

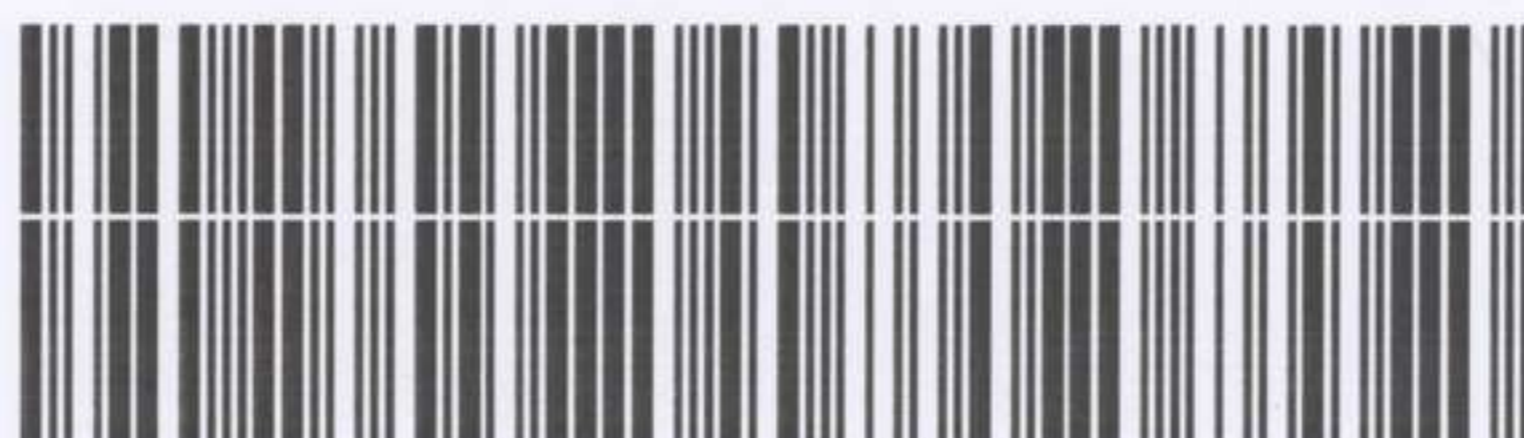
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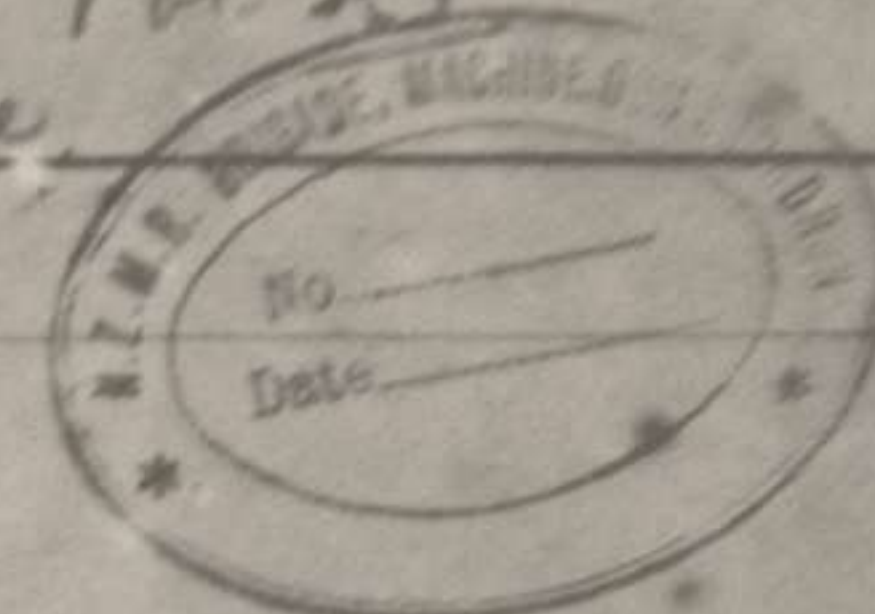
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KAZAR	1917 July			
	1st		Sunday - Church Service - Routine <u>all</u>	
	2nd		Continued with construction of shelters - 8. 1/2 R manded in from MOASCAR - collected all shoe laces & sent to Rafa Dump [220] <u>all</u>	R A P A 1. 125 000
	3rd		Lieut Russell reported to B. H. D. at 0400 & proceeded with party of Brigade officers to H. Q. of 5th Mounted Brigade & were then shown over ground to be patrolled by Brigade on taking over from 5th Brigade on 6th inst. - Two sections put through gunning & application practices with Rifles. - Received Secret Order for Reconnaissance towards Beersheba & Squadron (Strength 6-off 156 1/2 R) moved out with Brigade at 2400. <u>all</u>	
	4th		Arrived FARA-BEERSHEBA - ABUSHAWISH-KHALASA lowroads at 0615 but as enemy guns could reach this point we withdrew towards EL BUGGAR. Brigade were in reserve all day. Sqdn returned to Kt. KHASIP to water at 1500 & awaited the arrival of the rest of Brigade at KARIM. - left KARIM 1900 arrived bivouac KAZAR - 2300. <u>all</u>	BEERSHEBA 1. 125 000
	5th		Preparation for MOVE <u>all</u>	R A P A 1. 125 000
	6th		Moved to new Bivouac Area in Wadi North of FARA - 'look over' camp of 4 1/2 A. I. H.	

