

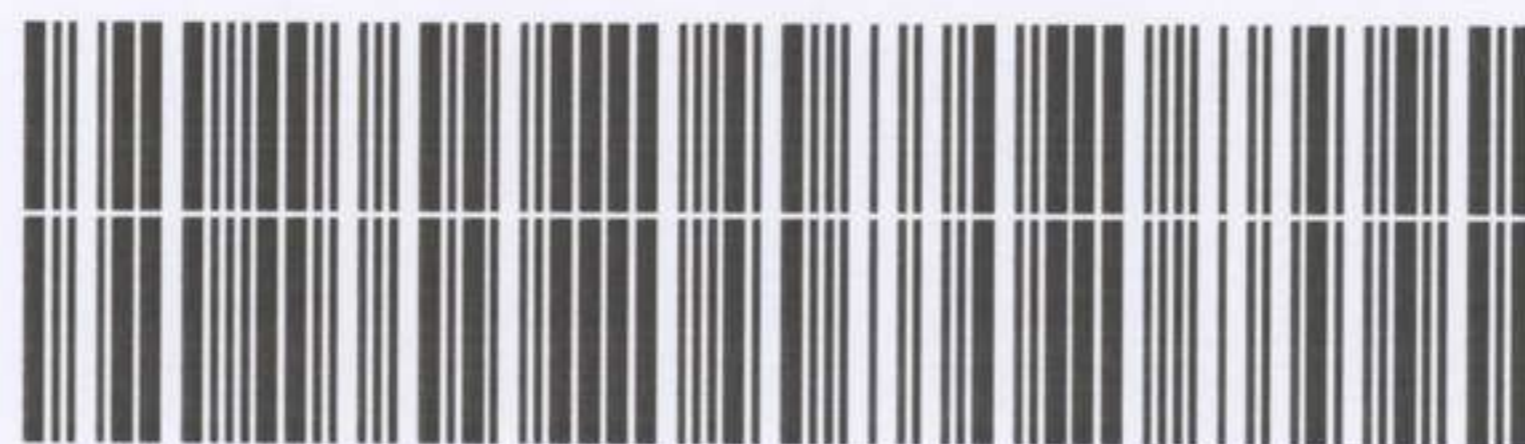
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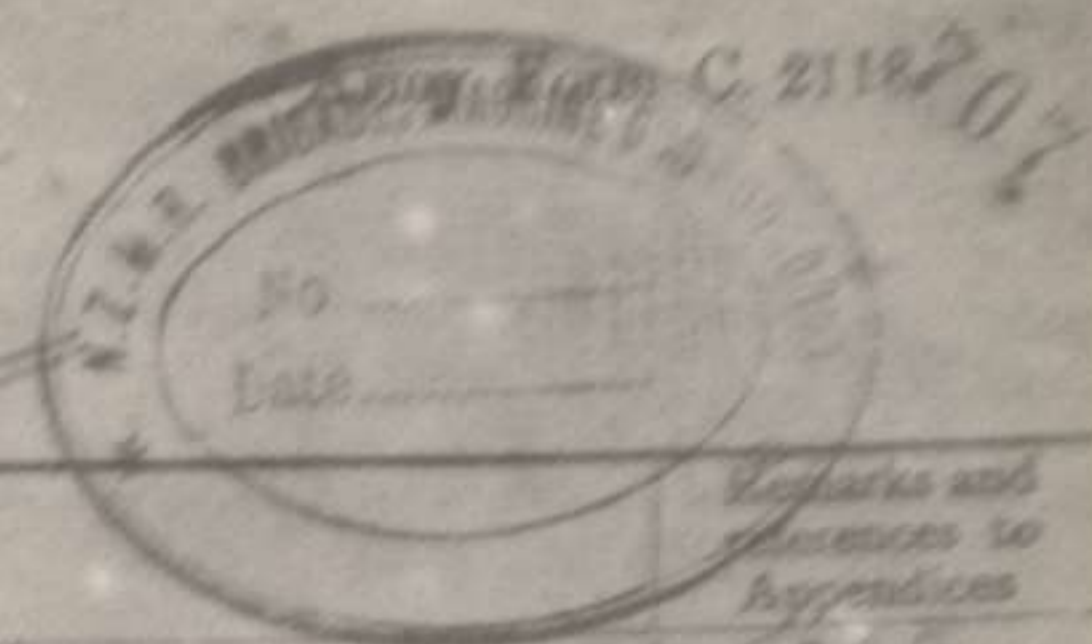
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### Summary of Events and Information

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
FARA.	1st		<p>Mood to Arms 0330 to 0500. — One section under Capt Harter joined W.M.R. Regt at 0500 on Reconnaissance along ABD SHAWISH Road from Point 300 to 510 of MADIS SHERIA &amp; IMLEIN from Point 280 to 410. The screen exchanged shots with enemy but guns did not get within range. Force withdrew 1700.</p> <p>2Lt Armstrong &amp; 6 O/R's marched out to change of air camp Post said. — Two officers &amp; 20 O/R's returned from leave &amp; 10 O/R's marched in from MORASCAR — One section under Capt Russell joined C.M.R. Regt at 1930 &amp; proceeded to GOZ EL BASAL to act as covering troops to 2nd L.A. Brigade who were engaged laying cable to KARIM. — Force withdrew 2200. act</p>
	2nd		<p>Mood to Arms 0330 to 0500 — H limbers complete with 4 drivers 16 mules &amp; 4 horses detailed to Brigade transport — Two sections under Capt Henman joined up with W.M.R. Regt at 1930 &amp; proceeded to KH-KHABIF to act as covering troops to Light Horse Cable Party. Took up line EAST NORTH EAST &amp; SOUTH EAST of KH-KHABIF &amp; withdrew at 2330 when Light Horse had completed work. act</p>
	3rd		<p>Mood to Arms 0330 to 0500 — One section under Capt Picot moved out with W.M.R. Regt at 0530 for Reconnaissance along ABD SHAWISH Road from Point 300 to 510. did not get within W.M.R. Regt's range. Enemy shelled in afternoon — No casualties. — Force withdrew 1800. act</p>
	4th		<p>Mood to Arms 0300 to 0500 — C.O. Capt R.F. Harter attended conference of all 3 C.O.s at Desert Column Head quarters. — Squadron paraded to M 7 A. for Cholera Immunisation. act</p>
	5th		<p>Church service — Rifles of one section handed in to Armorer to have sling stocks fitted up. act</p>

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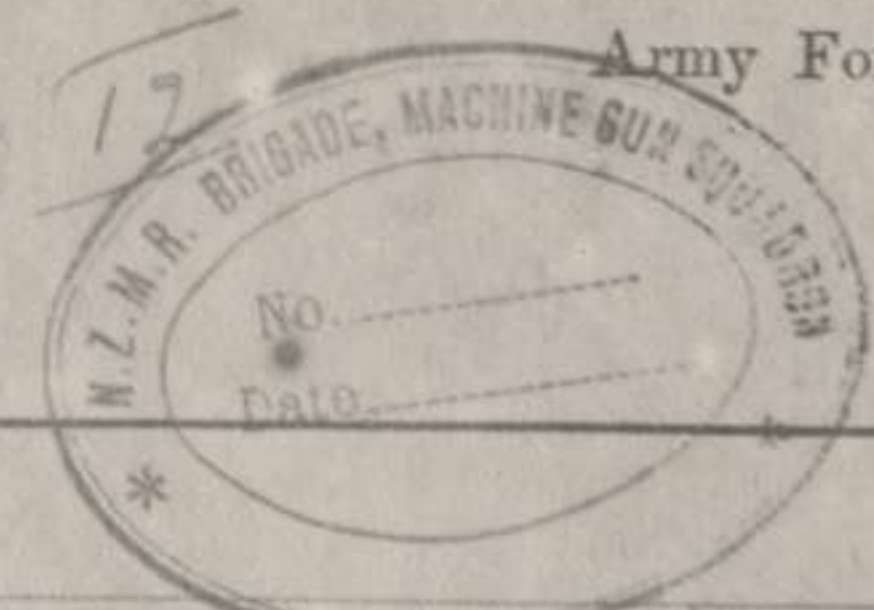
