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22nd Mtz. Bde.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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for May 1917.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL FARA.	1-5.17.	11.00	No 4 Sectn. relieved No 1., No 2 Sectn. relieved No 3 in the Outpost Line East of W. GHUZZE.	jmr.
	2.5.17		Sections in the Outpost Line improved their emplacements and trenches. All horses of support sections were grazed. The emplacements on the W. side of the WADI, (made for the purpose of covering a retirement across the WADI if this became necessary) were improved by No 1+3 sections.	jmr.
	3.5.17			jmr.
	4.5.17		Sections in Outpost Line worked on emplacements and trenches. Support sections practised Limbo Dances, No 4 + 5 + 6 in belt filling. Horses were grazed in the afternoon.	jmr.
	5.5.17.		Sections in Outpost Line worked on emplacements + trenches. No 1+3 Sections improved emplacements on W. of WADI.	jmr.
		11.00	No 5 relieved No 6 in Outpost Line.	jmr.
	6.5.17		C.O. inspected lines. Horses grazed in afternoon.	jmr.
	7.5.17		Gun Drill under Sectn. Officers (morning). Semaphore + grazing (afternoon)	jmr.
	8.5.17			jmr.
	9.5.17.		C.O. inspected all horses of Lghn. They were found to have benefited greatly by being watered three times a day and by the grazing and rest during the last ten days.	jmr.
	10.5.17		Gun drill (morning) grazing (afternoon)	jmr.
	11.5.17			jmr.
	12.5.17	08.15	Inspection of Gas Helmets + Gas Drill	jmr.
		11.00	No 1+3 Sections relieved No 4+2 in Outpost Line.	jmr.
			All sections grazed in the afternoon.	jmr.
	13.5.17		The section which had taken up position on South shoulder of TEL EL FARA mightily since the beginning of the month now ceased to do so by order of Bde. H.Q.	jmr.
			Inspection of lines by C.O.	jmr.
	14.5.17	08.15	No 2 + 4 Sections Gun Drill.	jmr.
			No 6 Section commenced digging new emplacements N. of TEL EL FARA on W. side of W. GHUZZE.	jmr.
			Grazing in afternoon.	jmr.

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	15.5.17.		Thorough overhauling of saddlery and inspection by C.O.	just
	16.5.17.	08.15	Gun Drill. Packsaddles thoroughly dubbed (afternoon)	just
	17.5.17.	08.15	Exercise all horses of support sections.	just
		15.00	Dubbed Saddlery.	just
		16.00	The three sections from the Outpost Line returned to Squadron on relief of Bde by a unit of the 74th Divn. These sections had been steadily improving their emplacements, assisting to put up wire, and grazing other horses.	just
	18.5.17.	10.00	Horse inspection by C.O.	just
		15.00	Semaphore	just
	19.5.17.	05.30	Exercise all horses +	just
	20.5.17		Semaphore + grazing	just
	21.5.17.			just
	22.5.17	19.00	Joined Bde. and marched to Pt. 820 N.W. of KHALASA. The Bde was in support of the Divn., which was covering the demolition of railway line viaducts etc. at and about ASHUT.	just
	23.5.17.		Remained in support of the Divn.	just
		15.00	Commenced return march to camp at TEL EL FARA, arriving there at 20.00.	just
	24.5.17		Cleaned + overhauled saddlery + gun equipment.	just
	25.5.17		Dug trenches for protection against aircraft.	just
	26.5.17		Gun Drill + Semaphore.	just
	27.5.17			just
	28.5.17.	08.10.	Marched to camp near sea shore at TEL EL MARAKEB.	just
	29.5.17			just
	30.5.17		Gun Drill, saddlery, + Bathing.	just
	31.5.17			just

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J.H. Winterton Capt.
for O.C. 18th MG Bde.

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10th Machine Gun Squadron
22nd Mt. Bde.
for May 1917

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TEL EL FARA.	1.5.17.	11.00	N ^o 4 Sectn. relieved N ^o 1., N ^o 2 Sectn. relieved N ^o 3 in the Outpost Line East of W. GHUZZE.	yes
	2.5.17		Sections in the Outpost Line improved their emplacements and trenches. All horses of support sections were grazed. The emplacements on the W. side of the WADI, (made for the purpose of covering a retirement across the WADI if this became necessary) were improved by N ^o 1+3 sections.	yes
	3.5.17		Sections in Outpost Line worked on emplacements and trenches. Support sections prepared Limbu Dinner, N ^o 4 + 1st Co. in belt filling. Horses were grazed in the afternoon.	yes
	4.5.17		Sections in Outpost Line worked on emplacements + trenches. N ^o 1+3 sections improved emplacements on W. of WADI.	yes
	5.5.17.		11.00	N ^o 5 relieved N ^o 6 in Outpost Line.
	6.5.17		C.O. inspected lines. Horses grazed in afternoon.	yes
	7.5.17		Gun Drill under Sectn. Officers (morning). Semaphore + grazing (afternoon)	yes
	8.5.17		C.O. inspected all horses of Lgd. They were found to have benefited greatly by being watered three times a day and by the grazing and rest during the last ten days.	yes
	9.5.17		Gun drill (morning) grazing (afternoon)	yes
	10.5.17			yes
	11.5.17			yes
	12.5.17	08.15 11.00	Inspection of Gas Helmets + Gas Drill N ^o 1+3 sections relieved N ^o 4+2 in Outpost Line. All sections grazed in the afternoon.	yes
	13.5.17		The section which had taken up position on South shoulder of TEL EL FARA nightly since the beginning of the month now ceased to do so by order of Bde. H.Q. Inspection of lines by C.O.	yes
	14.5.17	08.15	N ^o 2 + 4 sections Gun Drill. N ^o 6 section commenced digging new emplacements N. of TEL EL FARA on W. side of W. GHUZZE. Grazing in afternoon.	yes

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22nd MG Bde.

