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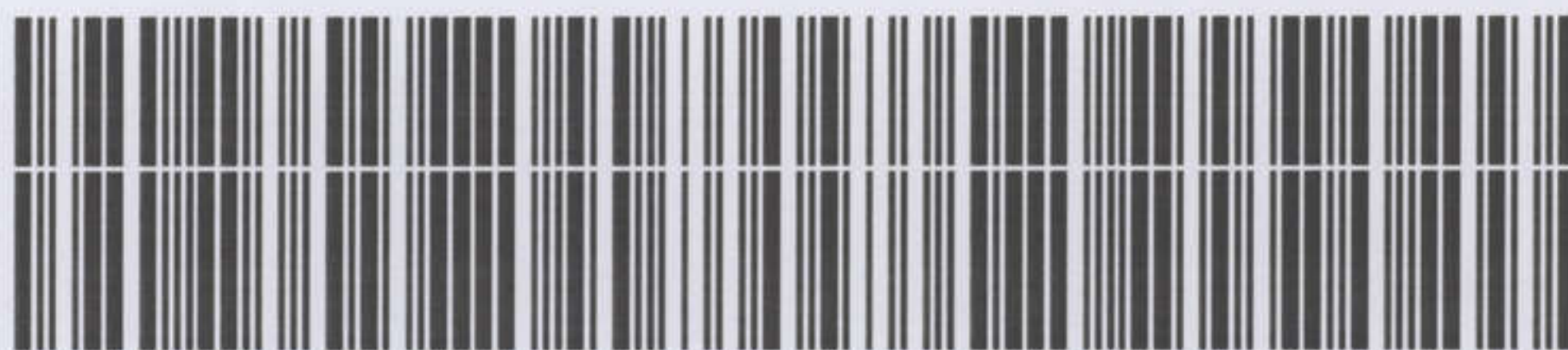
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AUCKLAND MOUNTED

RIFLES REGIMENT.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RICHON.	1/12/18.		The Regiment remained in bivouac. At 1630 the Regiment was inspected by the Corps Commander - Lieut ^{Gen} General Sir H.G. CHAUVEL,	Ref. Map. PALESTINE. Sheet - 13
"	2/12/18.		The Regiment remained in bivouac, and carried out training as per Syllabus. Lieut. T.W. AICKIN and 2 O/Rs marched in from N.Z. T.U. & D., ISMAILIA.	1:63, 860.
"	3/12/18.		The Regiment remained in bivouac. In the afternoon a Regimental Race Meeting was held. Major J.H. HERROLD & 3 O/Rs marched in from N.Z. T.U. & D., ISMAILIA.	"
"	4/12/18.		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Training was cancelled on account of W.M.R. Race Meeting. Lieut. (temp. Captain) R.C. CHAPMAN was evacuated to hospital. i. Captain F. ALLSOPP having been repatriated from TURKEY for return to N.Z. arrived in EGYPT and is placed on "N.Z. Roll", to date 6/11/18. 2. Captain R.W. COLBECK having returned to EGYPT is removed from the "N.Z. Roll", to date 22/11/18. 3. The undermentioned Officers having returned from N.Z. cease to be seconded, to date 22/11/18 2/Lieut. E.W. CHEETHAM. " " R.E.L. McCLURE. " " H.W. DUNBAR. 4. 2/Lieut. W.E.R. MACKESY is taken on Strength with seniority from 8/8/18, as shown in N.Z. Gazette No. 112 of 22/8/18, dated 19/9/18. 5. Captain C.V. BIGG-WITHER relinquishes the appointment of Quartermaster, to date 7/11/18, and is seconded for duty with Graves Registration Unit, E.E.F., to date 7/11/18. 6. Lieut. S.C. REID is appointed Quartermaster vice Captain C.V. BIGG-WITHER - seconded, to date 7/11/18. (N.Z.E.F. (Egypt) R/O No. 34 of 1/12/18.) 3 O/Rs marched in from D.M.C. Rest Camp, PORT-SAID.	"