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PARA	August 6 <sup>th</sup>		One section under Lieut Cobb joined W.M.R. Regt at 0545 on Reconnaissance to ESANI. Section remained at 750 North of ADU el RIGAB while patrols went forward. In patrols reporting all clear force withdrawn & returned to base. — 1st OTR paraded to Shellal Junction for the disinfecting of clothes. — Rifles of 2 sections handed in to Armourer for adjustment. <u>act</u>	K.A.P.A 1:125,000 BEER SHEVA 1:125,000
	7 <sup>th</sup>		One section under Lieut Batchelor joined W.M.R. on Reconnaissance to ESANI similar to for 6 <sup>th</sup> inst. Nothing to report. — Rifles of 2 sections handed in to Armourer for adjustment. <u>act</u>	
	8 <sup>th</sup>		One section under Sergeant joined W.M.R. Regt on Reconnaissance to ESANI. — Nothing to Report. Rifles of 2 sections to Armourer for adjustment. — Inspection of Suni Rifles. <u>act</u>	
	9 <sup>th</sup>		Camp Routine — Ammunition Belts overhauled & inspected. <u>act</u>	
	10 <sup>th</sup>		6 OTR to Rest Camp Port Said — Extract from 1327 orders No 15 - 17 a - 11/465 S.S.M. Ball 5. Having passed Cadet course is appointed & sent to supplementary to Establishment to date 26-7-17. <u>act</u>	
	11 <sup>th</sup>		Major Armstrong & 5 OTR marched in from Rest Camp Port Said. — Received secret orders for Raid on SHANA Redoubt by T.C.C. supported by W.M.R. Regt. Squadron [708 & 141 OTR] moved out with brigade at 2000 & proceeded to two hill [320] where B.N.A. made their station. Line 1410 - 340 - 280 was taken up by advance squadrons. In completion of Raid by T.C.C. Brigade withdrawn to Camp. Squadron casualties 1712. <u>act</u>	SHERIA 1:42,000

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Place	Date 1917	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FARA	August 12 <sup>th</sup>		Camp Routine - 18 - of R - marched out on leave <u>act</u>	RAFA 1, 2, 5, 6, 7
	13 <sup>th</sup>		Moved to Arms 0330 to 0500 - Inspection of Guns - Rifles & Very Pistols - Received Secret Order for Raid on IRSEIB by 2nd A.R.H. Brigade supported by N.Z. 4th R. Brigade - Squadron [7 off - 126 of R] moved out with Brigade at 1900 & proceeded to KARRM where A.S.H. & were established. Three sections were sent forward with Auckland & Canterbury Squadrons to hold line 820-790-730-630-ELBIRBEIR - 550-510 - Operations completed Brigade withdrew 0615 - <u>act</u>	BEERSHEBA 1, 2, 5, 6, 7