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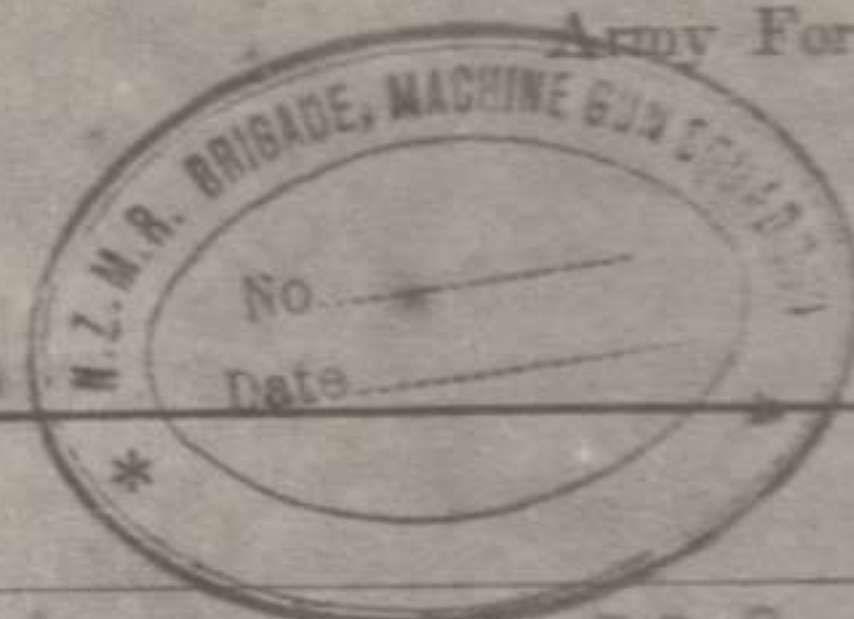
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FARA	July 7th 8th		<p>stood to Arms 0330 to 0500 - Recd secret orders for Recon. towards BEERSHEBA. <i>alt</i></p> <p>Squadron [7 off 146^{GR}] moved out with Brigade 0600. 2 sections of guns were then sent to join each Auckland & Canterbury Regiments. Remaining 2 sections were kept as reserve. -</p> <p>Brigade arrived EL BUGGAR 0800. Auckland Regt pushed forward on both & Canterbury on North & occupied line ABUYAHIA inclusive Point 720-820-810 all inclusive. Auckland Regt were under shell fire for some time. Our guns did not get within firing distance. After holding line all day the Brigade withdrew at 1600 & returned to Buouac. No casualties. <i>alt</i></p>	<p>RAPA 1:125000 BEERSHEBA 1:125000</p>
	9th		<p>stood to Arms 0330 to 0500 - Inspection of Guns & Rifles - 6-GR moved out to change of air lamp El Arish. - Received secret orders for surrounding KH KHASIF. Three sections under O.C. Capt R.P. Barker moved out at 2330 & joined Canterbury Regt & proceeded to GOZ EL BASAW. Horses were left under guard at this place & remainder of distance covered on foot. This Regiment lined Ridge NORTH & NORTH EAST of KH KHASIF at 0330. our guns getting into good positions overlooking wells & trees in KH KHASIF.</p>	<p>BEERSHEBA 1:125000</p> <p><i>alt</i></p>

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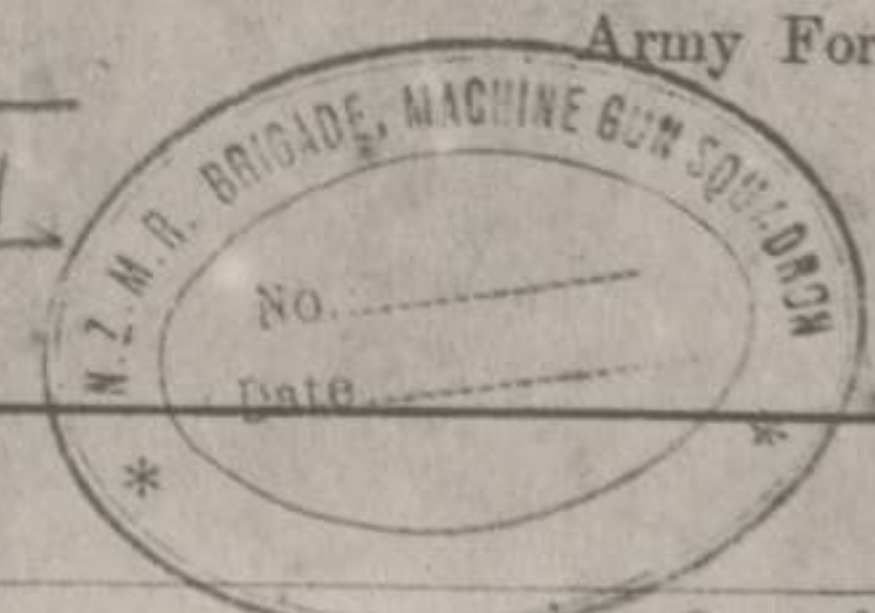
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PARA	1917 July 9th 10th		Remaining 3 sections under Capt A.C. Hinman left camp at 0100 with B.H.Q. and Auckland Regt & proceeded to K.A.R.M. At day break screen pushed forward into K.H. - K.H.A.S.I.P. & found all clear. When other regiments had sent in Reports Brigade returned to bivouac with exception of N.W.R. Regt & one section M.G. under Lieut Batchelor who proceeded to GOZ EL GELEIB to act as covering troops to survey party. This section returned to bivouac at 1200. <u>act</u>	BEERSHEBA 1:125000 R.A.F. 1/125000
