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TAALAT. 1.
7.18.

No oranges received to-day for issue to Troops of Descorps.

Two blacksmiths being sent down to Dead Sea Flotilla for duty in connection with construction of lighter.

One div Train short of 5 Native wheelers. They ask, if these cannot be supplied, could authority be obtained for substitution by British Wheelers. Take up with D.A.G. 3rd Echelon, and see if Native Wheelers can be sent forward.

The Special Emergency Ration for Indian Troops of Desert Mounted Corps has been approved as stated hereunder :-

This Ration is the equivalent of the Special Emergency not Iron Ration, which is carried by the British Troops of the Corps, and should not be confused with the Iron Ration carried by Indian Troops, which is described in G.R.O. 3098 dated 17-10-17, under the heading of INDIAN TROOPS - EMERGENCY SCALE. Special Emergency Ration INDIAN TROOPS of Descorps.

1 lb.	Biscuit.	6 ozs.	Milk.
4 oz.	Sugar.	$\frac{1}{2}$ oz.	Tea.

(QST/113 of 1-7-18.)

Corps H.Q. apply to D.Q.M.G. G.H.Q., for a Motor Car to be allotted these H.Q. for the joint use of D.D.V.S. and D.A.D.R. Motor Cars already held on establishment are fully occupied, and owing to the nature of the country constantly require to be overhauled.

TAALAT.

2.
7.18.

2nd Mounted Division come on strength of DESCORPS.

D.S.T. orders Capt. Nicholson D.A.D.T. (M.T.) to proceed to JERUSALEM to report on seemingly unsatisfactory condition of lorries 907 M.T. Company. Number in shops very large.

Lieut-Col. CUNNINGHAM, O.C. 2nd Mounted Divnl Train, visits., together with the S.S.O. -
Major. NAPIER.

A.A. & Q.M.G. advises Descorps Units that the supply of oranges will cease very soon. Ask if an issue of lemons in the same proportion in lieu thereof is desired.

TAALAT. 3.
7.18.

System of sending Native reinforcements from LUDD DEPOT to Units in the Field very unsatisfactory. Escorts sent down to collect natives have generally to work their own way back to their units with natives the best way they can. Sometimes walking the whole journey. Take matter up with A.A. & Q.M.G. to see if some better arrangement could be made.

Forward extracts from 1st Line Transport Inspection reports to "Q". Condition of vehicles all round unsatisfactory. - many new wheels are required. Point out to D.A. & Q.M.G. the urgent need of a brake and roller Scotch for Maltese carts, as without these accidents are liable to occur when travelling over hilly country. A.A. & Q.M.G. advises A.D.S. G.H.Q., that lemons are required to replace orange issue which has now ceased. 20,000 per diem required.

15 Civilian mechanics leave CAIRO to-day for shipbuilding at Dead Sea - namely:-

2 Centkers.	8 Riveters.
2 Hole-borers.	3 Platers.

4 Shipwrights, 22 E.L.C. Natives 2 Ship Fitters, are still required.

"M" Coy., C.T.C. marched into JERICHO at 0450 to-day. Strength as under :-

British Officers	... 6
Native Officer	... 1
N.C.O's	... 10
Natives	704
Camels	1201
Horses	22.

Following are the numbers of M.T. Drivers required by Lorry Companies with Descorps to complete to War Establishment :-

347 Company	42.
907 Company	22.
1038 Company.	17.
1039 Company.	13.

Advise A.D.T. accordingly.

TAALAT. 4.
7.18.

Advise D.A. & Q.M.G. that in accordance with the B.G.G.S's instructions all woodcutting has ceased in the Auja Valley, and all the Contractors' labourers that were engaged on that work have been moved into the JORDON VALLEY, South of the Ghoraniyeh Bridge. The Contractor informs me that he can supply 30 Tons of Wood daily, and so I propose to allot transport as follows:-

120 Camels to carry wood from forest to a place where M.T. Vehicles can load.

5 Lorries to make 3 Trips daily to carry to supply depot.

This will effect a saving of 10 lorries daily from JERUSALEM.

The Contract with Ibrahim Nazzar and Hanah Shemali has been cancelled, as it was for only one ton per day, and was very unsatisfactory, and the Palestine Contracting Coy., are now the only Contractors working in the Valley.

Instruct O.C. Descorps Supplies, JERICHO, to render Army Form. O.1680 to the C.R.E. Descorps for Rations issued to Contract labourers employed by him, and to O.C. Main Supplies, JERUSALEM, for rations issued to the Palestine Contracting Coy., copies being forwarded at the same time to the command Paymaster in EGYPT. Point out that the rations issued to Ordnance Labourers come under G.R.O. 3647 of 14-3-18.

Put up suggestion to A.D.T. G.H.Q. that a cheap cigarette issue be made to Native H.T. drivers employed with Divisional Trains. Train Commanders strongly recommend such an issue, which would be greatly appreciated, and tend to make the natives more contented. Ask if anything can be done in this matter.

Advise S.S.O's and S.O's that the following articles are also to be requisitioned through the Administrators, Occupied Enemy Territory, in future :-

LENTILS. POTATOES. VEGETABLES. ONIONS. EGGS.

A.A.G. A.I.F. in EGYPT advises O.C. A.A.S.C. in EGYPT that the G.O.C. A.I.F., in EGYPT is prepared to authorise a Provl. Establishment of M.T. Drivers to be attached for purposes of administration to the Divnl Trains. List to be obtained of drivers whom it is desired to transfer. Such men to be tested and if suitable, transferred to the A.A.S.C. and granted the tempy rank of "M.T. Driver" only whilst performing the duties of M.T. Driver.

TAALAT.

4.
7.18.

G.H.Q. wire Motor Boat No.8 left KANTARA on 3-7-18 for Dead Sea Flotilla.
"I" Company C.T.C. left JERICHO for Kilo 13, night July 3rd/4th. Leave Kilo 13 for LIFTA night July 4th/5th when they come under orders of Inspector, C.T.C.

A.A. & Q.M.G. advises that the suggestion regarding fitting of brakes to Maltese Carts has already been taken up with G.H.Q., and trials are being made with this fitting.

Inform O.C. Main Supplies, JERUSALEM, that the Fuelwood Contract held with Ibrahim Nazzar, and Hanah Shemali was cancelled on the 30th June, and will terminate 7 days after that date. Arrangements should be made to close the account of these people accordingly, and for the return of the £20 deposit on completion of Contract.

D.S.T. calls for estimated requirements of Tarpaulins for next rainy season.

5.
7.18.

Motor Boat No.8 proceeding to TAALAT-ED-DUMM to-night. Leave TAALAT-ED-DUMM night of 6th for Dead Sea Flotilla.

