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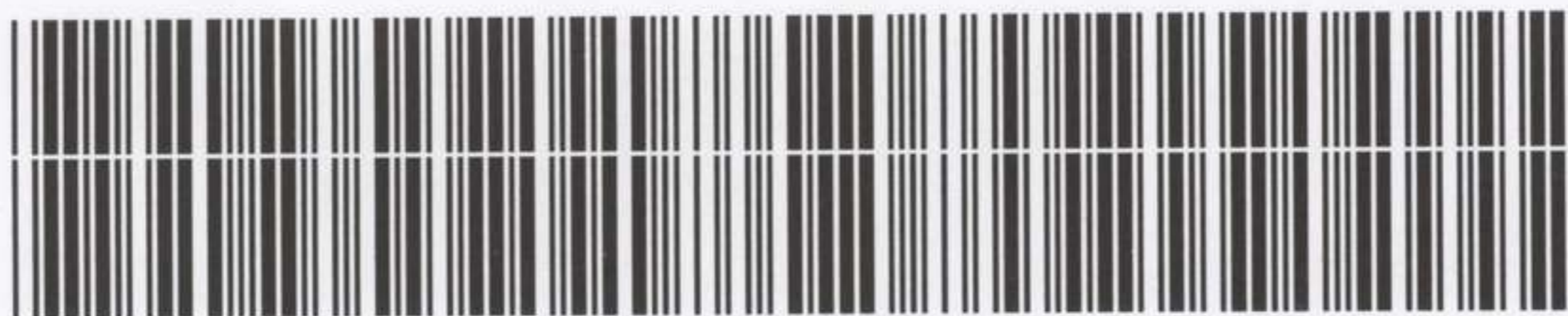
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

5th. Australian L. H. Field Ambulance,

FOR

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<p>Surrounding Jaffa Plut 13 Jaffa 29/7/18 N6D</p>	<p>1.8.18</p>	<p>Strength 9 officers 119 OR 5 natives 40 horses 56 mules 2 limb GS W 49 SW, 5 Light Amb. 2 sand carts 2 water carts 2 Bicycles 2 motor cycles 6 motor Amb. Attached 1 officer 10 OR 11 natives. Detached medical detail 3 officers 12 OR. also 13 OR school &amp; core The sum of 200 pounds (20 cheques) was given to Capt SHIPWAY from Regimental funds for the purchase of sports material for the unit. Unofficially reported the The Brothel known as the Red House was raided by military police, this place was situated north of the camp along Jaffa Road. One mule died at MVS struck off strength 1 OR returned ex 15 Regt absorbed into establishment.</p>	<p>CWOA CWOA CWOA</p>	
	<p>2.8.18 3.8.18</p>	<p>1 OR leave Jerusalem 2 OR rejoined ex 26 Regt, " " 1 native ABL evacuated. Hospital sick rates week ending 3.8.18 Admitted 47 evacuations 44 discharged to unit 5 remaining 3. Diseases syphilis 3, diarrhoea 3 Pyrexia 14 VD 5. Total includes 20 other formations. Accidental injuries 8. % for Brigade admissions 168 evacuations 1.49. The sickness rate shows slight diminution.</p>	<p>CWOA</p>	
	<p>4.8.18</p>	<p>Strength for week ending 3<sup>rd</sup> June officer 119 OR 4 natives 40 horses 45 mules 55 limb GS W 49 SW 4. Light Amb Wagons 5. Sand carts 2 Bicycles 2 Water Carts 2 Motor Cycles 7 Motor Amb 6. Attached 1 officer, 7 OR, 11 natives ETC. Detached medical detail 3 officers, 9 OR, 11 OR school &amp; core, 1 OR proceeded on leave to Jerusalem one horse died at MVS.</p>	<p>CWOA</p>	
		<p>Capt SHIPWAY one other rank returned from short leave Egypt. 2 OR matched in to join 97 Dental Unit are taken on ration strength, 1 OR sick to hospital. Advice received from Comd AIF HQ. Cairo on behalf the Committee of management Kia ora Coole magazine that Regimental must accy has been credited with £3-1-7 three pounds one shilling &amp; sevenpence, being return of advance from the unit to form the capital fund of the Kia ora Coole</p>	<p>CWOA</p>	





