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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL PARRA	1917 May 1st	0600	Squadron moved out with Brigade over WADI EL GHUZZE to GOSEK BASAL	RAPA 1:125 000
			Advance regiments reconnoitred ground round IMISIRI <u>all</u>	
		1700	Returned to Bivouac - 17-AR marched in from MADASCAR - 12 Remnants taken on strength <u>all</u>	BEERSHEB 1:125 000
		2nd	bank Routine <u>all</u>	
		3rd	Inspection of guns & Rifles <u>all</u>	
		4th	<u>all</u>	
		5th	Brought up Forges from Lumb & commenced shoeing <u>all</u>	
		6th	- 2 Lieuts ^{sent Lieut} Batchelor, Russell, Newman (sent left), Brown promoted to Lieutenants to complete establishment to date 15/3/17. <u>all</u>	
		2115	Squadron moved out with Brigade across WADI EL GHUZZE & halted 3 miles East of wadi <u>all</u>	
		7th 0100	Deck & Cart Refts moved out to KA KWASIF + IMISIRI + Squadron with B H Q a reserve Reft moved up to point 1 mile NE of KARIT. In all clear being reported Brigade returned to Bivouac arriving 09 30 <u>all</u>	

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TEL EL PARRA	1917				
	May 8th		Camp Routine - Gun drill with Gas Helmets on	cleaned Saddlery. <u>act</u>	
	9th			<u>act</u>	
	10th			<u>act</u>	
			2330	Received orders for Reconnaissance towards BEERSHEBA.	<u>act</u>
			11th	0330	Marched out with Brigade to Point 550 EAST of KARRM. where B H A + Reserve Regt remained. Sent one section of Guns with Auckland Regt who reconnoitred to EL BUDGAR. No engagement took place. <u>act</u>
				1400	Returned to Bivouac. <u>act</u>
			12th		Brigade Sports. <u>act</u>
			13th		Camp Routine. <u>act</u>
			14th		Squadron put through Gas Test. Moved to new Bivouac Area. <u>act</u>
			15th		Fixing up new Camp. <u>act</u>
			16th	0500	Sent one section of Guns with Auckland Regt to Point 550 EAST of KARRM. on advance guard reporting all clear. Regt returned to Bivouac.
				1645	Sent one section of Guns with last Regt as covering Party for 7th Div who were digging trenches on EAST bank of WADI EL SHUZZE. <u>act</u>

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TEL EL PARRA	1917 16th	0700	Section with Canterbury Regt returned to Bevonac — G-OR. marched on from ISORACAR <u>all</u>	RAPP 1:125000
		1700	Squadron moved out with Brigade to take over new Battle line consisting of EL SHAVTH front of works <u>all</u>	
		18th	In Battle line <u>all</u>	
		1200	Returned to Bevonac <u>all</u>	
		19th	Camp Routine — cleaned saddles — Replied All New Zealand Horses N.Z. <u>all</u>	
		20th	" " — Sun Instruction — Remains taken on strength <u>all</u>	BEERSHEB
		21st	" " Recd. Secret Orders for Raid on Railways line between ASLOS + ADJA <u>all</u>	1:125000
		22nd	Camp Routine <u>all</u>	
		1830	Moved out with Brigade in direction of KHALASA. <u>all</u>	
		23rd	Took up position between G.O.Z SHEIHILI & UM ADJA as protection to division party blowing up Railway. No engagement. <u>all</u>	
		1730	Brigade commenced to withdraw. Retd to Bevonac arriving 2330 <u>all</u>	
		24th	Camp Routine — LIEUT. L.A. CRAYEN awarded Military Cross <u>all</u>	
		25th	" " Inspection of Gas Helmets <u>all</u>	
		26th	" " Branding Horses <u>all</u>	
		27th	Preparations for move <u>all</u>	

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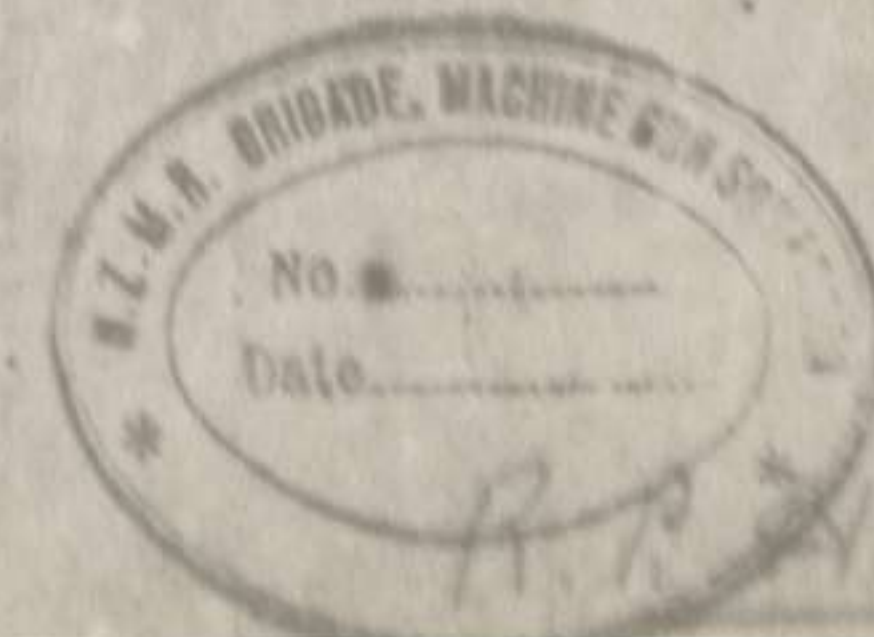
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TEL EL PARRA	May 28th	1400	Preparations for MOVE ^{acth} Marched out with Brigade to new Bivouac site N.E. of ABASAN EL	RAFA 1:1250-
ABASAN EL KEBIR		1600	KEBIR. ^{acth} Received secret orders that the area selected for the Brigade was not available & Brigade would move again at 1100 next day. ^{acth}	
	29th	1100	Moved to new Bivouac area SOUTH WEST of ABASAN EL. KEBIR. ^{acth}	
	30th		Camp Routine - Fixing up Camp - Received 3 Lumber from Warstore ^{acth}	
	31st		Camp Routine - G.O.C. Brigade Inspected Camp - Aug gun pits for mounting guns at night in event of Air Raids - Inspection of Guns & Spare Parts by O.C. Squadron ^{acth}	



