

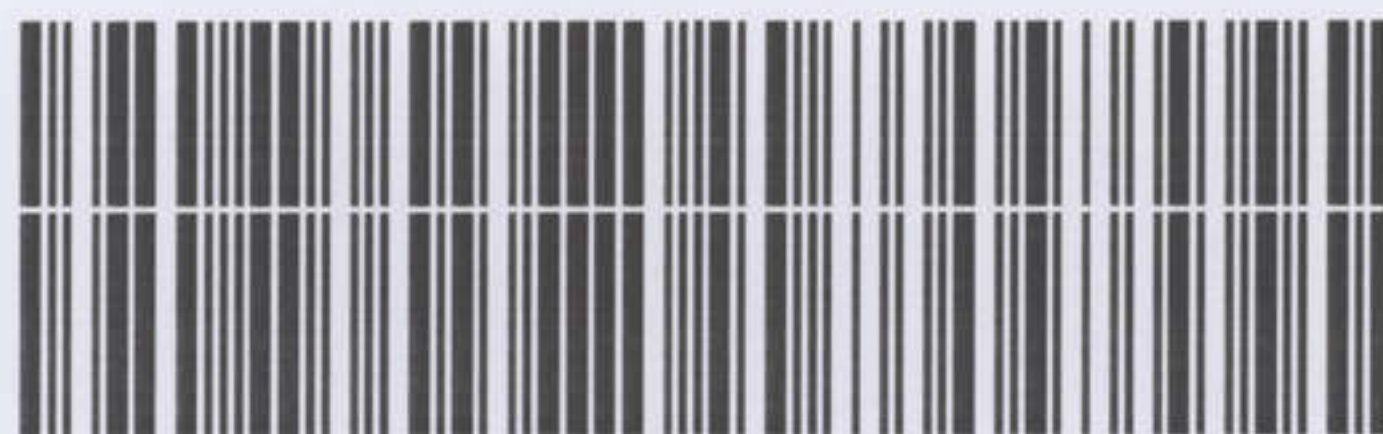
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July 1916



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HUCKLAND MOUNTED

HILL TO  
KENTARR  
July 1<sup>st</sup>

"Duty Regiment" Patrols went out to HOD  
ELERRAS and in direction of DITUK and  
on return reported "all clear"

July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Divine Service held at 0645  
The troop under Lt Spence marched out for work  
July at ANZAC Mt Divisional P. L.  
Sgt. M. Aldred went to Hospital

July 3<sup>rd</sup>

Orders issued for Para Troop 1<sup>st</sup> Division  
Operation Order No 1. by Major J. N. Mc Barrall issued.  
4<sup>th</sup> Squadron - one section M. G. (Dillon) moved  
out with 2 Squadrons B. M. R. under command  
Major J. N. Mc Barrall moved out to DUEIDAR  
in support of 5<sup>th</sup> L. B. Brigade

July 4<sup>th</sup>

"Duty Regiment"  
Congratulations messages received for the  
Brigade movement from Gen Sir Arch Murray  
in recognition of the work done by the  
A.N.Z.F.C Mounted Division  
Lieut W. Stewart went to Hospital

July 5<sup>th</sup>

Composite Regt returned from DUEIDAR  
Regiment rested all day.

July 6<sup>th</sup>

" " " " " "  
"Duty Regiment"  
11<sup>th</sup> Squadron did all patrols - all returned  
reporting "all clear"

July 7<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron returned from Rest Camp KENTARR  
4<sup>th</sup> Squadron moved out for " " "

July 8<sup>th</sup>

S. Sgt Major <sup>Brown</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Squadron attached to Garrison  
Regiment promoted to rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut and  
seconded for duty with Field Squadron  
A.N.Z.F.C Mt Division

July 9<sup>th</sup>

Concert held in M. C. R. Marquee  
Divine Service held at Brigade P. L. at 0745  
Lieut Col G. B. Mackery assumed command  
of N.Z. M. R. Brigade from 1-6-16 and relinquished  
command 4-7-16  
Period N.Z. M. R. Col R. O.  
Mackery



July 10<sup>th</sup>

Dixie Regiment  
Lieut Johnson & party 8 men proceeded to  
HOD NIGEIR, ET ALI and HOD ABU SHARRB.  
for purpose of cleaning out existing wells  
and reporting upon capacity of same.  
Capt M. Aldred returned from Hospital.

