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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
10 April 1916	Ferry Post	<p>15th Field Amb. marched on with 15th Brigade & Division after route march of 3 days from Tel el Kebir</p> <p>14th Field Amb. less 1 Field Officer & 2nd Subdivision left behind opened at Tel el Kebir marched out of Tel el Kebir on route for Ferry Post with 4000 mules.</p> <p>In company with 4th Division Engineers visited Sanitation Areas. Water taps advised as to various details arranged with RMO & C. med. units as to method of obtain Native Arabian Labour</p> <p>Captain Mapleston detailed to proceed to Moascar Somalia to be attached for duty to Howitzer Brigade. Capt. Lind & Mellison attached for</p>	

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2 April cont		<p>duty to 8th Field Ambulance 8th Field ambulance moved out to front Rail Head. OC to select site for his two Unit Subdivisions - to open Dental Unit at Rail Head - to remain at Rail Head as their Quarters</p> <p>Captain Minty marched on attached for duty to 15th Field Ambulance Capt. Beard attached for duty to 15th Field ambulance</p>
3 April		<p>arranged Artillery re water + manure</p>
4		<p>Captain Mattei marched in the Reports having left Camp area. He'll be in clear view. arranged Camp site for Artillery + for water supply</p>

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5 April		<p>Visited D.O.M.S. re returns + question of flies + of reinforcements being sent down with Venereal disease. Warburton on the message advised appointment of food inspection Board. + of water testing.</p> <p>Capt. Maplestone. to report to 25th Howitzer Battery.</p> <p>Leut Foster dental officer reported for duty attached to 15th Field Amb.</p>	
8 April		<p>By order D.O.M.S. anac 2 Captain Farrar passed to 11th Stationary Hospital Smarke for treatment.</p> <p>Capt Brummitt transferred to S.S. Karole.</p> <p>McCapt Remick ^{to report} reported in his place.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
11.4.16		Capt. Reimer reported attach to bus train	
15.4.16		Capt. Matcalf JB + Capt. Maudesley HF	
17.4.16		were attached to the 14 th Field Ambulance	
18.4.16		Capt. Ingham transferred to 30 th B Coy Capt. JW McKinnon was detailed for duty to	
21.4.16		13 th Field Artillery.	
		Capt. Duff detailed to 8 th Field Artillery	
		Capt. Ingham to 6 th Field Amb immediately on arrival was reported by	
		CC as superior from Ordina of 7 th Div + bypassed	
		Capt. McArthur to 8 th Field Ambulance	
		Capt. Coppleson VM. to 15 Field Amb	
		Capt. Macintosh CLS to 15 Field Amb	
		Capt. Langau detailed for duty to 30 Battalion	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
21.4.16	Ferry Post	vice Capt Morolli transferred to DAC	
24.4.16		Capt Kerblaud temporarily attached to 5th Battalion vice Captain Farrar transferred to Base by order ADMS Cairo	
26.4.16		Capt Nawa F L attached to 8 Field Amb Capt Hutchinson with 5 Sanitary detail detailed to DADMS to act as Sanitary Officer at the Front Line	
28.4.16		Capt Heggins 15 Field Amb to report to Alexandria Base Cairo for return to Australia	
30.4.16		The Sanitary problem is the disposal	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>of urine & feces the former has been met by soakage pits the latter by closed box latrines & deep trenches. It will be necessary to adopt some method of destroying flies in the pits. Experiments cannot yet be made except with waste salt from Bacon boxes as disinfectants in sufficient quantities have not been made available. The manure spread thin over the surface of the sand & well raked presents the breeding of flies & gnats most of it to be burnt in incinerators. The trom shaft incinerator has proved to be the most suitable here</p>	

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		<p>Matting has not proved fly proof Experiments have shown kessian to be the best material to line the meat huts with when there is unobtainable a salt bed to receive the drip from the hung meat prevents attraction of flies very great care is exercised to ensure protection of bread to from the flies This to air now being carefully + quickly incinerated + grass traps are built in most areas. The addition of Native's ELC to sanitary Section has given Command to all Divisional</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>latrines urinals manure dumps & unoccupied areas. The native Contractor Camp is a great source of trouble & fly breeding. It has been receiving attention but the problem of dealing with Natives is not in a satisfactory state.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A. J. H. Hardy atms v aurt. 10w</p>	

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Railhead, 22nd April 1916.

