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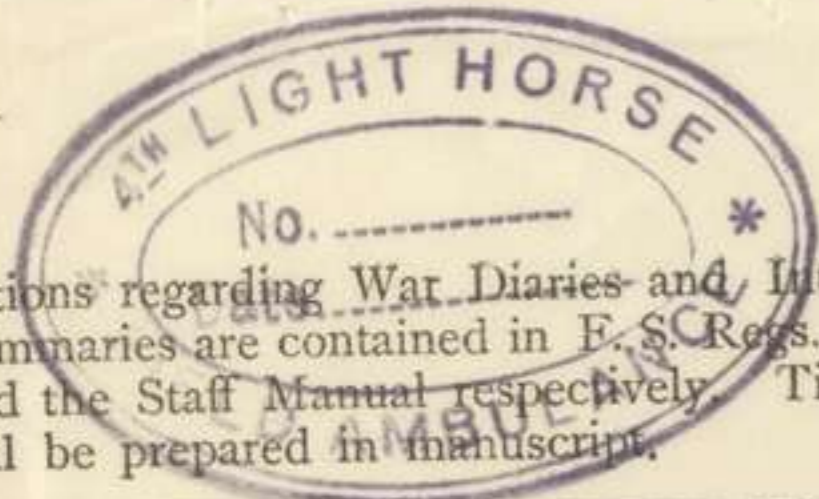
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Lieut. Col.
O.C. 4th. Light Horse Field, Amb.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Divisional Rest Camp near ABU SHUNAR	1/8/17		2 Sand carts detached for duty with 65th. Casualty Clearing Station RAFA	
	2-8-17		Capt. P.J.B. MURPHY detached temporarily for duty with 11th L. H. Regiment vice Major VERNON on leave.	
	4-8-17		Summary of Sick from Brigade for week ending 4th August. Effective Strength of Unit	see Appendix I " Appendix II
	11-8-17		Sgt. Gould and two other ranks detached to Camel Transport Corps for training in camel management. Summary of Sick from Brigade for week ending 11th August. Effective Strength of Unit.	see Appendix I Appendix II
	13-8-17		Major ARNOLD proceeded to ABBASSIA to take command of Camel Brigade Field Ambulance.	
	14-8-17		Inspection by Desert Corps Commander Lieut. General CHAUVEL - Complained of rusty metal work of harness. Major PARRY reported back from duty at Change of Air Camp PORT SAID	Appendix III
	15-8-17		Sixteen riding camels to complete provisional establishment received from "A" Company Camel Transport Corps.	
FUKHARI	18-8-17		Moved with 4th L.H. Brigade to FUKHARI. Summary of Sick from Brigade for week ending 18th August. Effective Strength of Unit.	Effective strength of unit see Appendix IV see Appendix I see Appendix II



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FUKHARI.	19.8.17		Capt. S.R. STAFFORD in charge of Immobile Section (16 other ranks) formed and took over under Divisional Orders the Divisional Receiving Station from 22nd Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance.	
	21.8.17		Practice "turn out" - Divisional	Appendix V
	22.8.17		Capt. P.J.B. MURPHY rejoined unit from 11th L.H. Regiment Inspection of 1st Line wheeled Transport by Assistant Director of Supplies & Transport.	Appendix VI
TEL EL FARA	23.8.17	1330	Moved out on three day operation via TEL EL FARA, to KARM and EL BUGGAR	Appendix VII
KARM.	24.8.17	0800	Established Divisional Dressing Station	Appendix VIII
FUKHARI.	25.8.17	0700	Returned from operation - Report on Operations 23/8/17 to 25/8/17 Summary of Sicks from Brigade for week ending 25/8/17 Effective Strength of Unit	Appendix I Appendix II
	26.8.17		Received 18 Native Horse Transport Drivers from Advanced Horse Transport depot KANTARA to complete provisional establishment. NOTE: This brings the total Native Personnel, including attached to 45 & complicating routine administration. The morale of Natives as drivers in action yet remains to be proved.	
	27.8.17		Establishment of draught animals completed up to 80. Immobile Section under Capt. S.R. STAFFORD handed over Divisional Receiving Station FUKHARI to Immobile Section 3rd L.H. Field Ambulance taking over from them the Divisional Rest Station MARAKEB.	
	31.8.17	1545	Inspection of 1st Line Wheeled Transport, by Asst. Director of Supplies & Transport	Appendix IX

