

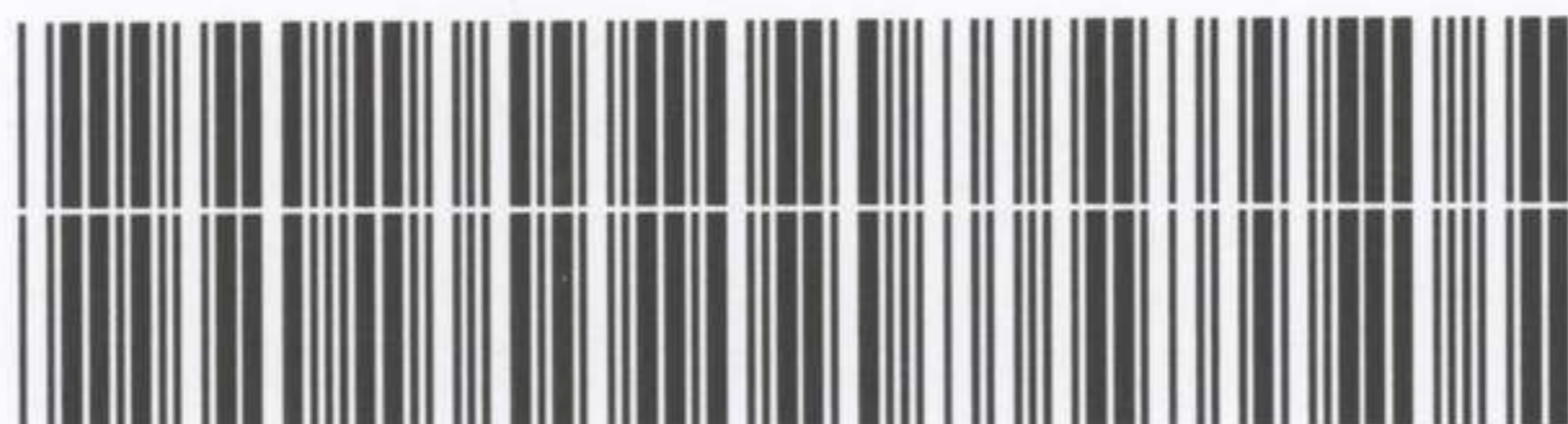
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TAALAT. 1.
8.18.

D.A.D.S.& T. accompanied C.R.E., D.M.C. on inspection of ROMAN ROAD. Agreed quite safe to open to all traffic both ways.

5th.Cavalry Divn. put up suggestion that N.C.O. should be placed in control of D.H.Q.M.T.Vehicles. Suggestion placed before A.D.T., E.E.F. who does not, however, approve of this.

15 Lorries daily from 2nd.AUGUST will be required to report 0630 at Supply Depot JERUSALEM for transport of supplies to G.H.Q.Supply Depot, JERICHO, and will continue until further notice.

2.
8.18.

Following wire addressed Supplies JERICHO Repeated Supplies JERUSALEM and A.D.S.T., D.M.C.:--
"ST.5330. Descorps anxious you take over detail issue to P.L.of C.Troops, Milgov and O.E.T.A. at JERICHO AAA You should arrange and get more men from Jerusalem if necessary AAA Allow for supplies issued in your demands on Jerusalem."

D.A.D.S.T. attended D.S.T.Conference, and matter of check on rations drawn and ~~procedure~~ Board Proceedings brought up for discussion. Matter to be brought up again on return of the D.S.T. from interview with Local Auditor.

Arranged with A.D.T. to send Australian Personnel applying to transfer to A.A.S.C., M.T.to No.956 M.T.Coy., A.S.C. for course of instruction in Motor Car driving. This course has been necessary owing to the fact that none of the men who reported for test to No.5 (E) M.R.Unit have had any experience in handling Ford Vehicles.

Issue necessary instructions for 20 men to proceed to SURAFEND (956 Coy.) on Wednesday, 7th.AUGUST.

3.
TAALAT. 8.18.

D.A.D.S.T. visited JERICHO and went into position of Wood Contract with S.S.O., RIGHT SECTOR. Arrange for 3 extra lorries to report, also apply for extra transport to be provided to bring wood from JORDAN. Up to and including to-day, 413 tons of Fuelwood have been delivered by the Palestine Contracting Company.

On and after 8th.AUGUST, 2 extra lorries will be required for G.H.Q. Supply Dump, JERICHO.

