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September 1918



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5th A.L.H. Bde
Aus. Div.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SURAFEND	Sept. 1.		Sunday. Usual Routine	R 2 AM
	2		Training as per Syllabus.	R 2 AM
	3		" " " " 1 QR to Hoop.	R 2 AM
	4		" " " " " " " "	R 2 AM
	5		" " " " " " " " 1 QR to Hoop.	R 2 AM
	6		" " " " " " " "	R 2 AM
	7		Squadron Horses inspected at Stables by G.O.C. Desert Corps. - Medical Lecture for whole Squadron by Capt Campbell 5th A.L.H.F.A.	R 2 AM
	8		Sunday Routine as usual	R 2 AM
	9		Mobilisation Parade for Squadron & march out. Kit inspection for Reserve	R 2 AM
	10		Squadron paraded in full marching order & took part in Brigade field operations returning to camp 1300. Nos 1 & 3 Sub Sections being attached to 15th Regt & Nos 5 & 6 Sub Sections to 14th Regt. 1 QR to Hoop.	R 2 AM
	11		Nos 2 & 4 Sub Sections reported to 14th Regt at 0900 & took part in 14th Regimental field operations remainder of Squadron general training. Horses were inspected by G.O.C. Australian Division at 1145. All bayonets were taken to Ludd & sharpened. 2 QR to Hoop.	R 2 AM
	12-13		Training as per Syllabus. 1 QR to Hoop	R 2 AM
	14		Squadrons took part in Divisional Field Day. Nos 1 & 5 Sub Sections being attached to French Regiment & Nos 3 & 6 Sub Sections to 15th Regiment	R 2 AM
	15		Training & organisation	R 2 AM
	16		Preparation to move out. 1 QR to Hoop.	R 2 AM
	17		Reserves consisting of 2 officers & 2 ORs marched out to Des. Corps Reinforcements Camp, Ludd. The Squadron moved out with Brigade to Agriculture College near Jaffa at 0900 & camped for the night at 2300. 1 QR to Hoop	R 2 AM
	18		Resting all day & moved out at 1900 & marched to Mulebbis where camped for the night at 2230. 4 QR to Hoop.	R 2 AM

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PALESTINE
SHEET X/11

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	19		Moved off at 0600 watered at river AJJA at 0700 & went through the breach made in Turkish Lines by the Infantry at 0900. The Bde moved in a N.W. direction, attacked & encircled TUL-KERAM on the NNW & NE by 1500. 11 th 142 Sub. Sections attached to 15 th C.H. Regt on advance guard. came into action on the right flank of the advance with A & C Squadrons of the 15 th Regt. No good targets were met with & very little firing was done. After 4 th hour they withdrew & pushed on with the advance. 11 th 144 Sub. Sections attached to the French Regiment pushed on & took up a position commanding the NABLUS road about 2 miles E. of TUL-KERAM. 11 th 146 Sub. Section came into action on North side of Road North of TUL-KERAM & fired on spike from village & gave covering fire to troops collecting Prisoners. No good targets presented themselves. 3000 rounds were expended. 1 Man wounded & missing & 2 horses killed R.P.M.	MAP REF SYRIA - HAIFA 1:250,000
	20.		Moved out from TUL-KERAM at 0100 (11 th 143 Sub. Sections attached to 14 th Regt.) to the Railway at ASSE via DEIREL GHUSN arriving at 1200 & demolished the Railway line. Moved out for TUL-KERAM arriving at 1900. Rations were drawn. Guns were not used. 1 O/R Sick to Hosp. R.P.M.	
	21.		Moved out at 0500 along the NABLUS Road. Brigade arrived N.W. of NABLUS at 1200, where it was held up for 3 hours by small bodies of enemy. 11 th 146 Sub. Sections were attached to 14 th Regt & came into action on the South side of Road about 2000 yards from NABLUS & engaged targets on the opposite side of the Road & covered the advance of the French Regiment into the Town. 2000 Rounds were fired. Casualties nil. Entered the Town at 1500 & passed through to the S. Side & camped for night at BELAGA. Rationed. R.P.M.	
	22.		Moved out at 0800 through NABLUS. SAMARIA & RAMIN arrived at JENIN at 1900. 11 th 148 Sub. Sections with 15 th Regt & 11 th 146 Sub. Sections with 14 th Regt no opposition, Guns not used. 2 O/R Sick to Hosp. R.P.M.	
JENIN	23		Resting at JENIN. Visited by G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division. 1 Officer & 6 O/R to Hosp. Sick. R.P.M.	
	24.		Visited at JENIN by G.O.C. Desert. Corps. moved out at 1500 for MIN-JELUD halted at 2130 & camped. 1 O/R to Hosp. Sick. R.P.M.	
	25.		Moved out at 1900 & marched through EL-FUL & NAZARETH. & reached KEFR KENNA watered & camped at 0400. 7 O/R to Hosp. Sick. R.P.M.	
	26.		Moved out at 1030 for TIBERIAS. arriving at 1600. Watered Rationed & camped for the night. 5 O/R to Hosp. Sick. R.P.M.	
	27.		Left TIBERIAS at 0600 & marched North round the SEA of GALILEE halted at ROSHPINA for Lunch. Moved on for TIER BENAT. YAKUB crossing of the JORDAN. The Brigade was held up here for 12 hours & all were across by next morning. 11 th 146 Sub. Sections with French Regt made a demonstration against the Bridge. Guns taking up a position 1000 yards from River. Engaged enemy at 1500 yards. These Sub. Sections remained in action all night crossing the JORDAN at 0700 & rejoined the Brigade at DEIR ES. SARAS. 11 th 145 Sub. Sections crossed the river at ELMIN with 4 th A.L.H. Regt at 1600 & concentrated at KADORA & awaited the remainder of the Brigade. R.P.M.	

