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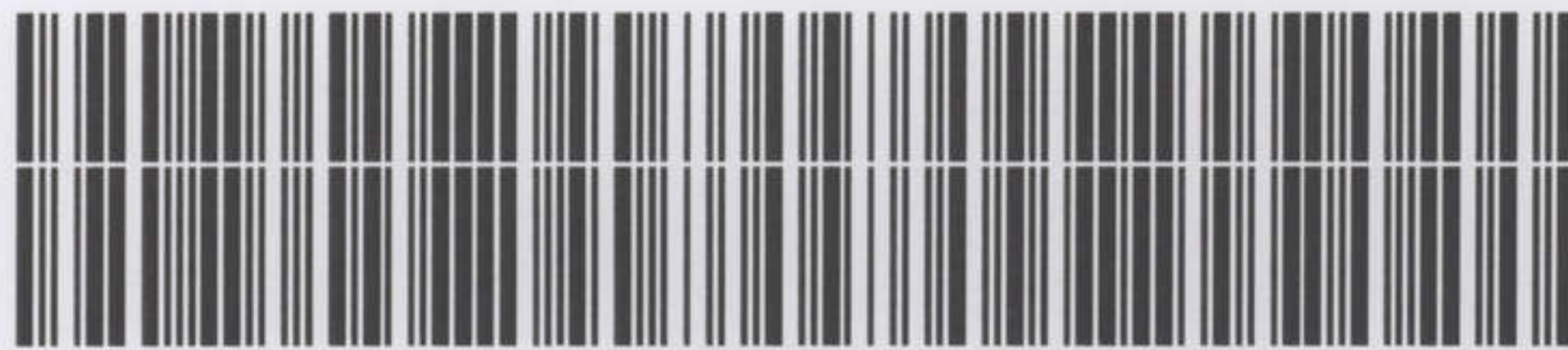
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TEL EK FARA	1/8/17.		<p>The Regt stood to at 0330 until 0500, and remained in camp all day. Major T.L. RANSTEAD rejoined Regt today. 2/Lieut. J. W. AICKEN and 59 b/rankers arrived as reinforcements today.</p> <p>Lieut. C.V. BIGG-WITHER marched in from Detachment to B.H.Q. today.</p> <p>The following changes took place in the Regt today.</p> <p>MAJOR T.L. RANSTEAD, assumes command of 3<sup>rd</sup> Sqdn.</p> <p>Capt. S.C. ASHTON, from Temp Command 3<sup>rd</sup> Sqdn to 2/Command 4<sup>th</sup> Sqdn.</p> <p>Lieut. J.D. STEWART rejoins 3<sup>rd</sup> Sqdn from Temp Regt Quartermaster.</p> <p>2/Lieut. D.S.M. CATHIE, transferred from 3<sup>rd</sup> Sqdn to 11<sup>th</sup> Sqdn.</p> <p>2/Lieut T.H. AICKEN is posted to 11<sup>th</sup> Sqdn.</p>	<p>Regt map</p> <p>FARA</p> <p>1:125,000</p> <p>BEERHEAN</p> <p>1:125,000</p> <p>GAZA-SHELLAL</p> <p>1:40,000</p> <p>SHERIA</p> <p>1:40,000</p>
..	2/8/17		<p>The Regt stood to at 0330 until 0500 and remained in camp all day.</p> <p>13/2006 2/Lieut (Temp Corp) COLEMAN E.J. <sup>3<sup>rd</sup> Sqdn</sup> is awarded the MILITARY MEDAL for gallantry in rescuing a man under fire at KHIRBET ERK on 25/7/17.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Sqdn (Major T.L. RANSTEAD) moved out at 1800 to assist W.M.R. as covering troops to a party of 500, who were laying a cable (underground) to KARM. This Sqdn returned at 0300 2/8/17.</p>	<p>MEDAL</p> <p>GAZA-SHELLAL</p> <p>1:40,000</p> <p>SHERIA</p> <p>1:40,000</p>
..	3/8/17.		<p>(less 3<sup>rd</sup> Sqdn)</p> <p>At 0500 the Regt, with one section Somerset Battery and one section machine gun Sqdn, left camp, on reconnaissance of Wadi SHERIA + IMLEIH, and to clear Wadi IMLEIH of enemy from Pt 310 to Pt 410.</p> <p>On leaving Wadi at FARA, 11<sup>th</sup> Sqdn (Capt A.C.M. FINLAYSON) moved out as advance guard to the Regt, and proceeded towards Pt 330 (GAZA-SHELLAL) on reaching</p>	<p>GAZA-SHELLAL</p> <p>1:40,000</p> <p>SHERIA</p> <p>1:40,000</p>