Following letter addressed by D.S.T., G.H.Q. to Supplies, JERUSALEM, JERICHO etc:-

"As considerably less dries is going to be received from this year's crop than was originally anticipated, it is necessary to curtail ~~the~~ issues by Supply Depots to 3 lbs per day per horse. The issue will be restricted to horses.

You must arrange that dries when available is fairly distributed to all units in proportion to their feeding strengths of horses."

Advise all O's C. Trains, S.O. Corps Troops and D.A.&Q.M.G. D.M.C.

The following is a copy of letter received from D.A.G. G.H.Q. in reply to letter put up by Corps Headquarters re Motor Ambulances on 21-7-18:-

"With reference to your letter QE/5 dated 21-7-18 please see my telegram of 29-7-18 on this subject. There are at present no heavy Motor Ambulances or Ford Ambulances available, and it is therefore not possible at present to increase the number of Motor Ambulances allotted to you. Heavy ambulances can be had on application to the O.C. Motor Ambulance Convoy and it is not clear from your letter whether full advantage of this has been taken. H.Q. 20th Corps are being approached as to whether they can place any heavy Motor Ambulances at your disposal as a temporary measure.

Copy of wire to Descorps

A.A.20981 of 29-7-18. Your QE/5 of 21-7-18 aaa Arrangements have been made for exchange of 9 heavy Motor Ambulances from 21st Corps with 18 Ford Ambulance Cars from you aaa All cars exchanged must be in good order aaa Arrange details of exchange with 21st Corps direct aaa Addressed Descorps Reptd 21st Corps."

TAALAT.

4.8-
18.

Put up following letter to D.A.&Q.M.G., D.M.C. :- "May application be made for another half Company of Camels (600) to be attached to this Corps for transport duty, as demands for Camels are increasing, and the Company at present attached is being worked to its utmost capacity.

The C.R.E. has at present ten Camels on stone carrying, and wants this increased to fifty, and he asks for another 20 for water carrying purposes in connection with the building of bridges.

It is also intended to increase the wood carrying camels by another 200, as the half section at present there cannot nearly cope with the quantity being cut and the animals are not getting enough rest. It is most desirable that all fire-wood possible should be brought out before the rain sets in,

If the N.&A.C.B. open kiosks in various places as suggested, it will mean extra camels to be allotted for water carrying.

Herewith statement shewing the daily average number of camels worked during the past week, also numbers available for duty, sick, etc:-

Return of 2nd August 1918.

<u>Fit.</u>	<u>Undergoing treatment light duty.</u>	<u>Sick.</u>
1086.	67.	3.
<u>Average number of camels working daily.</u>		<u>900.</u>

being practically only 1/5th. resting daily, instead of 1/3rd."

TAALAT.

5-
8-18.

S.S.O. Anzacs (Bethlehem) wires:- "S.125. No fuel wood available for issue to-day aaa Fresh meat and vegetables issued aaa Can any brought from Jordan aaa 18000 lbs required here for Anzacs."
Arrange to send 4 Lorry loads of wood from JERICHO.

D.S.T. writes O i/c Supplies, JERUSALEM, as follows:- FORAGE.

Grain. The following ration should be issued to Horses and Mules when stocks will permit :-

Barley	3 lbs
Gram	3 lbs
Maize	4 lbs

Haystuffs.

Horses.

Tibben	7 lbs
Hay or Dries	3 lbs
Sucrapaille	2 lbs

Mules.

Tibben	12 lbs
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Advise D.A.&Q.M.G., D.M.C., D.D.V.S., O's C Trains, O.C. Corps Troops.

Discuss with "Q" matter of checking rations. No fixed plan arrived at.

TAALAT. 6-8-
18.

D.A.D.S.T. visited JERICHO and arranged for 60 lorries to convey inhabitants from Jericho plain to BETHLEHEM.

Corps Headquarters put following letter up to D.Q.M.G., General Headquarters:- The following is a statement shewing the present situation of "M" Company, Camel Transport Corps :-

Fit	.....	.....	.....	.....	1086
Undergoing treatment (light duty) ..					67
Sick	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Average number working daily	.....				990

These 990 are employed as follows:-

Supply Columns to two Mounted Brigades so as to rest wheel trains every third day					500
E.L.C.	.....	.....	.....	.....	40
Wood carting	.....	.....	.....	.....	200
D.A.C's	...	.....	.....	.....	17
Reinforcement Camp, JERICHO.				.....	9
195th Battery	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
202nd Battery	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
C.R.E.	.....	.....	.....	.....	25
C/264, C/265, B/272 and A/272 Batteries					40
Drawing supplies & water for camel camp					<u>150</u>
					<u>990</u>

which does not allow one third to rest.

