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A.D.M.S. 4TH CAVALRY DIVISION.

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DEIRAN.

- 1st D.D.M.S. Des.Corps inspected the 10th Bde. C.F.A. & was very satisfied. The parade of Transport of one section & Mounted nearers was very good & the hospital work was very well arranged. A.D.M.S. also accompanied him to 1st L.H. Bde. F.A.
- 3rd Sick admission for W.E. 3rd August 2%. Proportion of Malignant Malaria has gone up, all the malaria cases in 2nd Lancers being of that variety.
- 4th Church parade for anniversary of war.
- 5th A.D.M.S. had interview with G.O.C. Lt. Col.Moore came for advice in A.D.M.S. returns & office routine.
- 7th Divisional Scheme for practising inter-communication with & passing through Infantry. Mtd. Bearer Sections accompanied Brigades & Skeleton Tent Sub-division followed up the Division.
- 8th Orders issued for move to return East.
- 9th A.D.M.S. visited D.M.S.
- 10th 11th Bde. F.A. marched out with its Brigade. O.C. has orders to take over the Receiving Station.
- 12th 10th Cavalry Brigade Fd.Amb. marched out from DEIRAN with its Brigade, with orders to open Tent Subdivisions in vicinity of Receiving Station.
- 13th Colonel H.Richardson A.D.M.S. proceeded to ALEXANDRIA en route for U.K. (4 weeks leave in Scotland). Lt.Col.A.W.MOORE (10 Cav. Bde. Fd.Amb) took over duties as acting A.D.M.S.
- 14th Divl. Hd.Qrs. marched out from DEIRAN at 1500 & arrived LATRON 2000.
- LATRON, ENAB.
- 15th Left LATRON at 1500 & arrd. ENAB 1730.
- 16th Left ENAB 1400 & reached TELAT ED DUMM at midnight.

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17th

a/A.D.M.S. interviewed D.D.M.S. Des. Corps concerning composition of Immobile Sections of Combined Field Ambulances. a/A.D.M.S. proceeded to JERICHO direct to take over from A.D.M.S. 5th Cav. Div. - more especially as regards anti-mosquito work. Visited Receiving Station.

JERICHO.

18th

Arranged that D.A.D.M.S. should primarily inspect and supervise anti-mosquito work & water points and O.C. Sanitary Section should similarly deal with conservancy in general and fly breeding.

19th

Inspected AIN DUK AREA and aqueduct leading therefrom.

20th

Visited 12th Cav. Bde. Fd. Amb. and AUJA Bridge Head. D.A.D.M.S. inspected & supervised anti-mosquito work in SULTAN AREA

21st

A.D.M.S. visited Receiving Station and arranged increased water storage & flooring for Tents. 200 E.L.C. men working under direction of D.A.D.M.S. in canalizing streams and repairing damage done by troops & cattle in following areas - KURUNTUL, WADI KELT, SULTAN.

22nd

Considerable epidemic of Sandfly fever developed in Middlesex Yeo. Question of moving camp discussed with Divisional Commander. A.D.M.S. Sanitary G.H.Q. and D.A.D.M.S. Corps visited HENU - HUJLAH - GHORANIYEH Areas accompanied by D.A.D.M.S. (Div.)

24th

Sick rate rising owing to unclassified Pyrexia - the majority of cases would appear to be "sand fly fever".

26th

A.D.M.S. inspected receiving Stn Equipment - inadequate - application already made to Corps & to "Q" to remedy this.

28th

A.D.M.S. visited lower KELT & adv. dressing stn of 10 Cav. Bde. Fd. Amb. Much surplus water coming down Wadi which has hitherto been dry all summer. This probably due to cessation of irrigation higher up. The proposition of dealing with this water is a serious one. D.A.D.M.S. visited AUJA Bridgehead and arranged anti-mosquito work.

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30th

Accompanied Divisional Commander at an inspection of Div. Rec. Stn. 11th Fd.Amb. & tent Div. of 10th Cav Bde. Fd.Amb. Comment was made on the following points.
1. Insufficient water supply.
2. Lack of washing utensils.
3. Inadequate cookhouses.
4. Insufficient stretchers.
Action had already been taken to remedy items 1 and 4.

31st

The sick rate (admissions to Fd.Amb.) is now higher than it has been this year, i.e. 4.25% though the evacuation rate has been kept down to 2.25%

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