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TEL EL FARA	3/8/17.		<p>(Continued) This point sent one Troop (2/Lt W. H. JOHNS) to occupy this point, while the three remaining Troops were sent to Pt. 510, ABU SHAWISH. The remainder of the Regt moved to Pt 330, (GAZA-SHELLAL).</p> <p>Patrols (1 section) were sent to try and locate enemy at KHIRBET ERK, and to Pt 410. KHIRBET ERK was reported all clear, but the patrol to Pt. 410 was forced to withdraw under heavy machinegun and rifle fire.</p> <p>An Patrol was then sent down W. IMLEIH from KHIRBET ERK towards Pt 410, and under cover of our artillery which was shelling the enemy and our post at Pt 410, dispersed them, and reached Pt 410 and reported Wadi IMLEIH all clear by 0900.</p> <p>An enemy post about 20 men were seen at hut (Square V. 18. TEL EL SHERIA 1:40,000) but these were dispersed by our artillery.</p> <p>At 0830 an enemy aeroplane appeared over Pt 330 and circled round very low evidently trying to pick up the position of our two jumps. Then flew over to Pt 400 (TEL EL SHERIA) where it opened machine gun fire onto our troops there, we retaliated with rifle fire and it flew off towards HAREIRA.</p> <p>At 1300 an enemy gun opened fire on Pt 330, evidently with the intention of trying to knock out our artillery, but on the approach of our aeroplanes it ceased fire, and at 1430 it again opened fire on Pt 330. This gun, <sup>(a 10 pounder)</sup> was located as being in small wadi due south of the 3 in 325, Square V 18. (TEL EL SHERIA)</p> <p>Our artillery engaged it and at 1530 it ceased firing at us, as also did a larger gun (79 c.m) which had also opened fire on us from the direction of HAREIRA.</p> <p>There was a fair amount of enemy movement visible especially between SHERIA + HAREIRA where a Sqdn of cavalry moved across from the latter place to the former at 1630. A Special Reconnaissance of WADI IMLEIH was made by Lt Col J. N. McCARROLL + Lt W. MAEATA to find out suitable crossings.</p> <p>A large working party (300) which was digging south of SANA-HAREIRA dispersed on our guns opening fire.</p> <p>A large column, apparently a train or wheeled transport moved from HAREIRA to behind SANA redoubt at 1600. This column was about 1/2 mile long.</p> <p>The Regt withdrew at 1700 + reached camp at 1900.</p>	<p>Ref Maps RAFA 1:125,000 BEERSHEBA 1:125,000 GAZA-SHELLAL 1:40,000 TEL EL SHERIA 1:40,000</p>

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TEL EL FARA	4/8/17		<p>The Regt stood to at 0330 until 0500 and remained in camp all day. 1 Troop, 11<sup>th</sup> Sqdn. (2/Lieut. W. W. JOHNS) marched out on detachment to ANZAC Mtd Division HQ as duty Troop. 2/Lieut. J. A. GODFREY, Staff Yeomanry, marched in on detachment.</p>	<p>Ref. memo TRAPA 1:125000 WA BEERSHEBA 1:125000</p>
	5/8/17		<p>(less 3 troops) At 0530 the Regt, with D Field Troop moved out on reconnaissance today in the direction of KHAASSA, and moved on Eastern side of the Wadi GHUZZE as far as BIR EL ESANI. On crossing Wadi at FARA at 0600, 4<sup>th</sup> Sqdn (Major D. MUNRO) moved out and acted as advance guard to the Regt. ESANI was reached at 1000, when the horses were watered, and the 4<sup>th</sup> Sqdn then sent 1 Troop (Lieut. G. CAWTE) to patrol W. IMMALAGA as far as Pt 860, and 1 Troop (Lieut. C. B. K. DE CASTRO) to patrol as far as Pt 770 DARIB EL ZOL. The remaining two Troops 4<sup>th</sup> Sqdn moved to Pt 770, while the remainder of the Regt moved to Pt 680, 1 mile S. of A in ABU EL RIGAL, leaving 1 Troop (2/Lieut. G. R. JACKSON) to guard Field Troop, which was testing water at ESANI. By 1330, both 4<sup>th</sup> Sqdn patrols reported all clear, &amp; at 1500 the Regt withdrew &amp; reached camp at 2015. 3 Bedouins were captured, 2, 1 mile N of KHAASSA &amp; 1 at Pt 680. An Australian wireless station was at Pt 630 TEL ITREIL, with a Squadron of A.L.H. as escort, these had been there for three days. We supplied 1 Troop (2/Lieut. D. S. M. CATHIE) as night standing patrol at a point 2 miles S of HABI, &amp; 1 Troop (2/Lieut. T. W. PICKIN) as night standing patrol at a pt 1/2 mile S of CAML. Lt. Davata Lieut Adjutant</p>	<p>GATA-SHEBA 1:40,000 TEL EL SHERIA 1:40,000 WA</p>