- At present 200 camels are employed on carting firewood collected and cut under contract labor. Another 200 camels are required to enable advantage to be taken of the increased quantity of firewood now obtainable.

This wood is collected along the west bank of the river JORDAN and it is understood that the SURA fly has been seen there by the A.D.V.S., C.T.C. quite recently.

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TAALAT. 6-
8-18.
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3. In view of the above it is recommended that donkeys be substituted for camels for wood carting. The number of donkeys required would be 1200. This would liberate the 200 camels now employed.
4. 150 donkeys have been ordered to this area for stone carrying work under the C.R.E. of this Corps. It is now found that another 100 donkeys are required. Could these be made available as soon as possible please.
5. If these requests ~~are~~ could be acceded to, it is considered that:-
 - (a) "M" Company C.T.C. would be on a more satisfactory basis as regards numbers required daily for work.
 - (b) The risk of camels being bitten by SURA fly would be decreased.
 - (c) Small demands such as carrying water for the requirements in bridge building etc., could be met.

7.
8.18.

Motor Boat No.47 successfully launched to-day.

TAALAT. 8.
8.18.

A.D.T. E.E.F. advises the formation of 235th Infy Brigade Train. Brigade consists of :-

2 Battalions B.W.I.

2 Battalions Royal Fusiliers.

Lieut. A.H. NEWMAN will command the Train, and 2/Lieut. A.A.G. SMITH will be Transport Subaltern. Unit will be ready by 12 noon, August 10th.

Arrange for extra lorry daily for G.H.Q. Supply Dump, JERICHO. Dump have taken over two additional Road Companies, E.L.C., and extra lorry is requires to bring supplies from Jerusalem.

The following from D.S.Tvs memo No.395/20 dated 26-7-18 :-

"JEWISH RATION SCALE.

Jewish soldiers receive the ordinary equivalents in M & V Rations or Preserved Meat in lieu of Bacon, or 2 ozs. Oatmeal for each Bacon Ration. Twice weekly they receive the normal issue of Oatmeal in addition."

TAALAT. 9.
8.18.

Attended conference of D.S.T. G.H.Q., where the question of dispensing with Boards on Condemned supplies came under discussion. It was agreed that for items not exceeding £50 certificates signed by M.O. or V.O. - countersigned by an A.S.C. Officer - will be sufficient. Written instructions to this effect are being sent out by D.S.T. In future EGYPT FORM 1 is to be rendered in a more consolidated form - total figures for Divisions etc., and commodities actually required, only to be shown.

"Q" send following letter to Australian Mounted, 4th and 5th Cavalry Divisions :-

"Last summer a scheme was instituted whereby Mounted Troops could carry sufficient rations and forage by means of their 1st Line Transport, in addition to what could be carried on the horse and man. One way in which 1st Line Transport vehicles could be utilised for this purpose was worked out by Corps H.Q., but Divisions were permitted to vary this as they considered advisable.

These rations and forage are known as the SPECIAL EMERGENCY RATIONS. By means of two days SPECIAL EMERGENCY RATIONS, plus the unconsumed portion of the current days issue, plus the iron ration for men, it has been found that Mounted Troops can be independent as regards supplies, in case of necessity, for three days.

All British Units have experience in these matters.

Will you kindly take steps to ensure that arrangements are made for Indian Troops to be able to act in the same way.

One days SPECIAL EMERGENCY RATION for Indian Troops is as laid down in my Q.S.T./113 dated 1-7-1918.

Indian Troops.

<u>Men.</u>	<u>Animals.</u>
1 lb. Biscuit.	
6 oz. Milk.	9½ lbs. Grain.
4 oz. Sugar.	
½ oz. Tea.	

One days SPECIAL EMERGENCY RATION for British Troops is as under :-
BRITISH TROOPS.

9 oz. Preserved Meat	
13 oz. Biscuit.	
3 oz. Sugar	9½ lbs. Grain.
½ oz. Tea & 3 oz. Jam.	

TAALAT. 9. (Contd)
8.18

"Q" circulate the following through the Corps :-

"Kindly forward any suggestions you may have with a view to ensuring that rations demanded are not in excess of the strength of the Units.