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	15.5.17		Thorough overhauling of saddlery and inspection by C.O.	just
	16.5.17	08.15	Gun Drill. Packsaddles thoroughly dubbed (afternoon)	just
	17.5.17	08.15	Exercise all horses of support sections	just
		15.00	Dubbed Saddlery.	just
		16.00	The three sections from the Outpost Line returned to Squadron on relief of Bde by a unit of the 7th Div. These sections had been steadily improving their emplacements, assisting to put up wire and grazing their horses.	just
	18.5.17	15.00	Horse inspection by C.O.	just
		15.00	Semaphore	just
	19.5.17	05.30	Exercise all horses at	just
	20.5.17		Semaphore + grazing	just
	21.5.17			just
	22.5.17	19.00	Joined Bde. and marched to Pt. 820 N.W. of KHALASA. The Bde was in support of the Div., which was covering the demolition of railway line viaducts etc. at and about ASHUT.	just
	23.5.17		Remained in support of the Div.	just
		15.00	Commenced return march to camp at TEL EL FARA, arriving there at 20.00.	just
	24.5.17		Cleaned + overhauled saddlery + gun equipment.	just
	25.5.17		Dug trenches for protection against aircraft.	just
	26.5.17		Gun Drill + Semaphore.	just
	27.5.17			just
	28.5.17	08.10	Marched to camp near sea shore at TEL EL MARAKEZ	just
	29.5.17			just
	30.5.17		Gun Drill, saddlery, + Bathing.	just
	31.5.17			just

J.H. Wintingham Capt
for O.C. 18th MG Bde.

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18th M.G. SQUADRON ANZAC MTD. DIV.

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	2.5.17		Sections in the Outpost Line improved their emplacements and trenches. All horses of support sections were grazed. The emplacements on the W. side of the WADI, (made for the purpose of covering a retirement across the WADI if this became necessary) were improved by No 1+3 sections.	
	3.5.17			
	4.5.17		Sections in Outpost Line worked on emplacements and trenches. Support sections prepared lunch dinner, No 4 - Yes too in belt filling. Horses were grazed in the afternoon.	Yes
	5.5.17.		Sections in Outpost Line worked on emplacements + trenches. No 1+3 sections improved emplacements on W. of WADI.	Yes
		11.00	No 5 relieved No 6 in Outpost Line.	
	6.5.17		C.O. inspected lines. Horses grazed in afternoon.	
	7.5.17		Gun Drill under Sectn. Officers (morning). Semaphore + grazing (afternoon)	
	8.5.17		C.O. inspected all horses of Lgh. They were found to have benefited greatly by being watered three times a day and	Yes
	9.5.17.		by the grazing and rest during the last ten days.	Yes
	10.5.17		Gun drill (morning) grazing (afternoon)	Yes
	11.5.17			Yes
	12.5.17	08.15	Inspection of Gas Helmets + Gas Drill	
		11.00	No 1+3 sections relieved No 4+2 in Outpost Line.	
			All sections grazed in the afternoon.	
			The section which had taken up position on South shoulder of TEL EL FARA rightly since the beginning of the month has ceased to do so by order of Bde. H.Q.	
	13.5.17		Inspection of lines by C.O.	Yes
	14.5.17	08.15	No 2 + 4 sections Gun Drill.	
			No 6 section commenced digging new emplacements N. of TEL EL FARA on W. side of W. GHUZZE.	
			Grazing in afternoon.	Yes

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	16.5.17	08.15	Gun Drill. Packsaddles thoroughly dubbed (afternoon)	
	17.5.17	08.15	Exercise all horses of support sections.	
		15.00	Dubbed Saddlery.	
		16.00	The three sections from the Outpost Line returned to Squadron on relief of Bde by a unit of the 7th Div. These sections had been steadily improving their emplacements, assisting to put up wire and grazing other horses.	
	18.5.17	10.00	Horse inspection by C.O.	
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	19.5.17	05.30	Exercise all horses +	
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	21.5.17			
	22.5.17	19.00	Joined Bde. and marched to Pt. 820 N.W. of KHALASA. The Bde was in support of the Div., which was covering the demolition of railway line viaducts etc. at and about ASHUT.	
	23.5.17		Remained in support of the Div.	
		15.00	Commenced return march to camp at TEL EL FARA, arriving there at 20.00.	
	24.5.17		Cleaned + overhauled saddlery + gun equipment.	
	25.5.17		Dug trenches for protection against aircraft.	
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	29.5.17			
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for O.C. 18th MGA Bde.