

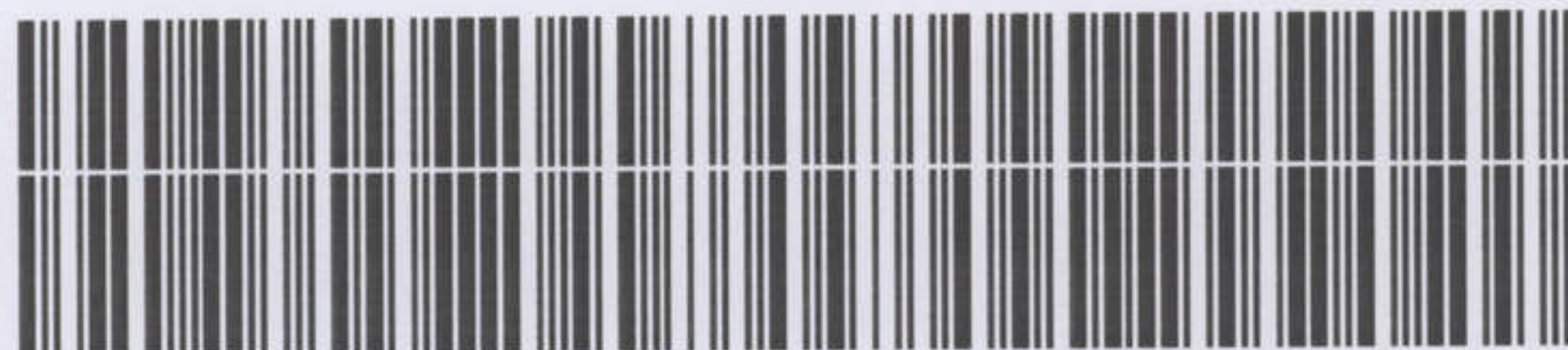
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL FARA	1/5/19	1900	<p>The Regt with the Bde moved out of camp to make good GOZ EL BASAL by 0800. The Regt acted as advance guard to the Bde, 4th Sqdn being the vanguard. The Regt reached GOZ EL BASAL & pushed on to a Pt. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile due EAST of Pt 420 GOZ EL BASAL, with the screen on ridges running N+S, on N of KH KHASIF. Enemy patrols fired on our screen from hill N of ABU UN BEIT ABU TAHA. At 1100 the Regt moved forward to Pt. 550 $\frac{3}{4}$ mile NW of KH KHASIF while the screen pushed forward another mile. Enemy Cavalry Patrols were seen on Pt 720 on ridge running N+S of Pt 720. At 1440 the Brigade returned to Camp. The Regt acted as rear guard, reached camp at 17.00.</p> <p>Lieut. M. R. REED + 2/Lt. S. C. REID + 46 other ranks joined Regt today. Lieut. M. R. REED is posted to 4th Sqdn as Temp. Command, 2/Lieut. S. C. REID to 5th Sqdn.</p>	<p>Ref. maps RAFA Sheet N-436 E-300 BEERSHEBA Sheet N-436 E-300 Litt</p>
2/5/17	"	"	<p>Troop of 11th Sqdn under Lieut. Johns W. H. proceeded to ABU SITTA to guard wells. Training in the use of gas helmets was carried out by the Regt today. Blankets at the rate of 1 per man was brought up from Details, Belah today. Sergt E. J. FOLEY + R. GILLESPIE marched out to cadet's bourse for commissions at ZEITUN.</p>	Litt