	11th		stood to arms 0330 to 0500 - One section under Lieut Cobb joined C.M.R. Regt at obs to act as covering troops to survey party at GOZ EL GELEIB - Retd to bivouac 1200. <u>act</u>	
	12th		stood to arms 0320 to 0500 - Gas helmets destroyed - two sections under Capt A.C. Hinman joined the Squadron C.M.R. Regt at 7am at 1930 & proceeded to GOZ EL GELEIB where O.C.'s both squadrons were awaiting them. Intention to lay ambush in vicinity of Hill 630, but no results owing to absence of cover. Enemy were observed at day break	BEERSHEBA 1:125000 act Hinman left

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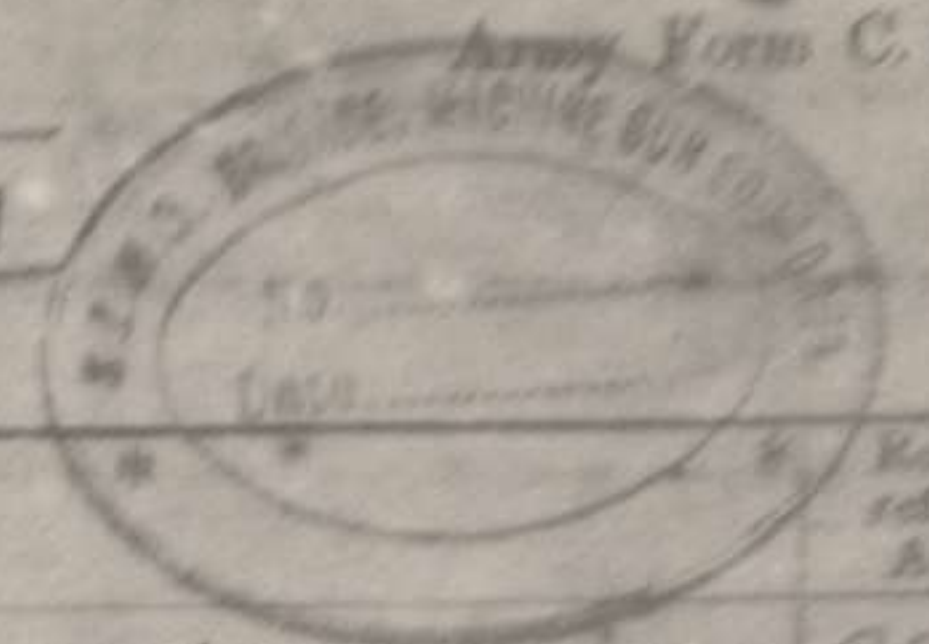
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FA RA	1917	July	North of Hill 630 & were distressed by M.G. Fire. A few mounted men were observed but beyond M.G. firing distance. Force withdrew at 0600.	R.A.P. A 1:125 000
		Cont'd	One section under Lieut Edridge accompanied 10 th Sqd Lt. M.R. & surrounded IM SIRI well at 0300. No enemy encountered. Force withdrew at 0630.	act
		14 th	Stood to Arms 0330 to 0500 - Overhauled & Inspected Guns & Rifles	
		15 th	Church service - Lt. Capt R. P. Harper attended conference of O.C.s M.G. Units at East Force H.Q. Establishments were discussed at some length but no alterations affecting squadron were made.	act
		16 th	Cleaned Harness & Saddlery	act
		17 th	Gun & Rifle Inspection	act
		18 th	One section under Lieut Armstrong moved out at 0530 with W.M.R. Right & proceeded to Point 750 North of Hill L in ABU EL RIGAL. Patrols were pushed forward but country was free of enemy. Force ret'd to tent 1600.	act

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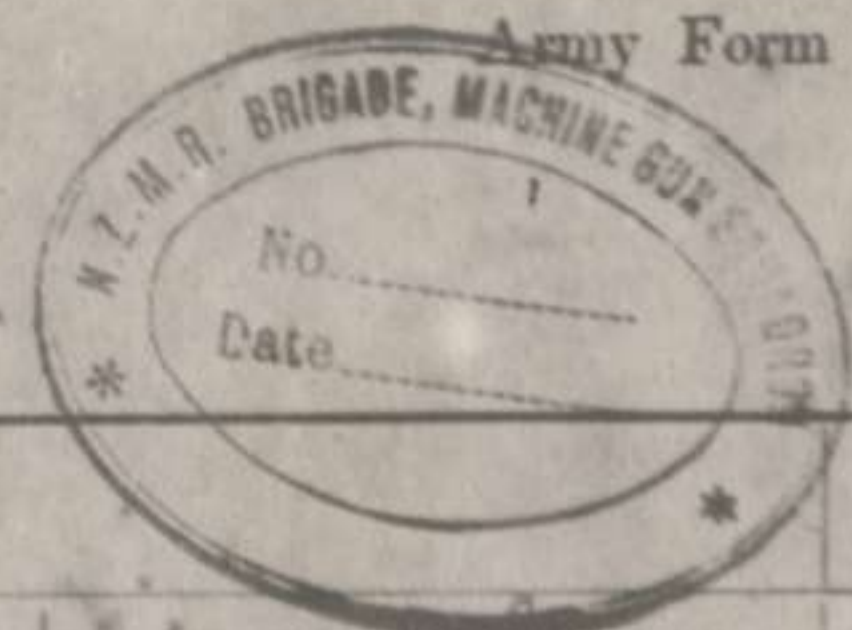
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FARRA	July 1917	20th	<p>OC & three section officers proceeded to EL SHA'UTH wadis to pick out positions to be taken over in event of attack. At 0930 received orders for squadron to turn out; water, & proceed to GAMLI Crossing by 1000. Joined at with B.M.D. on East Bank of Wadi GHUZZE & Brigade pushed forward to KARRM. & GOZ EL BASAL. Remained in Reserve all day out of gun range & returned to Camp at 2300 drew 24 hours Rations & moved out again at 0030. Three sections going with each of the two Regiments C.M.R. & W.M.R. Brigade followed out front line GOZ EL GLEIB to GOZ EL BASAL & at dawn pushed forward to Hill 630. Enemy had withdrawn right back over WADI IMLEIH. Enemy shelled from north on our approaching WADI IMLEIH. - Brigade withdrew at 1100. Casualties 3 O/R wounded 3 horses KILLED. <u>all</u></p>	<p>R AFR 1:125 000 BEER SHEH 1:125 000</p>
	21st		<p>Camp Routine - Inspection of Saddles by section officers - Parade of Lyds for expansion of better rows. 2 sent to H Post & one O/R sent from S of S. <u>all</u></p>	

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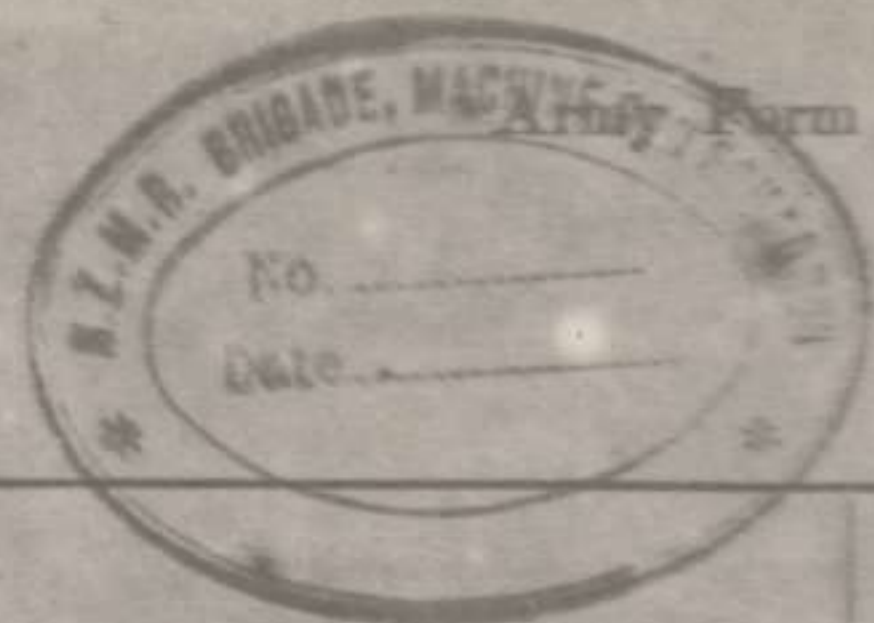
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FARA	July 23 rd		Received orders 0300 to join Brigade East Bank of WADISHADZE at FARA crossing at 0450. Proceeded to line 510, 550, 630, 720, 810 without opposition. Held line until 1230 then withdrew & returned to camp - 6-OR returned from Chp of the bank	R.F.F.A 1-125000 BEERSHEVA all 1-125000
	24 th 25 th		Gun & Rifle Inspection <u>all</u>	
	26 th		One section under Lt. Edridge joined C.M.R. Regt at 0530 & proceeded to ABUSAWISH ROAD holding from contour 300 to point 510 until 1800 when force withdrew - 2 officers & 20 OR marched out on leave to Cairo. <u>all</u>	
	27 th		Camp Routine <u>all</u>	
	28 th		Went to arms 0330 to 0500 - One section under Lt. Priest joined C.M.R. Regt on Reconnaissance similar to 26 th inst. - Lt. Edridge & one OR marched out to help of Fort Zeban <u>all</u>	
	29 th		Squadron moved out with Brigade at 0530 to Point 510 on ABUSAWISH Rd & held line from contour 300 to point 720 inclusive until 1200 during which time the C in C visited Railhead GOZEL GELFIB. Returned to camp 1415 <u>all</u>	
	30 th		Went to arms 0330 to 0500 - One section under Lt. Armstrong joined C.M.R. Regt on Reconnaissance similar to 26 th inst. <u>all</u>	
	31 st		Went to arms 0330 to 0500 - Received 4 timber from Rafa branch which had been overhauled. <u>all</u>	Attentive Capt

