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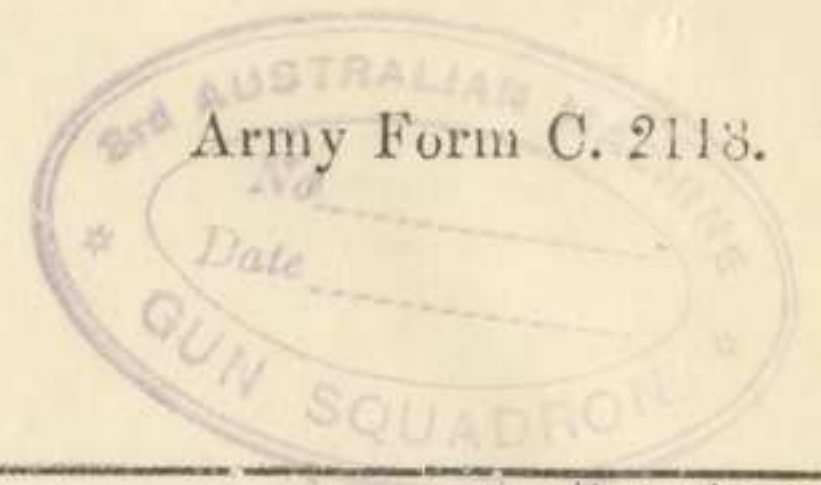
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| HOMS  | 1/11/18 | 0510<br>0800                         | Squadron arrived at HOMS and bivouaced in area about 1 Mile N. of HOMS. Horses, (they had been without water for 24 hours) were watered. Two pounds of Grain, 2 lbs Wood + 1/2 lb Vegetables per man were drawn from Local Resources.  | REF. MAP SYRIA TRIPOLI 1/250,000. AG |
|       | 2/11/18 | 0600                                 | Reveille. Lieut Moore and party proceeded to HOMS for the purpose of purchasing stores during the morning. Captain Gray arrived at HOMS. Squadron purchased 2832 PT. worth which were distributed to troops. Weather Showery - 2 lbs Tinned and wood were drawn from local Resources.                      | AG                                   |
|       | 3/11/18 | 0600<br>1300                         | Reveille. Winter issue of rations commenced today. - Rum and cheese were drawn. Emergency Ration was drawn from supply dumps about 1 mile N of HOMS.   | AG                                   |
|       | 4/11/18 | 0600                                 | Reveille. Weather very stormy. Some rain fell.   | AG                                   |
|       | 5/11/18 | 0600                                 | Reveille. Move Order for Squadron to move with Brigade on 6 <sup>th</sup> inst at 1730 Received. Preliminary preparations for move were made - Weather cold.   | AG                                   |
|       | 6/11/18 | 0600<br>1800<br>2315                 | Reveille. Preparations for move in the afternoon were made. One Hind Portion L. S. handed over to Hd Q <sup>r</sup> Descorps HOMS (unserviceable). Squadron moved out with Brigade en route for TRIPOLI. Arrived UMM-HARTEIN and bivouaced for the night - Weather still cold.                             | AG                                   |
|       | 7/11/18 | 0400<br>0545<br>1100                 | Reveille. Marched out. Brigade halted 1 mile N. of TEL-KALE Rly Station - Horses were watered at JISR-ASWARD and brigade bivouaced for the night. Weather still cold. One days rations and fodder issued.  | AG                                   |
|       | 8/11/18 | 0445<br>0645<br>1200<br>1600         | Reveille. Brigade moved out. Halted at JISR-AYASH for one hour Horses were watered and troops had a meal. Arrived at NAHR-AARKA and bivouaced for the night. One days rations and fodder issued.   | AG                                   |
