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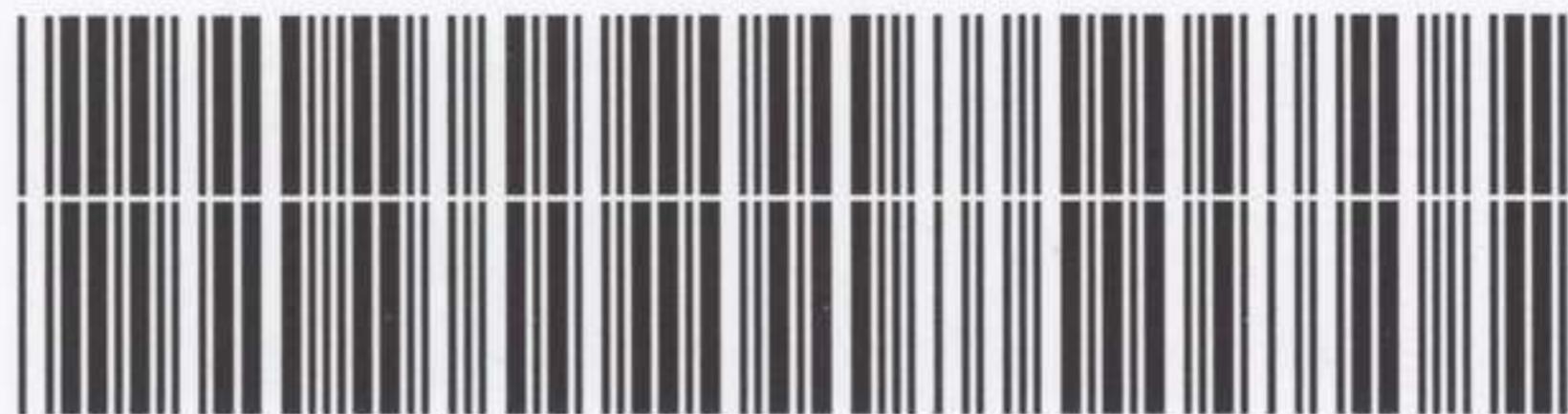
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1914-18 War**

