

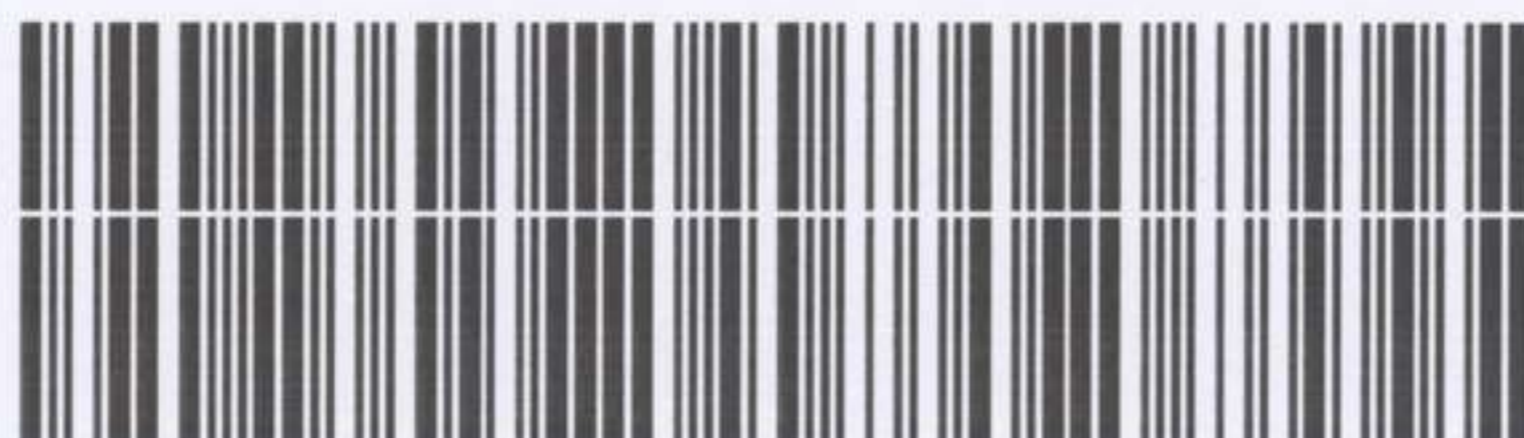
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YHA 58 Richon	1 st		The Squadron was inspected by Desert Mounted Corps Commander who expressed himself highly pleased with the turn out.	P.E.F. wb. Sheet 13 1:63,360
	2 nd		One hours mounted gun training was carried out under section arrangements.	wb.
	3 rd		One hours mounted gun drill was carried out under section arrangements. 50765 Apr book WS and 35979 Apr McLeod were transferred to A.S.C.	wb.
	4 th		50% of the squadron attended bathing parade at RICHON. NZEF orders (Egypt) no 34 were received. The following extracts are noted. Para 685 New Zealand Machine Gun Squadron will henceforth be known as No 1 New Zealand Machine Gun Squadron Para 705. The NZ Machine Gun Corp is sub-divided into two sections (1) Mounted. (2) Infantry. Each unit will be a separate ^{unit} for promotion with effect from 31/7/18. The establishment of a mounted section NZMG Corp as a unit for promotion as regards	

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YHAS-8 Rochon	December 1918 4 th		<p>officers is as set out hereunder with effect from 31/7/18. Majors 2 Captains 2 Lieutenants 8 2nd Lieutenants 8 Total 20. The following promotions and appointments are recorded Captain (Temporary Major) A. C. Hinman to be Major to complete establishment to date 31/7/18. Lieutenant (Temporary Captain) J. McBarroll to be Captain to complete establishment to date 31/7/18. 2nd Lieutenant L. J. Armstrong DCM to be Lieutenant under the provisions of NZEF regulations No 13 to date 14/11/18 Capt J. McBarroll is granted the temporary rank of Major whilst commanding 1st NZ Machine Gun Squadron vice Major A. C. Hinman to hospital to date 9/11/18. Lieutenant W. Cobb MC is granted the temporary rank of Captain whilst 2nd in command 1st NZ MG Squadron vice Captain J. McBarroll to temporarily command the Sqdn to date 9/11/18 Honours and awards. Awarded the Military Cross Lieutenant W. Cobb to date 11/11/18. Awarded the Military Medal 5/36 H/C Finlayson W. J. to date 11/11/18 and 35304 L/C Parker J. H. to date 21/10/18. W. Cobb Capt</p>	<p>P.E.F Sheet 13 1:63,360</p>

