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SAKATY	1st		1 section (4 guns) reported to to 6th LH Regt on outpost at Point 1120.	B.P.
	1st		1 sub-section (2 guns) reported to 5th LH Regt & proceeded on a reconnaissance to MARKRUNEH returning to camp at 2130.	B.P.
	2nd		Squadron moved out with 2nd LH Bde. 1 sub-section attached to 6th Regt	B.P.
			1 sub-section to 5th Regt & 1 sub-section to 7th LH Regt & proceeded on a reconnaissance towards DHARIYEAH taking up a position on hill in vicinity of 1490.	B.P.
	3rd		Squadron moved with 2nd LH Bde to position on hills, 1 section (4 guns) reported to 5th LH Regt who proceeded on a reconnaissance to the north east of DHARIYEAH remaining with Regt on their return.	B.P.
	4th		1 section (4 guns) on outpost with 7th Regt & 1 sub-section (2 guns) on outpost with 6th Regt.	B.P.
	5th		2 sections (8 guns) reported to Imperial Camel Corps for special duty moving off the lines at 1400 & arriving at KHUWELFEH the following morning. 1 section (4 guns) remaining with 2nd LH Bde	B.P.
	6th		2 sections (8 guns) in action with Imperial Camel Brigade & 158th Infantry Brigade at KHUWELFEH sustaining 27 casualties (8 killed 19 wounded including Captain J.R. Cain OC Squadron, Lieut R.B. Dixon & Lieut R.S. Owen Jones ^{wounded} & Lieut A.L. Muir killed). 1 section (4 guns) with 2nd LH Bde withdrew from hills & at 1615 proceeded to BEERSHEBA & watered horses moving out again at 1615. Left BEERSHEBA & concentrated with 2nd LH Bde S of SHERIA	B.P.
	7th		1 section (4 guns) advanced with 2nd LH Bde from 4 miles from SHERIA to AMEIDAT. 1 sub-section attached to 6th LH Regt 1 sub-section to 5th LH Regt	B.P.

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DILAKH	7 th		5 th Regt occupied DILAKH late in afternoon + 1 sub section remained on outpost with them. 2 sections (8 guns) withdrew from position at KHUWEILFEH held by Imperial Camel Bde + bivouaced at BEERSHEBA for night	BRP
HESY	8 th		1 st section advanced with 5 th Regt + 1 sub section with 6 th Regt from DILAKH to WADI HESI + NEGILE + watered horses. 2 guns captured of 5 th Regt + 3 guns of 6 th Regt. 2 sections (8 guns) reported back from detached duty with I C C Bde. Towards nightfall.	BRP
	9 th		Advanced from HESY (1 sub section with 5 th Regt 1 sub section with 6 th Regt + 1 section with 7 th Regt) to BUREIR, HULEIKAT + SUAFIREL GHARRIYE. During the day, about 1200 prisoners 11 guns + large quantity of transport was captured by Brigade. Squadron mobilized	BRP
ES SUAFIREL GHARRIYE	10 th		Squadron shelled heavily in morning casualties 2 killed + 8 wounded + 12 horses killed. Squadron moved with 2 nd LH Bde at 1800 to HAMAME	BRP
HAMAME	11 th		Horses watered on track after being without for some 72 hours. Resting	BRP
	12 th		Squadron resting	BRP
248	13 th		Moved from HAMAME into Desert Coy. Reserve with 2 nd LH Bde + bivouaced near 248 2 miles S of SUAFIR. ESH. SNERRIYE.	BRP
JUNCTION STATION	14 th		Moved from Point 248 to JUNCTION STATION through ET. TINE. 1 sub section attached to 7 th LH Regt.	BRP
	15 th		Remained at JUNCTION STATION.	BRP
RAS DEIRAN	16 th		Moved from JUNCTION STATION to RAS DEIRAN + bivouaced	BRP
	17 th		Remained in bivouac	BRP
LUDD	18 th		Moved from RAS DEIRAN to LUDD + bivouaced	BRP
	19/20 th		Remained in bivouac	BRP
YAZIR.	21 st		Moved from LUDD to YAZIR. + bivouaced	BRP
	22/23 rd		Remained in bivouac	BRP

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SW of MULEBBIS.	25 th		Moved from YAZAR with 2nd LH Bde who remained as reserve SW of MULEBBIS and bivouaced. A few 5.9 shells fell close to Squadron no casualties resulting. 1 sub section (2 guns) attached to 5 th LH Regt.	N.P.
	26 th		1 section (4 guns) on outpost with 5 th Regt. Squadron heavily shelled at about 1630 with 5.9s. Casualties NIL.	N.P.
	27 th		Moved back to about 1 mile from previous bivouac site to avoid enemy shelling: 1 section (4 guns) relieved 1 section with 5 th Regt on outpost & 1 sub section in reserve.	N.P.
	28 th		1 section (4 guns) relieved 1 section with 5 th LH Regt on outpost. Line very heavily shelled during the day. 1 sub section returned from reserves.	N.P.
	29 th		1 section (4 guns) relieved 1 section with 5 th LH Regt on outpost. 1 sub section reported to 6 th LH Regt in Reserve. Line very heavily shelled throughout the day & night.	N.P.
	30 th		1 section (4 guns) relieved 1 section on outpost line & 1 sub section relieved sub section in reserve. Much shelling throughout day.	N.P.

