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|       | 18/2/17  |      | Major R. Fowler (temp. Lieut. Col.) ex 2nd. Light Horse Fld. Amb ordered by A.D.M.S., A.I.F., Egypt to organise and command 4th. Light Horse Fld. Ambulance at Anzac Training Centre, Moascar Establishment "A" Section with 2 Officers and 2 other Ranks supernumerary-  |                                      |
|       | 19/2/17  |      | Officers reported & taken on strength- Capt. S.R. Stafford ex No. 2 Aust. Stationary Hospital; Capt. A.M. Aspinall ex No. 14 Aust. General Hospital.<br>3 N.C.O's & 38 other ranks reported and taken on strength as transfers from 1st. 2nd. & 3rd. L.H. Bgdes. 14 A.G.H. No. 2 A.S.H & 7th. Sanitary Section.         |                                      |
|       | 20/2/17  |      | Indents for Ordnance Stores submitted through D.A.D.O.S. I.M.D on O.O. Ismailia, as per Mob Store Table O.C./4315/Feb 1917. Medical Equipment indents through D.D.M.S. East Force on No. 7 Depot Medical Store Ismailia. Remount demand submitted through 4th. L.H. Bgde. H.Q. Unit Strength 4 Officers 50 other ranks. |                                      |
|       | 26/2/17  |      | Moved to Ferry Post Camp (4th. Light Horse Bgde Camp). Training and equipment proceeded with. Commenced receiving & evacuating sick to 26th. Stat. Hosp. Ismailia.  |                                      |
|       | 2/3/17   |      | 64 Horses taken on strength.  |                                      |
|       | 3/3/17   |      | Cholera inoculation of Brigade commenced. <del>vide appendix</del> Unit Strength 4 Off. 56 O.R.   |                                      |
|       | 7/3/17   |      | Dental arrangements made with Moascar Training Centre & 26th. Stat. Hosp. Ismailia.   |                                      |
|       | 8/3/17   |      | Meeting of all M.O's of Brigade.  |                                      |
|       | 9/3/17   |      | Turned out for Brigade inspection by a G.O.C. 4th. L.H. Bgde. Equipment practically complete.   | For weekly sick see Appendix 1       |
|       | 10/3/17  |      | Health of Troops Good. Sanitation Satisfactory. System of buckets with incineration. Unit Strength 4 Off. 59 O.R.   |                                      |
|       | 18/3/17  |      | Received orders re Brigade move of 20th. inst. Unit Strength 4 Off. 60 O.R.   | For weekly sick see Appendix 2.      |
|       | 19/3/17. |      | Baggage and Baggage party by rail to Kantara  |                                      |
|       | 20/3/17  |      | Main body of Unit moved with Bgde. to Hill 40 by route East of Suez Canal, transport moved with Bgde. Train by route West of Canal.   |                                      |

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|       | 20.3.17 |      | All indents on Ferry-Fest 0.0. Ismailia cancelled.  |  |
|       | 22.3.17 |      | Major M. Yuille reported for duty on arrival at Hill 40 Kantara   |  |
|       | 23.3.17 |      | Moved with Brigade to Pelusium, evacuated a case of acute appendicitis to Hospital Train Pelusium.  |  |
|       | 24.3.17 |      | Moved with Brigade to Romani. <del>Weekly-sick</del> Weekly sick 13 O.R. Cholera inoculations continued. All evacuations made to 1/3 Lowland Field Ambulance Romani. Unit Strength 5 Officers 62 O.R. | For weekly sick see Appendix 3         |
|       | 29.3.17 |      | Formed collecting post for Brigade on Outpost Line from Kateb Ganat to Hod el Enna (Practice Operations)  |  |
|       | 31.3.17 |      | Weekly Sick for Brigade 1 Officer 27 O.R. Cholera Inoculation of Bgde almost complete. Moved with Brigade to Rabah. Unit Strength 3 Officers 62 O.R.  | For weekly sick see Appendix 4         |
|       |         |      |   | For cholera Inoculation see Appendix 5 |

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|                 | Off.             | O.R. | Off.   | O.R.                                 |                  |  |                 |  |      |      |      |      |               |   |    |   |    |                 |   |    |   |    |               |   |    |   |    |                |   |     |   |     |               |    |     |   |    |                |    |     |    |     |                |    |     |    |     |                 |   |    |   |    |             |    |    |   |    |  |
| 4th. L.H.F.A.   | 3                | 62   | 3  | 62                                   |                  |  |                 |  |      |      |      |      |               |   |    |   |    |                 |   |    |   |    |               |   |    |   |    |                |   |     |   |     |               |    |     |   |    |                |    |     |    |     |                |    |     |    |     |                 |   |    |   |    |             |    |    |   |    |  |
| 4th. Sig. Troop | 1                | 31   | 1  | 31                                   |                  |  |                 |  |      |      |      |      |               |   |    |   |    |                 |   |    |   |    |               |   |    |   |    |                |   |     |   |     |               |    |     |   |    |                |    |     |    |     |                |    |     |    |     |                 |   |    |   |    |             |    |    |   |    |  |
| 4th. M.V.Sec.   | 1                | 24   | 1  | 24                                   |                  |  |                 |  |      |      |      |      |               |   |    |   |    |                 |   |    |   |    |               |   |    |   |    |                |   |     |   |     |               |    |     |   |    |                |    |     |    |     |                |    |     |    |     |                 |   |    |   |    |             |    |    |   |    |  |
| 4th. M.G.Sqdn.  | 7                | 216  | 7  | 216                                  |                  |  |                 |  |      |      |      |      |               |   |    |   |    |                 |   |    |   |    |               |   |    |   |    |                |   |     |   |     |               |    |     |   |    |                |    |     |    |     |                |    |     |    |     |                 |   |    |   |    |             |    |    |   |    |  |
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| 11th. L.H.Reg.  | 23               | 484  | 23   | 484                                  |                  |  |                 |  |      |      |      |      |               |   |    |   |    |                 |   |    |   |    |               |   |    |   |    |                |   |     |   |     |               |    |     |   |    |                |    |     |    |     |                |    |     |    |     |                 |   |    |   |    |             |    |    |   |    |  |
| 12th. L.H.Reg.  | 22               | 491  | 16   | 460                                  |                  |  |                 |  |      |      |      |      |               |   |    |   |    |                 |   |    |   |    |               |   |    |   |    |                |   |     |   |     |               |    |     |   |    |                |    |     |    |     |                |    |     |    |     |                 |   |    |   |    |             |    |    |   |    |  |
| 4th. Fld. Troop | 2                | 50   | 2  | 45                                   |                  |  |                 |  |      |      |      |      |               |   |    |   |    |                 |   |    |   |    |               |   |    |   |    |                |   |     |   |     |               |    |     |   |    |                |    |     |    |     |                |    |     |    |     |                 |   |    |   |    |             |    |    |   |    |  |
| 4th. B.H.Q.     | 10               | 51   | -  | 10                                   |                  |  |                 |  |      |      |      |      |               |   |    |   |    |                 |   |    |   |    |               |   |    |   |    |                |   |     |   |     |               |    |     |   |    |                |    |     |    |     |                |    |     |    |     |                 |   |    |   |    |             |    |    |   |    |  |