Send following wire to Capt. J.A. TOOP, A.S.C. O.C. Dead Sea Flotilla :-

"S.1928. You will proceed to KANTARA forthwith to take over command of Motor Boat Company there AAA 2/Lieut. MACKINTOSH will take over supervision and running of Motor Boats and construction new lighter on Dead Sea AAA Acknowledge report your departure by wire AAA Move authority D.S.T.P.76/660 dated 2nd inst).

Bring to the notice of D.A. & Q.M.G. the reports of D.A.D.T. (M.T.) and A/S.M.T.O. the serious position of Corps Lorry transport. Owing to such large numbers requiring repair - practically 25% daily of the number allotted. As the Troops of the Corps are to increase shortly, ask if representation could be made to G.H.Q. for another Lorry Company to be attached to the Corps.

TAALAT. 5.
7.18.

D.S.T. wires Corps H.Q. as follows:-

"T.4227/M - You will strike camp and proceed with Workshop and Store Lorries and 3 Sections of 15 Lorries each of your Company, less those in Workshops, leaving LATRON not later than 1000 July 6th for JERUSALEM, where you will be attached to Descorps AAA You will report to S.M.T.O. Descorps at 347 M.T. Company, near JERUSALEM STATION AAA S.M.T.O. will allot you Camp site AAA Section remaining at LATRON will be attached 1040 M.T. Coy. LATRON, pending further instructions AAA 10 of the lorries proceeding to JERUSALEM will form part of daily details for supplies from LATRON to JERUSALEM, and will then report to S.M.T.O. Descorps AAA Acknowledge and report departure by wire AAA Addressed 1010 M.T. Company repeated Descorps and 1040 M.T. Company."

Corps H.Q. put forward to D.Q.M.G. G.H.Q., a strong recommendation that another Lorry Coy., be attached Desert Corps for the following reasons :-

- (a) The number of Troops in this area has increased.
- (b) The average number of lorries in workshops amounts to more than the strength of a Company.
- (c) The large demand for Ordnance, R.E. and Canteen Stores.
- (d) The number of E.L.C. natives in the area has increased.
- (e) 5 Lorries are loaned to C.R.E for Road making.

Recently the full demands for the transport of Ordnance and Canteen Stores have not been able to be met. The G.O.C. of the Corps attaches great importance to the delivery of Canteen Stores. Last years experience proved that the possibility of obtaining these stores affected materially the health of the Troops.

Forward D.A.D.T. (M.T's) report on M.T. Vehicles of Corps H.Q. and "W" Corps Signals to S.M.T.O. Under conditions cars of Corps H.Q. are working, D.A.D.T. considers they are in good condition. The N.C.O. i/c (Cpl. Jarvis) is doing good work under difficult conditions, and deserves credit for his efforts

D.S.T. wires Corps H.Q. as follows:-

"ST.5028. Arrangements made for collection lemons instead Oranges AAA Despatch of 20,000 daily to JERUSALEM from LUDD will commence in few days AAA Addsd Descorps reptd Jerusalem."

TAALAT. 6.
7.18.

Wire S.M.T.O., Descorps and Descorps Supplies, Jericho as follows:-

"S.1930. 5 Albion Lorries after unloading Supplies at Jericho will report to Lieut. Stratton for permanent duty carrying wood AAA Arrange for these Lorries to proceed tomorrow AAA Acknowledge."

Wire "M" Camels Jericho and Descorps Supplies, Jericho as follows:-

"S.1931. Arrange for further 110 Camels making 120 in all to be detailed for wood carrying from Jordan AAA These Camels will stay down there rations being taken to spot to be indicated by wood lorries daily AAA Acknowledge."

1010 M.T. Company arrive JERUSALEM.

TAALAT.

7.
7.18.

Corps H.Q. write D.Q.M.G., G.H.Q. asking if the decision with regard to the issue of a car to the Officer performing the duties of S.M.T.O. with Desert Mtd. Corps could be re-considered.

Corps H.Q. point out that when an S.M.T.O. was available, he and his Adjutant were each given a car. When the S.M.T.O. was taken away his car was taken with him. The reason for this is not clear, for if an S.M.T.O. requires a car, surely the Officer performing the duties of S.M.T.O. requires one also. The fact that this Officer also commands an M.T. Company does not, effect the case, as his second in command has now to perform a proportion of the duties of a Company Commander, which duties also require the use of a car.

A.A. & Q.M.G., D.M.C. advises that commencing from 8th. inst., all returning empty lorries will proceed from JERICHO Plain to JERUSALEM via the road (ROMAN) AAA This road will be closed between hours of 0900 and 1400 to all traffic which must move by New Road (SOUTHERN) during these hours AAA No Lorries are to enter Roman Road from the Plain after 1400.

O.C. Australian Train writes asking whether an issue of DRIES can be made to the Mules of the Australian Mounted Division, whilst the present shortage of Hay exists. Put up to "Q" pointing out that the request is universal throughout the Corps, and ask if an issue of 2 lbs. Dries daily can be made.

A.D.T. proposes to carry out an Inspection of the Anzac Train at JERICHO on Friday 12th July, 1918, at 1100. Inform O.C. Anzac Train accordingly.

Advise Descorps Supply Officers that owing to their value Sheep Skins and Cattle Hides will be taken on charge, and accounted for in A.F. F.753's in future. Forward copy of procedure to be adopted as laid down by D.S.T. G.H.Q. in his instructions to this office.

TAALAT. 7.
7.18.

The following is a copy of letter forwarded to D.Q.M.G., by Corps Commander :-

"May I bring the following points to your notice.

"In a letter from the D.S.T. No. S.P.4/3 dated 22-3-18, the point was raised as to the advisability of employing extra British and Native personnel for Supply Duties between Supply Depots and Divisional Trains. In a subsequent letter No.S.P. 4/3 dated 2-6-18-, it was stated that the suggestions had been turned down on the grounds that the reasons for this increase no longer existed.

I would like to point out, however, that ever since my command has moved into this area the necessity for the provision of such personnel has been found very necessary and Australian A.S.C. have been specially brought from MOASCAR to meet the requirements of the Supply Depot at JERICHO, for all troops in the VALLEY.

As G.O.C. A.I.F. in EGYPT, I have no objection to this being done, but I think the necessity for the employment of this extra personnel should be recognised, and that an allotment of British Supply Personnel should be made to the 1st and 2nd Mounted Divns to assist in this matter. I would suggest that the number of personnel be allotted should be on the lines indicated in letter No. S.P.4/3 dated 22-3-18, from the D.S.T."

TAALAT. 8.
7.18.

