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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DEIR EL BELAH	April 1	1330	Division has moved into bivouac area between lagoon and the sea, One brigade being on outpost at GOZ EL TAIRE. Two Ford transport cars were drawn from Mechanical Transport for the purpose of carrying Tent Division equipment; one was allotted to 2nd. L.H. Brigade and one to 22nd. M.F. Ambulance. Orders were received for all camels to be returned to the Camel lines. Cacolets are to accompany the camels. Orders were given for 6 fantasses per ambulance to be retained for hospital use. Arrangements were made with the AA & QMG for two G.S. Limber to be attached to each ambulance when transport is available.	
<i>CEX</i>	2		Major LELEAN makes a sanitary inspection of 2nd. L.H. Brigade Major AUSTEN inspects the 22nd. Mtd Bge. As no transport has yet been available for sanitary material sanitary conditions were found to be primitive.	
<i>CEX</i>	3		Drinking water for Division M is being drawn from two deep stone wells in the village of DEIR EL BELAH. The supply is ample and of excellent quality - salinity 52.65 parts per 100,000. Chlorination is being regularly carried out under the supervision of O.C. Sanitary Section.	
<i>CEX</i>	5		One case of Anthrax was reported from Canterbury Mounted Rifles. Source of infection could not be traced. Facilities for transport of sanitary material have now been made available and the Sanitary Section have arrived at DEIR EL BELAH.	
<i>CEX</i>	6		Notes on the treatment of Gas cases were sent out to all medical officers of Division and ammonia ampoules have been issued to the majority of units. M.C. Routine Order No. 30 issued and attached.	Appendix 64
<i>CEX</i>	7		Sanitation of the area is much improved public latrines have been established along the beach road. The General health of the Division is good. Sick admitted 90, Evacuated 72, percentage of daily admissions .14. Statement of Sick admitted to Field Ambulances attached.	Appendix 65
<i>CEX</i>	8		Re-inoculation for Cholera is now being carried out throughout the Division.	
<i>CEX</i>	9		War Establishment of a machine Gun Squadron omits to mention the attachment of the sanitary details and trouble is being experienced in consequence, in getting men allotted for this work.	
<i>CEX</i>	10		One case of Diphtheria reported from 3rd. L.H. Regt.	
<i>CEX</i>	11		Cisterns and reservoirs are being filled with water with a salinity of 181.25 parts per 100,000.	
<i>CEX</i>	12		Request was made to the A.A. & Q.M.G. that attention be drawn in Divisional orders to field Service Regs. part 1 paras. 56 and 57 and F.S. Regs part 11, paras 83 and 84.	
<i>CEX</i>	13		8 Light ambulance wagons arrive at KANTARA for N.Z.M.F.A.	
<i>CEX</i>	14		The Immobile sections of the ambulances of this division established on the main BELAH-GAZA road were heavily shelled this morning by the enemy. Orders were received for all ambulances to move West of BELAH station. Two limbers are now in possession of each ambulance for the purpose of carrying the mobile tent equipment. Sick admitted 109, Evacuated 87, percentage of daily admissions .16. Statement of Sick admitted to Field Amba. attached.	
<i>CEX</i>	15		Medical Corps Order No. 28 issued and attached.	Appendix 66 Appendix 67

