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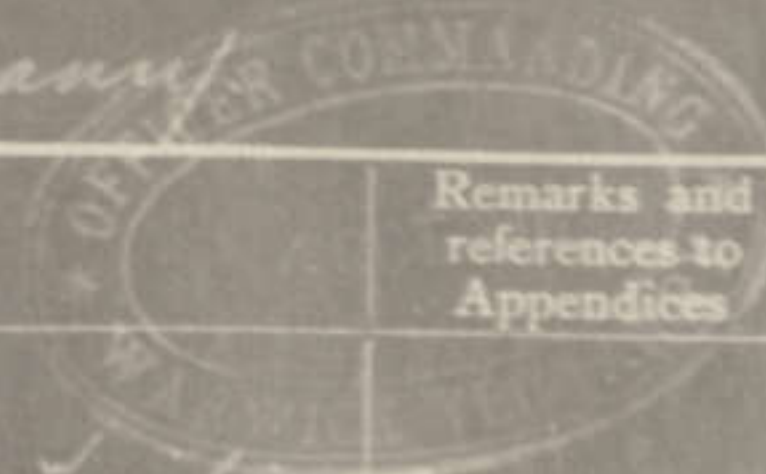
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
El Anish	1.9.17		Usual early morning Routine. Commencing at 0500 was carried out. The programme of Musketry Firing Exercises was carried out commencing on the range at 0900 finishing 1000. Lt Drake proceeded on short leave to Alexandria. Cairo
El Anish	2.9.17		Usual early morning routine. Holy Communion was celebrated between Warwick & Worcester lines at 0615. Voluntary Evening Service at 1830. R.C. Mass was celebrated at B.H.Q. at 0900. Musketry course as per programme was carried out. The practice tabulated for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> inst also carried out today at 300 yds range. 4000 arrived from Yomanry Base.
El Anish	3.9.17		Usual early morning routine was carried out, & the course of Musketry carried out at 0900. The wind was very brisk, & the light firing which caused some indifferent scores at the 400 yds range, which had to be repeated.
El Anish	4.9.17		Usual early morning routine was carried out, & the course of Musketry for the day commenced at 0900 at 400 yds range. Light wind caused very low scoring at 400 yds range, which necessitated the course being repeated.
El Anish	5.9.17		At 06.00 Alan Williams & 3.000 left for Kantara on B. Hatchless Gun Course, which commenced on the 6 <sup>th</sup> inst. Results 0130. Usual morning routine, Exercise, Stables etc. carried out & Musketry course commenced commencing 0900. Light wind caused difficulties against high scoring, & many repetitions were necessary. 2 horses sent to M.V.S. Rafa
El Anish	6.9.17		Usual morning routine. 17 horses left for Kantara for evacuation to M.V.H. Musketry course continued at 0900. Light wind again caused trouble & prevented high scoring. G.O.C. Brigade visited the range in the morning accompanied by the O.C. Several rifle barrels on examination, & floting were found to be bulged, & were chained to store.
El Anish	7.9.17		Morning routine carried out. Exercise Stables, but no musketry rifle practice. CO (Lieut Col Ha Gray) & adjutant the horse of the Regiment on the lines during the forenoon. 7000 from M.V.H. arrived, they were taken on the strength and broken to squadrons as follows - C 2, B 3, D 2. Musketry practice was resumed on the range for C.D. 1000 at 1000.
El Anish	8.9.17		Usual early morning routine. Horses were exercised. Saddlery, arms, & equipment were thoroughly cleaned, & inspected. Musketry course on the range was carried out in the afternoon, commencing at 1400. Light & hot conditions were more favourable, and better results were obtained.
El Anish	9.9.17		Usual early morning routine was carried out & Church Services were held as follows. Holy Communion 0600 - 0700. Evening 7.30 - 8.00. Musketry 1000 yds range, section I. Shooting fair, but concluded musketry course. The shooting of the Regiment being bad chiefly owing to (1) light in morning very difficult (2) Unsteady cross winds (3) The old Batt (4) continual changing of men's rifles on returning from Hospital when they are served out with a fresh rifle (5) want of post musketry instruction & men not appreciating the correct fore-sight & trigger pressing. (6) The ammunition varied (7) Rifles on many occasions being
El Anish	10.9.17		Amounts arrived 0100. 49 beds being allotted to the Regiment & distributed to squadrons at 0150.

