 Appendix.	No. 6
CFM	"	17	Detailed statement by Regiments attached. Conference was held at D.D.M.S. XXth. Corps Headquarters. The necessity for immediately obtaining cacaolet and baggage camels for Field Ambulances was clearly demonstrated. Orders for the forthcoming operations were received from "F" Branch.	
CFM	"	18	Further orders from D.D.M.S. XXth Corps received, and attached. Appendix Medical Corps Operation Order No. 38 issued and attached.	No. 7 No. 8
CFM	"	19	Orders were received to collect 40 cacaolet camels from the 53rd. Division. Arrangements were also made to collect 6 burden camels per ambulance. Each Ambulance moved out with its Brigade, less all wheeled transport, each equipped with 20 cacaolet and 6 burden camels.	
		1700	All ambulance wheeled transport reported to D.A.D.M.S. at ABU DIS, & proceed to bivouac at BIR ABU Division moved to EL MUNTAR through the day and bivouaced there during the night.	
			Division engaged in an attack on Hill 288 JEBEL EL KAKMUM, Hill 306. The ambulance wheels attempted to get through on the road to NEBY MUSA, but below and to the East of JEBEL EKTEIF, but the track was found to be impassable.	

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Jerusalem.	1918. Feb. 20		Casualties reported through the day. - 7 O/Ranks wounded.	
"	" 21		NEBY MUSA was evacuated during the night and the Division pushed straight through to JERICHO and took up a position covering it. The wounded were carried forward to JERICHO and placed in the Russian Hospice. Twenty seven wounded and sick Turks, including 8 cases of Typhus, were found under deplorable conditions in the JERICHO Hospital. These cases were moved to an adjacent building and put under the care of the Field Ambulances - Typhus cases & sick under the 1st.L.H.F. Ambulance and wounded under N.Z.M.F. Ambulance.	
"	"		Ambulance wheeled transport returned to the main JERICHO Road and moved to TELAT ED DUMM.	
"	"	1930	One light ambulance waggon, one sandcart and one limber per ambulance under the command of Capt Hodgson were despatched to JERICHO via the WADI EKTEIF Road. Capt Hay and the remainder of the ambulance transport proceed to ABU DIS enroute to bivouac area at BETHLEHEM.	
"	"	22	0800. Six Anzac motor ambulances arrived at JERICHO and commenced evacuation to TELAT ED DUMM.	
"	"		1030. Convoy of 25 motor ambulances from XXth. Corps arrived. Evacuation completed by 1400.	
"	"		1800 Division less Auckland Mounted Rifles left JERICHO for bivouac areas at BETHLEHEM. Weather conditions cold and wet.	
"	"	23.	Mobile Sections of Ambulances were ordered to proceed to JERUSALEM and bivouac there, for the purpose of disinfection.	
"	"		Anzac Receiving Station at Kilo 295 is now formed by Immobile Section of 1st.L.H.F. Ambulance only, and has ceased to evacuate for the XXth. and XX1st. Army Corps.	
"	"		A War Diary of Anzac Receiving Station from 19/1/18 to 19/2/18 attached.	Appendix No. 9
"	"		Three cases of infectious diseases were admitted to hospital during the week. - one each of Relapsing Fever, Diphtheria and measles.	
"	"		SICK: 3 Admitted Officers O/Ranks. Evacuated Officers O/Ranks.	
"	"		- 36 - 41	Daily % of Admissions Evacuations. .06 .07
"	"		Detailed statement by Regiments attached.	Appendix No. 10
"	"	24	All ambulance personnel were deloused at Syrian Orphanage JERUSALEM.	
"	"		Narrative of operations issued and attached.	Appendix No. 11
"	"	25	All cacolet and baggage camels were returned to XXth Corps.	
"	"		The Division returned to RISCHON.	
"	"		Instructions received from Desert Mounted Corps that mule cacolets and travois would not now be issued.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rischon.	1918. Feby.	27	The experience of the recent operations conclusively demonstrated the weaknesses of the Part XI Establishment recently adopted. The absence of cacolet camels, the inadequate horsing of transport, and the dismounting of the Bearer Division, would all have meant a complete breakdown in the medical arrangements. An immediate amendment of this establishment is urgently needed.	No. 12
"	"	28	An analysis of the weekly A 36 returns for the current month issued and attached. Appendix Delousing of the 1st L.L.H. Brigade by means of the two threshs established at the Receiving Station was commenced this morning. The School of Instruction for Medical Officers, whilst excellent in conception, is not proving as useful as it might weal become. The main ommissions from the syllabus would appear to be, lectures and demonstrations on Field Sanitation, instruction in field cooking with utilisation of army rations to the best advantage, and some instruction in camel management.	

Charles E. Hume MAJOR.
D.A.D.M.S.
AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

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Return by Regiments, of Sick admitted to and evacuated from Field Ambulances of Division for week ending Saturday 2nd. February 1918.