From THE O.C., 8th FIELD AMBULANCE A.I.F.
To THE A.D.M.S., 5th DIVISION.



The following arrangements have been made for the evacuation of sick and wounded in the event of an action.

"A" SECTION - ~~RIGHT~~ ^{LEFT} FLANK. -

DRESSING STATION removed to the road head in order to obtain rapid evacuation by wheeled vehicles to C.C. Hospital. This will necessitate carrying water from present site of camp or tapping main which passes close to road head.

ADVANCED DRESSING STATIONS. Owing to the condition of the ground that must be traversed it will be necessary to establish two advanced dressing stations. Each advanced Dressing Station will be well sheltered from rifle and machine gun fire and will serve two posts (vide plan attached)

No. 1 Advanced Dressing Station will be situated close to the present site of the Light Horse Camp. It is on the lee of hill and will serve GUNDAGAI and KEMBLA. It can be reached from both these places by paths protected from rifle and machine gun fire. Distances from Kemplla, 1000 yards; from Gundagai 2000 yards To Dressing Station 2000 yards.

No. 2 Advanced Dressing Station is protected by a fairly high hill and will serve AUSTRALIA HILL and KATOOMBA. Patients can reach this D.S. without becoming exposed to rifle or machine gun fire. Distances from Australia Hill 1400 yards; from Katoomba 1800; To Dressing Station 1000 yards. Both these Advanced Dressing Stations are as near as possible to the firing line compatible with reasonable safety. Water will be brought up by means of fantassies on camels.

PERSONNEL. There will evidently be necessary 4 Regimental Aid Posts. ^{The question of supplying M.Os. to 2 of these may have to be considered.} I would suggest that an M.O. be in attendance at each A.D.S. and two M.Os. if possible at the D.S. BEARERS would work between the R.A. Post and the nearest safe ~~front~~ point for the camels ~~xx xxxxx~~. The camels, each in charge of an A.M.C. man will bring patients as far as the A.D.S. where they will receive treatment. If treatment there is unnecessary they will be conveyed without being unloaded to the D.S. If they have required treatment at the A.D.S. they will be sent on by camels to the D.S. as soon as possible.

"B" SECTION. - RIGHT FLANK.

The probable number needing transport from the front line to the Field Ambulance will be at least 150, estimating the number of troops engaged at 1500.

FIELD AMBULANCE SECTION be moved about 880 yards along road towards railhead, to receive direct the casualties from Broadmeadows to Hogsback.

DRESSING STATIONS. Two Dressing Stations to be
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established, No. 1 west of the ~~Sx~~ Sphinx to receive casualties from the sheep dip to Gazelle Heights. Distance to Field Ambulance, 3 miles about.
 No. 2, Just north west of Round Hill to receive casualties from Hogs Back to Round Hill fronts. Distance from Field Ambulance 1 1/4 miles.

Cases would remain in Dressing Station during the day, and be evacuated at night owing to the lines of evacuation being exposed to fire.

TRANSPORT:

"A" Section - Left flank.

Required under present conditions - 2 Camels and 2 pairs of kajavahs.

Required ~~x~~ on impending action - 20 camels and 20 pairs of kajavahs.

"B" Section - Right flank.