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			Squadron strength 1st July 1917 8 off 216 o/R	
			" " 31st July 1917 8 off 216 o/R	
			To Rest Camp El Arish 6 o/R	
			To Hospital 19 o/R	
			To Detention Camp 1 o/R	
			Unburied 1 o/R	
			<u>27</u>	
			From Rest Camp El Arish 6	
			From Hospital 10 o/R	
			Reinforcements 11 o/R	
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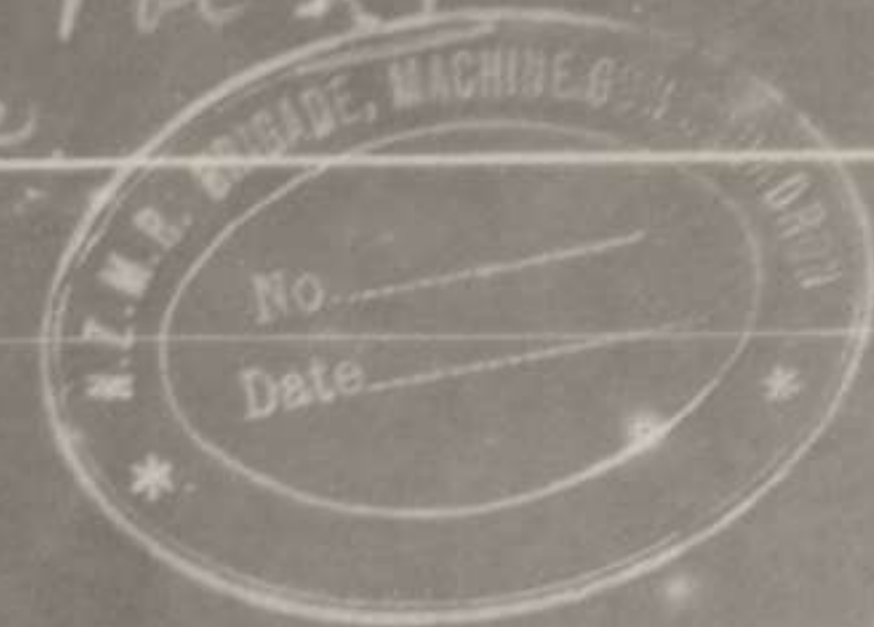
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KAZAR	July 1st		Sunday - Church Service - Routine. <i>all</i>	R A P A I. 125 000
	2nd		Continued with construction of shelters - 8 - 9/8 manded in from MOASCAR - collected all shoe laces & sent to Rafa Dump [220] <i>all</i>	
	3rd		Lieut Russell reported to B. H. D. at 0400 & proceeded with party of Brigade officers to H. Q. of 5th Mounted Brigade & were then shown over ground to be patrolled by Brigade on taking over from 5th Brigade on 6th inst. - Two sections put through training & application practices with Rifles. - Received secret orders for Reconnaissance towards Beersheba & Squadron (Strength 6-off. 156 9/8) moved out with Brigade at 2100. <i>all</i>	
	4th		Arrived FARA-BEERSHEBA - ABUSHAWISH-KHALASA lowroads at 0615 but as enemy guns could reach this point we withdrew towards EL BUGGAR. Brigade were in Reserve all day. Sqdn returned to Kt. KHARSIP to water at 1500 & awaited the arrival of the rest of Brigade at KARM. - left KARM 1900 arrived bivouac KAZAR - 2300. <i>all</i>	BEERSHEBA I: 125 000 R A P A I. 125 000
	5th		Preparation for MOVE <i>all</i>	
	6th		Moved to new Bivouac Area in Wadi North of FARA - took over bank of 4th A. P. H. <i>all</i>	

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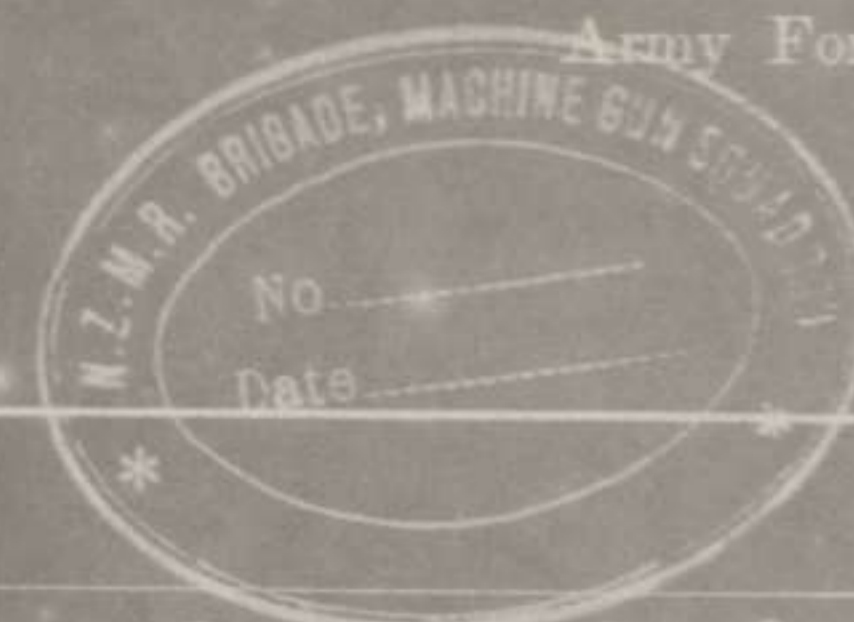
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FARA	July 7th		<p>Mood to Arms 0330 to 0500 - Recd secret orders for Recon. towards BEERSHEBA. alt</p>	RARA 1:125000