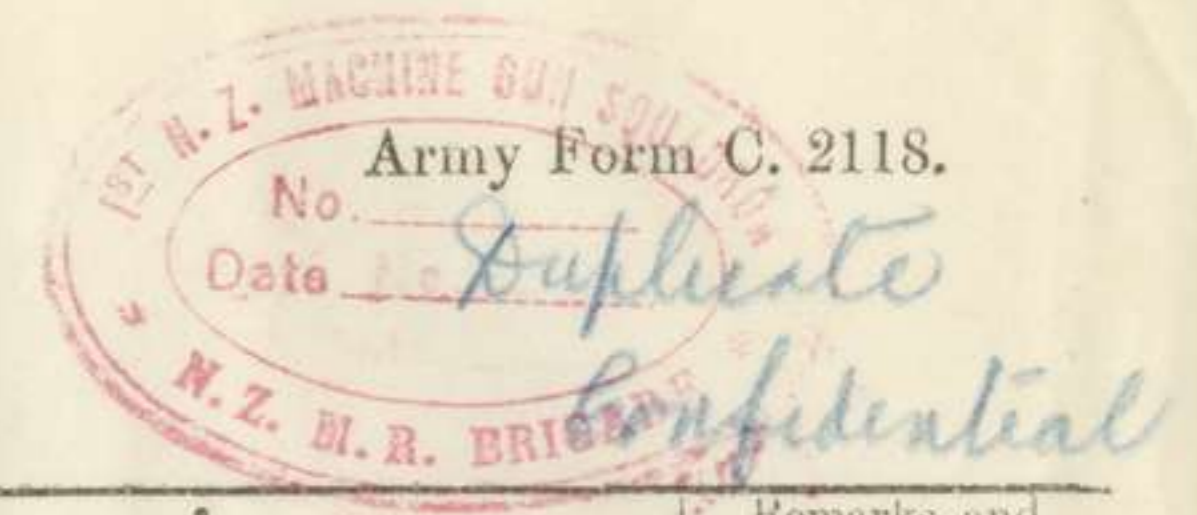
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V4A58 Ritchon	December 1918 5 th		Camp routine. One hour mounted training was carried out under section arrangements. 6 of R marched in from Post and Rest Camp.	P.E.F Sheet 13 wg 1:63360
	6 th		Camp routine. One hour mounted training was carried out under section arrangements.	wg
	7 th		Camp routine Saddle and harness cleaning.	wg
	8 th		Camp routine Voluntary church service.	wg
	9 th		Camp routine one hour standing gun drill and one hour mounted gun drill was carried out. Lt C H Percot MC and 2 nd Lt J Busby and 1 st of R marched out to await embarkation to NZ. 1 of R marched out to await embarkation to U.K.	
	10 th		Camp routine. One hour training in mechanism and one hour training in squad drill was carried out. 65779 Sqr Lowry was killed by a Beduin at 0135. A court of enquiry was held by Lt Cobb capt	wg



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V4A58 Richon	10 th		assembled to enquire into the circumstances whereby 65779 Sqr Lowry L I was killed.	P.E.F Sheet 13 1:63360 wb
	11 th		Composite regiment held a race meeting. camp routine one hour saluting and one hour mounted action was carried out	wb
	12 th		Camp routine One hour range finding + signalling and one hour mounted drill and saluting was carried out.	wb
	13 th		Camp routine. One hour squad drill and one hour mounted gun drill was carried out.	wb
	14 th		Camp routine. Saddle and harness cleaning. Divisional race meeting	wb
	15 th		Camp routine Voluntary church service	
	16 th		Inspection by the commander-in-chief at 1130. Dismounted	



