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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NUEIAMEH	1		walked with Staff Sgt Williams up the Wadi Nueimeh from the Divisional motor crossing to the Aqueduct near Ain Ed Duk. Careful search made for snail holes breeding found none. The middle third (about 1 1/2 miles) is in a bad state of repair. The upper part has recently been put in perfect order by N.Z. working party.	B
	2	1530	Pte Gagar rejoined section from Desbays. Relief camp Jerusalem. Inspection of unit by General Featherston D.G.M.S. Australia with Col Downes & Col Knoll. Work by B.W. 1 on Truny Sect. continuing. The interchange of regiments and brigades has caused the working parties to be overlooked & deliberately stopped, and maintenance work has greatly suffered. The second brigade are the worst offenders. Coy Green & Wildbore attached from N.Z.M.F.F. Lt. Barker arrived as new reinforcement (evacuated to hospital on the 22 July). The section is now up to full strength, the first time this year.	B
	3	0700 -1630	via Madah Bridge up the Mellahah to Tool Post. Tool Post is well under control. In front of Tool Post much channelling has been done. This has partly drained the swampy area stretching in front of the post between the steep banks of the Wadi Mellahah on the West & Eastwards to the main channel. A listening post is nearly a mile in front from early dawn to about 0900 this area is harassed by our own snipers. The nearest Turk lines are about 2 1/2 miles away. Shell holes are thick around this post. The swamp is a mass of bamboo plants growing in a clayey saline soil with un-fermented soil yellowish white with black stinking mass beneath and giving off offensive gas. The water, owing to the salinity is very clear, few actual snail eggs found no larval were seen breeding apparently very scanty. The area seems to hold water on its surface and water constantly oozes up, and unless very thorough channelling is done drainage is very incomplete. The O.C. 39 Fusiliers considered the position too dangerous (sniping) except for night work. Had suggested day parties to avoid mosquito contact and so malarial infections but wretched conditions did not permit.	- SEP 1918 B E 108 2

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NUEIAMEH	Sept 3	1200	<p>These night parties worked from 2000-2400 and a Penetration Inspector PTE Dodds accompanied the party and directed the work. In a week marked improvement was reported the swamps largely dry as the result of further channelling. A very few patches of breeding could then be found. Some digging of outlying parts at the head of channels was done. Other breeding grounds on the Mellahah were well under control and free from breeding.</p> <p>At this period i.e. while Anzacs' controlled left sector only our area included the Anzacs' area excepting 1 mile from the Bridgehead and the power within the Turkish lines also the Mellahah. The area is well under control though maintenance is still needed and certain springs show at frequent intervals larvae and need regular tri-weekly cutting. They have a value to acting as a trap for mosquito eggs. Within our area breeding is limited to these areas and to patches along the edge of the Jordan itself. The work on the outposts has been greatly extended in the Spring sector 2 1/2 miles in the Mellahah sector 1/2 mile beyond the barb wire. Breeding here seems to have definitely diminished. One's impression is that the actual breeding season is nearly over but of course the danger from flying adults is seriously bred out still continues. Their attacks seem chiefly experienced by our outposts. Sandflies are increasingly common bred in the Anzacs elsewhere. Some means of attracting disposing of both these flying insects would be very helpful. Brigades especially Staff Captains have been much less eager to supply working parties &amp; do not all appear aware of the seriousness of the problem. Units too are very lax in looking after their own river frontage. More police and a requirement which might well be insisted on more barbed wire are necessary before proper control of traffic across the streams can be obtained.</p>	<p>Harvey Section 401</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	4	4	Interviewed Capt Blake & Capt Baefoot regarding the work done on their area by the 3 <sup>rd</sup> San Section att to Gas Div. Maps etc discussed and area stores taken over.	IF
