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	March 1918.			
AYUN KARA	1		Routine .	
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"	3	1115	Inspection of Horses by G.O.C. A & N.Z.Mtd.Division.	
"	4		Routine Inspection of Harness by O.C. at 11 am. Conference of Ambulance C.O.s and 2nd. in Command at Office of A.D.M.S. to consider questions of Transport and Stores for coming operations.	
"	5		Routine. Inspection of Transport by Lt.Col.Stansfield. 1530.	
"	6		Routine Weather very windy.	
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"	9		Routine. Weather Fine and Cool.	
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"	12		Preparations for coming operations 16 Extra Donkeys drawn from N.Z.M.R. Bde.	
"	13	11.30	N.Z.M.F.A. with Bearer Sub divisions and A Section Tent Sub Division, 72 Camels (Baggage, Water, and cacalet) 4 Sand Carts and 6 Light Ambulance waggons marched out with N.Z.M.R. Bde.	
		1630	Weather Fine. Arrived at JUNCTION STATION.	
JUNCTION STATION.	14		Weather Showery. Brigade did not move out.	
"	15		Weather wet and Windy Brigade did not Move.	
B	16	0830	Brigade moved out from JUNCTION STATION in very wet weather.	
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	16 1430	Arrived ZAKARIYA . Owing to the Wet and consequent muddiness of the roads the Camel Convoy did not arrive till 2100. There was a good deal of Confusion, camels had been falling during the day and a good deal of equipment and personal baggage was lost in the mud.	
	17 0900	Brigade minus Camel Convoy moved out from ZAKARIYA.	
	1800	Arrived Bivouac Area at BETHLEHEM. Weather Showery.	
BETHLEHEM.	18	Weather Fine Day spent in drying clothes, Blankets Etc.	
"	19	Weather Fine Camel Convoy arrived about 1930.	
	20 1830	Unit marched out with N.Z.M.R.Bde. for TALAT ED DUMM via JERUSALEM Weather Fine.	
TALAT ED DUMM.	21 "	9 Prs Cacalet(Sitting) handed over by 1st.A.L.H.Fld.Ambulance.	
"	22 0300	Stand to of Brigade which stil remained in Camp.	
	23	N.Z.M.R.Bde marched out en route to River Jordan.	
	2400	Brigade arrived at Rendez-vous. Monastery at KASR HAJLA.	
	24 0400	Brigade crossed JORDAN at HAJLA crossing (Pontoon Bridge) and attacked enemy position EL HAUD.-- TEL EL MUSTA near SHUNET NIMRIN in conjunction with 60th.Division. SHUNET NIMRIN occupied. Brigade moved on up No.4 Road to AIN UMM ABA & Bivouaced for the Night.	

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AIN ES SIR.	25	0800	N.Z.M.R.Bde. marched out to WADI SIR and up the WADI SIR to AIN ES SIR bivouacking for the night at at point near cross roads E of AIN ES SIR Weather very cold and wet.	
	26		Brigade remained in Bivouac area for day. Weather better.	
	27		N.Z.M.R.Bde moved out to operate against AMMAN. Bearer Sub Division to 142 Y 15 a. <u>Wounded admitted</u> (N.Z.M.R.Bde) 11: Sick, 7 Tent Sub Division established at Y 2 C near D.H.Q. Capts. Hay, Boyd, and Ryan (N.Z.D.C.) sent up there. A fair number of Casualties from Camel Corps dealt with. O.C and Major Trotter remained at Forward Bost.	
Y 142 15 a Y 2 c	28		N.Z.M.R.Bde still attacking. Weather cold and wet making the work of evacuating very fatiguing for the Camels. Most of the Slightly wounded came out on their own horses. <u>Wounded Admitted</u> 12. Sick 1.	
"	29		Operations Continued <u>Wounded (N.Z.M.R.Bde)</u> 7. Sick 2.	
	30	0200	Night attack on Hill 3039 S.E. of AMMAN A portion of the Hill was gained by the N.Z.M.R. Bde. During the following forenoon and afternoon they were subject to heavy fire and repelled several Counter Attacks. Casualties were heavy during the day consisting 3 Officers and 53 Other Ranks. In the afternoon the supply of Cacalets became inadequate and as the Brigade was to Evacuate their position that night casualties had to be evacuated on HorsesM Serious cases were brought out in this way.	
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	30		The task of evacuation of our wounded by tired Camels, through a phenomenally long line of evacuation and in wet weather proved a very difficult one.	
	31	0100	Brigade evacuated the position in the neighbourhood of AMMAN and retired to AIN ES SIR. All wounded had been evacuated to N.Z.M.R.A Divisional Dressing Station. before Brigade moved.	
		1430	Brigade stood to Ready to retire. N.Z. Wounded passed through N.Z.M.F.A. 2	
			<u>Total Admissions 27/3/18 -- 30/3/18.</u>	
			<u>Sick.</u> Officers. 1. O/Ranks. 18.	
			<u>Indians</u> Officers(Wounded) 1. Other Ranks do 2. Sick. O/Ranks 1.	
			<u>Wounded.</u> Officers (Slight) 8 (Serious) 5	
			Other Ranks. Slight 145. Serious 41. P.O.W. 7	
			<u>Total 229.</u>	
			R.H. Walton Lieut. Colonel.	