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KHAN YUNUS.	1. 9.17.		<p><u>Transport.</u> A.D.T., G.H.Q. (Lt.Col.G.E.Badcock, A.S.C.) writes stating that he was pleased with all that he saw in the Yeomanry Mounted Divisional Train, under the command of Lt.Col.J.K.Mackintosh. One or two small points mentioned in which he should like to see alterations made. Take up these points with the O's.C., Australian, Anzac and Yeomanry Mtd.Divnl.Trains. (Inspection carried out on 29.8.17.) Accompany D.A.&amp; Q.M.G., Desert Mounted Corps to-day on inspection of Anzac Divnl.Train and Australian Divnl.Train. Trains paraded mounted and drawn up in column of Companies. Both Trains are at present short of their long reins. Ask Trains to let me have full details as to exactly what they have demanded, and when, so that I shall be able to take the matter up with Ordnance.</p> <p>994 Company of A.&amp; N.Z.Mtd.Dvnl.Train move from Kantara East at 1630 on 2.9.17. and are due to arrive at KHAN YUNUS 0533 - 3.9.17.</p> <p><u>Camels.</u> D.S.T.writes asking for arrangements to be made with the D.A.&amp; Q.M.G., D.M.C. for a resting place to be found for a Company of camels ("H" Coy., C.T.C.) in the neighbourhood of SHELLAL for the present, as RAFA is somewhat congested. These camels may be used for transport work down there - they are all Algerian Camels.</p>	



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KHAN YUNUS.	2. 9-17.		<p><u>Transport.</u> Discuss with D.A. &amp; Q.M.G. and A.A. &amp; Q.M.G., D.M.C. question of establishment of 1st. Line Transport of the Mounted Divisions at present being shown by them on their returns. The returns of the 3 Divisions (Anzacs. Australian and Yeodiv) up to now have not been alike. Matter is now being gone into by each Division, in order to set the matter on a proper footing.</p> <p>Forward to "Q" copy of my notes made on the second inspection of the 1st. Line Transport of Australian Mounted Division (2 Brigades) on the 31st. August/17. Condition of 1st. Line Transport of Units now considered by me satisfactory. For copy of notes see.....App.1.</p> <p><u>Camels.</u> Instruct D.I.C.T.C., D.M.C. to go out to SHELLAL and select a camp site for "H" Coy., C.T.C., and to get into communication with the H.Q. of the 60th. Division reference watering at SHELLAL. Present facilities for watering to be ascertained and report rendered to me as soon as possible. It is the intention to attach "H" Company to the 60th. Division for duty., in order to relieve the animals of the 60th. Train, which were practically put into hard work almost at once on their arrival and consequently rather feeling the strain. It is proposed to camp the company on the neighbourhood and somewhat to the north of the SHELLAL Junction.</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u> <u>D.U.S. for Yeomanry Mounted Division.</u> O.C., Yeodiv Train forwards correspondence asking that they may be allowed a Depot Unit of Supply, or its equivalent, to put it on the same footing as the Australian Mounted Divisions. I strongly advocate this situated as we are and will be, and am instructing the O.C., Yeodiv Train to put the matter up to his Division. Divisional Supply and Requisitioning Details are not sufficient under the circumstances.</p> <p>D.A. &amp; Q.M.G., D.M.C. writes A. &amp; N.Z. Mtd. Divn., Australian Mtd. Divn. and Yeomanry Mtd. Divn. as follows:- "Q.3896-2.9.17. Reference the establishment of the Train of a Mounted Division. The Supply Details, or the greater part of them, were already in existence, and were attached to Divns., before these Trains were formed. Now that the Trains are formed, or nearly so, all supply details with Divisions automatically come under the O.C. Train, who is also O.C. A.S.C. of the Division."</p>	



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KHAN YUNUS.	3-9-17.		<p><u>Transport.</u>  Anzac Divisional Train advise as follows:-  "DT.74. 3/9. No.4 Coy. this Train under Captain C.H.Broadbent marched in today less one animal and one O.R. aaa Animal jumped out of truck at Kantara and is expected tomorrow."  Advise D.S.T. accordingly.  Commdg+ Yeodiv Train wires:-  "MST.75. 3rd. In reply to T.23. 6 G.S.Wagons now in possession since 30/8/17".</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u>  Inform O.C., Yeodiv Train that his request for a D.U.S. for Yeomanry Mounted Division has been forwarded to D.S.T., and instruct him to put the matter through his Division.also.</p> <p><u>General.</u>  Administrative H.Q., Desert Mounted Corps moving to ABASAN-EL-KEBIR tomorrow, 4th.instant.</p>	



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ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	4. 9, 17.		<p><u>Supply &amp; Transport.</u></p> <p>With reference to D.A. &amp; Q.M.G's letter Q.3846 of 22.8.17. regarding the arrival of Horse Trains for Mounted Divisions, stating that, as far as circumstances permit, these Trains will be given until the 5th. September before being taken into regular work, so as to give ample time for the personnel, animals and vehicles of these Units to become thoroughly organised and ready for work, and that from the 6th. September inclusive the principle to be aimed at will be a regular system of work combined with economy for all kinds of transport. To achieve this object it is intended to work camel and wheel transport in rotation. In this connection make following arrangements to come into force on the 7th. September:-</p> <p>"Anzac Divisional Train will assist the Australian Divisional Train on alternate days with camels, and the working will be as follows:-</p> <p>7th. September. Australian Divnl. Train supplemented by 450 camels.  8th. September. 800 camels.  9th. September. Anzac Divisional Train supplemented by 260 camels.</p> <p>Camels to be drawn from "A" Coy., C.T.C.</p> <p>The Anzac Mtd. Division will be fed as at present by "L" Coy., C.T.C. and the Yeomanry Mtd. Divnl. Train will work as follows:-</p> <p>7th. September. Train supplemented by 230 camels.  8th. September. 350 camels.  9th. September. 350 camels.</p> <p>Camels to be drawn from "C" Coy., C.T.C."</p> <p>Seven days will be allowed from the arrival of fresh Companies of the Train in the Divisional Area for training etc., after which period they will take up transport duty, and the equivalent number of camels relieved. Wagon Loads to be taken at 16 cwt.</p> <p><u>Transport.</u></p> <p>Accompanied by D.A.D.S.T., I made a reconnaissance of roads on the far side of the WADI GHUZZI to the East of SHELLAL and towards BEERSHEBA with the A.D.T., G.H.Q.</p> <p>The road taken was outwards from SHELLAL in a E.N.E. direction leaving EL IMARA on the right until meeting ABU SHAWISH at Point 510. Proceeded then S.E. down the ABU SHAWISH road until reaching the FARA-BEERSHEBA Road., thence West along the FARA-BEERSHEBA Road back to SHELLAL.</p> <p>The roads throughout were fit for light cars and ambulances.</p> <p>(Continued).</p>	



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ABASAN-EL -KEBIR.	4. 9.17.		<p><u>Transport. (Continued).</u></p> <p>The FARA-BEERSHEBA Road was suitable for Motor Lorries, and would stand such traffic for two or three days only in dry weather, except between GOZ-<del>EE</del>-BASIL and KHAHSIF which needs clearing. Reference SINAI PENINSULAR - BEERSHEBA Map. 1:125,000. Sheet <u>North H.36</u> <u>E.IV.</u></p> <p><u>Camels.</u> Site selected for "H" Coy., C.T.C. on clean ground 3/4 mile North of Junction SHELLAL-FARA Rly., Map reference GAZA-SHELLAL 2nd.Edition D.23. This site is unoccupied and has no other troops near by, and is handy for Water and Supplies. The watering facilities at SHELLAL (Hisaa Camel Pools) are adequate, and D.I.C.T.C., D.M.C. has sent O.C., "E" Coy. to 60th.Div.H.Q. to arrange for the replacement of one defective pump. Advise D.S.T. accordingly.</p>	



