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OF

3RD A. L. H. FIELD AMBULANCE

FOR

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C. O. 3rd Light Horse Field Ambulance

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
N. of HOMS	1/11/18	0630	Arrived at house 1 1/4 miles N. of HOMS 0630. Ambulance wagon transport Travelled remarkably well. Camp area very restricted. Packed all baggage & secured patients who were held to actions to Divisional dressing station for probable evacuation.	
	2/11/18		No subject of a tent tent for protection of patients, by 5th A.L.H. Field Ambulance When camped just outside Dams court, on 21/10/18, note. Lieut Phillips made personal enquiries. Note was sent by Major Parry, 16 D.S., who took over from this unit at referred to camp; he disclaimed all knowledge of tent. 16 5th A.L.H. Field Ambulance (Mobile Section) somewhat peculiar. Organised parties, under an officer, being permitted to visit HOMS, in order to purchase goods, Major Blake escorted these with parties, but returned as he found HOMS to be very dirty & insanitary, neither was there much of a purchasable nature. Indian Aide sent to Mobile 4th. He Collins & Don Lamedon admitted to hospital. Evacuation of patients carried out to Divisional dressing station.	Plus
	3/11/18		Goods received, for personnel, from HOMS. Weather wet. Ambulance wagon (Dons Campbell & Allen) rejoined unit from detachment from 10th A.L.H. (Indian Aide returned from Mobile 4th)	Plus
	4/11/18		1 patient (The Redoubtson & Co) evacuated from Immobile Section at Divisional Rec. Stn. Continued wet weather. Preparations for pending move.	Plus Plus

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N. OF HOMS	5/11/14		Immobilis section, in charge of Capt C.S. MOLESWORTH, reported from Divisional Messing Station (Office 23 of R.S. 4 Malind (H.I.) 2 Bikes 12 Draughts, 3 Mules (heavy) 2 Donkeys, 2 GS Wagons 1 GS Limber 10 Watercarts) Capt Molesworth was posted to this unit by A.D.M.S. Capt BEALE was left at German Hospital Damascus by Immobilis section. (also 1 (Pano.) Private L. Hargy returned from detachment at English Hospital Damascus. 1 (Pano.) (The Anderson) was evacuated from Immobilis section 21/9/14 (during operations) but no notification to this effect had reached this Ambulance. Private Collins (Dun) limber from Hospital. (Dun) (The Campbell) evacuated sick.	
IMM HARLEIN	6/11/14	1730 2300	Left Homs N. of Homs at 1730. Arrived Hama at Homs on to Tripoli Road, bivouacking near UMM HARLEIN, which was reached at 2300. 9 Bikes Homs were borrowed from Engineer on order to transport dismounted personnel & 9A in charge of D.M.S. Marshall, proceeded per motor lorry, in order to join unit upon arrival at Tripoli.	JMS
JASA ASWAD TEL KALE	11/11/14	0500	Arrived at 0500. Move continued with Brigade, watering at JASA ASWAD, & thence to TEL KALE, which was reached at 1100. Camp site had been previously occupied & was exceedingly dirty. 1 (Pano.) (The Robinson) evacuated.	JMS
NAHA AAKA	6/11/14	0630	Proceeded with Brigade, halting at crossing JISA AYASH 1030, where horses were watered. Move continued at 1130, arriving at NAHA AAKA at 1430. Much somewhat trying owing to dust, cold wind which fortunately blew from the rear. Upon arrival at Naha Aaka all patients were immediately evacuated to 1st Lt. Tripoli, by motor ambulances, which were sent from Division. 1 (Pano.) (The Robinson) evacuated sick.	JMS

