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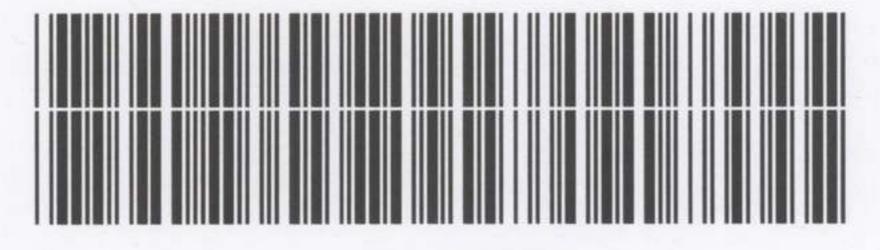
Machine Guns

Item number: 24/26/1

Title: 16th Machine Gun Squadron,

Imperial Mounted Division

March 1917



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- via Coast road, reached SHEIKH ZOWAIID 12-30, distance 9 miles. Capt. G.N. Horlick, R.Gloucester Cont.

 Hussars Yeo. assumed command of the Squadron.

 2nd. County of London Yeo. (Westminister Dragoons) gun Section 2nd. Lieut. F.W. Mace and 23 O.Rs.

 30 Horses reported for duty and were taken on the strength of the Squadron. The Squadron was thus completed to a strength of six gun Sections. Gloster, Warwick, and Worcester Sections equipt with Maxim guns (303) -the remaining Sections without guns.
- SHEIKH ZOWAIID 11/3/17 Squadron less Westminister Gun Section paraded for exercise at 0630. Inspection of horses by C.O. at 11-30. Divine Service 18-30.
 - " 12/3/17. Squadron parade for exercise 0900. Rifle exercise 1530.
 - " 13/3/17. Squadron less Gloster Gun Section paraded for exercise at 0815. Gloster Gun Section paraded in drill order at full strength of Gun Numbers, all Section officers and N.C.Os. attended this parade for instruction of drill of this Section. Machine Guns were inscected by Armourer Sgt. Gloster. Yeo.
 - " 14/3/17. No. 2948 Pte. Hubbard J. and 2958 S.S. Pearman H. reported for duty from Warwick Yeo. and were taken on the strength of the Section.
 - " 15/3/17 Firing test at 0900 by Gloster, Warwick, and Worcester Sections. Approx. numbers rounds fired 3000. 18 remount pack horses arrived and were taken on the strength of the Squadron.
 - " 16/3/17. Instruction in fire control and fire discipline of Nos. 1 & 2 of Herts., Westminister, and Glasgow Sections.
 - " 17/3/17. Sections paraded for instruction under Section arrangements. 56808 Pte. Young J. and 2076 Pte. Carter H.A. of R.A.M.C. were attached to the Squadron for duty.
 - " 18/3/17. Divine Service 0930 and 1830. Inspection of lines by C.O. 1100.
 - " 19/3/17. Two Vickers Light Guns received from Ordnance, issued to Westminister Gun Section.
 - " 20/3/17. Squadron paraded at 0830 for drill and
 Returned to camp 1315. Ordes to move to RAFA the following day. received.
 - " 21/3/17. Squadron paraded full marching order at 0915. Marching out strength 7 Officers 157 O.Rs.

 191 Horses, 33 Mules. Squadron joined Bde. in SHEIKH ZOWALID village at 1015. Left SHEIKH

 ZOWALID 1030 arrived RAFA at 1245 distance 112 miles. Camped on Turkish Egyption Frontier about

 \$\frac{1}{2}\$ mile from Police Barracks. Orders were received that Glosters, Warwicks, and Worcesters Sections

 were to be ready to move at short notice. 3 days mobile rations were issued to this portion of
 Squadron. 3days march rations for horses.

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Inspection of horses by C.O. Section of men and horses to proceed on reconnaissance if required.