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Auckland Inta (Erase heading not required.) Reflex Regt.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL FARA	3/5/17	1900	<p>Duty Regt. Working Party under Lieut. W. W. AVERILL went to make roadways on East Bank of WADI at FARA. Q.M.S. TEDDY + Sergt. ORR marched out to MOASCAR to relieve Q.M.S. BAVANAGH + Sergt. CHEETHAM on Training cadres.</p> <p>A Board of Enquiry, President. Major C. R. E. MACKESY, members Lieut: Y. L. WADE, + 2/Lieut: J. D. STEWART. assembled to enquire into the circumstances as to how 12/910 Ipr. HAULTAIN EC met with an accident; viz. broke his leg.</p> <p>A French Mission came out to HISEIA + SHELLAL today to view our positions.</p>	<p>Ref Maps RAFA</p> <p>Sheet N-436 E-IV</p> <p>WA</p> <p>BEERSHEBA</p> <p>Sheet N-436 E-IV</p>
..	4/5/17	1900	<p>Regt remained in bivouac + carried out training in Gas training.</p>	<p>WA</p>
"	5/5/17	"	<p>Duty Regt. 3 Patrols, each of 1 Officer + a Troop, under Capt. A. C. M. FINLAYSON, were sent out in the directions of GOZ EL BASAL, GOZ EL GELEIB, + PT. 510. ABU SHAVISH respectively. Patrols crossed WADI at 0600, and returned to bivouac at 1730. 6 enemy patrols were seen moving about on Pt. 720, + along 700 contour line on either side of it.</p> <p>Working party of 3 Officers + 80 men under Lieut. G. CAWTE were sent to do work on WADI between FARA + SHELLAL. Turkish Aeroplanes bombed hospitals at DEIR EL BELAH.</p>	<p>WA</p>

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Quickland (Erased heading not required.) 7th Rifle Regt.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL FARA	6/1/17	1900	<p>Regt remained in bivouac + carried out training in Gas helmets.</p> <p>The following appointments + promotions in the NZEF (Egypt) are made temporarily subject to the approval of G.O.C., NZEF :-</p> <p>Major C.R.E. MACKESY to be 2nd in command dated 22/4/17.</p> <p>Capt. T.L. RANSTEAD, to be Major vice Major MACKESY apptd 2/Command 22/4/17.</p> <p>Lieut. C.F. SMEDLEY, to be Captain + remain seconded, vice Capt. RANSTEAD promoted dated 22/4/17.</p> <p>Lieut. H.D. WILLIAMS, to be Captain + remain seconded, vice Lieut. C.F. SMEDLEY promoted and seconded dated 22/4/17.</p> <p>Lieut. M.R. REED to be Captain, vice Lieut. H.D. WILLIAMS, promoted + seconded dated 22/4/17.</p> <p>Lieut. W. HAEATA, to be Adjutant vice Lieut. J. EVANS, transferred to NZ Infantry. dated 22/3/17.</p>	<p>Ref. Maps</p> <p>TRAF</p> <p>Sheet N-43</p> <p>E-III</p> <p>BFERSH</p> <p>Sheet N-436</p> <p>E-IV</p>
			<p>At 1900 today the Regt moved out with the Brigade, and cooperated with 6th Mtl Brigade, to try and round up a few of Turkish patriots reported in the vicinity of KH. KHASIF. The Regt with the Bde moved out + bivouacked on W. Side of QOR EL BASSAL which was reached at 2115.</p>	<p>left</p>