	8th		<p>Squadron [7 off 146 GR] moved out with Brigade 0600. 2 sections of guns were then sent to join each Auckland & Canterbury Regiments. Remaining 2 sections were kept as reserve. - Brigade arrived EL BUBBAR 0800. Auckland Regt pushed forward on South & Canterbury on North & occupied line ABUYAHIA inclusive Point 720-810-810 all inclusive. Auckland Regt were under shell fire for some time. Our guns did not get within firing distance. After holding line all day the Brigade withdrew at 1600 & returned to Bivouac - No casualties. alt</p>	BEERSHEBA 1:125000
	9th		<p>Mood to Arms 0330 to 0500 - Inspection of Guns & Rifles - 6-GR marched out to change of air tank El Arish. - Recd secret orders for surrounding KH KHASIF. <u>Three sections (under O.C. Capt R.P. Barker) moved out at 2330 & joined Canterbury Regt & proceeded to GOZ EL BASAH. Horses were left under guard at this place & remainder of distance covered on foot. This Regiment lined Ridge NORTH & NORTH EAST of KH KHASIF at 0330. our guns getting into good positions overlooking wells & trees in KH KHASIF</u></p>	BEERSHEBA 1:125000 alt

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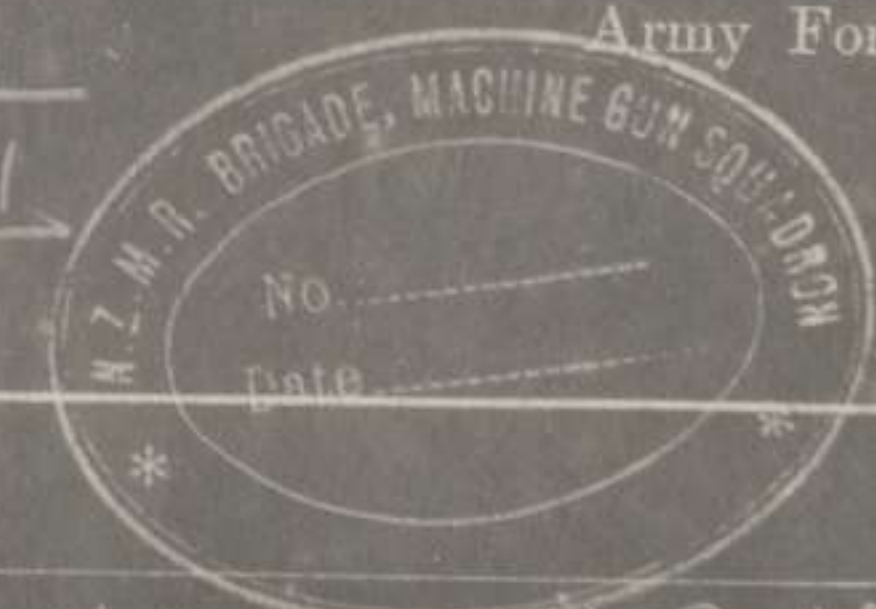
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AARA	1917 July 9th 10th		<p>Remaining 3 sections (under Capt A.C. Hinman) left camp at 0100 with B.H.Q. and Auckland Regt & proceeded to K.A.R.M. At day break screen pushed forward into K.H. - K.H.A.S.I.F. & found all clear. When other regiments had sent in Reports Brigade returned to Bivouac with exception of W.B.R. Regt & one section M.G. under Lieut Batchelor who proceeded to GOZ EL GELEIB to act as covering troops to Survey Party. This section returned to Bivouac at 1200. <u>act</u></p>	<p>B.E.R.S.H.E.B. 1:125000 R.A.F.A. 1/125000</p>
	11th		<p>Stood to arms 0330 to 0500 - One section (under Lieut Cobb) joined C.M.R. Regt at obs to act as covering troops to Survey Party at GOZ EL GELEIB - Retd to Bivouac 1200. <u>act</u></p>	
	12th		<p>Stood to arms 0330 to 0500 - Gas Helmets Restrayed - Two sections (under Capt A.C. Hinman) joined the Squadron C.M.R. Regt at 7am at 1930 & proceeded to GOZ EL GELEIB where O.C.'s both Squadrons were awaiting them. Intention to lay ambush in vicinity of Hill 630 but no results owing to absence of cover. Enemy were observed at day break</p>	<p>B.E.R.S.H.E.B. 1:125000 <u>act</u></p>