Put forward A.F. W.3025's for promotion of following T.2/Lieutenants to rank of Lieutenant :-

T.2/Lieut. A.P. BURMAN.	T.2/Lieut. E. CARLISH.	T.2/Lieut. N.H. CONSTABLE.
::: Sir. C.G. LAMPSON.	::: W.S. MACKINTOSH.	::: J.D.J. WILLIAMS.
::: H.L. YONGE.	::: R.J. McELDOWNEY.	::: W. MORRISON.

TAALAT. 8.
7- 18.

A.D.S.T. and A/S.M.T.O. proceed to ROMAN ROAD to watch returning Lorries from JERICHO.
Found no undue strain being put on lorries in climbing the gradients.

A.D.T. E.E.F. asks Corps H.Q. if following times and dates are in every way suitable for inspection of :-

1038 Coy.	1100.	907 Coy.	1145.
347 Coy.	1230.	1039 Coy.	1430.

A.A. & Q.M.G. asks for remarks. Point out to him that the times stated are suitable if only the camp has to be inspected. All lorries will be on the road, and do not arrive back until between 1500 and 1700.

S.S.O. ANZACS. wires considerable difficulty experienced in obtaining full supply of candles and salt for horses daily, and that units were complaining.

Forward copy of D.S.T.'s letter to D.A. & Q.M.G. reference scarcity of candles. Indents on S.O.'s to be reduced to actual requirements. Instructions being issued to Officers i/c Supply Depots only to issue on demands, and according to strict scale and not as a matter of course.

Ask for Corps Order to be inserted on this matter, drawing attention to present scale which is:-

1 Candle per 10 men per night.

To Officers for each authorised Candle lamp, 5 lbs. Candles per month., or one private lamp, provided they are not in possession of a lamp issued by A.O.D.

TAALAT. 9.
7.18.

Visit Jerusalem and investigate shortage of wood existing at present time. Make arrangements for as large a supply as possible to be sent from Jordon Valley to Jerusalem by empty returning lorries, for use of Descorps Troops in that area.

Descorps Supplies instructed to send down as much salt as Jericho requires. Find there is no shortage of salt.

Instruct S.M.T.O. regarding move of 907 M.T. Coy., A.S.C. which is to take place shortly.

Wire Dead Sea Flotilla - repeating Descorps Supplies, JERICHO, as follows :-

"S.1977. 3 Days reserve rations all Troops to be held at your post AAA Arrange draw and report this office by wire when complete."

Boat No.8 launched Dead Sea to-day.

Issue of Field Dressings to C.T.C.:-

" At the rate of 1 per man for 1st.Line Companies.

50% of strength for other Companies.

(D.O.S., G.H.Q. O.C./4731/6.7.18.).

A.A.& Q.M.G., D.M.C. points out to all Units of Corps the urgent necessity for the return of Tibben Bands to nearest Supply Depot.

TAALAT. 10.
7.18.

Advise "M" Camels and Descorps Supplies, JERICHO, that 80 additional camels are to be made available for wood carrying in JORDON VALLEY.

Dead Sea "WENDY" out of action. Wire D.A.D.T. (M.T.) for spares required.

Instruct 2nd Mounted Divisional Train to draw 2 days S.E. Rations for all Troops, and bring Supply Situation up to the same meal for all Units.

Following wire received from Supplies, JERUSALEM :-

"MZ/902. Have only sufficient Barley for 1½ days at 4 lb AAA Am advised by O.C. M.S.D., KANTARA cannot expect more for three days AAA Biscuits very low owing to large demand for weekly turnover and extra demand by Indians due to lack of wood AAA Can issue gram for forage and M. & V."

Supply of Wood sent back from JORDON VALLEY to TAALAT-ED-DUMM and BETHLEHEM (Ausdiv.)

One Section 907 M.T. Coy., proceed from Descorps to LATRON. Instructions issued by S.M.T.O. to O.C. Company for camp site recently occupied at LATRON by 1010 Coy., to be taken over on arrival there, and advice sent A.D.T. Arrangements made for the remaining sections of 1010 Coy., to report to S.M.T.O. Descorps, JERUSALEM, on arrival of Section 907 Company at LATRON.

Naval

All ~~Native~~ Officers and Ratings withdrawn from Dead Sea Flotilla.

D.Q.M.G. replies to Corps Commander, reference notes on 7-7-18 :-

"With reference to your Q.5/1499 of 7th July, it is regretted that, even if this scheme were approved, the necessary personnel are not available here. They would have to come from home, and there is not the slightest chance of the addition being sanctioned. Under the present conditions XXth and XXIst Corps do not require this extra personnel."

TAALAT. 11.
7.18.

Visit the Jordan Valley with D.A. & Q.M.G. of the Corps and look into Native Wood Contract. Ample supplies of wood in sight yet, but General Staff consider that the camels are in a too exposed position, and have ordered their withdrawal from YAHUD to AIN HAJLAH. Representations made to D.A. & Q.M.G. for the hours of the contract labourers to be extended, commencing earlier in the morning and working later in the evening, to obviate the working of labourers during the mid-day, owing to the intense heat in the scrub.

Ask "Q" to draw attention of Units to method of bundling up of Tibben Bands. Instructions laid down in G.R.O.4020 of 2.6.18. not being complied with.

Reply to the D.S.T. reference Tarpaulins. No. on hand in the Corps = 28.
No. still required = 82.

D.S.T. replies as follows regarding suggested issue of Cigarettes to Natives (A.S.C., H.T.):—

"No.404. 8.7.18. A similar question was referred last October when the Director of Labour asked for an issue of Cigarettes to E.L.C.

The proposal was turned down, because the issue would have to be made general to all Egyptian Natives and not only to one class: also on account of extra expense and shipping difficulties. Shipping difficulties come into the question because it was stated that cigarettes locally made in EGYPT were not popular: so, as far as this Directorate is concerned, no action can be taken, but if Headquarters of your Corps wish to take up the matter, application should, of course, be sent to D.Q.M.G."

~~A.D.T. accompanied by D.A.D.S.T., and A/S.M.T.O. inspects M.T. Lorry Companies with Desert Mounted Corps. A.D.T. expressed himself satisfied with all seen.~~

TAALAT. 12.
7.18.

A.D.T. inspects Anzac Train at work in the JORDAN VALLEY.

Instructions issued to 2nd.Mtd.Dvnl.Train to send one N.C.O. and 6 O.R's to report Descorps Supplies, JERICHO to assist in the distribution of supplies.

Instructions issued to 1st.Mtd.Dvnl.Train to send one N.C.O. and 6 O.R's to report Descorps Supplies, JERUSALEM to assist in the distribution of Supplies.

