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- Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> Camp. Zeiton. Sunday Divine Service.
- " 5<sup>th</sup> Camp. Zeiton. Bayonet fighting instruction. Mounted write march discipline.
- " 6<sup>th</sup> Camp. Zeiton. Bayonet fighting exercises.
- " 7<sup>th</sup> Camp. Zeiton. Bayonet fighting instruction. Marches. reports.
- " 8<sup>th</sup> Camp. Zeiton. Bayonet fighting exercises. Field sketching, and reconnaissance.
- " 9<sup>th</sup> Camp. Zeiton. Bayonet fighting exercises. Marches. timed marching and rendezvous. Field sketching and reports.
- " 10<sup>th</sup> Camp. Zeiton. Bayonet fighting exercises. Horse exercises. cleaning of saddlery etc.

W. Wood. Capt & adjt.

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Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>Camp. Zeitoun. Sunday  
Divine Service." 12<sup>th</sup>Camp. Zeitoun. The Regiment moves in  
direction of EL MARG. Reconnaissance  
and field sketching. Special instruction  
in hand grenade throwing at Citadel." 13<sup>th</sup>Camp. Zeitoun. The Regiment moves in  
direction of EL MARG. all Officers are  
practised in Cavalry charge and counter  
charge." 14<sup>th</sup>Camp. Zeitoun. Reveille at 3.30 a.m.  
parade 5 a.m. The Regiment covers  
advance of Brigade in march against  
enemy in direction of VIRGIN'S BREAST." 15<sup>th</sup>Camp. Zeitoun. Training carried out  
under Squadron arrangements." 16<sup>th</sup>Camp. Zeitoun. The Regiment takes  
part with Brigade in operations  
against A. L. H. Brigade. The Regiment  
moves out at 7 a.m. to ISHKANDAR  
SHAKIR and acts as advanced  
guard to Brigade moving on EL-BIRRA" 17<sup>th</sup>Camp. Zeitoun. The Regiment cleans  
up Saddlery and inspects arms  
& equipment. C.O. inspects reinforcements

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April 18<sup>th</sup>

Camp, Zeiloun. Sunday. Divine Service.

" 19<sup>th</sup>

Camp Zeiloun. Route march on foot 7.30 to 9 am.  
Mounted Parade 10 am to 2.30 pm

" 20<sup>th</sup>

Camp, Zeiloun. Route march and Mounted Parade  
as for 19<sup>th</sup> April. No. 13/319 Trooper Charles Samuel  
Chamberlain, 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron died at Luna Park Hospital  
at 4.20 am. of measles. Local medical corps. Were sent to  
A.A.G.

" 21<sup>st</sup>

Camp, Zeiloun. The Regiment (less 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron Band)  
take part in "Attack Practice" 7.30 am to 12 noon. 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Squadron and Band attend funeral of Trooper C S  
Chamberlain, which took place at 10.30 am. The  
interment took place in Old Gays Cemetery.

" 22<sup>nd</sup>

Camp Zeiloun. Route march and Mounted Parade  
as for 19<sup>th</sup> April. Capt. McCallum goes on leave to  
Alexandria on Medical Certificate for 7 days.

" 23<sup>rd</sup>

Camp Zeiloun. Route March and Mounted Parade as for  
19<sup>th</sup> April. The Regiment takes part in Tactical Scheme.

" 24<sup>th</sup>

Camp, Zeiloun. Route march, cleaning of saddlery &  
checking stores and equipment.

" 25<sup>th</sup>

Camp, Zeiloun. Sunday. Divine Service. Troops  
compete at Fete in honour of 75 French.

" 26<sup>th</sup>

Camp, Zeiloun. Route March. Exercising horses etc.

" 27<sup>th</sup>

Camp, Zeiloun. Route March. Horse exercising.

" 28<sup>th</sup>

Camp Zeiloun. Mobilization Inspection. Right March.  
Regiment leaves Camp at 7.15 pm. Arrives No 3 watch Tower  
10 pm. Hence to Beit el Shabal. Arrive Camp 1 am.

" 29<sup>th</sup>

Camp Zeiloun. Vaccination Mustering & General.

" 30<sup>th</sup>

Camp Zeiloun. Tactical Scheme. The Regiment moves out  
at 5 am. News of N.Z. success at Wadardelles received.

May 1<sup>st</sup>

Camp Zeiloun. Route March. Regimental Sports.

F.A. Wood Capt & Adjt.