Unit	Remd.	Admitted Sick.	To duty.	Evactd.	Remg.	Strength	Daily % of Admiss.	% of Evacts.
1st.L.H.Regnt.	-	5	-	4	1	519	.13	.11
2nd.L.H.Regnt.	-	3	-	2	1	518	.08	.05
3rd.L.H.Regnt.	-	4	-	4	-	473	.12	.12
M.G.Squadron.	-	2	-	1	1	206	.13	.06
B.H.Q.etc.	-	4	-	3	1	269	.21	.19
Totals.	-	18	-	14	4	1985	.12	.10
5th.L.H.Regnt.	-	1	1	-	-	495	.02	-
6th.L.H.Regnt.	-	1	-	1	-	373	.03	.03
7th.L.H.Regnt.	-	3	-	3	-	443	.09	.09
M.G.Squadron.	2	-	1	-	1	213	-	-
B.H.Q.etc.	1	3	1	3	-	272	.15	.15
Totals.	3	8	3	7	1	1796	.06	.05
A.M.Rifles	2	6	2	3	3	502	.17	.08
C.M.Rifles	-	4	2	1	1	522	.10	.03
W.M.Rifles	2	5	2	1	4	512	.13	.02
M.G.Squadron	-	2	2	-	-	214	.13	-
B.H.Q.etc.	-	5	1	1	3	294	.15	.04
Totals.	4	22	9	6	11	2044	.15	.04
Ayrshire Batt.	1	-	1	-	-	143	-	-
Inverness Batt.	-	3	-	3	-	146	.29	.29
Somerset Batt.	3	3	3	1	2	137	.31	.10
D.A.C.,B.H.Q. etc.	-	3	-	2	1	313	.13	.08
Totals.	4	9	4	6	3	744	.17	.11
Divl.Train	-	-	-	-	-	317	-	-
Field Squadron	-	1	-	1	-	206	.06	.06
Signal Squadron	-	3	-	3	-	202	.21	.21
D.H.Q.etc.	-	2	-	1	1	230	.12	.06
Totals.	-	6	-	5	1	955	.08	.07
GRAND TOTALS.	11	63	16	38	20	7524	.11	.07

Memo.:- Included in the above are 18 cases admitted suffering from football injuries.

To.....

For your information please.

A. D. M. S.
No.
Headquarters,

4th. Febr. 1918.

COLONEL.
A.D.M.S.
AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

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5 FEB 1918Appendix. No 2To Anzac Mounted Division.

Reference this office letter No.QB/5 dated 17-1-18, regarding the provisional establishment of a Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance.

The instructions contained in para.3 will be proceed with at once.

The cacolet camels of the Australian Mounted and Yeomanry Mounted Divisions and 7th. Mounted Brigade will be sent to the Camel Hospital RAFA, and those of the A. & N. Z. MOUNTED DIVISION to the Remount Camp MEJDEL.

Units are not to retain the camel packsaddlery or cacolets.

The above are to be completed by the 7th. inst. and a notification sent to reach this office on the 8th. inst.

Permission given in this office letter QB/5 dated 29-1-18 for the retention of sandcarts is cancelled.

The new establishment as laid down will be adopted forthwith.

(Sgd) W.P. FARR LT-Col.

3-2-18

A.A. & Q.M.G., Desert Mounted Corps.



To
HEADQUARTERS,
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

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By the adoption of this establishment the efficiency of the ambulances is reduced as follows:-

	S'carts or Ambs.	Cacolets L.	Horses S.	Camels		Carrying Capacity.		
						Lying	Sitting	Total.
Old Estb.	12	8	12	48	20	52	24	76
New Estb.	6	-	-	24	-	12	6	18

The power is reduced from 48 horses and 20 camels to 24 horses. The number of Units from 24¹² to 6 (By Unit is meant a vehicle such as a sand-cart or cacolet, capable of moving independently).

During recent operations, the transport capacity of the Ambulances was taxed to the utmost. It frequently took from 6 to 12 hours to clear the field, that is, until all the patients were in the Dressing Station, and at no time were the casualties exceptionally heavy, nor the Dressing Station more than 2 to 3 miles away.

One of the greatest difficulties was to obtain sufficient distribution of Units. For one isolated casualty a unit must be detached. For this reason a Brigade was on one occasion left for a whole day, during which it was fighting, without a unit, although the full carrying capacity of its Ambulance had not nearly been used.

The horse power of the Ambulances was many times fully taxed.

Under the new establishment the carrying capacity has been reduced from 76 to 18, nearly 80%, and where it formerly took 12 hours to clear a field, it will now take 50, that is, provided the horses can continue working for that time and the casualties are so concentrated, that no difficulty in distribution of Units will arise.

The number of units is reduced from 328 to 6, and consequently, a satisfactory distribution will be impossible. This, in my opinion, is the most serious fault in the new establishment.

The power available for carrying patients is reduced from 48 horses and 20 camels to 24 horses. It will be quite impossible under these circumstances for the horses to do the work required of them.

I have not included Motor Ambulances in the above figures, as they are used to evacuate patients from the dressing station, whereas the problem concerned is the collection of patients to the dressing stations.

In my opinion, the Ambulances are now inefficient.

With reference to G.R.O. 3474, where it concerns this matter. During recent operations, I found no uneconomical use of transport, except where camels could not keep up with a /brigade



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brigade, and consequently were not available until many hours after the action, and where a unit was detached for a single casualty. Whenever a heavy action took place, all available transport was employed.

It appears to me false economy to spare no reasonable expense when a patient is in a base hospital, and to so stint the ambulances that a man may lie many hours in the field, and consequently take weeks or months to recover, if he does not die. It would be truer economy to do everything possible at the front where a man most requires it, especially to get him in quickly, and thus save many weeks in a base hospital.