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ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	5. 9.17.		<p><u>Supply.</u> D.S.T. advises that owing to the temporary shortage of wood, it will be necessary for the issue of this to be reduced by 50%, until further supplies are received. As this sometimes causes a little difficulty in the matter of cooking frozen meat, Supply Depots have been instructed to meet special requests from individual formations for Preserved Meat or M.&amp; V. Rations in lieu of Frozen Meat, pending the wood shortage, provided due notice is given in order to enable the demands for Frozen Meat to be countermanded, but it is not at all desirable that issues of Preserved Meat or M.&amp; V. Rations in lieu of Frozen Meat should be encouraged, except where absolutely necessary. Inform all concerned accordingly.</p> <p><u>Transport.</u> H.Q., Desert Mtd. Corps advise as follows:- "HQ. 1971. 4/9. Following are train arrangements for:-  <div> <div>997 Company. Australian Mtd. Divnl. Train.</div> <div> Train A. Offrs. 2 O.R's 57 Natives 58 Animals 145  4 wheeled G.S. Wgns. 28 Double Limbers 2  2 wheeled vehicle 1.  Move 8th. from KANTARA EAST. Timing 45. Load 1330. Depart 1630. Arrive KHAN YUNUS 0533/9th. </div> </div> <div> <div>998 Company. Australian Mtd. Divnl. Train.</div> <div> Train B. Offr. 1 O.R's 57 Natives 58 Animals 145  4 wheeled G.S. Wgns. 28 Double Limbers 2  2 wheeled vehicle 1.  Move 9th. from KANTARA EAST. Timing 5. Load 2230./8th. Depart 0130/9th.  Arrive KHAN YUNUS 1433/9th.  aaa Please meet on arrival and make necessary arrangements aaa Addressed AUSDIV repled.  A.D.S.T." </div> </div> <p><u>Personnel.</u> Write D.S.T. with reference to the Corps Supply Details of a Corps Troops Supply Column and with further reference to C.G.S. letter G.S. 623 of 22.8.17., and ask him when these Supply Details will be available.</p> </p>	



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ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	6. 9.17.		<p><u>Supply &amp; Transport.</u> Visit Yeomanry Divisional Train with reference to the new working of Train and Camels. Arrange with O.C.Train the number of camels that will be necessary to assist him.</p> <p><u>Transport.</u> Accompanied by D.A.D.S.T. inspect the Australian Divisional Train with A.D.T., G.H.Q. (Lt.Col. G.E.Badcock, ASC.). A.D.T. expressed himself as being very pleased with the appearance of the camp and the steadiness of the men on parade, also the stamp of animals shown to him. Inspect Anzac Divisional Train also. A.D.T. again expressed himself as being very satisfied with the cleanliness and steadiness of the men on parade, and the appearance of the animals.</p> <p>Write G.O.C., Australian Mtd.Division asking for date suitable for me to inspect the 1st.Line Transport of the 7th.Mounted Brigade, and the remainder of the Water Carts of the other two Brigades of this Division.</p> <p>Write D.S.T., G.H.Q. with reference to the revised scale of transport provisionally approved for Desert Mounted Corps of 5 Ford Cars and 10 Ford Vans, stating that 5 Ford Cars and drivers are already in possession, whereas 8 Ford Vans are attached from 956 Company. Ask D.S.T. whether these 8 Ford Vans with present drivers may be taken over by this Corps, as they are well acquainted with the country, and 2 further vans be issued to complete establishment.</p> <p><u>Camels.</u> "H" Coy., C.T.C. leaving RAFA 0500 - 7th.September for SHELLAL. Major Buckland (D.I.C.T.C., D.M.C.) making necessary arrangements and meeting Company on the way to SHELLAL.</p>	



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ABASAN-EL -KEBIR.	7. 9.17.		<p><u>Transport.</u> Inform "Q" that the D.I.C.T.C., D.M.C. reports that there are 1975 camels in "H" Coy., C.T.C. and that I propose to allot <del>250</del> them for duty, to start on the 9th. instant, as follows:-</p> <p>For daily convoy work with the 60th. Division 700 camels resting every second day - working alternate days - = 700 x 2 = 1400 Camels.</p> <p>For local duties relieving "C" Coy, in Nuran Area 100 camels daily resting every second day - working alternate days - = 100 x 2 = 200 : :</p> <p>For use for carrying supplies of "H" Coy. 100 camels daily resting every second day - working alternate days - = 100 x 2 = 200 : :</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Spare 175 : : Total 1975 Camels. =====</p> <p>Maximum Load to be 250 lbs.      Ask "Q" if he approves.</p>	



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ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	8.9.17.		<p><u>Supply.</u> D.S.T. writes pointing out that G.R.O.No.2207 of 10.2.17. regarding hoops on Compressed Forage (Tibben, Dries, etc.) is not being complied with - quite 50% arriving at M.S.D., Kantara unfolded and untied. In order to save considerable labour and freight D.S.T. wishes Units to be communicated with on the subject, and ensure that they hand in to Depots bundles of iron bands properly folded and tied as laid down in above mentioned G.R.O. Forward copy of D.S.T's letter to all concerned in Desert Mtd.Corps.</p> <p><u>Transport.</u> Following copy of wire received from Australian Mtd.Division:- "MQ.797. 9/9. A.D.S.T., DESCORPS will inspect those Water Carts of your Unit that were not seen by him on last inspection at 1400 on Monday 10th. aaa Further instructions follow aaa Addressed 3rd.&amp; 4th.Brigades."</p> <p><u>Camels.</u> D.I.C.T.C. forwards marching-in-state of "H" Coy., C.T.C.:- "7.9.17. SHELLAL. Officers 10. Other Ranks 18. Natives 1182. Horses 28. Camels 2023" and reports that arrangements have been made to water partly at SHELLAL partly at FARA in conjunction with "E" &amp; "C" Companies.</p> <p>Railoff Kantara East wires as follows:- "C.721. 8th. By 35 aaa Remounts aaa RAFA 170 camels aaa 1 O.R. 40 Natives conducting party"</p> <p>With reference to the proposed allotment of "H" Coy. camels forwarded to "Q" on 7.9.17., for approval, "Q" replies as follows:- "As "H" Coy. will be one of ours and "C" will not, I think it would be better if we kept "H" entirely under our own control and let "C" help the 60th.Division and do all the detail work. 60th.Division will pass out of our command shortly and will then ask to keep the camels with it and it may be difficult to effect an exchange. Will you arrange accordingly".</p>	



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ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	9. 9.17.		<p><u>Supply &amp; Transport.</u>            Inform O.C., Yeomanry Mtd.Divnl.Train, O.C., 60th.Divisional Train, D.A.&amp; Q.M.G. and D.I.C.T.C. Desert Mtd.Corps that the following camel arrangements will come into force from the 10th.inst:-  <u>YEOMANRY MOUNTED DIVISION.</u>  <u>10th.September.</u> Train supplemented by 230 camels from "C" Coy., C.T.C.  <u>11th.September.</u> 1100 camels from "H" Coy., C.T.C.  <u>12th.September.</u> 1100 camels from "H" Coy., C.T.C.  <u>60th.DIVISION.</u>            400 camels will assist this Division daily from "C" Coy., C.T.C.            "C" Company will also furnish all details at NURAN.</p> <p>These arrangements will continue until further instructions.</p> <p><u>Transport.</u>            A.D.T., G.H.Q. writes expressing his appreciation on the high state of efficiency in which he found the Australian Divisional Train (under Major H.A.MAUNDER) and the A.&amp; N.Z.Divnl.Train (under Major N.B.LOVERIDGE) on inspection 6.9.17.            Forward a copy of A.D.T's letter to each Train.</p> <p>Take up fully question of 1st.Line Transport Establishments with H.Q., Anzac Mtd.Division showing corrections in the return rendered by them in full detail.            Forward a copy of the corrected statement of a Mounted Division )Egypt(Less R.A.( First Line Transport worked out by me to each of the Anzac, Australian and Yeomanry Mtd.Divisions for their information and retention.</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u>            Understand that Lt.E.W.Pearson, A.S.C.,M.T., O,i/c Hdqtr.Cars, Desert Mtd.Corps at Advanced H.Q. has now left this Corps for the 20th.Corps but no information regarding this move has been received in this Office.            Take matter up with D.A.A.&amp; Q.M.G., D.M.C. and ask for full details to be forwarded me. Also mention fact to D.S.T. in Weekly Letter No.3.</p>	