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V4A58 Rishon	17 th		Camp routine. Striking tents and removing all heavy gear to the station preparatory to moving out.	P.E.F. Sheet 13 1:63360
	18 th		The Brigade moved out en route to YEBNA at 1100 arrived at YEBNA at 1545 and bivouaced for the night.	wb
	19 th		The Brigade moved out en route to MEJDEL at 0845. arrived at MEJDEL at 1430 and bivouaced for the night.	wb
	20 th		The Brigade moved out en route to GAZA at 0930. arrived GAZA at 1545 and bivouaced for the night.	wb
	21 st		The Brigade moved out en route to DEIR-EL-BELAH at 1000 arrived DEIR-EL-BELAH at 1430 and bivouaced for the night.	wb
	22 nd		The Brigade moved out en route to RAFA at 0945.	wb

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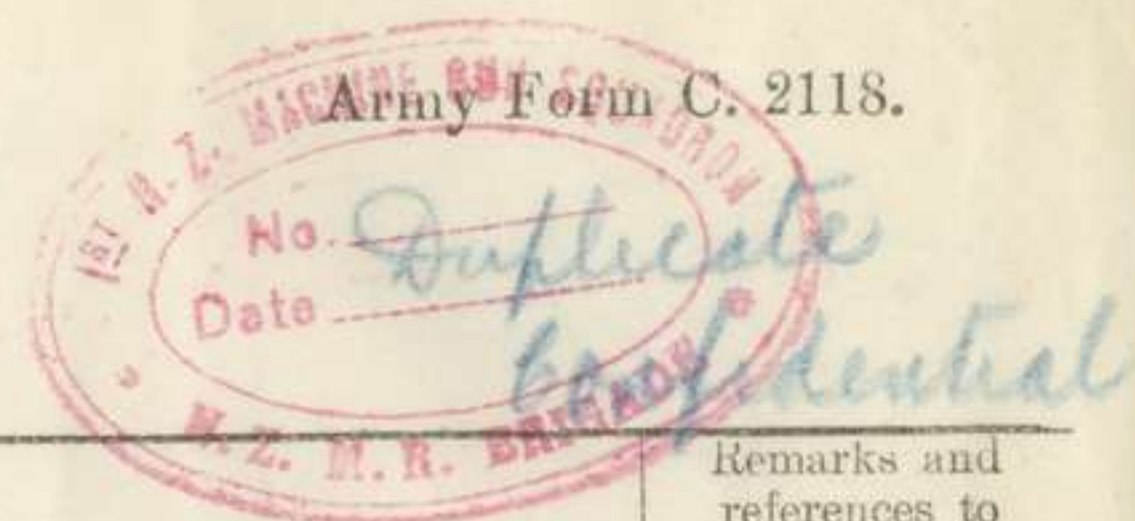
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RAFA	22 nd		Arrived at RAFA at 1400 and prepared camp.	WB RAFA (Provisional) Sheet 055 1:40000
Y.2.C.7.0 RAFA.	23 rd		Camp routine Drawing tents and heavy gear from Rafa station. Pitching tents and bivouacs. Forming roads	WB
	24 th		Camp routine	WB
	25 th		Camp routine. Voluntary church services	WB
	26 th		Camp Routine	me
	27 th		Camp Routine Major A.C. Humman returned to duty	me
	28 th		Camp Routine Saddle and Harness cleaning.	me
	29 th		Camp Routine Voluntary Church services Lt & Ball marched in from Training Regt	me
	30 th		Camp Routine Training as per syllabus	
	31 st		Camp Routine Training as per syllabus 22 of Rs' marched out to Training Regt for medical Board	



