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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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*January 1918. 2nd M.G. Squadron*

| PLACE       | DATE   | PARTICULARS.   | Place        | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
|-------------|--|--|--------------|------|------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ESDUD       | Jan'y 1  | New Year's Day. General Routine. 2 O.R. evacuated.   | <i>ESDUD</i> |      |      |                                   |                                      |
|             | 2 to 10  | Horses exercised daily, and training carried out included Description, Mechanism, Dismounted Gun Drill. 6 O.R. evacuated and Captain J.R. Cain M.C. with 7 O.R. marched in from M.G. Training Squadron, MOASCAR on 10/1/18.  |              |      |      |                                   |                                      |
|             | 11   | Squadron on parade with 2nd L.H. Bde for purpose of being photographed by official Photographer in morning. Cleaning up camp prior to move in afternoon. 2 O.R. evacuated. Squadron moved out with 2nd L.H. Bde from ESDUD at 1000 arriving at WADI HANEIN at 1530 and established camp on allotted site. Rain falling heavily throughout the day. |              |      |      |                                   |                                      |
| WADI HANEIN | 12   | Squadron moved out with 2nd L.H. Bde from ESDUD at 1000 arriving at WADI HANEIN at 1530 and established camp on allotted site. Rain falling heavily throughout the day.  |              |      |      |                                   |                                      |
|             | 13 to 15   | Horses exercised daily. Training carried out included Dismounted Gun Drill, Mechanism and Gas Respirator instruction. 20 O.R. evacuated.   |              |      |      |                                   |                                      |
|             | 16   | Squadron on parade with 2nd L.H. Bde for inspection and address by Lieut Genl. Sir H.G. Chauvel K.C.M.G., C.B. G.O.C. Desert Mounted Corps in morning, exercising horses in afternoon. 1 O.R. evacuated.   |              |      |      |                                   |                                      |
|             | 17 to 20   | Training carried out included Mounted Drill, Description and Mechanism, and Saddlery Cleaning. 2 O.R. reported from Hospital.  |              |      |      |                                   |                                      |
|             | 21   | Mounted Drill in morning. Gas Respirator instruction in afternoon. Capt C.W. Harris and 2 O.R. reported from Anzac Mtd Division Details, DEIR SENEID. Capt C.W. Harris taking over duties of 2nd in Command, vice Captain R.G. Rose embarked for Australia.  |              |      |      |                                   |                                      |
|             | 22 to 24   | Training carried included Mounted Drill (Tactical) Description, Mechanism and Signalling   |              |      |      |                                   |                                      |
|             | 25   | Grazing Horses in morning Mechanism in afternoon. 2 O.R. reported from M.G. Training Squadron, MOASCAR   |              |      |      |                                   |                                      |
| 26 to 31    | Training carried included Mounted Drill, Dismounted Gun Drill, Description, Mechanism and Gas Respirator Instruction. Horses being grazed on two mornings. 1 O.R. evacuated. |  |              |      |      |                                   |                                      |

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