If economy is required in ambulances, I would make the following proposal:-

For the present establishment, substitute 4 ambulance wagons, and in lieu of the sledges which were found most useful in the desert, 12 light four-wheeled two-horsed vehicles, of the type used by farmers and known as 'buckboards'. These are the cheapest known vehicles and remarkably strong. They would be capable of taking 2 lying and one sitting, or 7 sitting cases. The number of horses and drivers would be considerably reduced and the large number of units, and increased mobility would compensate for the loss of the cacolets.

I would ask that in the meantime authority be given to return to the old establishment, as I do not consider the ambulances fit to go into action in their present condition.

Headquarters,

5/2/1918.

(Lgd) S. J. Bull

COLONEL.
A.D.M.S.

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.



AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

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Return, by Regiments, of Patients admitted to and evacuated from
Field Ambulances of Division, for week ending Saturday 9/2/1918.

Unit.	Remd.	Admitted.	To duty.	Evacuated	Remg.	Strength	Daily % of	
	Sick.						Admiss.	Evacts.
1st. L.H. Regt.	-	5	-	5	-	514	.14	.14
2nd. L.H. Regt.	-	5	-	5	-	518	.14	.14
3rd. L.H. Regt.	-	3	-	3	-	471	.09	.09
M.G. Squadron.	-	3	-	3	-	210	.20	.20
B.H.Q. etc.	-	5	1	4	-	281	.25	.20
Totals.	-	21	1	20	-	1994	.15	.14
5th. L.H. Regt.	-	2	-	-	2	498	.06	-
6th. L.H. Regt.	-	4	-	2	2	370	.15	.08
7th. L.H. Regt.	1	6	1	3	3	497	.17	.09
M.G. Squadron.	1	4	1	1	3	220	.26	.07
B.H.Q. Etc.	-	7	-	4	3	293	.35	.20
Totals.	2	23	2	10	13	1868	.17	.07
A.M. Rifles.	4	5	1	3	5	514	.14	.08
C.M. Rifles.	1	6	-	3	4	528	.16	.08
W.M. Rifles.	4	3 (1 died)	2	2	2	519	.08	.05
M.G. Squadron.	-	2	-	2	-	225	.12	.12
B.H.Q. Etc.	1	1	1	1	-	349	.04	.04
Totals.	10	17	4	11	11	2135	.11	.07
Ayrshire Batty.	-	3	-	3	-	143	.30	.30
Inverness "	-	-	-	-	-	151	-	-
Somerset "	2	2	-	1	3	155	.18	.09
D.A.C.	1	1	-	1	1	275	.07	.07
B.H.Q.	-	-	-	-	-	58	-	-
Totals.	3	6	-	5	4	782	.10	.08
B.H.Q. etc.	1	1	1	-	1	231	.06	-
Field Squadron	-	1	-	-	1	201	.07	-
Signal "	-	2	-	2	-	202	.14	.14
Divisional Trn.	-	2	-	-	2	326	.09	-
Totals.	1	6	1	2	4	960	.09	.05
Grand Totals & 16	73	8	47	32	7739	.13	.09	
for Division.								

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For your information.

Headquarters,
11/2/1918.



W. G. Roll
COLONEL.
A.D.M.S.
A. & N.Z. MOUNTED DIVISION.

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Appendix H.5

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XXth, Corps SCHEME OF MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FORTHCOMING OPERATIONS.

Reference Map. PALESTINE 1 inch to mile.

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INTENTIONS OF CORPS COMMANDER.

To advance on and capture JERICHO in two stages.

1st. Stage. 60th. Division to advance to line EL MUNTAR - ARAK IBRAHAM (F.l.r.d) - F.l.O. and also Division will capture RAS ET TAWIL.

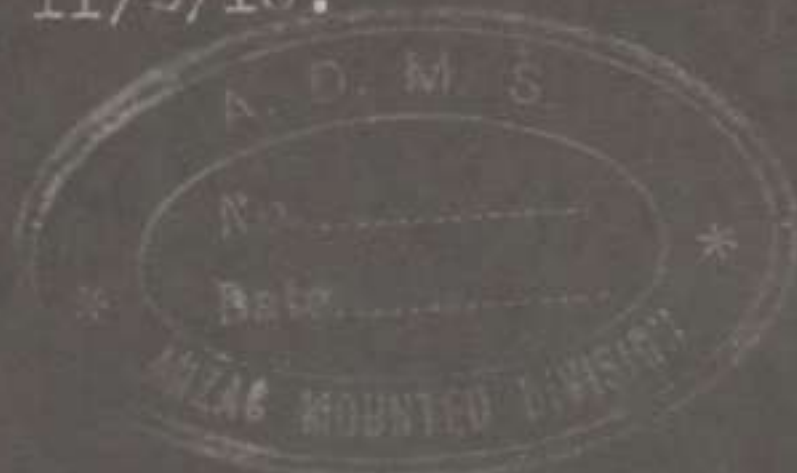
2nd. Stage. 60th. Division will advance in three columns:-
Right Column. From EL MUNTAR on JEBEL EKTEIF (G.28.d)
Centre Column. Along JERICHO Road on TALAT ED DUMM.
Left Column. Along RAS ET TAWIL - JEBEL KURUNTAL track. One Brigade of 74th. Division in reserve under 60th. Division.
Two cavalry Brigades will at same time advance from neighbourhood of EL MUNTAR on JERICHO and occupy line of picquets from Bridge at EL GHORANIYEH to KH EL AUJAH EL FOKA (T.23) - which line will only be held for about 24 hours.
The 60th. Division will then be withdrawn to approximate line JEBEL EKTEIF - TALAT ED DUMM - RAS ET TAWIL.

MEDICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

1. Divisional Arrangements.
Three Main Dressing Stations in JERUSALEM in buildings at present occupied.
Advanced dressing Stations as necessary.
(a) in WADI EN NAR.
(b) Jericho road.
(c) Nablus road.
with collecting posts in front of these as necessary.
2. Motor Ambulances.
21 Ford cars will be placed at the disposal of the A.D.M.S. 60th. Division. These can only be used on the NABLUS and JERICHO roads.
A.D.M.S. 60th. Division will also assist with these cars to evacuate cavalry wounded along JERICHO road when called upon to do so.
At present cars can only travel as far forward as about J.12 b. as all culverts beyond are reported destroyed, but it is hoped as operations proceed, the road may be made passable.
3. Evacuations.
66th. C.C.S. will be established at ITALIAN HOSPITAL, JERUSALEM. Cases will be evacuated these as necessary. All serious cases and those requiring operation will be sent to the C.C.S. direct.

(Sgd) E.B. DOWSETT Colonel.
a/ D.D.M.S. XXth. Corps.

11/2/18.



Appendix No 6

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

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Return, by Regiments, of Patients admitted to and evacuated from
Field Ambulances of Division, for week ending Saturday 23-2-18.

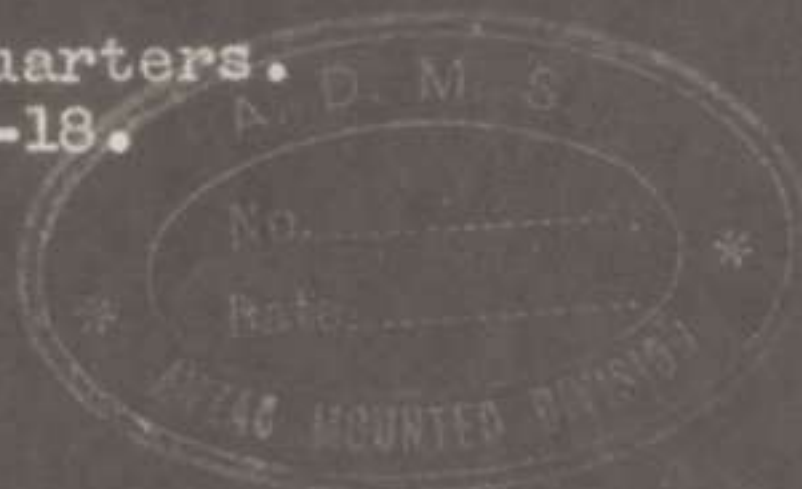
Unit.	Remd.	Admitted.	To-Duty.	Evacuated.	Remg.	Strength	Daily % of	
		Sick					Admiss.	Evacts
1st.L.H.Reg't.	-	5	-	5	-	491	.14	.14
2nd.L.H.Reg't.	-	6	-	6	-	491	.17	.17
3rd.L.H.Reg't.	-	1	-	1	-	494	.02	.02
M.G.Squad.	-	2	-	2	-	222	.12	.12
Sundries.	-	1	-	1	-	299	.04	.04
	-	15	-	15	-	1997	.11	.11
5th.L.H.Reg't.	2	1	1	2	-	409	.03	.06
6th.L.H.Reg't.	2	1	2	-	1	378	.03	---
7th.L.H.Reg't.	3	2	5	-	-	503	.05	---
M.G.Squad.	3	2	4	1	-	218	.13	.06
Sundries.	2	2	1	1	2	273	.10	.05
	12	8	13	4	3	1781	.05	.03
A. M. R.	4	3	-	7	-	525	.08	.19
C. M. R.	3	8	1	10	-	522	.21	.27
W. M. R.	-	2	1	1	-	523	.05	.02
M.G.Squad.	-	2	-	2	-	220	.12	.12
Sundries.	1	6	1	6	-	327	.26	.26
	8	21	3	26	-	2117	.14	.17
Ayrshire.	-	2	-	-	2	152	.18	---
Inverness	-	1	-	1	-	151	.09	.09
Somerset	-	2	-	-	2	151	.18	---
Sundries	-	2	-	1	1	348	.08	.04
	-	7	-	2	5	802	.12	.03
D. H. Q. & Sundries.	-	1	-	-	1	946	.01	.01
Totals for Division.	20	52	16	47	9	7643	.09	.08

To.....

For your information please.

Headquarters.
26-2-18.

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



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

19/4
FEB 1918

In continuation of "Scheme of Medical Arrangements" under my 72/2 dated 10/2/18, please also note the following:-

(1) Turkish Prisoners.

All wounded Turkish prisoners of war will be sent to the 1/1st. Welsh Field Ambulance JERUSALEM.

(2). Evacuations from Field Ambulances and C.C.S. in JERUSALEM.

No evacuations will take place from JERUSALEM without referring to this office.

As far as possible information will be issued from this office daily, what accommodation exists at ENAB and JUNCTION STATION, and to which cases should be sent, when arrangements will be made with XXth. Corps cars to collect same.

All Turkish prisoners of war will be evacuated to 74th. Field Ambulance Immobile at ENAB.

(3). Reports.

An 1800 hours casualty report is required in this office daily, during operations, from the following:-

O.C. 88th. C.C.S.

A.D.M.S. 80th. Division.

" Anzac Mounted Division.

O.C. 1/1st. Welsh Field Ambulance.

