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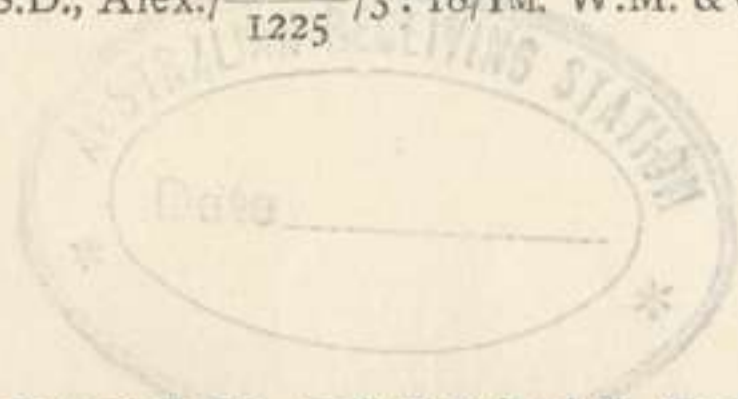
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WAR DIARY

OF

Australian Receiving Station

FOR

1st to 15th June 1918.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
JERICHO 1127	1.6.18		<p>Colonel W. Mo. Rownes, C. M. G. ; R. D. M. O., Aescorps visited the unit regarding the selection of a new site for the Australian Receiving Station.</p> <p>Lieut. General Sir H. G. Chauvel, K. C. B. ; K. C. M. G. ; visited the Receiving Station, and inspected the hospital.</p> <p>1200 Lieut. Milner of "B" Dental Section was admitted, suffering from malignant malaria.</p> <p>1200 Three of the personnel, Hon Roberts, and Ptes Jerss and Hargue were evacuated, but fortunately four other ranks marched in from the 3rd Lt. Field Ambulance, while two other ranks - Cpl Short and 2/cpl Barrett - returned from the R. C. O's, School, Moascar.</p> <p>1300 The 35th Motor Ambulance Company was unable to supply heavy cars for the stretcher cases, but the difficulty was abated as 7 heavy cars were supplied by the 20th Army Corps.</p> <p>1800 The daily casualty was as follows: Aus. div Sick 3, Wounded 19; Total Sick 4; Sicks 4; Evacuated 75; Discharged 2; Remaining 50</p>	

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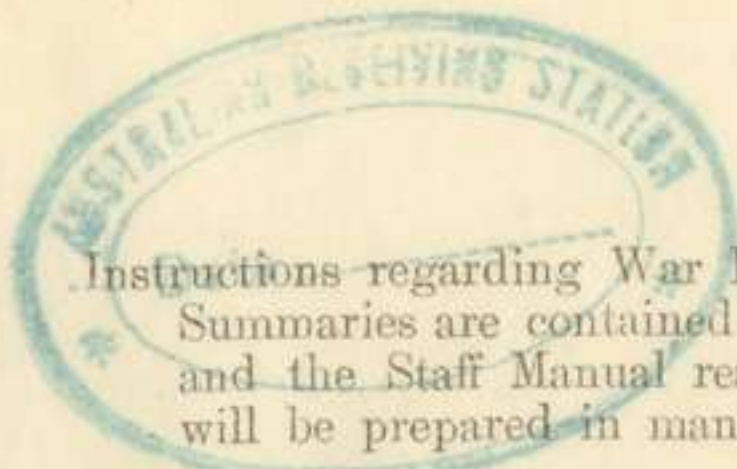
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JERICHO. K27	2.6.18	0900	Major Douglas, S.O.A.D.S., arrived from Cairo for the purpose of meeting the Aerial Officers of the Australian Mounted Division.	
		1100	Orders were received from H.Q. M.C.; Recamps through H.Q. M.C.; Ino. div, that the Receiving Station was to be prepared to move to a new site near the new metalled JERICHO - JERUSALEM Road - the exact site being selected by the O.C.	
		1130	Major G. Lowther-Clarke and Adj. #1 left left by car to inspect the proposed locality for the Aus. Rec. Stn, and decided upon a position 113 K 34 d 3.9 (Reference Maps Palestine Sheet 16)	
		1900	The 35th M.A.B.; Jerusalem was asked to provide transport for 33 stretcher cases, but they could only supply cars for 16. The H.Q. M.C. Recamps was notified of the shortage of transport, and he arranged for four Ford cars from Anso div, and a similar number from Ono div to evacuate the surplus patients.	
		1900	The daily casualty wire was as follows: - Anso div Sicker 24, Wounded 6; Total Sicker 4.9 Wounded 7; Evacuated 64; Discharged 6; Remaining 36.	
JERICHO, 113 K 34 d 3.9	3.6.18	0900	An advanced party proceeded to the new site to erect the tents, in order to prepare for the admission of patients on the following day. We received no patients during the day, instructions having been issued for all Ambulances to evacuate to Ono div Rec. Stn.	