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APPENDIX I

— Summary of Sick Admitted from
— 4th Light Horse Brigade. —

— <u>Period and Date.</u> —	Brigade Strength	Number admitted		Percentage admitted	Percentage transferred
		Officers	D. Rankes		
During week ended 4 August 1917	1752	2	38	2.28	1.25
" " " 11 " "	1712	1	40	2.38	1.57
" " " 18 " "	1705	—	30	1.78	1.34
" " " 25 " "	1675	1	24	1.49	—
	—	4	132	—	—



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— Effective Strength of Field Ambulance as —
shown on weekly R.F. 13 213. —

<u>Date</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O.R.</u>
Weeks ended 4 August 1917	6	109
" " 11 " "	6	106
" " 18 " "	6	106
" " 25 " "	5	94



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War Diary Appendix

4th L.H. S. Ambulance



The Column Commander will inspect the Brigade on Tuesday the 14th August. The inspection will be in detail and all units will do their utmost to ensure that bivouacs, arms, equipment and saddlery etc., are clean and tidy. All metal work will be polished.

10/8/17.

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Brigade Major,
4th A.L.H. Brigade.

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4th A.L.H. BDE.
No.
Date 18.69.
* 4th A.L.H. DIV *

18 With a view to the Brigade moving to the ARASAN area on the 18th August all units will endeavour to transport as much baggage as possible at least as far as the Transport Park under regimental arrangements. Camel Transport will be limited on the 18th. Units will take over their old bivouacs at ARASAN. Spare baggage and stores may be sent there and left under Regimental guards.

4th LIGHT INF
No.
Date 18/17.
* FIELD AMBULANCE *

Leah Tenpe Major,
Brigade Major,
4th A.L.H. Bde.

- To 4th A.L.H. Regiment.
- 11th " "
- 12th " "
- 4th M.G. Sqn.
- 4th Field Amb.
- 4th Signal Troop.
- Camp Commandant.
- War Diary (2).

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BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER. NO. 24

by

Appendix IV



Brigadier-General J. B. MEREDITH, D.S.O.
 Commanding
 4th Australian Light Horse Brigade.

1. (a) On August 18th the Division will move in to the FUKHARI-ABASAN area, and replace the Yeomanry Mounted Division as Support Division.
- (b) The A. & N.Z. Mounted Division will, on relief by the Yeomanry Mounted Division, move on to the Beach and take over the bivouac areas now occupied by the Division.
2. The 4th A.L.H. Brigade will take over the bivouac vacated on moving to MARAKEB ie. of the 8th Mounted Brigade.
3. Units will move in the following order:-

4th A.L.H. Regt.)	
Portion of B.H.Q.)	0730.
and Signal Troop.)) & 1/2)
11th A.L.H. Regt.)	0800.
12th " ")	0830.
M.G. Sqn., Field)	
Amb., Remainder of)	
B.H.Q. and Signal)	
Troop.)	0900.
4. ROUTE. By crossing South of KHAN YUNUS.
5. WATERING. The Brigade will water at MARAKEB on the morning of the 18th August.

A Medical Officer to be detailed by the Field Ambulance, the Field Officer and Captain Brown will proceed to the new area on the 18th to inspect the area before the 8th Brigade moves out.

Units will not move from MARAKEB until their lines have been inspected and passed by the Brigade Sanitary Officer.
6. GUARDS ETC. The 11th A.L.H. Regiment will detail 1 officer and 12 other ranks to relieve the guard on the NORTHERN Watering Area KHAN YUNUS at 0900 on 18th inst. now supplied by the Yeomanry Mounted Division.

4th A.L.H. Regiment will detail 1 officer and 4 men to proceed to 8th Mounted Brigade Headquarters bench mark 259 FUKHARI on 18th inst. and take over Rifle Range and all accessories complete. This party will take all kit and rejoin unit on its arrival in new bivouac on 18th inst.