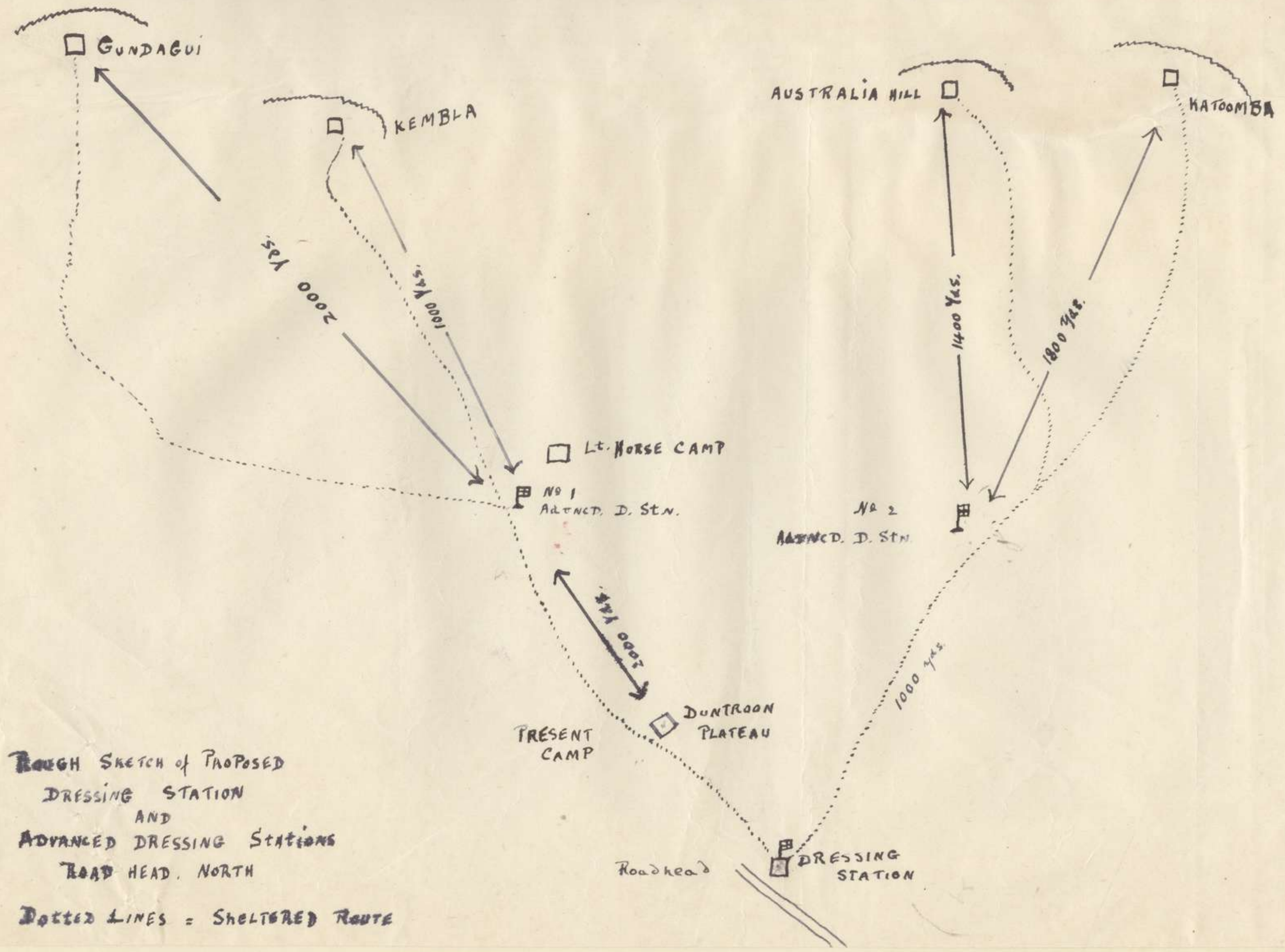
Required under present conditions - 2 Camels and 2 pairs of kajavahs.

Required on impending action ~~x~~ - 25 camels and 25 pairs of kajavahs.

In regard to present conditions, acting on your instructions I have written A.S.C. re supply of camels and have not yet received an answer.



.....Colonel,
 O.C., 8th Field Ambulance A.I.F.



