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Summary of Events and Information

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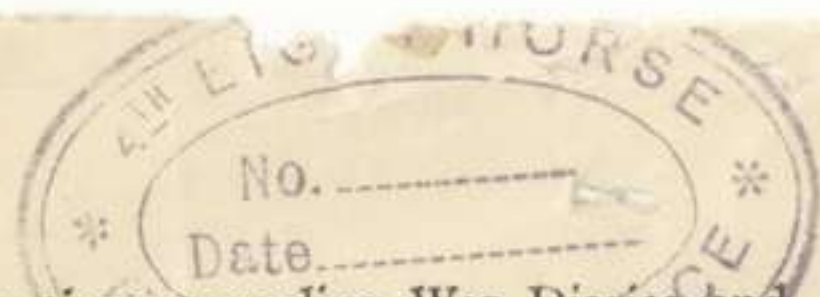
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4th Light Horse Field Ambulance

For month ending 26th October 1917.

Major E K Parry.
Commanding.

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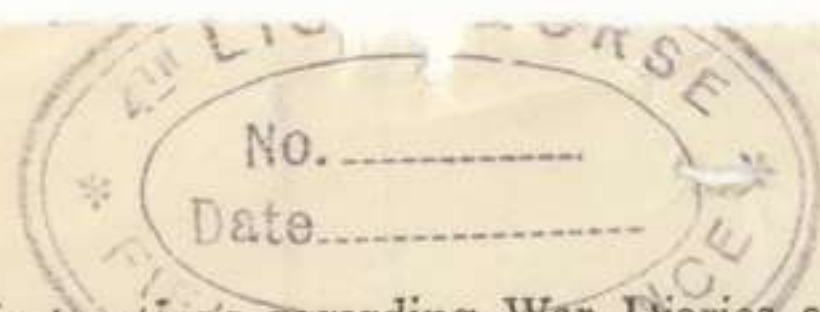
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL FARA	1/10/17		Immobile Section handed over. MARAKEB. Rest Station to. New Zealand Field Ambulance and moved to SHELLAL JUNCTION	
"	2/10/17	1000	Ambulance moved with Brigade on reconnaissance to EL BUGGAR, - for operation orders & report see Appendix.	Appendix I
"	5/10/17		Immobile Section joined Mobile Section at Fara.	
"	6/10/17		Capt. R.J. Hunter reported from A & N.Z. Signal Squadron & taken on strength Capt. P.J. Murphy temporarily detached for duty with 11th L.H. Regt.	
"	7/10/17	1515	Lieut. Col. R FOWLER. (O.C. 4th L.H.F.A.) opened a discussion on "EXPEDIENT SURGERY IN A MOUNTED FORMATION" at 2nd L.H. Fld Amb. camp KAZAR.	Appendix II
"	14/10/17	1515	Discussion on "Work of Regimental Medical Officers in action and in camp" opened by Major VERNON. (11th L.H. Regt.) at 2nd L.H. Fld Amb. KAZAR. attended by all Amb. Officers.	Appendix III
"	15/10/17		Capt. P.J. Murphy rejoined unit from 11th L.H. Regt.	
"	17/10/17		Provisional Establishment, Mounted Fld Amb. Amended. (vide G.R.O. No 346 para. 3096 dated 17-10-17)	
"	18/10/17	0800	Mobile Section of Ambulance moved out with 4th L.H. Bgde. to EL BUGGAR to cover reconnaissance by officers of XX Corps. For operation orders, report etc see Appendix	Appendix IV
"	19/10/17	1400.	Two officers (Lieut Col. R Fowler & Capt. S.R. Stafford) and 31 other ranks marched out to form up with Divisional Receiving Station SHELLAL JUNCTION Lieut Col. R Fowler assumed command of Australian Divisional Receiving Station Major E.K. Parry. assumed command of Mobile Section of 4th L.H. Fld Amb. Capt. R.J. Hunter evacuated sick & struck off strength.	Appendix V 11/12/17 can
"	2/10/17			



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL FARA.	21/10/17.	1515	Officers from Ambulance attended discussion on "Water Conservancy in the Field" opened by Major P.S. Lelean C.B. R.A.M.C. at 2nd LH Fld Amb. KAZAR.	Appendix VI.
"	23/10/17.		Capt. A.L. LANCE reported from A.I.F. Headquarters Cairo and taken on strength.	
"			13 Native A.S.C. Horse Transport drivers, supernumerary to Provisional Establishment as amended 17/10/17, returned to Advanced H.T. Depot Rafa.	
"	25/10/17.	1430	Half of Amb. moved with 4th LH Brigade to take over outpost duties EL BUGGAR line. (see Appendix attached) The Remainder of Ambulance remained in readiness in bivouac area FARA.	Appendix VII.
"	26/10/17.	1900	Ambulance returned to FARA.	

V. K. Lamm Major
O.C. 4th Light Horse Field Ambulance
(Mobile Section).

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MEDICAL CORPS ORDER No. 3

BY

Colonel G. P. DIXON, A.D.M.S., AUST. MTD. DIV.

30th September, 1917

Reference map BEERSHEBA 1 - 125000.

(1). The Division will take up the line GOZ SHETHILI - IBN SAID - 960 - 970 - 840 - 820 - 810 - 770 - 750 - 630 - 550 - 510 by 1400 on October 2nd, and withdrawal will commence at 2200.

(2). Mobile Sections of Field Ambulances, less cacolet camels, will accompany Brigades.

A Dressing Station will be established by 7th Mtd.Bde.Fld.Amb. at RASHID BEK by 1400.

3rd L.H.Fld.Amb. will open Dressing Stations in vicinity of Brigade H.Q., and its position to be notified when opened by wire to A.D.M.S.