July 11<sup>th</sup>

Signalling & Lewis Gun Platoon started  
at Brigade S. 2.  
Major Whitehorn returned from Hospital.  
Regiment rested all day.

July 12<sup>th</sup>

Sixteen remounts arrived for the Regiment.  
The following complimentary message received  
by G. O. C. A.M. ZAC. 1st Division from Gen  
Sir Arch. G. Murray K.C.B. K.C.M.G. V.O. D.S.O.  
"Whatever I ask you people to do is done  
without the slightest hesitation and with  
promptness and efficiency.  
I have the greatest admiration for all  
your command. My remarks apply equally  
to your other Brigade at SERAPEUM.

July 13<sup>th</sup>

Dixie Regiment.  
Thirty five (35) reinforcements arrived for the  
Regiment from TEL EL-KEBIR.

July 14<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut Spokes went to Hospital  
4<sup>th</sup> Squadron returned from Test Camp KANTERR  
16<sup>th</sup> Squadron moved out for " " "

July 15<sup>th</sup>

N. Z. M. R. Cde Machine Gun Squadron formed.  
Lieut Jones (3<sup>rd</sup> Squad) of Lieut's Gunman and  
MR Carroll and personnel guns and  
horses struck off the strength of the Regt.  
The above officers to be seconded from the Regt.  
Lieut Jones and 60 ranks returned from  
School of Instruction Lebanon.

July 16<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut W. W. Merrill promoted to Lieut.  
dated 22-6-16 and to remain seconded  
with Training Regt.



W/O KANTARR

WAR DIARY

A.M.R.

July 16<sup>th</sup>

R. S. M. Stewart J. D. promoted to  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut and to be decorated with Gallie  
 Cross  
 Sergh Beaward C. F. 4<sup>th</sup> Squad left for  
 N. L. to take up Commission in N.Z.E.F. Forces.  
 Reference Gradation List dated 22-4-16  
 of Lieut Ruddock W. D. should appear as  
 Lieut next below Lieut S. Guntayson 19-8-15  
 A.N.Z.A.C. Gallie Cross format and  
 Officers & Personnel left for Training Camp  
 at TEL. EL KEBIR - Divine Service held at 1845.

July 17<sup>th</sup>

of Lieut S. B. Mannere attached to  
 A.N.Z.A.C. Mid Division for Duty at fin 17-5-16  
 Regiment rested in Camp.

July 18<sup>th</sup>

Orders received that 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron would  
 move to KANTARR EAST - orders cancelled.

July 19<sup>th</sup>

Duty Regiment  
 Aeroplane reports received that Turks  
 were advancing on BRYND OGHRTINE.

July 20<sup>th</sup>

Li. Regiment standing by at 1800 awaiting orders  
 Reports from Division received at 0725 500 -

0530

Oghratina patrol unable to advance beyond  
 ABW RODHE. as enemy holding high ground EAST  
 and S.E. At 0630 OGHRTINE patrol fired on  
 enemy & forced back - enemy opened fire on our  
 patrol with machine guns - the strength of enemy  
 patrol 200. At 0742 the enemy were reported  
 as holding OGHRTINE ridge in force in  
 different places, also old battle-field -  
 digging in, and new mounted machine  
 guns. Report received 1000 stated that trenches were  
 and large digging parties at work. Enemy  
 strength 500 - very active.

52<sup>nd</sup> Division holding line of posts MAHENDIYR to South  
 of KATIB GRNIT with full garrisons  
 Bull 110 clear F.A.F. strong reinforcement proceeding  
 to ABW RODHE - intention to draw enemy on and strike  
 decisive blow if opportunity arise



July 21<sup>st</sup>

Report received at 1405 states - Enemy entrenchment position 2 miles in extent from H. in HOD ELGELIAT towards S.E. AAA Gun emplacements being constructed. Enemy post 20 men located 2 1/2 miles S.E. from HILL 245720. Our patrols captured two trucks at 245720. 2<sup>nd</sup> L.S. Patrols strengthened to prevent further movements WEST TAA HILL 101 plain PAA HAMISHA and country 3 miles SOUTH plain.