	14 <sup>th</sup>		Extract from N.Z.E.F. Orders 15/7/17 Para 358. - Mentioned in Despatches Capt R.P. Hunter = 7/659. Serg J.A. Barr 1/468 Serg G. Ball. <u>act</u>	
	15 <sup>th</sup>		10 - of R - marched in from MOAS CAR <u>act</u>	
	16 <sup>th</sup>		Reconnaissance of Area South West of BEERSHEBA by G.O.C. Desert Mtd Coy - 42 <sup>nd</sup> Coy covered by Amman Mtd Division. - Squadron [7 off - 135 of R] moved out with Brigade 0130. Two sections joining in M.R. & two sections in M.R. at Wadi crossing. Brigade occupied line 840 (Amman) - TAMM EL HADARI - 820-810-770 (Amman) - One section came into action against Turkish patrols at 200 yards dispersing patrol. One horse rider seen to fall. Force withdrew 1600 & returned to Amman. Casualties 2 - of R Wounded. Ammunition expended 300 Rds. <u>act</u>	
	17 <sup>th</sup>		Preparations for MOVE <u>act</u>	Amman East

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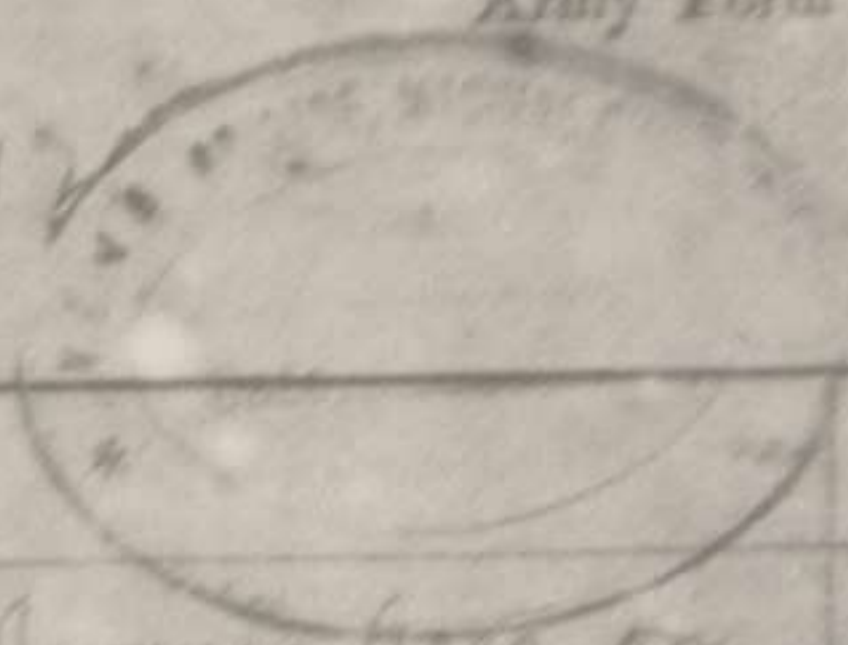
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FARA	1917	18 <sup>th</sup>	Squadron moved out with Brigade at 1100 & marched to new Ammunition base on Beach west of MARAKEB. <u>ack</u>	R.B.F.A 1125000
BEACH West of MARAKEB	1918		18-01R returned from leave - 7/01R marched out to Port Land Port Road - 1-01R marched in from School of Instr. <u>ack</u>	
	20th		OC. Capt R.P. Harter attended conference at Desert Column H.Q. 6-9R marched in from Port Land Rest Camp - 11/1049 Reg. 0'Brien 4R. Died of wounds. <u>ack</u>	
	21st		Lt Edridge marched in from School of Instr. - 50% of Squad inoculated T.P.B. <u>ack</u>	
	22nd		Gun & Rifle Inspection. <u>ack</u>	
	23rd		Capt Himmer & Lieut Prior attended lecture at Desert Column H.Q. on Functions of 3rd & 4th Chelars. - Squadron Transport Inspected by A.D.S. & J. <u>ack</u>	
	24th		11/643 SMS Cookes marched out to Cadet Course Zeltou - 50% inoculated T.P.B. <u>ack</u>	