(3). O.C., 4th L.H.Fld.Amb. will detail an officer to collect 3 motor ambulances from SHELLAL JUNCTION and take them to Dressing Station at EL BUGGAR.

4th L.H.Fld.Amb. will open Dressing Station at EL BUGGAR.

(4). Evacuation will be by sandcart to RASHID BEK or EL BUGGAR and thence to Immobile Section of 3rd L.H.Fld.Amb. at SHELLAL JUNCTION by motor ambulance.

(5). The usual returns and all messages to be rendered to A.D.M.S. at D.H.Q. RASHID BEK.

(6). Ambulances will withdraw with their Brigades without further orders.

(7). One day's rations and forage to be carried.

(8). "B" Echelon will remain in camp.

(9). Acknowledge.

Colonel,

A.D.M.S., Australian Mounted Division.

Copies to:-

- (1). 3rd L.H.Fld.Amb.
- (2). 4th L.H.Fld.Amb.
- (3). 7th Mtd.Bde.Fld.Amb.

- (4). D.D.M.S.
- (5). D.H.Q.
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4th A.L.H. BDE
No. BG/185
Date 28/9/17
1st LST. MED. DIV

Units will be prepared to move out
on a Reconnaissance at 0900 on
2nd Oct. lasting 24 hours
4th L.H. Regt will take over day outposts
on 2nd Oct.

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Walter Henry Rogers
Brig 4th Bde



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BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO. 32

 by **Appendix I**
 Brigadier-General V. GRANT, D.S.O.
 Commanding

4th Australian Light Horse Brigade.

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Reference 1/125,000 map.

1. In order to cover a reconnaissance on the 2nd October the Division will make good the line GOZ SHEINILI - IBN SAID - 960 - 970 - 840 - 820 - 810 - 770 - 730 - 630 - 550 - 510 by 1400.
2. (a) The 74th Division are reconnoitring the area bounded on the North by the SABA - FARA road and on the South by the black track running E. W. E. through the first A of ABUSHAR.
 (b) Officers of the 20th Corps are reconnoitring the country made good.
3. The 4th L.H. Bde will take over the duties of Outpost Brigade at 0530 on the 2nd October.
4. The 3rd L.H. Bde will ^{be} make ^{ing} good the line GOZ SHEINILI - 840 (inclusive) by 1400 on 2nd October.
5. Moves 2nd October.
 (a) The 4th A.L.H. Regiment will take over the day outpost lines passing through the front line wire at 0530 on 2nd October.
 (b) The 11th A.L.H. Regiment will leave sufficient troops in camp in order to take up the Night Standing Patrols at 1800, on 2nd.
 (c) By 1230 the day outposts will have made good Pt. 720 and 630 in order to prevent the enemy holding up the advance of the column to the line 820 - 810 - 770 - 730.
 (d) By 1400 the 12th L.H. Regiment with 1 Subsection M.G. Sqn attached will make good the line 840 (exclusive) - 820 - 810 - 770 - 730 (inclusive).
 (e) By 1400 the 4th L.H. Regiment with 1 Subsection M.G. attached will make good the line 730 (exclusive) - 630 - 550 - 510 - Two Tree Hill - Pt. 300.
 The day posts on Two Tree Hill and Pt. 300 may be reduced to a half troop each.
6. The 4th L.H. Brigade will move as follows to take up the above line.
 (a) Starting Point. 400 yards East of the gap in front line wire opposite the main FARA crossing.
 (b) Time of Starting. 1000.
 (c) Order of March.
 Advanced Guard. 12th L.H. Regiment and 1 Subsection M.G. Squadron.
 Main Body. B.H.Q., Signal Troop.
 11th L.H. Regiment less Night Standing R Patrols
 M.G. Squadron less 2 Subsections.
 Battery R.H.A.
 Field Ambulance.
 Field Troop.
 (d) 1 Squadron 4th L.H. Regiment will move under orders of C.O. 4th L.H. Regiment.
 (e) The Squadron 1/2 County of London Yeomanry will march so as to be at RAHHID NEK by 1215, and report to B.H.Q., two troops will be placed at the disposal of both G.O.C. 179th and 181st Infantry Brigades for the remainder of the reconnaissance.
 (f) "A" Echelon will accompany units. "B" will remain in camp.
 (g) Brigade Headquarters will be established 1 mile N.E. of EL BUGGAR.
 (h) 11th L.H. Regiment, M.G. Squadron less 2 Subsections, Battery R.H.A., Field Ambulance will be in reserve at EL BUGGAR.

7. Cable communication will be established from Brigade to 4th And 12th L.H. Regiments Headquarters. No lamps will be used. Responsibility for communication will be from right to left. Date.....
8. The withdrawal will commence at 2200 for which further orders will be issued later. M12/7. Oct 17
9. A Dressing Station will be established at EL BUGGAR at 1400.
10. Advanced D.H.Q. will be established at RASHID BEK at 1200.
11. The Field Troop will arrange to water the Brigade at EL BUGGAR, KHASIF and IM SIRI.
12. The Post at GOZ LAKHLELAT found by the 2nd Battalion I.C. Brigade is being withdrawn from 1100 on October the 2nd to 0700 on October 3rd.
13. Brigade Scouts. The Scouts will reconnoitre the Wadis HANAFISH, and SUFI reporting on all water in the area. They will also endeavour to find any indications as to the camping areas of the enemy's night posts on or East of the line 720 - 630. Detailed instructions will be issued.
14. No lights will be allowed after 1800.
15. Units will carry one day's rations and fodder only.