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Tel El FARA	6/8/17		<p>The Regt remained in camp, <del>all day</del> <sup>this morning</sup>, and at 1300 moved off to SHELLAH junction to get clothing disinfected.</p> <p>The following Officers were mentioned in despatches, Lieut. Col. G. R. MACKESY, C.M.G., D.S.O. Capt. M. ALDRED, Capt. A. M. FINLAYSON, and Lieut. J. EVANS (and transferred to N.Z. Infantry)</p>	<p><i>Ref. maps</i>  <i>R.A.F.A.</i>  <i>1:125000</i>  <i>WA</i></p>
	7/8/17		<p>At 0530 the Regt (less 4 troops) + 1 section Machine gun, moved out on a reconnaissance towards DARB EL ZOL and ABU GHALYUN. On leaving wadi at FARA, 1 troop 3rd Bn (Lieut. J. D. STEWART) moved out as advanced guard (guard) to the Regt, moving in the direction of ESANI. On arrival there, 1 troop 3rd Bn (Lieut. W. W. AVERILL) was sent as patrol to DARB EL ZOL, + 1 troop (2/Lt S. C. REID) was sent as patrol to ABU GHALYUN.</p> <p>By 12.00 these two troops report all clear.</p> <p>At 1330 the Regt withdrew &amp; reached camp at 1745.</p> <p>One Turkish lancer was captured, and one of our agents (bedouin) was brought in from ESANI.</p> <p>Two of our agents <sup>(bedouins)</sup> went through our lines at 1000, on their way to BEERSHERA.</p> <p>Capt. J. A. Popper 17th Lancers is attached to the Regt.</p> <p>14 Gfranks arrived as reinforcements.</p> <p>2 Troops 4th Bn (Lieut. De Bastro) moved out as standing patrols 2 miles South of GAMLI + GHABI respectively.</p> <p><del>The Regt remained in camp.</del></p>	<p><i>WA</i>  <i>BEERSHERA</i>  <i>1:125000</i>  <i>GAZA-SHELLA</i>  <i>1:125000</i>  <i>WA</i>  <i>TEL EL SHERIA</i>  <i>1:125000</i></p>
	8/9/17		<p><del>The Regt remained in camp.</del></p>	<p><i>WA</i></p>

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TELEW FARA	7/19/17		<p>(Continued) (A special reconnaissance by 2 Lieut. M. E. JOHNSON + 4 men was made to verify if the enemy was filling in his trenches at SANA Redoubt) The party left camp at 01400 + arrived at KHIRBIT ERK which was held by 1st ALH Bde at 1630 + remained after 1st ALH Bde withdrew.</p> <p>At 1930 2 Lieut. M. E. JOHNSON + party left KHIRBIT ERK moving due North for 2500 yds then due East for one hour. As the moon was too bright SANA Redoubt was not reached and the party decided to delay the reconnaissance. At 2330 the sky being overcast, the party proceeded to 3 in 365 about 250 yds from the S.W. corner of the redoubt, where they remained for 30 minutes. 20 men were seen from this point, repairing trenches, these were under the supervision of officers or NCOs. The party under 2 Lieut. M. E. JOHNSON then moved to W. Side of Redoubt, + 6 men were observed walking about the trenches.</p> <p>Continuing round the north, a trench 300 yds long was seen running north from the redoubt, close to a well defined road. At the northern end of the trench a post of four men was seen, near a machine gun emplacement. Our party advanced to 150 yds of this post, where men were seen moving about East of it.</p> <p>The trenches on the Western side were found to be not filled in, and no tents or bivouacs were seen.</p> <p>The total number of enemy troops seen were about 35.</p> <p>The party left redoubt at 0200 + arrived back to camp at 0600</p> <p>The Regt remained in camp.</p>	<p>Ref. Maps RAFA</p> <p>1:125,000</p> <p>BEERSHEVA</p> <p>1:125,000</p> <p>GAZA-SHELLAL</p> <p>1:40,000</p> <p>TEWEN SHEEM</p> <p>1:40,000</p> <p>WA</p>
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TEL EL-FARA	9/8/17		The Regt. remained in camp all day. Innoculation against cholera was commenced today.	Ref maps TRFA 1:125000 <del>KA</del> BEERSHEBA 1:125000 GAZA-SHELLAL 1:40,000
"	10/8/17		The Regt. remained in camp all day. Innoculation against cholera was finished today. Party of 14 of ranks proceeded to Desert Corps Rest Camps Port-Said. Officer M.E. JOHNSON is recommended for immediate reward for his reconnoissance to SANA Redoubt.	TEL EL-SHERIA 1:40,000 <del>WA</del>
"	11/8/17		(At 2000 the Regt. less 3rd Bn, moved out with the 7th m. R. Bde to support the Imperial Camel Corps Brigade, which was making a raid on SANA Redoubt. The N.Z. M.R. Brigade left FARA and moved out to Pt 380 (GAZA-SHEIKHAN) via IMARA Station, one troop 11th Bn (2/Lieut. D.S. MCCATHIE) forming the right flank guard. On arrival at IMARA Station, the 4th Bn (Major D. MUNRO) moved out to occupy point 520 AFTEIS by 2335, with instructions to move up to 500 yds South of it, and advance on foot to it. This was done and no sign of enemy was seen there at all. At 0100 (12/8/17) they returned to camp to Hagarah Hill.	<del>WA</del>