A.D.T. makes technical inspection of vehicles and shops of 347 M.T.Coy., A.S.C., JERUSALEM.

Following wire addressed by A.D.T., 1st.Echelon to Detachment 1010 M.T.Coy., LATRON:-

"T.4256/M. You will proceed with your detachment on 12th. July and report to your Company Headquarters at Jerusalem AAA Thirteen of the lorries will take supplies en route Latron to Jerusalem."

Descorps Supplies, Jerusalem wire:-

"KE.92. No Live Sheep being sent forward at present owing to an outbreak of pneumonia among them AAA Will be issued after inspection by Vety.Officer."

15 Lorries 1010 M.T.Coy. arrived at H.Q. of Company Jerusalem to-day.

D.Q.M.G. writes that the War Office have definitely refused to sanction the appointment of an S.M.T.O. for Desert Mounted Corps, consequently there is no allowance made for a car for him on the Establishment.

TAALAT. 13.
7.18.

Ask D.S.T. when Lemons are expected to arrive at JERUSALEM for issue to Troops in JORDAN VALLEY.
D.S.T. replies:-
ST.5127. First consignment leaves LUDD tomorrow AAA Hope to maintain daily supply thereafter.

Move of 907 M.T. Company from Descorps completed. 1010 M.T. Coy. now serving with Corps - first portion of this Company arrived on 6.7.18.

Descorps Supplies, Jerusalem advises Live Sheep on issue again. M.S.D. have no Barley - Jericho asking for 2 S.E.Rtns. for 10.000 horses - D. Supplies ask if Gram should be taken. Wire not to take Gram for S.E.Rtns.

Dead Sea Flotilla advise 3 days reserve rations drawn and complete.

A.D.T. E.E.F. advises Thorneycroft Motor Boat being despatched from KANTARA to DEAD SEA FLOTILLA.

Make arrangements for despatch of 2 Evinrude Motors, which were withdrawn from the Whalers on the Dead Sea, and which are now in the workshops with the Dead Sea Flotilla, to D.I.M.T., P.L. of C., at the Advanced B. M.T. Sub-Depot, KANTARA.

14.
7.18.

Great dislocation in M.T. Lorry Transport. Operations in progress, and roads kept clear in case ammunition and Troops required to be pushed forward. Only few lorries sent forward with Supplies in the early morning. Transport situation improves about 1030, and usual convoys sent forward. Wire D.A.D.T. details of personnel required for Boat Construction Dead Sea. M.S.S. Shipwright. Welder & Plant. Painter. Coppersmith. Marine Engineers. Storekeeper. Clerk.

Arrange for 30 Lorries returning from JERICHO tomorrow to load with prisoners at JERICHO DUMP.

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TAALAT. 7.18.

A.D.T. accompanied by A:D.S. & T., D.M.C., and A/S.M.T.O., inspects M.T. Lorry Companies serving with Desert Mounted Corps. A.D.T. expressed himself satisfied with all seen.

D.A. & Q.M.G., sends following letter to G.O.C. Right Sector.

"QST/17. Reference woodcutting in the Jordon Valley. Firwood is now obtained by means of contract. Owing to the shortage of firewood in this country this Corps is dependent on its fuel from this source, it is therefore important that, as far as the tactical situation admits, every facility should be given to the wood-cutters working under this contract. The wood-cutters are now working in the belt of foliage, which runs along the right bank of the JORDON. From there it is carried by camels to a refilling point, where it is transferred to lorries.

It is therefore important that the wood-cutters and camels should live as close to their work as possible. The actual camping sites for camels and wood-cutters will be decided by the G.O.C. Right Sector.

The general principle as to where and to what extent the ground is cleared to obtain this wood will also be decided by the G.O.C. Right Sector.

Any change of location of Camp site of camels or woodcutters ordered by G.O.C. Right Sector, is to be at once communicated to these Headquarters.

The disposal of the wood-cutters and camels in the event of operations will be arranged by the G.O.C. Right Sector."

D.A.D.T.(M.T.) wires:-

"W.143. Clerk and Storekeeper proceeded Dead Sea to-day AAA Welder and Plant ordered up from Alexandria AAA Where is Mackintosh getting marine engineers and shipwrights from."

TAALAT. 16.
7.18.

O.C., Boat Construction Dead Sea wires:-
"Engineer - Pte.W.Hay, Cairo. Shipwright - Pte.Adams , 347 Company." Inform D.A.D.T.(MT).

D.A.D.T.(M.T.) wires later that he has wired for Hay. Presumes Pte.Adams will be detailed by this Office from 347 M.T.Coy. Pte.Adams, however, is under instructions to proceed to Kantara and from there to Alexandria to await embarkation to U.K. for work in shipyards.

Following are details of Camel and Lorry Convoys for last three days:-

Camels 14th.	15th.	16th.
1st.A.L.H.BRIGADE 340	N.Z.BRIGADE 217	2nd.A.L.H.BRIGADE 218
I.S.C.BRIGADE 200	20th.I.I.BRIGADE 40	E.L.C. 50
E.L.C. 50	E.L.C. 50	I.S.C.BRIGADE 200
WOOD 200	WOOD 200	ANZACS 36
D.A.C. 6	D.A.C. 6	WOOD 200
REST CAMP 9	REST CAMP 9	1st.A.L.H.BRIGADE * 50
TWODIV H.Q. 4	TWODIV H.Q. 4	D.A.C. 6
1st.A.L.H.BRIGADE * 50	1st.A.L.H.BRIGADE 50*	REST CAMP 9
"M" COY.DETAILS 180	"M" Coy.DETAILS 150	TWODIV H.Q. 4
<u>1039</u>	<u>726</u>	<u>180</u>
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Used for 1st.Line.

Lorries 14th.	15th.	16th.
WORKSHOPS 50	WORKSHOPS 52	WORKSHOPS 49
SUPPLIES 183	SUPPLIES 183	SUPPLIES 190
OTHER DETAILS 14	OTHER DETAILS 12	OTHER DETAILS 18
STANDING DETAILS 23	STANDING DETAILS 23	STANDING DETAILS 23
AVAILABLE 12	AVAILABLE 12	AVAILABLE 2
<u>282</u>	<u>282</u>	<u>282</u>
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TAALAT. 16.
7.18.

Following are the details of Potatoe shortages in Desert Mounted Corps Area during period June 1st. to July 12th. inclusive:-

June 2nd.	5243 lbs.	June 4th.	5750 lbs.	Onions drawn in lieu.
<u>July 10th.</u>	2800 lbs.			Onions drawn in lieu.