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ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	10.9.17.		<p><u>Supply &amp; Transport.</u>            Following wire addressed Camel Brigade Repeated A.D.S.T., D.M.C.:-            "T.240. 10/9. 340 camels of "C" Coy., C.T.C. will be available on every alternate day to take supplies from Supply Depot WELI SHEIKH NURAN to Camel Brigade aaa Camel Brigade will detail a representative to take over these camels at Supply Depot WELI SHEIKH NURAN at 0500 on alternate days aaa This arrangement will come into force from tomorrow 11th.instant and is intended to lessen the work of the 1st.Line Transport camels of Camel Brigade aaa Acknowledge!"</p> <p><u>Transport.</u>            Further to my notes on 6.9.17. with reference to 10 Ford Vans required to complete the Establishment of Desert Mtd.Corps, D.S.T. replies as follows:-            "We can only let you keep the 8 Ford Vans till others arrive to replace them: and except we withdraw on loan from 956 M.T.Coy. the extra 2 you are entitled to by establishment, we cannot let you have them till those on demand from home arrive".            Inform Camp Commandant, H.Q., D.M.C. accordingly.</p> <p>O.C., Australian Divnl.Train wires:-            "T.S.102. 9th. Marching-in-State of No.997 Coy. as follows British Officers 2 Other Ranks 51 Natives 54 Horses 45 Mules 78 aaa G.S.Wagons 25 L.G.S.Wagons 2 Water Cart 1 aaa Remainder probably march in tomorrow aaa No.998 Coy. expected some time tonight".</p> <p>"T.S.106. 10th. Marching-in-State 998 Coy. aaa Officers 1 Other Ranks 57 Natives 57 G.S.Wgns. 14 L.G.S.Wgns.2 Water Cart 1 aaa 14 G.S.Wgns.left at Kantara owing to sufficient truck accommodation but will arrive at KHAN YUNUS at 0152 tomorrow morning."</p> <p>Inspect 1st.Line Transport of the 7th.Mounted Brigade and the remainder of the Water Carts of the other two Brigades of the Australian Mtd.Division.</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u>            Write D.S.T. regarding the question of providing natives with Housewives and Mess-tins which has been raised by the O.C., Yeomanry Mtd.Divnl.Train, and which the other two Train Commanders are of opinion that these two items are necessary as part of the natives equipment, on the scale of 6 Housewives per Company and one Mess-tin, or its equivalent, per native. The issue on this scale is strongly recommended by me, and ask D.S.T. whether the matter may be considered.</p>	

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ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	10. 9.17.		<p><u>Personnel. (Continued).</u></p> <p>Further to my notes on 5.9.17., D.S.T. writes as follows regarding the Corps Supply Details:-            "I am sorry, but I had rather overlooked the Desert Mounted Corps as a matter of fact, but, as you have raised the question, and very rightly so, will you consider the desirability of having Australian Personnel to form the Corps Supply Details. If this is not practicable, let me know and I will try and raise the personnel you require."</p>	



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ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	11.9.17.		<p><u>Supply.</u> Circulate to all Train Commanders and S.O., I.C. Brigade, Army Council Instruction No. 1258 of 1917 which states that the packing of spare ration bags with consignments of iron rations has been discontinued. All ration bags required for maintenance of equipment of units will therefore be demanded from the A.O.D. 53/Gen.No./7683(Q.M.G.6).</p> <p><u>Transport.</u> <u>Camels.</u> D.I.C.T.C., D.M.C. asks whether he may have permission to concentrate "C" Coy., C.T.C. at SHELLAL JUNCTION. This Company is shortly leaving this Corps, and it is thought that it will make efficiency if the O.C. gets his Company together. The Camp it is proposed to put them into is new ground near to and West of "H" Company. This will also serve the purpose of marking and occupying a C.T.C. Camp in proximity to the Main Supply Depot in case we shall require to move up another Company. Inform D.I.C.T.C. that it is not considered desirable at present to move "C" Coy. to the proposed site at SHELLAL JUNCTION. When Shellal Junction Depot has opened, "C" Coy. may then be concentrated on the ground that has been reserved for them by the 60th. Division.</p> <p><u>Horse.</u> Visit Australian Mtd. Divnl. Train and inspect the Mules of 997 &amp; 998 Coys'. which had arrived on 9th. &amp; 10th. instant. Considerable number of the mules were small, but in fairly good condition.</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u> G.O.C., D.M.C. forwards application on 9th. instant to D.Q.M.G., G.H.Q. for a Depot Unit of Supply for the Yeomanry Mounted Division, so as to put this Division, in regard to Supply Details, on the same footing as the other two Mounted Divisions.</p> <p>Put up to "A" a recommendation for the promotion of Captain A. Lowden, Commanding "C" Coy., C.T.C. to the rank of Major whilst commanding a Company of C.T.C.</p>	



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ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	12. 9.17.		<p><u>Transport.</u> GHUZZI</p> <p>Go out across the WADI on a reconnaissance of roads. Route taken was from ABASAN to GAMLI thence across the Wadi, down through SHANAG to ESANI. From ESANI to RASHID-BEK, then South along the KHALASA Road to Point 780. Thence in a S.W. direction to a point where the 800 Contour touches the KHALASA-BEERSHEBA Road. Went North along the latter road taking the left branch at the G. in GOZ-SHEIHILI till reaching the WADI KHAZALI, thence up the Wadi, through the WADI EL ISSAD back to RASHID-BEK, continuing North for a mile, then swinging left-handed through the K. in GOZ LAKHLEILAT on to the KHALASA-GAZA Road which was followed until the SHELLAL Road was met and returned then left-handed through SHELLAL.</p> <p>Roads throughout were passable for Light Cars, but in the South the going was heavy as the roads run through the sand hills.</p> <p>The KHALASA-ABU SHAWISH Road was good after the sand was left, where the 800 Contour runs through it two miles N.E. of KHALASA.</p> <p>The WADI ISSAD Track is sandy, and one of the gradients would want making passable for Ambulances.</p> <p>Reference SINAI PENINSULAR - BEERSHEBA Map. 1:125.000. Sheet <u>North H.36.</u> E.IV.</p> <p><u>Camels.</u></p> <p>Further to my notes of 11.9.17. reference concentration of "C" Coy., C.T.C., D.I.C.T.C. writes further asking in view of the facts laid down he would like to concentrate "C" Coy. in the present camp S. of NURAN. Approve of this suggestion.</p> <p><u>Later.</u> D.I.C.T.C. advises that "C" Coy. march from KHAN YUNUS at 0530 tomorrow, and the whole of the Coy. will be concentrated at NURAN 1 mile S. of Supply Depot.</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u></p> <p>Put forward to D.A. &amp; Q.M.G., D.M.C. the name of Major H.A. MAUNDER, A.A.S.C., at present in command of the Australian Mtd. Divnl. Train for appointment as D.A. &amp; Q.M.G., Australian Mtd. Division. Also the name of 2/Lt. W. Errol, A.A.S.C., at present O.C., 27th D.U.S. to command Corps Supply Details.</p> <p>Orders for move of Lt. E.W. Pearson apparently issued direct from Captain Cox. Inform D.S.T. and ask for another officer to be detailed to take his place.</p>	