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TEW EL FARA	11/8/17		(Continued) The remainder of the Regt. moved up to Pt 330, and waited in support there. At 0100 (12/8/17) the Brigade returned to bivouac arriving at 0400 (12/11/17). For these operations white bands were worn on each arm, & a white pyramid in the middle of the back.	Ref maps
		12/9/17	2/Lieut. M E JOHNSON is evacuated to hospital. Copy of Orders No 44 attached. 13 of ranks marched in from Port SAID rest camp, & 5 from MARAKER rest camp. At 0530, 3rd Sqdn (Major T. W. RANSTEAD) moved out to <del>by</del> day patrols, & sent patrols, each of 1 troop to GOZ MABRUK, KH. KHASIF, GOZEL-BASAK and Pt 510 ABU SHAWISH. These patrols reported all clear & at 1800 withdrew & returned to camp.	RAFA MA 1-125000 BEEASHEER 1-125000 GAKA-SHELLAL 1-140000
		10/8/17	Lieut. H. L. WADE is evacuated to hospital. 6 of ranks marched in from MARAKER rest camp. 5 of ranks marched in from School of Instruction ZETTOUN.	MA TEW EL SHEER 1-40000
		14/8/17	The Regt remained in camp and (at 1900 moved out with the Brigade from FARA in support of the 2nd A.L.H. Brigade, who were making a raid on ILEGEIG with the intention of destroying the enemy's post there, & also damaging his railway. The Regt (less 4th Sqdn (Major D. MUNRO) who acted as escort to R.A.A. (under Major C. E. MACKENZIE) moved out to KARM, arriving there at 2130. The 11th Sqdn with 1 section machine guns moved out to occupy Pts 430, 630 EL GIRMEIR, 550, & 510 ABU SHAWISH, with a troop at each point, which were found to be unoccupied by the enemy. 2 troops, 3rd Sqdn (Major T. W. RANSTEAD) moved out and occupied high ground one mile east of the A.R.M. At 0500, these troops were	MA

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEWEL FARA	14/8/17		(Continued) and the Regt returned to Camp, which was reached at 0820. A copy of Order No 45 attached	Ref maps R.A.F.A. 1:125000 WA BEERSHEBA 1:125000
"	15/8/17		The Regt remained in camp. 6 Officers marched in from N.Z. M.R. Troop Regt MOASCAR. Copy of Order No 46 attached	GAZA-SHELLM 1:40,000 WA
"	14/17		At 0130 the Regt moved out with the Brigade to assist the A + N.Z. mid Division to cover the reconnaissance of the DESERT MID CORPS commander of the area South of BEERSHEBA. The Brigade left FARA with W.M.R. as Advance Guard, + moved in the direction of KARIM to make good line 840 ABU YAHIA (inclusive) - TAWEL EL HABARI - 820 - 810 - 430 by 0600. W.M.R. taking line 830 - 810 - 820 + the AMR Regt 820 (exclusive) - TAWEL EL HABARI - 840 ABU YAHIA. On arrival at KARIM, W.M.R. moved out to occupy their portion of the line, while the AMR Regt moved out as Advance Guard to the remainder of the Brigade 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn (Major T.L. RANSTEAD) acting as Vanguard. The Regt, <sup>with section in</sup> moved out in the direction of the line to be occupied and a very heavy fog prevailing was able to occupy it without being fired on by enemy artillery from BEERSHEBA. One Bn (3 <sup>rd</sup> Bn) held the line with the remainder of the Regt, a section of machine gun behind small knoll 900 yds S.W. of first A in TAWEL EL HABARI.	TEL EL SHEBA 1:40,000 WA

