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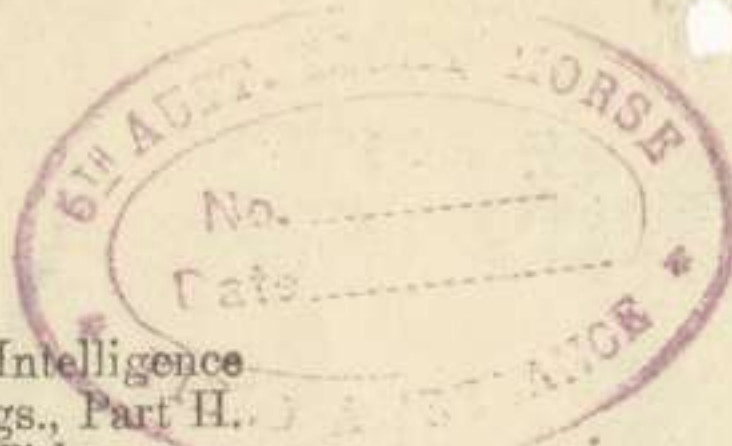
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SURAFEND Ref Map Sheet 13-Jaffa Sq 071. N. 6 D	1/7/18		First six Remounts (Riding Horses) received from Field Remount Depot (advanced) taken on charge. On inspection these animals appear to be in good condition and suitable for ambulance work. Strength officers 6 ORs 86, 39 Riding Horses, 6 LDA, 26 mules, 2 Rand Carts 5 Amb, 2 Lim gS. 2 water carts 6 motor Amb, 2 motor Cycles. Attached 10 officers, 13 ranks 13, natives 7, Medical details with Regiment 3 officers. 7 ORs super to estab. Detached 11 ORs 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.	
	2-7-18		Draming Programme for 7th Training see append IV. 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. Smaller Units of Brigade by an officer of this Brigade. 5 ORs Reinforcements marched in ex A M C Training Cadre 75000 are taken on strength. Caron	Caron H. append I
	3-7-18		Promotion 1568 2nd 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.	Caron H.
	4-7-18		Routine. Sick Parade amended order to read, held 0830 daily	



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Sarafend. Ref map sheet 13/14 Ag 071 N 6.D	4-7-18		Saddlery, new saddlery has been issued, particular attention has been paid to same during last few days, extra supply of tubing has been allowed to be indented for. No saddle soap is available. 4 GS W - received from AOD administration. The ambulance ceases to come under administration of ADMS 2nd Inf Div. 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 entire group within last 12 months. Smaller units of Brigade to be inspected by an MO from Amb for vermin appointments. 14806 Lt EDWARDS H.O.D. appointed shoeing smith, under AIF order para 785 as from 18-6-18. Dr Garry 16873 relinquishes appointment as driver at own request 6-7-18. 2 British OR & six natives of 122 nd Sanitary Section detached to Regt unit.	Emott
	5-7-18			Emott
	6-7-18		1st BME Cavalry school (for officers) terminated at Rictan on this day. This school was supplied with 2 orderlies as medical detail. There were 28 patients admitted from this school. 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. and necessitated and increased demand on car 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.	