	25th		6-01R to School of Instruction - <u>ack</u>	
	26th		12-01R marched in from Mt Oascar. <u>ack</u>	
	27th		Capt R.P. Harter attended conference of Mt. 4. CO's at Desert Column H.Q. <u>ack</u>	

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BEACH <del>KARST</del> of MARAKEB.	August 28th		all officers of Squadron attended lecture at E. H. Co. given by Lt Col Partridge Desert Motor Corps Machine Gun officer. <u>act</u>	RARA 1125030
	29th		Camp Routine <u>act</u>	
	30th		- 1-off 46- 7th to West Coast Post said - 7 7th Btd from West Coast Post said <u>act</u>	
	31st		Inspection of Squadron by G.O.C. Anzac Mtd Division - Lieut Kelly marched in from Moascar - Lieut Katchelar marched out to Moascar for duty on Training Cadre. <u>act</u>	
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			Squadron strength 1st August 1917. 8 off 216 OR	
			" " 31st " 1917. 7 off 216 OR	
			To Hospital OR 15 off	
			To Dental Moascar 11	
			To Cadet Course 1	
			Transferred 3	
			To Rest Camp $\frac{12}{43}$ $\frac{1}{1}$	
			From Hospital 15	
			Reinforcements 23	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PARA.	1st	1st	<p>Stood to Arms 0330 to 0500. — One section (under Capt Barber) joined V.M.R. Regt at 0530 on Reconnaissance along ABD SHAWISH Road from Point 300 to 510 &amp; of MADIS SHERIA &amp; IMLEH from Points 280 to 410. The screen exchanged shots with enemy but guns did not get within range. Force withdrew 1700.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Armstrong &amp; 6 O/R's marched out to change of Air Camp Post said. — Two officers &amp; 20 O/R returned from leave &amp; 10 O/R's marched in from MOASCAR — One section (under Lieut Russell) joined C.M.R. Regt at 1830 &amp; proceeded to GOZ EL BASAL to act as covering troops to 2<sup>nd</sup> L.A. Brigade who were engaged laying cable to KARRA. — Force withdrew 2230.</p>	<p>R.F.P.P. 1:125000 BEARSHEBA 1:125000</p>