11th A.L.H. Regiment will detail a party of 1 Officer and 6 other ranks to be at the railway crossing at 0830 and to remain on duty to clear the line and look out for trains until the whole of the Brigade has passed.
7. WHEELED TRANSPORT. All wheeled transport will leave Transport Park together at 0630 under Lieut. BRIERTY and proceed to ABASAN, passing Headquarters Desert Mounted Corps on the South side. On arrival it will be required at once to draw rations.

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8.

CAMEL TRANSPORT. All units will make use of returning ration camels on 16th and 17th inst. to send baggage etc. to Transport Park as at least 70% of the camels demanded under heading "B" on 14th inst. by units will be unobtainable. Stores to be loaded on ration camels must be packed beforehand and camels must not be delayed.



SPECIAL FODDER RATION. This ration should be carried in sand bag on front of saddle. The unexpired portion being carried in two nosebags, one on each side of the saddle. Units not complete with two nosebags must send balance of special ration on camels on 16th or 17th inst., and take steps to complete full establishment of nosebags. immediate

10.

AREA STORES. The 11th A.L.H. Regiment will detail an officer to remain behind and take over area stores mentioned below from units and hand them over to representative of N.Z.M.R. Brigade at 1630, obtaining receipt.

	<u>E.P. Tents.</u>	<u>Fanatis.</u>	<u>Lifebuoys.</u>	<u>Incinerator</u>
B.H.Q.	1	5	-	1
Sigs.	-	2	-	-
M.G.S.	-	11	-	1
4th Regt.	-	20	1	1
11th "	1	20	1	1
12th "	1	20	1	1
Amb'ce.	-	6	-	1
	<u>3</u>	<u>84</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>

Name of officer detailed to be submitted to B.H.Q. today. Fanatis ~~will~~ as above will be left stacked at water tanks and receipt obtained from Brigade Water N.C.O.

11.

SUPPLIES. Rations will be drawn at ABASAN on 18th inst. On that day ration parties will report to Brigade Supply Officer at KHAN YUNUS Depot at 0500 to accompany convoy to ABASAN. Commencing on 19th the duty regiment of the day will supply a fatigue party of 1 Sgt. and 20 men to report at Brigade Dump each day at 0700.

12.

Units will report their arrival at FUKHARI.

13.

Divisional Headquarters will close at the present site at 1100 and ^{reopen} report at the same hour at ABASAN.

14.

ACKNOWLEDGE.

Leeds Tenzi

15th August 1917.

Major,
Brigade Major,
4th A.L.H. Brigade.

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 2. " "
 3. Camp Commandant.
 4. Signal Troop.
 5. M.G. Squadron.
 6. 4th A.L.H. Regt.
 7. 11th " "
 8. 12th " "
 9. Field Ambulance.
 10. Bde. Supply Officer.
 11. Staff Captain.

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"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 2121.

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Handwritten blue ink text: 'War Diary Appendix V' with a large 'V' and a slash.

Sender's Number: * B M 505, Day of Month: 21, In reply to Number: -

AAA

PRACTICE TEST Brigade will concentrate South of Railway Crossing A & B Echelons turn out Report when ready to move

From: 14th Brigade, Place: 0510, Time: (blank)

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* Date _____			At _____ m.			By	
			By _____			(Signature of "Franking Officer.")	



TO *4th Field Amb*

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* <i>501</i>	<i>20</i>		

*A.D.S. and T will inspect transport
afternoon 22nd instant aaa*

From	<i>J. M. B.</i>
Place	
Time	

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A. L. H. BDE
 No. A.16.
 Date 21/8/17
 4th A.L.H. BDE

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To

7. Amb.



The A.D.S.T., Desert Mounted Corps will inspect the 1st Line Transport of the Brigade on 22nd instant. In conformity with the above and subject to his approval the following instructions will be observed.

(1) TIME OF INSPECTION.

4th A.L.H. Brigade. 1515.

(2) PARADE.

Transport will be Brigaded, Regiments in line, facing North, 4 yards interval between vehicles. Order in Column - 4th, 11th, 12th, M.G.Sqdn., Ambulance, B.H.Q. and Signal Troop.

