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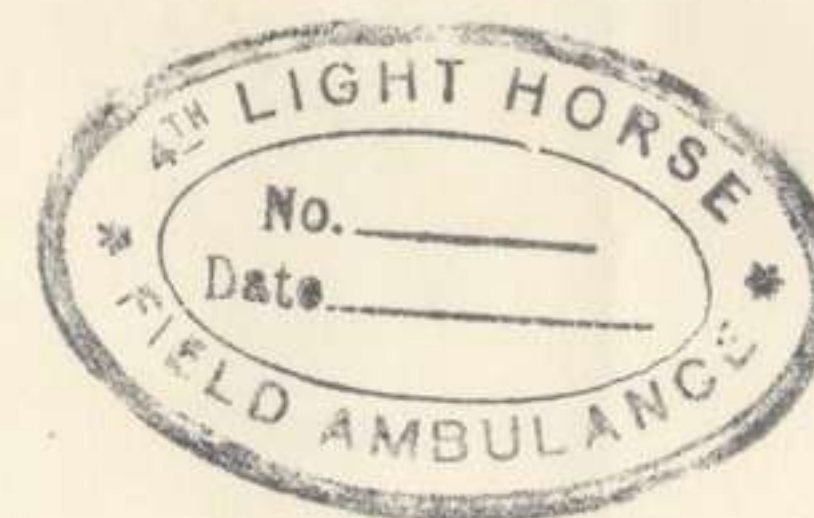
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OF

4th. Light Horse Field Ambulance.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
H 17, a	3.7.18.		The report on the inspection of 1st. Line Transport held at Solomon's Pools on 25.6.18., received from the O.C. A.S.C. He reported <u>Animals</u> Good. <u>Vehicles</u> . Axle on No. 338505 bad, almost dangerous. General screwing up. New wheels required. Some brakes require adjusting. Minor repairs. <u>Harness</u> . Serviceable - well looked after, except that some bits are very dirty. Fitting well.	CVB
	5.7.18.		Lieut. Col. Single C.V. returned from leave to Cairo.	CVB
	6.7.18.		4 O.R., old members of the 1st. Light Horse Field Ambulance, marched out to that Unit and were struck off strength.	CVB
	8.7.18.		Capt. Holder S., R.M.O. 12th. A.L.H. proceeded to Cairo on 7 days leave.	CVB
	9.7.18.		Major C.J. Weedon, who had been detached for duty at the 14th. Australian General Hospital, rejoined Unit.	CVB
	8.7.18.		Capt. B.J. Murphy was posted to the 12th. A.L.H. to act as R.M.O. during the absence of Capt. Holder on leave.	CVB
	10.7.18.		Another old member of the 1st. Light Horse Field Ambulance marched out to that Unit and was struck off strength. At Solomon's Pools our effective strength of O.R. was 118 i.e. 8 over establishment. Our strength is now 106 i.e. 4 under strength. This decrease is due to transfers and evacuations sick.	CVB
	13.7.18.		Turkish bombardment commenced. Quite a number of shells passed over our possession and two burst on a hill about 600 yards away at the head of the gully.	CVB
	14.7.18.		The shell fire was fairly continuous all through the night of the 13-14.7.18. At 0230 the Turks attacked aircraft, about six in number, which flew very low. They were subjected to a heavy fire from the anti-aircraft battery near us, but without success. A	CVB

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H.17.a. Jericho B.6.	14.7.18.		number of bombs were dropped, the 1/34 Sikh Pioneers, the 4th. M.G.S. and the 11th. A.L.H. suffering casualties, as well as a small party of A.S.C.M.T. who were loading up their lorries preparing to move out. Immediately after the raid our cars were hurried out to bring in the wounded. 1 British O.R. belonging to the A.S.C.M.T. died, and the 1/34 Sikh Pioneers had 3 deaths and 21 wounded. The R.M.O. of the 11th. A.L.H. in his weekly report reported 2 killed, 1 died of wounds, and 5 wounded. The admissions for the day were Wounded off. 3, wounded O.R.'s 172. Sick :- O.R.'s 42. Included in these figures are Indians 24, Germans 111 , Turks 14, Natives 4. 76	
	15.7.18.		Work now much lighter although wounded still continued to come in. They were, however, mostly German prisoners. 35 being admitted during the day. Total admissions 81	
	16.7.18.		4th. A.L.H. in supports shelled and a few wounded admitted At intervals Turkish fire at the Wadi Auja, about a mile away, very heavy. 1 2 death as a result of the shelling at the wadi. At night the 3rd. Light Horse Field Ambulance moved higher up the gully to take up a position. Advised that Capt. S.R. Stafford was proceeding on leave to Cairo, so Capt. B.J. Murphy was sent from the 12th. A.L.H. to relieve him at the Descorps Ambulance Rest Station, Jerusalem. Major C.J. Weedon sent to the 12th. A.L.H. to act as R.M.O.	
	17.7.18.		1 Death as a result of the shell fire on the Auja on 16.7.18.	
	19.7.18.		Admitted one O.R. from the 4th. A.L.H., who was shot through the abdomen whilst doing patrol duty.	
	20.7.18.		Capt. S. Holder, R.M.O. 12th. A.L.H. reported back from leave. Major Major C.J. Weedon sent to Divisional Train. Learnt that the Immobile Section of the	

