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OF

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FOR

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SURAFEND Ref. Map Sheet 13 - Jaffa Sq 071. N. 6 D	1/7/18		Thirty six Remounts (Riding Horses) received from Field Remount Depot (advanced) taken on charge. On inspection these animals appear to be in good condition and suitable for ambulance work. Strength Officers 0. OR 86, 39 Riding Horses, 6 L.D.M., 26 mules, 2 sand carts 5 Amb, 2 Lm g's. 2 water carts 6 motor Amb, 2 motor Cycles. Attached 1 officer, other ranks 13, natives 7, Medical Details with Regiment 3 officers 7 ORs super to estab, detached 11 OR's	
	2-7-18		6 ORs rejoined ex RC post said taken on Ration strength, 1 OR evacuated sick to hospital en route to unit from RC Post said is struck off strength, 1 OR leave Jerusalem struck off Ration strength.	C.M.O.H.
	2-7-18		Training Programme for Intd Training see append 10. Arrangements made for the instruction of all ranks of this Brigade to be instructed in first aid and the use of the first field dressing in accordance with R.A.M.C. Training Manual 1911 Para 274. Regiments be instructed by R.M.O.'s. Smaller units of Brigade by an officer of this Brigade.	Append. T M/11 5025/18
	3-7-18		5 OR's Reinforcements marched in ex R.A.M.C. Training Cadre 7500 are taken on strength Promotion 15568 of TREVORROW, R.A.M.C. promoted Corporal 1-7-18. OR sick to hospital struck off Ration strength, 1 OR evacuated to C.C.S. struck off strength. 1 OR detached as medical detail to machine gun Squadron placed super to estab. Struck off Ration strength.	C.M.O.H.
	4-7-18		Routine. Sick Parade amended order to read, held 0830 daily	C.M.O.H.

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Sanaferd. Ref map sheet 13 Jppa ag D 71 N 6.D	4-7-18		Saddles, new saddles has been issued, particular attention has been paid to same during last few days. extra supp of rubbing has been allowed to be indented for. no saddle soap is available. 4 gds W received from ADP administration. The ambulance ceases to come under administration of ADMS 2nd Inf divison. and is placed under ADMS, PL of C from even date.	
	5-7-18		Strength, 10R returned from leave Jerusalem taken on Ration strength. Medical - Arrangements made for smaller units of Brigade without a medical officer all ranks to parade for inoculation Cholera & TAB on 20 & 23rd of each month respectively. This applies to those who have not been inoculated against Cholera within the last 3 months and the tuberc group within last 12 months. Smaller units of Brigade to be inspected by an MO from Amb for vermin	Emot
	5-4-18		apointments no 14806 Lt EDWARDS H.O.O. appointed Shoeing Smith, under AIF order para 785 as from 18-6-18. 5th Garib 16873 relinquishes appointment as driver at own request 6-7-18. 2 British OR & six natives of 122nd Sanitary Section detached to Regt unit.	Emot
	6-7-18		1st BAC Cavalry School (for officers) terminated at Rieton on this day. This school was supplied with 2 orderlies as medical detail. There were 28 patients admitted from Hill Det. 10 of these had Pyrexia probably malaria, all these men had been recently in the Jordan valley. There were 4 cases of diarrhoeal diseases. This school is about 2 1/2 miles from A L F A and necessitated an increased demand on our transport. During the week a number of members of the Hong Kong Battery paraded here sick. 7 were evacuated sick to Hospital suffering with various complaints. They appeared to be in a very debilitated state, they have recently come from the Jordan valley.	M 6/2 5025 '18 Emot Balloran Camp