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JETTICHO 113 K 34 d 3.9	3.6.18	0900	The Ambulance Co. S. A. Section attached to the Aus. Div. Rec. Stn, moved with the latter unit to a position slightly west of the Receiving Station.	
		1900	The following patients were treated by One Div. Receiving Station:- Ausdiv Sicoq 3 Sicker 27; Total Sicoq 4, Sicker 57; Evacuated 130, Discharged 3, Remaining 33.	
"	4.6.18	0700	The hospital was again ready for the reception of patients. In order to permit the One Div. Receiving Station to move, we admitted all patients during the day.	
"	"	1000	In order to ascertain the quantity of water required daily, the staff paraded for water. Two other ranks marched in from 3 rd A. Field Ambulance.	
"	"	1300	Major Douglas returned to base.	
"	"	1900	The daily casualty wire was as follows: Ausdiv, Sicoq 1 Sicker 28; Total Sicoq 2, Sicker 53, Wounded 3; Evacuated 55; Remaining 36.	
"	5.6.18	1200	The A.A.M.S., Ausdiv, was notified that the approaches to the new site, were bad, and litters could not reach the Station without being bogged.	Appendix 1
"	"	"	The A.A.M.S. was requested that some provision might be made for the disinfection of blankets etc.	Appendix 2
"	"	1900	The daily casualty wire was as follows:- Ausdiv Sicoq 2 Sicker 25; Total Sicoq 3, Sicker 55; Wounded 2; Evacuated 58; Remaining 50	Appendix 2 <i>[Signature]</i>

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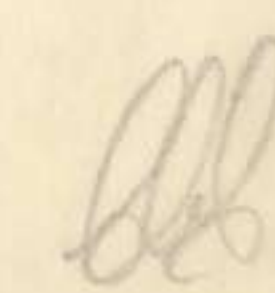
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JERICHO	6.6.18	1000	Cpl. J. Tindle was evacuated with Pyrexia P. G. H.	
113 K 34 a 3.9	"	1300	Colonel S. P. Dixon, A. D. M. S. Insdvw, visited the Receiving Station, and inspected the site and approaches.	
"	"	1900	The 35 th M. A. C. could not provide transport, and as 44 lying cases were awaiting evacuation the A. D. M. S.; Accorps; and A. D. M. S.; Insdvw were notified. Colonel B. M. Lewnes arranged for 8 Ford cars from Insdvw to evacuate the cot cases.	
"	"	1900	The daily casualty wire was as follows:- Insdvw, Sick 1, Sicker 31; Total, Sick 1, Sicker 46; Evacuated 66; Discharged 2; Remaining 54.	
"	7.6.18	1000	Lieut S. S. Grant returned from Port Said, and took charge of the Hygea Field Laboratory.	
"	"	1100	Five other ranks marched in from 113 K 34 a, while 15 other ranks arrived from 4 th F. A. Five of the 4 th Field Ambulance personnel returned to their unit. The A. D. M. S.; One div. sent four Ambulance wagons to Insdvw Rec. Stn, and they evacuated all their lying cases. No cars reported to this Station during the morning, with the result that we were unable to evacuate any cot case till 1500, when we received 5 Ford cars. <u>The</u> patients were sent forward by these.	
"	"	1500	Capt. Philip of Accorps sighted and inspected the roads and approaches to the area. It was arranged with him that a metal loop road 50 yds long should be constructed by the main metal road opposite the camp and that a single wire netting road should	

