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**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,  
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**Title:** 2nd Australian Machine Gun  
Squadron

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2<sup>nd</sup> A L H Brigade Machine Gun  
Squadron

War Diary

For period from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 30<sup>th</sup> November 1916



CW Huxtable Capt.  
O.C. 2<sup>nd</sup> A L H Brigade Machine Gun Squadron



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Hill 70	1/11/16		Troop drill during morning, Instruction in Semaphore + Mechanism in afternoon. 1 off + 40 OR on leave to Port Said Rest Camp	
	2/11/16		Morning:- Troop drill. Afternoon:- Instruction Semaphore + Mechanism	
	3/11/16		Morning:- Troop drill. Afternoon:- Instruction Semaphore + Mechanism	
	4/11/16		Morning:- Cleaning Saddles + Horse Line. Afternoon:- Recreation	
	5/11/16		Morning:- Church Parade at 1000. Afternoon:- Recreation	
	6/11/16		Morning:- Troop drill. Afternoon:- Instruction Semaphore + Mechanism	
	7/11/16		Morning:- Troop drill. Afternoon:- Instruction Semaphore + Mechanism 1 off + 40 OR returned from Port Said Rest Camp. At 0800 1 off + 40 OR proceeded on leave to Port Said Rest Camp.	
	8/11/16		Morning:- Troop drill. Afternoon:- Instruction Semaphore + Mechanism	
	9/11/16		Morning:- Troop drill. Afternoon:- Instruction Semaphore + Mechanism	
	10/11/16		Morning:- Troop drill. Afternoon:- Instruction Semaphore + Mechanism	
	11/11/16		Morning: Cleaning Saddles + Horse Line. Afternoon Recreation. Lieut E. J. Zouch transferred to 7 <sup>th</sup> L. H. Regiment. N° 10A Temp Lt Albert Stanley Mann appointed 2 <sup>d</sup> Lieut to complete establishment. DRO N° 2 Rest Coy.	



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Hill 70	12/11/16		Morning at 1000 Church Parade Afternoon - Recreation	
	13/11/16		Morning - Squadron Drill Afternoon - Instruction Semaphore + Mechanism 1 off + 40 OR returned from Port Said Rest Camp at 1200. 1 off 35 OR proceeded on leave to Port Said Rest Camp at 0800.	
	<del>14/11/16</del>			
	14/11/16		Morning - Squadron Drill Afternoon - Instruction Semaphore + Mechanism	
	15/11/16		Morning - Squadron Drill Afternoon - Instruction Semaphore + Mechanism. 1 OR attached to 2nd Bde Camel Transport for instructional purpose.	
	16/11/16		Morning - Squadron Drill Afternoon - Instruction Semaphore + Mechanism	
	17/11/16		Morning - Squadron Drill Afternoon - Instruction Semaphore + Mechanism 2 OR reported to No 67 (Australian) Squadron Royal Flying Corps, Kantara for Trade Test. Professional attachment.	
	18/11/16		Morning - Cleaning Saddles + Zines Afternoon - Recreation	
	19/11/16		Morning - Church Parade at 1000 Afternoon - Recreation. 1 off 34 OR returned from Rest Camp Port Said at 1200. 1 officer proceeded on leave to Rest Camp Port Said at 0800.	
	20/11/16		Morning - Squadron Drill Afternoon - Instruction Semaphore + Mechanism	
	21/11/16		Morning - Squadron Drill Afternoon - Instruction Semaphore + Mechanism	
	22/11/16		Morning + Afternoon - Packing up + Cleaning Camp prior to moving out with Brigade	



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Hill 70	23/11/16	1000	Squadron, consisting of 8 off 189 OR with 265 Horses & 24W Limbers moved out from Hill 70, leaving 1 Coy + 18 men to proceed to 2nd LH Brigade detail, Kantara, together with 4 horses.	
ROMANI	23/11/16	1530	Reached Romani with 2nd LH Brigade & bivouaced for night.	
	24/11/16	1000	Moved out from Romani with 2nd LH Brigade less 5th Regiment	
KHIRBA	24/11/16	1600	Reached Khirba & bivouaced.	
	25/11/16	1000	Moved out from Khirba with 2nd LH Brigade less 5th, 6th Regiments	
HASSANIYA	25/11/16	1200	Reached Hassaniya with 2nd LH Brigade less 5th, 6th Regiments. The Camp site have been fixed, horse lines were erected & Squadron occupied same	
	26/11/16		Erecting bivouacs in lieu of tents, digging latrines & generally putting camp in order. A Troop with 2 Machine Guns on outpost that night	
	27/11/16		Fatigue & cleaning camp. B Troop with 2 guns on night outpost	
	28/11/16		Squadron provided all outposts at night, with C Troop 2 guns	
	29/11/16		Troop Drill & exercising horses. D Troop on night outpost with 2 guns	
	30/11/16		Troop Drill & exercising horses. E Troop on night outpost with 2 guns	