

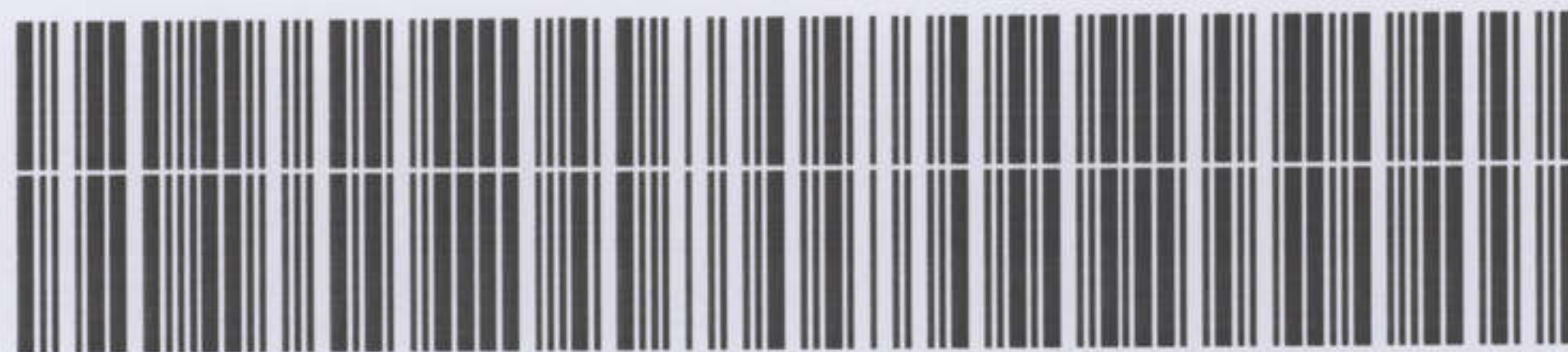
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SHEIKH ZOHANID	1/3/17	1900.	<p>Regmt. rested in camp all day. Capt. M. ALLEN ceased to be SECONDED with NZ M.R. Inf Regmt, Wounded dated 20/1/17. Capt. S. C. ASHTON, SECONDED for duty with NZ M.R. Inf Regmt dated 20/1/17. Lt. Col. K. J. TAIT. Ceased to be SECONDED with NZ M.R. Bde Transport dated 19/1/17. Major W. A. BENNETT SECONDED NZ M.R. Bde Details dated 13/1/17. Lt. Col. A. C. M. PIRLAISON took Temp Capt. dated 9/2/17. Lt. Col. (T/Lt. Col.) D. S. MANNERS relinquishes Temp rank of Lt. Col. dated 17/12/16. Lt. Col. A. H. GRIERSON transferred to NZ Infantry dated 29/1/17. Lt. Col. G. F. YERES transferred from NZ M.R. Machine Gun Squadron & takes on strength of Regmt dated 16/2/17. Lt. Col. G. L. PEREYS placed on NZ Roll & SECONDED dated 5/2/17.</p>	<p>Ref Map RAPA Dist E III</p>
	2/3/17		<p>Duty Regmt. Lt. Col. W. W. AYERILL att. NZ M.R. Bde HQ for duty.</p>	
	3/3/17		<p>Regmt. rested in bivouac. Church Parade held at 10.30.</p>	
			<p>Orders No 14 by Brig Gen. E. W. C. CHAYTOR received at 1700.</p>	
			<p>Orders No 22 by C.O. issued at 1830.</p>	
	3/3/17		<p>Regmt. marched out with the NZ M.R. Bde at 0615 to carry out reconnaissance EAST & SOUTH EAST of KARIM IBN MUSLEH. The Regmt. reconnoitred</p>	<p>James Lead</p>