As a result of enquiries made by the D.A.D.S.& T. into the wood contract in Jordan Valley, report to D.A.& Q.M.G. as follows:-

"The Iscav Brigade have agreed to the wood camels being camped at L.28.b.80 near the Lorry refilling point. There is plenty of water there for them, and they do not interfere in any way with other troops.

They have also agreed to the wood cutters being camped in the hills just south of the Yehud Monastery, and are making arrangements for them to start work at 0500 each day,, leaving off during the heat, and commencing again at about 1500 until dusk.

There should therefore be no trouble in connection with the wood cutting, as both camels and natives are well ~~sep~~ away from other troops, and will only be moved when the tactical situation demands it."

17.
7.18.

Advise D.A.D.T.(M.T.) that the O.C., Motor Boat Construction Dead Sea states Boss & Herjboom, Ismailia could supply a civilian shipwright to replace Pte.Adams who is proceeding to U.K.

TAALAT. 18.
7.18.

Reference instructions issued to the 2nd.Mtd.Dvnl.Train for despatch of 1 N.C.O. and 6 O.R's for duty with Descorps Supplies, Jericho, O.C., 2nd.Train writes:-

"Personnel is being sent. I would however bring to your notice that I only have the Supply Details of the 3 Train Companies here with which to feed the Division, and also about 20 Units not belonging to the Divn. The Supply details of I.C.Bde.Coy. necessarily remain at SURAFEND to feed their Brigade and the balance of 2nd.Mtd.Dvnl.Troops at DEIRAN.

I feel that by handing over 1 N.C.O. and 6 O.R's I am being cut down below what is workable and safe, apart from the question of sickness and I would be glad if the order might be cancelled."

Reply to 2nd.Mtd.Dvnl.Train that the personnel at present running the Depots at JERICHO and JERUSALEM have been drawn from Anzac and Ausdiv Trains, supplemented by men from the A.A.S.C. Training Depot, MOASCAR. The extra men are urgently required for reinforcements, and so the 1st. and 2nd.Mtd.Dvnl.Trains have been instructed to send a quota to assist in working these Depots. The two Australian Divisions are still bearing the brunt of the work, as they are supplying 38 out of the 50 men required."

Advise I., C.T.C., 1st.Echelon that Turks shelled the camels of "M" Coy., C.T.C. attached to the 3rd.L.H.Bde. in the hill for the carrying of rations from a refilling point to the firing line on the 16th.instant, causing the following casualties:-

1 native killed - 3 wounded.

3 camels killed - 6 wounded.

Also that "V" Coy., C.T.C. have sent down relief camels to the various R.F.A Brigades belonging to XXth.Corps, which are attached to this Corps temporarily, and the camels relieved have been returned to "V" Coy., C.T.C. Point out that instructions were that these reliefs were to be found from "M" Coy., C.T.C., but in consultation with the D.I.C.T.C., XXth.Corps it was decided to leave "V" Coy.Camels with these Brigades, owing to the fact that same are only on loan to Desert Mounted Corps, and are likely to be withdrawn very shortly.

Wire A.D.S., G.H.Q., that serious shortage Barley, Dries and Sucrapaille exists. Ask if these items may be ordered forward.

Following are Company Numbers allotted 2nd Mounted Divnl Train :-

H.Q. Coy., - 1103. 2nd Bde Coy. - 1044. 3rd Bde.Coy - 1104. 4th Bde Coy - 1105.

TAALAT.

19.
7.18.

Reference my notes on 7-7-18, re suggested issue of Dries daily being made., "Q" advises that it is not considered advisable to make any change at present.

S.S.O. Anzacs wires :-

"No wood available for 1st Bde for issue 20th inst AAA M.S.D. state none on hand AAA Can anything be done please to have an issue brought from Jericho."
Arrange with Jericho to despatch 6 Lorry loads of wood to JERUSALEM, and 3 loads to TAALAT on returning lorries to-morrow.

G.O.C. Desert Mounted Corps writes D.A.G. G.H.Q., as follows :-

"Owing to the shortage of A.S.C. H.T. Drivers Class "B"., employed with the Indian Combd Field Ambulances, could not this personnel be replaced advantageously by Indian R.G.A., or Indian Transport Drivers who are at present in the Country, provided the British N.C.O's and artificers are retained.

It is considered that this change would be in the interests of the service, and that the shortage of A.S.C. H.T. drivers now felt in these Units would be overcome.

It is also considered that there would be no difficulty anticipated through any of these Indian drivers being unable to speak English.

May this suggestion be taken up, as owing to the shortage of A.S.C. H.T. Drivers a certain amount of difficulty is being caused in some Units in properly maintaining their Transport."

TAALAT. 20.
7.18.

D.A. & Q.M.G. forwards reports received from D.Q.M.G., G.H.Q., on inspection of Lorry Coys (Nos: 347, 1010, 1038, 1039.) attached Desert Mounted Corps., carried out by A.D.T. E.E.F., on 15-7-18. Companies found to be in a very satisfactory condition. Corps Commander very satisfied with reports.

A.D.S.T. and S.M.T.O. visit Dead Sea Flotilla and with O. i/c Boat Construction (2/Lieut. MACKINTOSH) discuss the installation of engine in captured boat, and installation of Opel engine in Boat. No.8. Inspection Flotilla very satisfactory, and work generally progressing favourably.

Descorps Supplies, JERUSALEM, advise Grain arrived at Depot, and issue being made all round for horses as follows:-

Barley	7 lbs.
Gram	2 lbs.
Millet	1 lb..

TAALAT. 21.
7.18.

O.E.T.A. ask Corps Headquarters if Fuelwood could be made available for them from the JORDON Valley. Wood required by O.E.T.A. for 12 Institutions in JERUSALEM and the Govmt Hospitals in Bethlehem and Ramallah.

Send following wire to Supplies, JERICHO, and Military Governor, JERUSALEM :-

"Arrange that 3 Lorry loads of Fuelwood are delivered to representative of Military Governor JERUSALEM at the Damascus Gate each Monday, commencing to-morrow 22nd instant AAA Wood to be waybilled and receipt obtained."

Corps H.Q. forward following letter to D.Q.M.G., G.H.Q.:-

"The Establishment of 6 Ford Motor Ambulance cars per Mtd.Bde.F.Amb. is considered insufficient under present conditions in this Corps. So long as these conditions obtain, an increased carrying capacity will be necessary.

The supply of extra cars from the 35th.M.A.C. has proved altogether uncertain, and had it not been for the help of the XXth.Corps in this direction, it would have been impossible on frequent occasions for more than half the daily admissions to have been evacuated from the Jordan Valley.

Obviously cars can only be obtained from the XXth.Corps when there is a comparative inactivity on that Front. At any time this source of help may be cut off.

