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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
ROMANI	October 1 st		Cholera Vibrios isolated from a patient at Isolation Hospital at KILO 60. Patient, a driver of 3rd. L.H.F.A. at present at HGD AMARA and D.D.M.S notified. 3rd. L.H. Brigade at AMARA isolated also 5th Mounted Brigade at HASANIYA
	Oct. 1 st		Orders were received from No 3 Section to examine excreta of all personnel of 3rd. L.H.F.A. Field Ambulances east of KILO 60 to retain all cases except diarrhoeas until further orders. All diarrhoeas to be sent immediately to the Isolation Hospital at KILO 60 where they are to be retained.
	Oct. 1 st		A steady inflow of cases of Malaria particularly from the units at KANTARA WEST illustrates a state of affairs which will require attention before next summer.
	Oct. 1 st		Sick admitted during the week to Field Ambulances 132, Evacuated 71 % of daily admission of sick .18%
	Oct. 1 st		A suspicious case of vomiting and diarrhoea in F Company Egyptian Camel Transport Corps suggestive of Cholera has caused grave concern in No 3 Section. According to orders received a Medical officer of 5th Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance at HASSANIYA FATIR has been sent to BAYUD to observe and isolate any suspicious cases in the E.T.Corp at that post. A M.O. of the 3rd. L.H.F.A. has likewise been attached at BIR EL ABD for the same purpose.
	Oct. 1 st		Syllabus of Training for month of October have been received from Field Ambulances not in the front line. These syllabus were drawn up on lines indicated by this office and embrace all branches of ambulance work. Four cases of Diphtheria were diagnosed at the Bacteriological Laboratory during the week.
	Oct. 1 st		Sick admitted during the week 193, EVacuated 139, % of daily admission of sick .26%
	Oct. 1 st		Medical Corps Order No. 14 issued and attached.
	Oct. 1 st		M.C. Operation Order No. 20 issued and attached.
	Oct. 1 st		D.H.Q. moved from ROMANI to BIR EL ABD
	Oct. 1 st		Medical Corps Order No. 15 issued and attached.
	Oct. 1 st		Sick admitted during the week 168, Evacuated 122, % of daily admission of sick .22%
ABD	Oct. 1 st		24 appendicitis
	Oct. 1 st		25 appendicitis
	Oct. 1 st		26 appendicitis
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
10.22.22			A Provisional Medical establishment for a battalion Imperial Camel Corps asked for by "G" Branch was drawn up and is attached. The R.M.C. of this battalion and all Field Ambulances have been asked to experiment with the use of camels in drawing sand carts and sledges.	Appendix 27
10.22.22			Medical Corps Order No. 16 issued and attached.	Appendix 27
10.22.22			Medical Corps Operation Order No. 21 issued and attached.	Appendix 27
10.22.22			3rd. L.H. Brigade before taking up their new camp at ET MALER were 'deloused' by the Sanitary Section. approximate numbers dealt with each day were 700, 650 and 400.	Appendix 27
10.22.22			Arrangements were made for the removal of the Isolation and Bact. Hospital from KILO 6/0 to EL ABD. The N.Z.M.F.A. details have taken over the working of this hospital from the 3rd L.H.F.A. Details who have returned to ET MALER.	Appendix 27
10.22.22			Isolation Hosp. and Laboratory moved from KILO 60 to BIR EL ABD.	
10.22.22			One case of Scarlet Fever was reported from the 8th. L.H. Regiment In consequence of several cases of Diphtheria having occurred in the Warwick Yeomanry throat swabs are being taken of all cooks, mess orderlies and as the men become available the throats of the whole regiment will be examined	
10.22.22			Sick admitted during the week 164, Evacuated 116, % of daily admission of sick .23%	
10.22.22			Operation Order No. 22 issued and attached.	Appendix 27
10.22.22			M.C. Order No. 17 issued and attached.	Appendix 27

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MEDICAL CORPS ORDER No. 14.

by
Colonel R. M. Dawnes,
A. D. M. S.

Headquarters,
R O M A N I.

October 16th. 1916.