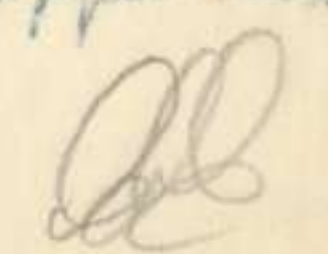


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PETICHO 13 K 342 B. 9	7.6.18		<p>lead off from this loop to the Receiving Station. The metal loop is to be used for heavy lorries which will pick up sitting cases here, while the wire road is to be used for motor ambulances only. It is not anticipated that these roads will be entirely satisfactory, because there is apparently insufficient wire available to construct a large tumbtable opposite the receiving tents of this Station and One div Rec. Stn. In addition, as the lorries cannot get any nearer to the Receiving Station than the loop road, owing to the softness of the ground, the kits of the sitting cases have to be carried 300 yards.</p>	
"	"	1600	<p>Capt. Tregear A. A. No. 6; marched out to One div. Train.</p>	
"	"	"	<p>Capt. P. J. B. Murphy proceeded to Cairo on dental leave.</p>	
"	8.6.18	1030	<p>A wire was received from A. A. No. 5, One div. stating that the Immobile Section of the 4th L. A. F. A would be replaced by the Immobile Section of 1st L. A. F. A. Endeavours were made to get into telephonic communication with the 1st Ambulance to ascertain what personnel and equipment was to march in to the Receiving Station, but all attempts were unsuccessful.</p>	
"	"	2230	<p>Capt. J. B. Gill with 18 OVB - 3 of whom were N. C. Os - 2 G. S. wagons, 1 water cart, 14 dr. horses, 3 riding horses, and equipment as shown on Appendix 3 marched in to replace the personnel of 4th L. A. F. A.</p>	<p>Appendix 3 </p>


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NETRICH 3/1/3+d 3.9	6.6.18	2230	As the 4 th F.S. Ambulance had 2 Officers and 43 other ranks with the Rec. Str., the numbers that marched in from the 1 st Ambulance were inadequate so endeavours were made to temporarily obtain some of the 2 nd personnel.	
"	9.6.18	0600	The daily casualty rate was as follows:- Killed, 1; Wounded 2; Total, 3; evacuated 2; Discharged 1; Remaining 2.	
"	"	1400	The Indian Section of the 1 st F.S. Ambulance commenced duty replacing most of the 4 th personnel.	
"	"	1930	The 4 th F.S. notified us by wire that 4 heavy ambulance cars from Omdurman would be parked at the Rec. Str. for duty. One of the cars reported and the remaining 3 were to be sent forward the following day.	
"	"	2000	The transport and escort personnel of the 4 th F.S. Ambulance, moved out with the mobile section of the 4 th F.S. Field Ambulance.	
"	"	2000	The daily casualty rate was as follows:- Killed, 1; Wounded 4; Total, 5; evacuated 6; Remaining of 57.	
"	10.6.18	1100	Eight of the personnel of the 4 th F.S. remained with the Recieving Station and the 23 demounted men, who were unable to proceed with the Mobile Unit on the previous day, went forward by motor lorries to TALAT-ET-DUMY.	
"	"	1730	The daily casualty rate was as follows:- Killed, 1; Wounded 24; Total, 25; evacuated 81; Discharged 1; Remaining 30.	
"	11.6.18	0700	Owing to the shortage of personnel, the Indian Section of the Recieving Station loaned 4 bearers to the British Section between 0730 and 1100 daily and a Sweeper from 1400 to 1800 daily.	