Received 1720 - Large numbers of enemy reported SAGIR  
 " 1945 - Our guns in action at OGHARTINE enemy retired in large numbers PAA

6<sup>th</sup> L.H. in action with enemy on left flank & were met with mountain guns PAA

Prisoners captured state that the Turks have 6 mountain guns 12 battalions each 700 men & 4 machine guns - each battalion has German Officer. Aeroplane reports 2000 to 3000 concentrations at MAGEIBRA. W.M.R. Regiment detached gun Brigade.

S.O.B. N.Z.M.F. take command of an independent force designated - "Section Mounted Troops" composed as follows. Co. 2. Signal Troop, A.M.F., G.M.F., N.Z.M.F. Machine Gun Squadron, N.Z.M.F.A., N.Z.A.S.C., WARWICK Y (2 Squadrons), Gloucestershire Y (2 Squadrons), Somerset Battalion R.H.A., Leicestershire Battalion R.H.A., 5<sup>th</sup> Huss L.H. & No 2 MOBILE Sect. All leave for Officers. Men cancelled until further orders.

July 21<sup>st</sup>

Summary reports received - Large numbers camels laden reported MARRA & JEMEL. Shelters, tents and 1500 to 2000 men reported at MAGEIBRA 2000 men, 200 camels & shelters & benches OGHARTINE.

Reports within 900 yards OGHARTINE driven off by <sup>single</sup> beam searchlight. Two bushy aeroplanes over ROMANI.

S9 B5 QATIA mat. searched & reported clean. OGHARTINE patrol attacked by company of enemy patrol retired to 4 miles E of UMMAN UGBA.

Aeroplane reports that enemy chief point of concentration MAGEIBRA - 3000 to 4000. There PAA BIR EL ABD quiet 2000 mounted & infantry, enemy BIR ABU RFEIN. All leave stopped until further orders.



HILL 70 KANTARA WAR DIARY A.M.F.

Aeroplane reports contd

July 21<sup>st</sup>

1500 mounted & infantry - 150 to 200 shelters OGHARTINA enemy well established and trenches well put in.

1<sup>st</sup> L.H. patrol Many men on high ground at NEGILIFT.

Two patrols forced back to HOD NUGRET-FARRAS  
Your companies Infantry 400 yards S of A in HOD EL MEZAHMI

Regiment rested in Camps all day.

11<sup>th</sup> Squadron marched in from KANTARA EAST at 2400 and rejoined Regiment

July 22<sup>nd</sup>

The Regiment "Standing-by" at 0300

Summary of reports received at 0930 -

1<sup>st</sup> L.H. patrols reported 1500 enemy vicinity SAGIR

ARTILLERY battery bombarded OGHARTINA

Prisoners state that Turkish force consists of 3<sup>rd</sup> Division 1<sup>st</sup> Army Corps - German Officers on staff only.

Five Turkish prisoners captured Hill 110 and seven at SAGIR - prisoners state they came from ABD during night - 4 packs + 10 guns there

DWEIDAR & DABBA districts clear

Patrols in contact at Hill 245.

Operation Order by G.O.C. Section Mounted Troops received at 1430 - 2 Officers + 30 O'Ranks as special patrol to keep in touch with enemy at MAGEIBRA by Officers patrols

Operation order No 7 by Lieut Col G.C.R. Mackery issued at 1500 - Lieut Reed + 14 O'Ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> Squad + Lieut Martin + 13 O'Ranks 4<sup>th</sup> Squad + 3

Signalling Brigade Signal Troop left Hill 70 at 1630 for BIR NRGID via DWEIDAR & ASWRAMI

On arrival at BIR NRGID - 1 Officer + 6 men were to patrol to Hill 386

Camel transport sent out with supplies at 1500

Reports received at 1430

Enemy's advance checked at SAGIR

More trenches being constructed at OGHARTINA

500 men + 200 camels reported ready to move at " "

Situation generally unchanged.