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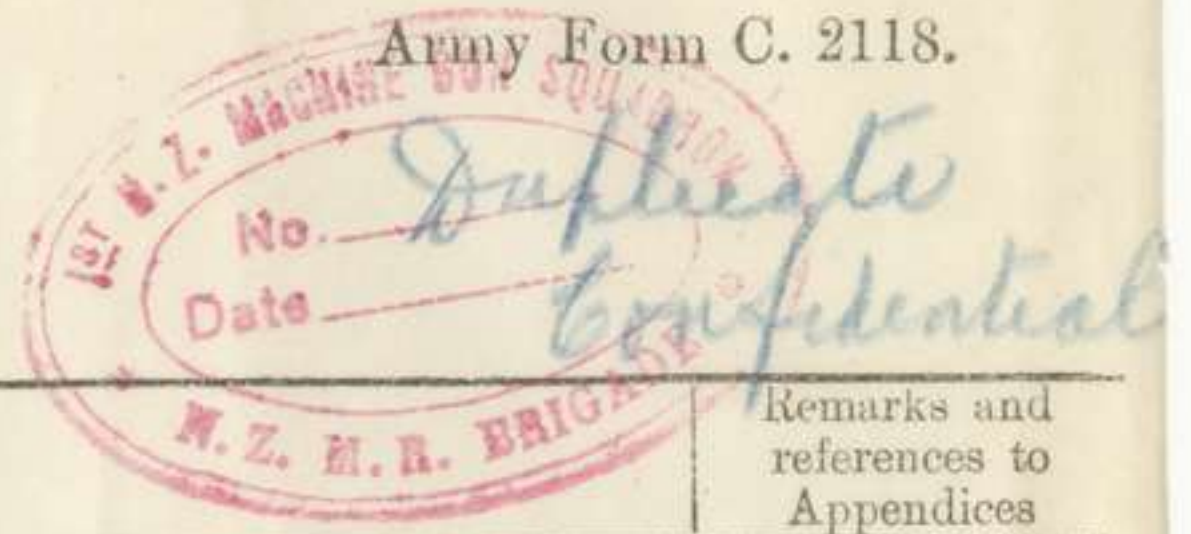
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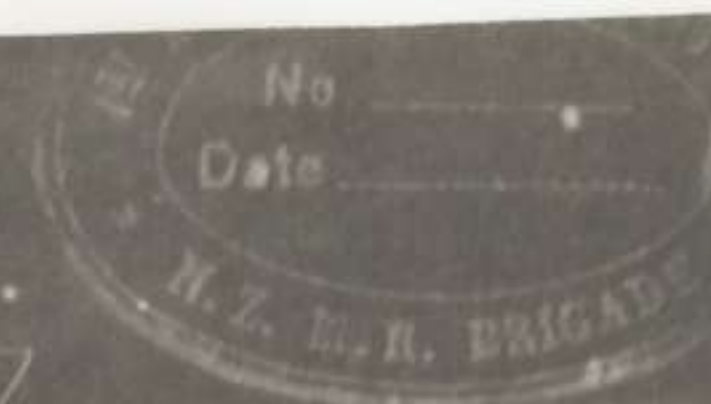
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KHAS'S Rachon	December 1918 4th	

Officers is as set out hereunder with effect from 31/7/18.
 Majors 2 Captains 2 Lieutenants 8 2nd Lieutenants 8 Total 30.
 The following promotions and appointments are recorded
 Captain (Demy Major) W. B. Hemman to be Major to complete
 establishment to date 31/7/18.
 Lieutenant (Demy Captain) J. Mc Barroll to be Captain to complete
 establishment to date 31/7/18.
 2nd Lieutenant L. J. Armstrong DCM to be Lieutenant under the provisions
 of NZEF regulations No 13 to date 14/11/18
 Capt J. Mc Barroll is granted the temporary rank of Major whilst
 commanding 1st NZ Machine Gun Squadron vice Major
 W. B. Hemman to hospital to date 9/11/18
 Lieutenant W. Bobb MC is granted the temporary rank of Captain
 whilst 2nd in command 1st NZ MC Squadron vice Captain
 J. Mc Barroll to temporarily command the Sqdn to date 9/11/18
 Honours and awards. Awarded the Military Cross Lieutenant
 W. Bobb to date 11/11/18. Awarded the Military Medal 5/36
 L/C Finlayson W. J. to date 11/11/18 and 35304 L/C Parker J. H. to date 22/10/18.