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ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	13.9.17.		<p><u>Supply &amp; Transport.</u>  Forward H.Q., Anzac. Australian &amp; Yeomanry Mtd.Divisions copy of arrangements that have been made with regard to the move on the 18th.September, and Daily Convoys afterwards. For copy of arrangements see.....</p> <p>D.S.T. advises that the Supply Depot at SHEIKH NURAN will be eaten down as much as <del>is</del> possible by the issue to be made on the 15th.instant, and on the 16th., and in future, bulk issues to Formations will be made instead from the SHELLAL DEPOT.  If necessary, it will probably be possible to continue detail issues from SHEIKH NURAN for a short time, but it will eventually be necessary for details at present drawing from SHEIKH NURAN to arrange to draw from SHELLAL.  Put up to "Q" following draft for insertion in Desert Mtd.Corps Routine Orders:-  "SHEIKH NURAN Supply Depot will close on the evening of the 15th.instant, for issues to Troops.  From the 16th. and inclusive, bulk issues to Formations and Detail Issues will be made from SHELLAL SUPPLY DEPOT".  "Q" declines to insert in orders. Send separate instructions to Divisions.</p> <p><u>Transport.</u>  <u>Mechanical.</u>  D.S.T. advises that the M.T.Depot which up-to-date has been established at DEIR-EL-BELAH, has ceased to exist as such, and that any vehicles for which repairs are required are to be sent <del>to</del> henceforth to the Adv.B.M.T.Sub-Depot, RAFA.  Put up to "Q" following draft for insertion in Desert Mtd.Corps Routine Orders:-  "MECHANICAL TRANSPORT.  The M.T.Depot which up-to-date has been established at DEIR-EL-BELAH, has ceased to exist as such, and any vehicles for which repairs are required are to be sent in future to the Adv.B.M.T.Sub-Depot, RAFA.  Spare Parts will also, in future, be demanded from the Adv.B.M.T.Sub-Depot, RAFA."</p> <p><u>Horse.</u>  Forward "Q" a copy of my notes on the Inspection of the 1st.Line Transport of the 7th.Mounted Brigade on the 10th.September, also forward a copy on to H.Q., Australian Mtd.Division for their information. For copy of notes see.....</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u>  D.S.T. replies to my letter of 10.9.17. that no issue of Housewives or Mess-tins will be made to Natives with Mtd.Divnl.Trains. Inform O's.C., Trains.</p>	<p>App.2.</p> <p>App.3.</p>



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ABASAM-EL-KEBIR.	14. 9.17.		<p><u>Supply.</u> A.A.&amp; Q.M.G., D.M.C. informs A.A.S. N.Z., Australian and Yeomanry Mtd.Divisions and Imperial Camel Brigade that Sheikh Nuran Supply Depot will close on the 15th.instant for issues to Troops., and that from the 16th.instant inclusive, bulk issues to Formations and Detail Issues will be made from SHELLAL Supply Depot.</p> <p>Wire O's.C., Australian Mtd.Divnl.Train, Yeomanry Mtd.Divnl.Train &amp; 60th.Divisional Train re above matter.</p> <p><u>Transport.</u> Write D.S.T. fully with regard to the position of Brigade Transport Officer. Also bring to D.S.T's notice that the 22nd.Mounted Brigade are a Supply Officer short.</p> <p>G.O.C., D.M.C. recommends to D.Q.M.G., G.H.Q. that the following stores be added to the Mob. Store Table of a Mounted Divisional Train:-  2 six hundred gallon horse troughs.      4 sunction hose.      4 delivery hose.  2 lift and force pumps.      2 roses.</p> <p>With the above Stores a Divisional Train will be independent of outside watering equipment, and as this Unit, during operations, may be working apart from any of the Formations, it is desirable that it should be, in this respect, self contained.</p> <p><u>Camels.</u> Ask D.I.C.T.C. to arrange for "C" Coy. to take over from "E" Coy. all transport duties outside the 60th.Division, at present being performed by "E" Coy.</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u> D.A.&amp; Q.M.G., D.M.C. informs me that the Corps Commander approves of the personnel of the Corps Supply Details being found from A.I.F.personnel. Inform D.S.T. accordingly. Ask Anzac Train and Australian Train to detail 6 trained supply men each to form these Details. 2/Lt.W.Errol, A.A.S.C., will command. Also ask A.A.G., A.I.F. to wire Moascar to send up 12 men to form Corps Troops Supply Details., these to report at Supply Dump, KHAN YUNUS.</p>	



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ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	15. 9.17.		<p><u>Transport.</u> D.S.T. (Brig-Genl.G.F.Davies) accompanied by A.D.T.(Lt.Col.G.E.Badcock) visited Australian Mtd.Divisional Train.</p> <p>D.D.M.S. &amp; D.A.D.S.T. visited Motor Ambulance Park with a view to deciding on the fixing of 5 gallon fanatis on Ford Ambulances for carrying spare water, shovels and wire netting. Experiments will be carried out as to the best method of carrying, and the best place for carrying.</p>	



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ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	16. 9.17.		<p><u>Transport.</u> Write D.S.T. for authority for the issue of 200 tibbin bands from Sheikh Nuran Supply Depot to the Desert Mtd. Corps Ambulance Park. They are required for fixing fanatis, and shovels, to the Motor Ambulances.</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u> Further to my notes on 12.9.17. with regarding to the detailing of another Officer to take Lieut. Pearson's place, D.S.T. writes:- "Please put this application up asking for an addition to your staff of one M.T. Officer of rank as Captain as Senior M.T. Officer., D.M. Corps. Send application through D.M.C. Hdqtrs. to G.H.Q., and send me a copy." Ask D.S.T. in Weekly Letter No.4 to send an Officer with a good knowledge of Mechanical Transport as it is intended to make him responsible for all Cycles, Cars, Ambulances, etc., in the Corps.</p> <p>With reference to the recommendation put forward for the promotion of Captain A. Lowden, O.C., "C" Coy., C.T.C. to the rank of Major, D.S.T. advises as follows:- "The attached A.F. W.3025 is not approved. The rank of the Commanding Officer of a C.T.C. Company is laid down in the establishment as either a Major or a Captain and War Office have ruled that where an alternative establishment of Major or Captain exists, promotions from the lower to the higher rank will not be made. I am taking up the question of allowing a percentage of Commanding Officers of C.T.C. Companies to be promoted to the rank of Major, and the name of the Officer put forward on the attached form should be noted until such time as recommendations are called for."</p>	



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ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	17. 9.17.		<p><u>Transport.</u> Camp Commandant, D.M.C. asking for two more Ford Cars to be attached to D.M.C.Hdqtrs. on D.S.T.'s minute of 10.9.17. (see copy in Diary Notes for 10.9.17.). These I do not consider necessary until active operations commence, as the present cars held are not fully employed. Put matter up to D.S.T. for his decision.</p> <p>With reference to O.C., L.A.M.B.'s request for a Box Rolls Royce Car to complete the Batteries to Establishment in Rolls Royces, D.A.D.S.T. discusses this matter with O.C., L.A.M.B.'s and finds that what is really required is a Ford Box Car and driver. It appears that extra signalling equipment has to be carried, and if one of the two Ford Cars shown as required to complete establishment could be supplied, it would meet all his requirements. Forward matter to D.S.T.</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u> In reply to my query as to whether native drivers could be promoted to Reis or Bash Reis on a vacancy occurring within a Unit, A.A.G., 3rd.Echelon replies as follows:- "Officers Commanding A.S.C.Units act quite within their rights in filling vacancies within their Units by the promotion of Native Drivers to Reis, or Bash Reis, as the case may be. All such promotions, must of course, be shown on the A.Fs.B.213a for the ensuing week". Inform O's.C., Anzac. Australian and Yeomanry Divisional Trains accordingly.</p>	



