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A. D. M. S. 1st MOUNTED DIVISION.

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| 1st | Weather now getting very hot. Divisional sick rate for W.E. 1st is up to 2.8 & 12 cases of Malaria been diagnosed at Mal. Diag. Station, to which all cases of fever have blood film sent. There are a large number of cases of Phlebotomores Fever. The Sandfly being found in Jericho & district. Diarrhoea accounted for the remainder of sick admissions, probably due to the dust which blows up at times in dense clouds. Flies are fewer. |
| 2nd | Selected new site for Div. Receiving Station. Several cases of Malaria having occurred at old site near W.KELT where ANOPHELES is breeding freely. Rode to HUJLA & lower KELT with D.A.D.M.S. ANOPHELES breeding freely in KELT & also at HUJLA, where anti-mosquito work is progressing. |
| 3rd | A.D.M.S. attended D.D.M.S. Conference at Jerusalem. |
| 5th | To Receiving Station at 0700. Visited 6th Field Amb. at Bridgehead in afternoon. |
| 6th | Visited SULTAN. Bad dust storm. |
| 7th | Visited SULTAN with Major Legatt & also GHORANIEYEH Bridgehead. Water supplies at both places satisfactory & sanitation good. |
| 8th | S.A.S. have been withdrawn from Regiments & attached to F.As. |
| 9th | Capt. Chesterman relieved Capt. Glosse at No. 5 Diagnostic Station. Major Austen still with H.Q. He visited HUJLAH & YAHOD to examine posts about JORDAN & found ANOPHELES breeding fairly free. |
| 10th | Visited 8th M.B.C.F.A. in the evening. 22nd Mtd. Bde is at present under Aus.Div. |
| 11th | Sick rate for W.E. 8th is 2.7 - Malaria 43, Malignant 7. Diarrhoea is less. Heat has been great but flies less. |
| 12th | Rode to SULTAN at 0700 & visited all the area with Capt. Cramer Roberts R.E. who is superintending the irrigation work, clearing of channels etc. Only about 20 men can at present be found for this work, but it |

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- 12th (contd.) needs 200 E.L.C. who have been applied for & refused. Work on upper Wadi KELT has been well done, started by Regimental parties & continued by E.L.C.
- 13th Visited SULTAN in morning & again with Major Austen in afternoon & set work to be done in front of building where free mosquito breeding was found. The High Commissioner & Lady Wingate came to see the water supply.
- 14th Heat greater - 111° in shade. Visited Div.Train. Major Austen left. Inspected 8th M.B.C.F.A.
- 15th 31st Sanitary Section less E.L.C. arrived & camped near Ind.Cav.San.Section.
- 16th Arranged dressing stations for operations across JORDAN & visited HUIJA & HENNU. Hospice shelled in the evening by 15 c.m.gun?
- 17th Operations across JORDAN. D.A.D.M.S. at old report centre. 12 casualties. 8th M.B.C.F.A. dressing station at HUIJA & A.D.S. across Bridge at HENU. 6th M.B.C.F.A. dressing station at Wire on route E & A.D.S. at Bde. Hq. Div. H.Q. moved to Gilgal Hotel. JERICHO again shelled.
- 18th Div.H.Q. moved to Mt. of Temptation foot. Climate is cooler & fresher here. Promiscuous shelling. Major Lang G.H.Q. visited SULTAN.
- 20th Capt. Bahr visited & talked over Malarial Diagnosis work. Anti-mosquito work been interrupted by operations & moves. Visited Receiving Station. Inspected JERICHO wh. has been left very considerably cleaner than when we went in. Capt. Morris R.A.M.C. reported for 8th M.B. C.F.A.
- 21st Visited Wadi KELT & found the work done in good condition. Patrol of 31st San.Sect. on it. Motored to GHORANYEH in afternoon & visited 121 I.F.A. & 6th M.B.C.F.A. also M.O. 20th Bde R.H.A. at whose H.Q. Lt.Col. Moore had found mosquito breeding. Inspected the swamp. 4th San.Sect. handed over to 31st San.Sect.
- 22nd Visited SULTAN & arranged work for 6 Bde party 150. E.L.C. 200 under Lt.Rowe. 100 E.L.C. also at work on Wadi KELT upper region, superintended by Sergt. Wren under inspectors of 31st San.Section. Sick rate up considerably this week 4.10. 8th Bde 8.52. Mainly due to high sick rate in Middlesex Yeomanry.

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- 23rd Anti-mosquito work started with big party at SULTAN 250 E.L.C. 150 6th Brigade. Main work at present clearing banks of streams A.D.M.S. visited Lower KELT & arranged for start of work there when party is available. D.A.D.M.S. visited Dead Sea post.
- 24th Visited Receiving Station. Lt.Col.Moore & Lt.Col.Beadles visited A.D.M.S.
- 25th Inspected work at SULTAN in morning & Upper KELT in evening.
- 26th Col.MacNab I.M.S. visited with view to his Div. 2nd Mtd. arriving. Explained situation & anti-malarial work to him.
- 27th Visited JERICHO & R.E.camp in morning & Bridgehead in afternoon. Visited 8th Bde. H.Q. 110th I.F.A. & 20th Bde R.H.A. H.Q. Swamp near here has been drained by party of 50 men from 6th Bde & mosquito breeding appears stamped out. Divl. H.Q. shelled in evening, no casualties. Jericho also shelled.
- 28th Expecting a Turkish attach. A.D.Ss. arranged & evacuation. Party of E.L.C. now working at Aqueduct under KURONTUL.
- 29th Visited SULTAN in the morning & inspected Upper KELT in evening. Lt.Col.Hodgson, 5th Mtd. Bde. C.F.A. called.
- 30th Visited 6th M.B.C.F.A. who have moved to south bank Wadi KELT as their Brigade has moved to HUJLA. Saw his improvised mule litter & do not recommend its adoption, at any rate unless extra mules are provided. Major Mc.COWAN I.M.S. reported on apptmt. as D.A.D.M.S.

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