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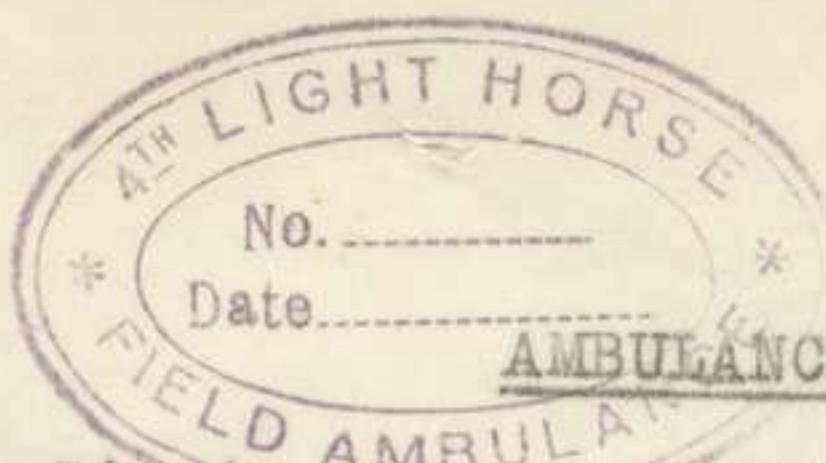
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- 3 Australian Mounted Division.
- 4 4th A.L.H. Regiment.
- 5 11th " "
- 6 12th " "
- 7 M.G. Squadron.
- 8 "C" Sqn. 1/2 County of London Yeomanry.
- 9 Field Ambulance.
- 10 Signal Troop.
- 11 Field Troop.
- 12 Battery M.H.A.
- 13 Spare.

Major,
Brigade Major,
4th A.L.H. Brigade.



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AMBULANCE OPERATION ORDER No. 4.

By Lieut. Col. R. FOWLER, based on Brigade Operation Order No. 32 and Medical Corps Operation Order No. 3, by ~~Lieut.~~ Col. G.P.DIXON.

Reference Map: BEERSHEBA 1:125000.

INFORMATION:- The Brigade will take up the line 300 - TWO TREE HILL - 510 - 550 - 720 - 810 - 820 - 840, by 1400 on 2nd. October to cover a Divisional Reconnaissance.

DISPOSITION:- The Modified Mobile Section (vide attached Parade State) "A" Echelon under Major Parry and Capt. Murray will march with 4th. Brigade Headquarters to EL BUGGAR. Lieut. Col. Fowler will proceed to EL BUGGAR with 3 Motor ~~cars~~ Ambulances. The remainder will remain in bivouac at FARA under Lieut ROBERTSON to move if necessary. "B" Echelon will remain in bivouac.

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Warrant Officer will detail one water duty man to chlorinate the water at FARA on the 2nd. and 3rd. inst. and one to report with HORROCKS BOX and Chloride of Lime to O.C. 4th. Field Troop at 0900.

TIME OF STARTING:- 1000. Starting point 400 yards East of gap in front line wire opposite FARA crossing.

WITHDRAWAL:- To commence at 2200, for which further orders will be issued from B.H.Q.

EVACUATIONS:- The Ambulance will form a Dressing Station at EL BUGGAR. From Regiments to EL BUGGAR by Sandcart. To Immobile Section 3rd. L.H.Fld. Ambulance at SHELLAL JUNCTION by motor ambulance.

COMMUNICATION:- With A.D.M.S. at Divisional Headquarters RASHID BEK. Usual Returns and messages will be rendered.

RATIONS:- One day's rations and forage will be carried.

One sand Cart in charge of a N.C.O. will be at GOZ EL GALEIB by 1200 and be at the disposal of the R.M.O. 4th. L.H. Regt. Evacuations from here will be made to SHELLAL JUNCTION.

R. H. Fowler

Lieut. Col.

1/10/1917.

Commanding Officer 4th. L.H.Fld. Amb.



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Appendix I

PARADE STATE.

4th. LIGHT HORSE FIELD AMBULANCE

MOBILE SECTION.



	Personnel			Horses			Vehicles					Camels		Remarks
	Officers	O.R.	Native Drivers	Riding	Draught	PACK	Sand Carts	Motor	G.S.	L.M.B.G.	Misc	Riding	Cacolet	
Main Party	3	40		23	29		6			1	1	10		1 Officer on leave
"A" Echelon		3			6		1							
"B" Echelon														
1st. Supplies														
2nd. Baggage.														
Camel Cacolet Column.														
Remaining in Bivouac Area.	37	17	11	40	6	4	1	2	1			6	19	17
TOTAL	3	80	17	34	75	6	10	2	2	2	1	16	19	20
Dental Unit	1	3												

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Sir,

I beg to report that your Operation Order No. 3 was satisfactorily carried out in the manner shown in my Operation Order No. 4, (Copy of which is attached) and as per parade state rendered to you yesterday.

The Ambulance cars were returned to SHELLAL at 2100 on the 2nd. inst.

The Ambulance accompanied the Brigade on its return to bivouac area and arrived at FARA at 2400.

No. casualties were admitted to the Ambulance during the day.

I did a personal reconnaissance of the triangular area between EL BUGGAR, TAWEL EL HABARI and 840 ABU YAHIA and found it eminently suitable for motor traffic.

Robert J. M. M. M.

3rd. Oct. 1917.

Commanding Officer 4th. L.H. Fld. Amb. Lieut. Col.



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Appendix II

S.M.O.
No. _____
Date _____
M.O.
3rd L.H.Bde.
4th L.H.Bde.
5th Mtd.Bde.
7th Mtd.Bde.
19th R.H.A.Bde.
Divl. Train.
Fld.Squadron.