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ABASAN- <del>EE</del> -KEBIR.	18. 9.17.			
	19. 9.17.		<p><u>Supply.</u> D.S.T. writes stating that small demands for flour for making paste for sticking on targets have recently been received. In view of the small amounts which may be required from time to time, sanction for issue may be given by <del>you</del> me, without reference to the office of D.S.T. D.S.T., G.H.Q. letter 033 of 18.9.17.</p> <p><u>Transport.</u> D.S.T. advises that the issue of 200 tibbin bands to the D.M.C. Motor Ambulance Park is approved and O.i/c Supplies, SHEIKH NURAN has been instructed to issue.</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u> Wire Recormef Alexandria for 2 Ford Drivers which are urgently required by No. 7 Light Car Patrol and ask for thoroughly trained Ford Drivers to be sent.</p> <p>Ask D.S.T. whether arrangements may be made to post a relief for Captain C.M. Butler, S.O., 8th. Mounted Brigade who has proceeded to Alexandria for embarkation to U.K. on leave.</p>	



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ABASAN-EL -KEBIR.	20. 9.17.		<p><u>Transport.</u> Ask D.S.T. whether Cox's Condensers are still being made for Ford Cars, as I understand that O.C., D.M.C. Motor Ambulance Park has indented on several occasions for these Condensers and has been unable to obtain them. I consider that they would be of the greatest assistance in the event of active operations.</p> <p>O.C., D.M.C. Ambulances informs me that the Adv.B.M.T. Sub-Depot, RAFA, has declined to take over unserviceable stores from him, and is asking him to send them direct to the Base. As this Unit has no facilities for packing or despatching unserviceable stores, and can only return same when drawing new stores, ask D.S.T. if arrangements could be made for the Adv.B.M.T. Sub-Depot, RAFA to take in unserviceable stores.</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u> Further to my notes on 14.9.17. D.S.T. replies fully to my letter of that date regarding Brigade Transport Officers. (See Office File 2/134). With reference to Captain BALL, S.O., 22nd. Mounted Brigade who is at present on leave in U.K. and whom it is understood has obtained an extension of leave - authority for extension unknown - D.S.T. is taking this matter up with D.A.G.</p> <p>Inform O.C., Yeomanry Mtd. Divnl. Train that a relief has been asked for for Captain C.M. Butler, S.O., 8th. Mtd. Bde. at present awaiting embarkation to U.K. on leave, and that the question of Captain Ball, S.O., 22nd. Mtd. Bde. has been taken up with D.S.T.</p>	



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ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	21.9.17.		<p><u>Supply.</u> D.I.C.T.C. forwards complaint received from O.C., "L" Coy., C.T.C. stating that his Company had not been able to obtain Camel Salt from the Supply Depot for the past week - Supply Officer also states that he has been unable to obtain Camel Salt from Kantara for over one month. Forward complaint to D.S.T.</p> <p><u>Transport.</u> Further to my notes on 17.9.17. reference the attaching of two more Ford Cars to D.M.C.Hdqtrs. D.S.T. writes stating that at present he is afraid that these cars are not available.</p> <p>D.S.T. visits Anzac Divisional Train.</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u> G.O.C., I.C.Brigade 'phones me stating that he had met Captain SOUTH in CAIRO (late S.O., I.C.Bde.-Evacuated Sick) and that he was anxious to return to duty, and wanted to know if Captain SOUTH could be returned to the I.C.Brigade. G.O.C., I.C.Brigade had nothing against the present S.O. (Captain SEAGRAVE), who is a good man in every way, and who was very anxious to remain out in the Front Line. Suggest to D.S.T. that Captain SEAGRAVE be attached temporarily to the 22nd.Mounted Brigade pending the return of Captain BALL who is at present on leave to U.K., and Captain SOUTH to take up his original position with the I.C.Brigade. D.S.T. orders move of Lieut.F.W.Benedict from No.956 M.T.Coy., A.S.C. to H.Q., D.M.Corps as O.C., Motor Ambulances. (Wire T.2211 - 21.9.17.)</p>	



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ABASAN- EL- KEBIR.	22. 9.17.		<p><u>Supply.&amp; Transport.</u> D.S.T. forwards letter stating that, in future, all Proceedings of Boards on Supplies assembled by Formations are to be forwarded direct to the D.D.S.T., 2nd.Echelon (Central Accounts Office) Cairo, for disposal. No copy need be forwarded to <del>this</del> D.S.T's office. (Letter No.310 dated 21.9.17.).</p> <p>For copy of Daily Convoy Arrangements made - camels and wheels - for Anzac, Australian and Yeomanry Mounted Divisions from September 24th., until further orders, see.....</p> <p>Further to my notes on 17.9.17. re Ford Box Car and driver for L.A.M.B's., D.S.T. sanctions the issue of same and instructs that O.C., 11th.&amp; 12th.L.A.M.B. should apply to O.C., 956 Coy. for this car and driver. Inform O.C., L.A.M.Brigade accordingly.</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u> Further to my notes on 16.9.17. regarding the appointment of a Senior M.T.Officer for Desert Mtd.Corps, D.A.A.&amp; Q.M.G., D.M.C. writes as follows:- "As the Establishment of Corps Headquarters is finally closed, it is regretted that this application cannot be considered at the present. The matter of the responsibility for the efficiency, inspection and maintenance of all M.T.Vehicles in the Corps, has not been lost sight of, and some scheme is now under consideration of the D.A.&amp; Q.M.G.". Forward matter on to D.S.T. for information, and point out that I am unaware, at present, as to what scheme is now under consideration with D.A.&amp; Q.M.G., Desert Mtd.Corps.</p>	App.4.



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ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	23.9.17.		<p><u>Supply &amp; Transport.</u> Referring to my notes on 21.9.17. re Camel Salt, D.S.T. now advises that action has already been taken in this matter, and coarse salt will be available in all Depots probably from to-day.</p> <p>A.D.A.S., D.M.C. writes "Q" stating that he thinks the 6 cars used by Signals should be equipped with certain spares in case of breakdown while on the road. "Q" forwards matter to me asking what spares it is thought should be carried:- (a).By each car. (b).Held by the Corps for all cars throughout the Corps.</p> <p>Write C.R.E., D.M.C. stating that it has been decided that it is necessary to carry a certain amount of wire netting on each Field Ambulance in the event of active operations, so that should any particular track become bad, the Ambulance drivers can lay the wire themselves. For this purpose, it is considered that half the number of Ambulances, viz., 22 should carry 50 yards of wire netting each. Ask C.R.E. to authorise the issue.</p>	



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ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	24.9.17.		<p><u>Transport.</u> Forward "Q" list showing spares (a) to be carried by each car (b) to be held by the Corps for all cars throughout the Corps. Point out that Motor Ambulances in D.M.C.Park are self-contained and are not included.</p> <p><u>Personnel.</u> In reply to my letter asking for a relief to be posted for Captain C.M.Butler, S.O., 8th.Mtd. Bde., D.S.T. replies that a relief is not available, and that owing to the following remarks being on the application for leave, Captain Butler was only allowed to proceed:- "Unit. A.S.C. attached 8th.Mtd.Bde. 2 Officers. An Officer will be detached from a Regiment to do Supply Duties during Captain Butler's absence." Write O.C., Yeomanry Divnl.Train accordingly.</p>	
	25.9.17.		<p><u>Transport.</u> Further to my notes on 14.9.17. with reference to the issue of Canvas Troughs and Pumps to Divisional Trains. A reply has been received from G.H.Q. that the issue of Horse Troughs and Equipment to Mounted Divisional Trains has been carefully considered, and it is regretted the recommendation cannot be approved.</p> <p>"A", G.H.Q. have been requested by D.S.T. to issue the necessary instructions for the following moves to be carried out forthwith:- "Lt.Col.J.K.MACKINTOSH - O.C., Yeomanry Mtd.Divnl.Train, SHELLAL - to BELAH for duty as O.C., 921 Coy., 54th.Divisional Train.</p> <p>Major J.W.B.LANDON - O.C., Hdqtrs.Coy. (No.921), 54th.Train, BELAH to SHELLAL for duty as O.C., Yeomanry Mtd.Divnl.Train."</p>	