(3) DRESS.

Drill order.

(4) PARADE STATES.

Parade states will be rendered to B.H.Q. at 1200 on 22nd instant.

(5) DETAIL.

Brigade Transport Officer will be in charge of the parade. Where there are no Regimental Transport Officers, Regimental Quartermasters will be in charge of their respective transports.

Staff Captain will be an attendance.

(6) LOCATION OF TRANSPORT.

400 yards North of 12th A.L.H. Regiment lines.

(7) WATERING.

The transport will water atx 1700 on the 22nd instant.

21st August 1917.

W. S. ...

Captain,
 Staff Captain,
 4th A.L.H. Brigade.



By
Brigadier-General J.B. MEREDITH, D.S.O.
Commanding
4th Australian Light Horse Brigade.

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A reconnaissance covered by the Yeomanry Mtd. Div. with the 3rd and 4th A.L.H. Bdes. of the country south and west of BEERSHEBA will be carried out by the General Officer Commanding DESERT MOUNTED CORPS on Friday Aug. 24th 1917.

2. The Yeomanry Mtd. Div. are making good the line G ITWAIL EL SEMIN - G EL NA'AM - Point 960 (West of Cross roads at BURSH) - EL HATHIRA (inclusive) by 0800 on the 24th August.
3. The 3rd and 4th A.L.H. Bdes. forming Composite Force will be under the command of Brigadier-General J.B. MEREDITH, D.S.O.
4. MOVES. THURSDAY 23rd. The 3rd L.H. Bde. will leave bivouac at 1300 on 23rd, will move to EL SHELLAL and bivouac just west of the old 3rd L.H. Bde bivouac site for the night 23rd/24 Aug.
4th L.H. Bde. will leave bivouac at 1400 on 23rd, will move to TEL EL FARA and bivouac west of the railway line for the night 23/24th August.
Headquarters Composite Force will be reestablished at present Yeomanry Mtd. Div. Headquarters by 1700 on 23rd.
5. MOVES 24TH AUGUST. The 3rd L.H. Bde. and the 12th L.H. Regt. will make good the line EL HATHIRA (excl) - 820 - 810 - 770 - 730 - 630 - 550 - 510 as follows :-
12th L.H. Regt. will be east of the front line wire by 0400 moving via TEL EL FARA and will make good the line EL HATHIRA (excl) - 820 - 810 (incl) by 0800 on 24th, connecting up with 22nd Mtd. Bde. on the right at EL HATHIRA.
The 3rd L.H. Bde. will be east of the front line wire by 0400 moving via SHELLAL and will make good the line 810 (excl) - 770 - 730 - 630 - 550 - 510 ABU SHAWISH by 0800.
At 0800 the whole of the outpost line from EL HATHIRA to 510 will be under the command of G.O.C. 3rd L.H. Bde.
The C.O. 12th L.H. Regt. will at 0800 be in communication with Headquarters 3rd L.H. Bde.
4th L.H. Bde., less 12th L.H. Regt., will move from bivouac TEL EL FARA at 0400 on 24th and will move via TEL EL FARA to EL BUGGAR by 0700 where it will remain in reserve.
Composite Force Headquarters will be established on ridge 1 mile south of EL BUGGAR by 0700.
6. Communications will be at first by visual, a cable will be laid from Composite Force Headquarters to 3rd L.H. Bde. as soon as possible. O.C. Signal Squadron will detail a cable detachment and wireless pack station to report at Composite Force Headquarters at 1700 on 23rd August.
7. "A" Battery will be attached to 4th L.H. Bde. and "B" Battery to 3rd L.H. Bde.
A representative from each battery will report to Bdes. for orders at 1000 on 23rd.
8. 3rd and 4th Field Troops will move to SHELLAL and TEL EL FARA on the 23rd and arrange for watering both Bdes. on the evening of 23rd. On the 24th Field Troops will accompany their respective Bdes.