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El Arish	10.9.17	Continued	1630. The CO + 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Command accompanied the Bugles for the purpose of being instructed in a scheme to take place the following day. 2015 L.O. held a conference of all the Officers to discuss the scheme for the following day. Capt Motion rejoined from Hotchkiss gun Course. Lectures.	
El Arish	11.9.17		0500 Exercise. 0615 all Officers, + 600's per squadron practised jumping trenches occupied by a few men of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Batt Egyptian Army. 0950 Instruction to Officers on ground preparatory to scheme. 1500. Composite Squads commanded by Major H.F. Stewart Richardson. Lieut. Col. H.A. Gray. Cheape. D.S.O. in command of Composite Regiment from Brigade to carry out scheme. (1 <sup>st</sup> phase) a dismounted attack on position held by two Companies of Egyptian Army. (2 <sup>nd</sup> phase) Two companies were pursued by Composite Regiment (3 <sup>rd</sup> phase) one company occupying trenches, the composite Regiment making a mounted attack. 1900 Capt Coniston + 110 men go on leave to Port Said.	
El Arish	12.9.17		0530. The Regiment practised infantry attacks. 0830 Exercise. 1530. CO + 2 <sup>nd</sup> in Command, Sgt Leader, went over the ground for scheme tomorrow. 1630 Training of Remounts by Sqds. 2000 9 <sup>th</sup> Co proceeded on short leave	
El Arish	13.9.17		0530. A practice infantry attack was made with 6 troops, + Hotchkiss gun, on position. 0830 Exercise. 1530 Training of Remounts continued. 9 <sup>th</sup> Co rejoined from Hospital. Lieut Col. H.A. Gray. Cheape D.S.O. assumed command of the Brigade during the absence of General Fitzgerald. The Advanced Yeomanry Base, Kantara no longer exists; having been absorbed by the Yeomanry Base from Mustakha. Capt Hodgson admitted Field ambulance (N.Y.O). Lieut O. Barker proceeded to Alexandria to report for duty with Adm. Command. 1630 10365. Serg Ward. W. ordered to report to Camp at <sup>AGENCY</sup> for compassionate leave to UK.	
El Arish	14.9.17		0530. Squads drill by Composite Regiment, each squadron supplying 40 men. 0830 Exercise. 1200 Worcester's Yeomanry left Brigade to join Division. 1530 Training of Remounts continued. 2000 9 <sup>th</sup> Co proceeded on short leave to Alexandria + Cairo. Capt at Motion to Hospital.	
El Arish	15.9.17		0500 Anti-Fair Drill. 0530 Exercise. 1000 Bathing Parade. 1200 Inspection of Arms, Saddlery Equipment 2000. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt R. Palmer proceed on short leave.	
El Arish	16.9.17		0530 Reveille. 0600 Exercise. 0830 Holy Communion. 0800 Stables. 800 Officers Revolver shooting. 1830 Evening 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt Mercer rejoined from Cavalry Course, + 3 others from Hotchkiss gun Course Lectures	

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El Anish	16.9.17		Continued. 2/Lt Armstrong rejoined from short leave. 6 ORs from Hospital, 4 ORs left for short leave, 1 for list P.F.C.	
El Anish	17.9.17		0530 Squadron drill by Composite Squadron, 40 men from each Squadron. 0815 Exercise. 1100 Lecture by M.O. for B Sqd, Hq, & Signals. 1530 Training of Remounts. 2000. No 310326 of Cook Serg. Smith proceeded to Cookery Course, Iona	
El Anish	18.9.17		0530 Practice attacks on Position by Squadron of 6 troops with Hotchkiss Guns under Major H. Dewar Richardson. 0815 Exercise. 1100 Lecture by M.O. for C Sqd. 1530 Training of Remounts. 2000. Lecture by Capt Dunbar R.A.M.C. "A Talk about the Stars" 10. ORs proceeded on short leave.	