Further, the use of Ford Ambulances on the road from JERICHO to JERUSALEM results in there being considerable numbers of these cars constantly undergoing repair.

It is suggested, therefore, as a temporary measure, that 2 Heavy Motor Ambulances be issued to each Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance, and that two Ford Motor Ambulances be withdrawn in their places. This would mean an increase equivalent to 2 Ford Ambulances per Ambulance, and, would to a certain extent, obviate the necessity of using light cars on the Jerusalem trip."

A.D.S.& T. visited DEAD SEA, and in company with the O.i/c Dead Sea Post and 2/Lieut.W.S. MACKINTOSH, A.S.C. (O.i/c Motor Boat Construction) inspted the rendezvous selected for the boats in the event of an attack on Post. Place selected quite suitable for water, but doubtful if supplies could be carried to Flotilla, if enemy holding North End of Dead Sea. 2/Lt.Mackintosh instructed to consult Intelligence to find if road exists further south by which communication could be established.

TAALAT. 22.
7.13.

Wire S.M.T.O. to arrange one lorry to report P.O. JERUSALEM for conveyance of 30 Woodcutters to JORDAN VALLEY to-morrow. These are additional labourers in connection with Wood contract held with Palestine Contracting Company.

G.O.C. 1st Mounted Division writes D.A. & Q.M.G. as follows:-

"Reference to G.R.O. 4101 of 19-6-18, which authorises the adoption of long rein driving four in hand, for all G.S. WAGONS in a Mounted Corps, and orders the return of reins, bit, (less 25% to be kept for watering purposes) and of all saddles, S.A., drivers, to A.O.D. when long reins are in possession.

I would like to point out that while in normal circumstances, and with trained drivers, long rein driving is preferable, there are occasions when it is not practicable owing to the nature of the country, or the inexperience of the drivers to drive a team of 4 mules with long reins.

Again, drivers of 1st Line wagons have not the necessary experience, and are constantly being changed, owing to sickness and other causes. This applies to Indian Regiments to a greater degree because they have no drivers trained to drive four in hand.

At the present time, the Divisional Train have a large number of Class "B" men and Egyptian Native drivers who are not competent to handle a team of four mules in difficulty country.

They have had practically no training in driving, and are constantly being changed.

This case is not parallel with that of the Australians, whose drivers have been long accustomed to driving, especially in teams. Their drivers are not constantly changed as ours have been owing to the Man Power Scheme, Trade Tests &c.,

The retention, therefore, of saddles, or a percentage of them, is also desirable for watering purposes. Sometimes during operations, mules and transport horses have to be ridden long distances to water, and to ride a mule and lead two or three others some 10 to 15 miles bareback is a hardship on the men, who are probably tired and overworked at such times.

It is therefore requested that at least 50% of reins, bit, and saddles may be retained."

D.A. & Q.M.G. forwards letter on for my remarks. See copy of reply next sheet:-

TAALAT. 22.
7.18.

The following is ^{my} ~~sub~~ reply to D.A. & Q.M.G.,
"Reference attached.

It is pointed out that the Trains and First Line have been practically working with Long Rein driving for nearly twelve months, and as far as the Trains are concerned, this has proved entirely successful.

Para.4. Arrangements are being made for Egyptian Army personnel for Mounted Divnl Trains to be trained in long rein driving, and drivers have been sent from each Mounted Divnl Train to assist in the Training of these drivers, and as they are enlisted under Egyptian Army Regulations, they will be permanently attached to the Trains eventually posted to, thus ensuring that a Train will always have its full quota of qualified drivers. The last portion of the paragraph quoted will not, therefore, apply.

Para.5. The question - retention of a percentage of saddles etc., - was carefully gone into at the time this was under discussion. It is pointed out that the occasions on which these people have to ride 10 to 15 miles to water, are very few and far between, and it is not considered that for these very few occasions this number of useless saddles should be retained or carried about."

TAALAT.

23.
7.18.

Shortage of Haystuffs and Grain. Instruct Jericho Dump to eat down one day's haystuffs from Corps Reserve.

24.
7.18.

One days mobile and one days full ration held in reserve for following AAA British 17000 Indians 7000 Natives 4000 Horses 19000 Mules 5000 Camels 2000 Donkeys 1000. Descorps Supplies, JERICO.

Instruct Supplies, JERICO to send back following Lorry Loads of Fuelwood from the JORDAN VALLEY tomorrow:-

6 for BETHLEHEM. 2 for N.Z.M.R.BRIGADE. 1 for CORPS TROOPS DUMP G.10.

24.
7.18.

In accordance with the request of the D.A. & Q.M.G. map out following scheme for removal of Indian Infantry resting at BETHLEHEM to JORDAN VALLEY, ^{by Motor Lorries} at any time, should necessity arise:-

" (1) If message received ^{for Lorries} between 0500 and 0700, the Supply Lorries detailed for Bethlehem - approximately 25 - could be used. JERICO lorries would have to be offloaded to provide the remaining 35.

(2) If message received between 0700 and 1500, no lorries would be then available, as they would be all out on the road with supplies, but if required urgently, could be offloaded at the nearest Supply Depot and returned to JERUSALEM.

(3) If message received between 1500 and 0500, 60 lorries could be turned out to a concentration point in JERUSALEM within one hour of receipt of message in Jerusalem. Instructions have been issued to the S.M.T.O. to have a nightly emergency detail issued, in order that no time should be lost in getting Lorries to concentration Point, where they would be taken charge of by S.M.T.O. to Loading Point. These arrangements will continue in force until instructed by you that they are no longer necessary."

TAALAT. . 25.
7.18.

A.D.T., E.E.F. advises that as the supply of British A.S.C.Drivers is so limited, D.A.G. 3rd.Echelon has been asked to arrange to post to Divnl.Trains and other H.T.Units (Dvnl.Trains and Corps Troops Trains to have preference in every case) Egyptian Horse Transport Drivers in lieu of British. Advise Trains concerned accordingly.

Following is a copy of Circular issued by the D.S.T. to Advanced Depots on the subject of replacement of supplies:-

"Please note that no issues must be made in replacement of supplies stated to be unfit for consumption, unless the supplies are returned, or a copy of the Proceedings of Board condemning the supplies is produced to be put up as a voucher in support of the issue in your account. If the supplies to be replaced are less than £5 in value, a certificate that the supplies were unfit for consumption and were destroyed, may be accepted in lieu of the Proceedings of a Board.

D.S.T., E.E.F. 11.7.18."

26.
7.18.

First detachment of Australians applying for transfer to A.A.S.C., M.T. reported to No.5 (E) M.R.Unit, A.S.C., MESHRAB for test by S.M.T.O., D.M.Corps.