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Auspend. Ref Map Sheet 13 Jafa Square 071N6D	10-7-18		Capt DOLMAN. H proceeded on duty 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 lung growth, to 23 rd Qld Vet. Detachment LUDD. 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	
	14-7-18		Week ending 13-7-18 ^{hospital sick rates} Admissions 36 evacuations 27 Discharged to duty 10 Remaining in 6, Cases typhoid 4, Pyrexia 5 VD 4 Strength Officers 8 OR 96 Kidney Horses 40 Lt animals 31 Land Carts 2 Light Amb 5 GS 4 Limb GS 2 Water Carts 2 Motor Ambs 6 Motor Bicycles 2 Attached Officers 1, OR 10 Natives 8 ELC 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. Notification 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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Suratland Rd. 13 p.p.a. Rg. 071 N60	14.7.18		1 OR sick to Hospital struck off ration strength, 3 OR rejoined ex rest camp Port Said. 169H Sgt RABRADLEY detached to AAME NCO school to assist Major GREEN in the instruction of NCO's in the AAME.	
	15.7.18		Capt SHIPWAY lecture to unit subject Fractures, treatment in the field. Four officers admitted with Pyrexia from DMC cavalry school. These officers recently arrived from Jordan Valley. 6 OR attended Military Baths p.p.a 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.	enroff
	16.7.18		1 OR rejoined ex Field Hospital	enroff
	17.7.18		9 OR proceeded to DMC Rest Camp struck off ration strength Routine slightly altered in anticipation of visit for inspection by general HODGSON, commanding AIDIV.	enroff
	18.7.18		One mule received from IC Brigade HQ, 2 native ELC taken on ration strength, all Horses and mules Branded AF on loafs and numbered.	enroff
	19.7.18		1 OR appointed drivers under AIF order 785, 1 OR transferred from 15th Regt taken on strength authority DDM S. AIF.	enroff
	20.7.18		71 OR reinforcements marched in ex AAME Training Cadre housecar taken on strength, Capt H. DOLMAN reported ex DMC, Rest Camp taken on strength, 1 OR transferred from 15th Regt authority DDM S. AIF placed supernumerary to establishment and detached to HQ 15th Regt as medical Orderly, 1 OR evacuated sick struck off strength, 1 native taken on Ration strength.	enroff
			Inspection of Lines carried by C.O. particular attention to Harness and saddlery. Medical Month inoculation for Cholera carried for those who have not been inoculated within last (3 months), P. 806 Pte EDWARDS, ALO, AAME mentioned in despatches, London Gazette.	

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Amman 13 Jaffa 07/1 N60	20/7/18		advice received from ADMS, AIF, re: NCO school for members AAMC commences movement 29/7/18. allotment for this unit 3 OR. 1 OR transferred from 14 th Regt taken on strength authority ADMSAIF. 1 OR sick to hospital struck off Ration strength. 1 OR rejoined ex ADMSAIF but camp taken on Ration strength. Strength week ending 20-7-18 9 officers 119 OR 40 horses 76 mules 2 camel corps 5 light Amb 4 gS W. 2 limb gS. 2 water carts 6 motor Amb 2 motor cycles. 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 admissions 51 evacuations 43 discharged to sub 6 remaining in 8 Diseases. Dysentery 4, Pyrexia 17 VD 8 % admissions 16 Bgde 1.81. % evacuations 16 Bgde 1.61. Admissions from other formations 74 Majority of these patients came from Cavalry School Rethon and suffering from Pyrexia 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. 2 OR detached as medical orderlies to 76 th M Gs. 1 OR rejoined ex M Gs. 1 mule evacuated to 10 th MVS for treatment 1 OR evacuated sick struck off strength	
	21/7/18		Honours & Awards. Capt D W ACCREDIE. AAMC awarded military cross. list 371. Strength 1 OR rejoined ex NCO school to area taken on ration strength. 5 ASE native drivers taken on a Prophylactic trencher tent established at this ambulance. Tent open till 9.15 daily Under instructions from ADMS 1st Mtd Bn arrangements have been made for a medical officer of this ambulance to hold a sick parade daily at 1000 at Cavalry School Rethon. A Brigade Concert Party was organised at a meeting held at the YMCA. Capt CAMPBELL was appointed as representative officer of this ambulance TAB inoculations carried out for those ^{of smaller units} not inoculated within the last three months	CMOH
	22/7/18		2 OR rejoined ex leave. 1 OR & 10 natives taken on ration strength, arrived from Ordnance for purpose of repairing tents of this unit	CMOH
	23/7/18			CMOH
	24/7/18			CMOH