|       | 9/11/18 | 0500<br>0710<br>1030<br>1200<br>1430 | Reveille. Moved out for Tripoli. Watered at NAHR-BEREDI. Halted at NAHR-BEDAWI one mile N. of Town - Horses were fed and troops had a meal. Arrived at MEYDELAYA. Horses were watered and fed and Squadron bivouaced for the night. One days Special Emergency Ration and grain drawn to be held by units. | AG                                   |



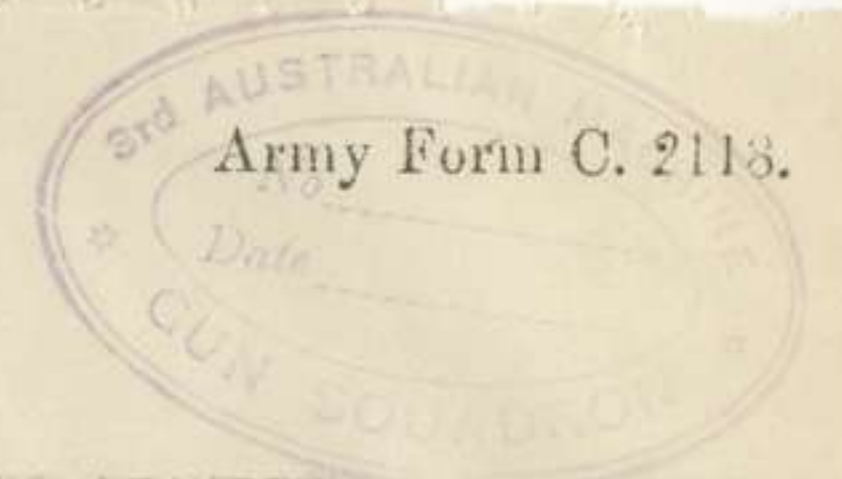
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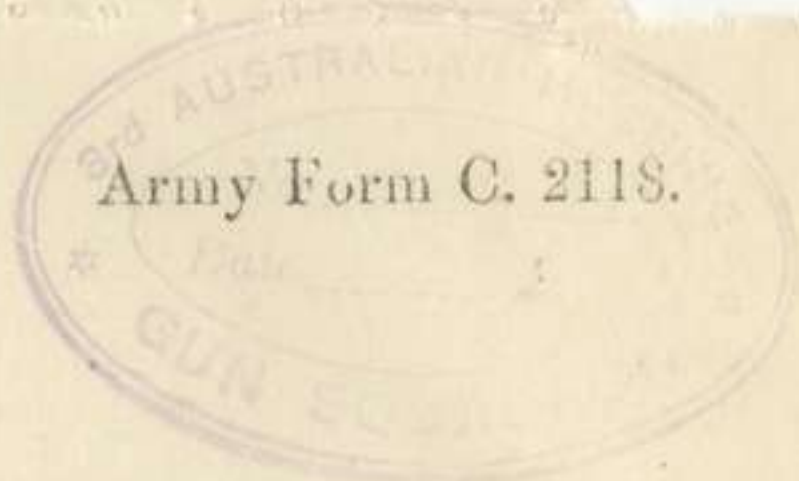


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| MEJ DELAYA | 10/11/18 | 0600<br>0830         | Reveille<br>Working Party 1 NCO and 10 O/Rs for Road-making reported to Lieut HAHN 9 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt.<br>Mobile Ration and fodder drawn.<br>Purchasing Party 1 officer + 10 O/Rs visited TRIPOLI.<br>Camp site laid out - Horse lines put down and Bivouacs pitched. |                                      |
|            | 11/11/18 | 0600<br>0830<br>1600 | Reveille<br>Working Party 10 O/Rs reported for Road making.<br>Ordnance stores drawn - Mobile Ration issued - Fodder as usual.<br>News of Armistice with Germany published - Great enthusiasm amongst Troops.  |                                      |
|            | 12/11/18 | 0630<br>0800         | Reveille<br>Working party for roadmaking reported to 9 <sup>th</sup> LH. and again at 1315<br>Purchasing Party 1 Off and 10 O/Rs visited Tripoli.<br>Short particulars of Armistice between Allies and Germany published. Fresh meat issued                                |                                      |
|            | 13/11/18 | 1600                 | Reveille<br>Purchasing Party 1 Off and 10 O/Rs visited TRIPOLI<br>Request for pay rendered to BHC - Fresh meat issue   |                                      |
|            | 14/11/18 | 0600                 | Reveille<br>Purchasing party 1 Off and 10 O/Rs proceeded to TRIPOLI.   |                                      |
|            | 15/11/18 | 0600                 | Reveille<br>Following Routine same into force - 0600 Reveille - 0630 Stables - 0715 Breakfast. - Watering Special orders<br>1115-1215 Stables - Dinner 1230 - Watering - Special Orders - Stables Half an hour after watering.<br>Squadron drew pay - small amount.        |                                      |
|            | 16/11/18 | 0600                 | Reveille<br>Purchasing Party 1 Off + 10 O/Rs visited TRIPOLI.  |                                      |