**Medical, Dental & Nursing**

**Item number:** 26/42/3

**Title:** 4th Australian Light Horse Field  
Ambulance

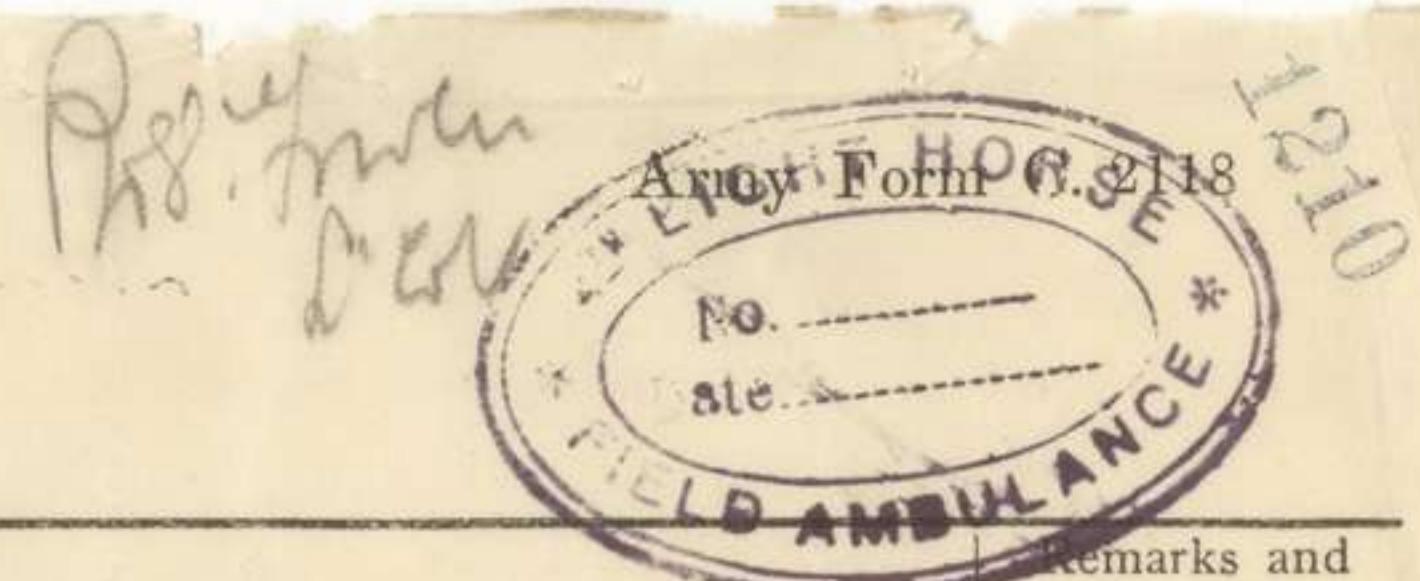
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL RABA	1-4-17		On trek with Brigade EL RABA - BIREL ABD leaving 0730 arriving 1600	
EL ABD	2-4-17	" " "	EL ABD - TULUL " 0730 " 1600	
TULUL	3. 4-17	" " "	TULUL - MAZAR " 0900 " 1600	
MAZAR	4-4-17		3 patients evacuated to b.c.s. Mazar on arrival	
	4-4-17		On Trek with Brigade MAZAR - BARDAWIL " 0800 " 1600	
			Foot & aeroplane attack en route	
BARDAWIL	5-4-17		On Trek with Brigade BARDAWIL - EL ARISH " 0800 " 1430	
EL ARISH	8-4-17		Moved with Brigade less 4th Regiment EL ARISH - EL BURG 0915 " 1230	For weekly strengths see Appendix II
EL BURG	9-4-17		No ambulance details left with 4th Reg.	
SHEIK ZOWAID	10-4-17		On trek with Brigade EL BURG - SHEIK ZOWAID " 0830 " 1200	
RAFA	11-4-17		" " " SHEIK ZOWAID - RAFA " 0830 " 1230	
KHANYUNOS	12-4-17		" Memorandum re Casualties in Action - KHANYUNOS - RAFA communicated to B.H.Q. " 1100	Appendix III
"	13-4-17		Ambulance awarded two Mobile & Immobile Sections & 4 Sandcarts added	
DIER EL TAIRE	15-4-17		Nobile Section moved out from Khan Yunus with Brigade 1230 for our post line INSEIRAT - ABASAN EL KEBIR. Ambulance situated as I in GOZA EL TAIRE	For weekly strengths see Appendix II
"	16-4-17		A.D.M.S. I.M.D. met O. 6: 3rd 4th 5th & 6th Ambulances at DIER EL BELAH to discuss medical arrangements for forthcoming operations	Ref Rafa 125000