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9. RATIONS. Units will take unexpended portion of days ration and 1 days special ration and forage on the man and horse for the 24th August. The ration issued by Supply Officers on 2 3rd inst. will be a mobile ration, this will replace the special ration consumed on the 24th inst. On August 24th "B" Echelon, No.1 Section of the units concerned loaded with rations and forage for one meal and feed will parade at the crossing Kilo*14 at 1200 in charge of Senior Transport Officer and proceed to WELI SHEIKH NURAN under orders of Australian Mtd. Division.

10. Divisional Collecting Station will be established at RASHID BEK and KARM.

Modified Field Ambulances will accompany Bdes.

11. On the withdrawal being ordered, the 3rd and 4th Bdes. will waithdraw to water at SHELLAL and FARA respectively, and will bivouac on the sites occupied on the night 23/24th.

12. "A" Echelon will accompany Bdes.

13. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Major,
Brigade Major,
4th A.L.H. Brigade.

22 nd August 1917.
Time Issued 2300.

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- 2 Aust. Mtd. Divn.
- 3 G.O.C. 3rd Bde.
- 4 19th R.H.A. Bde.
- 5 4th A.L.H. Regt.
- 6 11th A.L.H. Regt.
- 7 12th A.L.H. Regt.
- 8 4th M.G. Squadr on.
- 9 4th A.L.H. Bde. Headquarters.
- 10 4th Signal Troop.
- 11 O.C. Field Squadron, Aust. Mtd Divn.
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"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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Table with 5 columns containing handwritten text: Starting point RAILWAY CROSSING, Brigade will move off at 1400, Order of march, Brigade Headquarters, Signal Squadron, M.G. Squadron, 4th, 11th, 12th Regts., A Battery H.A.C., Field Ambulance.

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3rd L H Fld Amb
4th L H Fld Amb

Mobile Sections of 3rd + 4th L H Fld Ambts
will accompany their Brigades on 23rd August
with all available transport.

2 4th Fld Amb will draw 4 motor ambulances
from Shellal junction on morning of 24th August
and take them to KARM where they will open a
Dressing Station

3 camel units will remain in bivouac
under an NCO and await orders

4 During the operation units from details of
both Brigades will be treated by mobile section
of 4th L H Field Amb

5 On return to camp CO's Ambulances
will submit to the office a short account of
operations carried out

6 During the operations, the Ambulances
will come under the orders of ADMS, Yeomanry
Inta Division for tactical purposes

7 All messages and returns to be forwarded
to ADMS Yeomanry Inta Division



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ADMS Yeomanry Inta Division

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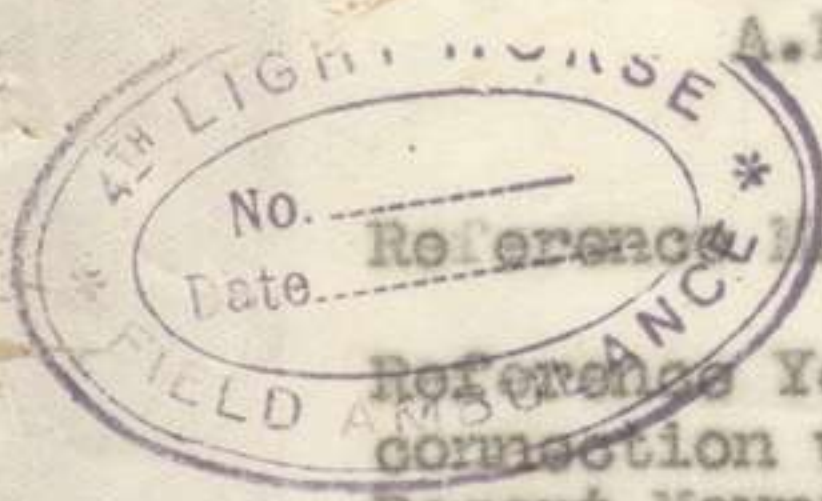
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BY
LIEUT-COLONEL RICHARDSON, H., R.A.M.C.(T).
A.D.M.S., YEOMANRY MOUNTED DIVISION. 22/8/17.

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Reference MAP 1/125,000. RAFA-BEER SHEBA.

Reference Yeomanry Mounted Division Order No. 3., dated 22/8/17, in connection with the Reconnaissance to be carried out by the G.O.C., Desert Mounted Corps, on Friday, August 24th., 1917.