85. POSTINGS.

Captain Hay from Anzac Transport Camp to N.Z.M.T.A. 8.10.16.
" Joyce, A.A.M.C. to 2nd. L.H.P.A. dated 10.10.16.
" McLaren rejoined 1st. L.H.P.A. from D.H.Q. 9.10.16.
" Bassett, A.A.M.C. to Field Squadron 14.10.16.
" R.S.Orbell, C.M.R. evacuated sick 15.10.16.

86. HONORS AND REWARDS.

D. C. M.

No. 3/115a Warrant Officer H.R.H. Bosuchamp, N.Z.M.T.A.
No. 84 Sergeant W.H. Sterry, 1st. L.H.P.A.

Military Medal.

No. 26 Private W. ROBERTSON, 1st. L.H.P.A.

87. INMENTS.

When submitting indents on Ordnance, the quantity of goods in possession of units must be shewn opposite the item in the column "on charge".

88. MOTOR VEHICLE'S SPEED.

No one, except the authorised driver, is allowed to drive any War Department Mechanical Transport vehicle.

89. NECESSITY FOR ECONOMY.

It is desired to point out to all officers serving in the present campaign, especially to those in the administrative departments the necessity for exercising foresight and the most careful regard for the strictest economy, in order to husband the general resources of the Commonwealth.

Every item of expenditure, money or material, which is not demanded in the interest of an efficient and prudent administration of Defence, relies on all officers to co-operate with him to this end.

90. PANATIS.

Keys for the small caps of Panatis are available for issue at the rate of one per Field Ambulance.

91. ESTABLISHMENT WITH CAMEL TRANSPORT.

The following amendments to the pamphlet "Provisional Establishment of a Mounted Division and a Mounted Brigade (Yeomanry) with Camel Transport G.S. (O.B.) 327, dated 6.9.16" are sanctioned and should be noted by all concerned.

On pages 22 and 35 (Field Ambulance)

Camels Drivers Fanatis.

In summary for	41	31	16
Read	44	32	22

In composition in detail -

Camels Camel Drivers

For Drivers	41	31
Road Drivers	44	32

Total to be amended accordingly

On pages 23 and 36 -

Camels Drivers Fanatis

For water	8	3	16
Read Water	11	4	22

Total to be amended accordingly.

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93. FIELD CONDUCT SHEETS - A.F. B.122.

Attention is called to G.R.O. No. 1066 dated 2nd April 1916 the provisions of which are not being complied with in all cases.

Whenever a unit receives a notification in Part 11. Orders (A.F.O. 1810) from the D.A.G. 3rd Echelon, that a soldier has died or has returned home (except on furlough) the Field Conduct Sheet (A.F.B.122) is to be forwarded immediately to the D.A.G. 3rd Echelon. If for any reason it is impossible to forward the Field Conduct sheet, the D.A.G. 3rd Echelon should be at once notified of the fact.

93. DISPOSAL OF KITS.

The instructions issued with G.R.O. 971 are cancelled as far as regards the disposal of kits and personal effects of officers and men of the Australian and New Zealand Forces and the following is substituted :-

"The kit and personal effects of Australian and New Zealand officers and men deceased, missing, prisoners of war, sick or wounded, will be forwarded to Australian Kits Depot, Store, Gezirah, Cairo, and New Zealand Kits Store Gezirah, Cairo, respectively, except the pay book including the will, if any, and identity disc of officers, and men deceased, missing or prisoners of war, which will be sent to the D.A.G. 3rd Echelon".

The other instructions as regards arms, accoutrements, &c. issued with G.R.O. 971 in respect to the Australian and New Zealand Forces holds good.

94. ORDERS.

Attention is drawn to the following Routine Orders :- Operation Orders, G.S. 56. Pay Egyptian Rate A.I.F. 412, Bathing 417, Plumes for Hats 418, Traffic 420, Notice Boards 421, Identity Discs 422.