## WAR DIARY

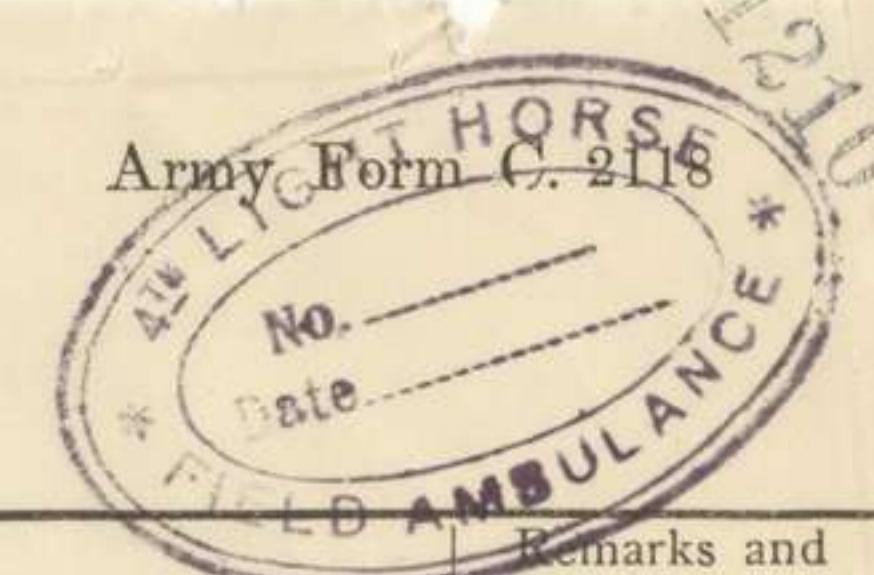
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TEL EL JEMM	16.4.17		Left for TEL EL JEMM with Brigade at 2030 arriving at 2400	
EL MENDOR	17.4.17		Stood by from 0430 watching advance of 3rd Brigade. Moved with Brigade at 1400 to EL MENDOR arriving 1700. Brigade having taken on ASEIFERIYEH outpost line	
ASEIFERYEH	19.4.17		Moved with Brigade at 0200 to ASEIFERYEH. Brigade went into action dismounted 0700	Vide Appendix I
"	20.4.17		Brigade remained on ASEIFERYEH outpost. Ambulance retired to EL MENDOR. Hostile aircraft dropped bombs near Ambulance site.	For weekly Strengths see Appendix II
TEL EL JEMM	22.4.17		Withdrew at dusk to TEL EL JEMM. Left TEL EL JEMM with Brigade for ABASAN arriving 2400	
"	23.4.17		Capt Party reported for duty at 1300. Ambulance less 1 Landcar returned to KHAN YUNIS (Rejoining immobile section)	
"	24.4.17		Capt Aspinall rejoined Ambulance from 11th Regiment on return of Major Vernon from hospital.	

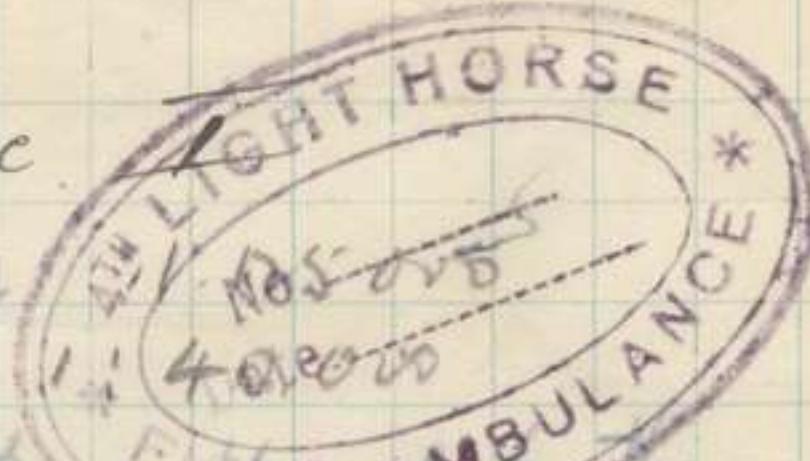
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Lieut. Col.  
O.C. 4th Light Horse Field Amb.

To: ADM'S

Appendix

Sir,

Ref: BEERSHEBA  
GAZA



I beg to report on the part played by the  
4<sup>th</sup> LH Amb. in the Diorne operation of 19. 4. 17.  
In accordance with Medical Orders No. 11 the Mobile  
Sect. (less 2 Sand-carts with horses <sup>driven</sup>) attached to  
Diorne Dressing Station ASERIFERIYEH followed the 4<sup>th</sup>  
LH Bde. in action along the WADI SIHAW  
against that portion of the Turkish position extending  
from R. el SIHAW to R. el ATAWIYEH.

A. B & C show the various positions occupied  
in attached plan in the advance - with times of arrival  
Ref GAZA (X) and departure.