This report may be telephoned or wired, and must give the following information:-

BRITISH				TURKISH.			
Admissions		Remaining		Admissions		Remaining	
Sick	Wounded	Sick	Wounded	Sick	Wounded	Sick	Wounded

The report to cover the previous 24 hours.

(Sgd) R.B. DOWSETT. Colonel.

18/2/18.

a/ D.D.M.S. XXth. Corps.



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MEDICAL CORPS OPERATION ORDER No. 38.

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Headquarters,
18/2/18.Reference Divn. Order No. 113.
Reference Map Palestine 1/X63,360.1. INFORMATION.

The object of the Operations is to drive the enemy from JERICHO and to hold the line for probably 48 hours from KH EL AUJAH EL FOKA along WADI EL AUJAH and down JORDAN to EL GHORANIYEH.

60th Division will advance from present line, to line EL MUNTAR - ARAK IMRAHAM - RAS ET TAWIL on Z day.

Anzac Mounted Division will advance on their right from EL MUNTAR.

On Z + 1 day 60th Division will advance on JEBEL EKTEIF - TALAT ED DUMM - JEBEL KURUNTAL. Anzac Mounted Division will attack NEBY MUSA at an early hour and move forward immediately to capture JERICHO.

Infantry will remain on line JEBEL KURUNTAL - KH KAKUN - RUJM ES SHEMALIYEH.

2. DISPOSITIONS OF AMBULANCES.

Bearer subdivisions, cacolets and baggage camels of 1st and N.Z. Field Ambulances will accompany Division from EL MUNTAR to NEBY MUSA on Z and Z + 1 days.

All transport will report to Major HERCUS, D.A.D.M.S. at a time and place to be notified later, and will proceed by ARAK ABU EL KARD - NEBY MUSA Road and join Division at NEBY MUSA as soon as the road is open on Z + 1 day. One Officer from each Ambulance will accompany the transport.

Motor Ambulances will report to the A.D.M.S. 60th Division.

3. COLLECTING STATIONS.

A collecting Station will be established by the 1st L.H.F.A. at a point on the road about a mile W. of NEBY MUSA and S.E. of the last A of MAKA.

N.Z.M.F. Ambulance will follow its Brigade towards JERICHO and be prepared to establish a Collecting Station there. C.O., N.Z.M.F.A. will detail one Officer two Other Ranks, two lying and four sitting cacolets to accompany Squadron to RUJM EL BAHR.

Collecting Station of the 1st L.H.F.A. will move forward and rejoin its Brigade as soon as party at RUJM EL BAHR report all clear, or they are relieved by Infantry Ambulance.

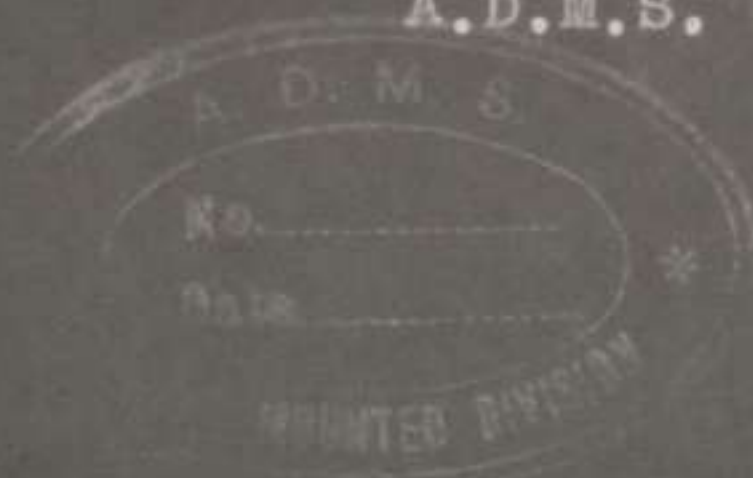
4. EVACUATIONS.

Evacuations will usually be to the nearest advanced dressing stations or Collecting posts of Infantry Field Ambulances. Any cases evacuated direct to JERUSALEM will be sent to the 66th C.C.S., ITALIAN Hospital JERUSALEM.

Colonel,
A.D.M.S.

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

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A.D.M.S. 60th Divn, 1st L.H.F.A. and N.Z.M.F.A.



C O P Y.

A.D.M.S.,

Anzac Mounted Division,

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Appended a summary of the work of the Anzac Receiving Station from 19-1-18 to 19-2-18, at BIR SALEM Kilo 285, where it acted as the L.of C. between the C.C.S. of the XXist. Army Corps and the hospital trains, and for about 10 days of that time as L.of C. for the XXth. Army Corps, also.

Re Staff of the Anzac Receiving Station.

I submit that the greatest efficiency will be obtained if -

- (1) Officers (a) be as far as possible always the same, as then they learn to know the capabilities of the nursing staff, what can and what cannot be entrusted to them, in the nursing line.
- (b). Officers should be those with the most professional experience for obvious reasons.
- (2). N.C.O.'s and O/Ranks be as far as possible the same, as it is unavoidable that men from different units have to work alongside each other.

The tentage of the combined three ambulance Immobile Sections is not sufficient, nor is I think the cooking outfit, and for the Anzac Receiving Station to become at any short notice a "tout a fait" efficient unit such things as :-

- (1). Extra tents, (2). Extra dixies (3). Extra surgical stores, (4). Extra blankets, (5). The large and heavy ground flag, (6). The large and cumbersome red lights, (7) Extra dressings, (8). Some few drugs not carried in the field, and (9). A microscope few stains, slides etc. be together at some spot and to be available immediately when required.