A discussion on "Expedient Surgery in a Mounted Formation" will be opened by Lieut-Colonel R. FOWLER, A.A.M.C. on Sunday, 7th instant, at 2nd L.H.Fld.Ambulance Camp, KAZAR at 1515.

All officers are invited to attend and to be ready to speak on the subject.



G. H. Fowler
Colonel,
A.D.M.S., Australian Mounted Div.

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Appendix III

Major VERNON, M.C. will open a discussion on the work of ^{the} Regiments' Medical Officer in action and in camp at 1515 on Sunday, 18th October 1917 at 2nd Light Horse Field Ambulance, KAZAR.



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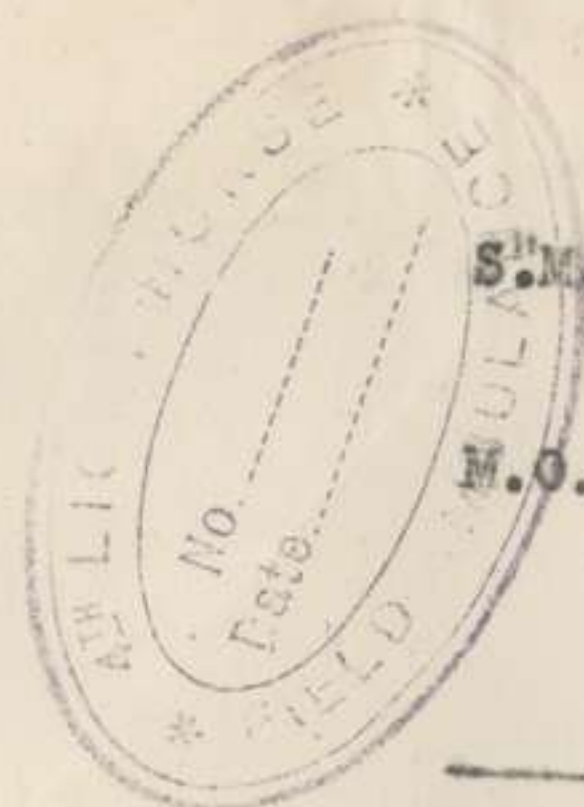
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S.M.O., 3rd L.H.Bde.
 4th L.H.Bde. ✓
 5th Mtd.Bde.
 M.O., 19th R.H.A.Bde.
 Fld.Squadron.
 Aust.Divl.Train.
 Yeo.Divl.Train.

A lecture, followed by discussion, on "Water Conservancy in the Field" will be given by Major P. S. LEELEAN, C.B., R.A.M.C. on Sunday, 21st October at 2nd L.H.Field Ambulance, KAZAR, at 1515.

Repeat to Regiment?

C. H. van

Colonel,

A.D.M.S., Australian Mounted Division.



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MEDICAL CORPS ORDER No. 4,

BY

Colonel G. P. DIXON, A.D.M.S., Aust.Mtd.Divn.

Appendix IV.

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16th October, 1947.

Reference Map BEERSHEBA 1-125,000.

- (1). The Division, with 7th Mounted Brigade attached, will cover a reconnaissance by officers of the XXth Corps on Thursday, 18th October.
- (2). The following line will be made good by 1200:-
 - (a). 7th Mounted Brigade. Pt.870 E. of KHALASA - Pt.910 - IBN SAID - 960 - 970 to 840 (exclusive).
 - (b). 4th L.H.Brigrade. Pt.840 (inclusive) - 820 - 790 - 770 (inclusive).
 - (c). 5th Mounted Brigade. Pt.770 (exclusive) - 730 - 630 EL GERHEIR - 550 - 300 (inclusive).
 - (d). 3rd L.H.Brigrade. In reserve at Pt.680 KHOR EL AJRAM.
- (3). Mobile Sections of Field Ambulances, less cacaolet camels, will move with their Brigades and open Advanced Dressing Stations close to Bde.Headquarters.
- (4). A Divisional Dressing Station will be established at Pt.680 KHOR EL AJRAM by the 3rd L.H.Field Ambulance at 1200 on October 18th.
- (5). Cacaolet camels and "B" Echelon will remain in camp.
- (6). O's C., 4th L.H. and 5th Mtd.Bde. Field Ambulances, will detail an officer to collect 4 motor ambulances each at Receiving Station, SHELLAL JUNCTION at 1000 on October 18th, and proceed with them to their respective Advanced Dressing Stations.
- (7). Evacuation by 4th and 5th Ambulances will be direct to Receiving Station, SHELLAL JUNCTION.
7th Mtd.Bde.Ambulance will evacuate by sandcart to the Divisional Dressing Station at Pt.680 KHOR EL AJRAM via RASHID BEK, where motor ambulances will meet sandcarts on application to A.D.M.S. by C.O.
- (8). The usual returns and all messages to A.D.M.S., D.H.Q. Pt.680 KHOR EL AJRAM.
- (9). One bearer from each ambulance will report to A.D.M.S. when Advanced Dressing Stations are in position.
- (10). Rations and water under Brigade arrangements.
- (11). Ambulances will withdraw with their Brigades without further orders from this Office.
- (12). Acknowledge.

Colonel,
A.D.M.S., Australian Mounted Division.

Copies to:-

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2 4th L.H.Fld.Amb.
3 5th Mtd.Bde.F.A.
4 7th Mtd.Bde.F.A.

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Issued at 1530.



BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO. 33

by
Brigadier-General W. GRANT, D.S.O.
Commanding
4th Australian Light Horse Brigade.

Reference Map 1/125,000 Map.