At A. Tent division not opened - No Casualties  
Sand-cart put out of action by bursting  
axle

At B. Tent division not opened  
few minor casualties evacuated to DDS by  
empty ammuin in limbers

At C. Arrived 0900 few casualties collected on  
route. Advanced dressing station  
established by 0930 and collecting of  
wounded carried out actively from  
there on by sand carts and dismounted  
beavers from close behind the firing  
line to the advanced dressing  
station. Other than walking cases evacuated

to D.D.S. by empty limbers and sand-carts.

At 1345 the advance position became untenable <sup>owing to shell fire</sup> and direct fire received from Soc 4<sup>th</sup> Long Range Gun.

This operation was carried out ~~in~~ fully in a little over 35 minutes wounded <sup>arrived</sup> arriving at frequent intervals throughout. Several limbers, pack horses & riding horses were used for evacuation and all sand-carts carried out from 4 to 7 cases. Most field equipment was temporarily abandoned but was successfully recovered by us some hours later.

The Ambulance withdrew to ASEIFRIYEH and found D.D.S. in process of evac. to EL MINDAR whence I directed MAJOR YUILL to proceed with the bulk of the unit taking back & with myself 2 empty sand-carts to collect remaining wounded. At 1715 revisited SITE C and collected abandoned gear & saw the burial of 4 dead from among those admitted to A.D.S. Retired at dusk with brigade to BAIGETABO MAILIK.

Strength of Mobile Sect.	Officrs 3. Other ranks 40
Ambulance Casualties	1812
Passed thro' Ambulance	106 <sup>including</sup> of whom 5 died
<small>Includes casualties from Infantry Platoon units in rear left and</small>	<small>approximately 120</small>



I wish further to report that all ranks under my command worked exceedingly well Blowers and Drivers showing courage and daring in collecting wounded.

Both CAPT ASPINALL (11<sup>th</sup> Regt) and CAPT SIMPSON (12<sup>th</sup> Regt) with their regimental medical personnel must have done exceedingly good work.

The following are recommended for awarding gallantry devoting duty in aiding 466 Dm: Short, R.  
566 Dm: Feudenberg, N.H.  
J Am



Yours obediently

Phil. Weller. Major ~~forwards~~

OC 4<sup>th</sup> H.A.P.P.