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TEL EL PARRA	1917			
	May	0600	Squadron moved out with Brigade over WADI EL GHUZZE to GOSE EL BASAL	RAPA 1:125 000
	1st		Advance regiments reconnoitred ground round IMSIRI <u>act</u>	B E E R S H A B 1:125 000
		1700	Returned to Bivouac - 17 A.R. marched in from MARSAR - 12 Remnants taken on strength <u>act</u>	
	2nd		bank Routine <u>act</u>	
	3rd		Inspection of Guns & Rifles <u>act</u>	
	4th		<u>act</u>	
	5th		Brought up Forges from Dumk & commenced shoeing <u>act</u>	
	6th		- 2 Lieut ^{most lieut} Batchelor Russell, Thurman (cont. lat), braven promoted to Lieutenants to complete establishment to date 15/3/17. <u>act</u>	
		2115	Squadron moved out with Brigade across WADI EL GHUZZE & halted 3 miles East of Wadi <u>act</u>	
	7th	0100	Arch & Cart Repts moved out to KA KNASIF & IMSIRI & Squadron with B.H.Q. & reserve Rept moved up to point 1 mile NE of KARMA. On all clear being reported Brigade returned to Bivouac arriving 09 30 <u>act</u>	

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TEL EL FARA	1917			
	May 8th		Camp Routine - Gun Drill with Gas Helmets on - cleaned Saddlery. <u>act</u>	R.A.F.A. 1:125000
	9th		" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " <u>act</u>	BEERSHEBA 1:125000
	10th		" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " <u>act</u>	
			2330 Received Orders for Reconnaissance towards BEERSHEBA. <u>act</u>	
		11th	0330 Marched out with Brigade to Point 550 EAST of KARM. where B.H.Q. & Reserve Regt remained. sent one section of Guns with Auckland Regt who reconnoitred to EL BUQBAR. No engagement took place <u>act</u>	
			1100 Returned to Bivouac <u>act</u>	
		12th	Brigade Sports <u>act</u>	
		13th	Camp Routine <u>act</u>	
		14th	Squadron put through Gas Test Moved to new Bivouac Area <u>act</u>	
	15th	Fixing up new Camp <u>act</u>		
	16th	0500 sent one section of Guns with Auckland Regt to Point 550 EAST of KARM. on Advance Guard reporting all clear Regt returned to Bivouac		
		1645 sent one section of Guns with last Regt as covering Party for 74th Div who were digging trenches on EAST bank of WADI EL GHUZZE <u>act</u>		

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TEL EL FARA	16th	0700	Section with Canterbury Regt returned to Bivouac — 8-O.R. marched in from MOAS CAR	RAPA 1:125000
	17th	1700	Squadron moved out with Brigade to take over new Battle line consisting of EL SHAVTH front of works	
	18th	1200	In Battle line Returned to Bivouac	
	19th		Camp Routine — cleaned saddles — Branded all New Zealand Horses N.Z.	
	20th		— Sun Instruction — Remains taken on strength	BEERSHEBA 1:125000
	21st		Recd Secret Orders for Raid on Railways line between ASLUS & ADJA	
	22nd		Camp Routine	
	23rd	1830	Moved out with Brigade in direction of KHAFASA	
			Took up position between G.O.Z. SHEIHILI & UM AJJA as protection to demolition party blowing up Railway. No engagement.	
		1730	Brigade commenced to withdraw. Retd to Bivouac arriving 2330	
	24th		Camp Routine — LIEUT. L.A. CRAYEN awarded Military Cross	
	25th		Inspection of Gas Helmets	
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TEL EL PARRA	1917 May 28th	1400	Preparations for MOVE ^{ack} Marched out with Brigade to new Bivouac site N.E. of ABASAN EL	RAFA
ABASAN EL KEBIR		1600	KEBIR. ^{ack} Received secret orders that the area selected for the Brigade was not available & Brigade would move again at 1100 next day. ^{ack}	
	29th	1100	Moved to new Bivouac area SOUTH WEST of ABASAN EL KEBIR. ^{ack}	
	30th		Camp Routine - Fixing up Camp. - Received 3 bundles from transport camp. ^{ack}	
	31st		Camp Routine - G.O.C. Brigade Inspected Camp - dug gun pits for mounting guns at night in event of air Raids - Inspection of Guns & Spare Parts by O.C. Squadron ^{ack}	