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Rusefend Ref ref sheet 13 JAFFH 29071 N6D	6.7.18		Weekly sick Rates, admissions 58, evacuations 50, Returned to unit 7, remaining in 7. Diseases Anthrax 5, Pyrexia NYD 14, VDB, Strength 9 Officers, 96 ORs, 39 Redun, Horses 62, Horses, 26 mules, 2 sand carts, Light Amb 5 Lamb GS 2, GS 4, Water carts 2, Motor Amb 6, Motor Cycles 2.	
	7.7.18		Attached the officer 11 OR, detached 3 officers 7 other ranks medical details with Regiment, 9 other Ranks also detached. ^{a lecture was given to members of} this unit by Capt SHIPWAY on resuming of wounded on horseback 1 OR rejoined ex field hospital taken on Ration strength.	Cmoff Cmoff
	8.7.18		Reversion 14806 S/sergeant EDWARDS. HQD relinquishes appointment at own request. One OR, leave to Jerusalem struck off ration strength. One Native of Sanitary Section evacuated sick, struck off Ration strength. 36 ORs & 23 ^{OR} Sig Squadron attended a lecture on first aid and the use of the first field dressing. 1 charger horse taken on strength.	
	9.7.18		Memo received from DDMs (DMC) AIF in Egypt states that Motor Store Table authorized for use of LHP Amb is AFG 1098-62A (Cavalry Field Amb) with amendments ROR special attention drawn to care & preservation of vehicles one other rank evacuated sick struck off strength. On 8/7/18. one other rank transferred from 15 ALH Regt is taken on strength. a lecture by Capt Dolman on elementary anatomy was delivered to members of this unit. Medical a number ORs forwarded sick to this Amb. from 486 Coy RE 54 down their unit and ambulance having moved out.	M6/3 JUN 18 Cmoff

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Surpend. Ref Map sheet 13 Jafa Square 071N 6D	10-7-18		Capt DOLMAN. H proceeded on Sub to Port Said. Capt CAMPBELL lecture to MGS on haemorrhage, arrest of in the field.	emoH
	11-7-18		Capt DOLMAN. H admitted to 14 agh. One other rank rejoined ex leave taken on ration strength, one mule evacuated suffering from Ruwarrth, to 23 rd Ind Vet. Detachment L.V.D. CAPT CAMPBELL continued his Lecture to MGS.	emoH
	12-7-18		One native evacuated sick to hospital struck off strength	emoH
	13-7-18		One other rank sick to hospital struck off ration strength. DDMS AIF in Egypt visited the unit. Lt Phillips delivered a lecture to NCO's of unit on map reading.	
	11-7-18		Week ending 13-7-18, ^{Hospital sick rates} Admissions 36 evacuations 27 Despatched to Sub 10 Remaining in C, Cases Scarboca 4, Pyrexia 5 VD 14	
			Strength Officers 8 OR 96 Kidney Bores 40 Lt animals 31 Land Carts 2 Light Amb 5 JSW 4 Limb 95 2 Water Carts 2 Motor Ambs 6 Motor Bicycles 2	
			Attached Officers 1, OR 10 Natives 8 ETC Detached Medical Details Officers 3. OR 9 70R leave & schools	emoH
	14-7-18		^{medical} RMO instructed to indent through Regimental QM for poles & canvas sufficient for six portable stretchers. Indentation received from DDMS. DMC, stating that in future there will be an Ordnance issue but at present are not available Administration. Brigade comes under GHQ for reorganisation, and the 1st Intd Division for training & PL of C for general administration	