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Encephal map sheet B/papa sq 7/11/6D	5.8.18		2 OR leave to Jerusalem 8 OR appointed drivers under AIF order 785 to complete establishment	Enroff
	6.8.18		A route march to the sea about 6 miles from Biranac area. of all available men & horses for training & Bathing Parade. Notification that men eligible and wishing to attend Feast of Assumption Service at Jerusalem would be granted leave <del>on</del> August 15 (GRD <sup>o</sup> )	Enroff
	7.8.18		2 OR sick to hospital, 1 OR rejoined unit ex leave ADMS, ANZAC DIV <sup>m</sup> (Cilwell) & ADMS (Major H. H. H. H.) paid unspecial visit to ambulance.	Enroff
	8.8.18		1 OR rejoined ex leave. CAPT SHIPWAY, detailed to attend a classification Board at 1 <sup>st</sup> Squadron AFE	Enroff
	9.8.18		1 OR appointed driver under AIF order 785 to complete establishment, 2 OR rejoined ex leave and 1 OR rejoined ex Field Hospital, BRO special attention drawn to drivers when out of camp	Enroff
	10.8.18		Carabny school session ended and ADMS 4 Co. Dr <sup>m</sup> asked that CO Amb detail arrange medical attention for Drummery staff till next session.	Enroff
	11.8.18		Re-organization. As from 1/9/18 Designation of ACFA converted to 5 <sup>th</sup> ALHFAmb, authority AIF in Egypt Order 22, dated 1.8.18. 4 OR rejoined ex leave, 1 OR sick to hospital Hospital sick rates, medical admissions 63 evacuations 52 discharged to duty 8 remaining in 6 Sick cases, cases up to 10.8.18, Gastro intestinal 5, Pyrexia 25, VD 6. % of sick for Brigade admissions (45) 2.88, evacuations (34) 2.17 Unit strength week ending 10.8.18, 9 officers 115 OR 4 natives 45 horses 55 mules 2 sand carts 5 light Amb 4 gSW 2 limb gSW, 2 water carts, 2 Bicycles 6 motor Amb 2 motor Bicycles, attached 1 officer nine OR, 11 natives, detailed medical details 3 officers 7 OR schools & leave 8 OR. Leave to Egypt allotment for Brigade 2 officers 7 OR, 1 native rejoined ex Sept Ludd, There has been marked increase in the week, there being 6 malaria admitted, some contracted the disease locally, others re-embarking sand 2/2/18	Enroff





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Surafend Trap Sheet 13 Jaffa AQ/71 N6D	12.8.18		Jerusalem base increased 1. making 3 for ordinary leave 2 OR leave to Egypt 2 OR returned ex Ghazirah. Kit stores, marked increase in number of attendances at Prophylactic Tent (sundays)	eniv
	13.8.18		1 OR returned ex Ludd Hospital, memo from SAST (MT) GNS 1st Esolon notification that arrangements made for cars to be inspected twice monthly at advanced sub depot (MT) Ludd.	eniv
	14.8.18		Promotions. Capt CM O'HALLORAN to be major as from 1.7.18 authority AIF list no 353. Tro 15473 Temp Coy MALMANN. MV. attached 14 LHR to be corporal ree EATOCK to hospital 13.3.18	eniv
	15.8.18		1 OR transferred to moascar to await embarkation to Australia, is struck off strength MAJOR CM O'HALLORAN proceeded on special leave to Jerusalem, in accordance with GR0445 (COLONEL DOWNES) DDMS AIF in Egypt en route to ambulance, remained for 2 days 1 mule received from and 1 mule evacuated to MVS.	eniv
	16.8.18		Colonel MacLAREN leave to Egypt, 1 OR sick to hospital 2 OR returned ex leave Jerusalem Command Capt GS SKIPWAY assumed command during temporary absence of Col MacLaren and MAJOR O'HALLORAN	eniv
	17.8.18		MAJOR CM O'HALLORAN returned from leave Jerusalem assumes command during temporary absence of Tent Col MacLaren on leave Egypt. 1 OR returned ex leave Jerusalem Six OR returned ex leave Jerusalem, Circular from Australian War records section referring photographs prominent members of unit 2 riding horses and one mule evacuated to MVS, and one mule received from MVS.	eniv
	18.8.18		Hospital sick rates week ending 17th Brigade - admissions 44 evacuations 35 returned to unit 6, remaining in 6 cases pyrexia 11 Gastrointestinal 1 VD 8. Other formations Admissions 21 evacuations 18 returned to unit 3 remaining in 2 cases pyrexia 6 Gastrointestinal 4 VD 2. % of Brigade admissions 2.84 evacuations 2.26 Strength <del>Officers</del> Officers 9 OR 114 natives 4 horses 45 mules 55 sand carts 2 Light Amb 5 GWS 4 Lumb GS 2 Water Cart 2 Bicycles & attached 1 Officer 9 OR 13 natives, ETC, Detached medical details 3 officers 7 OR, detached leave 6 OR. Circular received from BAH. procedure to be adopted in the field for men requiring a Medical Board.	eniv eniv