	2nd	2nd	<p>Stood to Arms 0330 to 0500 — H limbers complete with 4 drivers 16 mules &amp; harness detailed to Brigade transport — Two sections (under Capt Henman) joined up with V.M.R. Regt at 1930 &amp; proceeded to KA-KHASIF to act as covering troops to Light Horse Cable Party. Took up line EAST NORTH EAST &amp; SOUTH EAST of KA-KHASIF &amp; withdrew at 2330 when Light Horse had completed work.</p>	<p>act</p>
	3rd	3rd	<p>Stood to Arms 0330 to 0500 — One section under Lieut Pearce moved out with A.M.R. Regt at 0530 for Reconnaissance along ABD SHAWISH Road from Point 300 to 510. <u>did not get within M.G. Range</u> Enemy shelled in afternoon — No casualties. — Force withdrew 1800.</p>	<p>act</p>
	4th	4th	<p>Stood to Arms 0300 to 0500 — C.O. Capt R.P. Barber attended conference of M.G. C.O.s at Desert Column Headquarters. — Squadron paraded to M 7 A. for Cholera Inoculation.</p>	<p>act</p>
	5th	5th	<p>Church Service — Rifles of one section handed in to Armorer to have sling screws tightened up.</p>	<p>act</p>

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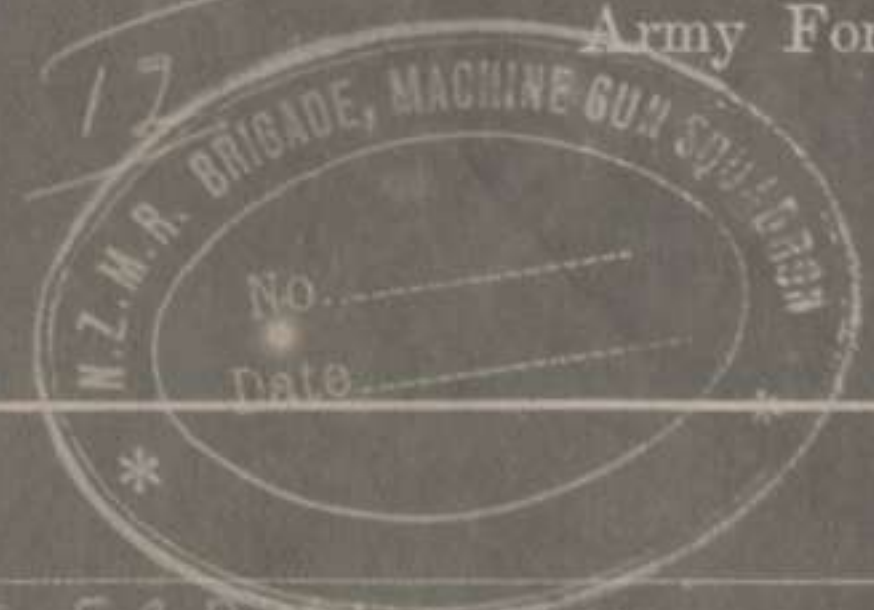
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PARA	1917 August 6th		One section under Lieut Cobb joined W.M.R. Regt at 0545 on Reconnaissance to ESANI. Section remained at 750 north of ABU el KIGAL while patrols went forward. In patrols reporting all clear force with crew returned to bivouac. — 134 O/R paraded to shellal inspection for the disrepair of rifles. — Rifles of 2 sections handed in to Armorer for adjustment. <u>act</u>	R.A.P.A 1:125,000 BEERSHEVA 1:125,000
	7th		One section under Lieut Batchelor joined W.M.R. on Reconnaissance to ESANI similar to the 6th inst. <u>Nothing to report</u> . — Rifles of 2 sections handed in to Armorer for adjustment. <u>act</u>	
	8th		One section under Sergeant joined W.M.R. Regt on Reconnaissance to ESANI. — <u>Nothing to Report</u> . Rifles of 2 sections to Armorer for adjustment. — Inspection of guns & Rifles. <u>act</u>	
	9th		Camp Routine — Ammunition Belts overhauled & inspected. <u>act</u>	
	10th		6 O/R to Rest Camp Port Said — Extract from A.S.T. 7 dices No 15 - 17 a. 11/465 S.S.M. Ball 9. Having named cadet course as fitted & sent supplementary to Establishment to date 26-7-17. <u>act</u>	6