All wounded and sick during the action were passed through this Unit which constituted the collecting station for the 1st. 2nd. and 4th. Brigades. (Orders of A.D.M.S. Anzac Div.)

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H.17.a. Jericho B. 6.	20.7.18.		Ambulance was at Jericho, having been relieved at the Descorps Ambulance Rest Station by the Immobile Section of the 1st. Light Horse Field Ambulance.	AFB
	25.7.18.		Major C.J. Weedon returned from the Divisional Train. Advised that Capt. H. Crawford, who was being posted to this Unit from the 14th. A.G.H., Port Said, was leaving Port Said that night.	
	26.7.18.		Took over 10 camels, 6 sitting and 4 lying cacolets, and 6 C.T.C. drivers from the 2nd. Light Horse Field Ambulance. This was done under instructions from the A.D.M.S., Ausdiv. 3 N.C.O's proceeded to A.M.C. School of Instruction at Moascar.	
	27.7.18.		At 1000 Inspection of 1st. Line Transport by the O.C. Australian Mounted Divisional Train. The following animals and Transport was on parade. Ambulance Wagons. 3. G.S. Wagons - 1. G.S. Limber - 1. Water Cart. - 1. Horses - 1. D. 13. Mules. 17.	
	28.7.18.		0900. Court of Enquiry on No. 104, Pte. Flynn F.L. an absentee, and at 1030 on No. M2/115354, A/Sgt. Stanley, deceased, A.S.E.M.T., to enquire into the circumstances surrounding his removal to the Divisional Receiving Station.	
		1015.	Advised by the Immobile Section that Capt. H. Crawford has reported. Subsequently learnt from the A.D.M.S., Ausdiv. that he was to remain at the Immobile Section for duty.	AFB
	29.7.18.		Capt. S.R. Stafford struck off strength Major E. K. Parry proceeded on leave expiring 10.8.19.	

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4th. Light Horse Field Ambulance.

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Report on Quartermaster's Branch.
2.	Summary of Prevailing Diseases.
3.	Chart of Admissions, Evacuations, and Discharges.
4.	Nominal Roll of Malarial Cases.
5.	Fluctuation in Effective and Ration Strength.
6.	Nominal Roll of those who have done good work.

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QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT.

Rations for the month of July were good. Bread was a daily issue, and occasionally biscuits in lieu of bread. 25% of one day's bread ration, on examination by Medical officer was considered unfit for human consumption, and condemned. The issue on the whole of the month was very good.

Fresh meat and mutton although it was not a daily issue was good, bully beef being on issue when there was no fresh meat. One day's ration of meat was condemned by the M.O., as well as approximately 200 lbs. of the Brigade's supply.

Taking into consideration the intense heat of the Jordan Valley, and the difficulties of transportation, etc., the fresh meat has been a very good ration.

Vegetables have not been very good and there is room for improvement. The remaining rations lime juice etc., were good. Lemons and dried fruits were on issue at intervals.

The iron rations were turned over and a certificate rendered to that effect.

ORDNANCE.

For the past month wheels have been the one item, and still there is difficulty in keeping up our supplies as all wheels now in use are practically unserviceable and might prove dangerous if allowed to remain in their present condition. Indents have been furnished through Ordnance for these wheels to be replaced but up to date have not been supplied.

Reference G.R.O. 4115, wheels No. 159A to replace the rubber tyred wheels for light Ambulance Van were indented for and up to date have not been supplied.