TEL EL JEMME

20 4.17 -

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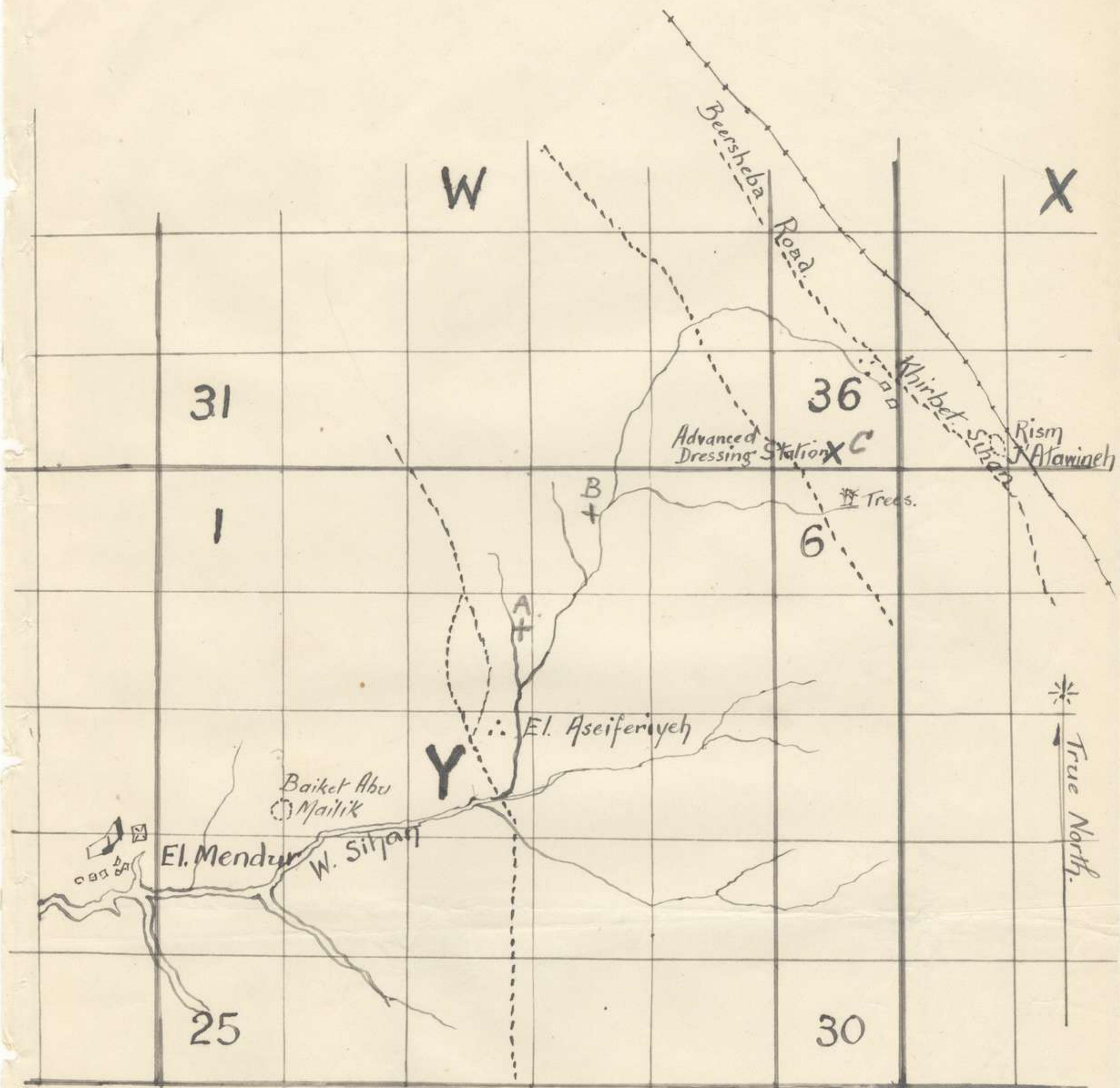
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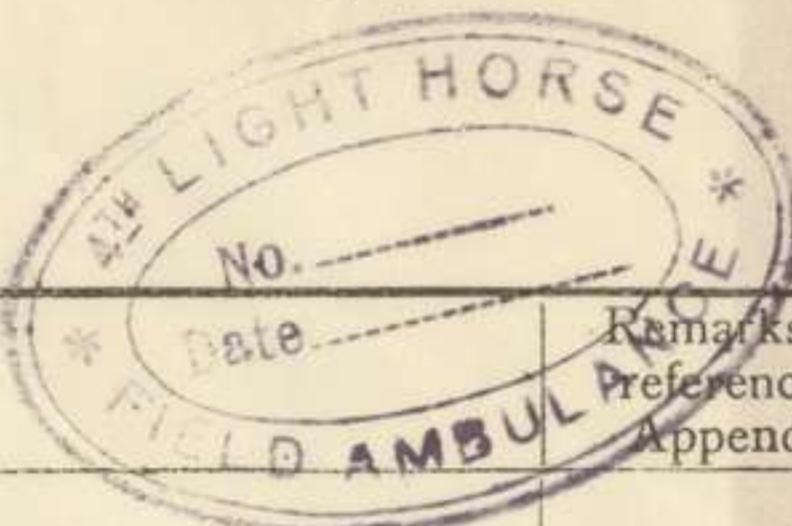
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Peggy Motter  
D.C.

## Appendix N<sup>o</sup>. 2

SYSTEM OF DEALING WITH CASUALTIES IN ACTION.**(1) FIRST AID IN THE FIRING LINE**

Every Mounted Officer and man should have an elementary knowledge of First Aid besides possessing on his person a P.F. dressing and Iodine Ampoule.