	11th		Rifles Armorer & 5 O/R marched in from Rest Camp Port Said. — Received secret orders for Raid on SANA Redoubt by J. L. C. supported by W. 3. W. K. Bde. <u>Squadron 17th</u> & [141 O/R] moved out with Brigade at 2000 & proceeded to take the Hill [320] where B.M.O. made their station. Line 410-340-280 was taken up by advance squadrons. In completion of Raid by J. L. C. Brigade with crew to Camp. <u>Inspection completed</u> 17/12. <u>act</u>	SHERIA 1:40,000

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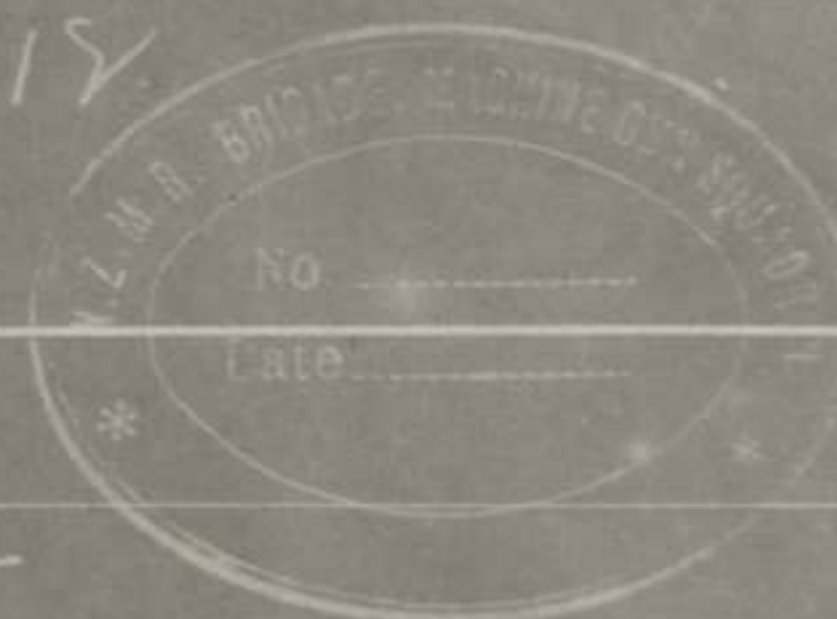
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FARA	1917 August 12 <sup>th</sup>		Camb Routine - 18 - O/R - marched out on leave <u>act</u>	RAFA 1,125,000
	13 <sup>th</sup>		Stood to arms 0330 to 0500 - Inspection of arms - Rifles & Very Pistols - Received secret orders for <u>Raid on IRBEIS</u> by 2nd A.R.H. Brigade supported by 13th M.A. Brigade - Squadron [7 off - 126 O/R] moved out with Brigade at 1900 & proceeded to KARRM where B.H.B. was established. Three sections were sent forward with Auckland & Canterbury Squads to hold line 820-790-730-630-ELGIRAEIR - 550-510 - Operations completed Brigade withdrew 0615 - Casualties <u>act</u>	BEERSHEBA 1,125,000
	14 <sup>th</sup>		Extract from M.Z.E.F. orders 15/7/17 Para 358. - Mentioned in despatches Capt R.P. Harker - 7/659 Serg J.A. Barr 11/468 Serg G. Ball. <u>act</u>	
	15 <sup>th</sup>		10 - O/R marched in from MOAS CAR <u>act</u>	
	16 <sup>th</sup>		Reconnaissance of Area South West of BEERSHEBA by G.O.C. Desert Mtd Corps & 20 <sup>th</sup> Loko covered by Amman Mtd Division. - Squadron [7 off 135 O/R] moved out with Brigade 0130 Two sections joining in M.R. & two sections in M.R. at Wadi crossing FARA Brigade occupied line 840 (inclusive) - TAN EL HADARI - 820-810-770 (inclusive). One section came into action against Turkish patrols at 2000 yards dispersing Patrol. One horse rider seen to fall. Force withdrew 1600 & returned to bivouac. Casualties - 2 - O/R wounded. Ammunition expended 300 Rds. <u>act</u>	
	17 <sup>th</sup>		Preparations for MOVE <u>act</u>	Al-Hinnan Camp