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Rusafend Ref Sheet 13 Joffa Rq 71. N 6 D	18.8.18		One LD horse died of colic and is struck off strength, 1 OR sick to Guild Hospital 1 OR rejoined ex hospital 2 OR proceeded on leave to eqpt 2 OR MTASC detached to advanced amb eqpt MT Ludd with 2 motor ambulances for repair 1 OR rejoined ex sick from details moascar. 1 OR reformed marched in ex moascar.	CWOA
	19.8.18		2 motor ambulances repaired, returned to unit and taken on charge, Spgt McEwen 99 Dental unit attached for rations, Advance party of 2nd Palestine Trench Car Amb advised.	CWOA
	20.8.18		Circular memo received from Comd AHQ Cairo, reference production - Australia in Palestine.	CWOA
	21.8.18		1 OR evacuated sick 2nd Palestine Trench Car Amb came under administration of this amb, the strength of this section is 2 Officers, 7 OR, 4 RA 25 mules 1 amb wagon 1 mallee cart 2 Gummy Cacolets 3 pairs of Gummy Cacolets Detached as medical details to Trench Regiment and Transport 1 Officer 4 OR 1 amb wagon & one mallee cart, the following returns were asked to be rendered to this officer, Weekly sick rates in 20 of the rationed on Saturdays, the Vermin Report TV VD report, weekly strength return of medical personnel & Transport VI monthly inoculation return	CWOA
	22.8.18		1 Officer CAPT REID, OJ, NZMC, posted to NZ details moascar struck off strength 1 OR rejoined ex leave Reinforcements 6 OR marched in ex details moascar. 1 OR Sgt Postlewaite marched in ex no 2 ASA. 1 OR rejoined ex leave. Brigade incorporated into Australian MTA Div, this ambulance company under administration of (Col Dowler) ARMS, Aus Div.	CWOA
	23.8.18		1 OR detached to MVS for temporary duty. Sgt Postlewaite posted as Transport Section RAC, Sgt Whiting posted as Transport Sgt Ball, Temp Sgt Jones AD posted as supernumerary Sgt vice Bradley. to Moascar	CWOA
	24.8.18		Colonel Dowler ARMS, ATF visited the unit. Medical Administration drawn by ARMS to influence epidemic re mildness & short duration of attack. also to beat in lines when possible. attention also drawn to shortage of supply of microscope slides on hand at present strength 1 OR sick to hospital, Instructions received from ARMS that names of men presenting themselves for Prophylactic treatment are not required. ATF order no 73 drawing special attention to Postal, gummy cacolet designation of Brigade	CWOA

