

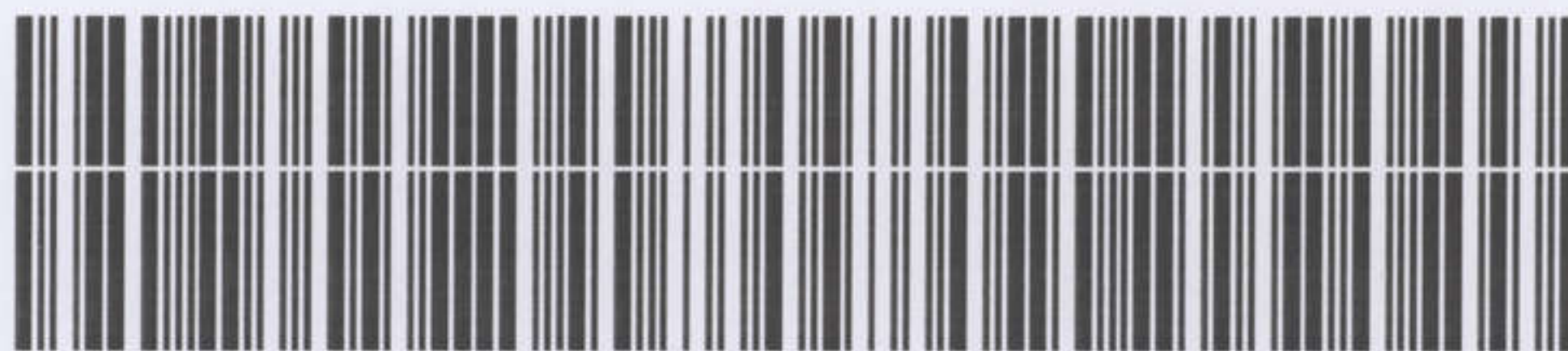
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7th Div. Rifles Regt.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL FUKHARI	1/6/17		At 0745 the Regt. proceeded to KHAN YUNUS to change Rifles, the Regt. handing in S.L.E MK III and drawing S.L.E MK*. After Rifles had been exchanged at 1000 the Regt. proceeded to the beach at TEL EL MARAKEB, remained there for two hours, and reached bivouac at 1430	Ref Trap RAFA Sheet 11-H36 E-II
"	2/6/17		At 0900 the Regt. moved out to KHAN YUNUS to get blankets and clothes disinfected, and returned to bivouac at 1330. The following promotions are made, subject to the confirmations by G.O.C., N.Z. EF:-	
			2/Lieut. K.J. TAIT to be Lieutenant, vice Lieut. M.R. REED, promoted, dated 23/4/17	
			2/Lieut. G. HOVEY to be Lieutenant, vice Lieut. W. HAEATA, app'd Adjutant, dated 23/4/17 and to remain seconded, dated 23/4/17.	WA
			2/Lieut. J.D. STEWART, to be Lieutenant, vice 2/Lieut. G. HOVEY, promoted and seconded, dated 23/4/17.	
			Major (Temp. Lieut. Col.) J.N. MCCARROLL to be Lieut.-Colonel, and to command A.M.R. Regt, vice Lieut. Col. G.E.R. MACKESY, D.S.O. seconded dated 23/4/17.	
			Major H.S. WHITE HORN, evacuated to hospital today.	
			W. Haeata Lieut Adjutant, A.M.R. Regt	

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Mtd. Rifles Regt

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL FUKHARI	3/6/17.		<p>The Regt remained on bivouac today. A Syllabus of Training for the week was drawn up (attached).</p> <p>At 1600 one Troop, 4th Sqdn. under Lieut. C.B. de CASTRO, relieved a Troop of 1st A.L.H. Bde as guard over water and troughs at ABASAN EL KEBIR.</p>	<p>Ref. Maps RAFA Sheet N-33 E-III</p>
"	4/6/17.		<p>Training as laid down per attached Syllabus was carried out today.</p> <p>At 0845 a hostile aeroplane came overhead and dropped 4 bombs, one falling in 4th Sqdn. lines. 1 private wounded. One bomb also dropped near 3rd Sqdn. lines, but it failed to explode.</p> <p>3rd Sqdn. moved to new bivouac site.</p> <p>At 1400, 100,000 rounds of MK. VII SAA was handed to Regt in place of MK. V SAA.</p> <p>A Troop, 4th Sqdn, under Lieut H.L. WADE, relieved Troop under Lieut. C.B. de CASTRO at ABASAN EL KEBIR troughs.</p>	<p>W.H.</p>
"	5/6/17		<p>Training as per Syllabus was carried out today this morning.</p> <p>At 1400 the Regt with the Brigade, concentrated at the Divisional concentration Point in case of attack, which is about 1/2 mile South of HAZAR, just South of Railway line at KIL 12 on RAFA-SHELLAL Railway, returned to bivouac at 1630.</p>	<p>100,000</p> <p>10 Hazar Lieut Adjutant ANR Regt</p>