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL FARA	14/1/17		<p>(Continued) By 0545 All clear report was rendered to B.H.Q. At 0700 touch was gained with 1st A.L. H. Brigade who occupied line on right of the Regt, and also with W.M.B.</p> <p>Very little movement of enemy were seen. Two small enemy patrols which approached our lines were easily driven off by rifle and hotchkiss gun fire.</p> <p>The Reconnaissance having finished the Brigade withdrew at 1615, the Regt acting as Rearguard. Camp was reached at 2045. Casualties Nil.</p>	<p>Ref maps R.A.F. 1:125,000 BEERSHEBA W.M.: 125,000 GAXA-SHELLA 1:40,000</p>
"	17/1/17		<p>The Regt remained in camp. (At 1900 H<sup>11</sup> Sqn (<del>Major G. Munro</del> <sup>Munro</sup>) + 1 troop 8<sup>th</sup> Sqn + 1 troop 11<sup>th</sup> Sqn, (<del>Captain G.S. CHEESEMAN</del>) moved out, in support of a Sqn C.M.B. who were endeavouring to round up Bedouins at FARTHER FARM, KHIRBET ERK. No enemy being encountered, they withdrew to camp arriving at 0600 (18/1/17). H<sup>11</sup> Sqn supplied guard at ANZAC SUPPLY Depot KHAN YUNUS, 1 N.C.O + 9 men for weeks duty. Copy of order No 48 attached.</p>	<p>W.M.</p>
	19/1/17		<p>At 1100, the Regt being relieved by the BERKSHIRE Yeomanry Regt moved out with the Brigade to new camp area on beach near GOWABU UM EL-BAKEIR, and arrived there at 1615. (Movement orders attached) The remainder of the day was spent in laying down hose lines and erecting bivouacs.</p>	<p>W.M.</p>

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902, ABU UM EU DANKER	19/8/17		The Regt remained in bivouac. Capt. A.C.M. FINLAYSON and 16 of ranks marched out to Rest camp PORT SAID. A life saving Squad of 12 men, with 2 men on duty at a time was organised to assist men who might get into difficulties in the water. At 1100 Brigadier Gen. H. MEHRUM, C.M.E., D.S.O., inspected the Regt lines 2/Lieut. R. W. COLBECK + R.C. CHAPMAN, and 2 of ranks marched in from School of Instruction	Ref maps R.A.P.A. 1:125,000. WA
"	20/8/17		The Regt remained in Bivouac Regt. D.J.M. WILSON and 13 of ranks marched in from PORT SAID Rest camp. 2/Lieut. D.S. M. CATHIE is transferred from 11 <sup>th</sup> Sqdn to 4 <sup>th</sup> Sqdn.	WA
"	21/8/17		The Regt remained in bivouac	WA
"	22/8/17		The Regt remained in bivouac. The following message was received from the COBPS commander, "The Corps Commander congratulates you and the troops under your command on the zeal and energy with which the enemy has been handled during the time you have been in the forward position, and on the total number of enemy accounted for, which reflects great credit on all ranks."	WA
"	29/8/17		The Regt remained in bivouac.	WA
"	24/8/17		The Regt remained in bivouac.	WA

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GOLZ ABU UM EN DAKER	25/8/17		The Regt remained in bivouac. Capt. S.C. ASHTON attended as member of a Board of Enquiry assembling at ANZAC Supply Depot, KHAN YUNUS. Lieut. W.W. AVERILL and 2/Lieut. T.W. AICKIN and 8 of ranks marched out to School of Instruction, ZEITOUN.	Ref map RAF 1:125,000
"	26/8/17		The Regt remained in bivouac. 4 of ranks marched out to course of Railway construction. 27 of ranks marched in as reinforcements from Eng. Regt. MOASCAR.	WA
"	<del>27/8/17</del>			
"	28/8/17		The Regt remained in camp and training as per syllabus was carried out. Major D. MUNRO & 15 of ranks marched out to PORT SAID rest camp.	WA
"	28/8/17		The Regt did Range Firing today. 182 were put through. Grouping practice. Major D. MUNRO & 15 of ranks marched out to PORT SAID Rest Camp. Major T.W. RANSTEAD marched out to Eng. Regt. MOASCAR. 2/Lieut. W.H. JOHNS is promoted Lieutenant with seniority next above Lieut. K. J. TAIT. (ENX 7/1 from ADC to GOC, NXEF in EGYPT)	WA
"	29/8/17		The Regt did Range Firing today. 179 were put through Grouping Practice. Major C.R.F. MACKESD marched in today.	WA
"	30/8/17		The Regt remained in bivouac, and cleaned saddles and arms.	WA

