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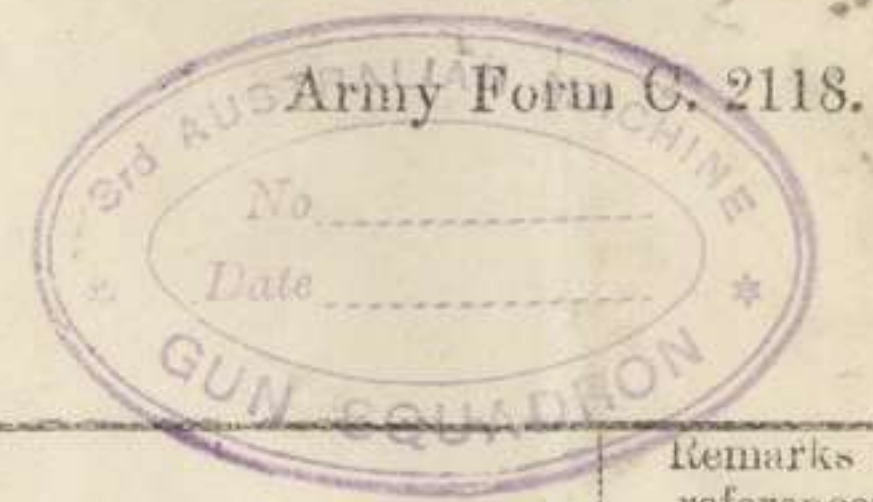
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Jordan Valley	1-6-18	0330 0500 0515	<p>The Squadron stood to arms . All clear Report received . A working party of 23 O/Rs carried out 4 hours anti-marial measures on the Wadi Malahah MELLAHAH Lt Moore and 2 O/Rs marched out to Zeitoun School of Instruction . Weather extremely hot.</p>	<p>all</p>																
Jordan Valley	2-6-18	0330 0500	<p>The Sqdn stood to arms. All clear report received. Eight enemy planes came over dropping about 50 bombs on the Auja defences and the horses in the river flats . Two heavy bombs dropped in the Sqdn area while another dropped close to the anti-malarial party who had left the Sqdn lines causing the following total casualties 7 O/Rs wounded 3 of whom were evacuated .</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Horses</td> <td>Killed</td> <td>2</td> <td>rides</td> <td>28</td> <td>Dghts</td> <td>Total</td> <td>30.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Wounded</td> <td>9</td> <td>"</td> <td>9</td> <td>"</td> <td>3 Packs.</td> <td>" 21.</td> </tr> </table> <p>All wounded horses were evacuated. No casualty of men occurred in the Sqdn lines. of 23 O/Rs. Anti malarial working party ^{of 23 O/Rs} carried out 4 hours work in Wadi Malahah MELLAHAH . Weather cloudy affording good cover from men for aeroplanes. (view)</p>	Horses	Killed	2	rides	28	Dghts	Total	30.		Wounded	9	"	9	"	3 Packs.	" 21.	<p>Ref. Map. 163.360 Series</p>
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Jordan Valley	3-6-18	0330 0500 0515 2000	<p>The Sqdn stood to arms. All clear report received . Enemy shelled camp and vicinity with armour piercing shells of about 4.2" calibre without inflicting casualties. No anti malarial party supplied. Large working party detailed by Sqdn to bury dead horses. C&D Sub-sections under Lt Lawry reported to 9th L.H.Regt at 2000, ^{who were to} to take over the garrison of the sub-sector.</p>	<p>all A.L. Shanks Salt</p>																

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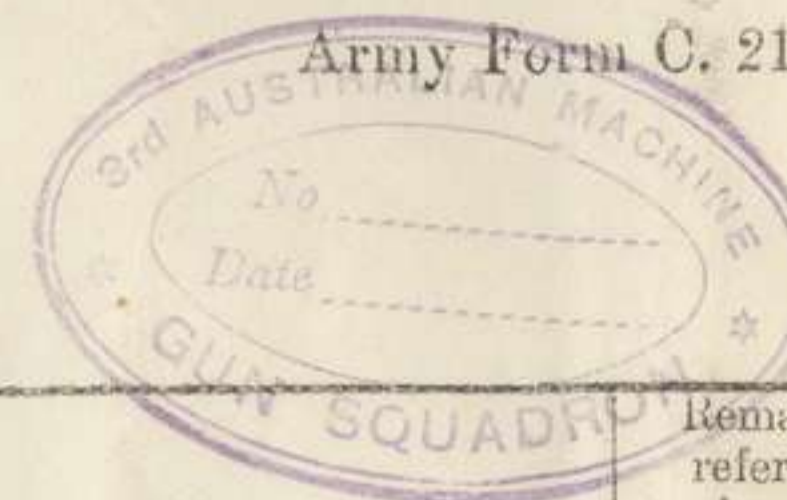
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Jordan Valley	4-6-18	0330 0500 0515 1500	<p>The Sqdn stood to arms. All clear report received. Anti material party of 10 O/Rs carried out 4 hours work on the Wadi MELLAHAH One other rank proceeded on leave. 4 O/Rs to Field Ambulance sick. 2/Lt Brede (wounded) rejoined Sqdn from hospital. A&B subsections relieved by 22nd Mounted Brigade & returned to Sqdn Headquarters. Seven G.S. limbered wagons sent to new camp area Y.28. Central.</p>	<i>all</i>