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1. The Division with 7th Mtd. Bde. attached will cover ~~xxx~~ a reconnaissance by Officers of the XXth Corps on Thursday October 18th.
2. The following line will be made good by 1200 :-
7th Mtd. Bde. Point 870 E. of KHALASA to 840 (exclusive).
4th L.H. Bde. 840 (inclusive) to 770 (inclusive).
5th Mtd. Bde. 770 (exclusive) to 300.
The withdrawal will commence at 1730, orders for which will be issued later.
3. The 11th L.H. Regt. with one Squadron ^{4th LH Regt} 1/2 County London Yeomanry and 3 Subsections M.G. Sqn attached will make good the line 840 inclusive to 770 inclusive by 1200 as follows :-
One Squadron from 840 inclusive to SABA - FARA road (exclusive)..
11th L.H. Regt. from SABA - FARA road (inclusive) to ~~770~~ (inclusive). ^{to 820 - 790 - 810 - 770 inclusive}
In order to cover a reconnaissance by the XXth Corps Officers of the Wadi EL SUFI and ~~Point 790 2 Subsections M.G. Sqn.~~ attached 11th L.H. Regt. will cover the approaches from the Wadi ~~EL SUFI~~ North and South of Point 790. ^{Hold 790 etc}
"B" Battery H.A.C. will send an Officer forward with the Advanced Guard to reconnoitre a covered approach ^{of} a position for the Battery to come into action from the vicinity of ~~Cross Roads TAWEL EL HABARI to shell Wadi EL SUFI.~~ ^{Shell the Wadi EL SUFI. Enemy works at point 650.}
4. Order of March.
Advanced Guard. ^{4th L.H. Regt}
11th L.H. Regt. with 1 Sqn. 1/2 County London Yeomy. and 3 Subsections M.G. Sqn. attached.
Field Troop.
Main Body.
B.H.Q.
Signal Troop.
4th L.H. Regt.
"A" Battery H.A.C.
12th L.H. Regt.
M.G. Squadron less 3 Subsections.
Field Ambulance.
Starting Point. 400 yards E. of gap in front line wire opposite main FARA crossing.
Time of Starting 0800.
5. 11th L.H. Regt. will gain touch with 5th Bde. on the left. Sqn. 1/2 County London Yeomy. will gain touch with 7th Bde. on the right. A cable will be laid to Headquarters 11th L.H. Regt. from Brigade Headquarters. The Sqn. 1/2 County London Yeomy. will communicate direct with Bde. Headquarters by visual and if possible with 11th L.H. Regt.
6. Brigade Headquarters will be established at the V in CULTIVATION. 4th L.H., 12th L.H., M.G. Sqn less 3 Subsections and Field Ambulance will be in reserve West of Bde. Headquarters.
7. Watering. Morning 18th October 4th L.H. Regt. 0600
12th " " 0615
B.H.Q. Sig. Troop. Ambulance 0630
M.G. Squadron 0645
11th L.H. Regt. 0700
8. "B" Echelon will remain in camp. "A" Echelon will accompany Units. Units will take rations and fodder for October 18th.
9. Divisional Headquarters will be established at Point 680 KHOR EL AJRAI.

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10. Officers of XXth Corps should be within the line by
11. Divisional Dressing Station at Point 680 KHOR EL AJRAM.
12. The pumping batties and guards in the Wadi GHUZZE of 4th L.H. Regt. will remain in camp.

16th October, 1917.

Issued at 2200.

Leab Lenzie
Major,
Brigade Major,
4th A.L.H. Brigade.

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 2. " "
 3. Camp Commandant.
 4. M.G. Squadron.
 5. Signal Troop.
 6. 4th L.H. Regt.
 7. 11th " "
 8. 12th " "
 9. Field Ambulance.
 10. "A" Battery H.A.C.
 11. 1/2 County London Yeom. ("C" Sqdn.).
 - 12th 4th Field Troop.
 13. File.

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" " Battery H.A.C.

"A" Battery H.A.C.
Field Ambulance.
Signal Troop.
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Reference Brigade Operation Order No. 33.

1. For "A" Battery H.A.C. read "B" Battery H.A.C.
2. Para 3 is cancelled and the following substituted :-
"The 11th L.H. Regiment with one Squadron 4th L.H. Regiment and three Subsections M.G. Squadron attached will make good the line 840 inclusive to 770 inclusive by 1200 as follows :-
One Squadron 4th L.H. Regiment from 840 inclusive to FARA - SABA road exclusive.
11th L.H. Regiment from FARA - SABA road inclusive - 820 - 790 - 810 - 770 inclusive.
In order to cover a reconnaissance by the XXth Corps Officers, of the Wadi ELX SUFI the 11th L.H. Regiment will hold Point 790, and 2 Subsections M.G. Squadron will cover the Wadi EL SUFI from KH EL SUFI as far as the W in Wadi EL SUFI.
"B" Battery H.A.C. will send an Officer forward with the Advanced Guard to reconnoitre a covered approach and position to shell the Wadi EL SUFI and enemy works in the vicinity of Point 650.
3. 11th L.H. Regiment and Squadron 4th L.H. Regiment will report hourly on the situation commencing 1200.

17th October, 1917.