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70% ABU UMEL DAKEIR	31/8/17		At 1135 the Regt was inspected by Brigadier-General RYRIE, (Temporarily Commanding A+N.Z. Mtd Division).	Ref Map. WA RAEA 1:125,000
			The usual patrols were supplied by Regt during the month.	
	19		Regt visited & trained to Macata River Adjutant.	
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			<p>Summary for month of August 1917.</p> <p>Strength <sup>(effective)</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Aug. 22 off 439. Ofranks</p> <p>Strength <sup>(effective)</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> " 19 off 472. Ofranks</p> <p>No of Reinforcements arrived 2 off 113. Ofranks</p> <p>No of admitted to Hospital 2 off 53. Ofranks</p> <p style="text-align: right;">W. Stacato Lieut Adjutant</p>	

ORDER NO. 44.

By Lieut-Colonel J.N. McCarrell, Commanding A. M. R. Regt:

F A R A.  
11/8/17.

Ref: Map.

BEERSHEBA. 1:125000.

1. INTENTION. The I.C. Bde is raiding SANA Redoubt at 2330 on 11th. August 1917, and the N.Z.M.R. Bde is moving out to support I.C. Bde, & is sending 1 Sqn C.M.R. to occupy KHIRRET ERK, 1 Sqn W.M.R. to occupy Pt: 520 410, and 1 Sqn: (4th Sqn: Major M. Munro) A.M.R. to occupy Pt: 520 IPTAIS by 2335.

The above Sqdns will be in position 500 yds South of their respective objectives at 2320, & will move to their respective objectives dismounted.

2. MOVES. The Regt: (less 1 troop 11th Sqn) will march past starting Point 100 yds North of H.Q. lines at 1900 today. Order of march as follows:-

- H.Q.
- 4th. Sqn.
- 3rd. "
- 11th. " (less 1 troop).

The Regt: will join up with the N.Z.M.R. Bde on East bank of WADDI GHUZZE at FARA by 2000, and will march with it via IMARA Station to Pt. 330 as per para: 1.

3. PROTECTION. When Regt: joins the Brigade at 2000, 11th Sqn will detail 1 troop as right Flank Guard and 1 troop as Rear Guard to the Bde.

4. WITHDRAWAL. The withdrawal will commence at 0100, when the artillery fire will cease. A trumpet call will sound at 2400 for withdrawal of raiding Party only from SANA Redoubt.

5. DRESS. All ranks will wear tunics & will also wear white bands on each arm & a white pyramid on the back. These will be collected on return to camp & returned to Q.M. stores.

6. WATCHWORD. The watchword will be "BARRAK."

7. GALLOPERS. O.C. 3rd Sqn: will detail 1 Sergt., 1 Cpl: & 1 man to act as gallopers. These men will report to R.S.M. at 1900.

8. REPORTS. All reports to C.O. at head of the Regt:.

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- " " 3. " " 4th. "
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Adjutant.

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ORDER NO. 45.By Lieut.-Colonel, J. N. McCarroll, Commanding A. M. R. Regt: F A R A  
13/8/17.Ref: Map.  
BEERSHEBA.  
1:125,000

1. INFORMATION. From information received it has been found that there is
- (1) A small trench redoubt garrisoned by 150 men on Pt. 650 (C5).
  - (2) A small trench lying due East of this redoubt across the Railway.
  - (3) Another small trench situated just N of ABU in BIR ABU IRGEIG.
  - (4) A 5 arched viaduct and station buildings about half a mile N. E. of Pt. 650.

2. INTENTION. A raid will be carried out on the enemy at IRGEIG on the night Aug: 13th/14th. with the object of:-
- (a) Destroying the enemy post there.
  - (b) Damaging his railway.

The troops detailed for the enterprise are 2nd Light Horse Bde. & 2 troops Field Squadron, The Operation should be completed and the 2nd Light Horse Bde. be back West of the line 810-730 before daylight on the 14th August.