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DEIR EL BELAH	15		Orders were received from D.D.M.S. Desert Column for all camels to remain on camel lines at DEIR EL BELAH until information is received from Division that they are required. On representations being made Two officers 10 other ranks with 19 camels, one op. tent and one bell tent and a minimum of tent equipment were permitted to go forward to SHELLAL and establish a Receiving Station. Arrangements were made with the A.S.C. for 200 rations of bread and jam and a daily supply of medical comforts to come forward to this station on daily ration convey. The two Ford transport cars have been returned to the ASC.	
SHELLAL	16	1830	Division leaves bivouac area DEIR EL BELAH	
	17	0830	Receiving Station under Capt. VANCE established at SHELLAL. Six (6) Motor ambulances report for duty.	
		0900	Hostile bombing of 2nd. L.H.Bge while crossing the bed of WADI GHUZZE. casualties 3 killed 9 wounded. Sites for drinking water were selected at SHELLAL canvas reservoirs were erected and chlorination was carried out under supervision of O.C. Sanitary Section. Contact was established with the enemy during the day and a few casualties were sustained.	
	18	1800	Division returned to bivouac area near SHELLAL.	
		1000	Division moved to point in neighbourhood of GOZ EL GELEIB and took up position for day watching GAZA-BEERSHEBA road. Bombing casualties only were sustained during the day. 6 O/Ranks wounded.	
		1900	Division returned to SHELLAL to rendezvous on east bank of WADI.	
	19	0100	Division marched to Pt. 280	
		0530	Arrived Pt. 280. Receiving Station move from SHELLAL to TEL EL JEMMI Motor car convey moved to IZRAAIN Div. Motor ambulances were brought from TEL EL JEMMI to Pt. 280 via the HISEIA crossing The crossing at TEL EL JEMMI being impassable for motor traffic.	
		1400	No casualties reported to date. N.Z.M.R.Bge go to the support of the 5th. Mtd Bge Dressing Station established on southern bank of Wadi SHERIA by tent divisions of 2nd.L.H.F.A. and N.Z.M.F.A.	
		1530	First wounded arrive. Evacuation was carried on to this dressing station by sandcart. From the Dressing station to Receiving station at TEL EL JEMMI evacuation was by motor ambulance. The TEL EL JEMMI crossing becoming passable for motor traffic at 1600.	
		2045	All wounded were collected and dressed. Evacuation from dressing station completed by 2200	
	20	0300	Cases all evacuated to Receiving Stn. TEL EL JEMMI ambulances rejoined their brigades in bivouac areas near TEL EL JEMMI. Evacuatiens from the receiving stn. by motor ambulance and camel convey was completed by 1200 Total casualties through Receiving Stn. from 0800 on 17th. to 2400 on 20th. Officers serious 6, slight 13, O/Ranks serious 43, slight 111.	
430	21	1120	D. H. Q. established at Point 430. Information received of over 100 casualties at 1st. L.H.Bge from hostile planes	
		1320	1st. L.H.Bge report 32 cases. These cases were conveyed by sandcart to TEL EL JEMMI receiving stn.	
		1630	Receiving stn. to which the 6 divisional motor amb. are attached moves to Pt. 430.	
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ABASAN EL KEBIR	21	1400	D.H.Q., N.Z.M.R.Bge, 1st. L.H.Bge established at ABASAN EL KEBIR Drinking water obtained from KHAN YUNUS. 2nd. L.H.Bge and 22nd. Mtd Bge are obtaining their drinking water from HISEIA AND SHELLAL respectively The amount of sickness during the week has been high but not excessive considering the arduous nature of the operations and the relatively high temperatures experienced. 12 cases of heat exhaustion were admitted during the week, 7 of these being from the 22nd. mtd Bge Sick admitted 140, Evacuated 140, percentage of daily admissions .21. Sick admitted to ambulances statement attached.	
	22	1400	Returned to Pt. 430.	
	23		Attached one motor ambulance to each ambulance A motor ambulance convey returned to DEIR EL BELAH.	
	24		Major LELEAN inspected the sanitary arrangements for the division. Water control is still deficient shallow trench latrines are in general use, no incineration is being attempted.	
	25		Very trying climatic conditions, with resulting high sick rate Present location of units, 1st. L.H.F.A. below the L of pools 3/4 mile N. of SHELLAL, Immobile section Receiving Stn at first cross roads S.W. of S of SUEILMA, 2nd. L.H.F.A. Mobile section at the L in SUEILMA, Immobile Section at DEIR EL BELAH, N.Z.M.F.A. Mobile Section one mile west of TEL EL FARA, Immobile Section DEIR EL BELAH. 22nd. Mtd B. F. Amb. TEL EL FARA.	
	26		All the divisional water supply is drawn from the WADI GHUZZE at the following places:- 1st. L.H.Bge, SHELLAL, 2nd. L.H.Bge. UM URGAN, N.Z.M.R.Bge south of TEL EL FARA, 22nd. Mtd Bge TEL EL FARA. The water is plentiful and the salinity though high SHELLAL 204 parts per 100, 000, has so far not caused any symptoms.	
	28		The sick rate has been high, The division has been in the field throughout the week engaged in outpost work and trench digging and water fatigues. No shelters have been available and weather conditions have been very trying. An analysis of the sick returns shows 22.5% Septic serres, 19.5% Enteritis and Gastritis, Debility 7.5% Traumata 7.5% Heat exhaustion 7%. Sick admitted 5 Off. 179 O/R, Evacuated 174, percentage of daily admission 2.8. Statement of sick admitted to Field Amb. attached. A detailed report for the 1st. L.H.Bge with a sick admission rate of 3.3% weekly, and for the 22nd. Mtd Bge with a weekly percentage of 2.8% was sent to the D.D.M.S.	appendix 68.
TEL EL FARA	29	14151	D.H.Q. moved to TEL EL FARA.	
	30		Difficulty is again being experienced in the supply of reinforcements 2nd. L.H.F.A. have shown a shortage of 1 Officer and 18 18 other ranks on three consecutive B 213s without any result.	