Investigate position of Wood Contract in Jordan Valley. Find that the Contractor had sent 80 extra labourers down to JORDAN VALLEY. Up to and including to-day, 296 tons of wood has been delivered by the Palestine Contracting Company.

TAALAT.

27.
7.18.

Captain C.M.BUTLER, A.S.C. reported to take over Jericho Supply Dump for G.H.Q. For copy of instructions issued as regards "System of Supply" to be followed by this Corps from 3rd.AUGUST 1918., see.....

Appendix

Recommend to A.A.& Q.M.G. that Train Transport of 20th.Indian Infantry Brigade be increased by 6 G.S.Wagons, 6 British Drivers, 6 Native Drivers and 24 Draught Animals for the extra Battn. (110th.MAHARATTAS) now attached to the 20th.Indian Infantry Brigade. The 20th.Indian Infantry Brigade is at present in possession of 9 surplus wagons with necessary drivers, etc., and suggest that these be retained.

28.
7.18.

D.S.T., E.E.F. writes as follows:-

"It has been agreed that a refund of the value of all hides handed into Supply Depots by Australian Units be made to the Commandant A.I.F., EGYPT. In order that a check may be made on the number of hides received, it has been decided that a receipt as per specimen below be given by Supply Officers to all Australian Units when hides are handed into Supply Depots. As payment will be made for every hide for which a receipt is given, it is essential that Officers i/c Supplies should only accept those in really good condition. It must be borne in mind that if indifferent hides are accepted which are subsequently refused by the contract, a loss to the Public will occur.

Received in good condition from (1).....
Regt.(2).....hides. This number will be found
taken on charge in my (3).....
Supply a/c by Receipt Voucher No.....

- (1).Unit.
- (2). Number and description (i.e. horse, mule or camel).
- (3).Month."

Advise all Units concerned.

Wire O.C., Dead Sea Post asking whether it is considered wood around the shores of the Dead Sea is suitable for firewood. 'Phone reply received to the effect that the wood was quite suitable, and being used by them for this purpose.

TAALAT. 28.
7.18.

Following prices may be taken as a fair average for the purposes of "writing-off":-

Horses & Mules Hides.....	PT. 50.
Cattle Hides.....	PT.150.
Camel Hides.....	PT.120
Sheep Skins.....	PT. 10.
Goats (Sudan).....	PT. 12.
Goats (Cyprus).....	PT. 30.

(D.S.T., G.H.Q. memo 592 of 26.7.18.)

Forward complaint received from O.C., 12th.L.A.M.BATTERY that Rolls Royce Drivers being posted to his Battery are not in any way experienced R.R.Drivers (in some cases drivers posted have never done any R.R.driving), and of Medical Category less than "A", to D.S.T. asking whether this matter could be rectified and R.R.Drivers (experienced) Class "A" be posted to Armoured Motor Batteries in future. This is very essential owing to the nature of the work ~~performed.~~

they have to perform.

TAALAT.

29.
7.18.

Petrol Cases are only to be issued in future when necessary for the preservation of the tins after leaving the Supply Depot. Cost of cases 2/6d. each. (GRO.4262 of 26.7.18.).

Amount to be allowed for Petrol Tins returned by the A.I.F.Canteens is 5 PT. per tin.
(D.S.T. memo 389/18 of 26.7.18.)

CONTRACTS:-

Send following letter to S.S.O's Anzacs. Ausdiv. 4th.Cav.Dvn. 5th. Cav.Divn. and S.O., 20th. Indian Infantry Brigade:-

The S.S.O., RIGHT SECTOR will from the 2nd.AUGUST take over and control the wood cutting contract in the JORDAN VALLEY.

S.S.O., LEFT SECTOR and S.O., 20th.Indian Infty.Brigade will indent on him direct for daily requirements in firewood.

Any surplus left over after all troops in the valley have been supplied, will be handed over to the O.i/c G.H.Q.Dump, JERICHO, who will give receipt to S.S.O., RIGHT SECTOR for amount received. These instructions will be handed over to incoming S.S.O. whenever reliefs take place.

Attached are copies of instructions with regard to payment of Contractors, etc.

S.S.O., RIGHT SECTOR will forward to this Office and Main Supplies, JERUSALEM, at the end of each week a chit showing the total amount of wood received during the week.

A.D.S., G.H.Q. and O.C., Main Supplies, JERUSALEM visited, and arranged the various details of G.H.Q.DUMP at JERICHO. Arranged with G.H.Q. to take over the existing reserves of the Corps, which will be built up in accordance with G.H.Q. orders as a reserve for them, and not to be issued without instructions from G.H.Q.

The arrangements made reference Refilling Points and method of drawing in future (see App.1) were discussed, and considered that these arrangements quite satisfactory and will be adhered to.

A.D.S.& T., Descorps asked that Captain BUTLER take over the distribution and accountancy of Wood whilst in the JORDAN VALLEY, but this was over-ruled by the A.D.S. and the S.S.O., RIGHT SECTOR was instructed to take over the control and accountancy (see above notes).

A.D.S. expressed himself well satisfied with the Descorps Dump at JERICHO, and complimented the O.C.(Lieut.R.E.STRAPTON, A.A.S.C.) on the neatness of same.

TALAT. 30.
7.18.

Wire Descorps Supplies, JERUSALEM that convoy leaving JERUSALEM on 2nd.AUGUST will be loaded in bulk as usual.

Following are details of Camel and Lorry Convoys for past 3 days:-

CAMELS:

<u>27.7.18.</u>	2nd.A.L.H.BRIGADE	250.	<u>28.7.18.</u>	4th.A.L.H.BDE.	215.	<u>29.7.18.</u>	5th.Bde.	225.
	20th.I.I.BRIGADE	50.		I.S.C.BDE.	200.		7th.Bde.	200.
	E.L.C.	40.		E.L.C.	40.		E.L.C.	40.
	WOOD CONTRACT	200.		WOOD CONTRACT	200.		WOOD CONTRACT	200.
	3rd.Bde.1st.Line	50.		3rd.Bde.1st.Lne.	50.		3rd.Bde.1st.Lne	50.
	D.A.C. & Rfcmt.Cp.	15.		5th.D.H.Q.	12.		5th.D.H.Q.	8.
	5th.Cav.D.H.Q.	8.		DAC. & Rfcmt.Cp.	15.		DAC.& Rfct.Cp.	15.
	195 & 202 Bttys.	9.		195 & 202 Bttys.	9.		195 & 202 Bttys.	9.
	Coy.Duties	150.		Coy.Duties	150.		Coy.Duties	145.
		<u>772.</u>			<u>891.</u>			<u>892.</u>
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LORRIES:

WORKSHOPS	46.	WORKSHOPS	45.	WORKSHOPS	48.
AMMTN.& SUPPLIES	170.	A.& SUPPLIES	165.	AMMTN.& SUPPLIES	163.
OTHER DETAILS	16.	OTHER DETAILS	15.	OTHER DETAILS	14.
STDG. : :	25.	STDG. : :	25.	STDG. : :	25.
AVAILABLE	25.	AVAILABLE	32.	AVAILABLE	32.
	<u>282.</u>		<u>282.</u>		<u>282.</u>
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TAALAP. 31.
8.17.

