

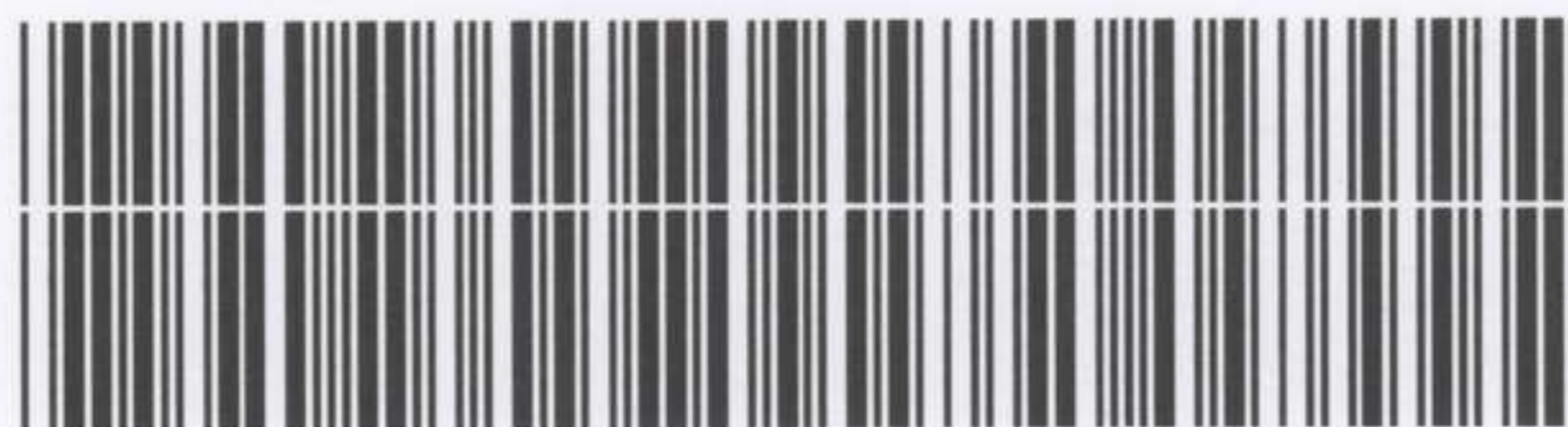
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Matakab	1/5/17		Sqdn, (less B Troop) resting. <i>C.N.</i>	
do	2/5/17	1000	Marched on Abasan el Kebir. 1900 Arrived Abasan el Kebir. <i>C.N.</i>	
Abasan-el-Kebir	3/5/17		Details from Belah Camp joined up with Unit. "E Troop with 10 th L.H. Regt moved to vicinity of Tel-el FARA to relieve "B" Troop with 9 th L.H. Regt. "B" Troop rejoined sqdn. Polling Day for Commonwealth of Australia Elections. <i>C.N.</i>	
do	4/5/17	0630	"B" Troop marched to beach for swimming parade. Remainder of Sqdn overhauling packsaddlery + equipment. <i>C.N.</i>	
do	5/5/17		Inspection of Sqdn lines by Major-Gen H.W. Hodgson C.V.O., C.B. Voting on Referendum for Abolition of Queensland Upper House. 1 O.R. proceeded to School of Instruction, Leitoun. <i>C.N.</i>	
do	6/5/17	1430	Sqdn watered at Abasan el Kebir and reported at EL BUGGER. 0400 7/5/17. <i>C.N.</i>	Ref Map Rafa 1/125000 Beersheba 1/125000
EL BUGGER	7/5/17	0600	Marched on Abasan el Kebir. 1600 Arrived Abasan el Kebir (less "E Troop" which remained with 10 th L.H. Regt at Gamli. <i>C.N.</i>	Rafa 1/125000 Beersheba 1/125000
Abasan-el-Kebir	8/5/17		Received 15 remounts. Practical Gas demonstration held by Div. Gas. Office. <i>C.N.</i>	
do	9/5/17		13 Reinforcements reported from Moascar. Issue of Summer Clothing. 2 nd Anti Gas helmets issued, making 2 per man. <i>C.N.</i>	
do	10/5/17		Washing Parade. <i>C.N.</i>	
do	11/5/17		Brigade Detail Camp moved to RAFA from Deir el Belah. Brig-General J.R. Royston C.M.G., D.S.O., <i>C.N.</i>	
do	12/5/17	0500 1800	"D" Troop marched out with 8 th L.H. Regt. to relieve "E Troop" with 10 th L.H. Regt at Gamli. "A" & "C" Troops marched out + joined "D" Troop. <i>C.N.</i>	