Charles E. Marcus Major.

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

MEDICAL CORPS ROUTINE ORDER No. 30.

by

Colonel. R.M. Downes,

6th. April, 1917.

224. APPOINTMENTS.

Lieut. J.F.T. CUNNINGHAM, No. 31 Dental Unit, 1st. L.H.F.A. to be Captain, dated 28.1.17.

225. POSTINGS.

Capt. MONSON, C.M. Rifles, N.Z.M.C. evacuated sick 28.3.17.
 Capt. BREWSTER, N.Z.M.C. posted to C.M.R. dated 28.3.17.
 Lt-Colonel G.P.D. IXON, 1st. L.H.F.A. temp. attached to D.H.Q. 6.4.1
 Capt. VITCH, N.Z.M.C. to N.Z.M.F.A. dated 20.3.17.
 Capt. C.J. REID, N.Z.M.C. to N.Z.M.F.A. dated 30.3.17.
 Capt. B.K. PARRY, A.A.M.C. to 1st. L.H.F.A. vice Major ROBERTSON to hospital, dated 30.3.17.
 Capt. McCARTHY, R.A.M.C. to 22nd. M.F.A. dated 29.3.17.
 Capt. MAVOR, R.A.M.C. to 22nd. M.F.A. dated 29.3.17.

226. BLEACHING POWDER.

It is essential that first line troops should be provided with an ample reserve of Bleaching Powder, upon which sterilization of drinking water depends. The following reserves should be maintained in air-tight tins:-

Each R.M.O. 5 lbs.
 Each Field Ambulance 25 "

227. CEMETERY.

Site for cemetery has been allotted at point 100 yards North of 53rd. Div. Field Ambulances.

228. SHELL SHOCK and NEURASTHENIA.

Instructions have been received from D.D.M.S. Eastern Force, that the diagnosis of Neurasthenia and Shell Shock is to be discontinued. Considerable trouble is being experienced by the fact that men who have been diagnosed "Neurasthenia" and "Shell Shock" have come to associate certain symptoms with their names which renders treatment and subsequent discharge to duty a work of great difficulty.

Neurasthenia will be shown as "N.Y.D." and Shell shock as "N Y D" or "Hysteria"

229. AMMONIA AMPOULES & BASE MEDICAL STORES.

A detachment from No. 3 Base Depot Medical Stores is now at No. 54 Casualty Clearing Station KHAN YUNUS, for the purpose of supplying dressings of an urgent nature.

