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# WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tel-el-Laha	1/7/17		Maintenance of Divisional water supplies in wadi. Camped at Tel-el-Laha.	
"	4/7/17	01-30	A party from each Field Troop & from Squadron Headquarters moved out for Reconnaissance in the Country South West of Beersheba. R.C. Officers were attached to each Patrol & assisted Brigade Officers with reports to Separate R.C. reports have been given to D.H.Q. Brigades were watered by Field Squadron in wadi. Divisional Headquarters and New Zealand Brigade were watered by 4th Troop at <sup>exposed</sup> wells at KHASIF.	
"	"	20-00	Squadron returned to camp & erected water gear in wadi.	
"	6/7/17	08-00	Field Squadron left Tel-el-Laha for ABASSA-EL-KEBIR. Arranged water supply at Abassan water area.	
"	"	"	The 7th Field Troop were transferred to the Yeomanry Mounted Division and 'C' Troop was transferred to the Australian Mounted Division from Anyae Field Squadron. Lt Alexander commanding 'C' Troop + Lt Angus second in command.	
"	"	"	'C' Troop detailed for duty on Matakab Beach with 5th Mounted Brigade.	
"	19/7/17	"	The Squadron less 'C' Troop moved at short notice with Division to MELEK & thence to GOZ-MO-BRUK camping for night at GAMLI (Kilo 29)	
"	20/7/17	"	Watered 3 Brigades at Gamli pools and returned to Abassan at night.	
"	21/7/17	"	4th Troop moved to MATAKAB with 4th Brigade	
"	22/7/17	"	Whole of Field Squadron collected at R.E. Camp Matakab.	
"	23/7/17	"	Camp Routine. Watering Divisional Troops etc.	
"	30/7/17	"		

*Approved* <sup>RS</sup>  
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Tel el Fua	4/7/17		Maintenance of Divisional Water Supplies in Wadi. Camped at Tel el Fua.	
"	4/7/17	01-30	A Party from each Field Troop & from Squadron Headquarters moved out for Reconnaissance in the Country South West of Beersheba. RB Officers were attached to each Patrol & assisted Brigade Officers with reports re. Separate RP reports have been given to D HQ. Brigades were watered by Field Squadron in Wadi. Divisional Headquarters and New Zealand Brigade were watered by 4th Troop at <del>Wadi</del> <sup>Wadi</sup> at KHASIF.	
"	"	20-00	Squadron returned to camp & erected water gear in Wadi.	
"	6/7/17	08-00	Field Squadron left Tel-el-Fua for ABASSA EL-KEBIR. Arranged water supply at Abassan Wadi Area.	
"	"	"	The 7th Field Troop were transferred to the Yeomanry Mounted Division and 'C' Troop was transferred to the Australian Mounted Division from Anzac Field Squadron. Lt Alexander commanding 'C' Troop & Lt Angus placed in command.	
"	"	"	'C' Troop detailed for duty on bank of Wadi with 5th Mounted Brigade.	
"	19/7/17	"	The Squadron less 'C' Troop moved at that time with Division to MELEK & chance.	
"	"	"	to GOZ-MO-BRUCIE camping for night at GASHI (N. 20 27)	
"	20/7/17	"	watered 3 Brigades at GASHI pools and returned to Abassan at night.	
"	21/7/17	"	4th Troop moved to MARAKED with 4th Brigade	
"	22/7/17	"	Whole of Field Squadron collected at RE. Camp Marakel.	
"	23/7/17	"	Camp routine watering Divisional Troops etc.	
"	30/7/17	"		

*(Signature)*  
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Tel-el-Laha	1/7/17		Maintenance of Divisional Water Supplies in Wadi. Camped at Tel-el-Laha.	
	4/7/17	01-30	A party from each Field Troop & from Squadron Headquarters moved out for Reconnaissance in the Country South West of Beersheba. R.E. Officers were attached to each Patrol & assisted Brigade Officers with reports & separate R.E. reports have been given to D.H.Q. Brigades were watered by Field Squadrons in Wadi. Divisional Headquarters and New Zealand Brigade were watered by 4th Troop at <sup>evaporator</sup> <del>boiler</del> at KHASIF.	
"	"	20.00	Squadron returned to Camp & erected water gear in Wadi.	
	6/7/17	08.00	Field Squadron left Tel-el-Laha for ABASSA-EL-KEBIR. Arranged water supply at Abassan Water Area.	
	"	"	The 7th Field Troop were transferred to the German Mounted Division and 'C' Troop was transferred to the <del>Australian</del> Mounted Division from Anyae Field Squadron. Lt Alexander commanding 'C' Troop & Lt Angus second in command.	
"	"	"	'C' Troop detailed for duty on Marakeb Beach with 5th Mounted Brigade	
"	19/7/17	"	The Squadron less 'C' Troop moved at short notice with Division to MELEK & thence to GOZ-MO-BRUK camping for night at GAMLI (KILO 29)	
"	20/7/17	"	Watered 3 Brigades at Gamli Pools and returned to Abassan at night.	
"	21/7/17	"	4th Troop moved to MARAKEB with 4th Brigade	
"	22/7/17	"	Whole of Field Squadron collected at R.E. Camp Marakeb.	
"	23/7/17	"	Camp Routine watering Divisional Troops etc.	
"	30/7/17	"		

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