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Abasan-el-Kebir	13/5/17		B. E + F Troops at Abasan-el-Kebir. Practical Gas demonstration was held. A. C + D. Troops at Gamli digging machine gun emplacements + occupying outpost line on WADI GHUZZE.	C.N.
do	14/5/17		A. C + D. Troops continuing work on Outpost line. Remainder of Sgdn at Abasan el Kebir.	C.N.
do	15/5/17		A. C + D Troops occupying Outpost line. B. E + F. Troops at Abasan el Kebir	C.N.
do	16/5/17		A. C + D Troops occupying Outpost line on WADI GHUZZE. B. E + F Troops at Abasan el Kebir. Inspection of Sgdn lines by G.O.C. Desert Column and G.O.C. Imp Mtd Div.	C.N.
do	17/5/17	1700	A. C + D. Troops marched to Abasan el Kebir + reported to Sgdn Headquarters at 2000.	C.N.
do	18/5/17		Inspection was held by Medical Officer from 3 rd L.H. Field Ambulance for septic sores	C.N.
do	19/5/17		Lieut T.M. Hardy returned from hospital and reported for duty. Parade Morning, Instruction in use of anti-Gas helmets. Afternoon. Peckhorse Drill	C.N.
Marakeb	20/5/17	0515	Marched to Marakeb + arrived 0830. No 3269 P/Opl Scott C.J. (A.A.M.C. attached M&S) awarded Military Medal	C.N. <small>auth. list no 286.7/5/17</small>
do	21/5/17		Resting + swimming. 2 O.R.s reported from Meascer. Instruction was given to reinforcements in use of anti gas helmets.	C.N.
do	22/5/17		10 O.Ranks reported to Unit from 3 rd Training Regt, Meascer. 1530. Marched on Abasan el Kebir and watered horses. Sgdn then advanced on EL BUGGER at 1945.	C.N. <small>Ref Maps Rafa 1/125000 BeerSheva 1/125000</small>
do	23/5/17	0340	Arrived EL BUGGER. "F" Troop in reserve to 8 th L.H. Regt. Remainder of sgdn in reserve to Bde.	C.N.
do	24/5/17	0500	Marched on Marakeb. 1050 Arrived at Marakeb.	C.N.

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Marakeb	25/5/17		Swimming + Resting. New Pay Books issued. Cleaning of stirrup irons, bits, spurs + saddlery was carried out. 2 Officers + 10 NCOs attended lecture on Sanitation given by O.C. 31 st Sanitary Section. C.P.N.	
do	26/5/17		Inspection of lines + saddlery by Brig-General J.R. Royston, C.M.G., D.S.O. 8 limbers + 1 G.S. Waggon reported back to Onit. C.P.N.	
do	27/5/17		Received orders to move to WADI GHUZZE on 28/5/17. C.P.N.	
do	28/5/17	0830	Marched on Shellal and arrived at 1300. C.P.N.	
Shellal	29/5/17		The Sqdn received further instruction in the use of Anti gas helmets. C.P.N.	
do	30/5/17	1815	'E' Troop with 8 th L.H. Regt, marched on Mon Keiileh. Remainder of Sqdn being in reserve. C.P.N.	
do	31/5/17	0300 0900 1530	'B' Troop with 9 th L.H. Regt marched on Wadi Sharia. B + E troops returned to Camp. Parade of N.C.O. 1 hour instruction in Guara Dutis etc. C.P.N.	

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