R. M. DOWNES, C o l o n e l .

A. D. M. S.
A & N.Z. Mounted Division.

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

MEDICAL CORPS OPERATION ORDER NO. 20.

by

R. H. DOWNEY Colonel, A. D. M. S.

D. H. Q.
ROMANI.
October 18th.Reference Maps. 1 : 100,000 QAFIA
1 : 125,000 SAMIET EL BARDAWIL.

1. MOVES. October 19th.

(a) D. H. Q. will move to BIR EL ABD and bivouac there.
 (b) 5th Mounted Brigade will take over BIR EL MAGHREB and BIR BAYUD. Co.O. 5th Mounted Brigade Y. Ambulance will detail one officer to MAGHREB also one sandcart to MAGHREB and BIR BAYUD respectively. The officer at present at BIR BAYUD is to be withdrawn and the supervision of Y company Camels is to be taken over by the R.M.O. of the regiment of 5th Mounted Brigade at BAYUD.

5th. H.B.Y. Ambulance will remain at HOD PATIR.

(c) No. 1 Battalion Imperial Camel Corps will come under orders of C.O.C., A. & N.Z. Mounted Division from 1400 on October 19th. One company will be located at BIR EL MAGHREB and one at BIR BAYUD. The Medical Officers stationed at these places will be responsible for the medical supervision.

2. October 23rd. N.Z.M.F. Ambulance, Mobile Section will move out with N.Z.M.H. Brigade, arriving at BIR EL ABD by 1600 on October 23rd.

3. October 24th. N.Z.M.F.A. will take over camp of 3rd. L.H.F.A. at HOD EL GUEILLA.

3rd. L.H.F. Ambulance after being relieved by N.Z.M.F.A. will march to ET MALIK camp with their Brigade. Immobile portion of N.Z.M.F. Amb. will entrain at ROMANI and proceed by 1100 train to KILO 60, where they will take over the Clearing Station and Isolation Hospital from 3rd. L.H.F.A. Details.

3rd. L.H.F.A. Details when relieved will proceed by first available train to ROMANI and proceed to ET MALIK camp.

4. Headquarters, A. & N.Z. Mounted Division will open at BIR EL ABD at 1600 on October 19th.

Frank E. Horan Major
for Colonel.
A. D. M. S.
A. & N.Z. Mounted Division.

Copies to.

1. 5th Mounted Brig P. Amb.
2. N.Z.M.F.A.
3. 3rd.L.H.F.A.
4. No. 1 Battln. I.C.C.
5. 5th Mounted Brig.
6. "G" Branch
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MEDICAL CORPS' ORDER NO. 3.B.

by
R. M. DOWNES, Colonel.
A. D. M. S. A. & N.Z. Mounted Division.

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95. POSTINGS. Captain G. Brittain Gill returned to duty 10.10.18, from W.R.C. Mainwaring from 3rd. L.M. Regiment to No. 2 Stationary Hospital, PORT SAID, dated 10.10.18
Major J.G. Astroy, A.A.M.C. from No. 2 Stationary Hos. to 3rd. L.M. Regiment dated 10.10.18.
Major R. Wilson A.A.M.C. from 5th. L.H. Regt. on transport duty to Australia dated 10.10.18.
Captain J. Blighardine, A.A.M.C. from 2nd. L.H.T.A. to 5th. L.H. Regt. dated 10.10.18.
Captain D.J. Gleeson, A.A.M.C. from 1st. L.H.T.A. on transfer to England 10.10.18.
Major A.C. Arnold, A.A.M.S. from 2nd. L.H. Regt. to A.A.N.Z. Training Camp, MONSOAR, dated 21.10.18.

96. INNOCULATION.

Care must be taken by all Medical Officers to see that men are re-innoculated for Cholera as soon as the 3/12 period since last inoculation is reached.

97. ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION. When submitting articles for publication officers should omit any mention of the numbers of medical units and statistics which the enemy could use for propagandist or other purposes.

98. DISCIPLINE.

Riding on the wire roads is prohibited.

99. MOUSTACHES.

Shaving of the upper lip by officers and men being now optional under Army Order 340 (3) of 1918, it must be understood that if a moustache is worn no portion of the upper lip is to be shaved.

100. SHELL FISH.

All ranks are prohibited from eating shell fish collected from the Suez Canal or its banks.

101. ADMINISTRATION.

Attention is drawn to the following D.R.Os.: - 424, Medical Personnel, 425 Australian Squadron R.F.C., 308 Courts Martial, 1229 Hoops on Compressed Forage.