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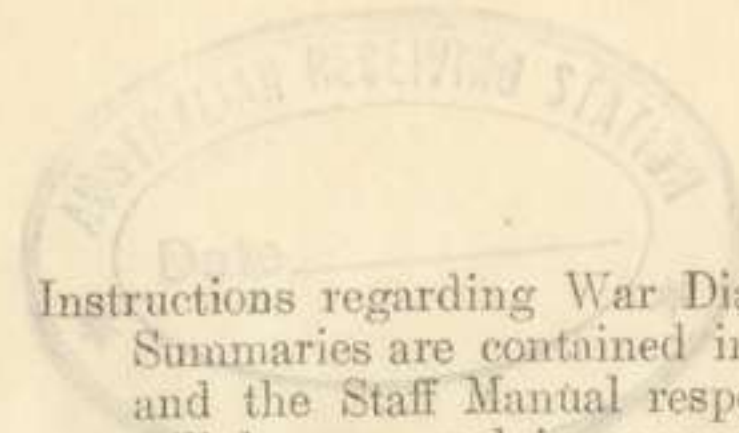
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113 K 3 + d. 3.9	11.6.18	0700	Lieut Col J.C. STOREY proceeded to SUEZ on Special Duty.	
"	"	1100	One ORB. of 3rd L.F.S. was evacuated with Ansebic Dysentery, and one ORB of 1st L.F.S. Fed Ambler admitted to hospital.	
"	"	1730	The daily casualty wire was as follows:- Ansebic Sicker 15; Total Sick 1. Sicker 25; Evacuated 32. Discharged 1; Remaining 32.	
"	12.6.18	0800	The position regarding the treatment of native civilians employed on the roads was becoming very unsatisfactory, and it was suggested that these persons should be sent to some central place where they could receive thorough treatment.	Appendix 4
"	"	1800	Difficulty was experienced in obtaining transport for stretcher cases. During the past seven days heavy cars could only be supplied on two occasions, and as the heavy cars loaned by Onediv had broken down, the question of evacuations became rather complicated. However, the A. A. M. D. promised to provide 7 cars from the 25th Army Corps, and the difficulty for the time being was overcome.	
"	"	2000	The daily casualty wire was as follows:- Ansebic, Sick 1, Sicker 36; Total Sick 1 Sicker 57; Evacuated AMRS 35, ORB 20; Remaining 57.	
"	13.6.18	1100	Capt C. B. Lodgeon of 1st Field Ambulance marched in from Enab, and was taken on the strength of the Rec. Str.	
"	"	1600	Colonel W. B. Hownes and Colonel Miland, A. A. M. C., visited and inspected the Receiving Station.	
"	"	2200	The daily casualty wire was as follows:- Ansebic, Sick 2, Sicker 23, Total Sick 3, Sicker 38; Evacuatioms, Ans Str 29, Onediv Str 15; Remaining 62.	



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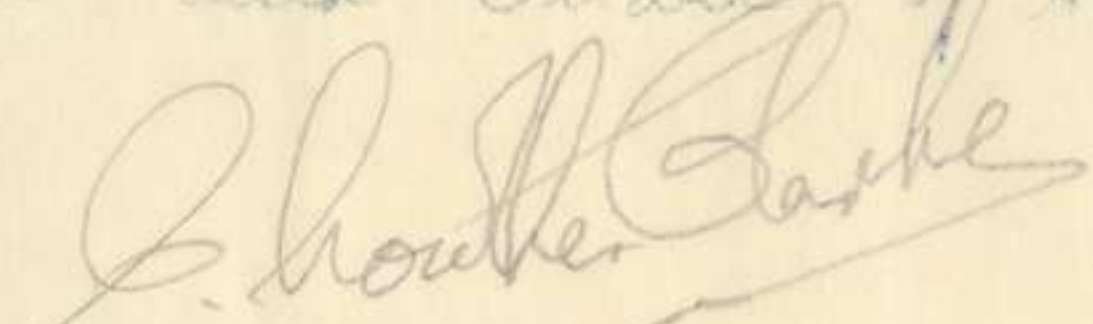
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TETICHO. 113/134 d 3.9	14.6.11	1200	The water was lightness, and in the Angas Lab. the dry bulb registered 115°F while the humidity ^{wet bulb} was 84.	
"	"	1800	An advanced party of the R.G. Fed Ambles consisting of 3 P.C.O's arrived.	
"	"	2000	The daily casualty wire was as follows:- Aus div Sinc 1, Sinc 20; Total Sinc 1, Sinc 49; evacuated Aus Sinc 57, One div Sinc 23; Remaining 44.	
"	15.6.11	0500	Major Trotter, Capt Frayer, and 20 O.C. with transport and equipment from R.G. Fed Ambles marched in.	
"	"	1000	Major Trotter assumed command of the Receiving Station, and the A. P. M. I was notified of the completion of the relief.	
"	"	1100	The seven other ranks loaned by the O.C. with R.G. Fed Ambles marched out to join their unit. These men proved of the greatest assistance and enabled us to carry on despite the fact that the Ambles Section of 1st L. R. Fed Ambles were considerably under strength.	
"	"	1200	As this Station has now become the Angas Receiving Station the Pan Harry is closed for the present.	
			Fluctuation in Station strength and charts of admissions & evacuations are attached	Appendices 5 and 6.