In conclusion I should like to state that Capt. DAWSON of the N.Z.M.F. Ambulance was the only officer with the station the whole time, and his work was excellent.

BIR SALEM,

(Sgd). R.M. Bowman.

MAJOR.

20/2/18.

O.C. ANZAC RECEIVING STATION.



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The tentage of the combined three Ambulance mobile sections is not sufficient nor I think is the cooking outfit and for the Anzac Rec^d 8th to become at any short notice a "tout à fait" efficient unit such things as

- (1) Extra tents.
- (2) Extra tables.
- (3) " Sawyers Stoves
- (4) " Blankets
- (5) The large heavy ground flag
- (6) " " & numerous led lights.
- (7) Extra dressing
- (8) Some few drugs not carried in the field.
- (9) A microscope few stamens & slides etc.

be together at some spot to be available immediately when required.

In conclusion I should like to state that Capt Dawson ^{of the NZ AML} was the only officer with the Station the whole time and his work was excellent.

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20.2.18

The Surgeon Major
of Anzac Rec^d 8th

A.S.M.S. Anzac Rec^d 8th

Appended a summary of the work of the Anzac Receiving Station from 19-1-18 to 19-2-18 at Bir Salem K. 295 where it acted as the L of C between the C of S of the XXIst Army Corps and the Hospital Training and for about 10 days of that time as L of C to the XX Army Corps also.

Re the staff of the Anzac Rec^d 8th. I submit

that the greatest efficiency will be obtained if

(1) Officers can be as far as possible always the same as then they learn to know the capabilities of the nursing staff what can & what cannot be entrusted to them in the nursing line.

(b) be those with the most professional experience for obvious reasons.

(2) NCOs & S/R. be as far as possible the same as it is unavoidable that men from different units have to work alongside each other

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Div Saleun K. 295	23.1.18		<p>A fairly large sick parade from surrounding units with at 11.0's began to mount up, also 4th of reinforcements on their way up & detraining at K. 295 began to parade sick. This required a duty NCO for each day and from this parade a good 40th of admissions were made. A few reinforcements from 2nd L H 7A. brought personnel to 6 off. 90.0 R. These include cooks, batmen, drivers of 3 water carts, 2 timber and a 2nd 4 sand carts, a few bearers and messengers.</p> <p>NCO's & nursing orderlies a Medical Section 17. } from these were found - - - - - Surgical Section 9. }</p> <p>When necessary an orderly or more for the Isolation also 2 night orderlies & special nurses for bad cases.</p> <p>1. NCO. 17.0 R. formed the General duty section including sanitary stretchers bearing. These stretchers bearers had to unload every car take cases to allotted tents, put them on board trains and often carry cases some hundreds of yards through sand when a car would stick as was often the case.</p> <p>31 Cases evacuated on a returning empty coach to their friends.</p> <p>No hospital train in to date. Patients 92. & 8 natives</p> <p>54 cases evacuated by empty goods train - one native died from pneumonia.</p> <p>The fact that we have not yet reached a total of 100 patients speak well for the health of the XXI Army Corps & also the elasticity of the CCS's further forward.</p>	
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Erz Saker 6295	25/1/15	0900	1 st Hospital train arrived & emptied the station - by night only 21 cases in.	UnB
	27.1.15		3 days since we had any admissions from the C.C.S. Jaffa. Patients in	UnB
	29.1.15		2 off. 42 OR. 1 Native.	UnB
	30.1.15		Patients 113 10 having been discharged today. In spite of frequent	UnB
	31/1/15		urgent demands for latrines so far no response & trenches had	UnB
	2/2/15		to be used except for a few seats & buckets allotted to dysenteries.	UnB
	3/2/15		2 nd Hospital train came in and again the station was emptied.	UnB
	4/2/15		Patients in hospital 2 off. 93 OR.	UnB
	5/2/15		Hospital train again emptied the station.	UnB
	6/2/15		Patients 9 off. 137. 9R. 2 Natives.	UnB
	7/2/15		Another hospital train took 9 off. 135 OR. A fumigation arrived and all	UnB
	8/2/15		unused blankets put through in 2 days all our blankets were	UnB
	9/2/15		put through. Fumigation at throat working at 215° F.	UnB
	10/2/15		Patients 9 off. 196 OR. 1 Native. It is raining hard and our tents about	UnB
	11/2/15		full, managed to borrow 4 C.D.L. tents from the Navy & Army Catering	UnB
	12/2/15		who all through helped us in every possible way.	UnB
	13/2/15		Still raining. Patients 8 off. 204 OR.	UnB
	14/2/15		Still raining. Train came & could not depart because of damage to line	UnB
	15/2/15		by rain. 9 off. 263 OR. put a train by 1600. All walking cases came	UnB