The N. Z. M. F. Bde: will act as covering troops to the 2nd Light Horse Brigade, and will send, C. M. F. with 1 section M. G. Sqn: to occupy line TAWRIL EL HAPARI-825-790, to guard the raiding party against interruption from the direction of BEERSHEBA; and 1 Sqn. A. M. F. (3 troops 11th Sqn. plus 1 troop 3rd Sqn. plus 1 Section M. G. Sqn. under Major C. F. E. Mackesy to establish troop posts at 730-630 EL GIRHEIR-550-510. The above will not approach the Turkish posts or put them on the alert before the attack of the 2nd Light Horse Brigade begins. As soon, however, as it starts, they will make such diversion as they can against any enemy posts opposite them.

Head Quarters and the remainder of the N. Z. M. F. Brigade will be at KARM.

3. MOVES.

The Regt. (less 1 troop 11th Sqn.) will march past the starting point:- 100 yards North of H. Qrs. line - at 1800. Order of March:-

H. Qrs.  
11th Sqn. (plus 1 troop 3rd Sqn.)  
4th. "  
3rd " (less 2 troops).

The Regt. will join up with the remainder of the Brigade on East bank of FARA crossing by 1900, and will move with it to KARM. On arrival at KARM, 11th Sqn. (plus 1 troop 3rd Sqn) and 1 Section of Machine Gun Sqn will move out and take up positions in accordance with para. 2.

4. DRESS.

All ranks will wear tunics, and will also wear a white arm band on his right arm. These will be collected on return and handed back to P. Q. M. Stores.

5. PASS WORD.

Pass word for the night will be given at the Brigade point of assembly.

6. WATCHES.

Watches will be synchronised at the Brigade point of assembly.

7. GALLOPERS.

O. C. 4th: Sqn. will detail 1 Sergt. & 1 Cpl. & 1 man to report to P. S. M. at 1800 today, as gallopers.

8. REPORTS.

All reports to C. O. at head of the Regt.:

(Sgd). W. Haata, Lieut.  
Adjutant.

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ORDER NO 48.

By Lieut-Colonel J.N. McCarroll, Commanding A. M. R. Regt: FARA.

Ref: Map.

17/8/17.

RAFA. 1:125000.

- 1. INTENTION. The Yeomanry Division is relieving the ANZAC Mtd Division tomorrow 18th inst.:. The N.Z.M.R. Bde: is moving out of present camp area ~~to~~ the 4th. A.L.H. Bde: Area on the beach.
- 2. MOVES. The Regt: will march out with the Brigade and will form up H.Q. 3rd. Sqn. mass facing North on ground North of H.Q. lines at 1045. 4th. 11th Sq. - ~~All rubbish which cannot be burned must be~~ Order of march as per margin.
- 3. CAMP LINES. Sqdns: will leave their camp lines in a clean and sanitary condition. Tents will be left standing with the flies rolled up. All rubbish which cannot be burned must be buried deep.
- 4. KITS. All kits and bivvies must be packed and stacked at the head of each Sqn: lines by 0400 tomorrow. Sleeping blankets must be packed and stacked in separate bundles to bivvy blankets. Camels will be loaded up with sleeping blankets and G.S. waggons with bivvy blankets.
- 5. TRANSPORT & CAMELS. Each Sqn: will be allowed 6 camels and 1 G.S. waggon; R.Q. 4 camels; O/Room & Sigs: 1 limber. The waggons & camels will park on ground between 4th. & 11th. Sqn: lines at 0515 & 0545 respectively, after being loaded. O.C. 11th. Sqn. will detail 1 N.C.O. and 1 man to report to R.Q.M. at 0345 to draw camels.
- 6. LOGGAGE GUARD. Each Sqn: will detail 1 N.C.O. & 4 men as escort to camels. This party will report to R.Q.M. at 0515. O.C. 3rd. Sqn: will also detail an Officer to take charge of Brigade camels from present camp site to Beach, & from there to "L" Coy: KHAN YUNUS. This Officer will report to Brigade Transport lines not later than 0545 tomorrow. After handing over camels to "L" Coy: C.T. Coy:, a receipt must be obtained for camels handed over.
- 7. EMERGENCY RATIONS & FORAGE. The two days emergency rations & the one days forage and S.A.A. will be stacked at the Regtl: Dump KHAN YUNUS IN WAGGON LOADS SO AS TO FACILITATE LOADING IN the event of a move.. O.C. 11th Sqn: will detail 9 men ready to move out as Guard for this dump. Four of duty 1 week. Horses of these men will be taken down to the Beach.
- 8. REAR PARTY. O.C. 3rd Sqn: will detail 1 troop under an Officer to report to Regtl: H.Q. at 1030 tomorrow. As soon as the Bde: Sanitary Officer & an Officer from the 6th Mtd: Bde: have inspected Regtl: lines & passed them as clean, a receipt regarding same will be obtained, & the troop will then rejoin Regt: on the Beach.
- 9. DOZIES. O.C. 11th Sqn: will detail 4 men to report to R.Q.M. at 0400 tomorrow for short fatigue. On arrival at Beach O.C. 3rd Sqn: will detail 1 N.C.O. & 6 men to report to O/Room, as guard over fresh water tank there. Four of Duty one week.
- 10. SANITATION. The area to be occupied by the Bde: has only been used previously by one Brigade and is perfectly clean & sanitary, & every effort must therefore be made to keep it as such. Horse manure will be spread for 3 days until it is dry & will then be burned.
- 11. BATHING. Several cases of drowning whilst bathing in the sea have lately occurred, & all ranks are warned of the dangerous nature of bathing on this coast. Bathing is not allowed except under the organised arrangements of the O.C. Sqdns: concerned, & bathing picquets with necessary life buoy & life line are always to be present whenever bathing is taking place. Life buoy & life line can be obtained from the R.Q.M.
- 12. WATERING. Horses will leave for watering at 0745 tomorrow.
- 13. BREAKFAST. Breakfast will be at 0830 tomorrow.