Jordan Valley	5-6-18	0515 0815 2220	<p>No stand to arms. Anti Material party of 23 O/Rs again carried out work at Wadi MELLAHAH. The Sqdn (less C&D subsections) saddled up and moved out in full marching order at 1915. to a point Y.28.C. central in No 4 area. Reached Y.28.C. central and bivouaced for the night. The night was warm and dark, the dense clouds of dust making it difficult to keep touch with the column while passing over rough ground in the foot hills West of the JORDAN.</p>	<i>all</i>
Y28c central	6-6-18	0330 0515	<p>The Sqdn stood to arms All clear report received. Capt Chanter, Lt Lawry, 2/Lt Brede & 2/Lt Patterson carried out a reconnaissance of No 4 Subsector. Bivouacs erected and camp put in order. Thirteen cases of beer collected at A.I.F. Canteen. Enemy aerial activity very slight. Weather extremely hot.</p>	<i>all</i>
Y28c central	7-6-18	0330 0500 1800	<p>The Sqdn stood to arms. All clear report received. Reciprocal artillery activity causing grass fires in front of No 4 Subsector. Enemy aircraft inactive. A working party of 1 N.C.O. & 20 men reported to Officer I/C 8th L.H. working party and carried 4 hours entrenching in No 3 Subsector. 4 reinforcements arrived from Jericho post Camp.</p>	<i>all</i> <i>Reinforcement</i>

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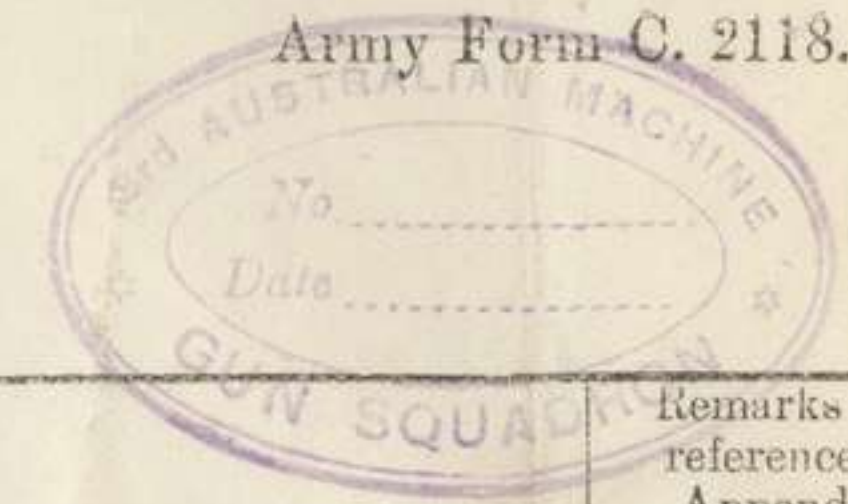
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Y27c central	8-6-18	0330 0500 1900	The Sqdn stood to arms. All clear report received. Entrenching party of 1 N.C.O. & 20 men again reported to 8th L.H. Regt. Weather extremely hot. Situation very quiet.	all
Y28c central	9-6-18	0330 0500 1800	The Sqdn stood to arms. All clear report received. Usual entrenching party reported to 8th L.H. Regt. 4 reinforcements arrived from Jericho. Situation unchanged.	all
Y28c central	10-6-18	0330 0530 1800	The Sqdn stood to arms. All clear report received. Thirty cases of gift stores collected from Jericho which were greatly appreciated by all ranks. Six cases of beer purchased from A.I.P. Canteen Jericho. Usual entrenching entrenching party of 1 N.C.O. & 20 O/Rs reported to 8th L.H.R. Situation unchanged.	all