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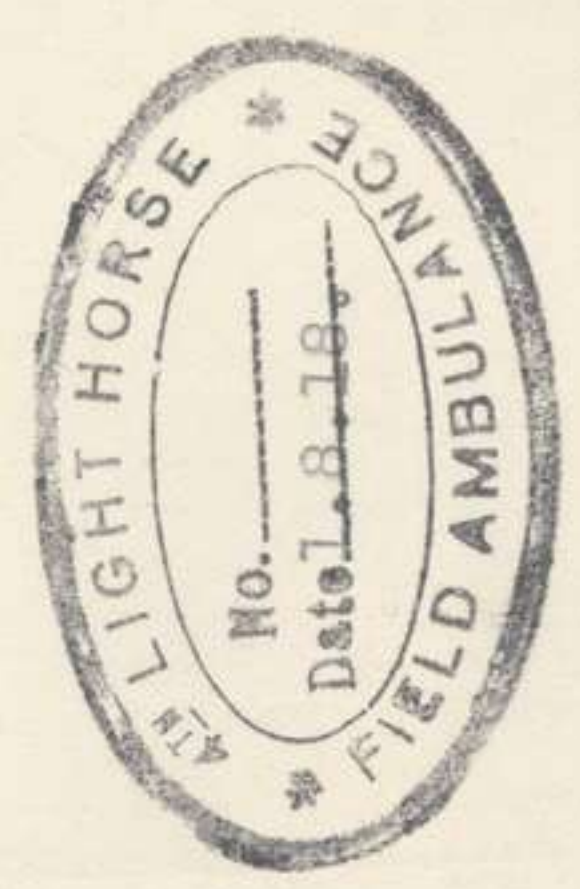
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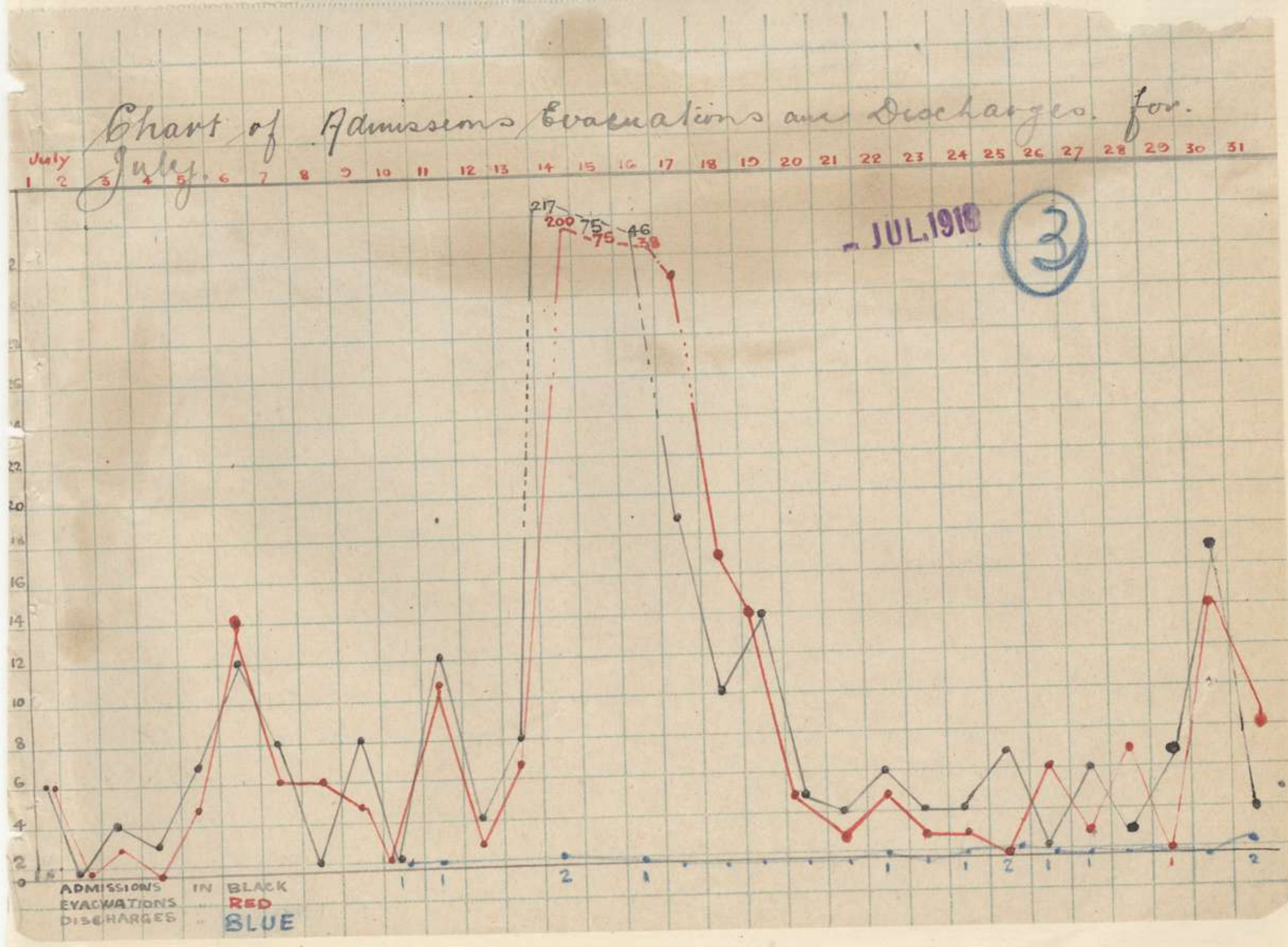
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List of Prevailing Diseases for the month ending 31st. July, 1918.