 Major
 O.C. Australian Receiving Station

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1	Bad approach to Receiving Station
2	Disinfection of blankets.
3	Equipment of 1 st Lt Field Ambulance.
4	Treatment of Patients.
5	Fluctuation in Strengths.
6	Chart of Admissions and Evacuations.

Clifford Clarke

Major

O.C. Australian Receiving Station



Appendix 1

I have to report that the approaches to this new site are very bad and it is impossible for lorries to reach the Station without risk of being "fogged".

The road is likely to become almost impossible for heavy ambulances in the near future. Will you kindly inspect this area with a view to having a road constructed.

(Signed) C. Jewther - Clarke Major.
O.C. Australian Rec. Station.



Appendix 2

May some provision be made, please for disinfecting blankets etc at this station. The facilities required could be shared with Ansediv Receiving Station.

In the meantime will you please say what is to be done with blankets etc from scabies cases and relapsing fever cases.

(Signed) E. Leithen Clarke Major.
OC Australian Rec. Station.

Appendix

Equipment of 1st L. H. F. Ambulance
 Ambulance section, brought to Aus. M.W.
 Receiving Station. 9/10/18.

Field service pannier No 1.	1
" " " " 2	1
Pannier of compressed Dressings	1
G. S. pannier of Drugs	1
Reserve Dressing box	1
Lamps - operating	1
Med. comft. pannier	1
Dressings - bags of -	2
Splints assorted bundles	2
" Thomas	3
G. S. Pannier (Extra Crockery)	1
Blankets G. S.	40
Tent operating	1
" O.H.L. complete	8
" " less poles	2
Flag poles - sets	1
Camp Kettle	5
Sawyer Stoves	1
Butcher's kit complete	1
Tent - small	2
Amb. stretchers	9
Sack (Bed pans, basins + urinals)	1
Orderly Room pannier	1
Latrine seat	2
Buckets	2
G. S. Pannier No 4 (Lamps)	1



Appendix 4

The position as regards civilians is very unsatisfactory. Large numbers of Bedouins employed on the roads in the neighbourhood - men, women, and children - are coming here daily for treatment.

The commonest ailments are debility, scurvy, sores, and eye troubles. Many of them are too ill to be properly treated here and others should have attention two or three times a day.

Almost all of these patients are leucy, and they bring swarms of flies into camp.