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APPENDIX

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I } SPRINK

2 } SAUCER

3 } SOUPLATE

H } SKEEP DIP

5 } ROUND HILL

6 — Hogback

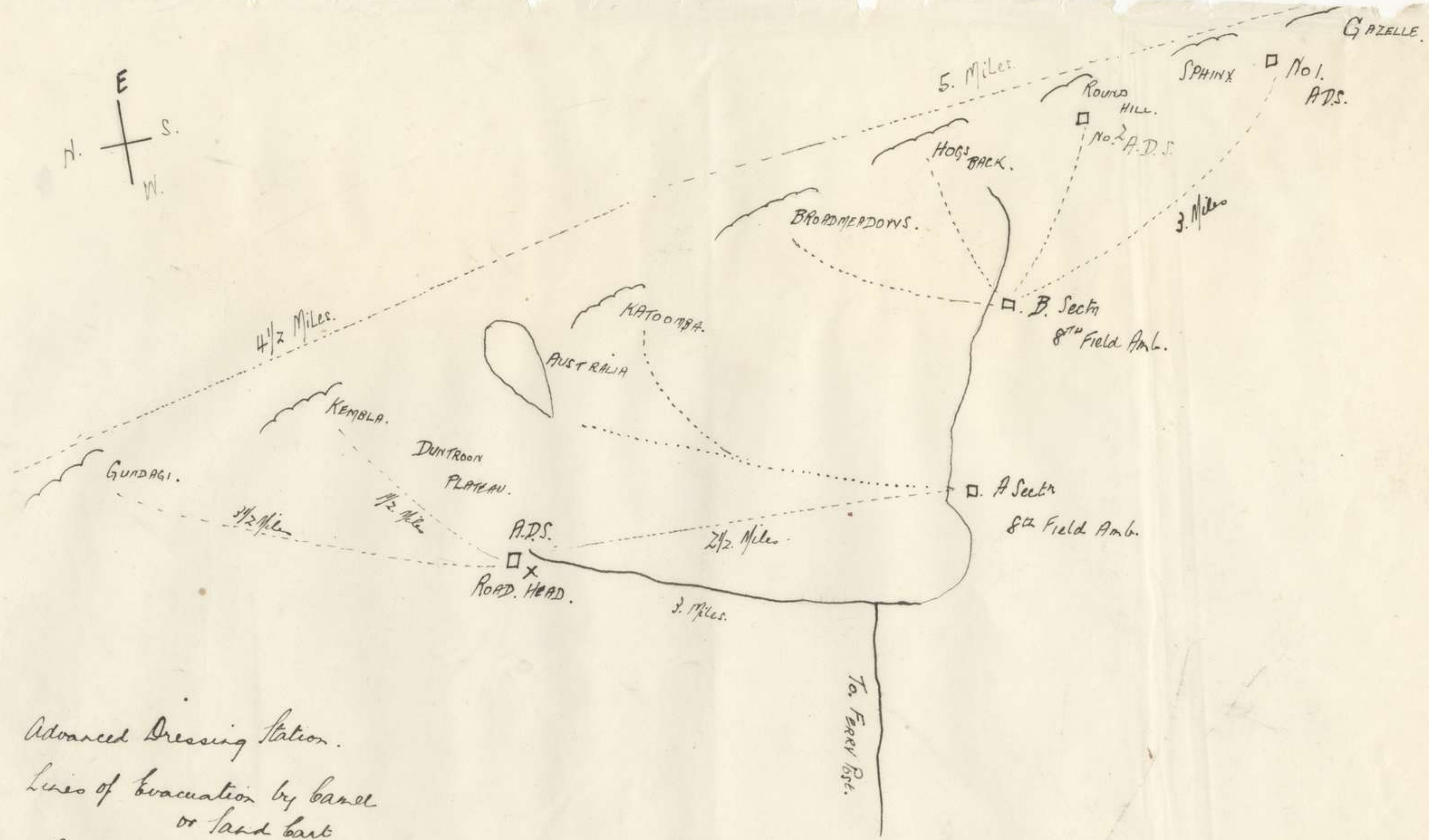
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8th FIELD AMBULANCE

8 — POST No 2

Rough Sketch of Proposed
Dressing Stations.

Roadhead South.