Lowell Captain,
Adjutant,

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RICHON.	5/12/18.		<p>The Regiment remained in bivouac. Training as per Syllabus.</p> <p>1. Lieut. T.W. AICKIN is granted the temporary rank of Captain whilst 2nd-in-Command of a Squadron, to date 24/10/18 ; relinquishes temporary rank and temporary appointment on marching out to N.Z. T.U. & D., EGYPT, to date 9/12/18.</p> <p>2. Lieut H.T. PENRHYS-EVANS is placed on the Training Cadre, vice Lieut. T.W. AICKIN - to Regimental Duties, to date 1/12/18.</p> <p>3. 13/994 SSM CLARKE, S.B. MM, to be Temporary W.O. 1, and temporary S.M., vice 13/528 S.M. W. PALMER, MC, - to hospital, to hospital date 20/11/18. (N.Z.E.F. (Egypt) R/O No. 34 of 1/12/18.)</p>	<p>Ref. Map . PALESTINE. Sheet -13 . 1:63,360.</p> <p><i>low</i></p>
"	6/12/18.		<p>The Regiment remained in bivouac. Training as per Syllabus.</p>	<p><i>low</i>"</p>
"	7/12/18.		<p>The Regiment remained in bivouac. Training as per Syllabus.</p> <p>The following Officers and 4 O/Rs marched out to N.Z. T.U. & D., to await embarkation for N.Z.</p> <p>2/Lieut. T .H. BOND. " " C.H. FINLAYSON. " " C.N. WHITE. DCM. " " J.W. DAWSON.</p> <p>Major A.C.M. FINLAYSON, MC was President of a Board of Inquiry which assembled at R.H.Q. at 1000.</p>	<p>"</p> <p><i>low</i>"</p>
"	8/12/18.		<p>The Regiment remained in bivouac.</p>	<p><i>low</i>"</p>
"	9/12/18.		<p>The Regiment remained in bivouac. Training as per Syllabus.</p> <p>Captain W.H. YOUNG, NZMC ceased to be attached to Regiment on marching out to N.Z. T.U. & D. ISMAILIA.</p>	<p>"</p> <p><i>low</i>"</p>
"	10/12/18.		<p>The Regiment remained in bivouac. Training as per Syllabus.</p>	<p><i>low</i>"</p>

Howell Captain,
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RIFLES REGIMENT.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RICHON.	11/12/18.		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Training as per Syllabus. 1 O/R marched out-to in from N.Z. T.U. & D., ISMAILIA.	Ref. Map. PALESTINE. Sheet - 13 1:63,360.
"	12/12/18.		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Training as per Syllabus. Major J.H. HERROLD, BSO, is a member of a Court of Inquiry which assembled at Divisional Headquarters.	"
"	13/12/18.		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Training as per Syllabus. Lieut. H.A. COLLINS, MC, to hospital.	"
"	14/12/18.		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Training as per Syllabus. Captain (temp.Major) W. HAEATA, to hospital. Lieut. A.B. MOORE to School of Instruction, ZEITOUN. Major H.S. WHITEHORN & 1 O/R marched in from N.Z. T.U. & D., ISMAILIA. Major G.S. CHEESEMAN relinquishes the temporary appointment of 2nd-in-Command Regiment & resumes Command 3rd Squadron. Captain (temp.Major) W. HAEATA relinquishes the temporary Command 3rd Squadron - to hospital.	"
"	15/12/18.		The Regiment remained in bivouac.	"
"	16/12/18.		The Regiment remained in bivouac. The A. & N.Z. Mounted Division was inspected by the C.-in-C. at 1130.	"
"	17/12/18.		The Regiment remained in bivouac. 2/Lieut. J.W. WATSON, MM, & 7 O/Rs marched out to Jewish Agricultural College, JAFFA. 1 O/R marched outto School of Farriery, MOASCAR.	"

W. Austin Lieutenant,
for Adjutant

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RIFLES REGIMENT.