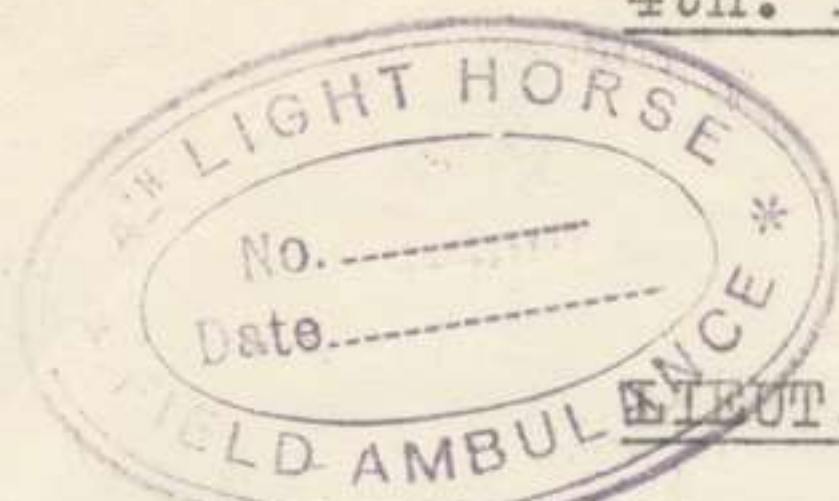
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Brigade Major,
4th A.L.H. Brigade.

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4th. LIGHT HORSE FIELD AMBULANCE.



OPERATION ORDER No. 54.

Appendix IV

BY

LIEUT. COL. R. FOWLER, COMMANDING.

M12/19
Och 17Reference Medical Corps Order No. 4 by Colonel G.P. Dixon.

4th. Aus. L.H. Brigade Operation Order No. 33.

Map BEERSHEBA 1:125000.

INFORMATION. The Division, with 7th. Mounted Brigade attached, will cover a reconnaissance by officers of the XXth. Corps on Thursday the 18th. October 1917. The 4th. Light Horse Brigade will make good by 1200 the line:- Pt. 840 (inclusive) - 820 - 790 - 770 (incl.)

DISPOSITION. Major E.K. Parry and Capt. C.W. Murray with the Mobile Section (as per parade state attached) will accompany the Brigade and form an Advanced Dressing Station ~~at~~ West of Brigade Headquarters at the V in Cultivation. Cacolets Camels, "B" Echelon and the Immobile Section will remain in bivouac area under Lieut. Col. R. Fowler and Capt. Hunter. Capt. P.J. Murphy will proceed to SHELLAL JUNCTION and conduct 4 motor Ambulances to Advanced Dressing Station. One orderly will report to A.D.M.S. Aus. Mtd. Division when Advanced Dressing Station is in position.

MOVES.

Starting Point 400 yards East of gap in front line wire opposite main FARA crossing.

TIME OF STARTING

0800. The Ambulance will march in rear of Machine Gun Squadron (less 3 sub-sections).

WATERING.

Morning of 18th. October at 0630.

RATIONS.

Rations will be carried for the 18th. inst.

EVACUATIONS.

By sand cart to Advanced Dressing Station, thence by Motor Ambulance to SHELLAL JUNCTION.

COMMUNICATIONS. With A.D.M.S. at Divisional Headquarters at Point 680 KHOR EL AJRAM.

WITHDRAWAL.

The withdrawal will commence at 1730. Ambulance will withdraw with Brigade.

17/10/1917.

E.K. Parry Major
LIEUT. COL.
COMMANDING OFFICER 4th. L.H. FLD. AMB.

PARADE STATE.

4th. Light Horse Field Ambulance.

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	Personnel.			Horses.			Vehicles.			Camels			Remarks.		
	Officers	O.R.	Natives H.T.Dvrs	Riding	Draught.	Pack.	Sandcart	Water	G.S.	Limb.G.S.	Maltese Ri	Riding. Cacolet		Native Camel Dvrs	
Main Party.	3	56	-	26	56	-	12	.	-	1	1	9	-	2	An 12 Oct 17
"A" Echelon.	-	3	-	-	6	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1st. Supplies.															
"B" Echelon.															
2nd. Baggage.															
Camel Cacolet Column.															
Remaining in Bivouac Area.	2	44	18	11	18	-	-	1	2	1	-	7	17	17	Included Summit Section
Total.	5	103	18	37	80	-	12	2	2	2	1	16	17	19	
Dental Unit.	1	3													

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Includes
Immobile
Section.



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I beg to report that ~~the~~ your operation order No. 4 was satisfactorily carried out in the manner shown in my operation order No. 5 (copy of which is attached) and as per parade state rendered to you on the 18th. inst.

No casualties were admitted to the Ambulance during the operations.

The Ambulance returned with Brigade to bivouac area FARA arriving at 2030.

Capt. Murphy who took the cars out complained that they were in a bad condition, breakdowns being frequent.

20th. October 1917.

M. L. Perry Major.
O.C. 4th. L.H.Fld. Amb. (Mobile Section)



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Immobile Sections complete will move to SHELLAL JUNCTION on Friday ^{Receiving} Oct. 19th.. They will be combined to form the Australian Divisional Dressing Station under the command of Lieut. Colonel R.FOWLER of the 4th. L.H.Fd.Amb.

Indents for all shortages in equipment should be ~~indented~~ submitted forthwith.

In indenting for tents C.S.L. authority D.A.AQ.M.G. ^{some} ~~no~~ T.S.134 of 14/10/17 should be quoted.

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Erd. L.H.F.Amb.
~~4th. L.H.F.Amb.~~
5th. Mtd. Bde. Fd.Amb.

G.P.M. Colonel.
A.D.M.S.
Australian Mounted Division.



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BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO. 35

by
Brigadier-General W. GRAVE, D.S.O.
Commanding

4th Australian Light Horse Brigade.

Appendix VIII

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Oct 17

Reference 1/25,000.