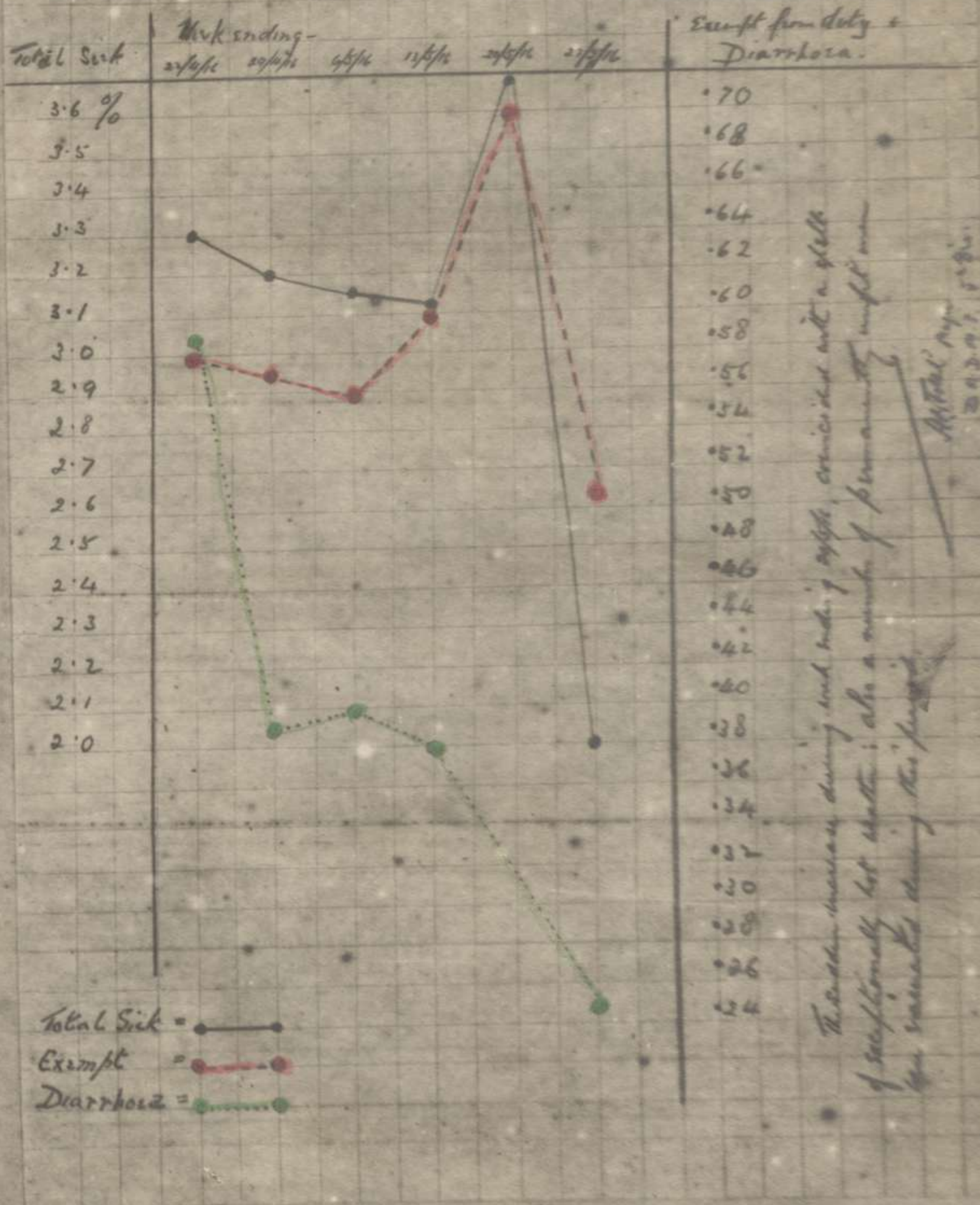




- A.D.S. Advanced Dressing Station.
- Lines of evacuation by camel or sand cart
- Roads
- x Site suggested for a Dressing Sta. for left sector.

5th Division AIF

Chart showing Average daily %age in weekly periods of (a) Total Sick (b) Exempt from Duty (c) Diarrhoea



The sudden increase during last week of 27/5/16, coincided with a spell of exceptionally hot weather; also a number of personnel were infected with Diarrhoea during this period.

Actual figures 27/5/16 3.6%

The original of above chart is filed with diary for May 1916