102. FIELD DRESSINGS.

It is advised that from time to time Medical Officers of all units satisfy themselves as to the adequate number and condition of Field Dressings in possession of their units.

103. MEDICAL. Medical Officers are on no account to give certificates to officers of other ranks concerning their condition, to recommend leave, transfer to England, or line of treatment when transferred from their care. Recommendations as to line of treatment should be forwarded confidentially through the usual channel to the hospital to which officers or men are transferred. Other recommendations to be forwarded to A.D.M.S. of this Division.

R. M. DOWNES, Colonel.
A. D. M. S.
A. & N.Z. Mounted Division.

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MEDICAL CORPS ORDER NO. 16.

By

Colonel R.M. Downes,
A. D. M. S. A. & N.Z. Mounted Division.

104. POSTINGS.

Captain H. S. Shelley, A.A.M.C., to 1st. L.H.P.A. DATED 10.16.

105. SHOULDER PATCHES.

The following shoulder patches have been approved for Australian units of the A. & N.Z. Mounted Division.

1st. L H.P.A.	Chocolate & White	Chocolate White
2nd. "	Chocolate & Red	Chocolate Red
3rd "	Chocolate & Gold	Chocolate Gold.

Size of patches $2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 1\frac{1}{2}''$. Base colour of 1st Brigade is White, 2nd Brigade Red, and 3rd Brigade Gold. Unit colour is worn over base colour with square end of base colour to front. Patches are worn on each arm about 1" below shoulder seam.

106. CHLORIDE OF LIME.

In view of the difficulties in obtaining Chloride of Lime in sufficient quantities for Sanitary purposes, it is being arranged that Quick Lime be also available. This will shortly be on issue at all Supply Depots and can be obtained on indent in the usual way.

107. RETURN.

All Medical Officers will send direct to A.D.M.S. at once, a return shewing their degrees. Officers who have recently joined this Division will also include the date they were appointed to their present commission.

108. QUARANTINE.

All Quarantine restrictions are now withdrawn.

R. M. DOWNES, Colonel.

A. D. M. S.
A. & N. Z. Mounted Division.

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

MEDICAL CORPS OPERATION ORDER NO. 25.

Colonel R. M. DOWNES, A. D. M. S.

Reference Map.

SABKET EL BARDAWIL 1:125,000

1. The N.Z.M.R. Brigade will be disposed as follows by noon on October 27th:-
at BIR MOSEIFIG, Headquarters Brigade, Headquarters No. 1 Battalion I. C. G.
at BIR EL KASSIRIA, one regiment.
near HILL 157, one squadron.
near BIR EL GHISHI, one troop.
on south shore of SABKET EL BARDAWIL due north of BIR MOSEIFIG post of No. 1 Battalion I.C.G.
at EL QALSB, post of No. 1 Battalion, I.C.G.
The 8th Mounted Brigade will continue as at present.

The N.Z.M.P. Ambulance will move to BIR MOSEIFIG under arrangements with N.Z.M.R. Brigade.

C.O., N.Z.M.P. Ambulance will detail detachments to the regiment at BIR EL KASSIRIA and the squadron near HILL 157 for evacuation of patients.

From BIR MOSEIFIG evacuation will be to 1st. Lowland Field Amb. on the line from BIR EL QAWAHL due north to south shores of SABKET EL BARDAWIL.

3. 1st. South Midland M.P. Ambulance will continue as at present.

Downes Colonel.

A. D. M. S.
A. & N.Z. Mounted Division..

Copies to:-

1. N.Z.M.P.A.
2. 1 S.M.M.P.A.
3. N.Z.M.R. Brigade
4. D.D.M.S. 3rd Section.
5. A.D.M.S. 52nd Division.
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Medical Corps Operation Order No. 22.

by

Colonel R. M. DOWNESS,

D. H. Q.
28.10.16.

Reference Map.

SABROUT EL BARDAWIL 1:125,000.