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Suratend Rest Camp sheet 13 Jaffa Aq 0711 N6D	14-7-18		OR sick to Hospital struck off ration strength, 3 OR rejoined ex rest camp Port Said. 16911 Sgt RABRADLEY detached to AAME NC D ^o school to assist Major GREEN in the instruction of NGD ^o in the AAME.	emot
	15-7-18		Capt SHIPWAY lecture to unit subject Fractures, treatment in the field. Four officers admitted with Pyrexia from SMC cavalry school. These officers recently arrived from Jordan valley. 6 OR attended Military Baths Jaffa for disinfection prior to leaving for Port Said Rest Camp. This is the fifth leave party from IC Brigade, 1 OR short leave to Egypt 1 OR rejoined ex Field Hospital	emot
	16-7-18		6 OR proceeded to SMC Rest Camp struck off Ration strength.	emot
	17-7-18		Routine slightly altered in anticipation of visit for inspection by general HODGSON, Commanding Arab DIV.!	
			One mule received from IC Brigade, HQ, 2 native ELG taken on ration strength, all horses and mules Branded AF on hoofs and numbered.	emot
	18-7-18		4 OR appointed drivers under AIF order 785. 1 OR transferred from 15 th Regt taken on strength authority S DMS AIF.	emot
	19-7-18		71 OR reinforcements marched in ex AAME Training Cadre mouscar taken on strength, Capt H. DOLMAN reported ex SMC, Rest Camp taken on strength. 1 OR transferred from 15 th Regt authority S DMS AIF placed supernumerary to establishment and detached to HQ 15 th Regt as medical orderly. 1 OR evacuated sick struck off strength, 1 native taken on Ration strength	emot
	20-7-18		Inspection of lines carried by CO, particular attention ^{was paid} to harness and saddlery. Medical prophylactic inoculation for Cholera carried ^{out} for those who have not been inoculated within last 3 months. 14806 Pte EDWARDS, ALO, AAME mentioned in dispatches, London Gazette supplement no 30446 dated 14-6-18	M/5 JULY '18 emot
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<p><i>Sumatland ref. map sheet 13/affa pg 071 N6D</i></p>	<p>20/7/18</p>		<p>advice received from DDMS, AIF, next NCO school for members AAMC commences tomorrow 29/7/18. allotment for this unit 3 OR's. Strength 1 OR transferred from 14th Regt taken on strength authority DDMS AIF, 1 OR sick to hospital struck off Ration strength, 1 OR rejoined ex DMC but camp taken on Ration strength.</p> <p><u>Strength</u> week ending 20-7-18 9 officers 119 OR 40 horses 76 mules 2 sand carts 5 light Amb 4 g's W, 2 limb g's, 2 water carts 8 motor Amb 2 motor cycles</p> <p>Attached 1 officer 9 OR. Detached medical detail 3 officers 10 OR, 4 OR NCO school 8 OR leave 11 ELC natives attached. Hospital returns for week ending 20/7-18</p> <p>admissions 57 evacuations 43 discharged to sub 6 remaining in 8</p> <p>Diseases, Dysentery 4, Pyrexia 17 VD 8</p> <p>% admissions 10 Bgde 1.81, % evacuation 10 Bgde 1.61. Admissions from other formations 74</p> <p>majority of these patients came from Cavalry school Riehon and suffering from Pyrexia</p> <p>There is an increase in the number of accidental cases, due to kicks & falls from horses, most of these are minor injuries and are attended to at daily parade.</p>	
	<p>21/7/18</p>		<p>2 OR detached as medical orderlies to 76th M G's. 1 OR rejoined ex M G's. 1 mule evacuated to 10th MVS for treatment</p>	<p><i>most CWO A</i></p>
	<p>22/7/18</p>		<p>1 OR evacuated sick struck off strength</p>	<p><i>CWO A</i></p>
	<p>23/7/18</p>		<p>Honours & Awards. Capt D W ACCRENE. AAMC awarded military cross. list 371.</p> <p>Strength 1 OR rejoined ex NCO school to arsenal taken on ration strength. 5 ASC native drivers taken on</p> <p>a Prophylactic venereal tent established at this ambulance. Tent open till 9/15 daily</p> <p>Under instructions from ADMS 1st Ind Div^m arrangements have been made for a medical officer of this ambulance to hold a sick parade daily, at 1000 at Cavalry School Riehon. A Brigade Concert Party was organized at a meeting held at the YMCA. Capt CAMPBELL was appointed as representative of this ambulance. TAB inoculations carried out for those ^{of smaller units} who had not been inoculated</p>	<p><i>most CWO A</i></p>
	<p>24/7/18</p>		<p>2 OR rejoined ex leave. 1 OR & 10 natives taken on ration strength, arrived from Ordnance for purpose of repairing tents of this unit</p>	<p><i>most CWO A</i></p>