Wounded	232
Pyrexia	99
Debility	54
Malaria	29
Urethritis	14
Diarrhoea	12
Septic Sores	10
Injuries	6
Furunculosis	5
Haemorrhoids	4
Jaundice	3
OTHER DISEASES.	60
TOTAL.....	528



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RETURN OF MALARIAL CASES ADMITTED FOR THE
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Unit.	No.	Rank.	Name.		Disease.
4th. A.L.H.	2393	Tpr.	Ward	T.	Malaria. B.T. Primary.
12th. "	1534	"	Wright	W.	" " "
4th. L.H.F.A.	13762	Pte.	Collis	A.A.	" . Rec.
4th. "	18923	"	Hamilton	P.	" B.T. Primary.
3rd. A.L.H.	2856	Tpr.	Aughey	O.C.	" " "
11th. Mountain Battery.	168897	Gnr.	Webster	G.	" " "
3rd. A.L.H.	950	Tpr.	Parks	L.	" " "
1st. A.L.H.	3526	"	Adams	W.	" " "
1st. M.G.S.	-	"	Sherrin	S.G.	" " "
2nd. A.L.H.	1700	"	Fraser	M.	" " "
1st. "	3374	"	Reeves	E.J.	" " "
6th. "	19613	"	Cole	C.R.	" " "
4th. L.H.F.A.	2142	Dvr.	Marshall	R.	" M.T. "
4th. B.H.Q.	1244	Tpr.	Gulliver	C.	" B.T. "
19th. Bge.					" "
H.A.C.	624483	Gnr.	Stooke	S.R.	" " "
7th. A.L.H.	947	Tpr.	McKissock	G.	" " "
12th. "	1083	"	Fisher	M.	" " "
11th. "	2376	"	Margrie	G.J.	" " "
4th. M.G.S.	343	"	Le Estrange	W.	" " "
12th. A.L.H.	331	Sgt.	Jennings	G.D.	" M.T. "
4th. A.L.H.	2337	"	Heppner	W.B.	" B.T. "
12th. "	2634	Tpr.	Ireson	E.W.	" B.T. primary.
4th. Bge.					" "
Scouts.	1583	"	Harley	W.H.	" " "
M.T.A.S.C. at.					" "
152 Aircraft.	335478	Pte.	Martin	H.	" " "
12th. A.L.H.	1374	Tpr.	Bourke	J.P.	" " "
11th. A.L.H.	762	L.Cpl.	English	E.	" " "
4th. M.G.S.	2413	Tpr.	Silcox	W.H.	" " "
4th. A.L.H.	437	Dvr.	Keller	W.	" " "
11th. A.L.H.	3514	Tpr.	Pont	J.	" " "