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ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	26. 9.17.		<p><u>Supply &amp; Transport.</u></p> <p>With reference to a complaint received from D.I.C.T.C., D.M.C. regarding sacks of dirty grain <del>being</del> issued to "A" Coy., C.T.C., and which complaint was forwarded to D.S.T., D.S.T. replies that this Coy. appears to have been particularly unfortunate over this mixed grain, and it is presumed that some mistake must have occurred when issuing, as the usual standard of grain issued is "good", and found to be a very adequate camel ration. Inform D.I.C.T.C. accordingly, and order return of the remaining sacks of dirty grain to Supply Depot, KHAN YUNUS for exchange.</p> <p>D.A.D.S.T. visits ESANI proceeding on the West side of the Wadi from GAMLI to ESANI, with a view to finding a suitable place beyond ESANI <del>from</del> where Caterpillars can get across the WADI IMALAGA. The small wadi leading into the large wadi at about the "M" in IMALAGA was found to be the most suitable place. This will require improvement by labour, and the work would need approximately 400 men per day. The going on the west side of the WADI SHANAG from GAMLI to ESANI is good. Distance from GAMLI to the crossing approximately 10 miles. <u>North H.36.</u> Reference SINAI PENINSULAR-BEERSHEBA Map. 1:125,000. Sheet <u>E.1V.</u></p> <p>Captain R.J.Williams, A.S.C., M.T., O.C. of the Caterpillars accompanied the reconnaissance? Brigadier-General E.F.Trew, D.A. &amp; Q.M.G., D.M.C. Corps interviewed him afterwards with a view to giving the details as to what is required. He will be required to find 12 caterpillars daily for certain, and at a pinch 18. Carrying capacity worked out at 10 tons per Caterpillar.</p> <p>Further to my notes on 24.9.17. re spares to be held by the Corps for all cars throughout the Corps, "Q" instructs that a stock of spares in accordance with list submitted by me be got in and kept in H.Q. Workshop Stores.</p>	



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ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	27.9.17.		<p><u>Supply &amp; Transport.</u> Ask D.S.T. when Motor Ambulances will be available for the 7th. Mounted Brigade.</p> <p>O.C., L.A.M. Brigade forwards recommendation for promotion to rank of Captain of 2/Lt. W.G. Wallis, O.C., 6th. Reserve F.A.W.U. (att'd. L.A.M.B's). This matter has already received consideration when previously submitted to Eastforce, but nothing could be done in it. Forward application to D.S.T. for information. D.S.T. replies:- "This application has already been carefully considered &amp; refused. It is not in the interests of the Service to promote a 2/Lt. to a/Captain over the heads of many Officers senior to him and equally capable." Inform O.C., L.A.M. Brigade accordingly.</p> <p>Following is a copy of Routine Order published by Desert Mtd. Corps:- "No. 770. C.T.C. Drivers. 27th. September 1917. The attention of all concerned is called to the fact that it is no part of the duty of C.T.C. Drivers to load and unload stores, ammunition, supplies, etc., on and off their camels. In no case are these native drivers to be used for stacking stores, ammunition, supplies, etc., or for any other fatigue work which is not required for or by the company to which they belong."</p>	
	28.9.17.		<p>Further to my notes on 23.9.17., C.R.E. approves the issue of 22 rolls 1½" mesh wire netting weighing 60 lbs, each for Ambulances of D.M. Corps. These to be drawn from R.E. Park, BELAH or SHELLAL JUNCTION as most convenient. Instruct O.C., M.A. Park to arrange to draw.</p> <p>Further to my notes on 21.9.17., Captain South reported for duty with I.C. Brigade on 27.9.17. and Captain F. Ball reported to 22nd. Mounted Brigade to-day.</p>	



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ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	29. 9.17.		<p><u>Supply and Transport.</u></p> <p><u>Chloride of Lime and Bleaching Powder</u> - D.S.T. advises that really sound stocks of these are at present very short, owing to wholesale condemnations. Large stocks are in transit from England, and should be available for issue within the next week. Depots have been instructed to reserve really sound stocks for water chlorination, issuing the balance for disinfection only.</p> <p>D.S.T. advises that no Condensers are available for Ford Cars and that it is not proposed to take any further action in the matter.</p> <p>Reference Motor Ambulances for 7th.Mounted Brigade. None are available until further Ambulances arrive from U.K. War Office have been asked to expedite delivery, but none are yet advised as having been shipped - A.D.M.S., G.H.Q. knows of this.</p> <p>Instruct H.Q., Anzac, Australian and Yeomanry Divns., Camp Commdt., H.Q.D.M.Corps and "W" Corps Signals that, in future, repairs to be carried out to Motor Cars in the Corps will be done by fitters attached to the Workshop at Desert Mtd.Corps Headquarters.</p> <p>A stock of spares considered sufficient for all cars and vans of the Corps is being held at D.M.Corps H.Q. In addition, each car will carry as spare:-</p> <p>Petrol 2 galls. Oil 2 galls. Water 2 galls. Tyres 2. Tubes 2. Sparking Plugs 2.</p> <p>Water Joints 2 (1 inlet and 1 outlet).</p> <p>Ask for instructions to be issued for each car to be sent in to the Workshop at D.M.C.Hdqtrs. once a week to be inspected, and let me know on what days it will be convenient to send in the cars, so as to enable me to keep a check on spares carried and ensure that the cars are being kept in an efficient state by the drivers in charge.</p> <p>Forward to O.C., D.M.C.M.A.Park two lists:-</p> <p>(a) List of spares which will be carried by each car (b) List of spare parts which will be held at the Headquarters of the Park as a reserve. This stock will be kept up by M.A.Park. Instruct him to put this into action at once, and inform me when each Ambulance is in possession of (a) and the Workshop in possession of stock mentioned in list (b).</p>	







# WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence  
Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II.  
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages  
will be prepared in manuscript.

## or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ABASAN-EL -KEBIR.	30. 9.17.		<p><u>Supply &amp; Transport.</u> For copy of Daily Convoy Arrangements made - camels and wheels - for Anzac, Australian and Yeomanry Mounted Divisions, 1 Brigade of Anzac Divn. at RAFA temporarily, and 7th. Mounted Brigade on and after 3rd. October, see.....</p> <p>For copy of Distribution &amp; Location of Camel Transport in Desert Mtd. Corps, see.....</p>	<p>App.5.</p> <p>App.6.</p>
			<p>H.Q., D.M.C. 1.10.17.</p>	
			<p><i>W. Stampula</i> LIEUT-COLONEL. A.D.S. &amp; T., DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.</p>	



Notes on the A.D. of S. & T's second inspection of 1st. Line  
Transport of Australian Mounted Division (2 Brigades) on  
the 31st. August 1917.  
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(1). Units seen:-

Divisional H.Q.  
H.Q. Signal Squadron.  
3rd. L.H. Brigade.  
4th. L.H. Brigade.

I attach a statement of vehicles of the various units  
on parade, with a few remarks on deficiencies which were not  
noted on the last inspection.

The turnouts generally showed a marked improvement, and  
the parades throughout, with the exception of one or two  
vehicles, were complete.

(2). Harness showed that every effort had been made to get  
it repaired where ~~needed~~<sup>necessary</sup> and deficiencies made up. There were  
still a few horses paraded in bit headstalls, but I understand  
that proper headcollars have been demanded.

(3). The state of the wheels was greatly improved, numbers  
having been exchanged and adjusted.