"	19.9.17		0530 Mounted Parade. The following were practised (1) practised pursuit (2) Mounted attacks on trenches. During these exercises 3 Hotchkiss guns were damaged, put out of action. 0815 Exercise. 1100 Lecture by M.O. for D Sqd. 1530 Training for Remounts. Capt J Black, 2/Lt Mitchell, & 2/Lt H. Larsons rejoined from leave. Lieut Alan Williams rejoined from Hotchkiss Gun Course. 2/Lt CC Carr assumed duty as Brigade Signaller. whilst Lieut De Beville on leave to India. Capt Whedley & 2 ORs proceeded on short leave.	
"	20.9.17		0530 Mounted parade. Practice of 19th repeated. The CD discussed with Sgt Leader the movements, which were well carried out. 0815 Exercise. 1530 Training of Remounts. Post work at Sunny Choudry. 1645 Alt Horn inoculation for 50% of Regiment. Rejoined from leave Lieut R.D. Banker (Cavalry Course), Lieut Fothering (Bayonet Fighting Course), from I.C. Brigade (Rafa), (Hq Instructor), 2/Lt E. Brown, 2/Lt Bruce W.D., Carter & 5 ORs proceeded on short leave.	
"	21.9.17		Reveille 0500. 0615 Scheme for Officers and first Sergeants, appreciation of plate particularly food. Exercise for remainder. 1430 Training of Remounts continued. Hotchkiss Firing Course commenced. 30 ORs joined from Yomanry Base. 10. ORs proceeded on short leave. & 10 ORs rejoined. 2/Lt Carey to Hospital	
"	22.9.17		General Clean up, & usual weekly inspections under Squadron arrangements. 1430 Hotchkiss Firing continued. 1615 Boxing Competition. 2000 Concert. 310817 G.C. Fern Gd, B Sqd proceeded on Hotchkiss Gun Course. Testimonies. 10 ORs rejoined from short leave. Capt J Black to Brigade, Headquarters.	
"	23.9.17		Church Services as follows: 0600 Holy Communion (Geo lines) 1830 Evening (war week service) Exercise under Squadron arrangements. Lieut F. Drake assumed duty as adjutant, Capt Black having proceeded to Brigade on temporary duty. Capt Boulton & 10 ORs rejoined from Rest Camp. Post parade and 2/Lt Carl Carr assuming, & 34 ORs proceeded there. 2/Lt H. Clifton, 1737 Sgt Pearson, and	

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"	24.9.17		The Regiment paraded at 0615, & carried out a practiced infantry attack. The manual Signalling instruction was continued, & Hotchkiss Gun firing carried out on the range.	
"	25.9.17		A Boxing Competition was held at 1600, and a concert held in the evening.	
"	26.9.17		Manual exercises, and routine were carried out. All arms inspections under Squadron arrangements. 2/Lt Kelman returned from short leave. Hotchkiss Gun firing was carried out on the Range. One man per Squadron were practiced in the use of the Barr & Stroud Range finders.	
"	27.9.17		Capt C. Wheatley rejoined from short leave. All tents were struck, ready for return to Ordnance. 1245. An order was received from Brigade for the Regiment to "stand to" ready to move off, owing to the reported presence of Turks at KOSSEIMA. 1930. Order received to stand down.	
"	28.9.17		Horse exercises under Squadron arrangements. Barr & Stroud Range finding practice was carried out by one man per Squadron, & the Hotchkiss Gun Course on the Range was completed.	
"	29.9.17		Capt R. & Booth <sup>HC</sup> rejoined the Regiment from leave to UK. 2/Lt's Driver, & Armstrong with 62 ORs returned from short leave. Manual routine was carried out by Squadrons, & the remainder of baggage & stores were removed to the Station for loading. 2/Lt Mitchell proceeded on leave to Cairo prior to attending a Hotchkiss Gun Course at Zeitoun. 2/Lt Treasith proceeded to Rafa, to take over 96 Donkeys for transport.	
"	30.9.17		Morning spent in cleaning up Camp, & men bathed. The Regiment left El Arish at 1300, & marched to El Burj, reaching there at 1530. Parade strength 17 Officers, & 442 ORs. 3 Officers & 66 ORs proceeded by train to Shellal Junction. Capt HC Coniston proceeded to join the 1 <sup>st</sup> Royal Irish Regiment (10 <sup>th</sup> Division) at Rafa.	

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