1. (a) The 8th Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance will form a Divisional Collecting Station at RASHID-BEK with its Mobile Tent Sub-Division on the night of the 23rd inst. Mobile Tent Sub-Divisions of 6th and 22nd Mounted Brigade Field Ambulances will remain at RASHID-BEK in reserve.

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(b) Australian Mounted Brigades Collecting Station will be formed at KARM by Tent Division of 3rd and 4th Australian Light Horse Field Ambulance on 24th inst. O.C., SA.L.H.Fd. Amb. will detail an Officer to report to A.D.M.S., Yeomanry Mtd. Divn. at H.Q., FARA, at 1200 on 23rd inst, who will be instructed as to collecting ~~Field~~ Ambulances (Motor).

Bearer Sections of Field Ambulances will accompany their Brigades. O's.C., Field Ambulances will form Advanced Dressing Stations as required.

5. TRANSPORT. All available sandcarts or Light ambulance wagons and cycle stretchers will be taken. 8th M.B.F.A. will leave one sandcart at the RECEIVING STATION at SHELLAL JUNCTION. Eight motor ambulances under an officer to be detailed by O.C., 8th M.B.F.A., will leave the RECEIVING STATION, SHELLAL JUNCTION, at 1500 on 23rd inst, and cross the WADI at SHELLAL and proceed to RASHID-BEK and bivouac at the Divisional Collecting Station.

4. EVACUATION. This will be by sandcart from Forward Area, supplemented by Motor Ambulances as far as possible, to Divisional Collecting Stations. By Motor Ambulances to the RECEIVING STATION.

5. INTERCOMMUNICATION. A mounted orderly from each Yeomanry Division Field Ambulance will report to A.D.M.S. at point 860 at 0800 on the 24th inst. O's.C., all Field Ambulances and Officer i/c ^{*} Divisional Collecting Stations will report to A.D.M.S. two-hourly progressive total number of casualties admitted to Advanced Dressing Stations and Divisional Collecting Stations, respectively, first return at 0800 on 24th inst, Nil Returns not required. Also at 1800 daily a return showing total admissions viz :-

Officers	Slight	Serious.
Other Ranks	do.	do.

6. O.C., 8th M.B.F.A. will detail a Medical Officer to remain in Camp, he will visit the 8th MBFA. at 0900 and will see sick of Brigade Personnel remaining in camp.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

* Australian Mtd Brigades Collecting Station included

H. Richardson

Lieut-Colonel,
A.D.M.S., Yeomanry Mounted Division.

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Appendix VII.4th. LIGHT HORSE FIELD AMBULANCE.UNIT
CORPS OPERATION ORDER No. 2.

Reference Operation Order No. 25, by Brig. General J.B. Meredith D.S.O.
Commanding 4th. L.H. Bgde., and Medical Operation Order by Lieut. Col.
G.P. Dixon, A.D.M.S..A.M.D. *dated 13 Aug.*

Maps: BEERSHEBA, 1:125000.

OBJECT. To evacuate wounded from reconnaissance on 24th. August 1917

DISPOSITIONS ON 23rd. August. Capt. Murray will report at 1000
23rd. August to 12th. L.H. Regt. The main body of Unit (as shown
in Parade State) under Lieut. Col. R. Fowler will leave bivouac area
at 1330 to join 4th. Brigade at Railway Crossing and then proceed to
TEL-EL-FARA, where they will bivouac during night 23rd - 24th. Aug.
The afternoon watering will take place at TEL-EL-FARA.
One water cart will report to "A" Echelon under Lieut. Westharth,
12th. Regt.
Cacolet camels and "B" Echelon 1 will remain in camp FUKHARI under
an N.C.O.

24th. August. The Ambulance will move from FARA at 0400 with Brigade
to EL BUGGER.

On moving from TEL EL FARA a N.C.O. will be detailed to collect 4
motor ambulances at SHELLAL JUNCTION and take them to KARM.

An officer (to be detailed) with tent sub-division of the Mobile
Section and half section of Bearers will form a Divisional Dressing
at KARM. During the operations they will be under the orders of
A.D.M.S. Yeomanry Mounted Division, and will render all returns and
messages to him.