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Mta Rifles Regt

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
E.L FUKHARI	6/6/17		The Regt did firing on Rifle Range with new rifles. The practices fired were grouping 100 yds, 5 rounds, and application, 300 yds, 5 rounds. 356 men were put through grouping and 330 through application. The Hotchkiss guns were also tried with MK. VII S.A.A.	Ref. Map RAFA. <u>Wt Sheet N-436 E-III</u>
"	7/6/17		The Regt remained in bivouac and carried out training as laid down in the syllabus	<u>Wt</u>
"	8/6/17		At 0715 the Regt. with the Bde moved out of EL FUKHARI to new bivouac area on beach at TEL EL MARAKEB. Movement Order attached. New bivouac area was reached at 1100. Squad, 4 th Coy, under Lieut. H. L. WADE, on duty at ABASAN EL KEBIR though. Rejoined Regt. at 1500. Lieut. C. B. K. de CASTRO is detached as Water Supply Officer at SHELLAL.	<u>Wt</u>

W. Macata Lieut
Adjutant Mta Rifles

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Mild Reflex Regt.

Auckland

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL MARAKEB.	9/6/17		The Regt remained in bivouac. A party consisting of Major D. MUNRO, + Lieuts. G. F. YEREX + J. D. STEWART, and 37 other ranks proceeded on leave to CAIRO, till the 15 th Inst.	Ref map RAFA WA Sheet <u>N-N36</u> <u>E-III</u>
	10/6/17		The Regt remained in bivouac. A new syllabus of training for week ending 16/6/17 was drawn up (attached).	WA
	11/6/17		Training as laid down per syllabus was carried out today. Duty Regt.	WWD
	12/6/17		The Regt. remained in bivouac. Training as per syllabus was carried out. Lt. M. E. JOHNSON marched out to School of Instruction ZEITOUN for 10 days course in Topography, also 1 O/R.	WWD

*W. W. A. ...
Acting Adjutant
AMR Regt.*

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TEL EL MARAKEB	13/6/17		The Regt. remained in boonac and carried out training as laid down per syllabus. The 3 rd Sqdn did firing on the Rifle Range between the hours 0800-1130. The practice fired was Grouping 100 yds 5 rounds. 108 men fired and 107 qualified.	Ref map TRAFALGAR Sheet $\frac{N-H3}{E-11}$ WH
"	14/6/17		Duty Regt. 4 th Sqdn carried out grouping practice on Range from 1400 to 1600. 97 men fired, all qualified. Training as per syllabus was carried out.	WH
	15/6/17		11 th Sqdn carried out grouping practice on range from 0600 to 0800. 97 fired all qualified. Training as per syllabus was carried out in the morning, cleaning of saddlery in the afternoon. Lieut. G. H. Begg wither is detached for one month's course of training at Brigade Head Quarters. Lieut. J. W. Stewart is appointed Temp. Regt. Quarter Master vice Lieut. G. H. Begg wither, to Brigade HQ. Lieut. W. W. Avenell is appointed Temp. Adjutant, vice Lieut. W. Macata absent seven days on duty. Leave party of 3 Officers & 37 other ranks to CAIRO returned this morning. W. Macata Lt. Adjutant R Regt.	WH

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Mtd Rifles Regt.

Buckland

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL MARAKEB.	16/6/17		<p>At 1100 the Regt was inspected by Gen. D. L. Hawel, K.C.M.G., G.O.C. Desert Column. Training with live bombs was carried out during the afternoon under Lieut. G. CARTE. 36 men went through this practice. At 1300 the 3rd Sqdn had dental inspection. Lieut. C. B. K. de Castro rejoins Regt frontwater Supply Officer SHELTAL.</p>	<p>Ref map RAFA Lt Sheet N-H36 E-III</p>
"	17/6/17		<p>Duty Regt. The Regt remained in bivouac. 10 men threw live bombs. All heavy gear was conveyed to the Regt's dump KHAN YUNUS during the afternoon. The names of the following were forwarded to Bde HQ for specific rewards mentioned in despatch for the good work done by them: Capt A. G. M. Emleyson, Lieut. C. B. J. Withers, S.S.M. Donald H. B. F. G. M. S. Patten J, and 13/164 Sgt Buckland A. J.</p>	<p>lt</p>
KAZAR	18/6/17		<p>At 0600 the Regt with the Brigade moved out to occupy new bivouac area at a point midway between the T-1 in undulating on Square W. E. New bivouac area was reached at 1030. In the afternoon erection of new bivouac was carried out. 2/Lieut. M. C. Bathie & 31 Coyankers marched from ATORSCAS.</p>	<p>lt</p>
"	19/6/17		<p>Remained in bivouac. The day was spent in spraying gas helmet and gas drill. New syllabus of training was drawn up (attached)</p>	<p>lt</p>