Y28c central	11-6-18	0330 0500 1800	The Sqdn stood to arms. All clear report received. 2/Lt Patterson reported from Ludd with 35 dghts to replace casualties sustained during bombing raid. Usual entrenching party of 1 N.C.O & 20 O/Rs detailed. 13 cases of beer purchased and sold to Sqdn. Situation unchanged.	all
Y28c central	12-6-18	0330 0430 1800 2000	The Sqdn stood to arms. All clear report received. Usual entrenching party of 1 N.C.O. & 20 O/Rs detailed/ Practice turn-out The Sqdn took 20 minutes to turn out in fighting order. Owing to the large working party detached & to the shortage of men only one ammunition pack per gun could turn out.	all

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Y2Ac central	12-6-18		Pack horse despatched to B.H.Q. to collect 2 miles of telephone wire. Weather zzzzzzzz extremely hot. Situation quiet.	
Y28c central	13-6-18	0330 0430	Sqdn Stood to Arms. All Clear received. 2nd. Lieut. Patterson evacuated to hospital. Situation unchanged.	
Y28c central	14-6-18	0330 0430	Sqdn. Stood to Arms. All Clear received. Situation unchanged. Weather still extremely hot. Evacuations to hospital for week ending 14/6/18 amounted to 5.7 % of the Sqdn strength, the highest % in the Bde, a large proportion being malaria cases.	
Y28c central	15-6-18	0330 0430 1945 2200	Sqdn. Stood to Arms. All Clear received. The Sqdn (less C & D Troops) relieved by N.Z.M.R. Sqdn. and marched to II3.K.3.d. and Arrived AND BIVOUACED FOR THE NIGHT. Advance party had horse lines prepared on arrival of the Sqdn.	
H3K3D37	16-6-18	0500 1800 1900 2150	Reveille. Rations and forage issued in the bivouac area. Moved out in full marching order to Starting Point about 800 yds East of bivouac area, where C & D Sub-sections rejoined the Sqdn. The Bde marched through JERICHO to Square II3.L.10.d. The Sqdn bivouaced at II3.L.10.d. central and remained in reserve to the Ist. Mounted Division, who were carrying out operations to the east of the JORDAN. Sqdn. Transport remained at II3.K.4. under S.Q.M.S.	
113K3d37	17-6-18	0430 0900 1100 1700 1930 2200	The Sqdn. Stood to Arms. Watering parade carried out near JERICHO in fighting order. All Clear received. Enemy shelled JERICHO and its vicinity with long range guns of large calibre, the shells emitting a very pungent odour, which could be clearly recognised at a distance of 1000 yds when carried by the wind. The Bde marched on TALAAT ED DUMM. The Sqdn bivouaced in square II3.C.II.h.	