Main body will be at EL BUGGER and R.M.O's. will evacuate to there
On the withdrawal being ordered, the Ambulance will withdraw with
the Brigade to TEL EL FARA, will water and then bivouac there

RATIONS. Unexpired portion of the day's ration. Special Ration
for man and horse for 24th. This will be replaced by rations issued
on 23rd.

On 24th. August Q.M. Sgt. McRae with one bearer and one G.S. Limber
loaded with ration and forage for one meal and feed will join "B" 1
Echelon under Lieut. Gordon at Crossing K 14 at 1200 to proceed to
WELI SHEIKH NURAN.

Transport Staff Sgt. Storey will be responsible that the transport
joins its proper echelon.

SICK OF DETAILS CAMP

During the operation sick from Details of both Brigades will be
treated by Immobile Section of 4th. Light Horse Field Ambulance.

Prof. W. M. M. M.
Lieut. Colonel.
Officer Commanding 4th. L.H. Fld. Amb.

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PARADE STATE.

4th. LIGHT HORSE FIELD AMBULANCE.

MOBILE SECTION.



			Turned Out.	Remaining at Bivouac Area Fukhari.	Total.
Main Party	Personnel	Officers	4	-	4
		Other Ranks	45	9*	54
	Vehicles	Sand Carts	6	2	8
		G.S. Limbers	1	-	1
		Maltese Carts	1	-	1
	Horses	Riding	22	10*	32
		Draught	31	9	40
Camels	Riding	15	1	16	
Native Camel Drivers		3	-	3	
"A" Echelon	Personnel	Other Ranks	2	-	2
	Vehicles	Water Carts	1	-	1
	Horses	Draught	4	-	4
"B" Echelon	1st. Supply Sec.	G.S. Limbers	1	-	1
		Riding Horses	2	-	2
		Draught Horses	4	-	4
		Personnel O.R.	4	-	4
	2nd. Baggage Sec.	G.S. Wagons	-	2	2
		Riding Horses	-	-	-
		Draught Horses	-	-	-
		Personnel O.R.	-	-	-
Camel Cacolet Column	Cacolet Camels	-	19	19	
	Native Camel Drivers	-	16	16	
	Personnel O.R.	-	1	1	
Dental Unit	Personnel	Officers	-	1	1
		Other Ranks	-	3	3

* Includes 4 Bearers at present with Immobile Sec.

* " 4 Horses " " " " "

* Includes Capt Murray attached to 12th Reg for operation.

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Appendix VIII.

4th. LIGHT HORSE FIELD AMBULANCE.REPORT BY COMMANDING OFFICER ON OPERATIONS OF 23rd. & 24th. Aug. 1917.

Reference your Divisional Medical Operation Order dated 22/8/17
and that of A.D.M.S. Yeomanry Mounted Division (No. 3).

I beg to report that the directions therein were
satisfactorily and expeditiously carried out. The following points
may be noted:-

PARADE STATE. 9 draught animals were unfit for use- 5
were left behind by order of Veterinary Officer and 4 on my own
responsibility on account of shoulder galls sustained by the move
from the beach on the 18th. inst.

MALTESE CARTS. On the move out Regimental Medical Officers
suffered inconvenience through their Maltese Carts being with Echelon
"A". I suggest that a ruling be given that these carts travel with
the Regiments, or, if this be not always possible then, these vehicles
should join the Field Ambulance and not Echelon "A".

STRETCHERS FOR REGIMENTAL STRETCHER BEARERS. No stretchers
were carried by Regimental Stretcher Bearers, nor, indeed, have any
been carried since the failure of the bamboo-pole-pattern. I desire
here to give prominence to Major Parry's idea for replacing the
bamboo poles with Turkish Lances. Tests carried out by him demonstrate
that these or similar poles are ideal.

RIDING CAMELS FOR TENT DIVISION PERSONNEL. These worked
well and I consider their provision to be a great advantage.

KARM, AS A SITE FOR DIVISIONAL DRESSING STATION. ~~Very~~ Good,
except for the minor consideration that animals have to be taken on
to KH KHASIF for watering. A great disadvantage is the distance from
Signal Offices as Brigade and other Headquarters Units are usually
some miles further forward.