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JASA ASWAD	9/11/18	0730	Proceeded at 0750, making en route at NAHA BEAD, where Platoon halted for one hour; move continued through Injrali, where patients were evacuated to 1st Lt. C.C.T., to house area at MEJDELAYA 10/11. The House evacuated.	
MEJDELAYA	10/11/18		Orders received from A.D.M.S. that no evacuations were to take place owing to 1st Lt. C.C.T. being surrounded. Entire personnel were busy arranging camp area, erecting huts etc. Hospital Int (Maque) collected from 1st Lt. C.C.T. in order to afford additional accommodation for patients. Arrangements made that malarial blood-films could be examined at 1st Lt. C.C.T. Injrali.	PMS
	11/11/18		Weather exceedingly wet. Outfitters (clothing) substituted. 1st Lt. C.C.T. proceeded to Measau, in order to await embarkation to Australia under the "1918 leave" conditions. A.D.M.S. instructs that P.M.S. make wide reconnaissance of their respective camping areas & report as to the likelihood of mosquito breeding. This was complied with. All M.C. reporting that mosquito areas were not apparent. 1st Lt. C.C.T. ambulances reported 1st Lt. C.C.T. Injrali in order to carry out evacuation to hospital Injrali (this in accordance with instructions from A.D.M.S.).	PMS
	12/11/18		News received of Amisio with Germans. Power & Kellan reports to substantive rank & transferred to supernumerary strength. (Medical Details, 4th A.L.D. Regiment)	PMS

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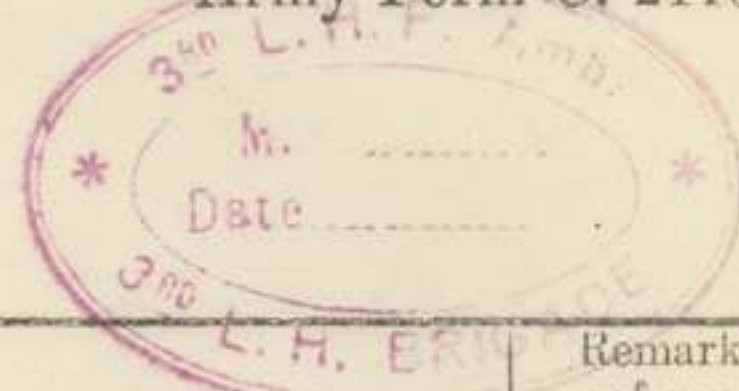
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MEJDELAJA	12/11/16		Promotions To Corporals - 4/Chet A. L. Guffeltra + A.R. Tate. 4/Geo Sadler Don + A. Wyatt Appointments: 2/Lt Col. G. E. A. Dewar. To Drivers 2/Pls H. B. Matthews, Lt. Sutton. Also promoted to Corp. 4/Don M. Bowden. Rejoined 1st hospital Pls Robinson evacuated 2/Pls Manks (Lt/Pls Manks + Don J. Parker) + 1/Pls Pls W. L. Smith admitted.	Pls Pls
	13/11/16		Weather very wet Nothing special to report. Further appointments (Don) Pls Murphy Myer.	Pls
	14/11/16		Sgt W. L. Sutton promoted Temporary Adjutant Officer, class 1, dating from 1/9/16 Enquired to A.D.M.S. as to whether any Dental treatment available for Pls. Letters sent to P.H.Q. in order to copy particulars of proposed Demobilisation & Repatriation Scheme.	Pls
	15/11/16		1 supply store received from Ordnance. Nothing special to report. Weather now fine. Work of making stone paths around the camp, particularly in the hospital area, being proceeded with. 2/Pls Manks admitted to hospital (Pls Mason Don Sutton Pls Robinson & Collins) 1 attached house returned to 9th A.H.A. Advice from Pzengade that 1st Camp expected.	Pls Pls
	16/11/16		2/Pls (Pls Tate & Parker) transferred to supernumerary strength Medical Details 9th A.H.A., to which regiment they have been detached for some time. 2/Pls (Don Lumsden & Holman) admitted hospital	Pls
	17/11/16		1 H.I. (Native) Driver admitted hospital	Pls 5