It is understood that Ration strengths are checked with "A" strengths once a week, as laid down in Field Service Regulations, but that this check is on a fixed day of the week; please say if this is so. If this is the case, the check naturally loses a considerable amount of its value and is thought to be insufficient."

TAALAT. 10.
8.18.

Accompanied D.A. & Q.M.G., to Jordan Valley, and arranged Refilling Points.

D.A.D.S.T. visited JERICHO, and looked into position of Wood Contract. Found that out of the eight lorries allotted for the carrying of Wood from the Refilling Point to 5th Cav. Divnl Dump, only 5 were working, the remaining 3 having been sent to Jerusalem with wood for the Military Governor.

Write O.C. 5th Cavalry Divnl Train, pointing out that the eight lorries stationed with him are to be used for no other purpose than to carry wood from Camel Refilling Point to Jericho Dumps, and it is not understood why three were sent to JERUSALEM when about 100 empty lorries are returning there daily.

Instruct him that no more wood is to be sent from the Valley to the Military Governor, or anyone else, unless specially ordered by this office.

11.
8-18.

Nothing to report.

TAALAT. 12.
8.18.

Following received from D.S.T. G.H.Q.,

"1955. 12th. Order "B" Company C.T.C. to concentrate at JERUSALEM by 1800 on 14-8-18 at which time they will come under orders of Desert Mounted Corps AAA Order "L" Company C.T.C. to report to D.I. C.T.C., Kilo 293 as soon as convenient AAA Acknowledge AAA Added A.D.S.T. 20th Corps reptd Descorps."

13.
8.18.

Wire D.S.T. the 38th Battalion Royal Fusiliers and 2nd Battalion B.W.I. have arrived in this area without Camels. Ask if these are to be provided, as a shortage of transport exists.

TAALAT. 14.
8.18.

"B" Company, C.T.C. leave JERUSALEM on 15-8-18. Arrive JERICHO 16-8-18.

Wire Ausdiv Train that "B" Company C.T.C. will come on the Ration Strength for consumption 17th. Approximate strength :-

20 British.

700 Natives.

1200 Camels.

In company with the O.C. Anzac Train and S.S.O. Anzacs, visit site for Obeideh Dump, and find same satisfactory. Instruct S.S.O. Anzacs reference the amount of rations to be held in the Dump, and make arrangements for the necessary engineering work to be done by C.R.E. 2/Lt. Valpy N.Z. A.S.C. taking charge of the Dump.

Interview Captain. C.R. Butler, A.S.C. G.H.Q. Dump, JERICHO, and ascertain if instructions had been received from D.S.T. Reply given was in the negative.

15.
8.18.

Further to my notes on 13th inst.- following received from D.S.T.

"1967. 15th. 90 Camels for 38th Royal Fusiliers and 2nd Battn B.W.I's arrive JERUSALEM early morning 17th AAA Reporting to D.I. C.T.C. 20th Corps there AAA Will come under your orders from that time AAA Addsd A.D.S.T. Descorps repeated A.D.S.T. 20th Corps."

Arrange for these 90 Camels, which are for 1st Line Transport, to move from JERUSALEM on 18th inst, arriving JERICHO on 19th inst.

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15. (Contd). Following letter sent Headquarters, Australian Mounted Division, reference formation of
8.18. OBEIDEH DUMP :-

1. It is required to move a portion of the Reserve Supply Dump, JERICHO, to a site which has been selected on the WADI OBEIDEH. This dump will be known as OBEIDEH DUMP.
2. For this purpose 800 Camels will be allotted to work daily between the Reserve Supply Dump, JERICHO, and the site of the OBEIDEH DUMP. The estimated time this duty will take is 18 days.
3. These 800 Camels will work in groups of 200 each.
Groups will leave the JERICHO DUMP at intervals of one half hour. The exact hours that camels will be on the road will be arranged between the G.O.C. Left Sector, and the A.D.S.T. Desert Mounted Corps direct.
4. The OBEIDEH DUMP will be under the charge of an Officer to be detailed by the A.D.S.T. Desert Mounted Corps.
5. The G.O.C. Left Sector will detail a party of 2 Officers and 100 Other Ranks whose duty will be to find guards for the dump, and provide a fatigue party to unload and stack the Supplies. This party will live near the site of the OBEIDEH DUMP, and will be rationed and fed under arrangements made by Corps H.Q. They will report to the Officer detailed to be in charge of the OBEIDEH DUMP at 1800 on the 17th inst at the site of the Dump.
6. On no account are any supplies to be drawn from the OBEIDEH DUMP without reference to Corps H.Q.
7. The issuing of supplies transferred, and the loading of camels will be carried out under arrangements made by the Officer in charge of the JERICHO DUMP.