If anything is contemplated in the way of a surgical
operating Unit, I should say KARM could be a good spot for its
location. There is a good cystem for water storage.

CASUALTIES. 2 sick were forwarded to D.D.S. by 3rd. L.H.
F.A. and evacuated thence to Yeomanry Receiving Station at SHELLAL
JUNCTION. 2 slightly wounded (bomb injuries) were collected by
4th. L.H.F.A. after the withdrawal had commenced and were taken direct
by sand cart to SHELLAL.

25th. Aug. 1917.

I am etc
Roby
Lieut. Col.
Officer Commanding 4th. L.H.Fld. Amb.

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To 4th Field Amb.

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Herewith extracts from letters ref. recent transport inspection.

"The recent inspection of 1st Line Transport has disclosed the fact that in many cases the state of the vehicles and harness is very far from right.

(1). The chief cause for complaint are lack of attention that has been paid to the harness, which in the case of certain units has the appearance of not having been cleaned for many months.

(2). A number of horses paraded with bit headstalls only and no collars.

(3). Several wheels require attention, either by adjustment of axle bolts or cutting and nutting.

(4). Insufficient quantity of grease on wheels. It is necessary that immediate attention should be paid to the state of the transport and that the general condition should be improved and attention paid in future to the upkeep of the same.

Vehicles requiring repair that cannot be carried out locally are to be sent to Ordnance Workshop, WELI SHERKHI MURAH. Repair indents should be submitted to Ordnance Brigade Warrant Officers.

Wheels can be drawn from the above shops in exchange for those in need of repair.

The A.D. of S. & T. Desert Mounted Corps will hold a second inspection on 31st instant at 1545, by which date the G.O.C. expects that a decided improvement in the state of the harness shall have been effected.

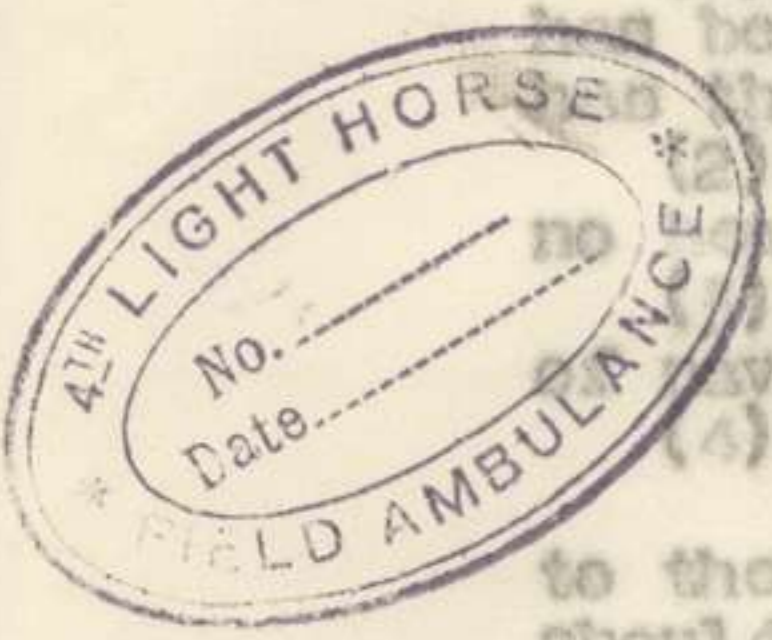
The whole of the Regimental Transport on 31st instant is to be paraded, including water carts, sand carts and pack horses."

Units will parade on same ground in same order and formation as on previous inspection. Dress drill order.

Parade States will be in this office by 1300 30th instant and will be made out according to 1st Line Transport return. Where the parade is not complete in men, animals or vehicles explanations will be attached.

The Brigade Transport Officer will be in charge of the parade, Quartermasters of Units, and an Officer of H.Q. Squadron.

Horses will water at 1700. Regimental water carts must be on parade.



W. K. ...

Captain,
Staff Captain,
4th A.L.H. Brigade.

28/8/17.