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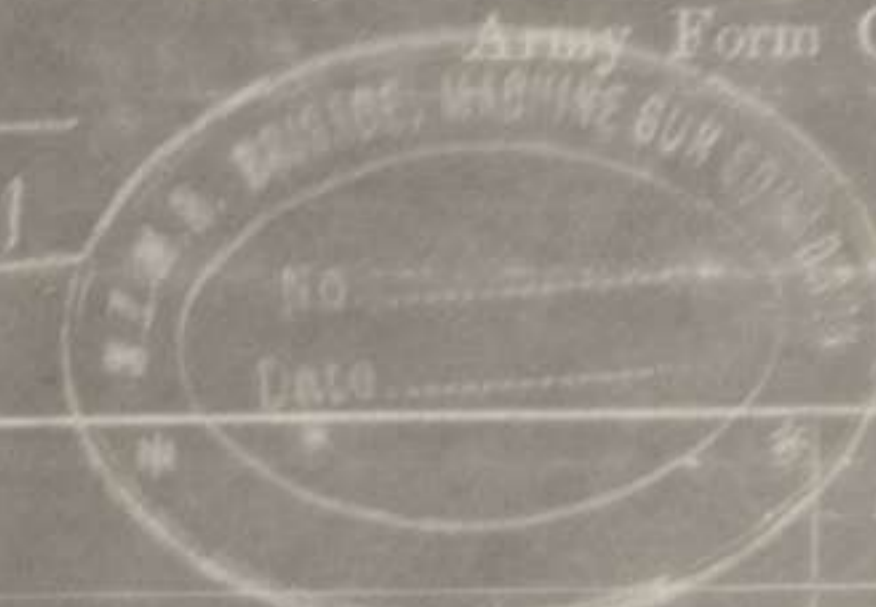
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FA RA	July 12 th		North of Hill 630 & were dispersed by M.G. Fire. A few mounted men were observed but beyond M.G. firing distance. Force withdrew at 0600.	RAP A 1:125000
	13 th		The section (under Lieut Edridge) accompanied 10 th Sgd. C. M.R. & surrounded FM SIRI well at 0300. No enemy encountered. Force withdrew at 0630.	act BEERSHEVA 1:125000
	14 th		Stood to Arms 0330 to 0500 - Overhauled & Inspected Guns & Rifles.	act
	15 th		Church Service - OC, Capt R. P. Harper attended conference of O.C.s M.G. Units at East Force H. Q. Establishments were discussed at some length but no alterations affecting squadron were decided on.	act
	16 th		Cleaned Harness & Saddlery.	act
	17 th		Gun & Rifle Inspection.	act
	18 th		The section (under Lieut Armstrong) moved out at 0530 with W. M. R. Regt & proceeded to Point 750 North of Hill L in ABU EL RIGAL. Patrols were pushed forward but country was free of enemy. Force ret'd to camp 1600.	act act Acttamar Capt.

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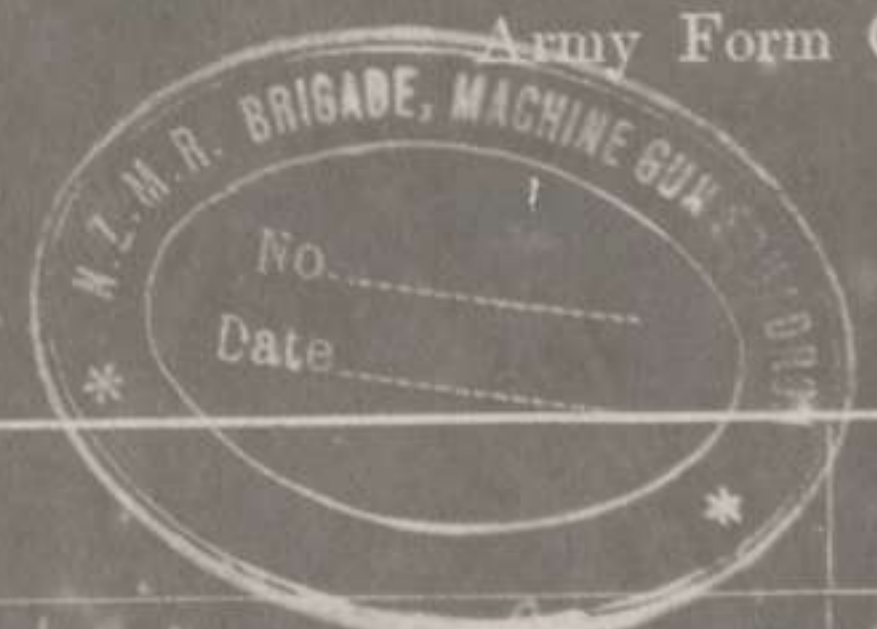
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P.A.R.A.	1917 July 19th		<p>OC & three section officers proceeded to EL SHA'UTH wadis to pick out gun positions to be taken over in event of attack. At 0930 received orders for Squadron to turn out, water, & proceed to GAMLI Crossing by 1000. Joined at with B.M.D. on East Bank of Wadi GHUZZE & Brigade pushed forward to KARM & GOZ EL BASAL. Remained in Reserve all day out of gun range & returned to Camp at 2300 drew 24 hours Rations & moved out again at 0030. Three sections going with each of the two Regiments C.M.R. & W.M.R. Brigade followed out post line GOZ EL GHEIB to GOZ EL BASAL & at dawn pushed forward to Hill 630. Enemy had withdrawn right back over WADI IMLEIH. Enemy shelled from north on our approaching WADI IMLEIH. - Brigade withdrew at 1100. Casualties 3 O/R wounded. 3 horses KILLED. <u>all</u></p>	<p>R.A.F.R. 1:125000 SEER SHEB 1:125000</p>