	5	5	The area under control of Anzacs having been enlarged the Sanitary control also has enlarged same. Nominally our area extends from ① The front line. Truny, Buja, Mellahab to the N. ② Jordan with two bridgeheads at Anja & Choranyeh to the East ③ and Dead Sea to the South. and ④ The foothills of Judaea to the West (including the motor road & Meshrah area)	B
	6	6	Visit to Ain es Sultan and Sth Aqueduct of Ain ed Dak. Traffic regulations & proper crossings appear not to exist. Bedouin police found defeating a few yards from the aqueduct at the	B
	7	7	Ain ed Dak. Re arrangement of Inspectors made. E.L.C. Lt. GIBBY seen regarding E.L.C. gangs. 4 available but are about to be withdrawn. Shell H.Q. obtained authority from the H.DIST to detain them. This gave us about 180 Egyptian workmen. Arranged to ask for increase of NZ MC personnel attached to 10 $\frac{1}{3}$ present number $\frac{1}{10}$	IF
	8	0800	To supply Depot JERICHO met Egyptian working parties. Here a culvert had been constructed over the Kelt aqueduct & proving too small for the streams of water had caused an overflow around with bogging of lorries and stagnation of water. Stagnances for mosquito breeding. An adjoining mud brick house had become a foul latrine. Ablation of the house & total removal of the culvert were carried on, the bricks were used to fill up & water tubs to make the bog firm ground again. Lieut WRIGHT E.L.C. personally supervised the new crossing made of small stones with large stone sideguards. An in and out crossing with sign erected this took 2 days.	IF SEP 1918 8108 H

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NUEIAMEH	9	0500	Big gun fired from behind El Band NE of Churet Nimrin on Jericho natives. Some delay but not a great deal of delay in natives starting work in consequence.	B
		1700	Transferred camp to new site just N of D.H.Q.	
	10		Interviewed Military Governor & collected native gang of local inhabitants of Jericho inspected Hotel Jordan at present occupied by the N.A.C.B. Two inspectors supervised this gang of 20 men in charge of the authorities. The men were detailed by the Maktar and received definite pay. They concentrated on the reinforcement camp, supply area, Governor's residence, A.D. & bazaar & the market area. These were cleaned up thoroughly, rubbish collected and burnt on 3 incinerators constructed of stone and tiffin bands. Latrine buckets fished after and all feces burnt. Broken up for drinking placarded. This gang was badly needed around the Governor's quarters conditions were highly unsanitary. The front building of the Hotel Jordan was considered unsatisfactory. Sultan and followed aqueducts to Jericho then along N aqueduct 0600-0800. Remarkably little breeding was found on the aqueduct themselves. Though the few seepage places showed breeding. This may be attributed to the system adopted in the control of water for irrigation. An official is in charge and with a workman (Kawati) under him by cutting thro' banks and by dams dverts the water from the main channels into the actual garden irrigation canals. Each garden has the right apparently decided by age long custom to so many days supply in a certain period say three days in 40. In the interval the canal dries and this an intermittent method does protect against anopheles breeding. Systematic control of seepage areas near main channels would appear to be necessary once a proper system of intermittent supply allowing of a dry interval has been instituted.	B
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NUEIAMEH	12		Up Wadi Kelt to the Great Monastery. Up to the lower monastery excellent work in channelling had been carried out by previous parties. This required & received maintenance attention. In about 4 places definite breeding was found. In one case a swimming bath had been constructed & in the seepage area below it plentiful larvae were found. The cutting through of the dam & removal of obstruction eliminated this. In another a series of springs from the subsoil had become filled with algae & larvae. Cleaning out of these was done. A horse tumbled over the cliff & was effectively burnt with dry dead bamboos & then buried. One spot in the aqueduct below the Tell Abu Alek had a bad seepage area. This was eliminated by restoration of the bank. Above the lower monastery the wadi is untouched & breeding found frequently.	D