1. At 1700 on 25th October the 4th L.H. Bde. will take over duties of Outpost Brigade.
2. The line EL HUGGAR - 720 - 630 - 550 - 510 will be held as a line of resistance. From 510 (exclusive) to 280 inclusive will be held as observation posts.
3. From before dawn on the 26th October one Infantry Brigade of 53rd Division will be in the GOZ EL GHEIB - IMARA area.
4. In case of attack the line EL HUGGAR - 720 - 630 - 550 - 510 will form the pivot of our operations.
If the enemy succeeds in occupying the outposts of above line he will be driven off them.
5. The outpost line from EL HUGGAR inclusive to 280 (inclusive) will be divided into two Regimental Sectors with the following dispositions :-
 1. Right Regimental Sector. 11th A.L.H. Regiment.
EL HUGGAR - 630 (inclusive).
Standing patrol on high ground on road 1 mile East of EL HUGGAR. 1 Troop. } 1 Sqn.
Hill 720 two troops dug in close behind OP's. 1 troop in close support. 3 Troops. }
Hill 1/2 mile S.E. of 630 1 troop dug in behind OP's. 1 Troop. }
Hill 630 1 troop dug in behind OP's. 1 troop in close support. 2 Troops. } 2nd. Sqn.
Squadron Reserve. 1 Troop. }
 2. Left Regimental Sector. 4th A.L.H. Regiment.
630 (exclusive) - 280 inclusive.
550. 1 troop dug in behind OP's 2 Troops. } 1st Sqn.
1 troop in close support. 2 Troops. }
510. 1 troop dug in behind OP's 2 Troops. }
1 troop in close support.

Standing patrols from 510 (exclusive) to 280 (inclusive) found from 1 Squadron.
1 Squadron in Regimental Reserve.
3. Six Machine Guns will be placed in the line to cover by long range fire the fronts of both sectors.
4. One Battery R.H.A. and one Heavy Battery will be in position before dawn to cover the front of Hills 720, hill 1/2 S.E. of 630 and hill 630. MILE
5. 12th A.L.H. Regiment, M.G. Squadron less three Subsections and Ambulance will be in Brigade Reserve in the vicinity of 550 N. of IM SIRA.
6. Standing patrols will be established between posts. REAR force maintains posts by day as follows :- 1 Troop each at 680, a. 15 a. and, a. 25 o., and by night half troop each at a. 22 a. central and a. 29 B. 26. Reference 1/20,000.
7. Just before dawn patrols should move out through the outpost line for a short distance.

8. During the night the garrison will occupy the points detailed. If the garrison is driven into the cruciform posts by an attack by a superior force the supporting troops will counter attack at once. The remainder of the troops in each Regimental Sector should be distributed in depth ready to reinforce the line or deliver a counter attack. Every effort must be taken to keep the position secret and the same points should not be occupied by day as by night.

9. S.O.S. signals will be as follows :-
Red lights at Hill 720.
White lights at Hill $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S.E. of 630.
Green lights at Hill 630.

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These signals must be known to all and apply only to the night 25th/26th October.

10. A careful system of gallopers should be organized from each garrison and support to the forward cable head in each Regimental Sector. Cables will be laid from Brigade to Regimental Headquarters.

11. A drinking water trough will be at 602 EL BASAL.

12. Outpost troops will not carry fighting rations.

13. The whole of the outpost Brigade will "Stand To" at 0430. No lights between sunset and sunrise..

Robert Lewis
Major,
Brigade Major,
4th A.L.H. Brigade.

24th October, 1917.

Issued at :- 2000.

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6. Signal Troop.
7. 4th A.L.H. Regiment.
8. 11th " "
9. 12th " "
10. Field Ambulance.
11. Battery R.H.A.
12. File.

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MEDICAL CORPS ORDER No.6

BY

Colonel G. P. DIXON, A.D.M.S., Aust. Mtd. Divn.

24th October, 1917.

Reference map BEERSHEBA 1/125000.

INFORMATION.

- (1). In order to deny the enemy, from 1700 on Z - 7 day onwards, positions from which he might bring artillery fire to bear on Railway construction parties near IMARA, permanent outposts will be maintained by day and by night on the line EL BUGGAR - Pt.720 - Pt.630 - Pt.350.
- (2). One half of the Mobile Section of the Field Ambulance, less caolet camels, of the Outpost Brigade will accompany its Brigade and establish a Dressing Station in vicinity of B.H.Q.
- (3). Three motor ambulances will be under orders of O.C., Outpost Brigade at Dressing Station and will be relieved daily at 0900 by three motor ambulances from the Australian Receiving Station, SHELLAL.
- (4). Evacuations will take place by motor ambulances to Australian Receiving Station, SHELLAL.
- (5). The remaining half of the Outpost Brigade Field Ambulance and three motor ambulances at Australian Receiving Station are to hold themselves in readiness to move at the shortest notice if required.
- (6). The Field Ambulance of the Brigade next in waiting as Outpost Brigade will be ready to march with its Brigade at $\frac{1}{2}$ hour notice.
- (7). O.C., Outpost Brigade Field Ambulance will immediately wire A.D.M.S. if he requires assistance.
- (8). Ambulance will withdraw with its Brigade.
- (9). Sanitation.
O.C. will ensure that satisfactory trench latrines are constructed, and that camp sites are left in a clean and sanitary condition.
- (10). Usual returns to A.D.M.S.
- (11). Acknowledge (Copies 1 - 4).

Issued at 1330.

A.D.M.S., Australian Mounted Division.

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Colonel,

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4th. Light Horse Field Ambulance.

Appendix VII

MOBILE SECTION.