Byard, Lieut. Kendrick, Lieut. Halliday and Lieut. Mace proceeded on reconnaissance at 0500 with the Brigade. Marched to the ground West of and immediately overlooking the Wadi EL GHUZZE. Warwick Gun Section under Lieut. Halliday was attached for duty throughout the day to the Warwick Yeo. Regt. On its return to RAFA, when in the vicinity of BENI SELA, was fired upon by M.G. of enemy aircraft-no casualties. Gloster and Warwick Sections operated on the Left of the Brigade on high ground overlooking SHEIKH NURHAN. About 1300 Gloster Gum Section was ordered to report to O.C. Gloster Yeo. opposite WADI EL GHUZZE crossing at ABU EL TEIBEG where it remained under control of ? B.H.Q. 1530 Brigade moved off on the return journey to RAFA - reached Squadron Camp 1900.

2 Vickers Guns and tripods received from Ordnance and issued to Herts Gun Section. Squadrons equipment in guns on this date as follows:-

Gloster Section 2 .303 Maxims and tripods, spare parts, 21 belts and boxes.

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Glasgow " not equiped

Received orders to move the following day to DEIR EL BELAH. 5th. Mtd. Bde. Operation Order No.

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- 25/3/17. Squadron paraded on light scale of transport at O815, less Glasgow Gun Section. 7 Officers
 Capt. G. N. Horlick, Capt. E. J. Herbert, Capt. H. C. Coulston, 2nd. Lieuts. F. W. Mace, C. Byard, E. Halliday,
 121 O. Rs. 147 rides, and pack horses and mules, 28 pack Mules. Brigade concentrated O845, moved off
 0845 via beach road, eight miles to TEL EL MARAKEB arrived 1100. Watered and feed. Left 1600, arrived
 DEIR EL BELAH, five miles at 1715. Capt. G. Horlick, Capt. E. J. Herbert reported at B. H. Q. at 1930 and
 received 5th. Mtd. Bde. Operation Order No. 37.
- 26/3/17. Gloster Gun Section was ordered to report to Gloster Yeo. at 0200. Section Reported at that time and remained under the command of the 0.C. Gloster Yeo. throughout the day and until 28/3/17. Weatminister Section reported to Worcester Yeo. and remained under the command of the 0.C. Worcester Yeo. throughout the day. Remainder of Squadron paraded at 0145. Moved off with the Brigade at 0215 Squadron marched in rear of the Brigade. Marched to Point 457, eight miles S.E. of GAZA without enemy opposition via DEMEITA. ABU IM TEIBEG, EL MENDUR, SIHAN arrived 457 at 1110. Warwick Section at once mounted for aircraft. Shelled by heavy howitzer from TEL ESH SHARIA, no casualties. Herts Gun Section into action at 1200 on Left of Warwick Yeo. did not open fire as ememy did not advance within range. Section remained in readiness throughout the day and was relieved by Worcester GunSection at 1600. At 1700 enemy attacked developed on right flank from direction of SHARIA. Herts Gun Section into action on right of Worcester Yeo..At 1730 O.C. Squadron received verbal instructions

- 26/3/17. to move his guns to a position indicated. Retirement carriedout without loss and fire opened on enemy at ranges from 1400 to 1500 and enemy advance held at second retirement when ordered to another position where guns remained in another position until dark and Brigade was concentrated in their rear. Brigade moved off to BEIT DUROIS. Here Westminister Section rejtined the Squadron. Orders were received to porceed to SIHAN and take up line of outposts. SIHAN reached at 2130. Two guns mounted in readiness. Squadron left SIHAN with the Brigade at 0230 on 21/3/17.
- 27/3/17. Reached DEIR EL BELAH 0800. Watered and fed, moved 0845 to concentrate with I.M.D. at EL DEMEITA. Squadron moved out with Brigade to outpost line at 16 00 and remained in support near point 320.
- 28/3/17. Stood to arms. Saddled up 0500. 0600 moved to point 1 mile south 320 at 1480, Saddled up. 1500 moved to DELR EL BELAH. 1600 Gloster Section rejoined the Squadron.
- 29/3/17. Inspection of guns and rifles by Section officers. 1133 S.S.M. Gilbert H. having been in hospital 14 days struck off strength of the Squadron.
- 30/3/17. Squadron less Gloster Section paraded at 1145 and proceeded to outpost line.. Section allotted to Brigade from ABASAN EL KEBIR to IN SEIRAT inclusive. WWorcester Section in position at a point 330 EAST. Warwick Section in position at a point 2 mile West of above position.
- 31/3/17. Stood to arms. Saddled up 0430, returned to DEIR EL BELAH on being relieved by the 18th. M.G. Squadron at 1330.

