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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Romani	18 July 1916		Received intimation of the Formation of a Machine Gun Squadron in 1st L.H. Brigade	G60/8. 8/7/16.
	19 to 31st of	"	After receiving strength of Squadron - made arrangements for camp site: when completed - Starting Sections moving in: M.G. Sections from Regiments formed the nuclei of the Squadron/brought over M.Guns - Horses + all equipment. If possible the Regts were to supply the extra men to bring M.G.Sqdn up to proper establishment. This was impossible + application was made to draw on Training Regts for necessary men. This was granted + To complete establishment of Officers - Sergts R Davis: Warrnt Offr F. Harvey of 1st 2nd 3rd Regts were interviewed by Brigadier + recommended for Commissions in their respective Sections. M.G. Sections (Brigaded) left Romani (21st) + bivouacked @ Quatia: During afternoon a Section of the Ayrshire Battery arrives + drove through Quatia M.G. Section (2nd Regt) was sent out as flank protection - whilst Battery shelled Oghratina - nothing untoward happened - which would have caused the Section to come into action. On the Battery withdrawing late in the afternoon - the M.G.s accompanied it: Brigade left Quatia for Romani about 1930.	

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Romani	22 July 16		Lieut R. Wordsworth returned to duty - absent since 25th May, 1916.	
	23	"	2nd Brigade to Katia + M.G.S. sent out w/- 1st Regt. who were out in front in touch with enemy: No casualties.	
	25	"	B.H.Q. supplied with returns relating to M.G.S. (25th) Brigade out to Katia + M.G.S. sent out w/- 3rd Regt. but day uneventful. Reached Romani 2215.	
	27	"	Brigade to Romani: M.G.'s accompanied 1st + 2 Regts. Nothing happened	
	28	"	Busy attending to Indents. etc.	
	29	"	Brigade to Duidia + M.G.S. went out w/- 1st Regt.	
	30	"	Instructed to proceed to Kantara Tel el Kebir collect 78 horses + 116 men:	
Tel el Kebir	1 Aug	"	Reported to Lt. Arnott + received order to draw men - Back to Training Regt. and inspected men who were detailed for M.G.S.	
	2	"	Received all papers in connection w/- draft of men + left for Romani - arriving 1800 same day. Brigade was out on another stunt - so remained in camp w/- men. Received copy of Mobilization Store Table.	
	3	"	Sorting out men to various Sections: Informed B.H.Q. would not risk putting guns into firing line w/- absolutely raw men - Could only guarantee 2 + (6)	12

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Romani	3 Aug 1916		Instructed to send Reinforcements to various Regiments: Saw D.A.D.O.S. in afternoon complained of delay in supply of articles required. Section on outpost at night. Horses also allotted to Regts.	
	4/5th.		Sections out w/- 2nd 3rd Regts: 1 Section in reserve w/- B.H.Q. Attack by Turks early in morning: took up position w/- Reserve guns & covered withdrawal of Regt. from neighborhood of Mt Meredith. after which guns were withdrawn & accompanied B.H.Q. & remained with it all day: Moved out at night & bivouacked. Marched out at 0400. Struck Hod El Enna: Saw results of previous days engagement. Afternoon - M.G. Sections (2) moved up to support 1st Regt & M.G. Section (1) in the attack on Katia. Objective attained & Brigade withdrew at dusk.	
	6th		Busy sorting out captured M.G. equipment. Sent 3 German M.G. guns to Ordnance. These captured by 1st L.H. Bde M.G. Squadron.	
	8.		Brigade left for Katia: bivouacked & left for Bir El Abd.	
	9.		Arrived Bir El Abd & soon got engaged w/- enemy - M.G. guns in position & got onto good targets. Remained for few hours & then took guns right up & opened fire on Turkish infantry - stopping their advance - Our position becoming untenable withdrew	

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Bir El Abd	9 Aug	16.	Artillery in action: M.G. Sections attached to Regts. & covered withdrawal of troops - after which Brigade reformed & withdrew to Oghratina - bivouacking there until 10th - then left for Uegiliat & stopped there until 13th when we left for Romani.	
	14-21st		Quiet period after engagement - taking stock of shortages - losses etc.	
	22.		Made another application for more men.	
	24.		Horses inoculated against Glanders etc	
	26.		Inspection by Brigadier Col	
	27		Interviewed Brigadier re formation of Squadron.	
	30		Eighteen men of 4th Regt returned to their Unit: Lieut Wordsworth applied for transfer back to 1st Regt. recommended it.	
	1 Sept		First batch men to Pt Said on leave.	
	3.		Visited Regts. re training of Lewis Gun Sections & found majority of them in favor of training by their own officers - so reported to B.H.Q.	
	4		To B.H.Q. re more men & horses.	
	5		Got out scheme for Horse Transport for B.H.Q.	
	6th-7th		Return of Horses. Saddlery & Men made out - as if for Mobile Sqdn.	

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Romani	9 Sept	1916	Received 41 men from details. Brig^dr Gen Cox. visited Classes of Instruction.	
	10	"	Received 60 men from details.	
	11th		Sorted out men to different Sections etc.	
	12		Lieut H Hackney evacuated Sick. Gen Cox rode through Camp. applied for range for gun practice.	
	13		Generals Butler & Cox visited Horse Lines. Tested Guns in afternoon.	
	14.		B.H.Q. requested an officer to supervise shooting by Lewis Gun Sections - Lieut Mr. Smith & Mr. Davis.	
	15		Issued w/ Camels etc for stunt to Bir El Abd - Left Romani 1900. & reached Bir El Abd about 0545 - 16th & bivouacked. ~~in reserve~~	
	17th		Left Bir El Abd & reached Moscefig where we lay in reserve for attacking force & Nagar. Services not required. Left for Bir El Abd 14/30-1500 & bivouacked there for night	
	18		Left Bir El Abd 0915 & reached Romani 1800. Horses very tired. Horses inspected on way in.	
	19		Gen Butler & Cox rode through lines to see Horses.	
	20/23		Quiet time. Nothing much doing	
	24		Gen Cox inspected Horse lines.	

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Romani	25 Sept	16	Inspection instruction to be given by Col De La Pryme of A.S. Corps on method of harnessing packing M.G. Pack horses.	
	26		Lieut R. Smith applied for transfer to R.F.C. Recommended. Camp visited by G.O.C.	
	27		Parade for Presentation of Decorations by Gen Chauvel. Busy carting goods to station en route to Kantara.	
	28		Left Romani @ 0515 struck Hill 70 about 1200. Camped there ~~until~~.	
	29	30	Settling down. Inspection of Horses by Gen. Bates, Butler & Cox.	

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