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Surgeon General's Headquarters Jaffa sq 07/11 N6D	25.7.18		Strength 10R detached struck off ration strength. Wire received as follows ADMS 4 th Cavalry Bn instructed to supervise Medical arrangements at Officers School Richon from ADMS DMC. Gas, Instructional Parades in the use of small Box respirators to be held daily. Breast lines erected in Horse Lines	CMOH CMOH
	26/7/18 27.7.18		Further allotment of leave to Jerusalem for this unit 2 OR on August 5 th 1918. 10R transferred to 97 th SH struck off strength, 10R sick to Hospital, 30R to NCO's school HAME moascar struck off strength. Week ending 27-7-18 Officers 117 OR 5 natives 46 horses 26 mules 2 Rand carts 5 Light amb 4 gsw. 2 Light gS. 2 Water carts 6 motor amb 2 motor Bicycles. attached 1 officer nine OR, 11 natives detached Medical details 3 officers 9 OR, 60R NCO's 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 Scarcin 3. Syphilis 3, Pyrexia 18, VD 6 7/10 for Brigade admissions (30) 1.86 evacuations (25) 1.55	CMOH
	28.7.18		20R rejoined ex NCO's school moascar, 60R rejoined ex rest camp Port Said 10R marched in ex HAME cadre to 97 th Dental Unit attached ALFA. Are taken on ration strength. 10 officers (Capt 95 RHIPWAY) & 10 other rank Babman granted short leave to Egypt. 10 other rank & 10 natives marched out to rejoin unit ADD Zudd.	CMOH
	29.7.18		Promotions no 902 Lance Sgt VINES Ad dem. promoted temporary Sgt 196.18 to 16913 Cpl HUTTON. M appointed Lance Sgt. 1.7.18. 16949 2/Lt WATSON. 1 & 16857 2/Lt SPEERING promoted demt to fords. 1.7.18 (to complete establishments. 10R marched in ex 14 th Regt authority DDMS. MAY 50R proceeded Port Said Rest Camp	CMOH 1/419 CMOH

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Amirgendi ref map sheet 13 Jaffa reg 071 N60	30/7/18		Cin C visited troops at training during the morning. Cherron overseas service issued to members of unit. 10R evacuated sick. 25 mules received from 1 st Bde Hq.	Emott
	31/7/18		2 Bicycles received from ADD Ludd. 10R transferred from 20 DASH moosecat is taken on strength. 5 Light D mules received from 1 st Bde Hq. Veterinary sick rates ending 27-7-18. 31 animals treated on the lines of of these under 3 had to be evacuated to MBS, 25 treated on the lines. General diseases nil. Respiratory 4. Generative 1. Digestive 3. Dental 1. Venereal 1. Lymphitis 21. injuries minor cases. <u>medical</u> During month 59 Pyrexias, diarrhoea, 18 septic sores, 14 VP ¹⁰ 29. were admitted.	
			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 Cacolet. Rambatan Report by SMO	Emott append 2 append 3
			W. Chann. Lt. Col. 90. Commanding 5th. A. L. H. F. A.	
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MOUNTED TRAINING ROUTINE.

No. _____

Date _____



Reveille

Parade

Stables (Grooming & Feeding). 0500 - 0615
(Saddlery Cleaning). 0615 - 0645

Breakfast

Watering Parade

Mounted Drill Parade
Stables (Feeding).

0930 - 1100
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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Entire copy & photographs of
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The price of this journal is

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Sanitation

Flies have 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 hereabout at least 1000 yds from the nearest camp. The remainder of the manure is readily burnt after ~~24~~ has drying.

The brigade bathing trough has watering area have been kept in much better condition owing to the immediate use of the trough having been utilised. Minor bathing area - in itself satisfactory owing to shortage of material & the fact that the ground is particularly bad for drinking water.

No cases of flu have been reported during the past month. Cases have been detected in patients passing through the Field Ambulance.

Supply of latrine earth & material is well up to the establishment for a standing camp.

Preventive measures

23 cases of venereal diseases were reported from the Brigade & 6 other cases from surrounding units. Majority of these cases were reported within a 200 yds of the area surrounding the camp site where there are many native women. Efforts are being made to have the women from near the camp removed. On the 21st July a prophylactic tent was installed at the ambulance.

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

Food

Produce & food stuffs except for vegetables become very practically the only reliable vegetable source. But the shortage in vegetables is counteracted by the fact that men can procure tomatoes, melons, grapes at the native market at the Brigade area at a very reasonable price.

Mountaineering

The most marked shortage is that of leather of which a very large quantity is required owing to the fact that nearly all the harness & saddlery is new. This shortage & the fact that most of the transport horses are fresh from Remount Depot has delayed training. Hacks too are hard to obtain from the men consequently more are obtained at the D.M.C. Remount Depot than in the field.

W. H. Jones

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