	Personnel.			Horses.			Vehicles					Camels		Remarks	
	Officers	O.R.	Native H.T.Dvrs.	Riding	Draught	Donkeys	Sandcarts	Water	G.S.	Limbered	Maltese	Riding	Cacoleet	Native Camel Dvrs	
Main Party.	3	41	-	19	35	-	5	1	-	1	1	7	-	2	
"A" Echelon.															
1st. Supplies.															
"B" Echelon.															
2nd. Baggage.															
Camel Cacoleet Column.															
Remaining in Bivouac Area.	1	42	-	16	33	6	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	-	-	1	-	9	17	17	2 Sand Carts under repair
Total.	4	83	-	35	68	6	12	1	-	2	1	16	17	19	
Dental Unit.															

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REPORT on AUSTRALIAN DIVISION SECTION of MARAKEB REST CAMP.

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HEADQUARTERS

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Australian Division Section Marakeb Rest Camp was taken over by Immobile section of 4th L:H:F:A: from 3rd L:H:F:A: about the end of July 1917 & handed over to N:Z:M:B:Fld.Amb. early in ~~September~~ October of the same year.

Situation. The camp was situated about 4 miles from Khan Yunis on the edge of the sea. The camp itself was about 30' above sea level on firm ground and was surrounded by sand.

Establishment & Type of Patients. The number of vacancies for patients was about 200. The number of patients never reached this total. The greatest number being about 180.

The predominating types of patients admitted were:-(1) Those who were debilitated & worn out but who had no signs of definite disease. (2) Patients suffering from septic sores which at that time were very numerous. (3) Towards the end of August, Malaria patients were sent to Marakeb for three weeks treatment with quinine instead of being evacuated. No other cases of definite illness which required careful treatment were admitted to the camp. A marquee was used as a hospital for any cases who developed definite illness while in the camp. If a patient seemed likely to be ill for more than a week he was evacuated to hospital at Khan Yunis. The Malarial patients on admission were given one week's treatment in bed in the hospital & then 14 days in the camp.

Accommodation of patients. The accommodation for the patients was in E.P.I.P. tents which were laced together at the ends at the roof & the side walls taken away. This resulted in a long narrow ward. The width was that of an E:P:I:P: tent & the length was from 5 to 7 times this.

The floor of each of these wards was covered with grass matting. It was intended at first to also use mattresses for the patients to sleep on but not enough were available. Ambulance stretchers were also tried but were unsatisfactory & were abandoned.

Messing. This in my opinion was the most important factor in the treatment of patients at Marakeb. All meals were served in a mess tent similar to those used for wards. The tent was equipped with tables & forms so that each man was able to sit down at a table for his meals. Mess orderlies were detailed daily from each table. These mess orderlies brought all meals from the Cookhouse to the Mess-room in large trays so that the men did not have to line up in a queue to wait for meals. This I think was appreciated very much by the patients.

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Rations. Indents for these were sent direct to the Main Supply Depot Khan Yunis. Indents were met promptly & consequently there was always a plentiful supply of fresh vegetables, butter & eggs on hand. No difficulty was experienced in getting an extra supply whenever asked for. The main articles which were asked for as extras were potatoes & sugar.

MEALS. The meals during the day were roughly:-

Breakfast :- Porridge, Bacon & eggs with bread & butter.
Midday. :- Tinned rabbit, Fowl or Beef, or M. & V. ration. Sago or Rice. Bread & butter.
Tea. :- Hot fresh meat & vegetables with some pudding.

Tinned fruit was issued twice weekly by the Australian Red Cross Society.

Routine. On arrival at the Camp patients were equipped with what eating utensils they needed. All new admissions were seen at 9 a.m. the day after admission to hospital. This seemed quite satisfactory as patients were not acutely ill. These patients were not again seen till 7 days after admission unless they wished to attend sick parade. On the seventh day if fit they were marked down for discharge the following day. If not fit discharge was deferred for some days & the patient again brought up for examination.

Seven days was the nominal length of stay in the camp but from experience this was found to be too short & 10 days should be the minimum.

It was found that by the end of the seven days the patient was just beginning to feel well & by 10 days he was generally feeling fit & at 14 days he was quite well.

It was only in very exceptional cases that the patient was kept over 14 days. There were no parades whatever in the camp. Roll Call was once daily at the midday meal. There was no reveille for patients. They got up when they liked but the tents had to be tidied by 9 a.m. There were no dress regulations - patients wore whatever clothes they liked. The idea of no parades etc. was to allow the men to have as complete a change from any routine as was possible. This in my opinion was a part of their treatment.

Red Cross. The day after admission to the Camp the men were taken to the depot of the Australian Red Cross Society which was established in the camp. Here they were equipped with pyjamas, socks, shirts, brushes, combs etc., As well as this cigarettes & tobacco & tinned fruit were issued twice weekly. Deck chairs & games & books were also lent. The pyjamas were handed back washed on discharge.

SUMMARY. In my opinion the Marakeb Rest Camp was an excellent establishment for the cutting down of evacuation of troops from their units.



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Roughly speaking there were about 80 admissions weekly to the Ausdiv. Section of the Camp and of these fully 50 would have been sent to Hospital at the time of their admission had there been no Rest Camp.

About another 10 would have been evacuated at a future date except for their recuperation at the Rest Camp. Their treatment at the Camp was simply an increased & amplified diet. The extras consisting mostly of butter, eggs, extra vegetables & fresh fruit.

The absence of parades and the fact that the patients were allowed absolute rest was also a large factor in their recovery. The greatest difficulty met with in the camp was the continued losses of eating utensils. This was checked after some time by getting a signature from each man for everything he was given on admission & counter signing the receipt in the presence of the patient on his discharge. After this the loss of the articles ceased.

The particular advantages of Marakeb were the facts that it was away from any town & consequently there was no incentive to break away from the Camp. Being near the sea it had the advantage of supplying recreation for the patients besides doing away with the necessity of carting large amounts of water for washing.

19 MAR 1919

J R Stafford Major