Send copies to O.C. Anzac Train, and O. i/c G.H.Q. Supply Depot, JERICHO, for information.

TAALAT.

16.
8.18.

Instruct S.S.O's and S.O's to put in demands for Waterproof Covers as soon as possible.

D.S.T. carries out informal inspection of Descorps Lorry Companies.

Send following wire to A.D.S.T. XXth Corps

S.2291. Reference A.D.T. letter No. 38/3453 AAA Please issue following instructions to ~~Headquarters~~ Lieut. VINE AAA Leave JERUSALEM for Kilo 13 by Bethany Track and come onto main JERUSALEM/JERICHO road at 1630 on 18th inst, and march to camp site on south side of road AAA Representative to report Admincom, Corps H.Q. area 1600 18th for camp site AAA 2 days rations for personnel and animals to be carried from JERUSALEM AAA Camels to be clear of road at Kilo 13 by 1930 permit 15th Cav. Bde etc. to pass AAA Leave Kilo 13 at 1530 on 19th inst and march by Old Roman Road to Jordan Valley and report O.C. "M" Company, C.T.C. there for further instructions AAA Supplies for consumption 20th will be arranged with "M" Coy. AAA Should arrange for camels to water at JERUSALEM before leaving as none available until arrival JERICHO AAA Personnel may draw on application to Admincom Corps H.Q."

Send following wire to "M" Company, C.T.C. and Ausdiv.

"2/Lieut. VINE in charge of 90 Camels will report you early morning 20th AAA These camels are 45 for 2nd Battalion B.W.I. and 45 for 38th Battalion Royal Fusiliers AAA Representatives to take over will be sent report you by Headquarters Ausdiv AAA Arrange rations for consumption 20th and 21st."

Wire D.S.T. as follows:-

"Only 1 lb. issue wood being made from LUDD depot AAA Awaiting authority increase to 2 lbs. as stock now good AAA May this be given."

Inspected Wood Cutters in the Jericho Valley, and found considerable amount of wood cut and stacked ready for transporting by Camels to Lorry Refilling Point. At Lorry refilling point there was also a considerable amount of wood stacked ready for transporting away by Lorries. D.A.D.S.T. instructed to enquire why M.T. cannot cope with the wood brought forward by Camels.

D.S.T. expressed himself quite satisfied with all seen at M.T. Companies.

TAALAT. 17.
8.18.

Following sent to O.C. Anzac Train, "B" Coy. C.T.C., and O. i/c G.H.Q. Dump, JERICHO :-
"Reference Obeideh Dump. "B" Company, C.T.C. which is on the JERICHO Plain near "M" Coy. is placed at your disposal as from the 18th inst inclusive, on which date you should commence to convoy supplies from JERICHO to OBEIDEH. Time of loading will be notified later.
800 Camels will do one trip daily. Out of the balance enough camels should be taken to carry water and rations for the Dump Staff and fatigue party, and may be kept at the Obeideh Dump if you consider it necessary.
12 Fanatis will be made available at the Ordnance Dump, Jericho, on demand.
O. i/c Jericho Dump will supervise loading, and despatch of convoys, but you will have to provide guides and any guards required. Acknowledge.

D.A.D.S.T. visited JERICHO to find out stocks of G.H.Q. Dump to furnish data for figures required by D.S.T. for conference on 18th inst.

Send following wire to "B" and "M" Company, C.T.C. :-

"S.2306. Owing to Sura Fly all Camels used for Supply and Transport will be worked by night AAA This does not apply to camels working on wood detachment and to small detachments working within radius of a mile of JERICHO AAA Acknowledge."

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8-18.

Attend Conference of D.S.T. G.H.Q.,

TAALAT. 19.
8.18.

D.A. & Q.M.G. writes that in future when inspection of Transport is carried out, application is to be made to A.D.O.S. for an I.O.M. to attend the inspection. Three days notice is required to be given. The I.O.M. will give any technical advice required.

20.
8-18.