	13		To AIN HAJLA & on to Receiving Station. Ain Hajla required cleaning out. The concrete aqueduct led to a garden occupied by the 2nd F.A. & on to the 5th Reg. This represents the small remnant of irrigation remaining. The only likely breeding places found were 2 cisterns which were regularly oiled. The cisterns at Kasi Hajla then P.H.Q. were practically empty & were cased.	D
	14		To 1st LHA & 2nd Reg. The regiment is camped on both sides of the middle 1/3 of the Upper Wadi Nuemneh. The banks need a great deal of maintenance & indiscriminate crossings exist.	D
	15		WADI NUEMNEH Down the stream past old camp of B.A.C. to Shoranyeh Area. The upper part showed traces of old work but the banks are badly damaged & from below the Somerset Batt. lines no trace of any previous work could be seen. At the same time no definite breeding seen. This represents about the lower half (2 miles or so) of the wadi (with the exception of the last mile where the Indian Cav. Flambourne is looking after). The various units camped on the banks of the stream Somerset, and a heavy battery have the and gun position are to take on hand the location of the stream running thro' their own camps. It was decided to get at least 2 gangs of ELC Natives at work on this area. Control of the stream here has practically been nonexistent. Men bathe in the stream throw rubbish in it etc.,	D E108 10 - SEP 1918 Harvey Sutton Capt

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	16		NOBIAMEH. Uspeniant visited up to aqueduct. Reports written up.	B
	17	0600	ELC officers called re the working parties. 100 natives now on the lower Kueranah Anja bridge head. Visit to lower Anja from 39 R.F. Camp to the Jordan tracks the R.M.O's of Canterbury Regt, 38 <sup>th</sup> & 39 <sup>th</sup> R.F. A practically bad breeding spot was found on the rocky margin of an island in the Jordan, just at the Anja mouth, and along side a camp of a C.M.R. Squadron. One shales larval plentiful and an unusual number of pupal forms were caught. Reported this to Regt. H.O. and this island was very thoroughly dealt with. A few young larvae were found in the Inveness spring in the Obaidah. As far as breeding is concerned the region in Anja Mellah Obaidah has been kept well under control by regular oiling three times a week of the springs. Maintenance of tanks is insufficient the Brigade working parties which were promised are not yet going. The water tank (drinking water) is not yet covered & being a single tank chlorinating is difficult. The Regts were standing to & thus rather upset our work. The R.F. & the B.W.I. working parties have finished their job up to the limits of military safety. Jericho early bombarded later 0600 Sig Squad was well shelled. Two sightings for the signal trump stopped chemage and burst 100 yds apart and 40 yds off alongside the tents. This shell was 10-15 yds from a bunch of men. Private WAUHOPE received a scratch on his knee. One or two holes through his plates so was reported wounded (remaining on duty) Two inspectors on Tunny sector in Kilaun. Corporal Worthington out 2 miles beyond the wire was arrested by one of the mounted patrol.	B
	18		A.P.M. re progress of War Camp Jericho. The compound established is ready for occupation. A somewhat square walled court with a long house, along the west edge. A central well, twenty receptacles (latrines) form its main features. The place had to be cleaned up all rubbish collected and burnt, fesses ditto. All rubbish must be incinerated.	B
	19		Koburban-Bairam holiday and no Jericho natives at work. Saw Military Governor O.E.T.H. re arrangements also to Anzac. Receiving Station Field Lab. C. solution tested on a dismembered horse carcass, by Capt Page with excellent result.	B

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	Sept 20		Western Stunt is on units standing by. Collected material for POW compound Jencho	A
	21	1500- 1700	Visited 1st Brigade Area. Big guns shelling aerodrome not far over heads of natives working party in NUIIAMEH. Bright white clouds over today & cooler.	B
	22		E.L.C. officers called re working parties HORSEY R. J. evacuated.	A
	23		Visited Jencho POW Compound now full of 900 or so Turks with a few officers including medicals from the capture of 53 POW. Staff by NZMR. The compound would have accommodated them but all the beasts - horses, mules & camels were crowded down in the lower part of the compound site. On top of the latines and incinerator. Looked thro captured ambulance & ammunitions Orders 1330 to take charge of Divisional collecting station	B