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Mid Ryfles Regt

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL FARA.	7/5/17	1900	<p>At 0100 the Regt moved off from GOZ EL BASAL, in the direction of KH. KHASIF, to buy and round up Turkish Patriots. 11th Sqdn acted as Advance Guard + 1 Troop 3rd Sqdn acted as left flank guard. KARM was reached at 0200, + Regt remained there for 1 hour. At 0300 the Regt pushed on to KH. KHASIF, arriving there at 0400 and found no signs of enemy. One Troop 11th Sqdn was pushed out for one mile in the direction of EL BUGGAR, when no signs of enemy were seen retired to Regt. Observation Post was established on Pt. 550, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile N. of F in KH. KHASIF. Touch with C.M.R. on left flank was obtained at 0400, + with 6th Mtd Bde on right flank at 0515.</p> <p>At 0645 the Regt Brigade returned to bivouac at FARA, the Regt acting as Rear Guard. The Regt reached bivouac at 0945. Officers went to view V.M.R. undergoing gas tests.</p>	<p>Ref. Maps RAFA Sheet N-H36 E-III BEERSHEVA Sheet N-H36 E-IV</p>
	8/5/17	"	<p>1 Troop, 3rd Squadron under Lieut. W.W. AVERILL went to ABU SITTA wells as Guard. Patriots, ^{under Capt G.S. CHEESEMAN} to GOZ EL BASAL, GOX EL GELEIB, + PT. 510, ABU SHAWISH, were sent out at 0530, + returned at 1730.</p> <p>2 Hostile planes bombed our bivouac area about 1815, 1 of rank wounded. Trials for carrying another spare barrel on Stotchkis Gun Pack was carried out, + was decided the best place to carry extra spare barrel was between Stotchkis gun + ammunition pannier on near side of horse. The spare barrel to be tied on to saddle bag with 2 straps about 27 inches long.</p>	<p>ATA</p>

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Auckland (Erase heading not required) 1st. Rifles Regt

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL FARA	9/5/17	1900	Duty Regt. Working parties of 60, 30, + 20 men respectively, under 2 Lieuts, JOHNSON, TAIT, + WADE were sent to do work on crossings, road work between FARA, + SHELLAL. Small party of 12 of ranks was sent to bury horses of NZ M.F.A, which were killed by bombs yesterday.	Ref traps P.A.F.A. Sheet N-H36 E-41 BEERSHEBA
	10/5/17	"	Regt remained in bivouac today.	Sheet N-H36 E-TV
	11/5/17	"	The Regt with the Brigade moved off at 0300 in the direction of EL BUGGAR to try and find information of 2,000 Turks reported by the aeroplanes as advancing from BEERSHEBA towards FARA, on afternoon of 10/5/17. The Regt acted as Advanced Guard to the Bde. 3 rd Sqdn acting as Vanguard. At 0600 the Regt. reached KH KHASIF, ^{Patrols} enemy were seen on 700 contour line 1/2 mile N. of R in EL BUGGAR to L on 700 contour line.	Lett
			The Regt pushed on to EL BUGGAR reached 700 contour line 1/4 mile N of B in EL BUGGAR at 0700. The Vanguard being 1 mile E. of Regt. Enemy patrols about 50 men were seen on the 800 contour line. The Regt pushed forward at 0745 to 800 contour line, 1 mile due E. of R in EL BUGGAR, + drove enemy	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL FARA	11/5/17	1900	<p>(Continued) off 800 contour line. The enemy retired to high ground about 1 mile E. of 800 contour line. At 0815 the Regt moved back to 700 contour line, leaving observation posts from 3rd Sqn on 800 contour line. At 1100 the Bde. commenced to return to bivouac. The Regt acted as Rear Guard. Bivouac was reached at 1600. (Attached Report on country reconnoitred today)</p>	<p>Ref maps RAFA Sit N-H36 E-111 BERSH33 Sit N-H36 E-111</p>
"	12/5/17	"	Bde Sports Day.	at
"	13/5/17	"	The Regt. remained in bivouac today & branded horses.	at
"	14/5/17	"	<p>At 1000 today the Regt went through gas test near B.H.Q. 1 Troop, 4th Sqn under Lt. DE CASTRO, went to ABU SITTA, as well as Guard. One Troop, 3rd Sqn under Lt. Haatai went to Adjutant AMR Regt.</p>	at