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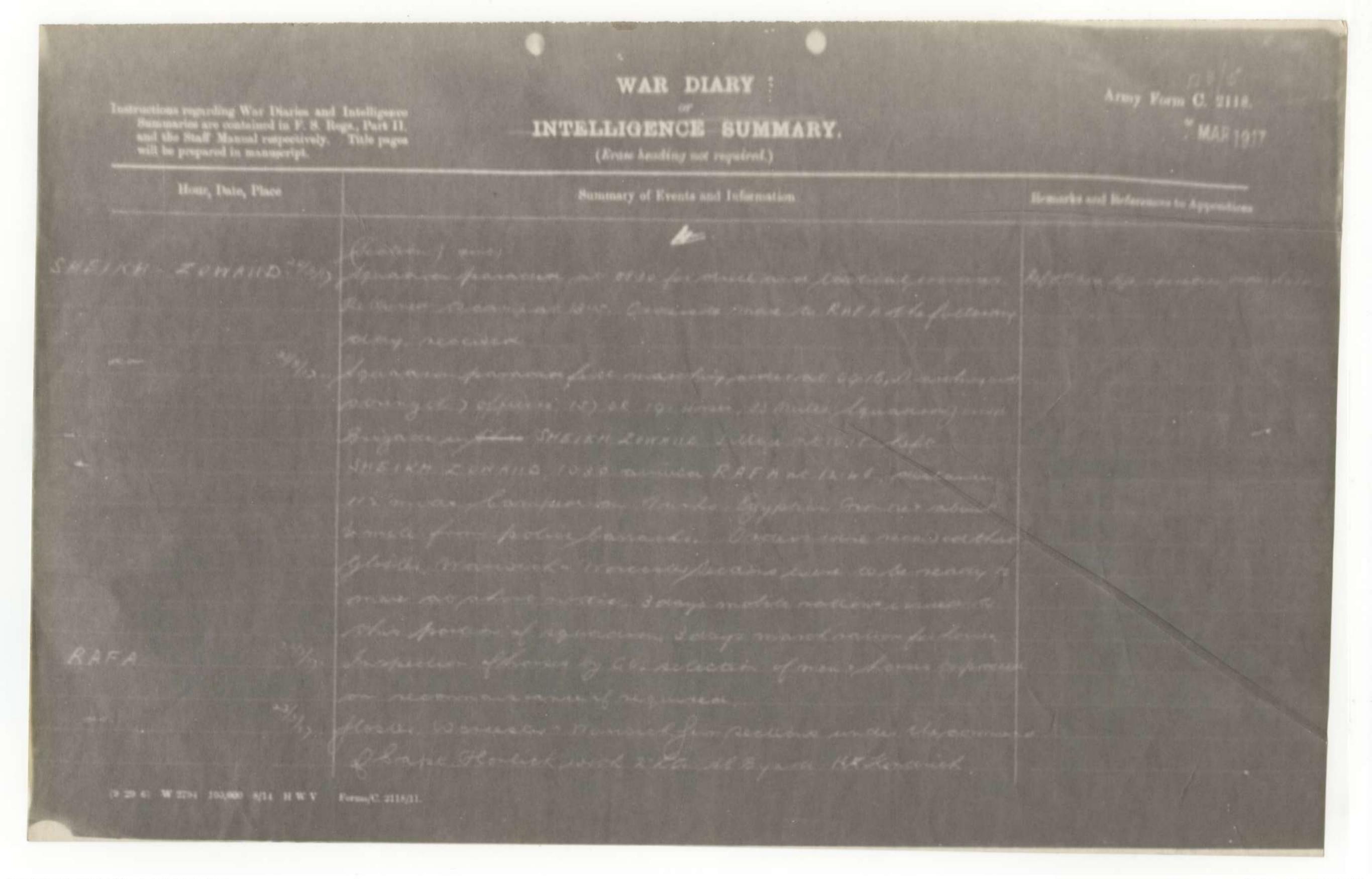