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Australasia Sheet 13 Jaffa 29 71 N 6 D	27.8.18		<p>Copy of letter from AAG AIF in Egypt stating it is hoped to arrange for a very limited number of deserting          cases be detailed for transport duty from line to line from this Brigade.          Medical weekly sick rates Brigade admissions 39 evacuations 30 discharged today 10 remaining          in 4 cases Gastro Intestinal 2 Pyrexia 8 VD 13. % Admissions 2.54 evacuations 1.95.          Other formations admitted to this amb Admissions 12, evacuations 11 discharged today 1 remaining          in 3 cases pyrexia 2 Gastro Intestinal nil VD nil, marked diminution in no. of pyrexia cases per week          the % of VD from DCB is increasing, and constituted 43% of evacuations during          the past week, 6 were contracted at Jaffa 7 at Aurofend, the latter being contracted          wandering prostitutes, The number of men attending at the prophylactic centre          during the week ending 26/8/18 was 16, of the 13 cases reporting with VD <sup>during the week</sup> none of them          had had prophylactic treatment at any time, French Amb weekly sick          rate admissions 5 evacuations 3 discharged today nil remaining in 2. % Admissions          1.14 evacuations .68,</p>	
	25.8.18 26.8.18		<p>Strength week ending 24.8.18. Officers 8 OR <del>12</del> 12 V, Natives 4, horses 45 mules 54 Rand Costs          2 Light Amb 5 GSW 4 Amb 95 7 Water Carts 2 Bicycles 2, Motor Bicycles 2 Motor Amb 6, Attached          10 Officers 10 OR, 12 natives, Attached, Medical details with Regiments 2 Officers 7 OR, 7 OR Des Corp, Picket          3 OR NEO school mosecor, Leave Egypt 10 Officers 4 OR,          1 OR admitted 44<sup>th</sup> Stationary Hosp Kantara ex leave Cairo struck off strength,          amendment to Daily Routine of standing orders Authority Bge Routine order dated          25.8.18., 2 OR returned from Jerusalem and 2 OR returned ex 2nd Hospital, Circular memo received          from War Records Section Egypt stating that Lieut H.W. Demmy had been appointed Officer in Charge          Historical " " and would be visiting this unit at an early date,          Circular memo from ADMS Aust Div stating that General Leatherstone Dgms AAME would visit          units in field at an early date</p>	CMAA see appen CMAA
	27.8.18		<p>1875 Wt. W593/826 1,000,000 4/15 J.B.C. &amp; A. A.D.S.S./Forms/C. 2118.          NIL</p>	CMAA





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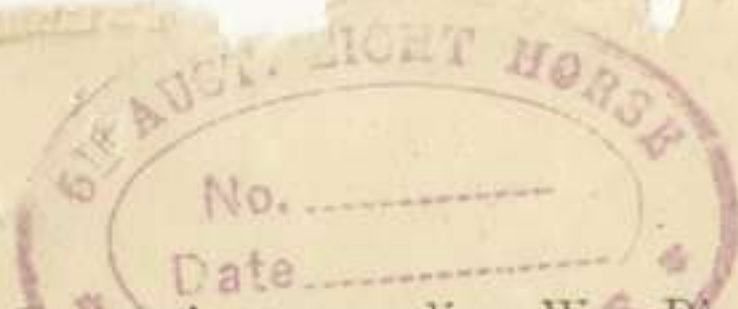
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Amend pref sheet 13, 14, 19, 71 N6D	28.8.18		Received from ADM S Aust Gov copy of instructions how to cope with spread of venereal disease	EMOH
	29.8.18		10R reclaimed ex leave, 1 motor ambulance for repairs, 10R detached Ludd.	EMOH
	30.8.18		Prophylactic outfit for venereal disease supplied to RMOs 14 & 15 Regt, Brigade asked to formulate in BRD the establishment of these 2 additional prophylactic Booths.	EMOH
	30.8.18		Coast Line Transport inspected by OC <del>38th</del> 38th Coy Aust Mt Div <del>Adm</del>	EMOH
	30.8.18	CAPT CH...	ADM S Aust Gov Col Fowler delivered Lecture on Venereal Disease to officers of Brigade	EMOH
	30.8.18		MO of this Amb detailed to lecture on Venereal Disease to NCOs & men of this ..	EMOH
	30.8.18		Memo from ADM S Aust Gov stating that separate A & D books be kept for Australian troops and other units, Confidential report asked for on W.O's & Sgts of this unit	EMOH
	30.8.18		Week ending 30th Sick rates (6 days) for Brigade admissions 30 evacuations 18 discharged to duty 6 remaining in 10 cases gastro intestinal 1 Pyrexia 14. VD 5, admissions 1.95 -	EMOH
	30.8.18		evacuations 1.19 this being the lowest number of evacuations for a very long time	EMOH
	30.8.18		Members admitted from other <del>units</del> admissions 9 evacuations 7 discharged to duty 3 remaining in hospital 2 cases Gastro. Intestinal 1, Pyrexia 2 VD nil.	EMOH
	30.8.18		Unit strength week ending 30th Officers 8 OR 120, natives 4 Horses 41 mules 54 and carts 2	EMOH
	30.8.18		Light amb Wagon 5, glw 6. Tent 95 2 water carts 7 Bicycles 2, Attached as usual	EMOH
	30.8.18		7 other Ranks (MTASE) 7 Motor Bicycles and 6 motor Ambts attached for rations 1 officer	EMOH
	30.8.18		three OR, 12 natives detached medical details with Regiment and Richon Car School	EMOH
	30.8.18		2 officers 9 OR 3 other Ranks detached AAML, NCOs school moascar.	EMOH
	30.8.18		French weekly sick rate, admissions 1 evacuations 2 one remaining in	EMOH
	30.8.18		Inoculation Returns of Brigade, including French, Officers 103 OR 1801. Cholera within 3 months Off 102 OR 1762	EMOH
	30.8.18		TAB within 12 months 96 officers 1736 OR vaccinations 98 officers 1787 OR	EMOH
	30.8.18		Men arranged in order for leave to Australia in accordance with memo from ADM S,	EMOH
	30.8.18		Extract from BRD, on relinquishing command of the Brigade. Brigadier General Gregory desires to place on record his high appreciation of the keenness displayed by all ranks during training	EMOH