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SHEIKH LOWAID	3/2/17 (cont)	1700	The country SOUTH EAST of KARM IBN MUSLEH on a line from EL DEBBBA, HILL 290, HILL 360, KHIBU, EL ABREISA. Enemy Patrols fired from advanced guard others retired. On the completion of the reconnaissance the Regt. withdrew at 1245 and rejoined the Brigade then returned to Hornoac where we arrived at 1830.	Ref map RAPA. Sweet E. III.
	4/3/17		The Regt. rested in camp & prepared for Service since at 1030.	
	5/3/17		Sub Regt. Capt. P. T. WILLIAMS, C.F. marched out to Hqs A.E.F. CAIRO.	
	6/3/17		Theat. D.S. MANNERS marched out to H.L.M.R. Inf. Regt. Lieut. C. B. K. DECASTRO marched out to School of Inst.	
			Orders No 15. by Brig. Gen. E. V. C. CHAYTOR received at 1600.	
			Orders No 23 by the G.O. issued at 1730.	
	7/3/17		The Regt. left Hornoac with the H.L.M.R. Bde at 0615. & furnished the advanced guard to the Bde on the march to KHAN YUNUS. On arrival at KHAN YUNUS the Regt. pushed forward to BENI SELA and HILL 330. To sign the enemy. The Regt. retired at 1300 & rejoined the Bde. on HILL 310 SOUTH WEST of KHAN YUNUS. The Bde. retired at 1500 & reached Hornoac at 1845.	Lt Col. Grant Adjutant

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SHEIKH ZAWAHID	9/3/17	900	Report rested in camp all day. Duty Report.	Ref Map R.A.F.A. NORTH. H-36 E. III.
	9/3/17		Report rested in camp and all ranks inoculated against Cholera. Orders No 17 by Brig Gen E.V.C. CHAYTOR recd at 1700. Orders No 24 by the C.O. issued. Lieut. K.J. TAIT marched in from School of Inf. dated 9/3/17.	
BIR-EL MBLAL HA.	9/3/17		Order in which 29 regarding the transfer of Lieut H.D. WILLIAMS to the R.F.C. is cancelled. Lieut. H.D. WILLIAMS remains SECONDED for duty with the R.F.C. The Report marched out with the N.Z. M.R. Bde at 1000 and proceeded via the beach and arrived at BIR-EL MBLAL HA at 1400, and settled down in bivouac. Orders No 18 by Brig Gen E.V.C. CHAYTOR received at 1730. Orders No 25 by the C.O. issued. Lieut. D. SMATHERS apptd Temp Lieut. + SECONDED as Adjutant N.Z. M.R. Inf Report dated 10/3/17.	
	13/12/17		Sgt. REID, S.C. having passed Cadets course. Sgt. of Scouts promoted. Lieut. subject to confirmation of the G.O.C. N.Z. E.F. Major J.A.M. CARROLL marched out to det. of Scouts at 0730.	
	11/3/17		Duty Report. The Report marched out with the N.Z. M.R. Bde to carry out a reconn. mission in the direction of GALA. On the completion of the reconnaissance the Bde returned to bivouac arriving at 1730.	