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	27 <i>Cont'd</i>		19 th Sub. Section crossed at the same place with the 14 th Regt at 1630 & concentrated South of EDDORA. Squadron Sqrs followed Bde. HQRS & joined up with 14 th Regt at 1800 & halted for the night owing to darkness & roughness of the Country. <i>3 off to Hosp Sick</i>	MAP REF SYRIA - BEIRUT.
EL KUNEITRA	28		Continued the march along the Main Road to DAMASCUS at 0500. Halted at 1400 at EL KUNEITRA for the day & night	1-250-000
	29		Marched out along the Main Road at 1600 & continued all night	
	30.		Halted at SABA for breakfast & then moved on. The Brigade left the Road at about KARKAB & marched North to the high ground at KALABATEL MAZZE then East to the foot of the Hills. The French Regiment in the Advance Guard were held up on high ground South of ELMEZZE. by Machine Guns. Nos 3 & 5 Sub. Sections with the Advance Guard took up positions on high ground to the left. The Ranges of 1500 to 2000 yards fired on trenches across the road, immediately South of K in KARR SOSE. Nos 2 & 6 Sub. Sections were pushed round to the right of the Road & searched the cultivation to the front. The enemy were dislodged from their position in one hour. The Guns with the French Regt pushed on up through the Hills towards the R in EL RABOE & fired on retreating enemy on BEIRUT-DAMASCUS Road with good effect. No 5 Sub. Section with C Squadron of 14 th Regt pushed on in direction of DUMAR & took up a position on the edge of Pass SE. of DUMAR & engaged retreating enemy troops & transport packed in the Gorge from a range of 100 yards. These Guns inflicted heavy reverse casualties on the enemy which resulted in the capture of many Wagons, Machine Guns & a Train. Nos 1-2 & 6 Sub. Sections were pushed round on to high ground NW of Hill 2380 & engaged the enemy retreating through the Village with good effect. No 4 Sub. Section with A Squadron 14 th Regt entered the Village of EL RABOE when the Guns were got into position commanding the DAMASCUS Road. & also covered A Squadron 14 th Regt collecting Prisoners. The Guns were withdrawn after dark & rejoined 14 th Regt about 1000 yards South of EL RABOE & remained on out post all night. Night coming on an Out Post Line was taken up by Nos 1 & 6 Sub. Sections remaining in their positions NW of HILL 2380, No 2 Sub Section overlooking the track South of E in EL RABOE. & No 5 Sub. Section remained overlooking Road to DAMASCUS.	
			<i>1 off to Hosp.</i>	
			Evacuated to Hospital Sick 1 st to 20. + 1 officer 39 ofrs. Wounded & Missing	
			Total 1 off. 40 ofr	

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Syllabus of Training
For

(4)

2nd N.Z. M.G. Squad

Week ending Sept 9th

Mornings

Daily

Gun Drill

Mornings

Daily

0900 - 1100

Mounted Training

Afternoons.

Monday

Combined Drill

Tuesday

Immediate Action

Wednesday

Points before, during & after firing

Thursday

Mechanism

Friday

Night Firing

Saturday

7.10. Parade.

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Syllabus for Training
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2nd N.Z. M.G. Squadron

for week ending Sept 16th 1918

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Mornings

Firing

afternoons.

Cleaning Guns & Mechanism

Morning-Mounted Parade Afternoons Fitting Tacks

Cleaning of Saddlery Equipment

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Monthly Return

2nd N. Z. M. G. Squadron

Sept 30th 1918

End of August

0. O/R
11 - 567

End of September

0. O/R
7 - 870

Sept 17th Attached from
26th M. G. Squadron -
1 off. 24 O/R

To Hosp 5
With Squad 1 - 19

Difference 3 off. 97 O/Rs

o. Gen. Corps Ludd.	0.	O/R.
" Hospital	2 -	52
* Details Somalia	1 -	40
"		5
<u>Total</u>	<u>3 -</u>	<u>97</u>

* Details Somalia includes 1 off 2 O/R
to Training Cadre Somalia

R. F. Mackenzie, Leut. Col. O. C.
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