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			1 sub section (12 guns) reported to 5th LH Regt & proceeded on a reconnaissance to MARKAUNEH returning to camp at 2130	O.P.
	2nd	1	Squadron moved out with 2nd LH Bde. 1 sub section attached to 6th Regt	O.P.
			1 sub section to 5th Regt. 4 sub sections to 7th LH Regt & proceeded on a reconnaissance towards DARRIYEAH taking up a position on Hill in vicinity of 1490.	O.P.
	3rd	1	Squadron moved with 2nd LH Bde to position at hill, 1 section (4 guns) reported to 5th Regt. they proceeded on a reconnaissance to the north east of DARRIYEAH remaining with Regt on their return.	O.P.
	4th	1	1 section (4 guns) on outpost with 7th Regt & 1 sub section (2 guns) on outpost with 6th Regt.	O.P.
	5th	1	2 sections (8 guns) reported to Imperial Camel Corps for special duty moving off the line at 1400 - arriving at KHUWELFEH the following morning. 1 section (4 guns) remaining with 2nd LH Bde	O.P.
	6th	1	2 sections (8 guns) in action with Imperial Camel Brigade & 15th Infantry Brigade at KHUWELFEH sustained 27 casualties (8 killed 19 wounded) including Captain in command of Squadron & Lt. Brown & 2nd Lt. Brown from 1st Coy. At 11th Hill (d) 1 section (4 guns) with 2nd LH Bde proceeded to	O.P.
			BEEKSHEBA & watered horses moving out again at 1615. 2nd BEEKSHEBA & concentrated with 2nd LH Bde S of SHERIA	O.P.
	7th	1	1 section (4 guns) advanced with 2nd LH Bde from 4 miles from SHERIA to AMEIDAT. 1 sub section attached to 6th LH Regt & 1 sub section to 5th LH Regt	O.P.

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HESY	8 th	✓	1 sub section advanced into 5 th Regt + 1 sub section into 6 th Regt from DILAKH to WADI HESI + NEGIHE + watered horses 2 guns captured by 5 th Regt + 3 guns by 6 th Regt. 2 sections (8 guns) reported back from detached duty with I.C.C. Bde towards nightfall.	DRP
	9 th	✓	Advanced from HESY (1 sub section into 5 th Regt + 1 sub section into 6 th Regt + 1 section into 7 th Regt) to BUREIR, HULEIKAT + SUAFIREL GHARRIYE. During the day about 1200 prisoners 11 guns + large quantity of transport was captured by Brigade. Squadron mobilized	DRP
ES SUAFIREL GHARRIYE	10 th	✓	Squadron shelled heavily in morning Casua. this 2 killed + 8 wounded + 13 horses killed. Squadron moved with 2 nd LH Bde at 1800 to HAMAME	DRP
HAMAME	11 th	✓	Horses watered on beach after bay, without for some 72 hours. Resting	DRP
	12 th		Squadron resting	DRP
248	13 th	✓	Moved from HAMAME into Desert Camp Reserve with 2 nd LH Bde + bivouaced near 248 20 miles S of SUAFIR. ESH SHERKIYE.	DRP
JUNCTION STATION	14 th	✓	Moved from Point 248 to JUNCTION STATION through ET. TIME. 1 sub section attached to 7 th LH Regt	DRP
	15 th		Remained at JUNCTION STATION.	DRP
RAS DEIRAN	16 th	✓	Moved from JUNCTION STATION to RAS DEIRAN + bivouaced	DRP
	17 th		Remained in bivouac	DRP
LUDD	18 th	✓	Moved from RAS DEIRAN to LUDD + bivouaced	DRP
	19 th		Remained in bivouac	DRP
YAZIR	21 st	✓	Moved from LUDD to YAZIR + bivouaced	DRP
	22 nd		Remained in bivouac	DRP
	23 rd			DRP

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	26 th	✓	1 section (4 guns) on outpost with 5 th Regt. Squadron heavily shelled at about 1630 with S.Gs. Casualties NIL.	M.P.
	27 th	✓	Moved back to about 1 mile from previous Brownac site to avoid enemy shelling. 1 section (4 guns) relieved 1 section with 5 th Regt on	M.P.
	28 th	✓	outpost. 1 sub section in reserve.	M.P.
	29 th	✓	1 section (4 guns) relieved 1 section with 5 th LH Regt on outpost. Due very heavily shelled during the day. 1 sub section returned from reserves.	M.P.
	30 th	✓	1 section (4 guns) relieved 1 section with 5 th LH Regt on outpost. 1 sub section reported to 6 th LH Regt in Reserve. Due very heavily shelled throughout the day & night. 1 section (4 guns) relieved 1 section on outpost line & 1 sub section relieved sub sect. in reserve. Much shelling throughout day.	M.P.

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