Ambulances should be in possession of Ammonia Ampoules for treatment of gassed cases. If not, indents should be submitted at once to the advanced detachment of the 8th Base D.M. Stores KHAN YUNUS.

230. INNOCULATION.

The following is an extract from War Office cable 26090, A.M.D.S. 17.3.17.:-

"Whenever possible two doses of T.A.B. vaccine of half and one C.C. respectively should be given. When this is impossible one full dose of one c.c. always should be given. Regarding re-innoculation when last innoculation with T.A.B. was done with a single dose, man should be reinoculated after six months. When last inoculation with T.A.B. was done with two or more doses man should be re-inoculated after 12 months.

231. CEREBRO-SPINAL FEVER.

Whenever a case of Cerebro Spinal Fever is diagnosed or notified to medical officers, in addition to usual precautions all contacts will be at once evacuated for the purpose of bacteriological examination at the nearest Field Lab.

232. CASES, WATER TESTING, POISONS.

Any R.M.O. not in possession of Case, Water Testing, Poisons should notify this office at once.

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

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

And Wounded

Statement of sick admitted to and evacuated from Field Ambulances of division for week ending April 27th. 1917.

UNIT.	Remain- ed in Hosp.	Admitted S.	W. Duty	To-Died	Evac- uated	Remain- ing in Hosp.	Strength.	% Daily Admiss.	% Daily Evac
1st. L. B. Regt.	3	12	-	3	-	12	502	.34	.34
2nd. " " "	1	2	-	2	-	1	504	.08	.02
3rd. " " "	-	4	-	-	-	4	516	.11	.11
4th. Units.	4	12	-	10	-	6	423	.40	.20
Brigade	8	30	-	15	-	23	1945	.22	.16
5th. L. B. Regt.	-	1	-	-	-	1	502	.02	.02
6th. " " "	-	1	-	-	-	2	491	.02	.02
7th. " " "	-	4	-	-	-	5	503	.10	.12
8th. Units.	-	5	-	-	-	4	500	.12	.11
Brigade.	-	11	1	-	-	11	1996	.07	.07
A.M.B.	2	1	-	1	-	1	438	.03	.03
L.H.B.	-	5	-	2	-	-	446	.16	-
P.M.B.	1	2	-	1	-	2	441	.06	.06
9th. Units.	-	7	-	2	-	2	472	.21	.06
Brigade.	3	15	-	6	-	6	1794	.10	.03
10th. Units.	-	1	-	-	-	1	231	.06	.06
Inverness	-	-	-	-	-	-	244	-	-
Leicester	-	1	-	-	-	1	234	.06	.06
Somerset	-	2	-	-	-	2	226	.12	.12
11th. Units.	-	4	-	-	-	4	935	.06	.06
Stafford Yeo.	-	-	-	-	-	-	454	-	-
Lincoln. "	-	6	-	-	-	5	461	.18	.15
12th. Riding. "	-	5	-	-	-	5	456	.15	.15
13th. Units.	-	9	-	-	-	9	331	.36	.36
Brigade.	-	20	-	-	-	19	1702	.16	.16
D.H.Q. and Sundries.	-	10	-	-	-	10	554	.25	.25
DIVISIONAL.	11	90	1	21	-	72	6026	.14	.11

D.H.Q.
April 10th 1917.

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For your information please.

Charles E. Hercules Major.

for A. D. M. S.
Anzac Mounted Division.

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

Statement of sick and wounded admitted to and evacuated from Field Ambulances of division for week ending 14th.1917.