Accompanied by D.A. & Q.M.G. inspected Obeideh Dump. Found work progressing satisfactory.

21.
8-18.

Nothing to report.

TAALAT. 22.
8.18.

On arrival at DEIRAN on 22-8-18, the 13th Cavalry Bde will come under the Command of G.O.C. 5th Cavalry Divn, and be incorporated into the 5th Cavly Divn.

On the same date the 5th A.L.H. Bde (late I.C.C. Bde) will be incorporated into the Australian Mounted Division, and come under orders of G.O.C. Ausdiv.

Write O's.C. Australian Mtd Divnl Train and 5th Cavalry Divnl Train as follows:-

"A.D.T. writes:-

With reference to the foregoing. As at present the Brigade Coy. of the Divnl Train serving the 13th Cavalry Bde is composed of Australian personnel and that serving in the I.S.C. Brigade of British Personnel, it is presumed you will arrange that no corresponding change is made between these Companies.

This will mean that the 5th A.L.H. Bde will have the Australian Company that has been serving the 13th Cavalry Brigade, and the 13th Cavalry Bde will be allotted the Company that was formed for the I.C.C. Brigade.

Wire S.S.O. Right Sector that three lorry loads of wood to be forwarded to Military Governor, Jerusalem every Monday. Waybills to be sent O. i/c Main Supplies, JERUSALEM, who will issue Debit Vouchers. Send three loads this morning if lorries available, to-morrow if not. Advise Milgov, Jerusalem, of action taken.

Advise H.Q. 5th Cav Divn that I propose to hold and Inspection of 1st Line and Train Transport on 26-8-18.

Divisional Troops	....	0800.
14th Cav Bde.	....	0930.
15th (I.S.) Cav Bde	....	1100.
5th Mtd Brigade	....	1400.
Divisional Train	....	1530.

1st Line Transport to be drawn up by Brigades, each Unit separate. Train Transport to be drawn up in Column of Companies. All men to be mounted.

O.C. Train, D.A.Q.M.G. and D.A.D.O.S. to be present.

TAALAT. 22. (Contd)
8.18.

Wire "M" Company, C.T.C. asking if camels which reported under 2/Lieut. Vine been taken over by Battalions yet. Reply received "Yes".

Australian Numbers of Companies in A. & N.Z. and Australian Trains are to be used in future.

(A.D.T. E.E.F. T.H.516/2/22-8-18.)

23.
8.18.

D.Q.M.G. G.H.Q. wires Descorps:-

"1902. Kindly order 300 Egyptian Donkeys with necessary personnel from No.1 Donkey Coy. LATRON, to Descorps for duty AAA Should come under orders of Descorps on arrival at JERUSALEM AAA Notify Descorps time of arrival there AAA Acknowledge AAA Addsd 20th Corps, repeated Descorps."

A.A. & Q.M.G. Desert Mtd Corps wires 20th Corps and A.D.S.T.

"F.Q.2724. The 300 Donkeys will move at same time and under same orders as 250 Donkeys ordered in QS/251 of 23-8-18 AAA A.D.S.T. will arrange for guide to meet these donkeys on arrival in JORDON VALLEY."

24.
TAALAT. 8.18.

Ausdiv Train wires:-

"Please advise if horses of Supply Section 38th Company are to be retained for new Section."
Wire reply :- "Yes".

Reference 550 Donkeys being moved from Jerusalem to Jericho, 250 of these are for duty with C.R.E. and 300 are for Wood carting purposes, to relieve the 200 Camels of "M" Company, C.T.C. at present doing that work.

25.
8.18.

Write Os.C. Australian Mtd Divnl Train and 5th Cavalry Divnl Train as follows:-

"As the 13th Cavalry Brigade is now incorporated in the 5th Cavalry Division, and the 5th A.L.H. Brigade in the Australian Mounted Division, please make the necessary arrangements for the exchange of Train Companies complete with the exception of the Supply Personnel with the 13th Cav Bde Company, who report to the O.C. 5th Cavalry Divnl Train. The Australian Company at present with the 13th Cav.Bde, will go to the 5th A.L.H. Bde and the one with the 5th A.L.H. Brigade to the 13th Cav Brigade."

TAALAT. 26.
8.18.

No.016/26-8-18.

D.S.T. advises that the D.Q.M.G. has approved of all horses and mules, with the exception of Pack Mules, belonging to the various formations, which form an integral part of the D.M.C., XXth Corps, XXIst Corps, drawing an extra 2 lbs. of Grain until further orders. Advise all formations.