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NUEIRMEH JERICHO	23	13.30	<p>Received instructions from A.D.M.S to command Div. Collecting Station formed from the 1st L.H.F.A. immobile section and 1st San. Section mobile section &amp; to organise it immediately at Jericho. 60 packs <del>saddles</del> <sup>mules</sup> &amp; saddlery to be drawn from A.P.M. Anzacs at Jericho necessary <sup>medical</sup> equipment from the Anzac Receiving Station. Sanatio from Ordnance. Jericho. 60 caicolets from XXth corps.</p> <p>A Sgt. Fraser and 2 men were at once sent to report to A.P.M. Jericho to draw the mules saddlery etc. These were selected by the A.D.V.S. and practically no saddlery had to be drawn from Det. H.Q.S. 24 fantassos (59als) were drawn. The pack mules were the ordinary donkey mule had one back and half starved. They badly needed rest and food. The 54 were further selected into 15 riders to take the later men of the immobile section without horses. 12 to take the fantassos and one for their own rations. The remaining 21 were reserved for loads in case. The roads proved impossible for wagons. Presuming all had been fit they might have been useful but as it turned out they were of little value but were fortunately not needed. The 60 camels never appeared.</p> <p>By car I reached the A.R.S. saw Capt. Seemore (C) and Captain Hodgson with 1st L.H.F.A. and arranged details. The S.S.O. arranged by phone to supply the emergency two days rations for 27 men of the immobile section rations for the transport horses and finally rations for the 54 donkeys. Rendezvous was fixed for 05.30 on the 24th at the exit road from Jericho to Thoranizet.</p> <p>The final composition of the new Unit was:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>7th SAN SEC</td> <td>1 officer</td> <td>18 d/R</td> <td>1 native</td> <td>20 horses (4 draughts)</td> <td>1 donkey</td> <td>1 G.S. wagon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1st Immo. SEC</td> <td>1</td> <td>26 d/R</td> <td>3 eq/plans (including 2 ASC (M))</td> <td>18 (4 draughts)</td> <td>50 - ATT</td> <td>2 G.S. wagons</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>2 officers</td> <td>44 d/R</td> <td>4 natives</td> <td>18 draughts</td> <td>56 donkeys</td> <td>3 G.S. wagons</td> </tr> </table> <p>(Of these transport drivers <del>represented</del> represented 10 men - 2 batman - 2 cooks.)</p> <p>S/SER. Williams S/SER. Brangrove S/SER. Fraser S/pl. Worthington      " Warden S/SER. Ranger-Leather S/pl. Russell S/pl. Stanley S/pl. Elsholts S/pl. Baulfield xx      (ambulance) (nursing) (nursing) (B.M.) (orderly R. clerk) (transport)</p> <p>A.P. &amp; S.D., Alex. 2009/50025A/II: 17/5M. W.M. &amp; Co.</p> <p>x mounted on donkeys xx mounted on horse.</p>	7th SAN SEC	1 officer	18 d/R	1 native	20 horses (4 draughts)	1 donkey	1 G.S. wagon	1st Immo. SEC	1	26 d/R	3 eq/plans (including 2 ASC (M))	18 (4 draughts)	50 - ATT	2 G.S. wagons		2 officers	44 d/R	4 natives	18 draughts	56 donkeys	3 G.S. wagons	<p>TH</p> <p>SEP 1918</p> <p>2108 9/9</p> <p>Harvey Sutton</p>
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	24	0530	<p>The San. Section reached rendezvous at Jorcho. Riders of 1st immobile arrived at 0630 with wagons and donkeys. The donkeys with animal rations arrived at 0730. Delay was due partly to watering but mainly because of difficulty with the loads which kept slipping off. Sacks were obtained from the supply depot and the large heavy grain sacks split into two. Progress of these donkeys however was very slow owing to the poor condition. Riders reached Shunt el-min at 0930. The wagons between 1030-1100 The donkeys about 12. L. Col. Broun informed us the road was clear. At 1530 the wagons pushed off for El. Howay. The heavy uphill grades began to tell on the draughts and occasional tests were necessary. The riders were sent on to establish camp reaching the rendezvous immediately N of the bridge at Howay before dark - about 1800. The 1st Q.S. Wagon, the better team of the 1st immobile &amp; water cart emptied got to the bridge very tired about 1830. The San Section Wagon (4 horses only) about 1900 both teams very tired and could scarcely take the hill beyond the bridge. The 2nd (immobile) wagon stopped 2 miles back exhausted. At Shunt el-min camp sites were in a very filthy condition. Anopheles were found breeding in matted fashion in the wadi. Many dead animals were passed en route. The well known big gun Jorcho Annie tumbled over in the wadi behind El-Howay. The large hospital on the W. side of the wadi faced a large ordnance dump.</p>	riding #B