	20th			
	21st		<p>Camp Routine - Inspection of saddlery by section officers - Parade of Sqr for examination of Setheri boxes. Lieut S.H. Priest & one O/R ret'd from S. of P. Zeboun. <u>all</u></p>	

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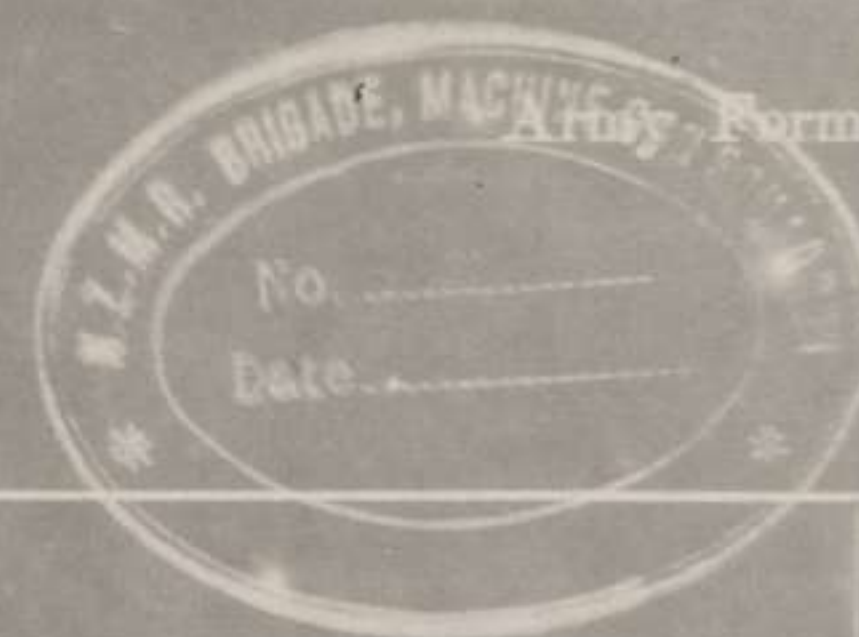
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PARA	July 23 rd		Received orders 0300 to join Brigade East Bank of WADIGHUZZE at FARA crossing at 0450. Proceeded to line 510, 550, 630, 720, 810 without opposition. Held line until 1230 then withdrew & returned to camp - 6 OR returned from Chp of Au camp	R A P A 1:125 000 BEERSHEB ack 1:125 000
	24 th 25 th		Gun & Rifle Inspection <u>ack</u>	
	26 th		One section under Lt Edridge joined C.M.R. Regt at 0530 & proceeded to ABUS HAWISH ROAD holding from contour 300 to point 510 until 1800 when force withdrew - 2 officers & 20 OR marched out on leave to Cairo. <u>ack</u>	
	27 th		Camp Routine <u>ack</u>	
	28 th		Went to arms 0330 to 0500 - One section under Lt Frost joined A.M.R. Regt on Reconnaissance similar to 26 th inst. - Lt Edridge & one OR marched out to school of Ent. Zeboun <u>ack</u>	
	29 th		Squadron moved out with Brigade at 0530 to Point 510 on ABUS HAWISH Rd & held line from contour 300 to point 720 inclusive until 1200 during which time the C in C visited Railhead GOZ EL GELEIB. Returned to camp 1415	
	30 th		Went to arms 0330 to 0500 - One section (under Lieut Armstrong) joined C.M.R. Regt on Reconnaissance similar to 26 th inst. <u>ack</u>	
	31 st		Went to arms 0330 to 0500 - Received 4 timbers from Rafa Ordnance Workshop having been overhauled. <u>ack</u>	ack Al-Himmian Capt.

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			Squadron strength 1st July 1917	8 off 216 o/R
			" " 31st July 1917	8 off 216 o/R
			Go Rest Camp El Arish	6 o/R
			Go Hospital	19 o/R
			Go Detention Compound	1 o/R
			Transferred	1 o/R
			<u>27</u>	
			From Rest Camp El Arish	6
			From Hospital	10 o/R
			Reinforcements	11 o/R
			<u>27</u>	

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