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
8.1.15	8/2/15	1700	into station from train were fed - bedded - breakfasted next day.	11.8
	9/2/15	1600	Hospital train departed taking 310 cases. 68 more cases came in after the train left. The weather being left I was able to return tent to N.A.C.B.	11.8
	11/2/15		A staff dispensary, the Q.M., & an orderly room cpl. left for Australia. 78 Patients.	11.8
	13/2/15		209 cases admitted. making patients in hospital 17 off. 214 OR.	11.8
	14.2.15	0800 0900	Hospital train took all cases. 50 Indian patients admitted. These were some better a cookhouse had to be made for them & their various castes had to have separate accommodation - total patients admitted 223. The N.A.C.B. again came to the scene with a large tent into which I could put 50 light cases.	11.8
	15.2.15		Patients 14 off. 259 OR. 2 patients embarked on train in 25 minutes of which about 60 were cot cases. Train delayed starting & 62 more from a fresh conveyance were put on board.	11.8
	16.2.15		Hospital train took 20 off. 130 OR. - 116570. Pte Johnston 210 149. died Pneumococcal Meningitis. Buried with full military honours Gun carriage from Royal Artillery firing party from 6 th A.L.H. Regt. 920 Patients put through for sickening train.	11.8
	17.2.15		Embarked 7 th A.L.H. Carriage on a hill 400 yds further W.	11.8

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NARRATIVE

of
MOVEMENTS, DISPOSITIONS AND WORK OF MEDICAL UNITS OF ANZAC MOUNTED
DIVISION,
FEBRUARY 19th. to FEBRUARY 25th. 1918.
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Map PALESTINE 1/63,360, Sheets 17 & 18.

Divisional Operation Order No. 113.



Mobile Sections of 1st. and N.Z. Field Ambulances left RISHON with their Brigades - N.Z. Ambulance on the 15th. and 1st. L.H.F. Ambulance on the 16th. February. Two sandcarts were taken by the 1st. L.H.F. Ambulance in addition to their ambulance waggons.

At BETHLEHEM, caolet camels (20 per ambulance) and baggage camels (6 per ambulance), were borrowed from the XXth. Corps.

The following dispositions were made at BETHLEHEM - all bearers, as many tent subdivision as could be mounted, caolet and baggage camels, to accompany the Brigades. All transport to proceed by road under Major HERCUS, D.A.D.M.S. Motor ambulances placed at the disposal of 60th. Division.

Baggage camels were loaded with medical stores and comforts, cooking material and stretchers.

It was arranged that evacuation should be to the nearest Infantry Stations.

On February 19th, Bearer divisions and Camels left BETHLEHEM with their Brigades via KEDRON VALLEY and IBN OBEID to EL MUNTAR. The transport proceeded by JERICHO Road.

The intention was:- The bearer divisions to carry all patients forward to NEBY MUSA and the transport to arrive in that neighbourhood as soon as the road was open on the 20th., reinforce the dressing stations and evacuate to 60th. Divisional Stations on road S.W. of JEBEL EKTEIF. 1st. L.H.F. Ambulance was ordered to be prepared to form the station at NEBY MUSA, N.Z.M.F. Ambulance to be prepared to follow it's Brigade to JERICHO and open a station there.

The country traversed by the bearer division on the 19th. was very rugged and steep, but would have been possible for wheeled vehicles as far as MAR SABA. After that it was merely a bridle track and no wheeled vehicle could have followed it. The Division bivouaced for the night on the Southern and Eastern slopes of EL MUNTAR.

Before dawn on the 20th. the advance was commenced on NEBY MUSA. The path again was merely a bridle track and very steep, horses having to be led in single file most of the way. The camels were a bit slow, otherwise did remarkably well. Opposition was encountered 2 to 3 miles S.E. of NEBY MUSA and owing to it's strength and the difficult nature of the country, not much progress had been made by evening. The Division bivouaced for the night at KHAUR EL BELAWI, the enemy being still in possession of NEBY MUSA. Only 7 casualties had been received and these were dressed and made as comfortable as possible. It was raining, and 2 bell tents, one carried by each ambulance, added greatly to the comfort and well-being of the patients. A shortage of water was felt in the treatment of the patients. It had been anticipated that water would be easily found and none had been brought on camels.

The country hereabouts was flat and could easily be traversed by wheeled vehicles in all directions.

During the night a wireless message was received from Major Hercus, stating that he found the NEBY MUSA Road impossible for wheeled vehicles and was going to try the JERICHO Road. It was therefore determined to carry all patients on to JERICHO.

On the morning of the 21st. the Turks were found to have evacuated NEBY MUSA and the march was resumed. The crossings of the Wadi MUKELIK were reported to be very bad, so the path down the Wadi KANEITERAH was taken. This proved to be the most difficult travelling yet encountered. The path, a mere bridle track, was very steep and narrow - it led across the face of precipitous hills,

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down narrow wadis and along the crests of hills with almost a precipice on each side. Horses and camels were led in single file and at all dangerous parts the patients had to be taken from the caicolets and carried by hand. For this purpose the stretchers carried on baggage camels proved an absolute necessity. Considerable anxiety was felt concerning a patient wounded in the chest, but he stood the rough journey remarkably well.

After emerging on the plain of the JORDAN at TEL MULHALHAL the going was quite easy and the road would have been suitable for wheeled vehicles.

JERICHO was reached about midday and ambulances halted a mile outside the town.

The Jordan Hotel was found to have been used as a Turkish Hospital. It contained 15 Turkish and civilian wounded and 10 cases of Typhus. All were in an exceedingly dirty and neglected state. The typhus cases were in some basement rooms and had apparently received no attention for some time, food being passed in through the window. The only reasonably clean buildings in the town were a Russian Hospice now used as a store, and a Russian Church.