	25	0630	<p>After the night bivouac <del>partly</del> disturbed by mosquitoes we moved out at 0630 for El Salt. Riders pushed on reaching the Indian F. Ambulance Salt about 0930. The Wagon. Howay still tired from the day. Before made slow progress finally pulling up at the Central square about 1100 (Q.S. wagon. Water cart immobile) The San Section Wagon about 1200. one draught fell ill (Pneumonia) en route and the spare light draught had to be substituted. (The sick draught died at Switch on the 28th) About 14. El Salt we encountered Capt. Goss with instructions from A.P.M.S. to push on and establish at Switch leaving a party to take over N. of Sects 25 &amp; 20 and wounded (20ft) at the English hospital El Salt. This was inspected. The building is a good stone one, the hospital wards on the 1st &amp; 2nd floors. The sole entrance a narrow steep stone staircase with st-A lion at top very difficult for carrying cases. The back room was being used as a latrine. A small T staff, and some women cleaners were at work. Two N. of orderlies were in charge. A store of food (meal etc) existed for T prisoners, but practically nothing for our own. We took over at 1200, the two N. of orderlies returning to their ambulance near Amman. Lunch in the Central square in filthy surroundings litter and destitute. The ordnance adjoining were many dead carcasses some rotting the result of bombing &amp; already smelling badly.</p>	#B - SEP 1918 £108 /10 Harvey Sutton

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<p>ES. SALT.</p>			<p>The problem of moving on rapidly was most difficult. The 2<sup>nd</sup> B.S.W. still at least 6 hours behind had on board all the panniers (drugs dressings etc) operating tent and the senior NCO (dispenser) on board. Capt Gow with Capt Gordon the red &amp; Commissioner set off in a motor ambulance with 4 bell tents 4 oil to erect them 2 fantasses full of water and some cases of Red cross Comforto. A rider was sent back to the tea wagon still on the road to put panniers on motor ambulances passing forwards. Capt Gow had already picked up S/Sgt Gordon &amp; 4 panniers. This ambulance pushed on ahead. Capt Gordon and riders of 1st FA at 1215, and after fixing up details of work at Es. Salt I moved about 1345. The first wagon drivers reckoned their horses knocked up for the day but I insisted on their taking the road lightening their load by 2 bell tents &amp; some comforto. They got away at 1230. Water cart travelled empty &amp; is alright or filled up at Es. Salt with water. San Section wagon moved out at 1330. This arrived at 1130 was completely re-packed &amp; every non-essential discarded. All rations for man and animal taken on this by this wagon. A refilling point mentioned by Capt Gow just north of Es. Salt was not seen. My party included Sgt Depton who was proceeding forward to join the D.A.D.M.B. On the way we passed many carcasses disembowelled. There appeared dried and less offensive. Capt Page the Divisional Troops VET officer had carried out this method, which limits to some extent putrefaction and its horrible results. Pushing on past Chin Komar and the low train H.Q. Suwelch appeared a mile later quite deserted by the inhabitants with many dead horses and some wounded later. The results of bombing. In the middle of Suwelch I met Major Walker &amp; attended to 3 wounded whom I evacuated at once by motor lorry.</p>	<p>H.</p> <p>- SEP 1918</p> <p>2108 11</p> <p>Harvey Sutton 4/1</p>