Lt. Macnab
 Adjutant Mtd Rifles

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
KAZAR.	20/6/17		The Regt remained in bivouac today. Training as per syllabus was carried out today. At 1400 2 Officers + 30 privates went through gas demonstration.	Ref map U.A. RAFA Sheet N-1436 E-III
"	21/6/17	"	The Regt remained in bivouac today. Training as per syllabus. 15 Officers and 25 privates attended lectures on "Carrier Pigeons" in the morning.	U.A.
"	22/6/17	"	Training as per syllabus was carried out in the morning & afternoon. Lieut. W. W. Averill relinquished appointment as Temp Adjutant on return of Lieut. W. Otaeata.	U.A.
"	23/6/17		The Regt remained in bivouac today. Rifles & saddlery were inspected in the morning. 34 men threw 9 cases live bombs today. Capt. H. L. Middowson N.Z. M.C. marched out to MOASCAR prior to embarking to N.Z. on leave.	U.A.

*W. Otaeata Lieut
Adjutant A.M.R. Regt.*

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HAZAR	24/6/17		<p>The Regt. remained in bivouacs today. 2/ Lieut. M. E. Johnson + HK Habuck and two of ranks marched in from School of Instruction, ZEITOUN. New syllabus of training was drawn up (attached). 39 of ranks threw live bombs this morning.</p>	<p>Ref map RAFA Lt Sheet N-438 E-101</p>
"	25/6/17		<p>The Regt. carried out practice on Rifle Range today. Practices fired were (a) Grouping 100 yds 5 rounds S.A.P. (b) Application 300 yds. Grounds No who fired (a) 308 (b) 295. 274 qualified in grouping. Qualification for grouping was 15 points.</p>	<p>lt</p>
"	26/6/17		<p>Duty Regt. construction of new bivouacs was commenced to-day. These bivouacs were dug 10 ft wide long, 7 1/2 ft wide + 5 ft deep, + covered with matting. N.C. Os to class + Hoteliers gunnery class carried out classes as per syllabus. Lieut. Col. G. E. R. Mackery D.S.O. is awarded the C.M.G. + R.S.M. Palmer W. is awarded the Military Cross. (NZ M.R. Bde were B.M. 4917 8/6/17)</p>	<p>lt</p>
"	27/6/17		<p>Building of bivouacs was continued today. N.C. Os + Hoteliers classes carried on as per syllabus. Lieut. G. F. Myers is transferred to J. G. Bde on promotion to Captain. 1 Officer + 9 of ranks proceeded on leave to CAIRO.</p>	<p>lt</p>

W. Teata Lieut.
 Adjutant A.M.R. Bde.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HAZAR	28/4/17		<p>Building of bivouacs was continued today. N.C. & Hotchkiss classes as per syllabus.</p> <p>Capt. S. C. Ashton marched in from N.Z. T.U. & W. MOASCOAR & W. appointed to temporary command of 3rd Sqdn.</p> <p>Capt. M. R. Reed marched out to N.Z. T.U. & W. MOASCOAR.</p> <p>Lieut. G. Cawle relieved Lieut. G. F. Yerese as water supply officer at ABASAN EL. KEBIR troughs.</p>	<p>Ref map RAFA Sheet N-H36 E-III</p>
"	29/4/17		<p>Building of bivouacs was continued today. N.C. & Hotchkiss classes as per syllabus.</p> <p>Duty Regt.</p> <p>Capt. O. R. Reed N.Z. M.C. marched in from N.Z. M.F.A. & W. taken on the strength of the Regt.</p>	<p>W.P.</p>
"	30/4/17		<p>Building of bivouacs was continued today.</p> <p>2/Lt. W. H. Johns 11th Sqdn. marched out to School of Instruction today.</p>	<p>W.P.</p>

W. Macata Lieut
Adjutant Mtd R. Regt.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			Summary for month of June 1917.	
	Strength of Regt	1 st June 1917	25 off	497 ranks
		30 " "	22 off	472.
	Evacuations to hospitals, etc			
	2 Officers	39 ranks	to Hosp.	
		7 "	Rest Camp (IKHAN YUNUS)	
		7 "	Dental (MOASCAR)	
		1 "	N.Z.M.F.A.	
	Reinforcements		3 Officers	39 ranks
			W. Harata Lieut Adjutant AMR Regt.	