D.S.T.wires:-

"T.4327/M. I am informed Motor Boat for Dead Sea consigned to S.M.T.O., D.M.C., JERUSALEM will leave KANTARA 31st. July AAA Am arranging for 2/Lieut.CAMBELL to take charge of transport of Boat from JERUSALEM to DEAD SEA".

Corps H.Q. write D.Q.M.G., G.H.Q.as follows:-

"It is desired to bring to your notice that at present the ration received by horses of this Corps is not a regular and stable one.

It is quite realised the difficulties which exist in maintaining a constant supply of the various grain and haystuffs issued.

One case which has occurred in regard to a Squadron of the N.Z.M.R.BRIGADE, gives an example of the results obtained from a stable ration. This Squadron went into the Jordan Valley in an extremely low condition, and on the equivalent ration below stated, did very well and laid on condition whilst camped there. The ration received was Barley 5 lbs., Maize 5 lbs. Tibbin 7 lbs. Hay 3 lbs. Sucra 2 lbs.

At present it is found that the Barley varies from 2 to 7 lbs. in a day, whilst the Tibben reaches as high as 12 lbs. with Millet or Maize issued at varying periods, and often without any long feed at all.

It is considered that the advantages gained by the horses when on a stable ration and the economy in horseflesh through small evacuations are so great, as to warrant the matter being forwarded for your information and consideration please."

D.A.D.S.& T. visited JERICO. Arrangments completed for disposal of personnel and handing over of JERICO DEPOT.

TAALAT. 31.
7.18.

Following is the average Forage Ration issued to A.I.F. Units during the month of July 1918:-

	ANZACS.		AUSDIV.		AVERAGE = 22 lbs.
	Mules.	Horses.	Mules.	Horses.	
Barley	4½	4½	4	4½	=====
Gram	3	3	3	3¼	
Tibben	10½	10	11½	10	
Dries	10½	11½	-	11½	
Hay	½	¾	½	¾	
Sucra	-	-	¼	-	
Maize	1¾	2	1½	1¾	
Bran	½	¼	¼	¼	
Beans	¼	-	¼	-	
Bhoosa	¼	-	-	-	
TOTALS.	22	22.	22.	22.	=====

5th. AUGUST 1918.

M. H. ...
for Lieut-Colonel.
A.D.S. & T., DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

3/44. 28.7.18.

O.C., Anzac Train.
O.C., Australian Train.
O.C., 4th.Cav.Dvnl.Train.
O.C., 5th.Cav.Dvnl.Train.
O.C., 20th.I.I.Bde.Train.
S.O., Corps Troops.

With further refernce to my letter 3/44 dated 27.7.18.

In para. which reads:-

"An N.C.O. should be placed in charge of each convoy"

substitute:-

"An N.C.O. should be detailed as conductor".

Two days Special Emergency Rations for all Troops in the RIGHT and LEFT SECTORS, will be held at the respective Refilling Points.

All personnel from Divisions at present employed in Descorps Dumps will be available for return to their Units on the 2nd.AUGUST 1918.

Instructions as to where they are to report will be sent by S.S.O's to the O's i/c Depots, who will despatch the men to their destination.

H.Q., D.M.C.
28th.July 1918.
Copies to:-

(Sgd.) W.STANSFIELD.
Lieut-Colonel.
A.D.S.& T., D.M.Corps.

S.M.T.O., D.M.C. O.C., Descorps Supplies, Jericho.
O.C., Descorps Supplies, Jerusalem,

O.C., Anzac Train.
O.C., Australian Train.
O.C., 4th. Cav. Divl. Train.
O.C., 5th. Cav. Divl. Train.
O.C., 20th. I.I. Sds. Train.
S.O., Corps Troops.



On and after 3rd AUGUST 1918., the following will be the system of supply for this Corps:-

The S.S.O., RIGHT SECTOR, S.S.O., LEFT SECTOR, S.S.O. BETHLEHEM AREA, S.O., 20th. INDIAN INFANTRY BRIGADE and S.O., CORPS TROOPS will indent direct on Main Supplies JERUSALEM on Egypt Form 1. for their requirements.

These indents to include all Units in the various Sectors, and that of S.S.O., BETHLEHEM AREA all Units of Descorps in and around JERUSALEM as well.

Each Divisional Train and 20th. I.I. Brigade Train will station an Officer and a number of other ranks at JERUSALEM to supervise the drawing, loading and despatch of Supplies for their Sectors.

S.O., Corps Troops will similarly station a number of other ranks at JERUSALEM for this purpose.

These Supplies will be delivered at Refilling Points as follows:-

For Left Sector - site of present Supply Dump.

For Right Sector - place now occupied by Descorps Detail Issue Store, on opposite side of road to present Depot.

For Bethlehem Area - points at present in use.

Each Divisional R.S.O., Brigade R.S.O. and Corps Troops representative, will waybill separately to his Unit., giving each lorry driver a chit stating unit, destination, nature and number of supplies in his vehicle for delivery and endorsement on arrival at Refilling Point. These chits will be collected on return to park of lorries by Company Commanders, and filed for future reference, if necessary.

Supplies will be taken over at Sector Refilling Points, and distributed in the usual way.

An H.O.C. should be placed in charge of each convoy, carrying waybill and numbers of vehicles under his charge. He will return by same convoy carrying back with him the receipted waybill, together with the Egypt Form 1. for the next supplies required.

Each S.S.O. will notify S.M.T.O., Descorps or his representative (at 347 M.T. Coy., Jerusalem) twenty four hours in advance of requirements in lorries.

Upon receipt of these instructions, S.S.O's and S.O's will submit their indents to Main Supplies, JERUSALEM, at once.

Acknowledge.

A.Q., S.M. Corps.
27th. July 1918.
Copies to:-

N. Wangford
Lieut-Colonel.
A.D.S. & I., D.M.C.

S.M.T.O., S.M.C. O.C., Descorps Supplies, Jerusalem.
O.C., Descorps Supplies, Jericho.