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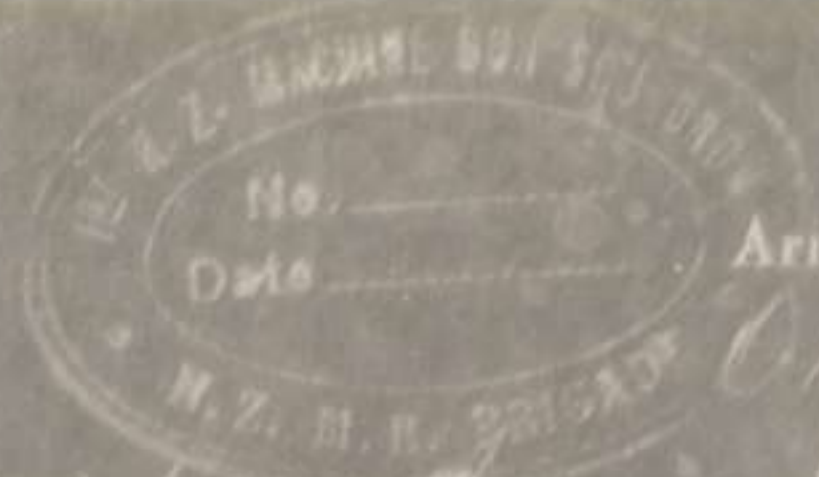
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	6th		Camp routine. One hour mounted training was carried out under section arrangements.	WG
	7th		Camp routine. Saddle and harness cleaning.	WG
	8th		Camp routine Voluntary church service.	WG
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V4A58 Ritchon	10 th		assembled to enquire into the circumstances whereby 2pr Lowry & I was killed.	P.E.F. Sheet B 163360
	11 th		Composite regiment held a race meeting. Camp routine one hour saluting and one hour mounted action was carried out	WB
	12 th		Camp routine. One hour range finding & signalling and one hour mounted drill and saluting was carried out.	WB
	13 th		Camp routine. One hour square drill and one hour mounted gun drill was carried out.	WB
	14 th		Camp routine. Saddle and harness cleaning. Dimensional race meeting	WB
	15 th		Camp routine. Voluntary church service	WB
	16 th		Inspection by the commander-in-chief at 1130. Dismounted	WB



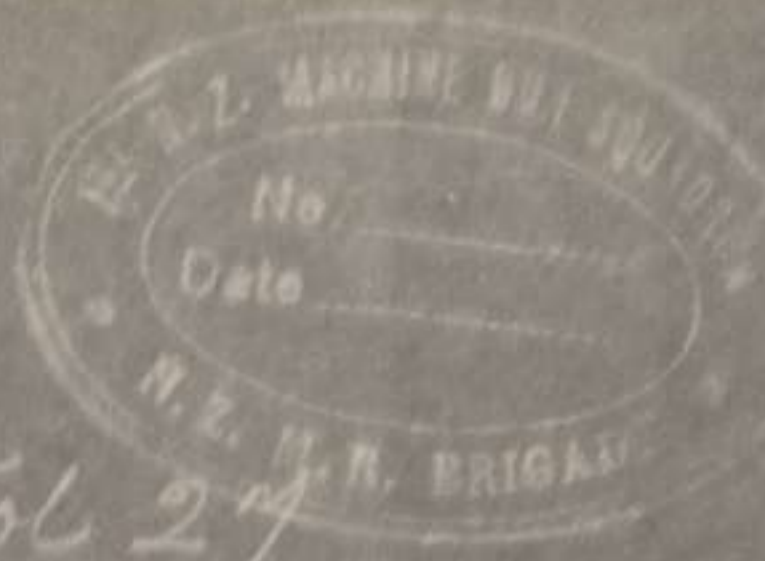
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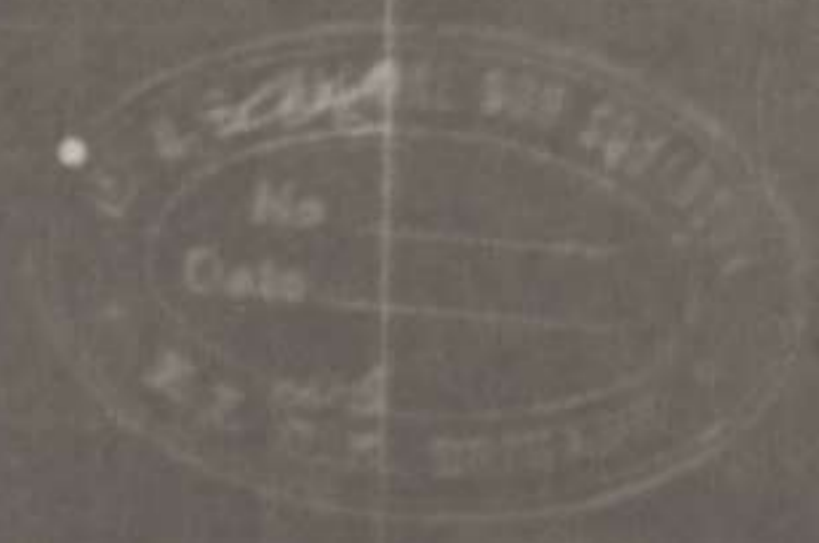
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	19 th		The Brigade moved out en route to MEJDEL at 0845 arrived at MEJDEL at 1430 and bivouaced for the night.	
	20 th		The Brigade moved out en route to GAZA at 0930. arrived GAZA at 1545 and bivouaced for the night.	
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	22 nd		The Brigade moved out en route to RAFA at 0945.	