Both ambulances were ordered into the town, the N.Z.M.F. Ambulance to take charge of all wounded, British and Turkish, in the Russian Church, the 1st. L.H.F. Ambulance to take all typhus and suspicious sick in the Russian Hospice. By evening all patients were in their respective quarters. The typhus patients before being moved were stripped of their clothing, placed in clean blankets and on arrival at the Russian Hospice, further cleaned and fed.

Major Hercus arrived during the afternoon and reported that the transport had reached TALAT ED DUMM. He then returned to send forward one ambulance, one sandcart, and one limber of ~~the~~ medical stores and comforts for each ambulance. These arrived about midnight on the 21st.

On the morning of the 22nd, 6 Anzac motor ambulances arrived. They were loaded with wounded, whom they were told to take to the Infantry Stations at TALAT ED DUMM and return. Before they returned however a convoy of 20 motor ambulances arrived from XXth. Corps and took the balance of the patients.

Ambulances then packed up and prepared to rejoin their Brigades, which were returning to BETHLEHEM. One ambulance waggon & one sandcart was attached to Auckland Mounted Rifles, which was remaining near JERICHO.

The march to BETHLEHEM was commenced at 1800 on the 22nd. and completed before morning.

It was found on these roads that 2 horses were sufficient for sandcarts, but that ambulance waggons required six.

On February 23rd. both ambulances were moved to the Mount of Olives and on the 24th. the clothes and blankets of all personnel were sterilised and motor ambulances disinfected.

The march to RISCHON was commenced on the 25th. and completed on the 26th.

Headquarters,
25/2/1918.

[Signature]
COLONEL.
A.D.M.S.
AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION



Appendix 10

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

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Return, by Regiments, of Patients admitted to and evacuated from Field Ambulances of Division, for week ending Saturday 23-2-18.

UNIT.	Remd.	Admitted.	To-Duty.	Evacuated.	Remg.	Strength.	Daily % of	
							Admiss. Evac	
1st. L.H. Regt.	-	1	-	1	-	492	.02	.02
2nd. L.H. Regt.	-	3	-	3	-	491	.08	.08
3rd. L.H. Regt.	-	4	-	4	-	495	.12	.12
M.G. Squad.	-	-	-	-	-	223	---	---
Sundries.	-	-	-	-	-	299	---	---
	-	8	-	8	-	2000	.05	.05
4th. L.H. Regt.	-	5	1	3	1	347	.20	.12
5th. L.H. Regt.	1	3	1	3	-	382	.11	.11
6th. L.H. Regt.	-	1	-	1	-	506	.02	.02
M.G. Squad.	-	2	-	1	1	220	.12	.06
Sundries. &	2	3	2	2	1	304	.14	.09
	3	14	4	10	3	1759	.11	.08
A. M. R.	-	1	-	1	-	526	.02	.02
B. M. R.	-	2	-	2	-	522	.05	.05
C. M. R.	-	6	-	6	-	523	.16	.16
M.G. Squad.	-	1	-	1	-	220	.06	.06
Sundries.	-	2	-	2	-	327	.08	.08
	-	12	-	12	-	2118	.08	.08
Wyrshire	2	1	-	1	2	147	.09	.09
Inverness	-	-	-	-	-	153	---	---
Somerset	2	-	-	-	2	153	---	---
Sundries.	1	-	1	-	-	353	---	---
	5	1	1	1	4	806	.01	.01
H. Q.	-	-	-	-	-	218	---	---
Sig. Squad.	-	-	-	-	-	225	---	---
Ed. Squad.	-	-	-	-	-	199	---	---
Div. Train.	1	-	-	1	-	321	---	.04
Sundries.	-	1	-	1	-	20	---	---
	1	1	-	2	-	983	.01	.04
Totals, for Division.	9	36	5	33	7	7666	.07	.06

Admitted Wounded:- 1st. L.H. Bdge. O/Ranks 3
N.Z.M.R. Bdge. O/Ranks 5

Remarks:-

10 Turkish Prisoners admitted to 1st L.H.F.A. (typhus).
10 " " " " N.Z.M.F.A. (wounded).

Headquarters,
26-2-18.

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

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For your information please.

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

Analysis of Weekly A 36 Returns for month of FEBRUARY 1918.

Date	Brigade.	M E D I C A L						S U R G I C A L.				
		Gast- ritis.	Enter- itis.	Tonsill- itis.	N.Y.D. Pyrexia.	Pulmon- ary.	Malaria	Miscell- aneous.	Traumata	Septics	Venereal Disease.	Miscell- aneous.

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Febry 2nd.	1st.Bde.	-	1	1	-	2	-	4	6	2	2	-
	2nd.Bde.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	1	3	2
	N.Z.Bde.	-	-	3	4	-	-	1	9	5	-	5
" 9.												
" 12.	1st.Bde.	-	-	2	2	1	-	5	2	1	4	4
	2nd.Bde.	-	1	3	4	1	-	4	2	3	-	5
	N.Z.Bde.	-	-	3	-	2	-	2	6	3	1	1
" 16.												
" 16.	1st.Bde.	-	-	1	1	2	-	2	7	2	-	-
	2nd.Bde.	-	2	1	-	1	1	1	2	1	-	-
	N.Z.Bde.	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	7	2	1	4
" 23.												
" 23.	1st.Bde.	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	2	-	-
	2nd.Bde.	-	-	-	2	1	-	4	1	2	2	2
	N.Z.Bde.	-	-	3	2	2	-	2	2	1	-	1

Headquarters,
February 28th.1918.

MAJOR.
D.A.D.M.S

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