July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Summary of reports received at 2045 -  
 SAGIA re-occupied, enemy retired.  
 Aeroplane report JEFER show MAZAR 700 to 800  
 camels - 80 to 100 shelters - three large piles stores -  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  mile EAST of SALMANA 150 to 200 tents 200 to 300 camels  
 BIR SALMANA 600 to 700 camels 80 to 100 tents  
 BIR EL ABD 40 to 45 tents 30 shelters 400 to 500 camels  
 3 rows trenches  
 MAGEIBRA Little alteration since yesterday.  
 1500 to 2000 men there - large parties working on wells.  
 O.C. W.M.R. reports re SAGIA. Enemy's depot  
 E.N.E. of 2400 yards from SAGIA.  
 Enemy outpost line runs N.N.W. & S.S.E. from SAGIA  
 strongly held  
 Aeroplane report MAZAR, SALMANA, ABD, BAYUD  
 and MAGEIBRA. no alteration since yesterday.  
 MACEIBRA 2 redoubts, no wire, 2 rows 30 rifle pits  
 3 long traversed trenches facing V. estimated 200 men  
 extensive line of traversed trenches & redoubts in  
 line FARWA, FARWEIDA, BAHEIRA with 2 miles  
 E of SAGIA MEZRAHMI, MASIA, DHEKIR, OGHATINA  
 gaps about 1 mile in places undefended - estimated  
 5000 troops 500 camels and 3 trenches 60 shelters  
 and 1000 troops AFEIN.

ABD convoy of unloaded camels 2 miles long  
 going E. several marquees & very large store dumps  
 in line, evidently advanced base.

July 23<sup>rd</sup>

The Regiment standing by at 0300.

Duke's Regiment

Report practically same as previous days.  
 Lieut Reed reported at 1045 in touch with enemy  
 patrols

30 O'Ranks reinforcements arrived from  
 Training Regiment.

Divine Service held at 1845.

New Establishment received for Regiment Mounted Rifle.  
 25 Officers 494 O'Ranks 513 Administratives 56 Draught 9 Cooks  
 6 Spare Total. 584



- July 24<sup>th</sup> Regiment rested in Camp  
 Enemy Aeroplanes over Camp. but no bombs dropped  
 Reports from Lieut Reed & Martin in touch with  
 enemy patrols  
 Orders received that Regiment will "Stand by" at  
 1300 daily until further notice.
- July 25<sup>th</sup> Orders remounts issued to the Regiment.  
 Regiment rested in Camp  
 Reports received position much about same  
 as two previous days
- July 26<sup>th</sup> Lieut Carr & 29 O'Ranks left for BIR ETMALEK  
 at 1430 with 58 Remounts for W.M.R.  
 Lieut Reed & Martin returned at 1500 from  
 Special Patrol duties  
 Special Operation Order by G.O.C. Section Malaya  
 received at 1700.  
 Orders for Lieut Martin & Pioneer Troop to  
 proceed to BIR EN NUSS together with one troop  
 each from C.M.A. & Warwick Companies - the  
 whole party under command Lieut Martin -  
 for the purpose of sinking wells sufficient  
 to water one Brigade Mounted Troop.
- July 27<sup>th</sup> Party left for BIR EN NUSS at 0600 on 27<sup>th</sup> inst.  
 Duties Regiment - all Brigade patrols & jaegers  
 found.  
 Three Lewis Guns issued to the Regiment - one  
 per Squadron and orders that guns will come  
 under Squadron control.  
 Establishment of pack horses increased by 6  
 for packing Lewis Guns.
- July 28<sup>th</sup> Lieut S. G. Browne transferred to N.E. Engineers  
 and strength of Regiment dated 7-7-16  
 Regiment rested in Camp.  
 Orders received that Regiment must be ready  
 and ready to leave at one hour's notice.
- July 29<sup>th</sup> Lewis Gun test carried out between hours 0530  
 and 0700 - test very satisfactory.



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HELL 70 KANTARA

WAR DIARY

A.M.R.