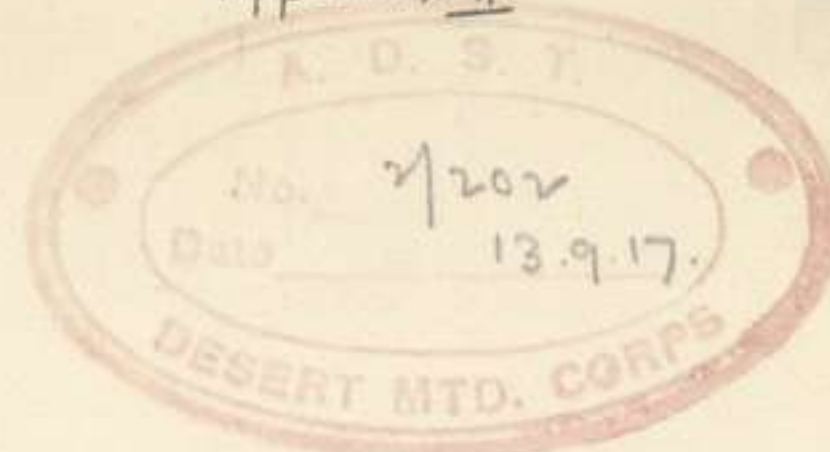
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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.  
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UNIT.	G.S.	L.G.S.	Water Carts.	Waltese Carts.	Sand Carts.	Pack Saddles.	REMARKS.
Div: H.Q.	2	1	-	-	-	-	3 Pipe Boxes worn.
H.Q.Signal Sdrn.	1	-	1	-	-	-	
<u>3rd.L.H.BRIGADE.</u>							
Bde.H.Q.	1	1	-	-	-	-	
Signal Troop.	-	1	-	-	-	-	
M.G.Squadron.	1	17	-	-	-	35	
Field Amblce.	2	2	1	1	12	-	2 Pipe Boxes on Water Cart worn.
8th.L.H.Reg.	5	7	-	1	-	33	
9th.L.H.Reg.	5	7	1	-	-	32	Waltese Cart at Ordnance.
10th.L.H.Reg.	5	7	1	1	-	34	
<u>4th.L.H.BRIGADE.</u>							
Bde.H.Q.	-	2	-	-	-	-	
Signal Troop.	-	1	-	-	-	2	
M.G.Sqdrn.	-	16	1	-	-	30	
Fld.Amblce.	2	2	1	1	8	2	
4th.L.H.Reg.	5	7	1	1	-	25	Pipe Boxes on Water Cart badly worn.
11th.L.H.Reg.	5	7	1	1	-	33	
12th.L.H.Reg.	5	7	1	1	-	36	Several wheel pairs without breechings.
TOTAL.	39	85	9	7	20	262	





Headquarters, Anzac Mtd. Division.  
 : : : Australian Mtd. Division.  
 : : : Yeomanry Mtd. Division.

Arrangements for Transport for Move  
 on 18th. September, and Daily Convoy  
 afterwards.

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#### ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

The Special Emergency Ration now held in 1st. Line Vehicles at edge of sandhills to be taken out to Bivouac Area, ABASAN, by these vehicles on 17th. instant.

On 18th. instant at 0800, the following camels will be available:-

From Beach to edge of sandhills.....	600 camels.
: : : Bivouac Area.....	332 : :

Total. 932 camels.

Supplies for consumption on 19th. instant will be carried by ANZAC Train, assisted by 260 camels.

These camels will be provided by "L" Coy., C.T.C.

On 19th. instant 850 camels of "L" Company.

On 20th. instant Yeomanry Divnl. Train, plus 260 camels.

On 21st. instant Train assisted by 260 camels from "C" Coy.

#### YEOMANRY MOUNTED DIVISION.

The Train will assist 1st. Line Vehicles to move baggage to edge of sandhills.

680 camels from "L" Coy., C.T.C. for baggage to Beach available at 1400.

#### Supplies.

830 camels to be available at KHAN YUNUS DEPOT at 1400 to carry supplies to beach and regimental areas from "A" Company. These camels will be available daily at 0800.

#### AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

##### Baggage.

450 camels to be available at 0800 from "C" Company.

##### Supplies.

The Train assisted by 260 camels from "C" Coy. to draw from SHELLAL DEPOT at 1400, and then on as follows at 0800:-

On 19th. instant 1100 camels from "H" Company.

On 20th. instant 1100 camels from "H" Company.

On 21st. instant, Train assisted by 260 camels from "C" Coy.

Camel Loads not to exceed 250 lbs. for "H" Coy. only.

On 18th. instant, Units will provide a guide for all camels allotted, who will be responsible for the returning of their camels to the area appointed by the O.C. of the Camel Company concerned.

*M. Stanger*

H.Q., D.M.C.  
 13/9/17.

Lieut-Colonel.  
 A.D.S.T., D.M.C.

Copies to:- D.A. & Q.M.C. O.C., Anzac Train.  
 D.I.C.T.C. O.C., Australian Train.  
 O.C., Yeomanry Train.



Notes on the A.D. of S. & T's Inspection of 1st. Line  
Transport of the 7th. Mounted Brigade on 10.9.17.

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- (1). Condition of Animals, Harness and Wagons was generally satisfactory.
- (2). A considerable number of wheels want attention, which is only to be expected after the march through the Desert.

General:-

The two outstanding features of the parade were the Mobile Veterinary Section and Field Ambulance.

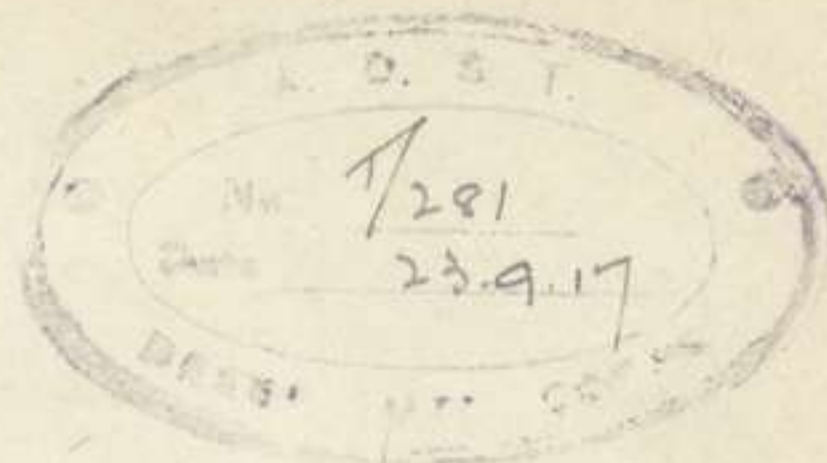
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UNIT.	Condition of Animals.	Condition of Harness.	Condition of Vehicles.	REMARKS.
Bde.H.Q.	Good.	Good.	Good.	1 Pipe Box requires changing.
Mobile Vety. Section.	Excellent.	Excellent.	Good.	2 Pipe Boxes worn.
Signal Troop.	Good.	Good.	Good.	1 Limbered R.E.
$\frac{1}{2}$ M.G. Sqdrn.	Good.	Good.	Serviceable. 1 Water Cart. 1 G.S. and 8 L.G.S. on parade.	7 wheels require tightening. 2 Pipe Boxes worn.
Sherwood Rangers.	Good,	Good.	Serviceable.	2 wheels require tightening at nave bolts. 3 Pipe Boxes worn. 2 wheels require cutting and shutting. 1 L.G.S. away on duty.
South Notts. Hussars.	Good.	Good.	Wheels want attention. Full Establishment on parade.	9 wheels require tightening at nave bolts. 7 Pipe Boxes badly worn. 3 wheels require cutting and shutting.
Field Ambulance.	Good.	Very Good.	Good.	4 Pipe Boxes worn.



Headquarters,  
 Anzac Mounted Division.  
 Australian Mounted Division.  
 Yeomanry Mounted Division.



Daily Convoys.

On the 24th instant, until further orders, the following are the supply and transport arrangements:-

ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

On 24th instant Train supplemented by 230 camels of "L" Coy., C.T.C.

On 25th instant 830 camels of "L" Coy.

On 26th instant Yeomanry Divisional Train plus 230 camels of "L" Coy.

YEOMANRY MOUNTED DIVISION.

830 camels daily from "A" Coy., C.T.C., supplemented by 900 camels of "L" Coy., C.T.C.

AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

On 24th instant Train supplemented by 230 camels of "C" Coy., C.T.C.

On 25th instant 1100 camels of "H" Coy., C.T.C.

On 26th instant <sup>1100</sup> ~~800~~ camels of "H" Coy., C.T.C.

Loads for "H" Coy. Camels - Maximum 250 lbs.

Wagon Loads calculated at 18 cwt.

*William Field*

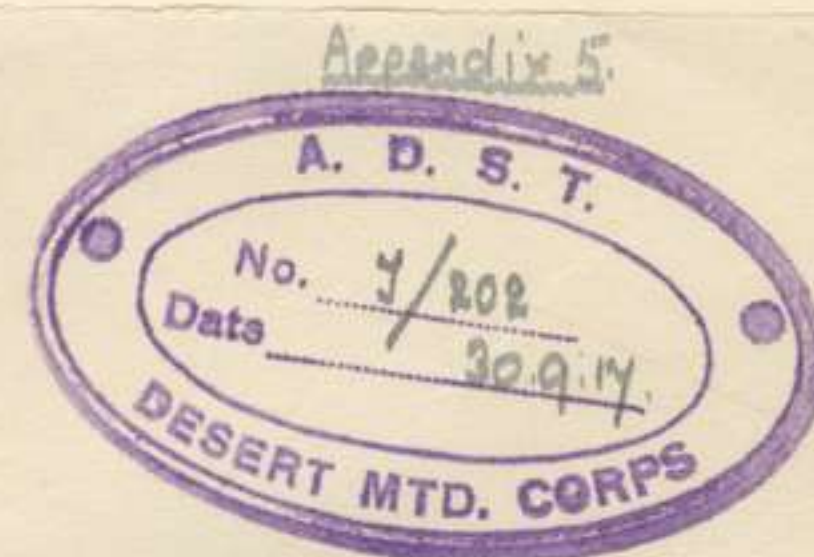
H.Q., D.M.C.  
 22.9.17.

Copies to:- D.A. & Q.M.G.  
 D.I.C.T.C.

Lieut-Colonel.  
 A.D.S.T., D.M.C.  
 O.C., Anzac Train.  
 O.C., Australian Train.  
 O.C., Yeomanry Train.



D.I.C.T.C.,  
Desert Mounted Corps.



Please make 500 camels of "A" Coy. available to be stationed at RAFA to carry supplies to beach daily for the 1st.A.L.H.BRIGADE.

250 will be the approximate daily requirement, and 20 for water distribution.

These camels should proceed to RAFA on the 2nd.October to be available for duty on morning of 3rd. October.

H.Q., D.M.C.  
30.9.17.

Copies to:- D.A. & Q.M.C.  
H.Q., Anzac Mtd.Divn.

*W. Humphreys*  
Lieut-Colonel.  
A.D.S.T., D.M.C.





Headquarters.  
Australian Mtd.Division.  
Anzac Mounted Division.  
Yeomanry Mtd.Division.  
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On and after 3rd. October, the following will be the transport arrangements for Supplies:-

AUSTRALIAN MTD.DIVISION. As at present.

7th.MOUNTED BRIGADE.  
250 camels daily from "L" Coy., C.T.C.

ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION (less 1 Brigade).  
Yeomanry Train and Anzac Train alternate days.

1st.BRIGADE, ANZAC MTD.DIVISION.  
500 camels will be sent to RAFA from "A" Coy., C.T.C.  
to work - 250 daily for supplies and 250 for water distribution.

1st. Brigade to make arrangements for water supply for these camels.

250 of these camels will be available on the 3rd. October, to assist Brigade from RAFA to beach and 250 for supplies.

YEOMANRY MTD.DIVISION. As at present.

H.Q., D.M.C.  
28.9.17.

Copies to:-  
D.A. & Q.M.C.  
D.I.C.T.C.  
O.C., Australian Train.  
O.C., Anzac Train.  
O.C., Yeomanry Train.  
S.O., 7th.Mtd.Bde.

*W. Stanger*  
Lieut-Colonel.  
A.D.S.T., D.M.C.



## DISTRIBUTION &amp; LOCATION OF CAMEL TRANSPORT IN DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

	A.	C.	L.	H.
SHELLAL.		b - 1790		d 1982
:: (I.C.C., D.A.C.)	a 1722	100	c - 1950	
KHAN YUNUS.				
BEACH AREA. (Water Convey)	200			
TOTAL.	1922	1890	1950	1982

## NOTES.

"A" COMPANY. (a) 830 Supply Convoys for Eee-Yeomanry Moundiv. (210 on even days & 210 on 24th. & every 3rd. day are supplied by "L" company.)  
14 Supplies to Camels camped on the Beach.  
31 H.O., D.M.C., 40 Div'l Rest Camp "MARAKUR" 3 D.M.C. Signals.  
(5 Died., 12 to Hospital)

"C" COMPANY. (b) 230 Supply Convoys with Train for Aust. Moundiv on 24th. & every 3rd. Day.  
25 Water Convey for Aust. Moundiv H. Ocs.  
340 Supply Convey for I.C.C. Bde. on odd days. *Ca*  
232 :: :: with 60th. Div'l Train for 24 Secutive days.  
400 :: :: :: :: :: on 24th. & every 3rd. day.  
80 Field Company R.E. for Stone Carrying.  
92 daily for Local Duties (as per list attached) (1 Died)

"L" COMPANY. (c) 230 Supply Convey with Train for A. & N.Z. Mtd. Div. on 24th. & every 3rd. Day.  
100 Washing Water to Bolen at KAZAR & ZUKARI.  
830 :: :: for A. & N.Z. Mtd. Div. on 25th. & every 3rd. Day.  
230 :: :: with Yeo Div. Train for A. & N.Z. Mtd. Div. on 26th. & every 3rd. Day.  
210 :: :: on even days & 210 on 24th. & every 3rd. Day for Yeomanry Moundiv.  
40 Water Convey for Yeomanry Moundiv Train.  
10 H.O., D.M.C. (Ration Convey) (1 Died. 3 to No. 2 Depot, C.T.C.)

"H" COMPANY. (d) 1100 Supply Convoys for Australian Moundiv.  
(This Coy. rests on 24th. & every 3rd. Day) 14 to No. 2 Depot, C.T.C.

## ALLOTMENT.

Australian Moundiv.  
A. & N.Z. Mtd. Division.  
Yeomanry Mtd. Division.

"H" Company and part of "C" Company.  
"L" Company.  
"A" Company and part of "L" Company.

## LIST SHOWING NUMBER OF CAMELS UNALLOTTED.

	24th.	25th.	26th.	27th.	28th.	29th.	30th.
"A" Company.	1224	804	1014	1014	1014	804	1224
"C" Company.	963	1021	1361	623	1361	1021	963
"L" Company.	1250 1150	1070 970	1460 1360	1460 1360	960 760	1670 1570	1050 1150
"H" Company.	1982	882	882	1982	882	882	1982

DEPUTY INSPECTOR  
CAMEL TRANSPORT CORPS  
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS  
Dated 2/10/17.

Major, A.S.C.  
Deputy Inspector, C.T.C.  
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.



LIST SHOWING CAMELS SUPPLIED BY "C" COMPANY FOR LOCAL DUTIES.

UNIT.	NO. OF CAMELS.
121st. Indian Fld. Amb. (Rations & Water)	10
E.L.C. -Gamli- (Rations)	10
E.L.C. -Sheik Wuran- (Rations & Water)	20
30th. A.A. Section. (Rations & Water)	2
Ordnance Mobile Workshops. (Water)	4
Egyptian Hospital. (Water & Rations)	20
85th. A.A. Section. (Rations & Water)	8
E.L.C. (working between Wuran & Fara. ) Rations & Water)	15
1st. Service Company) E.L.C., Sheik Wuran ) (Rations & Water)	5
TOTAL.	92