UNIT.	Remained in Hosp. S.	Admitted To W. Duty.	Evac. Remaining in Hosp.	Strength,	% Daily Admss.	% Daily Evac.			
1st. L.N. Regt.	-	13	-	2	7	4	490	.37	.20
2nd. " " "	-	3	-	5	1	2	500	.23	.05
3rd. " " "	-	4	-	-	3	1	516	.11	.08
Sund. Units.	-	9	-	-	5	4	440	.29	.16
Brigade.	-	34	-	7	16	11	1946	.24	.11
5th. L.N. Regt.	-	-	-	-	-	-	511	-	-
6th. " " "	-	-	-	-	-	-	492	-	-
7th. " " "	-	8	-	-	8	-	504	.32	.22
Sund. Units.	1	3	-	-	9	-	506	.22	.25
Brigade.	1	16	-	-	17	-	2013	.11	.12
A.N.M.	1	2	-	2	1	-	495	.05	.02
C.N.M.	3	3	-	3	2	1	526	.08	.05
W.N.M.	-	1	-	-	1	-	503	.02	.02
Sund. Units.	3	5	-	5	3	-	522	.13	.08
Brigade.	7	11	-	10	7	1	2046	.07	.04
Ayrshire	-	1	-	-	1	-	235	.05	.06
Inverness	-	1	-	-	-	1	230	.06	-
Leicester	-	5	-	-	5	-	225	.17	.17
Somerset	-	1	-	-	1	-	243	.05	.05
R.N.A.	-	8	-	-	7	1	927	.12	.12
Stafford Yeo.	-	3	-	-	3	-	474	.09	.09
Lincoln "	1	10	-	-	11	-	466	.30	.30
R. Riding "	-	9	-	-	9	-	472	.27	.27
Sund. Units	-	12	-	-	12	-	361	.46	.46
Brigade	1	34	-	-	35	-	1773	.27	.28
D.H.Q. and Sundries.	-	6	-	-	5	1	548	.15	.13
DIVISION.	9	109	-	17	87	14	9253	.16	.13

D.H.Q. 16/4/17.

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For your information please.

Major.
for A. D.D.M.S.
Anzac Mounted Division.

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for week ending.
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MEDICAL CORPS ORDER No. 28.

by
Lieut-Colonel G. P. DIXON.

15th April 1917.

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Reference Maps.

RAFA 1,125,000
BEERSHEBA 1,125,000.

1. INTENTION. The intention is for the right flank of the Infantry to advance and seize the SHEIKH ABBAS - MANSURA RIDGE preparatory to further advance. During the operation the role of the DESERT COLUMN will be as follows:-
 - (a) Demonstrate against ABU HAREIRA in such a manner as to prevent the enemy there from detaching troops towards GAZA. This will be carried out by the ANZAC mounted Division.
 - (b) Protect the right flank of the 54th. Division which will be attacking SHEIKH ABBAS. This will be carried out by the IMPERIAL Mounted Division which will cross the South Level crossing at 2330 and reach TEL EL JEMMI before dawn and remain concentrated there ready to operate against the flank of any hostile movement from RESM EL ATAWINEH on SHEIKH ABBAS.
2. MOVES.
 - (a) Mobile Sections will move with their respective Brigades on April 16th. Nine other ranks of Tent Divisions will be taken with Mobile Sections. They must be carried in sandcarts if necessary.
 - (b) 1st. L.H.Bge will join the Division on the march.
 - (c) On arrival at SHELLAL, 1st. L.H.F.A. will open a Dressing Station and be prepared to receive casualties until such time as they are relieved.
 - (d) Immobile Sections will remain in reserve at DEIR EL BELAH.
3. WATER.
 - (a) For horses ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION - SHELLAL.
 - (b) Drinking water for Anzac Mtd Div. - KARIM ABU EL HISEIA.

