

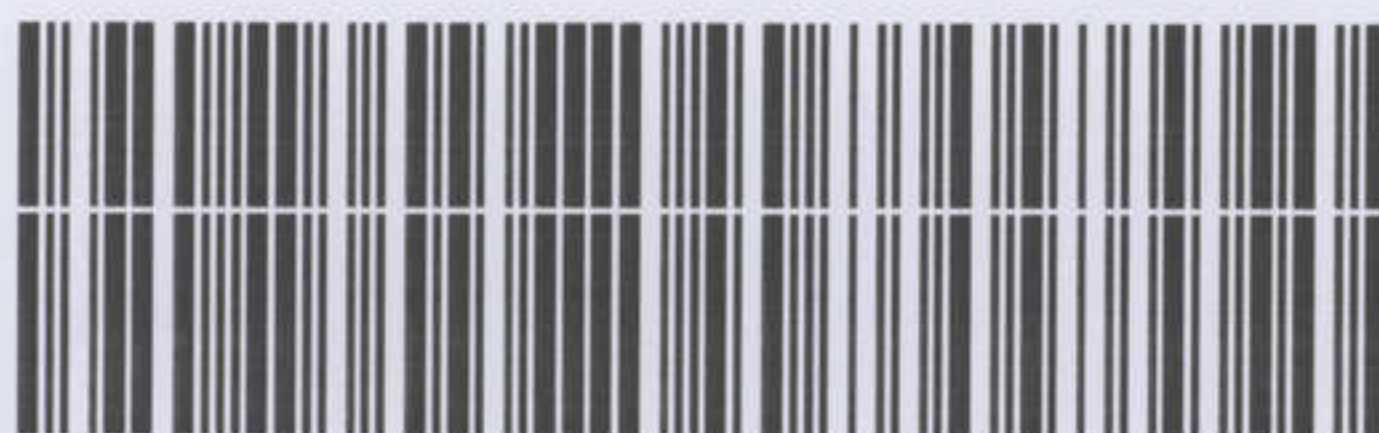
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Church parade was held at 0800.

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Orders received that the Regiment will act as covering troops to 2nd L.H. Brigade, who are to carry out reconnaissance at HOD-EL-GEDRAIDIA. The Regiment left camp at 1800, arrived at QATIA at 2030 and halted there until 2200 and proceeded to HOD-EL-DARABIS - arrived at 0245. 3rd Squadron furnished

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Patrols ^{at dawn} returned and reported 'all clear' - no signs of the enemy

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May 22 & 23rd cont.

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Duty Regt. The 4th Sqn went out on special patrol to QATIA and BIR-EL-HAMISAH at 0400, & returned at 1730 & reported no signs or trace of the enemy.

Prison service was held at 0830.

Operation order Phase I by B/Gen G-bayton received

May 29th BIR-ETMALER

Operation Order No 5 Phase 2 received at 1000. Col Mackesy & Capt. Ranstead returned from Cairo

The Regiment moved out of camp with the Brigade at 2200. The 11th Sqn furnished flank guards for the Brigade, and 2 troops 4th Sqn furnished the rear guard.

Arrived at HODED-DABABIS at 0700 on 30th May. 16

Plough (Marched in)
Guesse - 1st Bn
24. 422

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May 30th
21st

HOD ED-DABABIS

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which was reached 1645. Horses
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Regiment moved off with C.M.R.
1900, arriving at BIR-ETHALER
at 2330.

Reference to Operation Order No 4 by
Lt. Col. Mackery Para 3 - Movers, that
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of HOD EL-GEDALDIA was cancelled upon
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