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MEJDELAYA	16/11/18		<p>Capt Wade returned from detachment at German Hospital Damascus (also Private of Richardson) 11 Other ranks reinforcements arrived, all of whom had been previously members of this unit. (Lt Sgts Stanley & Meadows, Lt Sgts Ellingworth & Goodall, Ptes Wallis, Lewis, Jenkins, Johnson, Thompson, Dunn, Leonard). Two Other ranks admitted Hospital (Ptes Healy & Richardson). Promotions: Lt Sgts leading to Sergeant & Lt Sgts Thomas & Kent confirmed & promoted to Sgt. Transferred to Superannuation strength: Lt Sgts Meadows to Medical Detail & 9th A.L.C. & Lt Sgts Goodall to 9th A.L.C.</p>	<p>Plus 2</p>
	19/11/18		<p>Weather particularly pleasant & scarce of new drizzle. A.D.M.S. advised that evacuation to 9th A.L.C. which has been very limited is to cease until further notice. Gp Mason from hospital & Pte Haddon to hospital. Lt Sgts Driver reports to Lane beyond upon absorption of Lt Sgts Meadows & Lt Sgts Braden reports on return of Gp Mason.</p>	<p>Plus</p>
	20/11/18		<p>5 Draught Reinforcements received, completing unit's strength to establishment captured Wade returned to Mobile Field for second time.</p>	<p>Plus</p>
	20/11/18		<p>4 N.I. Ambulances sent to 9th A.L.C. Hospital, on order to assist in evacuation of patients to hospital strip. Capt Stamball temporarily detached to 19th Bde R.H.A. at M.O. there was evacuated with appointments to Darius. Ptes Johnson Leonard, Lt Sgts Duce, Ptes Gander & Thompson Temp. Lt Sgts H. Healy promoted to Staff Sergeant.</p>	<p>Plus</p>

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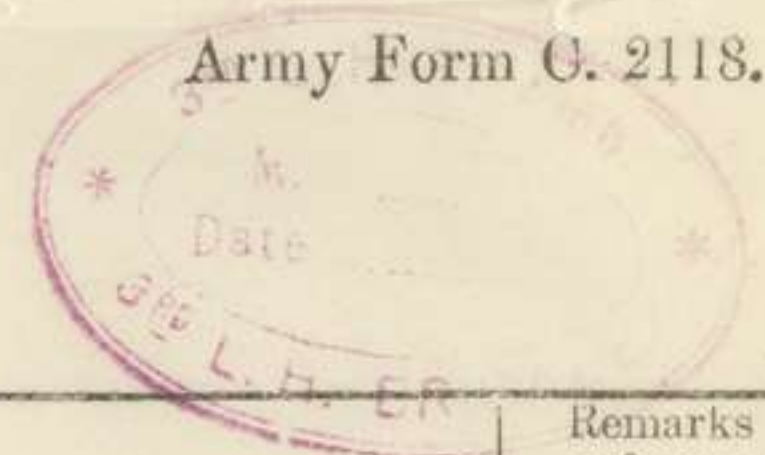
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MEJDELAYA	22/11/16		Advice from A.D.M.S. that excavation to get the 6th Co could be resumed. The hill tents received from Ordnance. 1 Sgt Giles evacuated sick & accordingly reports to substantive rank.	
	23/11/16		Informal inspection of camp by Wagonier. Two blindfold & heavily injured from hospital. The bottles returned to hospital.	PMS
	24/11/16	1400	Inspection of camp by Corps commander. Men in hill sides, stand to address themself, which was "skipped". 1 Sgt (The Lt. Hodgson) discharged from hospital.	PMS
	25/11/16		Major C. Lawrence Clarke & D.M.S. Marshall proceeded with King's party to baino in order to purchase Christmas goods for the troops. No. 19 tent collected from Ordnance in order to provide additional accommodation for patients.	PMS
	26/11/16		6 Motor ambulances (with 6 other ranks M.I. personnel) & Motor Cycle returned from D.H. The Lt. Davinot promoted. Temporary Sgt D. Spencer, vice Sgt D. R. Long evacuated sick.	PMS
	27/11/16		Eleven reinforcements arrived at Mooscan, ten of whom had previously belonged to unit (Sgt Pauser, Sgt Clarke, Don Mc Carthy, Lynneux Dyer, The Smith, Lt. Walden, Gantside, Hodgson & Jimmone (Nixon). The Thorne rejoined at hospital. Sgt Pauser transferred to Med. Details. 10th A.L.H. Sgt Clarke to 10th A.L.H. Sgt Talo & The Barbado's whom they refer to "twint". The Smith & Don Mc Carthy had been at N.B.O.'s School Mooscan. Dental unit in charge of Lieut A. SMITH, arrived at Ambulance.	PMS