Swans Lieut Adjutant

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BIR-EL MELALHA.	13/17	1900	13/403 Lt. McCATHIE D.S. promoted 2nd Lieut. in passing Cadets Course Subj. Just subject to the confirmation of G.O.C. NZEF dated 11/3/17.	Ref. Map RAPA. Incl. 1/11/17 E III.
	13/17	..	The Regt rested in Camp all day. The following officers embarked for NZ on 11/3/17. Major W.A. BENNETT, Subj, Capt. M. ALDRED, Invalided on account of wounds, 2nd Lieut. O.L. PEREAS, Ill health.	
	13/17	..	Regt rested in Camp all day.	
	14/17	..	Duty Regt. 3rd Squadron left bivouac at 0700 & proceeded to KHARJ YUTUS where they made good for the protection of a party of R.E. working on the wells. Enemy patrols reported in the direction of DEIR EL BELAH. A Squadron of enemy Cavalry was reported from another source SOUTH of ABASAH EL KEBIR, and the rest of the Regt was ordered out at 1530 to proceed to KHARJ YUTUS & then out reconnoitering patrols to investigate. Patrols went out at 1630 from KHARJ YUTUS returned at 1830 reporting no signs of the Squadron of enemy Cavalry reported. The Regt withdrew at 1900 & returned to bivouac, arriving at 2045.	
	13/17	2400	Left WRIGHT S.L. to be 2nd Lieut. & SECONDED as 2nd Lieut. Transport Officer dated 5/3/17.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BIR-EL MELALHA.	15/7/17	1900.	<p>Lieut J.H. HERROLD promoted Capt. vice Capt. M. ALDRED + to man. SECONDED dated 28/2/17. Lieut (T/Capt) A.C.M. PINLAJON to be Capt. vice Capt J.H. HERROLD SECONDED dated 28/2/17. Lieut W.H. COATES SECONDED for duty with R.F.C. dated 24/3/17.</p>	<p>Ref Map 1997A 4857 E. 11.</p>
	16/7/17		Regt. rested in camp all day.	
	17/7/17		Regt. rested in camp all day. Orders No 19 received at 1700 for special work to be carried out on the 18 th . Orders No 26 by the C.O. issued at 1830.	
	18/7/17		<p>Regt. left house at 0100 & proceeded along the beach until arrival at a point 1 mile NORTH of DEIR-EL BELLAH. Arrived at the latter point at 0500. 3rd Squad was thrown out across the two HAHN YONUS-RAFA roads, with posts on the beach and extending in the direction of EL BREIT when the 3rd Squad reported being in position. The Regt. moved up to HILL 30 and the town & surrounding country was thoroughly searched but no signs of the enemy were found, and a report was sent back at 0630 to B.H.Q. "All clear". A small enemy patrol appeared on HILL 310 & fired on our patrols at a long range, but checked immediately & was broken. Orders received to retire to house via HAHN YONUS at 0830.</p>	

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BIR-BL MBLALHA	18/3/17 (Cont)	1900	The 3 rd + 11 th Squads with 2 nd Coy left DEIR EL BELAH at 0900 + arrived in hounac at 1330. The 4 th Squadron remaining in possession of DEIR-BL BELAH to protect intelligence officers sent out to interview the Arabs. The Squadron reached hounac at 1530.	Let Map RAFA Sheet 48TH. 4-3 E. III.
	19/3/17		Major T. H. McCARROLL, Major H. S. WHITBORNE and Lieut. C. B. McCASTRO returned from School of Inst.	
	20/3/17		Report rested in camp all day.	
	21/3/17		Subj Regiment.	
	21/3/17		The Regiment rested today in camp. Lieut J. Evans adjt relinquished his appointment as Adjutant. Lieut W. D. Ruddock + Lieut J. Evans transferred to 4 th N.Z. Inf. Bde. + struck off strength of Regiment.	
	22/3/17		Lieut. W. Macata appointed Acting-Adjutant from to date 22/3/17. Lieut W. D. Ruddock + Lieut J. Evans marched out to MDASCAR. Lieut H. J. Stewart marched in from N.Z. Coy. I. C. C. + taken on strength of Regiment. Lieut W. H. JOHNS detached for one months tour of duty with C.T.C.	
			W. Macata Lt Actg. adjt AMIR	

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BIR EL MELALHA	23/3/17	1900	Duty Regt. Supplied one Troop as guard at A.S.C. Depot RAFA, returned at 1300. The Regmt. prepared for moving out to the field. MAJOR J.N. M'CARROLL & LIEUT. M.E. JOHNSON went out with Officers reconnaissance patrol to locate suitable crossings over WADI EL GHUZZE. They returned at 1900. Lieut. C.E. MAWIER ^{transferred} marched out to NZ Coy I. b. b. marched out + is struck off strength of Regt.	REF. MAP RAFA 1127436 Sheet E.III WPA
"	24/3/17	"	At 1800 the Regt. received orders that it would be moving out with NZ M.R. Bde to DEIR EL BELAH at 0230 tomorrow, 25/4/17. Necessary preparations were made as to march vide Orders No 28, 24/2/17. Marching out state 19 Officers 424 G/rambs 484 horses. 20 men were left behind as there were no available horses.	WPA
DIER EL BELAH	25/3/17	"	At 0230 the Regmt left BIR-EL MELALHA with the NZ M.R. Bde. Major J.N. M'CARROLL commanded the Regmt to DIER EL BELAH via Lieut. Col. C.E.R. MACHESY, D.S.O. who commanded the NZ M.R. Bde to DIER-EL BELAH. The Regmt watered & fed the horses at DIER EL BELAH and at 0730 the Bde set out to make good the WADI EL GHUZZE from the Sea to TEL EL JEMMI while Infantry Staff officers reconnoitred WADI EL GHUZZE. The Regmt being in reserve stopped at HILL 1 mile west of HILL 220. The Regmt returned to Camp at 1620 & fed and watered horses.	WPA