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<p>Surafind mapsheet Jaffa 13 ag 71 N6D</p>	<p>31.8.18</p>		<p>Strength of animals 1.8.18 46 horses &amp; 56 mules. Admitted sick to lines during month ending 31.8.18, admitted 17 cured 13 transferred to MVS for treatment. 6 dead 2 destroyed 1 evacuated through MVS to Ludd. 3 transferred to 15th Regt 1 mule. Returned from MVS, 4 returned.</p> <p>Present actual strength 41 horses &amp; 54 mules, struck off strength during the month seven.</p> <p>Diseases prevalent among animals 9 accidental, 4 digestive, Visual &amp; Genital. General diseases 1. Respiratory.</p> <p>One mule transferred reason being that it was useless as wagon mule, though that it would be suitable as a pack mule.</p> <p>The condition of the hoofs of animals requires urgent attention of a farrier, but all attempts to secure same have been without effect. This unit has been without a farrier since 19.6.18</p> <p>Health Report see appendix 2 &amp; 2 A Sanitation Report " " 3 Quarters Master Report " " 4 Discipline &amp; Draining " 5</p>	

CWO Halloran Major  
Commanding 5th. A. L. H. F. A.





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(4)	I.M.'s Department.
5.	Discipline & Training (Commanding Officer's Report).

*C. McHalloway*  
Commanding 5th. A. L. H. F. A.



Appendix I

Routine amended 24/8/18  
 Authority B.R.O.'s dated 25/8/18

REVEILLE	0445
PARADE	0500
STABLES	0500 (Grooming & Feeding)
	0615
Piquet Relief &	
Stallemant Mounted	0615
Socks Parade	0630
BREAKFAST	0645
WATERING PARADE	0730
MOUNTED PARADE	0900
FEED	1100
HARNESS CLEANING	1100 - 1130
DRILL PARADE	1330
STABLES	1500
(WATERING, GROOMING & FEEDING)	
EVENING MEAL	1730
PIQUET MOUNTS	1815
DEPARTERS	1900 - 2000 - 2100
STABLES (FEEDING)	2030
LIGHTS OUT	2130

C. M. O'Halloran Major,  
 South Coy  
 Commanding 5th A. L. H. F. Coy



Health Report 2

The number of cases of Dysentery have diminished. Cases of Venereal Disease have increased. increasing due to number of wandering prostitutes in the vicinity, and also number of cases contracted at Jappa. A very active Campaign has been started against the spread of VD. Lectures have been given to NCO's & men. by an officer from this amb.