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Intd Rifles Regt

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL FARA	14/5/17	1900	(Continued) went to KHAN YUNUS as guard to A.S.C. Supplies.	Ref maps RAFA sheet N-H36 E-III
"	15/5/17	"	Patrols, to each of 1 troop and officer, were sent to SAUSAGE RIDGE (3 rd Sqn) GOZ EL GELEIB + GOZ EL BASAL (4 th Sqn) + Pt 610 ABU SHAWISH + Pt 410 (4 th Sqn) were sent out at 0530. Patrols were under command of Capt M. R. REED. Patrol to SAUSAGE RIDGE could not go beyond HADI IMKEIA, but were held up by hostile forces. Patrol to GOZ EL BASAL reported a Brigade of Cavalry (hostile) moving about Pt 720 + EL BUQQAR. All Patrols returned at 1730. A working Party of 16 men under 2/Lt HK HATRICK did wiring at SHELLAH.	Ref BEERSHEBA sheet N-H36 E-IV
"	16/5/17	"	The Regt moved off at 0530, to support the 6 th Mid Bde, who were moving out from GAMLI to by round up Turkish Patrols reported at KH. KHASIF. 4 th Sqn acted as Advance Guard to the Regt. At 0900 as per instructions the Regt reached Pt 550, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile N.W. of KH. KHASIF. The screen holding a line from Pt. 630 EL GIRHEIR to the last I in IMSIRI. At 0915, the 6 th Intd Bde were seen reaching KH. KHASIF. Enemy patrol about 30 men with a machine gun was driven off Pt 630, EL GIRHEIR. One of our planes was forced to land at KARM, by a hostile plane. At 1140 the Regt returned to bivouac, leaving 4 th Sqn to guard the plane which was forced to land. The Regt reached	W. Pracata Lieut Adjutant AMR Regt

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Auckland (Erase heading not required.) Mid Rifles Regt

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL & FARA	16/5/17	1900	bivouac at 1430. The 4 th Sqn. arriving at 2045. Casualty 1 horse killed. 2/Lieut. CHAPMAN, R.C. joined Regt, from Eng. Regt. MDASCAR. Capt CHEESEMAN at	Ref maps RAFA Sheet N-H36 E-III
"	17/5/17	"	A working party of 16 men under 2/Lieut. R. W. Colbeck did wiring etc at SHELLAL. A 90 emolition ^{class} party was started at 1900. H.Q. today, the Regt sending 1 NC O & 4 men to attend. At 1500, the Regt moved out of bivouac to relieve 6 th Mid on SHA'UTH Position. 3 rd Sqn + 1 section MG occupied EL GHABI, 11 th Sqn were distributed as follows 2 troops + 1 MG at UM AJUA, 1 troop + 1 MG at JEZARIYE, + 1 troop at a Compound about 1 mile N.E. of JEZARIYE. Regt HQ + 4 th Sqn in reserve being at SHA'UTH	BEERSHERA Sheet N-H36 E-IV SHELLAL 1:60,000. WA
"	18/5/17	"	At 0330 the Regt stood to, until 0430 when morning patrols had reported all clear. Work on improving posts at EL GHABI, UM AJUA, + JEZARIYE was carried out. At 1400 the Regt was relieved by a Regt of 2 nd ALH Bde. who took over all trench stores at SHA'UTH. Regt reached bivouac at 1530.	WA

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TEL EL FARA	19/7/1900		The Regt. remained in bivouac. Inoculation for Typhoid + cholera was done today.	Ref maps RAFA Sheet N-M35 E-IV
"	20/7/17	"	The Regt. remained in bivouac today. Duty Regt.	BEE. KHEBA Sheet N-M36 E-IV
"	21/7/17	"	Regt. remained in bivouac	NH
"	22/7/17	"	At 1700 the Regt. moved off to water prior to going with the Bde on expedition to blow up enemy's railway line between ASLUS + AUSA, and passed starting Pt at FARA at 1830 + moved off to Divisional place of concentration at GAMLI. At 2030 the Division moved off, the Regt acting as Rear Guard. The Brigade arrived at a hill midway between Pt 630, TEL ITWEL, + Pt 750 1/2 mile N. of in ABU BL RIGAL, at 0600 the	NH