O. C. Anzac Sanitary Section will supervise the disinfection and general water control at KARIM ABU EL HISEIA. He will report to O.C., 1st. L.H.F.A. on morning of April 17th. and remain temporarily attached.
4. COMMUNICATIONS.
 - (a) Motor Ambulances will be parked at ABASIN EL KEBIR. O. C., 1st. L.H.F.A. will detail one mounted orderly to report at 0700 on 17th. to the Desert Column Office which will be established near present Headquarters of the Imperial Camel Brigade
 - (b). O.C. 1st. L.H.F.A. will also detail one mounted orderly to report to D.A.D.M.S. at SHELLAL by 0700 on 17th.
 - (c) O.C. 2nd. L.H.F.A., N.Z.M.F.A., 22nd. M.F.A., will each detail one mounted orderly to report to A.D.M.S. at Divisional Headquarters by 0700 on 17th.
 - (d). When a Brigade becomes engaged, hourly reports will be sent by Os. C. Ambulances to A.D.M.S. at D. H. Q.
5. EVACUATIONS.
 - (a) By Sandcart to Dressing Station at SHELLAL CROSSING.
 - (b) By Motor from the Dressing Station to 53rd. C.C.S. at deir el belah.
 - (c) Six Motor Ambulances will be available at SHELLAL for use East of Wadi if necessary.
6. CAMELS. No camels, other than the riding camels of the signal Units, will accompany the Mounted Troops.
7. SUPPLIES. Supplies and Water will be supplied under Brigade arrangements.
8. RAILWAY CROSSINGS. Troops can cross the railway line anywhere. Wheels are restricted to crossing places.
9. MAPS. No maps will be carried into action other than the following:
 - SYRIA 1 : 125,000 (JERUSALEM sheet)
 - SINAI PENINSULAR Map 1 : 125,000 (RAFA & BEERSHEBA sheets)
 - PALESTINE 1 : 168, 960.
 - GAZA Squared Maps 1 : 40,000 and 1 : 15,000
10. ACKNOWLEDGE by wire.

Charles E. Hercules Maja Lieut-Colonel.
for A. D. M. S.
Anzac Mounted Division.

Copies to

1. 1st.L.H.F.A.
2. 2nd "
3. N.Z.M.F.A.
4. 22nd. M.F.A.
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Statement of sick and wounded admitted to and evacuated from Field Ambulances of division for week ending April 28th.1917.

UNIT?	Remain- ed in Hosp.	Admitted S.	To- W.Duty	Evac- uated	Remain- ing in Hosp.	Strength	% Daily Admiss.	% Daily vac
1st. L. H. Regt.	-	14	2	1	15	505	.39	.41
2nd. " " "	-	25	-	-	25	483	.76	.76
3rd. " " "	-	10	-	-	10	488	.29	.29
Sund. Units.	-	16	-	3	13	455	.50	.48
Brigade	-	65	2	4	63	1931	.48	.46
5th. L. H. Regt.	-	1	1	-	2	494	.03	.05
6th. " " "	-	3	-	-	3	446	.09	.09
7th. " " "	-	12	2	2	18	475	.36	.39
Sund. Units.	-	2	1	-	3	412	.06	.07
Brigade	-	18	3	-	21	1827	.14	.16
A.M.R.	-	5	-	-	4	490	.14	.09
C. M.R.	-	12	-	1	9	501	.34	.25
F.M.R.	-	10	-	3	7	451	.31	.22
Sund. Units.	-	12	-	2	9	463	.37	.27
Brigade	-	39	-	6	29	1905	.29	.21
Ayrshire	-	1	-	-	1	229	.06	.06
Inverness	-	-	-	-	-	230	-	-
Leicester	-	7	-	-	7	223	.44	.44
Somerset	-	-	-	-	-	199	-	-
H.M.A.	-	8	-	-	8	801	.12	.12
Stafford Yeo.	-	19	-	1	17	455	.59	.53
Lincoln "	-	7	-	-	6	450	.22	.19
S. Riding. "	-	18	-	1	17	453	.56	.53
Sund. Units.	-	5	-	-	5	351	.20	.20
Brigade	-	49	-	2	45	1709	.41	.37
D.H.Q. and Sund. Units.				Nil.		576.	-	-
TOTAL DIVISION.	179	5	12	166	6	8629	.28	.26

D.H.Q.
May 1st.1917.

To. *Mr. Dwyer*

For your information please

Major.
for A. D. M.S.
Anzac Mounted Division.