In company with D.A.D.S.T., and Lieut. Jordon, inspection of 1st Line and Train Transport of 5th Cavalry Division carried out in DEIRAN AREA.

27.
TAALAT. 8.18.

"M" Company, C.T.C. advise Donkeys commence working 28th.

28.
8.18.

For copy of Inspection report on 5th Cavalry Division see App. 1.

Wire Fourcav Train and D.I.C.T.C.

"S.2400. Camels will no longer be available convey rations your Division after 29th inst."

Wire Anzac Train and D.I. C.T.C.,

"S.2401. After 29th inst your Camels for ordinary ration convoys will be limited to 300 daily."

Wire 20th I.I. Brigade Train and D.I. C.T.C.,

"S.2402. After 29th inst no Camels will be available for Ration convoys your Brigade."

Wire D.I. C.T.C. and O. i/c G.H.Q. Dump, JERICHO.

"S.2404. On the 30th inst you will detail 400 Camels from "M" Company, C.T.C. to assist "B" Company C.T.C. in carrying supplies on special duty."

TAALAT.

29.
8.18.

D.S.T. advises that it has been decided that the British personnel with Indian Regts and Battalions will draw full rations, and not be subject to the 5% deduction on strengths.
(D.S.T. 631 dated 26-8-18.)

Advise A.D.T. exchange of Companies between 5th A.L.H. Brigade and 13th Cavalry Bde now completed.

"Q" wires - Fourcav, Fivecav, 20th I.I. Brigade, repeated Anzacs :-
"T.482 . Ref QST/248/9th inst. AAA Unable to provide milk at rate of 6 oz. AAA Propose following ration AAA Sugar 3 ozs. Biscuit 20 ozs. Milk $1\frac{1}{2}$ ozs. Tea $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Jam 4 ozs. AAA Do you concur AAA No ingredients to exceed weights laid down in G.R.O. 4175 dated 3-7-18 AAA Wire reply."

Ask D.S.T. G.H.Q. when Supply Personnel of 25th Infantry Brigade, will be sent forward.

30.
8.18.

1010 M.T. Company leave Descorps for XXth Corps. 905 Company replace with Descorps.

Wire S.M.T.O. Descorps that the 6 Lorries of 1011 Company now working with A.D.W. JERUSALEM are to be changed with 6 Lorries from 347 Coy. AAA Arrange exchange with S.M.T.O. XXth Corps."

TAALAT. 31.
8-18.

The following is the average Forage Ration issued to A.I.F. Units during the month of August, 1918 :-

	ANZACS.		Ausdiv.		I.C. BRIGADE. *	
	Mules.	Horses.	Mules.	Horses.	Mules.	Horses.
Barley	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	4 $\frac{3}{4}$	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Gram	3	3	3	3	3 $\frac{3}{4}$	3 $\frac{1}{4}$
Maize	2 $\frac{3}{4}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	3	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
Bran	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1
Sucra	-	-	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$	1 $\frac{1}{4}$
Tibben	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	11 $\frac{1}{4}$	11	10 $\frac{3}{4}$	8 $\frac{1}{4}$	8
Dries	-	$\frac{1}{4}$	-	$\frac{1}{4}$	2	2
Hay	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	-	-
Bhoosa	$\frac{1}{4}$	-	-	-	-	-
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TOTALS.	22 lbs.	22 lbs.	22 lbs.	22 lbs.	22 lbs.	22 lbs.
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TOTAL 132 lbs.
AVERAGE 22 lbs.

* This Brigade is shown under Ausdiv. from August 28th, 1918.

W. H. Mansfield

Lieut-Colonel.
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APP. 1/1

Herewith report on inspection of 5th Cavalry Division
1st Line and Train Transport.

Harness was found to be, in most cases, in good condition, there being a few instances where a good deal of attention was required.

Animals in good condition generally, an exception to this being the horses of the 19th Machine Gun Squadron, 13th Cavalry Brigade.

Vehicles were found to be in a very indifferent condition, requiring attention to brakes, greasing and washers.

It was arranged for several vehicles to go into workshops for repair, also for the exchange of about 400 wheels condemned by the I.O.M.

I would like to state my appreciation of the assistance rendered by the I.O.M. Lieut. Jordon, on the inspection, and also on the turnout of 1104 Company, 5th Cavalry Divisional Train, under Captain. A.M. Robertson, which was the best I have ever seen on my inspections.