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL FARA	22/5/17	1900	(continued) Regt. moved across W. IMAALAGA + wadi $\frac{1}{2}$ mile N. of it to a pt. about 1 mile N. of Pt. 690 RASHID BEK, + rested + fed for about 2 hours. The Regt. then moved to a point near W. in W. EL ISSAD. (Ozons were on the meantime wadi at Wadi 1 mile E. of Pt 690 RASHID BEK. At 1640, the Regt. acting as Rear Guard to the Bde, moved back + reached bivouac at 2330.	Ref maps RAFA Sheet N-H36 E-III
..	23/5/17		The Regt. remained in bivouac	Sheet N-H36 E-III
..	24/5/17		The Regt. remained in bivouac	N4
	25/5/17		Today the Regt sent out patrols, each of 1 Officer + a troop to GOZ MABRUK (3 rd Sqdn) GOZEL BASAK + GOZ EL ELEIB (4 th Sqdn) + Pt 570 ABU SHAWISH, 410, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile N. of E. in W. ELIMLEIH, + to Pt. 340 KHIRBET ERK (11 th Sqdn)	W4

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL FARA	25/5/17	1900	(Continued) The 11 th Sqdn Patrols being under Capt. A.C.M. FINLAYSON. Patrols of enemy were seen at Pt. 7209 630, + also at ERK. Patrol to ERK drove three Turkish Cavalry men in towards a party of Australians + were captured. Casually 1 horse killed.	Ref Maps RAFA Sheet N-1126 E-III WA
"	26/5/17	"	Regt. remained in bivouac. R.S.M. C.B. REID, + Sgt. G. PATON, passed Cadets Course at ZEITOUN + are promoted to 2/Lieutenants from 13/5/17 + 14/5/17 respectively	Sheet N-1126 E-IV WA
"	27/5/17	"	The Regt. commenced to cart heavy baggage to the new bivouac area near ABASAN EL KEBIR.	WA
ABASAN EL KEBIR	28/5/17	"	The Regt. prepared to move to new camp area at ABASAN EL KEBIR, + at 1400 moved off with the Bde. The Regt. bivouacked there for the night.	WA

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL FUKHARI	29/1/17	1900	At 1100 the Regt moved off from ABASAN EL KEBIR & moved to new bivouac area at a pt $\frac{1}{2}$ mile N.E of EL FUKHARI. 3 rd Sqdn Troop on guard at KHAN YUNUS rejoined Regt.	Ref Maps RAFA Sheet <u>N-M36</u> <u>E-III</u> Use
EL FUKHARI	30/1/17	1900	Regt dug new bivouacs for men. The Band, arrived from Details RAFA at 1930 today.	BEERSHAGS Sheet <u>N-M36</u> <u>E-IV</u> Use
"	31/1/17	"	The Regt remained in Bivouac Set	Use

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Summary for month of May 1918:	
			Strength of Regt 1/5/17 . . . 23 Officers . . . 472 Privates (including Band)	Ref. map RAFA
			" " " 31/5/17 . . . 26 " . . . 499 " . . . "	Sheet N-H3 E-TII
			To Hospital . . . 28 Privates	
			From MOASCAR . . . 3 Officers . . . 50 Privates	
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APPENDIX

~~XXXX~~Reconnaissance Report. 11/5/17.

Ref. Map.

BEERSHEBA. Sheet N---H36.
E---IV.