Lecture to ADMS to officers.

Prophylactic Booths at 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> regt and 5<sup>th</sup> LHA have been established. Attention to these has been drawn in BRD<sup>g</sup> insisting that every man should be made aware of the existence of Booths.

Furthermore a Regimental policeman has been detailed to keep native women away from the vicinity of the Camp.



C. M. Halloran Major



Health Report

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Veneral Disease Report

Number of patients evacuated with VD since 24-7-18 to 31-8-18 38

Number who received Prophylactic treatment 69

Number of men who received prophylactic treatment but have subsequently contracted VD 5

Statements made by these five patients

No 1 received treatment 6 days after connection  
No 2, contact 5 weeks ago. Contact few days before treatment

No 3, contact 3 weeks ago, 4 m  
2 days prior to treatment

No 4, received treatment same night as connection

No 5, received treatment seven days prior to reporting with a hard chancre

C. M. Halloran  
M.D.

No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Monthly Report of Brigade Sanitary Officer

1. Location of Medical Unit: Surabaya Admin-  
istration. - Australian
2. Sanitation: Good.
3. Disposal of Manure: Spread dried & burnt in  
one Regiment. Remaining units of Brigade manure  
carted to orchards not within 1000 yards of Bde  
area.
4. Latrines: Bucket latrines universal.
5. Food: Satisfactory.
6. Water - Drinking: Supply and quality  
excellent. Permanent water piped  
delivered on chlorinated water storage tank.
7. Washing & Bathing: Bathing is done in  
enclosed bathroom on concrete floor which  
was completed together with floor of clothes  
washing area on the middle of August 18.  
6 Ablution benches are provided for the  
washing of clothes. Waste water from these  
two areas is conveyed by earthenware  
pipes to 3 large enclosed pits, and then  
conveyed by further line of pipes to an  
adjacent wadi.
8. Vermin: Nil report.
9. General Health: Good.

30/8/18

W. G. Shipway, Captain  
Brigade Sanitary Officer, 5th L. H. Brigade





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Quartermaster's Monthly Report

Rations: Have been arriving in good order and condition with the exception of bacon which has been repeatedly unfit for consumption, especially a N.S.W. shipment.

Vegetables: Potatoes have not been on issue for weeks, and fresh vegetables are arriving in a much better condition and short without any variety, onions being the bulk.

Reserve: From 3/1/18 the unit holds 7 days emergency rations, and one day's iron ration, held regimentally also 7 days current issue.

Forage: 18th grain. The issue has been increased to 18th grain and 18th timber. Arriving in good condition.

Farmer: The absence of a qualified farrier is shown in condition of horses' feet. Many are ill shod, and not properly fitted.

Motor Cars: All cars have been inspected and overhauled at Adv. Base MT and each car reports every 14 days for inspection.

Bankers: None not advised for the unit yet nor arrangements made by W.D. D.O. for issue of pay daily.

Signalling gear: For the Signalling gear on the Mob. None of kind, there has not been any arrangements made



for the convenience of it.

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Tricketts, Signalling flag 1  
or Tripod stand 1

are required to carry it when on the march.

Shelters: Timber is still not available for building shelters for fascists, Cookhouses etc, also construction of meat safes.

Survival Sheets: It has become the practice at the base to collect found sheets, great coats, and in some cases even blankets from men coming to the front as reinforcements. These men arrive here minus these articles, and have to sleep without until they can be procured from ordnance, often weeks.

Philip Hunt & B.M.  
5th. Australian L. H. Field Ambulance.





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Discipline & Training  
During the month the discipline  
of the unit has been very good,  
only one minor offence being  
dealt with at orderly room.

Training has been marked by  
the general improvement  
in the management of horses.  
The men have showed great  
keenness in the drill.  
Strict attention has been  
paid to the care of harness  
but difficulty has been experienced  
in obtaining sufficient  
supplies of dubbing

C. W. Halloran Major

Major Col. G.  
Commanding 5th. A. L. H. F. A.