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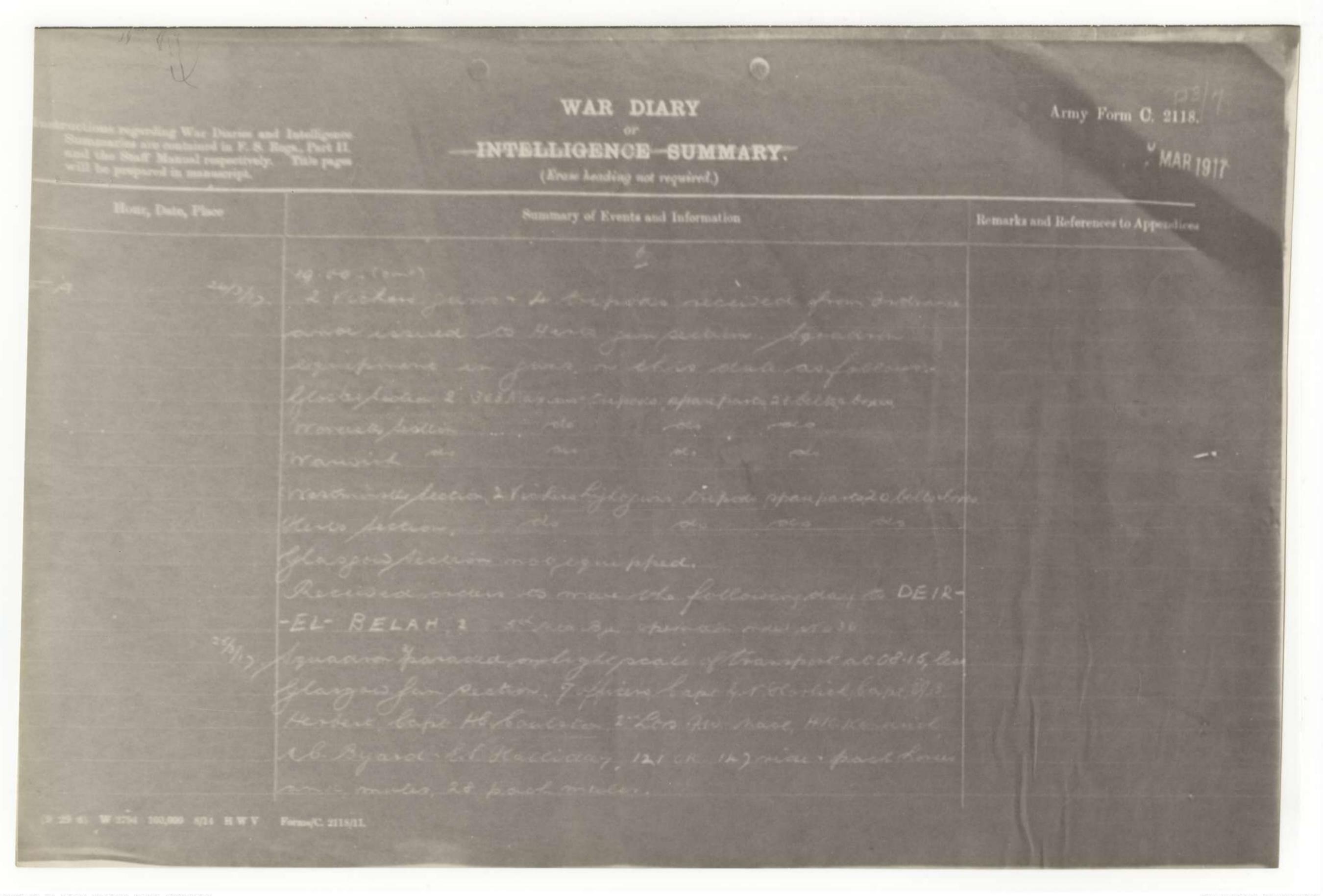
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