1. GENERAL NATURE AND GROUND. Country reconnoitred was from KH. KHASIF, to 500 contour line, one & three quarters mile due E. of B. in EL BUGGAR, including ground one mile on either side of FARA-BEERSHEBA road to where it cuts GAZA-ABU SHAWISH-KHALASSA. The country in this area is rolling downs, easy of access anywhere. WADIS shown on map are really easy valleys and are passable for all arms and wheeled traffic. Stunted crops and grass growing. Surface of the ground, earth intermixed with small cobbly stones.
2. ENEMY'S POSTS AND PATROLS. The enemy, strength about two troops, had spent the night at KH. KHASIF, (shown by signs on ground). On our advance, he retired to high ground on B in EL BUGGAR. As we continued to advance, he still retired to high points EASTWARD, finally holding position on ridge, Pts. 770-810-820-840 (square B-6&7), and hills south of WADI, S&S.E., of KHABEIRA (square B-7&8). Strength of enemy increased from 40 at KH. KHASIF to about 300 on position described as occupied by him. These patrols were Cavalry and Camelry.
3. ENEMY'S POSITIONS. Small redoubt and long trench across FARA-BEERSHEBA road (already notified) between KARM and KH. KHASIF. At EL BUGGAR are no trenches, and no trenches have been constructed anywhere as far as could be seen. Small heaps of stones were seen on hills at EL BUGGAR, for single men only.
4. CONCENTRATION OF TROOPS. Country at EL BUGGAR for half a mile N.&S. affords excellent cover from observation for concentration of any number of troops.
5. OBSERVATION POINTS. High ground quarter mile N. of B in EL BUGGAR, knolls on 800 contour line-Pt. 720, affords good view of country N.E., E., & S.E.
6. WATER. 1. KH. KHASIF. 2 cisterns. (already notified)
2. EL BUGGAR. 2 cisterns (3000 to 4000 gallons) good quality
3. R in EL Buggar 2 cisterns N. of hut and ruins, large demensions.
7. ROADS. Unmettled. 20 to 30 feet wide. Passable for all arms, motor and wheeled traffic, Easy grade.
8. CROPS. Barley is being cut around EL BUGGAR, camels loaded with grain seen on Pt. 770 going EAST.
9. TELEGRAPH LINE. Telegraph line on poles between KH. KHASIF and BEERSHEBA, is being demolished. Large quantity of copper wire and crowbars seen at hut mentioned at R in EL BUGGAR. Four coils of wire brought home, remainder of material was hidden.
10. CAMPS. Four camps were seen on slopes between 600 contour line one and three quarters mile N. of KH. in KH. ABU IRGEIG, and where track running E. from KH. IMLEIH cuts 45' line. Small bedouin camp in WADI HANAFISH due E of Pt. 720.
11. RAILWAY. Portion of raliway was seen, but day was too hazy for observation purposes in that direction.

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11/5/17.

(Sgd) W. HAEATA, Lieut.,

Adjutant,
A.M.R. Regt.

Reconnaissance Report. 16/5/17.

Ref. Map.

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ORDERS. The Regt. was to move out and be in support of two Regts. 6th.Mtd.Brigade, who were going out to try and cut off a portion of the enemy's force who were reported to be in the vicinity of KH.KHASIF. The Regt., to be at Pt.550, three quarters mile N.W. of KH.KHASIF, by 0900 today.

MOVES. The Regt. crossed WADI GHUZZE at 0600, and proceeded in the direction of Pt.550, which was reached at 0900.

ENEMY'S MOVEMENTS. Small patrol, about 6 mtd. men were occupying Pt. 550, one mile W. of Pt.630, EL GIRHEIR. On the approach of our patrol they retired to Pt.630, which was held by a troop of about 25 men. These opened fire on our patrol who on replying, drove them off, and retired about 2000 yds. N.E. Other patrols were seen along 600 contour line (from Pt.630 to due E. of IM SIRI.)

ENEMY'S WORKS. Pt.630., The enemy have dug about 30 shallow holes for men, and 2 M.G. emplacements, (shallow). Horse lines had been laid E. of Pt.630. Small digging party was seen at about 2000 yds. N.E. of Pt. 630.

Aeroplanes. About 1000 one of our aeroplanes was attacked by a Taube and was forced to land with engine troubles. 2 of our Sqdns. and M.G.Section brought fire to bear on it. 4th. Sqdn. remained after the Regt. had commenced to return to camp, to protect it while they were trying to bring it to FARA.

ORDERS TO RETURN. At 1130, the Regt. received orders to return, from G.O.C., 6th.Mtd.Bde., The Regt.(less 4th.Sqdn.) reached camp at 1430.

(Sgd) W. Haeata.
Lieut.,

Adjutant,

A.M.R.Regt.