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RAFA	22 nd		arrived at RAFA at 1400 and prepared camp.	WB RAFA (Provisional) Sheet 055 1:40000
X.2.C.7.0. RAFA	23 rd		camp routine Drawing tents and heavy gear from Rafa station. Pitching tents and bivouacs. Forming roads.	WB
	24 th		camp routine.	WB
	25 th		camp routine. Voluntary church services.	WB
	26 th		camp Routine	MM
	27 th		camp Routine Major A.C. Hinman returned to duty.	MM
	28 th		camp Routine Saddle and Harness cleaning.	MM
	29 th		camp Routine Voluntary Church Services Lt S. Ball marched in from Training Regt	MM
	30 th		camp Routine Training as per syllabus.	MM
	31 st		camp Routine Training as per syllabus 22 O/Rs marched out to Training Regt for medical Board.	MM

J. McCarroll Capt.

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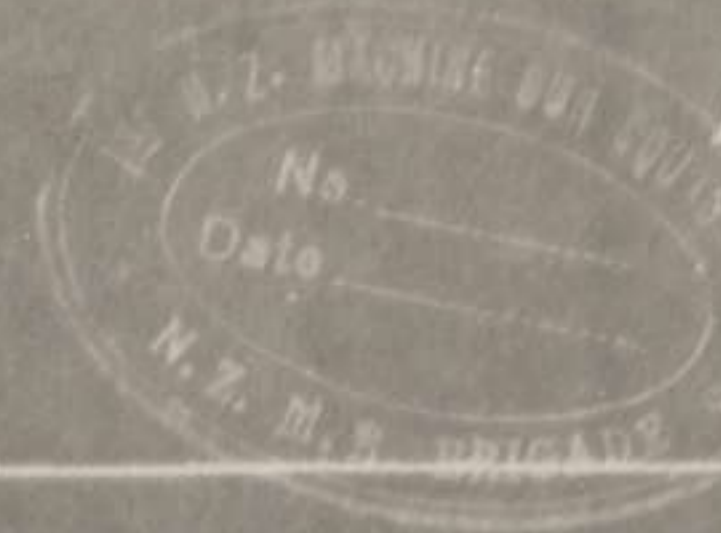
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Jurist College		2	Port Said		6
School of Artillery		3			
Ludd		1			
Ludd		2			
Ismaelia (Boards)	2	24			
Killed		1			
	2	49		2	19

J. McBarroll Capt.

