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ORDNANCE SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH A. & N. Z. MOUNTED DIVISION.

Entry No. 1. Date 30/9/17 and 1/10/17.

FUKHARI. Inspection of Equipment of Units in the Field by Col. C.A. Fisher, Inspector of Equipment and Ordnance Stores. (a) N.Z.M.R. Brigade 0930 to 1330 30/9/17. (b) 1st. A.L.H. Brigade 1430 to 1700 (c) 2nd. A.L.H. Brigade 0930 to 1330 1/10/17. 18th. Bde. R.H.A. 1400 to 1600. Every Unit of the Division was inspected, inspection including that of Three Mounted Troops in full Marching Order from the A.M.R., C.M.R., and 5th. L.H. Regt. The following Points brought to notice. (A.M.R.) Question of continuation of N.Z. Pattern Saddle discussed. Decided exchange to be effected for Universal Pattern Saddles on account of (a) Spreading of the Tree through wear and tear. (b) Difficulties of obtaining adequate and constant supply of repair material suitable - Serge, Rivets and Dees. Indent for 249 Saddles submitted. (W.M.R.) New method of carrying Hotchkiss Gun above centre of Pack examined. This avoids danger of sore withers, present pattern being more adapted for mules. The most satisfactory pattern would be an adjustable pattern to suit more than one type of horse. (ALL UNITS) Suggestion approved to use the W.E.P. '08 Water Bottle Carrier in lieu of the ordinary M.S. Carrier for Mounted Troops, the latter being too loose and allowing the bottle to slip from the holder. General Equipment. Position satisfactory. Chief defects Divisional Line Transport "In many cases the Wagons Limbered G.S. need extensive repairs and most of them are without brakes or the brakes are out of action altogether; also they are deficient of Wagon equipment such as cordage and Light Drag Ropes, and all the spare parts viz. Brake Blocks, Collars Adjusting, Lynch Pins and Drag Washers, which are laid down to be carried in the near side locker fore portion" Extract I.E.O.S. Report.

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Entry No. 2. Date 9/10/17.

Visit of Col. B.A. Hill, A.D.O.S., (P) BASE. Several difficulties brought privately to notice viz. Shortage of supplies of clothing. Failure of the Depot to supply the correct sizes. Delays to replies to hasteners. All stores stated by A.D.O.S. to be available at the Base.

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Entry No. 3. Date 12/10/17.

Scheme for signalling to aeroplanes by means of Canvas Ground Signs, Straight and Curved Strips, and Moveable Canvas Pannels. Stores supplied by KANTARA on D.O.S's. instructions.

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Entry No. 4. Date 15/10/17.

Issue of New Establishment for Mounted Brigade with Mounted Division, EGYPT. Does not allow horses for A.A.O.C., attached to a Brigade.

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Entry No. 5. Date 16/10/17.

Instructions received (Secret) regarding the cancellation of Indents on commencement of Operations. Indents previous to - 37 to be cancelled, after -37 and before -7 to be suspended (Suspension removable by A.D.O.S.) -7 to 0 ordinary issue.

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Entry No.6. Date 17/10/17.

RAFA Dump moved to SHELLAL.

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Entry No.8. Date 21/10/17.

2nd. A.L.H. Brigade moved to ESSANI. Respirators and Australian Pattern Water Carts Received. Transport Details of Field Ambulances being armed.

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Entry No.9. Date 24/10/17.

N.Z.M.R. Brigade moving ESSANI equipped with Box Respirators which failed to reach 2nd. A.L.H. Brigade in time.- Moves.- W.O. Foreman to 2nd. A.L.H. Brigade Hd. Qrs. ASLUJ. Condr. Geard to ESSANI, instructed to take over returned P.H. Helmets and send GAMLI.

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Entry No.10. Date 26/10/17.

Moved to ESSANI.

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Entry No.11. Date 27/10/17.

2nd. A.L.H. Brigade hastening Horse Shoes. 2 G.S. Wagons instructed to return to GAMLI under the charge of Sgt. Neville. 12 Camels under convoy Cpl. McLay, C.M.R., left 1900 to GAMLI and SHELLAL to collect Shoes and nails. Cardigans for N.Z.M.R. Brigade at GAMLI.

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Entry No. 12. Date 28/10/17.

Condr. Anderson instructed to join and remain at ~~ESSANI~~ D.H.Q. (Q.O.265). Camel Convoy arrived from GAMLI at MAALAGA. Stores reloaded on convoy to ASLUJ. Left ESSANI at 1700.

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Entry No.13. Date 29/10/17.

ASLUJ. N.Z.M.R. Brigade's Cardigans received and issued. Camel Convoy under Sgt. Neville reported. Stores issued 2nd. A.L.H. Brigade at ASLUJ.- 26 Cases Horse Shoes and Nails, Mule Shoes, 18 Gallons Oil, 500 Head, 250 Picketing Ropes, 500 Nose Bags, 250 lbs. Grease. - Issued N.Z.M.R. Brigade 2,000 Cardigans, 250 Head Ropes, Oil and Grease, also Machine Gun Parts for the 1st. A.L.H. Brigade and N.Z.M.R. Brigade.

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Entry No.14. Date 30/10/17.

Left ASLUJ.

Entry No.15. Date 31/10/17.

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