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	26	0600	<p>Subparade of B.W.I. 1<sup>st</sup> Batt 10 officers and 35 sick setting practically all malaria</p> <p>Distribution of duties: Staff Sgt Warden - Dispensing &amp; dressings. 1<sup>st</sup></p> <p>" Stangerleather - Nursing. 1<sup>st</sup></p> <p>Sgt Eraser - Rations &amp; Transport. San Sect</p> <p>Copdell Stanley - Q.M. comforts etc 1<sup>st</sup></p> <p>In general control Staff Sgt Williams - evacuation reception of patients etc.</p> <p>Patients washed, up 0800. Five motor ambulances allotted to evacuate patients. 10 lying 15 sitting sent out about 1000 to look out for supposed refilling point near Es Salt unless definite post, to push on to F.R.S. Jucha.</p> <p>Visited a forty mile point. Motor cycle useless <sup>cycles</sup> left to obtain spare parts Jucha. Visited Div. Train HQ. Got petrol for motors. Inspected village and nearby houses. Two selected for reception of BWI sick.</p> <p>Motor ambulances (9 in number) were waiting from 1<sup>st</sup> L.H.F.A. Amman all day, mainly sick.</p> <p>Applications for rations from Es Salt collected by us at refilling point and forwarded by pack horse.</p> <p>By means of a Turkish prisoner fatigue party, buried dead horses near &amp; in camp site and one dead Turk.</p> <p>Figures at 12 M. Night for 26<sup>th</sup></p> <p>43 = British including one officer &amp; including about of lying Grand Total</p> <p>in addition Indians (3) Turks (3) BWI 2 + 36 (allies) 87</p> <p>1500 1915 Visited 1<sup>st</sup> L.H.F.A. Amman in search of information and of Division. Latter on move into new camp at Amman Station. All sick, except Turks evacuated at once to Amman.</p> <p>During the evening (about 24 hours behind) their first wagon came the second wagon of the 1<sup>st</sup> Immob. Quite 1/2 had was taken off their hands before Es Salt yet they were a day late.</p>	<p>Remarks and references to Appendices</p> <p>J</p> <p>- SEP 1918</p> <p>8108 1/3</p> <p>H</p> <p>Harvey Sutton leaf</p>

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SWEILEH	Sept 27		<p>No cases in during the night and motor lorry convey freight cases due tonight</p> <p>Threatening clouds with distant lightning suggested rain so two more houses cleaned up to receive all sick not in tents and the personnel.</p> <p>An ambulance wagon horse left dead in the camp and another dead Turk were disposed of</p> <p>The B.W.I who were transferred to houses yesterday had increased owing to sick admitted from another part of the Battalion to 50 D/R and one officer. 6 were injured &amp; were dressed remainder Dysentery &amp; Malaria treated</p> <p>Colonel I.M.S. of 110 Indian Coy Seld Amb called and agreed to take any sick Indians thus simplifying examination &amp; treatment. As his ambulance is partly in Amman and partly in Sweileh (B section) the P.A.M.C. officer Capt Wilson left at Sweileh knows no Hindustani no interpreter is available for us. I agreed to keep and treat all wounded owing to simplicity of treatment involved and they were short of dressings</p> <p>About 2,500 prisoners of war including a few German infantry are now in the valley in front of the village under guard of Turks and covered by machine guns, several sick &amp; wounded D/W were received both from these troops from the village itself. The lack of knowledge of Turkish made these difficult to handle. Capt Hodgson went thro' the cases and classified them into by ing &amp; setting, a steady flow of sick chiefly N.Z. came in during the morning.</p> <p>1330 hrs Instructions A.D.M.S. received to withdraw section from D.W. collecting D/W today &amp; proceed to camp site near to S.O. adjacent to Amman Railway Station - hand over command to Capt Hodgson</p> <p>Motor lorry collect setting cases this evening 9 cars attached to R.C.C. for waenation of lying cases to Jericho. Col. have (Amman) 3 cars to waenate lying cases to Sweileh setting cases in future direct from Amman to Jericho. Thus a relay post. Indian cooks and interpreters will be attached today for Indian patients</p>	<p>Remarks and references to Appendices</p> <p>B</p> <p>8108 1/14</p> <p>- SEP 1918</p> <p>Harvey Sutton Capt</p> <p>(Charles E. Hercules Major)</p>

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SUWEILEH AMMAN	27 Sept		<p>Totals                      BRITISH <sup>Lying</sup> 25      <sup>Atting</sup> 60+ cases arriving steadily - includes 1 Indian.                      in addition                      B.W.I.                      50                      P of W                      10                      -----                      35                              110      Grand Total 145+</p>	B