*W. Stacata*

Lieut: Adjutant.

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ORDERS NO 46.

By Lieut-Colonel J.N. McCarroll, Commanding A. M. R. Regt: FARA.  
Ref: Map. BEERSHEBA. 1/12500. 15/3/17.

1. INFORMATION. On 16th August 1917, the G.O.C. DESERT MTD. CORPS and 20th. CORPS, will make a reconnaissance of the area South West of BEERSHEBA. This reconnaissance will be covered by the ANZAC MTD. DIVISION.  
The N.Z.M.R. Bde: will make good line 840 (inclusive) )-TAWIL EL HABARI-820-810-770 (inclusive) by 0600 on AMg: 16th. 1st Light Horse Brigade will make good ground left of N.Z.M.R. Bde line.

2. MOVES. The Regt: will march past starting Pt. 100 yds: N. of H.Q. lines at 0030 tonight. Order of March:-  
H.Q.  
3rd Sqn.  
4th Sqn.  
11th Sqn.

The Regt: will join up with N.Z.M.R. Bde on East Bank of Wadi at FARA at 0130 tonight, and will march with it to KARM.  
On arrival at KARM, W.M.R. will move east & occupy the line 820 (inclusive)-810-770 (inclusive). A.M.R. Regt: will move out & act as Advance Guard to the remainder of the Brigade. 3rd Sqn will act as Vanguard & will move out via EL BUGGAR & occupy the line 840 ABU YAHIA (inclusive)-TAWIL EL HABARI-820 (exclusive), by 0600.  
B.H.Q. will be established on 800 contour line near cross roads West of TAWIL EL HABARI.

3. COMMUNICATION. Communication along the line will be from right to left.

4. GALLOPERS. C.O. 11th Sqn. will detail 1 Sergt: & 1 Corpl: to report to R.S.M. at 0030 tonight as gallopers.

5. SUPPLIES. Feed & Rations for 24 hours to be carried.

6. MARCHING OUT STATES. These must be rendered to O/Room not later than 1900 tonight.

7. REPORTS. All reports to C.O. at the head of the Regt:.

*W. Haeala* Lieut:  
Adjutant.

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AUCKLAND MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 1/9/1917.

MONDAY. Hotchkiss Gun, Musketry & Gas training, under Sqdn: arrangements.  
BOMBING. 6 men per troop 3rd: Sqdn: under Lieut: G. Carter.

TUESDAY. Hotchkiss Gun, Musketry & Gas training, under Sqdn: arrangements.  
BOMBING. 6 men per troop 4th: Sqdn: under Lieut: G. Carter.

WEDNESDAY. Hotchkiss Gun, Musketry & Gas training, under Sqdn: arrangements.  
BOMBING. 6 men per troop 11th: Sqdn: under Lieut: G. Carter.

THURSDAY. Hotchkiss Gun, Musketry & Gas training, under Sqdn: arrangements.  
BOMBING. 6 men per troop 3rd: Sqdn: under Lieut: G. Carter.

FRIDAY. Inspection of Horses & Saddlery by G.O.C. A. & N.Z. Division.

SATURDAY. Hotchkiss Gun, Musketry & Gas training, under Sqdn: arrangements.  
BOMBING. 6 men per troop 4th: Sqdn: under Lieut: G. Carter.

Hours of parade 1330 to 1530.  
Times for Range Firing will be notified later.

26/8/17.

(Signed) W. Haata, Lieut:  
Adjutant.

Additional information regarding the present and previous week effective length is to be entered on this side.

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