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RICHON. & YEBNAH.	18/12/18.		<p>The Regiment, with the Brigade, moved out from bivouac area, RICHON at 1000 en route for RAFA - as per attached Order No.74. dated 17/12/18, and arrived at YEBNAH at 1530 and bivouaced for the night.</p> <p>Major G.S. CHEESEMAN proceeded by train to RAFA as O.C. Divisional Baggage Guard.</p> <p>Lieut. R. GILLESPIE took charge of all Brigade Transport.</p> <p>1 O/R marched out to Instructional Course, LUDD.</p> <p>2 O/Rs " " " " " " RAMLEH.</p>	<p>Ref. Map. JERUSALEM 1:250,000 <i>na.</i></p>
MEJDEL.	19/12/18.		<p>The Regiment, with the Brigade, left bivouac area area YEBNAH, at 0845 and arrived at MEDJEL at 1400, and bivouaced for the night.</p>	<p><i>na.</i> "</p>
GAZA.	20/12/18.		<p>The Regiment, with the Brigade, left MEDJEL at 0945 arriving at GAZA at 1600, and bivouaced for the night.</p>	<p><i>na.</i> "</p>
BELAH.	21/12/18.		<p>The Regiment, with the Brigade, left GAZA at 1015, arriving at BELAH at 1500, and bivouaced for the night.</p>	<p><i>na.</i> "</p>
RAFA.	22/12/18.		<p>The Regiment, with the Brigade, left BELAH at 0930 arriving at RAFA Camp Site - Square Y. 8.a.6.3. - at 1500.</p> <p>Lieut. R. GILLESPIE rejoined Regiment from detachment as Officer i/c Brigade Transport.</p> <p>1 O/R to School of Instruction, ZEITOUN.</p>	<p>RAFA. Sheet - 055. 1:40,000. <i>na.</i></p>
"	23/12/18.		<p>The Regiment remained in bivouac.</p> <p>Major G.S. CHEESEMAN rejoined Regiment from detachment as O.C. Divisional Baggage Guard.</p> <p>Captain N.S. WHITTON, MC, NZMC, marched out to N.Z. T.U. & D., ISMAILIA.</p> <p>7 O/Rs from N.Z. T.U. & D., ISMAILIA.</p>	<p><i>na.</i> "</p>

W. Austin Lieutenant,
for Adjutant.

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RIFLES REGIMENT.

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RAFA.	24/12/18.		The Regiment remained in bivouac.	<i>MA</i> Ref. Map. RAFA. Sheet - 055 1:40,000.
"	25/12/18.		The Regiment remained in bivouac.	"
"	26/12/18.		The Regiment remained in bivouac.	"
"	27/12/18.		The Regiment remained in bivouac. The Regiment with the Brigade was inspected by the Corps Commander at 1100. Captain T.C. FRASER, NZMC marched in on attachment from N.Z.M.F.A.	<i>MA</i> "
			<i>W. Austin</i> Lieutenant, for Adjutant.	
"	28/12/18.		The Regiment remained in bivouac. 2/Lieut. E.J. FOLEY marched out to School of Instruction, ZEITOUN.	<i>know</i> "
"	29/12/18.		The Regiment remained in bivouac. At 0945 the Regiment was inspected by the Commanding Officer. The Regiment paraded in Squadron lines. 39 O/Rs marched out to N.Z. T.U. & D., ISMAILIA for Medical Board.	<i>know</i> "
"	30/12/18.		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Training as per Syllabus. 2/Lieut. J.T. HATTON marched out to No. 1 Base Details, KANTARA, to await embarkation for U.K. on leave.	<i>know</i> "
"	31/12/18.		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Training as per Syllabus. Major G.S. CHEESEMAN marched out to N.Z. T.U. & D., ISMAILIA, for Medical Board.	<i>know</i> "

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<u>SUMMARY FOR MONTH ENDING DECEMBER 31st. 1918.</u>				
			<p><u>To Hospital.</u> 3 Officers 21 other ranks.</p>	
			<p><u>To Training Regiment, etc.</u> 7 " 65 " "</p>	