ES SALT	25	1630	<p>The San Sect moved out reaching Amman Highway Station at 1930.                      One draught horse which foundered before Es Salt was left and died? Pneumonia 2 days later.                      On the journey occasional corpses &amp; carcasses. The results of bombs were passed.                      Staff Sgt Sansford in charge. Pts Egan, Dodds, and Green and later Pt Ingram with 4 natives &amp; 16 mules &amp; 4 horses. All disinfected &amp; drugs &amp; dressings of the San Sect were left there together with 10 tins Ideal milk &amp; a tin of sweet biscuits. With local cleaners the place was thoroughly cleaned up. All dressings done and the patients fed regularly three times daily with bread &amp; milk, biscuits &amp; milk, tea &amp; cocoa.                      Numbers taken over were 22 NZack 50 Turkish P of W. (15 sick &amp; 35 wounded)                      In evening Captain Hordern called &amp; helped with the wounded &amp; remained the night, after being away on 26<sup>th</sup> he returned the evening 26<sup>th</sup> again to help &amp; finally left for Jericho on 27<sup>th</sup> with a motor convoy of sick.</p>	B
	26		<p>Capt Solomon M.O 39 Bata. R.F. in response to a message called in the evening with 2 orderlies to attend to wounded                      Evacuated      29 British      40 Turks      3 German Officers &amp; 3 G. of R.</p>	<p>SEP 1918                      1108                      19</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	27	1800	<p>Capt Solomon at Hospital all day                      Capt Fleming Welsh F.F. called &amp; will take over 28<sup>th</sup>                      evacuated 27 BWI 6 Turks (PoW) Total evacuated 70                      10 Indians " Remaining 26                      14 British                      1 E.L.C. 97                      46                      20                      8 = 171</p>	
	28		<p>Welsh F.F. took over British 26 Turks 20 Germans 2.                      By instruction Colonel Donovon of Welsh F.F. Staff Sgt Bausgrove inspected the town of Es Sault and two miles along each of the 3 main roads. 39 R.F. burned                      120 carcasses and many corpses about the area. Town very filthy probably natural to the place. The party proceeded forward and joined the section at Amman.                      The mules are still in poor condition &amp; delayed progress.                      In comment on the hospital arrangements the original intention to establish at Es Sault would have been easily possible. The remarkable rapid progress of our troops and the necessity of pushing SUWEILEH tested transport very severely, and but for the timely assistance of Capt Gow &amp; Gordon with the motor, and of motor ambulances we should have had to establish without our important medical &amp; surgical equipment arriving a day late.                      The progress of the second wagon of the 1<sup>st</sup> Immobile was unsatisfactory and it failed to keep with other not less heavily laden wagons. The mules were of some assistance of transporting personnel. Indeed, I think someone in an "Immobile" section should have at least a donkey to ride. They would easily have been able to supply us with water with fanatics (24 five gallons) but as pack animals were a failure many had sore backs, were starved &amp; switched after, &amp; even now 10 days later many are still further useless.</p>	

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AMMAN	28	0745	<p>Light showers on night. Visited D.H.O. and obtained authority for stores at Station, then went all over. Found lime, tar oil, ropes, picks &amp; hovels, but even at Station hospital failed to get disinfectants. Hospital itself very dirty. Tremendous litter of all sorts of equipment on the station. Three working parties under inspectors detailed to clean up the area, bury carcasses, &amp; dead Turks, collect &amp; burn refuse &amp; rubbish.</p> <p>1330 Instructions Colonel Croll. To 1<sup>st</sup> L.H.F.H. at THEATRE and inspected recently vacated Turkish hospital. In one room 4 dead Turks, the others with very filthy mattresses, place infested with fleas etc. The other buildings were even dirtier with human fecal deposits throughout the courtyard.</p>	<p>IF</p>
	29		<p>Visited railway this &amp; looked through drugs there. fleas very plentiful. Working parties of Turks are all about Amman area cleaning up.</p>	IF
	30		<p>Amman but hospital thoroughly cleaned up, ready for further reception.</p> <p>Total carcasses buried 60                      dead Turks 17</p>	<p>IF</p> <p>SEP 1918</p> <p>8108 11/17</p>

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