|            | 17/11/18 | 0600<br>1100         | Reveille<br>Special Thanksgiving Services were held in Brigade area and at MEJ DELAYA<br>no sugar issue today  |                                      |
|            | 18/11/18 | 0600                 | Reveille<br>Purchasing Party of 1 Off and 10 O/Rs visited TRIPOLI. - Fresh meat issue  |                                      |
|            | 19/11/18 | 0600                 | Reveille<br>Further amount of pay received and paid out to Troops.   | L. M. Bryant                         |

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| MEJDELA | 20/11/18 | 0600                         | Reveille<br>Purchasing Party visited TRIPOLI. - Fresh meat issue   | R                                    |
|         | 21/11/18 | 0600<br>0830                 | Reveille<br>Working Party 1 NCO + 10 men reported to Major Shannon 8 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt. at Water troughs for Road making at 0830<br>Order received that all steelwork and harness saddlery etc to be cleaned up and kept clean. Brigadier would inspect all units on or after 25 <sup>th</sup> inst                          | R                                    |
|         | 22/11/18 | 0600<br>0830                 | Reveille.<br>Roadmaking party reported to Major Shannon 8 <sup>th</sup> LH.<br>New Road to watering area finished and taken into use by Brigade units.<br>Orders received through B.H.Q. that no further promotions for All Ranks would be made  | R                                    |
|         | 23/11/18 | 0600                         | Reveille<br>Instructions regarding proposed inspection by Corps Commander received<br>Syllabus of training for week commencing 25-11-18 sent in. Two rations drawn to last over breakfast on 25/11/18  | R                                    |
|         | 24/11/18 | 0600<br>1045<br>1145         | Reveille<br>+ 1100 Church services held<br>B. O. inspected all troops in view of Corps Commanders visit. etc   | R                                    |
|         | 24/11/18 | 1600                         | Corps Commander visited Brigade and inspected Squadron lines. Watering was carried out immediately after the inspection.<br>4 Poles and 4 Packs were evacuated from or destroyed by 8 <sup>th</sup> AMVS and were struck off strength.   | R                                    |