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No.	Name	Rank	Service No.	Regiment	Branch	Remarks
1	John	Private	4123	1st	Infantry	
2	Robert	Private	4124	1st	Infantry	
3	William	Private	4125	1st	Infantry	
4	James	Private	4126	1st	Infantry	
5	Thomas	Private	4127	1st	Infantry	
6	Charles	Private	4128	1st	Infantry	
7	George	Private	4129	1st	Infantry	
8	Edward	Private	4130	1st	Infantry	
9	Frederick	Private	4131	1st	Infantry	
10	Richard	Private	4132	1st	Infantry	
11	John	Private	4133	1st	Infantry	
12	Robert	Private	4134	1st	Infantry	
13	William	Private	4135	1st	Infantry	
14	James	Private	4136	1st	Infantry	
15	Thomas	Private	4137	1st	Infantry	
16	Charles	Private	4138	1st	Infantry	
17	George	Private	4139	1st	Infantry	
18	Edward	Private	4140	1st	Infantry	
19	Frederick	Private	4141	1st	Infantry	
20	Richard	Private	4142	1st	Infantry	
21	John	Private	4143	1st	Infantry	
22	Robert	Private	4144	1st	Infantry	
23	William	Private	4145	1st	Infantry	
24	James	Private	4146	1st	Infantry	
25	Thomas	Private	4147	1st	Infantry	
26	Charles	Private	4148	1st	Infantry	
27	George	Private	4149	1st	Infantry	
28	Edward	Private	4150	1st	Infantry	
29	Frederick	Private	4151	1st	Infantry	
30	Richard	Private	4152	1st	Infantry	
31	John	Private	4153	1st	Infantry	
32	Robert	Private	4154	1st	Infantry	
33	William	Private	4155	1st	Infantry	
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87	George	Private	4209	1st	Infantry	
88	Edward	Private	4210	1st	Infantry	
89	Frederick	Private	4211	1st	Infantry	
90	Richard	Private	4212	1st	Infantry	
91	John	Private	4213	1st	Infantry	
92	Robert	Private	4214	1st	Infantry	
93	William	Private	4215	1st	Infantry	
94	James	Private	4216	1st	Infantry	
95	Thomas	Private	4217	1st	Infantry	
96	Charles	Private	4218	1st	Infantry	
97	George	Private	4219	1st	Infantry	
98	Edward	Private	4220	1st	Infantry	
99	Frederick	Private	4221	1st	Infantry	
100	Richard	Private	4222	1st	Infantry	

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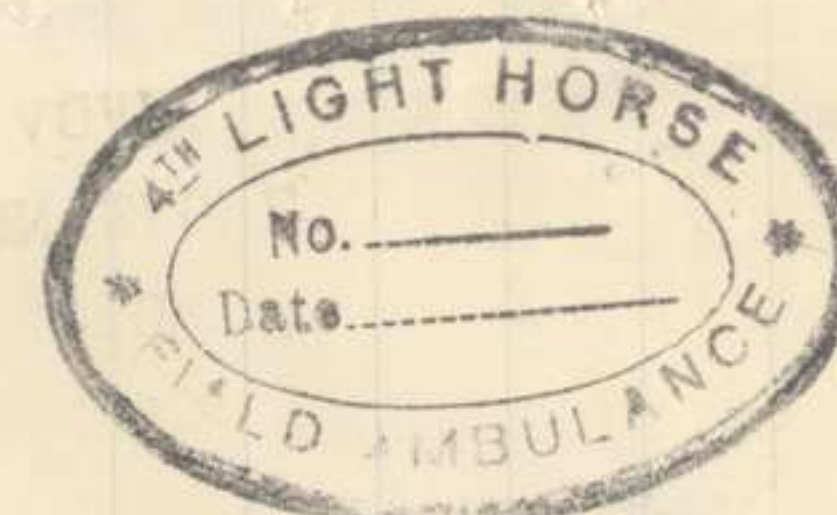


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Effective Strength

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Officers	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Other ranks	112	112	112	112	112	108	108	108	108	106	105	104	104	104	103	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	100	100	99	99	98	98	98
A.S.C M.T.	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Natives HT	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Animals	107	107	107	107	107	107	107	107	107	107	106	106	106	106	106	106	106	106	106	106	106	106	106	106	106	106	106	106	106	106	106

Ration Strength

Personnel	68	67	68	69	68	67	76	75	76	78	80	83	81	80	80	79	81	83	82	83	80	78	79	87	82	78	84	78	80	82	77
Natives	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Animals	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	82	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	81	79	77	77	84	84	84	84	83	81	80	81

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