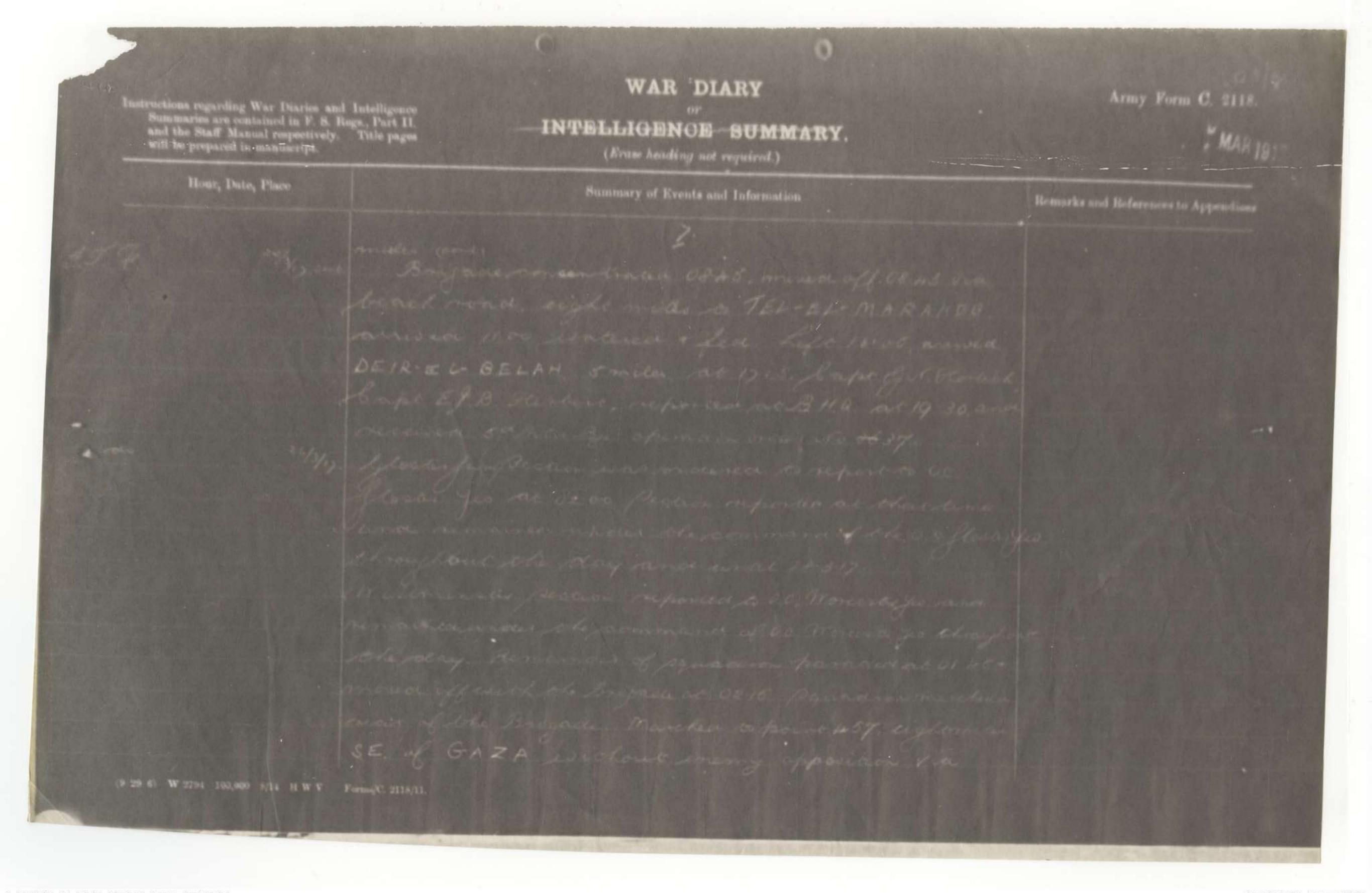
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