- July 29<sup>th</sup> Regiment carried out Troop & Squads training between hours 0530-0630 1500-1600. Subverts received to appoint three full NCOs for Lewis Gun sections to be being supernumerary to the present establishment making total 500 O' ranks
- July 30<sup>th</sup> Lewis Gun Test carried out 0530-0700 Regiment rested in Camp. Lieut W. S. Puddock rejoined Regt. from N.Z.M.F.T.R. of Lieut A. Dale. Taylor joined Regt. and taken on strength dated 30-7-16 12 O' ranks Reinforcement arrived from N.Z.M.F.T.R. Training Regt.
- July 31<sup>st</sup> Divine Service held at 1845 Duty Regiment. Lewis Gun Test carried out 0530-0700 Troop & Squads training between hours 0530-0630 1500-1600

Francis Lewis  
Adjutant  
Nuckland M.D. Kelly

HELL 70  
KANTARA  
1<sup>st</sup> August 1916



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5\* AUG. 1916  
D.A.G. 3rd. ECHELON.

HUCKLAND MOUNTED

HILL 70

KANTARA

July 1<sup>st</sup>

(Duty Regiments) (Patrols) went out to HOD  
EL ERRAS and in direction of DIYUK and  
on return (reported "all clear")

July 2<sup>nd</sup>

Divine Service held at 0645  
(One troop) under Lt Spinks (marched out for work  
(Duty at A.N.Z.A.C. Mt. Jerusalem L.S.)  
Capt. M. Aldred went to Hospital  
Lt ranks inoculated for Para Typhoid 1<sup>st</sup> inoculation  
Operation Order No 1 by Major J. N. McParrott issued.

July 3<sup>rd</sup>

(4<sup>th</sup> Squadron & one section M.G. (Dillon) moved  
out with 2 Squadrons to M.R.) under command  
Major J. N. McParrott moved out to DWEIDAR.  
(in support of 5<sup>th</sup> L.S. Brigade)

July 4<sup>th</sup>

Duty Regiment  
Congratulations messages received by the  
Brigade Headquarters from Gen Sir Arch Murray  
in recognition of the work done by the  
A.N.Z.A.C. Mounted Division  
Lieut W. Stewart went to Hospital

July 5<sup>th</sup>

(Composite Regt returned from DWEIDAR)  
Regiment rested all day.

July 6<sup>th</sup>

" " " " " "

July 7<sup>th</sup>

(Duty Regiment)  
11<sup>th</sup> Squadrons did all patrols - all returned  
reporting "all clear"

July 8<sup>th</sup>

(3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron returned from Rest Camp KANTARA  
4<sup>th</sup> Squadron moved out for " " "  
S. Sgt Major <sup>Brown</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> Squadron attached to Gairn's  
Regiment promoted to rank of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut and  
seconded for duty with Field Squadron  
A.N.Z.A.C. Mt. Division

July 9<sup>th</sup>

Concert held in M.C.A. Marquee  
Divine Service held at Brigade L.S. at 0745  
Lieut Col G. G. Mackery assumed command  
of N.Z. M.A. Brigade from 1-6-16 and relinquished  
command 4-7-16 (Patrol N.Z.M.A. to R.O.)



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July 10<sup>th</sup>

Kantara

WAR DIARY A.M.F. 2

(Duty Regiment)

Lieut Johnson & party 8 men proceeded to HOD NIGEIRET ALI and HOD ABU SHARAB for purpose of cleaning out existing wells and reporting upon capacity of same.

Capt M. Alfred returned from Hospital.

July 11<sup>th</sup>

Signalling & Lewis Gun Platoon started at Brigade S. 2.

Major Whitehorn returned from Hospital. Regiment rested all day.

July 12<sup>th</sup>

Sixteen reinforcements arrived for the Regiment. The following complimentary message received by G. O. C. A. H. ZAC. 1st Division from Gen Sir Arch. G. Murray K.C.B. K.C.M.G. V.O. D.S.O.  
"Whatever I ask your people to do is done without the slightest hesitation and with promptness and efficiency.

I have the greatest admiration for all your command. My remarks apply equally to your other Brigade at SERAPEUM.

July 13<sup>th</sup>

Duty Regiment.

Thirty five (35) reinforcements arrived for the Regiment from TEL. EL. KEBIR.

July 14<sup>th</sup>

Lieut Spokes went to Hospital

4<sup>th</sup> Squadron returned from Post Camp KANTERA

16<sup>th</sup> Squadron moved out for " " "

July 15<sup>th</sup>

N.Z.M.F. Cde Machine Gun Squadron formed.