			<p><u>T O T A L.</u> 10 Officers 86 other ranks.</p>	

			<p>Reinforcements, etc. 5 Officers 23 other ranks.</p>	
			<p>From D.M.C. Rest Camp. Port Said. 3.</p>	

			<p><u>T O T A L.</u> 5 Officers 26 other ranks.</p>	

			<p><u>PRESENT STRENGTH.</u> 18 Officers 395 O/Ranks.</p>	

31/12/18

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Howe Captain.

by
 Lieut-Col J.N. McCarroll, DSO, Commanding A.M.R. Regiment. RICHON. 17/12/18.

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Reference Map - 1:250,000 - JERUSALEM Sheet.

1. MOVE.

The Australian and New Zealand Mounted Division, less detachments at HOME, SEMAKH, AMMAN and JERUSALEM, will move to RAFA by the following itinerary on dates as under :-

18th December	-	YEBERAN.
19th	"	MEJDEL.
20th	"	GAZA.
21st	"	BELAH.
22nd	"	RAFAH.

2. ORDER OF MARCH. Order of march for the Division on the 18th December is as follows :-

Divisional Troops Group.
 2nd A.L.H. Brigade.
 1st A.L.H. Brigade.
 N.Z.M.R. Brigade.

The Regiment will pass the Starting Point - Road SOUTH of 11th Squadron lines - in column of route at 0930 tomorrow, 18th inst.

Order of march :-
 Headquarters.
 11th Squadron.
 3rd "
 4th "

Squadrons will keep closed up during the march.

3. BAGGAGE GUARD. The Band will move by rail and will act as baggage guard. With the exception of the above all other troops will march with the Column.

4. EQUIPMENT ETC. All tents will be struck and stacked, with camp equipment and baggage not required on the march, in Squadron lines by 1200 today. This will be sent by rail under guard mentioned in para 3.

5. TRANSPORT. One G.S. Wagon is allotted to each Squadron, and one limber for Headquarters. Bivvy Sheets and one blanket per man to be carried on transport, will be stacked in Squadron lines by 0830 tomorrow, 18th inst. One blanket per man will be carried under the saddle. All transport will be brigaded, ~~under~~ during the march, and will march in rear of the Brigade, under 2/Lieut J.W. Watson, MM. This Officer will be in charge of the transport during ~~the-march~~ each days march until arrival at RAFA.

6. RATIONS. One day's supplies and unexpended portion of current day's, plus iron rations will be carried on the first day's march. One day's supplies will be drawn at MEJDEL, GAZA and BELAH.

7. ADVANCE PARTIES. Each Squadron will detail one representative to proceed ahead with the R.Q.M. each day to be allotted Camp Sites. Time and place representatives will report to R.Q.M. will be notified later.

8. SANITATION. Special care must be given to Sanitation, and the Camp left in as clean a condition as possible. O.S. Squadrons will give this matter their personal attention, as no man can be left behind to clean up the Camp.

9. MARCHING OUT STATES. These will be rendered to O/Room by 1700 today.

(Signed) W. Austin, Lieutenant,
 Acting Adjutant.

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AUCKLAND MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING - SATURDAY, 7/12/18.

- Hours of parade - 0900 to 1100 daily.
1. HOTCHKISS SCHOOL. - 12 men and 4 Instructors per Squadron.
Supervisor - Captain H.M. RORKE.
2. SIGNALLING SCHOOL. - 4 men and 1 Instructor per Squadron.
Supervisor - Lieut. W. AUSTIN.
3. RIFLE RANGE. - The Rifle Range is allotted to Squadrons as under for the purpose of carrying out firing as per Syllabus 1-
- | | | |
|--------------|---|-----------|
| 3rd Squadron | - | 2nd. Dec. |
| 4th " | - | 4th. " |
| 11th " | - | 6th. " |

4. REMAINDER OF REGIMENT WHO ARE NOT EMPLOYED AS ABOVE.

Will be formed into classes under Squadron Officers and carry out training in the following subjects :-

Squad Drill.
Rifle Exercises.
Musketry.
Troop Drill (mounted & dismounted).
Bayonet Fighting.

