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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1916 APRIL 1	FERRY POST 1700	<p>8. FIELD AMBULANCE</p> <p>Verbal order received from ADMS to proceed to RAILHEAD to receive sick of 8th BRIGADE. — Under instruction of ADMS MAJOR BLACK CAPTS MAPLESON & BEARD reported to 15th F. AMB for duty. CAPTS LIND & MOLLISON taken on strength of 8. AMB</p>	
APRIL 2	1430	<p>AMBULANCE. White branches to RAILHEAD (less B Tent Subdivision) when bivouac formed for the night</p>	
3-4-16	RAIL HEAD 0900	<p>AMBULANCE H.Q. established at RAILHEAD with transport details on account of the difficulty of obtaining water for horses at ROAD HEAD. A. Section (less Transport) opened tent Subdivision at a point on left flank</p>	<p>Adjutant Gen of 8. F. AMB</p>

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3.4.16	FERRY POST RAIL HEAD	<p>8TH FIELD AMBULANCE $\frac{3}{4}$ mile E of ROADHEAD in rear of 31ST and 32ND BATT. 8 BDE. B. SECTION opened at ROAD HEAD on R. flank in rear of 29TH and 30TH BATT. The conditions on L. flank were rendered difficult on acct of presence of $\frac{3}{4}$ mile of heavy sand between Roadhead & Battalion Camps. Communication was maintained on R. by motor cycle & on L. by messenger orderlies. Both sections were close to telephone office.</p>	
4.4.16	to 5 TH 16	<p>1600 Dental Establishment opened. arrangements made for shaving horses, mending boots and sterilization of blankets & clothing of the unit.</p>	<p><i>W. J. [unclear]</i> <i>8.8.16</i></p>

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4 th 16 to 5 th 16.	FERRY POST RAIL HEAD	8 TH FIELD AMBULANCE Sanitary materials were not available on requisition but had to be gathered in from desert by Transport as also was timber and Salalop necessary.	
6-4-16		Sanitation of this camp and of many smaller camps in vicinity has been very bad when in former occupation. Manure animal & vegetable refuse has not been properly disposed of & in consequence flies are very prevalent.	
6-4-16		ADMS visited camp & verbally instructed me not to act as S.M.O Brigade but to keep in touch with R.M.Os & report when required. Visited B Section and R.M.Os. 29. & 30 Batt.	ADMS % of camp

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7 th / ₁₆	FERRY POST RAIN HEAD	8 TH FIELD AMBULANCE Supplied 8 TH BRIGADE with transport for sanitary work. Reported LADMS prevalence of Drain fever.	
8 th / ₁₆	..	1000 Visited A. Section & RMOS 31 & 32 Batt. 1500 Visited Canal Transport Camp. MO. (Mr KHALIL) reported prevalence of Relapsing fever amongst natives.	
9-10 th / ₁₆ →		all cases evacuated L-ISMAILIA. Ofcs sections detailed L-medically examined all units 8 TH BRIGADE.	
11 th / ₁₆		0930. MAJOR BLACK reported to inspect HQ & Bastahwi areas. Chocolate patches mentioned by all ranks.	
12 th / ₁₆		1530 attended conference of Ofcs at ADMS office on treatment &	

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	FERRY POST		
	RAIL HEAD		
12 th / ₁₆	1700	Evacuation of sick Khamseen beyond & eastern hill	
13 th / ₁₆	1900	on 13 th under way, work difficult. Aeroplane (ours) descended in front 29 th BATT line	
14 th / ₁₆	0930	ADAMS arrived & inspected area Summoned back via Turko JIF JAFFA	
15 th / ₁₆		by LIGHT HORSE 8 th . news of march on the post being successful. 8 Bde marched out 15 th Bde arrived. Written instructions received from ADMS to administer S. F and as Divisional unit Sanitation etc arranged from DW. H.Q. Instructed by ADMS to return all herd camels - no information here	Adams 8 th Bde

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Date.	Place and Time.	8 TH - 9 TH FIELD AMBULANCE	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
15 th / ₁₆	RAIL HEAD FERRY POST	them & no responsible person to hand over to. Eventually arranged with ASC ANZAC to take them over.	
16 th / ₁₆		Dental Establishment (Mr RILEY) marched out. 15 th Dentals unit arrived	
17 th / ₁₆	0430 1400	Surplus weapons & horses handed over to Division. Reported personally to ADMS	
18 th / ₁₆	0530	5 Camels and Drivers returned to ASC ISMAILIA (ANZAC). ADMS.	
19 th / ₁₆	0430	Detail from Sanitary Section reported to attend to manure dumps & sterilize blankets. all blankets	

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19 th / 16	RAIL HEAD 1100	of unit sterilized. Reported with A.M. & ADMS.	
20 th / 16		This very prevalent again, discovered that old manure dumps had not been effectually dealt with and were breeding places. Reported information to ADMS & drew attention of Brigade to the fact.	
21 st / 16		No work except necessary fatigue.	
22 nd / 16	0930	Capt Macarthur reported for duty, found medically unfit & directed to report to A.D.M.S.	W. J. J. J.
	01130	Capt Black reported for duty, was attached to A Section.	
	1600	Conference of Section re Pyllalms	

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22.4.16	RAIL HEAD		of training - and method of working in case of an action. A working scheme drawn up & forwarded to ADMS. Foot & shod and inspection	
23.4.16	"		By-laws of work forwarded ADMS	
24.4.16	1414	1415	Phone message received re formation of Beaver Detachment for service with punitive Expedition L. Horse. all arrangements completed with Wc B Section with exception of Camel loads of which none are available. Report sent to ADMS. News received of action with Turks KANTARA District	Photograph of 8 th Field Ambulance
25.4.16			Anzac Day. Holiday. Sports & concert held.	

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26.4.16	FERRY POST	Instruction from DADME to hold	
to 27.4.16	RAIL	horses on 28, for inspection for Artillery	
28.4.16	HEAD	CPT VANCE inspected by Col CADDY	SANITARY SQUAD Reported
29.4.16	1000	Instructions received to Equip. Mule	
		Transport as per PART VII Table	
	1200	Instruction received to hold all	
		horses for Gladius Test Monday &	
		Tuesday next. Informed by ofc	
30.4.16		Canal Corps that the boats would	
		be used without Kayans which	
		were were available. Subsequently	
		arranged Canal transport for stores on	
		Monday and Tuesday. 18(18) horses	
		handed over to Artillery offices	
		as per instructions received.	

18(18) horses handed over to ofc of 8th Field Ambulance

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