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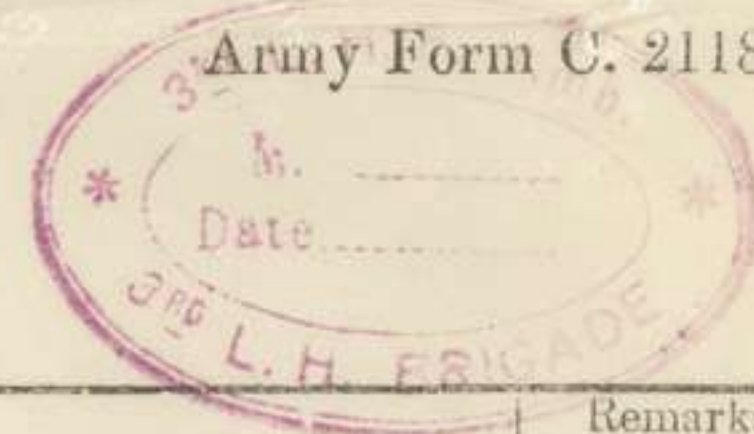
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MEJDELAYA	20/11/16		A disappointing incident occurred today. 14 Drivers of the Ambulance, probably irritated by monotonous work, false ideas originating from their conceptions of the Armistice declined to carry on with their work on the harvest. There is little doubt that this attitude was induced, in a large number of men, by an agitator as the majority of sets of harvest were in full class order. This breach of discipline was penalized by each man of the 14 forfeiting 14 days pay.	JMS
	21/11/16		4 Horse Transport Ambulance Wagons & all motor ambulances proceeded to Tripoli in order to evacuate patients to 4th B.S. Due to the arrival of the latest reinforcements, equipment has been and now possible. 2 NCOs Nelson & Johnson sent to hospital.	JMS
	22/11/16		Sleds drawn from transport column material will be drawn later, in order to meet a extra haul from Medical Detach 6th A.S.T. 19th (Keddie) rejoined.	JMS
	23/11/16		7 Reinforcements arrived at Massara. 1 Ptes Williams has been to bank, Judges Snedden & Abbott. 14 B.S. 6th A.S.T. returned to D.M.B. Reinforcement camp Tripoli 4th A.S.T. returned to report them.	JMS

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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Subject.

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Admissions, Evacuations &c.

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3rd Lt. Field Ambulance

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Admissions Evacuations Discharges Deaths

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Date	Admissions		Evacuations		Discharges		Deaths		Remainings	
	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On	Off	On
									REM	9
1		12		23		2				19
2		14		8						10
3	1	4		9		2	+		1	4
4		11		9			-		1	6
5		9		16			-		1	6
6	2	12	2	10		2	-		1	-
7		15	1	7						5
8		2		3						-
9	2	6	2							3
10		5				1				7
11		6								13
12		19					+	1		31
13		5					+	1		35
14		7		1		4				41
15		5		1		4				41
16		8		4		7				36
17		4		6		5				31
18		5		6		6				24
19		6				2				22
20		5				3			1	30
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2	1	9	1	7		2				30
3		11		1		5				35
4		11		5		3				34
5		5		6		3				31
6		9		2		4				37
7		6		20		3				20
8		14		2		1				31
9		7		6		3				27
30		3		4		1				21



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Statement showing number of Personnel, Animals & Vehicles actually with the Unit on dates specified

Date	Personnel	But PTASC OR	Horses		Mules H. H.	Donkeys	Wagons		Carts	Mechanical Motor Cycles	Camels					
			H.F.	ETC			H.	P.				GS	GS			
1	55		1	20	31	12	39	2	2	1	5	1	2	20		
2	55		1	20	31	12	39	2	2	1	5	1	2	20		
3	55		1	20	31	12	39	2	2	1	5	1	2	20		
4	57		1	20	31	12	39	2	2	1	5	1	2	20		
5	79		5	20	33	12	51	5	+	+	2	5	2	20		
6	80		5	20	33	12	51	5	+	+	2	5	2	20		
7	79		5	20	33	12	51	5	+	+	2	5	2	20		
8	78		5	20	33	12	51	5	+	+	2	5	2	20		
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11	77		5	20	33	12	51	5	+	+	2	5	2	20		
12	74		5	20	33	12	51	5	+	+	2	5	2	20		
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28	84		+	19	33	12	56	5	+	+	2	5	2	6	1	20
29	84		+	19	33	12	56	5	+	+	2	5	2	6	1	20
30	89		+	19	33	12	56	5	+	+	2	5	2	6	1	20
31	96		+	19	33	12	56	5	+	+	2	5	2	6	1	20



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