24/11/18.

Howe
Adjutant, for Commanding Officer, Captain,

AUCKLAND MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING - 14/12/18.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Subject.</u>	<u>Location of Training Ground.</u>
9/12/18.	0930 - 1130	3rd Sqdn. 4th " 11th "	Physical Training, Troop Drill (dismounted) Saluting Drill.	Football Ground - 300 yds N.E. of Regimental Bivouac.
10/12/18.	" "	" "	Regimental Training (mounted).	A.M.R. Race Course.
11/12/18.	" "	" "	Sqdn. Drill (dismounted), Marching, Saluting, Fixing & Unfixing Bayonets.	Football Ground.
12/12/18.	" "	" "	Regimental Training (mounted) Ceremonial.	A.M.R. Race Course.
13/12/18.	" "	" "	Musketry, Rifle Exercises, Saluting.	Football Ground.
14/12/18.	" "	" "	Cleaning and inspection of all equipment.	Squadron lines.

The Regiment is Duty Regiment on the following days :- 9/12/18, 11/12/18, 13/12/18.

Object of the above training :- To smarten the men up in their appearance, and dispel the laxity in Dress and appearance which at the present time spoils the greater part of their Ceremonial Work.

Dress for all parades - Drill Order.

7/12/18.

Howe
Adjutant, for Commanding Officer.
Captain,

AUCKLAND MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING - 21/12/18.

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Time.</u>	<u>Unit.</u>	<u>Subject.</u>	<u>Location of Training Ground.</u>
16/12/18.	0930 - 1130.	3rd Sqdn. 4th " 11th "	Troop Drill (Mounted).	A.M.R. Race Course.
17/12/18.	" "	" "	Regimental Training. (mounted).	" " "
18/12/18.	" "	" "	Squadron Drill (mounted).	" " "
19/12/18.	" "	" "	Physical Training, Saluting, Rifle Exercises	" Football Ground.
20/12/18.	" "	" "	Regimental Training (mounted).	" Race Course.
21/12/18.	" "	" "	Cleaning and Inspection of all equipment.	Squadron Lines.

The Regiment is Duty Regiment on the following days :- 17th, 19th, and 21st.

Dress for all parades - Drill Order.

14/12/18.

Sgt. W. Austin. Lieutenant,
 Acting Adjutant,
 for Commanding Officer, A.M.R. Regiment.

AUCKLAND MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING SUNDAY 5th JANUARY, 1919.

	0930 - 1000	1000 - 1030	1030 - 1100	1100 - 1130.	Remarks.
MONDAY, December, 30th.	Squad Drill dismounted. Saluting (without Arms).	Rifle Exercises.	Musketry Instruction.	Bayonet Fighting. March past in Column of Sections.	Special Classes to be formed under Squadron arrangements for Junior Officers and N.C.Os.
TUESDAY, December, 31st.	Squad Drill dismounted. Saluting (without Arms).	Musketry Instruction.	Lecture - Discipline.	Guard Mounting. March past in Column of Sections.	-----
WEDNESDAY, January, 1st.	Squad Drill dismounted. Saluting (With Arms).	Rifle Exercises.	Musketry Instruction.	Bayonet Fighting. March past in Column of Sections.	
THURSDAY, January, 2nd.	Troop Drill dismounted. Saluting (With Arms).	Musketry Instruction.	Guard Mounting.	Rifle Exercises. March past in Column of Sections.	
FRIDAY, January, 3rd.	Troop Drill dismounted. Saluting (With Arms).	Rifle Exercises. Exercises.	Musketry Instruction.	Guard Mounting. March past in Column of Sections.	
SATURDAY, January, 4th.	Cleaning of Arms, Saddlery and Equipment.				
SUNDAY, January, 5th.	Inspection by Commanding Officers. Brigade will march past in Column of Sections.				

L. W. Averill

Adjutant. Captain,