1. INFORMATION. N.Z.M.R. Brigade will be engaged as follows by 1600 on November 4th.:—
at BIR EL MAZAR N.Z.M.R. Brigade (less 1 regiment and one squadron, and No. 1 Battalion I.C.C. (less 2½ companies). One regiment to occupy BIR EL ZOABATIA, EL MUSTAGIADA and a post on the BIR EL MAZAR - EL AISH road one and half miles East of Point 60.
One squadron to be at BIR EL MALHA.
N.Z.M.R. will move to Bir el Malha under command of 1st Regt
2. N.Z.M.F.A. will detail detachments to the regiment at BIR EL ZOABATIA and EL MUSTAGIADA and to the squadron at BIR EL MALHA.
Evacuation will be to the Lowland Field Ambulance at Railhead.
3. D.H.Q. will remain for the present at BIR EL AFD.

Chas. S. Heron Major.

for A. D. H. S.
A. & N.Z. Mounted Division.

Copies to.

1. N.Z.M.F.A.
2. N.Z.M.R. Brig.
3. "G" Branch
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MEDICAL CORPS ORDER NO. 37.

Dated 1st January 1916.

by
Colonel R. M. D. M. S. A. & M. M. Medical Officer.

Dated 1st January 1916.

SECTION OF WELLS. It is of the utmost importance that the wells or wells liable to have been infected by the enemy should be sterilised as soon as possible after occupation of new areas.

In no case is this more important than regards the protection of the personnel of the R.M.C. and the R.L.C., following the capture of Troops but lacking their complete organisation and equipment.

The following measures will be carried out:-
(a). R.M.Os. will be responsible to their C.Os. that all wells en route of advance covered by their units are treated by Bleaching Powder as the force advances. These duties are performed by the attached water duty men as laid down in P.S.R. Part 1, Sect. 46 para. 5.

(b). R.L.Os. will hand in each night to their C.Os. a list of wells treated during the day.
The necessary equipment and instructions will be supplied as soon as available.

(c). R.L.Os. will see that their water duty men copy the instructions into leading pages of their Record Books (A.B. 153, which is being supplied), and duplicate records of wells treated must be kept in the books by use of the carbon sheets supplied.

(d). R.M.Os. must maintain most careful supervision over the work of their men and impress upon them the importance of this duty.

(e). The disinfection of wells is not intended to replace the use of Bisupphate Tablets in water-bottles, vide D.R.O. 332.

DISINFECTION. The advent of cold weather necessitates the paying of special attention to the most important matter of taking energetic measures to prevent its being associated with an increase of vermin among the Troops.

Not only have cases of both Typhus and Relapsing Fever occurred during the past month in the British Troops in this Section, but the latter disease is constantly prevalent among the Egyptians from whom the native labour of the Section is recruited to so large an extent. These facts need no emphasis.

The alternate available methods of delousing are:-
(a). The Disinfecting Train or the French Disinfector present the most rapid and efficient method of 'delousing'. Whenever possible they must be used. D.R.O. 370 (b). Complete reliance on this method leaves no method of delousing when separated from the Railway.

(b). Serbian Barrels can be supplied in limited numbers on application to the Sanitary Section, but the conveyance and the large amount of fuel required restricts their use considerably. It is much more effective to free the unit from vermin when treated in one day at a large installation than by the above method when treated serially.

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(e). ~~PERIODICIDE~~. N.C.I. Powder. Recent research has placed this insecticide at the head of the list of vermicidal remedies. The vapour of this powder when confined in the vicinity rapidly kills the vermin and effectively acts as a deterrent. One efficient method of doing this would be to supply men with enough powder to treat the interior of their spread blankets. Information is required as to the quantity required to do this, as to whether 1 oz. or $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. at three nightly or 7 nightly intervals will suffice. The co-operation of Medical Officers is required to determine these points experimentally under active service conditions. A report as to results is to be forwarded to this office in a month's time.

III. WARNING Any party of men going beyond the front line held by the A. & N.Z. Mounted Division must advise the Headquarters of that Division before they go, in order to ensure that the troops are warned.

112. MEDICAL. In the case of units having no Medical Officer, the Medical Officer seeing the morning sick of the Unit is responsible for inspection of, and advice regarding, the sanitation of its lines.

C. E. HERCUS, Major.
for A. D. M. S.
AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.