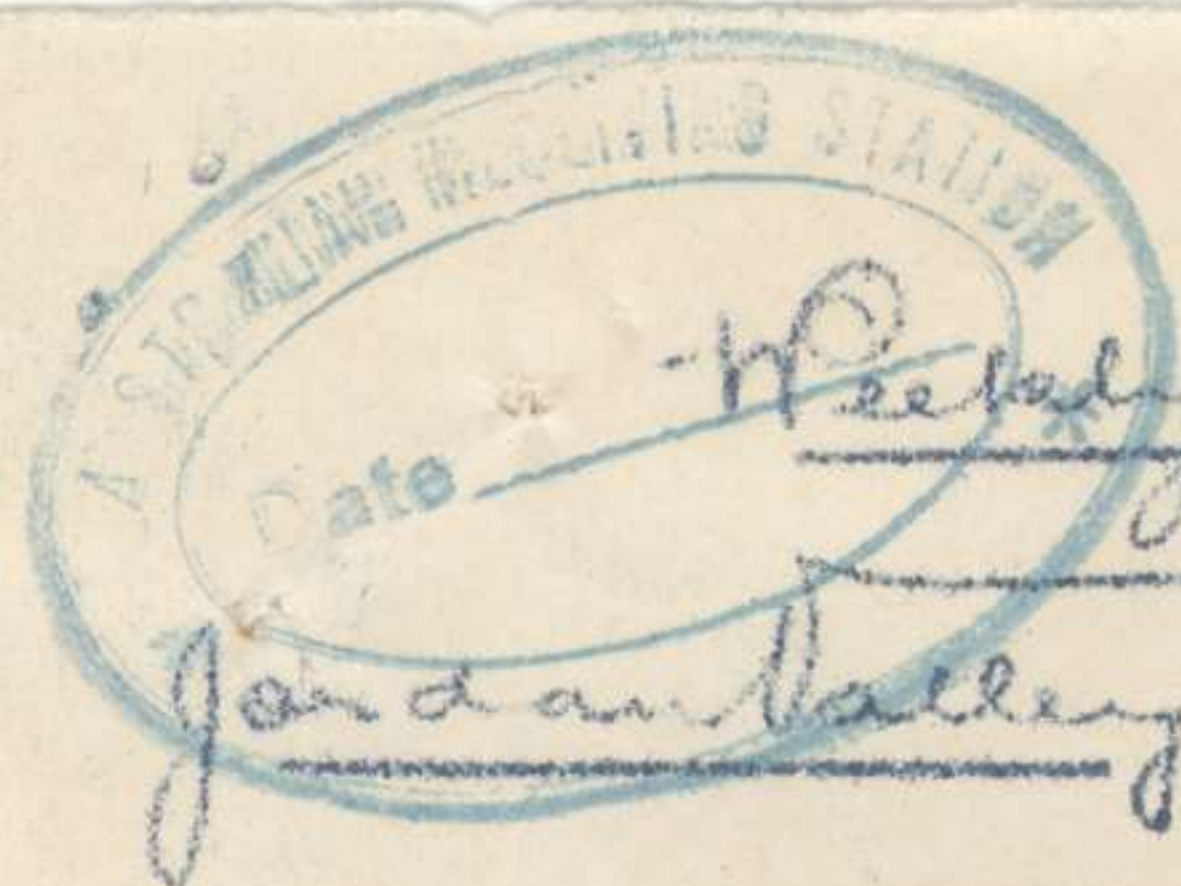
At present we are doing what we can for them in the dressing tent, but by reason of the lice they carry they are a menace to the health of others.

- (1) Are they all to be treated by us?
- (2) If they require frequent attention (e.g. acute ophthalmia cases) are we to let them come up several times a day, or to evacuate them?
- (3) Where are they to be evacuated to - men and women?
- (4) What is to be done if they refuse to go to Jerusalem?

If we are to treat all these people it is requested that native orderlies be attached here from the Egyptian Hospital, who understand their language.

It would be far more satisfactory for us if we could send these civilians to some central place where they can be understood and properly treated.

(Signed) C. Lowther-Blake. Major
OC Australian Receiving Station.



Appendix 5

Weekly Ration State of Aus. Rec. Serv.

Week ended 7th June 18.

Name of unit	Off	Drs	Pamms			Animals			
			E.L.B	B.T.B	A.T	Horses	Mules	Donkeys	Cattle
3rd Lt. H. F. S.	2	32	1	.	3	23	.	6	.
4th Lt. H. F. S.	1	33	.	8	4	4	18	4	21
How Train	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Radare	1	2	.	.	.	2	.	1	.
Operating Unit	1	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13 Dental Det	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Engac Lab.	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Apson Ambulance Reservoirs	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total	8	78	2	8	7	29	18	11	21

(Signed) C. J. Walker. Clarke Major
 Of Australian Rec. Serv.

Rations Issued from the Store.

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Period ended 14. 6. 11.

Place of issue	OH	OTH	Rations			Animals		
			S.L.S.	S.T.C.	S.S.C.	Horses	Mules	Donkeys
1st H. S. S.	2	19	.	.	1	19	.	.
2nd "	2	31	1	.	3	21	.	6
4th "	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
As done	.	2	.	.	.	2	.	1
Engine Lab	1	2	1	.	.	.	.	.
Operating Unit	.	6	.	.	.	.	.	.
H. S. S. Fuel	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total Gunpowder Reserves	1	12	.	.	.	.	.	.
	57	82	2	.	4	42	.	7

(Signed) C. L. ...
 D.B. ...

Chart of Admissions & Evacuations

Appendix 6

Admissions in black
Evacuations in red