|         | 25/11/18 | 0600<br>0900<br>0800<br>1400 | Reveille.<br>Board of Enquiry on sacks was held at B.H.Q.<br>Instructions received ref water supply - Drinking water restricted to 2 Galls per man per day<br>Lieut Moore + 1 OFR proceeded to EGYPT to purchase Xmas goods for troops.<br>Pumping Party 1 NCO + 12 men reported to Brigade Watering Officer for Brigade duties. | R                                    |
|         | 26/11/18 | 0600                         | Reveille<br>Purchasing Party 1 Off + 10 OFRs visited Tripoli.<br>Syllabus of training for week commencing 2/12/18 submitted to B.H.Q.  | R                                    |
|         | 27/11/18 | 0600<br>0900                 | Reveille.<br>Purchasing Party visited TRIPOLI.<br>Detail instructions reference training etc received and weekly syllabus amended accordingly<br>15 OFRanks marched in ex moascar.   | R<br>L. H. [Signature] and<br>Capt   |

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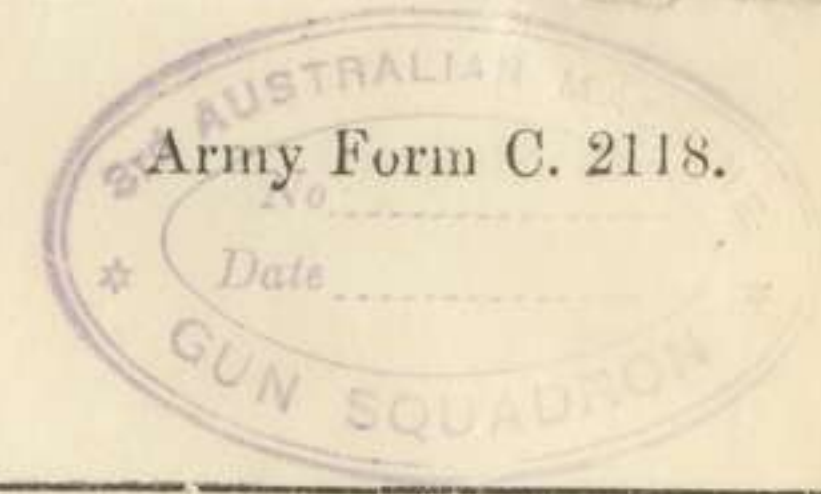


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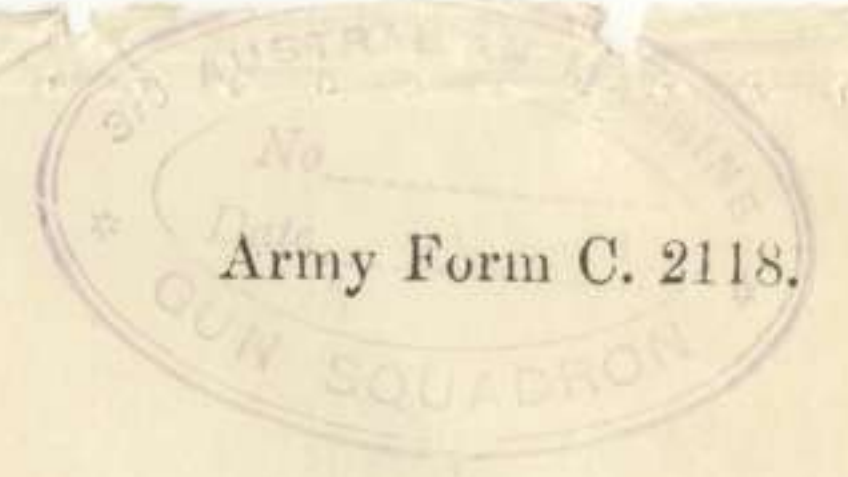
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| MEJDELAYA | 28/11/18 | 0600<br>0930 | Reveille<br>C. O.'s meeting at BHQ<br>Information received that Brigade proposed to form General Committee for educational and entertainment purposes<br>Brigade Committee to be formed and a Representative chosen from Brigade to represent on Divisional Committee.<br>First meeting at BHQ to be held at 1600 on 29 <sup>th</sup> inst.<br>Requisition for pay submitted to BHQ  | Ⓟ                                    |
|           | 29/11/18 |              | Reveille<br>Lieut Frawley attended BHQ with reference to Entertainment + Education Scheme. General outline of scheme discussed and units advised to arrange for all classes of subjects to be taught in Unit where instructors were available - Special subjects to be submitted to Brigade where instructors were not available. Brig-Genl R. G. Wilson C. M. G. elected Brigade Representative to Divisional Committee.<br>32 Packsaddles returned to AAOD.<br>150 Marceilles Liles drawn for bookhouses. 12 lbs grain + 12 lbs Tibben per horse drawn | Ⓟ                                    |
|           | 30/11/18 | 0600         | Reveille<br>Timber drawn for erection of Sqdrn Bookhouse<br>One days Mobile Ration + fodder drawn to be held in lieu of Special Emergency Ration.<br>C. O and Lt Prede attended meeting at BHQ with further reference to educational and entertainment schemes.<br>20. of Ranks Reinforcements reported from hoascar.  | Ⓟ                                    |

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