H.Q. D.M.C.,
28-8-1918.

Sgd. W. Stansfield.
Lieut-Colonel.
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INSPECTION OF FIRST LINE AND TRAIN TRANSPORT OF 5th CAVALRY DIVISION.

Held on 26-8-1918.

UNIT.	Harness.	Animals.	Vehicles.
<u>DIVISIONAL TROOPS.</u> D.H.Q.	Fair.	Fair.	Fair - except wheels.
Signal Sqn.	Serviceable. Requires attention.	Fair.	Very bad condition.
Field Squadron.	Fair.	Fair.	Good, except for washers.

13th CAVALRY BRIGADE.

UNIT.	HARNESS.	ANIMALS.	VEHICLES.
B.H.Q.	Fair.	Good.	Grease and washers required.) (10 NEW (WHEELS. (
M.V.S.	Fair.	Good.	- do -) (
Signals.	Fair.	Good.	
Gloucester Yeo.	Very Fair.	Good.	24 New Wheels. 3 Brakes require attention. Pump on water cart requires repair.
9th Hodson's Horse.	Very Fair.	Good.	26 New Wheels. Washers. Brakes 2, Raves, Grease, required.
18th Lancers.	Good.	Good.	4 G.S. to go in shops for attention. 21 New Wheels.
19th M.G. Squadron.	Poor. Serviceable. Require lot of cleaning and dubbing.	Horses Poor. Mules Fair.	33 New Wheels. 2 Hind, 1 Fore, L.G.S. to go in Shops for repair.
Field Ambulance.	Fair.	Horses Fair. Mules Good.	Ambulance wheels to be changed. 1 Water cart, and 1 G.S. to go in for repair. 28 new wheels.

UNIT.	HARNESS.	ANIMALS.	VEHICLES.
<u>14th CAVALRY BRIGADE.</u> Sherwood Rangers.	Fair.	Good.	26 Wheels bad - otherwise fair. 2 G.S. Wagons to go in Shops.
Poona Horse.	Fair.	Good.	29 Wheels, 3 Hind L.G.S. to go in shops - otherwise fair. Require grease.
Deccan Horse.	Fair.	Fair.	Washers. 6 Brake springs. 15 Wheels required. 1 Water Cart. 3 G.S. Wagons for exchange. Grease required.
M.G. Squadron.	Very Fair.	Good.	17 New Wheels. Few brake blocks and washers require attention. 2 L.G.S. to workshops.
Brigade H.Q.	Fair. Requires Saddler's attention.	Good.	1 Water cart, 6 Wheels, 2 hind portions L.G.S. and 1 Fore part L.G.S. for exchange.
Field Ambulance. (No Ambulance wagons on parade).	Fair.	Good.	Brakes require attention. Grease required. 17 New Wheels. 1 G.S. for exchange.
Mobile Vet Section.	Good.	Good.	1 G.S. wagon for exchange. 1 new wheel.

15th CAVALRY BRIGADE.

UNIT.	HARNESS.	ANIMALS.	VEHICLES.
B.H.Q.,	Good.	Good.	Fair. 1 New Wheel.
Signals.	Good.	Good.	Fair.
Jodhpur Lancers.	Good.	Good.	28 New Wheels. Washers required.
Hyderabad Lancers.	Fair.	Fair.	Washers required. 7 New Wheels. 5 G.S. brakes require attention.
Mysore Lancers.	Good.	Good.	Washers. Brakes require attention on all G.S. wagons. 4 Wheels.
M.G. Squadron.	Fair. (Full transport not yet drawn, only two L.G.S. in possession.)	Fair.	2 New Wheels.
Field Ambulance.	Fair.	Fair.	1 Ambulance for exchange. Grease and washers required. Ambulance wagons all require changing of wheels. 30 new wheels.
Mobile Vet Sectn.	Fair.	Fair.	Grease and washers required. 5 new wheels.

UNIT.	HARNESS.	ANIMALS.	VEHICLES.
<u>5th CAVALRY DIVNL TRAIN.</u>			
1103 Company.	Good.	Fair.	Indifferent. Wheels very bad. Brakes require attention.
1044 Company.	Very Good.	Very Good.	Do.
1105 Company.	Fair.	Fair.	Do.
1104 Company.	Good.	Good.	Do. 102 Wheels required for Train.