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<p>Supplies ref sheet 113 Jaffa sq 071 N6D</p>	25.7.18		<p>Strength 10R detached struck off ration strength. Were received as follows ADMS 4th Cavalry Bnth instructed to supervise Medical arrangements at Officers School Richon from ADMS SMC. Gas, Instructional Parades on the use of small Box respirators to be held daily. Breast lines erected in Horse Lines</p>	<p>CMO CMO</p>
	26.7.18		<p>Further allotment of leave to Jerusalem for this unit 2 OR on August 5th 1918.</p>	
	27.7.18		<p>10R transferred to 97th Struck off strength, 10R sick to hospital, 30R to NCO school Amme moascar struck off strength. Week ending Strength Officers 117 OR 5 natives 46 horses 26 mules 2 Rand cars 5 Light amb 4 gsw. 2 Light gs. 2 Water carts 6 motor amb 2 motor Bicycles.</p>	
			<p>attached 1 Officer 7 natives detached medical details 3 Officers 9 OR, 60R NCO school moascar, 60R Rest Camp Port Said, 20R Richon Cavalry School. Week ending 27-7-18 Hospital sick rates Admissions 53, Evacuations 47 Discharge 10 July 9 Remaining in 5 includes 23 from other formations, Cases Scarthoca 3, Septic sores 3, Pyrexia 18. VD 6 % of Brigade admissions (30) 1.86 evacuations (25) 1.55</p>	<p>CMO</p>
	28.7.18		<p>20R rejoined ex NCO school moascar, 60R rejoined ex rest camp Port Said 10R marched in ex Amme cadre to 97th Struck off strength attached ALFA. Are taken on ration strength, 10 Officers (Capt 95 RHIPWAY) & 10 other rank Batman granted short leave to Egypt, 10 other rank & 10 natives marched out to rejoin unit ADD Ludd.</p>	<p>CMO</p>
	29.7.18		<p>Promotions no 902 Lance Sgt VINES Ad dem. promoted temporary Sgt 19.6.18 no 16913 Cpl HUTTON. M appointed Lance Sgt. 1.7.18. 16949 Sgt WATSON. 1 & 16857 Sgt SPEERING promoted demt to fords. 1.7.18 (to complete establishments, 1 OR marched in ex 16th Regt authority DDMS. MA 50R proceeded Port Said Rest Camp</p>	<p>1149</p>
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<p>Amend ref map sheet 13 Jaffa reg 071. N60</p>	30/7/18		<p>C in C visited troops at training during the morning, Cherrons overseas service issued to members of unit, 1 OR evacuated sick, 25 mules received from 1st Bde HQ.</p>	<p>emo 4</p>
	31/7/18		<p>2 Bicycles received from AOD Ludd. 1 OR transferred from no DASH mules as taken on strength, 5 Light D mules received from 1st Bde HQ.</p>	
			<p>Veterinary sick rates ending 27-7-18. 31 animals treated on the lines of of these 3 3 had to be evacuated to MBS, 28 treated on the lines general diseases nil. Respiratory 4. Generative 1. Digestive 3, Dental 1, Visual 1 Lymphitis 21. injuries minor cases.</p>	
			<p>Medical summary month 57 Pyrexias, diarrhoea, 18 septic sores, 14 VP¹⁰ 29. were admitted.</p>	<p>emo 4</p>
			<p>During the month the fourth edition of magazine of this unit was published. The first two editions being named - The Sketch the last two as the Caculet.</p>	<p>append 2 append 3</p>
			<p>Rambaton Report by SMO</p>	
			<p>W. Chann. L: Col.</p>	
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MOUNTED TRAINING ROUTINE.

Reveille	0445
Parade	0500
Stables (Grooming & Feeding)	0500 - 0615
(Saddlery Cleaning)	0615 - 0645
Breakfast	0715
Watering Parade	0800
Mounted Drill Parade	0930 - 1100
Stables (Feeding)	1115
Lunch	1200
Parade (Lecture or Drill)	1400
Stables (Watering, Grooming & Feeding)	1530
Tea	1730
Picquet (Mounts 1830)	1830
Stables (Feeding)	2030

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Sanitation

This has markedly diminished in number this past month. This may be attributed to the fact that most of the horse manure is removed from the camp & spread in the garden heretofore at least 1000 yds from the nearest camp. The remainder of the manure is readily burnt after ~~24~~ hrs drying.

The brigade watering trough ~~has~~ watering areas have been kept in much better condition owing to the immediate area of the troughs having been netted. Men's bathing area - not entirely satisfactory, owing to shortage of material & the fact that the ground is particularly bad for absorbing water.

No cases of lice have been reported during the past month. Some have been detected on patients passing through the Field Ambulance.

Supply of latrine seats & buckets is well up to the establishment for a standing camp.

Prevalent diseases

23 cases of venereal diseases were reported from this Brigade & 6 other cases from surrounding units. Majority of these cases were reported either at Zappa & in the area surrounding the camp site where there are many native women. Efforts are being made to have the focus near the camp removed.

On the 22nd July a prophylactic tent was installed at the ambulance.

There have been several cases of summer injury due to falls or kicks from horses.

Food

Adequate & of good quality except for vegetables. Onions being practically the only reliable vegetable on issue. But the shortage in vegetables is counteracted by the fact that men can procure tomatoes, melons & grapes at the native market outside in the Brigade area at a very reasonable price.

Miscellaneous

The most marked shortage is that of dunnies of which a very large quantity is required owing to the fact that nearly all the harness & saddles is new. This shortage is the fact that most of the transport horses are fresh from Reinforcement depot & have delayed training. Hats too are hard to obtain from the men & apparently more can be obtained at the D.M.C. Red Camp but hard than in the field.

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