ORDER No.

By Lieut. COL. J.N. Mc. Carroll, Comdg. A.N.R. Regt.

EL FUKHARI.

7/8/17.

R A F A HQ - HSE.
3-111.

1. MOVES. The Regt. will be moving to a new camp site near KHAN YUNUS tomorrow 8/8/17, and will parade in Mass facing Northward on ground South of 4th. Sqn. lines at 0700. Order of march as per margin.
2. BREAKFAST. Breakfast tomorrow will be at 0530.
3. WATERING. Hour for watering tomorrow will be notified later.
4. BAND. The Band will accompany the Regt. and will ride with their Sqns., and will be provided with horses as follows:-
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| 3rd. Sqn. | 6 horses from C.M.R. and 1 from H.Q. |
| 4th. Sqn. | 5 horses from the Sqn. |
| 11th. Sqn. | 5 horse from the Sqn. and 1 from H.Q. |
5. TRANSPORT. Transport for tomorrow will be distributed as follows:-
G.S. Waggon. 1 per Sqn., 1 for Regtl. H.Q., and 1 for Regtl. cooking gear. Baggage for these waggon will be lifted at 0645.
Litters. 1 for Portiers and Sanitary gear., 1 for Orderly Room, Medical, and Signalling gears., 1 for the Band., 2 for the Saddlers., 1 for Regtl. H.Q., and 2 for the R.Q.M.
 All Sqn. Baggage and equipment will be lifted by Sqns. and must be stacked at head of Sqn. lines by 0615. These cumcs will be inspected at 0630. No bivvy sticks will be carried on waggon.
6. SANITATION. All lines must be thoroughly cleaned, holes filled in, and rubbish which can't be burned must be buried.
7. LOADS for G.S. WAGGONS & HORSES. G.S. Waggon. Officers' kits, and Bivvy sheets and Bivvy blankets. Horses. In addition to the authorized articles, each man will carry 2 blankets, 1 W.P. sheet, and 1 stick on his horse.
8. REAR PARTY. Each Sqn. will detail 8 men under an Officer to be detailed by the 3rd. Sqn. to report to Orderly Room at 0645, tomorrow, when Orders will be issued to the Officer in charge.
9. BAGGAGE GUARD. Each Sqn. will 4 men and H.Q. 2 men to load waggon, and to act as baggage guard until the baggage arrives at new camp site. O.C. 11th. Sqn. will detail an N.C.O. to take charge of the party.
10. RATIONS. Rations will be drawn at the new camp site at 1515 tomorrow.

Sgd. W. Bagata, Lieut.
Adjutant, A.N.R. Regt.

Copy No. 1. to C.O.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING

For week ending 2/6/17. A.M.R. Regt.

- MONDAY. 0800-0900. Musketry, aiming, trigger pressing, judging distance.
1430-1530. Gun and bomb instruction.
- TUESDAY. Same as laid down for Monday.
- WEDNESDAY. Rifle Range.
- THURSDAY. 0800-0900. Same as for Monday.
1430-1530. Care of horses, fitting and packing of saddles, and use of blanket, by Troop Leaders.
- FRIDAY. Same as laid down for Monday.
- SATURDAY. Inspection of arms and saddlery.

Special classes.

- Hotchkiss. Instructors. Lieuts. Macata, de Castro and Tait.
- Bombing. Instructor. Lieut. Cawte.
- Gas. Instructors. Lieuts. Stewart, Johnson and Johns.
- Signalling. Instructor. Sig. Sergt. Dunning.

Special syllabus for N.C.Os.

- MONDAY. 0800. Lecture by Lieut. Col. Mc. Carroll.
0815. Musketry, by Major Mackesy.
1430. Bombing, by Lieut. Cawte.
1500. Hotchkiss, by Lieut. de Castro.
- TUESDAY. 0800. Gas, by Lieut. Stewart.
0830. Duties (general) by R.S.M. Palmer.
1430. Care of horses, by Major Munro.
- WEDNESDAY. Rifle Range.
- THURSDAY. 0800. Guards and sentries, by R.S.M. Palmer.
1430. Hotchkiss, by Hotchkiss Instructors.
- FRIDAY. 0800. Judging distance, by Major Mackesy.
1430. Fire control, by Lieut. Col. Mc. Carroll.
- SATURDAY. 0800. Gas, by Lieut. Johnson.
0830. Lecture on general subjects, by Lieut. Col. Mc. Carroll.