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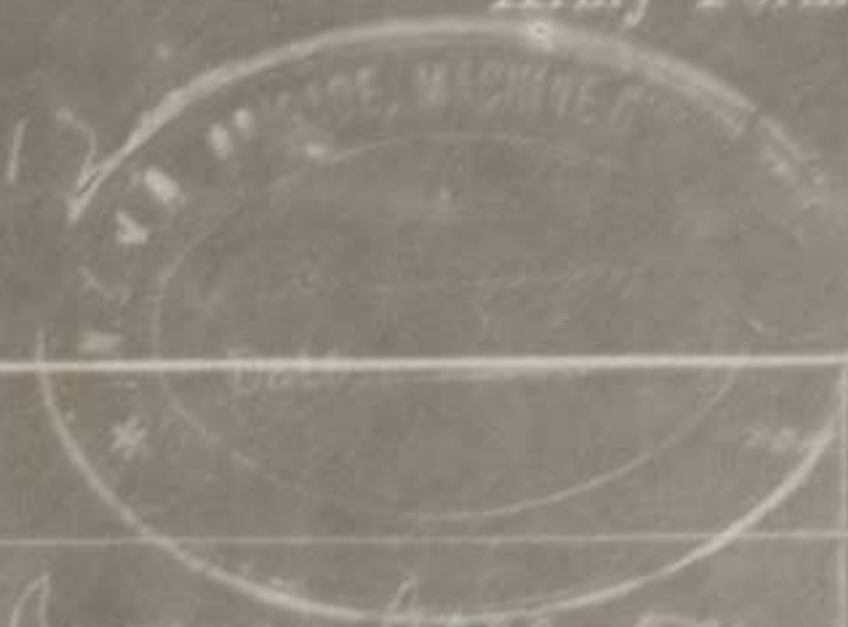
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FARA	August 17 1914		Squadron moved out with Brigade at 1100 & marched to new <u>Beach area</u> on <u>Beach west of MARAKEB.</u> <u>ack</u>	R.B.F.A. 1:125,000
BEACH West of MARAKEB	19th		18-0/R returned from leave - 7/0/R marched out to Rest Camp Post land - 1-0/R marched in from behind of Entr <u>ack</u>	
	20th		OC. Capt R.P. Walker attended conference at Desert Column HQ. 6-0/R marched in from Post land Rest Camp - 11/1000g Reg. 0/R. 4/R. Died of Wounds <u>ack</u>	
	21st		At Edridge marched in from School of Instr. - 50% of Squad inoculated T.A.B. <u>ack</u>	
	22nd		Gun & Rifle Instruction. <u>ack</u>	
	23rd		Capt Himm & Lieut Prior attended lecture at Desert Column HQ on Functions of 3rd to 4th. - Squadron Transport Inspected by A.D.S. & I. <u>ack</u>	
	24th		11/0/R AUS Cooks marched out to Cadet Course Zetoun - 50% inoculated T.A.B. <u>ack</u>	
	25th		6-0/R to School of Instruction - <u>ack</u>	
	26th		12-0/R marched in from 46 Dascar <u>ack</u>	
	27th		Capt R.P. Walker attended conference of M.G. CO's at Desert Column HQ <u>ack</u>	

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BEACH <del>MARSA</del> MARRAKEB.	August		All officers of Squadron attended lecture at D. H. Q. given by Lt. Col. Partridge Desert word looks Machine Gun officer <u>act</u>	RARR 1:125400
	28th		Camp Routine <u>act</u>	
	29th		- 1-off 46- of R to Rest Camp Port Said - 7 of R Retd from Rest Camp Port Said <u>act</u>	
	30th		Inspection of Squadron by G.O.C. Anzac Mtdk Division - Lieut Kelly, marched in from Mouscar - Lieut Batchelar marched out to Mouscar for duty on Training Cadre. <u>act</u>	
	31st			

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			<i>Summary</i>	
			Squadron strength 1st August 1917. 8 off 216 OR	
			" " 31st " 1917. 7 off 216 OR	
			To Hospital OR 15 off	
			To Dental Booscar 11	
			To Cadet Course 1	
			Transferred 3	
			To Rest Camp 1 2	
			<u>4 3</u>	
			From Hospital 15	
			Reinforcements 2 3	
			From Rest Camp 5	
			<u>4 3</u>	
			Althman Capt	