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113011639	18-6-18	0530	<p>Reveille. The camp site was found to be left in a most unsanitary condition by the Units who had previously occupied the ground. Working parties were detailed to collect and burn refuse in and around the Bivouac area. Weather slightly cooler.</p>	①
113011638	19-6-18	0530	<p>Reveille. Weather hot and dusty.-- Situation very quiet. - Working parties of three men per Sub-section detailed to collect and burn a further portion of refuse in and around the bivouac area.</p>	②
113011639	20-6-18	0530	<p>Reveille. A sanitary working party of I N.C.O. & 18 men detailed to clean up and burn a further portion of the refuse still remaining in and around the bivouac area.</p>	③
113011638	21-6-18	0530	<p>Reveille. The Sqdn left TALAAT ED DUMM . The Sqdn reached kilo:14 where a three hours halt was made to allow the 2nd. L.H.Bde to passon its way to TALAAT ED DUMM.</p>	④
Soloman's Pool	22-6-18	0035	<p>The march continued . The Bde marched through JERUSALEM! (Camp area) Arrived at SOLOMONS POOLS, which was found to be in a sanitary condition. Excellent weather conditions prevailed during this march. Weather here proved to be much cooler than in the JORDAN VALLEY. 2nd.Lieut.Mayes reported from the Training Sqdn.</p>	⑤
Soloman's Pool	23-6-18	0630	<p>Reveille. Voluntary Church Parade for R.C's at BETHLEHEM. Weather cool and pleasant.</p>	⑥
Soloman's Pool	24-6-18	0530	<p>Reveille. Inoculation parade for Cholera at 3rd.Field Ambulance. Ordnance stores drawn consisting mainly of clothing. Divisional Commander visited the line and inspected the horses. Beer issued at the rate of 2 bottles per man. Weather cool.</p>	⑦

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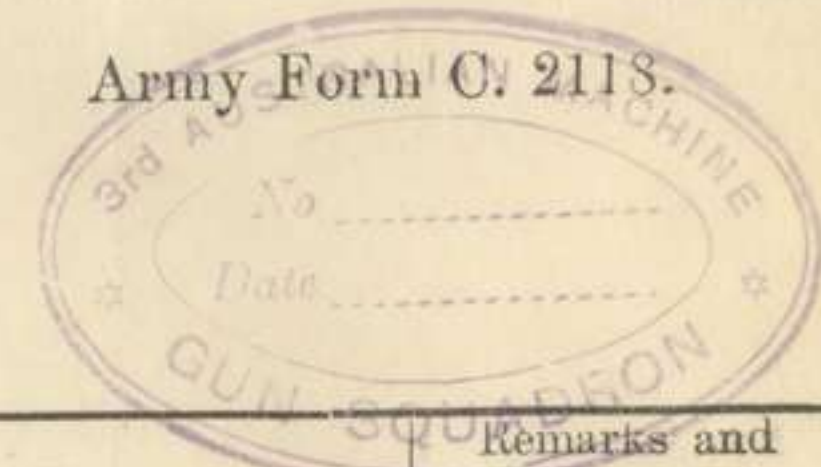
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Soloman's Pools	25-6-18	0530 0700 0800	Reveille. JERUSALEM Leave Party of 1 Officer and 8 Other Ranks left the Sqdn Lines. One Officer and 3 Other Ranks reported to B.H.Q. for instruction in Gas. JERUSALEM Leave Party returned. Weather cool.	@
Soloman's Pools	26-6-18	0530 0700 0800 1045 1415	Reveille. JERUSALEM Leave Party of One Officer and 8 Other Ranks left the Sqdn lines. One Officer and 3 Other Ranks paraded to B.H.Q. for Gas Instruction. Inspection of 1st. Line Transport by O.C., A.S.C. Leave party of One Officer and 5 Other Ranks visited BETHLEHEM. Portion of saddlery cleaned and dubbed. Khaki drill slacks issued to all ranks which were very servicable and should add greatly to the comfort of the men. Leave Parties returned.	@
Soloman's Pools	27-6-18	0530 0700 0800 1200	Reveille. Leave Party of 1 Officer and 10 Other Ranks left for JERUSALEM. Gas personnel paraded to B.H.Q. 1 Other Rank proceeded to school of cookery at ALEXANDRIA. Weather cool. (Leave Party returned.)	@
Solomon's Pools	28-6-18	0530 0700 0800	Reveille. One Officer & 10 Other Ranks proceeded on JERUSALEM leave. Gas Personnel examined by D.G.O. at B.H.Q. Weather cool. Leave Party returned.	@
Soloman's Pools	29-6-18	0530 0545 0700	Reveille. No. 484 Sgt. Latter C.R. proceeded to the Cadet School at ZEITOUN. JERUSALEM Leave Party left: the Sqdn, and returned during the evening. Weather warm. 2 nd Lt H J Connolly AM B Deviding + 4 O.R. reported from M.G. Trans Sqdn.	@
Soloman's Pools	30-6-18	0530 0615 0700 0900	Reveille. R.C. Church Parade to BETHLEHEM to attend Mass. JERUSALEM Leave Party moved out and returned to the Sqdn same evening. Church Parade for C of E and Other Denominations. Weather Cool. - 2 O.R. reported back from school, ZEITOUN. Sporting material was received from the Australian Comforts Fund, Cairo, and was very much appreciated by the Squadron.	@

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