2/6/17.

Sgd. W. Macata, Lieut.
Adjutant, A.M.R. Regt.

Syllabus of Training for Week ending Saturday, 23rd June, 1917.

Hours of parade 0930 to 1030 & 1515 to 1615.

Wednesday,	0930	Judging Distance dismounted.
	1515	Bayonet Fighting & Semaphore.
Thursday,	0930	Musketry (Trigger pressing & use of sights).
	1515	Judging Distance dismounted.
Friday,	0930	Bayonet Fighting & Semaphore.
	1515	Judging Distance mounted.
Saturday,		Inspection of Rifles by C.O. & Cleaning Saddlery.

Inspection of Rifles, 3rd & 4th Sqds: at 0930. 11th Sqd: at 1000.
 Cleaning of Saddlery under Sqds: arrangements, 3rd & 4th Sqds: after rifle inspection, 11th Sqd: before rifle inspection.

Scouting. Classed under Lieut: C. Cawte, as detailed later.
 C.C. 11th Sqd: will detail Troopers Ariell & Sterling as assistants to Lieut: Cawte.

Hotchkiss Gun. Training will be carried out as previously, under Lieut: H.M.J. Tait.

N.C.Os. SYLLABUS.

Hours of parade 0930 to 1030 & 1515 to 1615. Lecture 1630.

Wednesday,	0930	Duties & responsibilities of N.C.Os. Rifle Exercises.
	1515	Musketry.
	1630	Lecture "Care of Horses & Fitting of Saddlery" by Major Muir.
Thursday,	0930	Musketry-- Aiming, Sighting, Trigger pressing.
	1515	Guards & Sentries.
	1630	Lecture.
Friday,	0930	Judging Distance.
	1515	Fire Control.
	1630	Lecture.
Saturday,	0930	Judging Distance, mounted.

All Sergeants & Cpls: must attend these Classes unless on special duty.
 Sergt: Major Betteridge will be in charge of N.C.Os. Classes.
 N.C.Os. will parade on ground between 3rd Sqd: & 4th Sqd: Lines.
 All other parades will be on ground West of Sqds: Lines.

W. W. Averill Lieut:
 Actg: Adjutant.

19/6/17.

MOUNTED AND MOUNTED RIFLES. REGIMENT.

Syllabus of Training for Week ending Saturday, 30th June, 1917.

Hours of Parade 0930 to 1030 & 1515 to 1615.

<u>Tuesday,</u>	Artbuilding.
<u>Wednesday,</u>	0930, Judging Distance. (Mounted). 1515..Rifle exercises, Musketry, & Semaphore.
<u>Thursday,</u>	0930. Fixing Bayonets on horseback. 1515. Same as Wednesday.
<u>Friday,</u>	0930. Same as Thursday. 1515. " " "
<u>Saturday,</u>	Inspection of Rifles by C.O. & Cleaning of Saddlery. Inspection of Rifles, 3rd: & 4th: Sqdns: at 0930. 11th: Sqdn: at 1000. Cleaning of Saddlery under Sqdn arrangements, 3rd & 4th: Sqdns: after rifle inspection, 11th: Sqdn: before rifle inspection.
<u>Hotchkiss Guns.</u> Training of 12 men per Sqdn: until qualified, will be carried out as previously, under Lieut: Tait.	

N.C.Os. Syllabus.

<u>Tuesday,</u>	0930. Map Reading & Topography. 1515. Judging Distance. (Mounted). 1630. Lecture.
<u>Wednesday,</u>	0930. Fixing Bayonets on horseback. 1515. Map Reading & Topography. 1630. Lecture.
<u>Thursday,</u>	0930. Judging Distance, (Mounted). 1515. Map Reading & Topography. 1630. Lecture, on Reports, (Field) etc:.
<u>Friday,</u>	0930. Patrols (Mounted) & Reports (Field). (A Scheme will be drawn up for this). 1515. Completing Reports & Sketches. 1630. Lecture.

All Sergeants & Corporals must attend these Classes.

Map Reading Classes for N.C.Os. will be under Sqdn arrangements. N.C.Os. of each Sqdn: will be divided into two Classes, each under an Officer.

Serjt-Major, Betteridge will be in charge of N.C.Os: Classes other than Map Reading.

N.C.Os. will parade on ground between 3rd: Sqdn: & 4th: Sqdn: Lines.

All other parades will be on ground West of Sqdn: Lines.

W. Macart
-----Lieut:

Adjutant.

25/6/17.