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DIER EL BELAH	35/31/1900	1900	At 2200 Divas No 29 for operations on 26 th inst were issued.	REF MAP PAPA 10000 E. III.
"	26 th	"	The Regt moved out with the A.L.M.R. Bde at 0230. Divs tracks were across	U.S.A.
"	26 th	"	VIADI EL GAZI at TEL ELTEMMI at 0600 then move to TEL EL HUMRA then EL MBSHARET B while the 2 nd A.L.H. Bde was to guard from sea to EL MBSHARA and prevent escape of Turks from GAZA. The Regt reached TEL EL HUMRA at 1000 when the Turks shelled. At 1100 4 th Squadron was attached to HUT to watch approach of enemy reinforcements. At 1310 11 th Squadron with 1 Troop 3 rd Squadron was detached to watch enemy approach NORTH of HUT and TOR DIMRE. At 1400 the Regt (less 4 th and 11 th Squadrons & 1 Troop 3 rd Squadron) moved to EL MBSHARBRA and at 1600 the A.L.M.R. Bde and 524 th Tpa Bde attacked GAZA from EL MBSHARBRA. The A.M.R. head quarters were at GAZA. The A.L.M.R. Bde and 22 nd Mtn. Bde entered GAZA at 1500 and moved back to sandhills WEST of GAZA. A.M.R. head quarters being at HILL NORTH EAST of town. At 2000 11 th Squadron rejoined Regt.	REF MAP JERUSALEM U.S.A.
"	"	"	At 2300 Regt less 11 th Squadron moved back to DIER EL BELAH and arrived at 0600 next morning. 2 Troops 3 rd Squadron, located 208 prisoners captured by Bde from GAZA to DIER EL BELAH.	U.S.A. M. Macdonald Capt. 11 th Sqn A.M.R.

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DIER EL BELAH.	27/3/17	1900	The Regt. left DIER EL BELAH at 0645 + proceeded to EL DE MEITA where it rested + had rations for the day. 4 th Squad. + 1 Troop 3 rd Squad. rejoined Regt at 0800. 4 th Squad. were engaged in delaying advance of enemy reinforcements who were advancing in the direction of HUF. 4 th Squad. left HUF at 1030 this morning. At 1730 the Regt moved out with the Bde + took up line of outpost from INSEIRAT to I in EL TAIRE. The Regt was in reserve and took up position at B in EL TAIRE. - Quiet night.	Ref. Map RAPA. Para 4-3. EIT. WAR
	28/3/17		The Regt stood to arms at 0430. At 0630 horses were watered at lagoons at DIER EL BELAH. At 1200 the Regt moved to bivouac on sand dune north of lagoon at DIER EL BELAH.	WAR
	29/3/17		The Regt rested all morning. At 1530 the Regt moved to outpost line INSEIRAT to One Tree Hill. The Regt held right portions of sector, 4 th + 11 th Squads occupied line of outpost with 3 rd Squad. in Reserve.	WAR
	30/3/17		The Regt stood to arms at 0430. At 0500 3 rd Squad. moved off to TELELJEMINI to cover a road making party making a road from DIER EL BELAH to TELEL JEMINI. At 1400 the Regt less 3 rd Squad. returned to bivouac after	WAR

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DIER EL BELAH	30/3/17 (cont.)	1900	being relieved by Imp. Mtd. Division. At 1715 3 rd Sqn. moved bivouac from TEL EL JEMMI. <i>Lieut R. V. COLBECK</i> rejoined Regiment from R.L.M. & Inf. Regiment MOASCAR.	Ref mats RAFA Squad E III WAR
	31/3/17	1900	The Regt rested in camp all day.	WAR
				<i>W. Harata Lieut. Adj. Auckland A.M.P.</i>