**(2) REGIMENTAL MEDICAL SERVICE**

It is to the Medical Service with Regiments that Squadron leaders must look for help. The DUTIES of regimental stretcher bearers are laid down in P.S. Regs. II. Sec. 88 Para. 3. The DISPOSAL of R.S.B's in action is the responsibility of the Regimental M.O. (vide P.S. Regs II. Sec. 88 para. 2.) In this way with squadrons concentrated the R. M.O. is enabled to utilise the S.B's of a squadron in reserve wherever they are most needed. On the other hand with squadrons dispersed S.B's accompany them at the discretion of the R.M.O.

Regimental Stretcher Bearers must be regarded as primarily first aid men and armed for emergency only (resembling in this respect Engineers or Mobile Vets. primarily mobilised for technical skill). It follows therefore that the training and equipment of these S.B's is primarily dictated by first aid requirements. In flying column it is questionable whether rifles should not be left at immobile Depot. Ammunition carried should be absolute minimum and haversacks containing dressings (2 per squadron) carried in lieu.

Light Horse Ambulance Stretchers will be provided for use of S.B's (2 per squadron).

**(3) FIELD AMBULANCE**

The Ambulance must be looked upon as a column of so many sand carts per Regiment (c.f. Ammunition and supply columns). Their DISPOSAL in action is the responsibility of the C.C. Ambulance and will depend upon whether Regiments are concentrated or dispersed. Sand Carts are only for severe cases that cannot ride out and utmost economy must be practiced in their use. It is the duty therefore of combatant officers to refrain from ordering individual sand carts from place to place. THEY MAY BE DEMANDED ONLY BY MEDICAL OFFICERS AND B.H.Q. or by SIGNAL MESSAGES THROUGH B.H.Q.

The Ambulance has attached a reserve (exceedingly limited) of medical Officers, Stretcher Bearers and Medical equipment with which to reinforce exhausted regimental establishments.

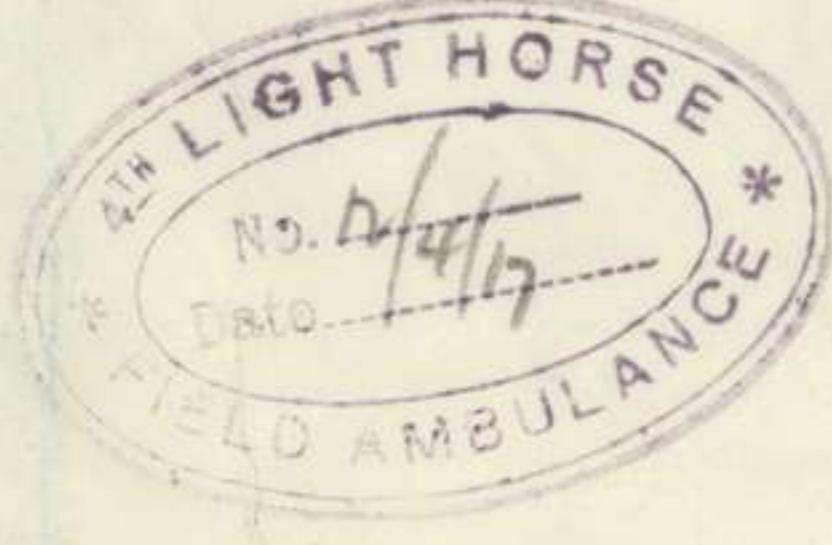
**(4) COMMUNICATIONS**

R.M.O's will be in close touch with their respective Regimental Headquarters.

C.C. Signal Troop will be told the position of the Field Ambulance in Operation Orders and will put them in telephonic communication with B.H.Q.

**(5) INFORMATION**

Information regarding Number and position of casualties should be transmitted as rapidly as possible to Headquarters of Regiments, Brigade or Medical Services.



Privileged to CO's of Regiments  
at Khan Yunn - 12.4.17.

Post Master  
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