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WAR DIARY  
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAFA	1st	1400	Physical exercises from 0630 to 0645. Saddle inspection by the C.O. Schools during the morning Routine work + Games afternoon	WH
"	2nd	"	Voluntary Church parade during the morning + evening LIEUT. O'HARR and 3 other ranks to CAIRO on Leave at 1015. Routine work	WH
"	3rd	"	Mounted Troop drill and ceremonial drill 36 other ranks to BEEFSHEBA on Leave Routine work and Games in the afternoon	WH
"	4th	"	Physical exercises before breakfast schools from 1000 to 1200 Routine work + Games during the afternoon	WH
"	5th	"	Physical exercises before breakfast schools and routine during the morning LIEUT. DAVIS M.C. was a member of a	WH
"	6th	"	field General Court martial LIEUT. AHEARNE attended for instruction. Games and routine work with afternoon	WH
"	7th	"	All school classes cancelled with the exception of Bookkeeping through the Y.M.C.A. Tent being blown down during a storm east night Lectures on Veterinary Science and Internal Combustion engines. Routine work and Games in the afternoon	WH
"	7th	"	Mounted Troop + Squadron drill from 1000 to 1200 Routine work + Games during the afternoon 33 other ranks from MOASCAR arrived yesterday afternoon at 1700.	WH
"	8th	"	Divisional Sports commenced at 0900. Collected all ammunition and cleaned it Routine work during the afternoon	WH
"	9th	"	Voluntary Church parade Routine work	WH
"	10th	"	Handed in a 104,000 rounds of S&A to the Dump at RAFA Cleaning up and handing in saddlery Trial of N° 57 S.S.M.	WH
"	11th	"	Kitchens by F.C.M. Routine work	WH
"	11th	"	Cleaning and handing in of saddlery, schools during the morning Routine work and Fatigue in the afternoon	WH
"	12th	"	Schools, churning of saddlery during the morning Lieut. DAVIS M.C. was unable to sick Fatigue and routine work	WH
"	13th	"	Schools. Handing in all Pack Saddlery and saddles not required to Ordnance routine work	WH
"	14th	"	Kit inspection and checking by the C.O. Lieut. McWILLIAM during the morning routine work + Games in the afternoon	WH
"	14th	"	1 Officer and 58 other ranks prophylaxed for measles Routine work The Divisional Gymkhana held during the day no other work performed	WH
"	15th	"	Voluntary Church parade the sentence of 3 months severity on S.S.M. HOTCHINS by F.C.M. Promulgated	WH
"	16th	"	Lieut. Mac Donald reported for duty on receiving his commission at the Cadet School ZEITOUN	WH
"	17th	"	Physical exercises at reveille. Handing in of saddlery etc to Ordnance Routine work	WH
"	18th	"	Physical exercises at reveille received order that a quantity of horses will leave by train at 0100. Lieut. AHEARNE	WH
"	18th	"	and HARTNETT + 63 other ranks will take the animals down	WH
"	19th	"	161 Riders 32 Pack horses 2 Pack Mules dispatched from camp at 0100 for RAFA where they were entrained for KANTARA and then taken by road to Australian Remount Depot MOASCAR. Cleaning up of horse camp	WH
"	19th	"	disinfecting horse blankets Cleaning saddlery etc Routine work	WH
"	20th	"	Sgt. MULLER and 22 men left camp at 0300 with 44 pack horses + 25 Mules for Remount Depot MOASCAR. LIEUT. GARRIE and 1 man + horse rejoined the SADDLERY from the Agricultural Luggage S&A	WH

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RAFA	1919 20 <sup>th</sup> Febru	1800	Sgt. MILLER & 22 Men left camp at 0300 with 44 Draught Horses & 25 Mules for the removal Depot MOASCAR. Handing in of Harness and 12 G.S. Limbs to Colonel LIEUT GARVIE M.B. 1 man and 2 horses rejoined the 2nd Squadron from the Agricultural College RAFA.	
"	21 <sup>st</sup>	"	Handed in 5 G.S. Limbs and Horses LIEUT AHERNE & HARTNET with 63 other ranks rejoined from MOASCAR after handing in the horses to the removal Depot.	
"	22 <sup>nd</sup>	"	Sgt MILLER and 22 men rejoined after handing in horses to removal Depot MOASCAR. Educational classes and C.O. inspection of clothing etc during the morning. Games during the afternoon.	
"	23 <sup>rd</sup>	"	Routine work and Voluntary church parades.	
"	24 <sup>th</sup>	"	Physical Exercises from 0645 to 0715. General parade at 1000. General Chancel addressed the Brigade at 1030. Took over 10 Horses from the 2 <sup>nd</sup> AMB Squadron. Routine work and Games during the afternoon.	
"	25 <sup>th</sup>	"	Physical Exercises from 0645 to 0715. Educational Classes at 1000. Dismounted drill at 1000 to 1130.	
"	26	"	Physical exercises from 0645 to 0715. Officer & N.C.O. class at 0715 to 0745. Paid out the Squadron. Schools, dismounted troop and marching drill from 1000 to 1130. Routine work and Games during the afternoon.	
"	27	"	Physical exercises from 0645 to 0715. Officer & N.C.O. class from 0715 to 0745. Dismounted drill and marching from 1000 to 1130. Routine work & Games during the afternoon.	
"	28 <sup>th</sup>	"	Physical Exercises from 0645 to 0715. Officer and N.C.O. class on communication drill and physical exercises from 0715 to 0745. Dismounted Troop drill and Marching from 1000 to 1130. Routine work and Games during the afternoon.	

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