Lieut Jones (3<sup>rd</sup> Squad) of Lieut's Gunman and Mr Parrall and personnel guns and horses struck off the strength of the Regt.

The above officers to be seconded from the Regt.

Lieut Jones and 60 tanks returned from

School of Instruction Leekham.

July 16<sup>th</sup>

Lieut No. 10. Arvill promoted to Lieut. dated 22-6-16 and to remain seconded with Training Regt.



LOGO KANTARA

WAR DIARY

A.M.R.

July 16<sup>th</sup>

R. S. M. Stewart J. D. promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut and to be decorated with Gallie Corps  
 Serjeant Seaward C. I. 4<sup>th</sup> Squad left for N. Z. to take up Commission in N.Z.E.F. Forces.  
 Reference Gradation List dated 22-4-16  
 Of Lieut Riddock W. D. should appear as Lieut next below Lieut D. Gunlayson 49-8-15  
 A.N.Z.A.C. Gallie Corps formed and Officers & Personnel left for Training Camp at TEL. EL KEBIR - Divine Service held at 1845.

July 17<sup>th</sup>

Of Lieut D. B. Mannere attached to A.N.Z.A.C. Mtd Division for Duty from 17-6-16

July 18<sup>th</sup>

Regiment rested in Camp.  
 Orders received that 3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron would move to BENT BRK EAST - orders cancelled.

July 19<sup>th</sup>

(Duty Regiment)  
 Aeroplane reports received that Turks were advancing on BRYND - OGHRTINE.

July 20<sup>th</sup>

(The Regiment) Standing - bus at 1300 awaiting orders  
 Reports from Division received at 10/25 state -

0530

Oghratina patrol unable to advance beyond BBU RODHA as enemy holding high ground EAST and S.E. At 0630 OGHRTINE patrol fired on by enemy & forced back - enemy opened fire on our patrol with Machine guns - the strength of enemy patrol 200. At 0742 the enemy were reported as holding OGHRTINE ridge in force in three different places, also old battle field - enemy digging in, and their mounted patrols very active. Report received 1000 stated that trenches were made and large digging parties at work. Enemy's strength 500 - very active.

52<sup>nd</sup> Division holding line of posts MARENDIYA to South of KATIB GRNIT with full garrison  
 Bull 110 clear FAH strong reconnaissance proceeding to BBU RODHA - intention to draw enemy on and strike decisive blow if opportunity arise



HILL 40 KANTARA WAR DIARY A.M.R. Regt.

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Received 1720 - Large numbers of enemy reported S.A.B.I.R.  
 " 1945 - Our guns in action at OGHARTINE enemy retired in large numbers A.R.R.

6<sup>th</sup> L.H. in action with enemy on left flank & were met with mountain guns A.R.R.

Prisoners captured state that the trucks have 6 mountain guns 12 battalions each 700 men & 4 machine guns - each battalion has German Officers. Aeroplane reports 2000 to 3000 concentrations at MAGEIBRA. W.M.R. Regiment detached from Brigade.

S.O.C. N.Z.M.R. has taken command of an independent force designated "Section Mounted Troops" composed as follows: S.O. 2, Signal Troop, A.M.R., G.M.R., N.Z.M.R.

Machine Gun Squadron, N.Z.M.F.A., N.Z.A.S.C., WARWICK Y (2 Squadrons), Gloucestershire Y (2 Squadrons), Somerset Battalion R.H.F., Leicestershire Battalion R.H.A., 5<sup>th</sup> Aus L.H. & NO. 2 MOBILE Sect.

All leave for Officers. Men cancelled until further orders.

July 21<sup>st</sup> Summary reports received - Large numbers camels laden reported M.A.Z.B.R. & JEMEL. Shelters, tents and 1500 to 2000 men reported at MAGEIBRA 2000 men, 200 camels & shelters & trenches OGHARTINE.

Patrols within 900 yards OGHARTINE driven off by <sup>light</sup> beautiful two week aeroplanes over ROMANI.

Sq B5 QATIA map searched & reported clear.

OGHARTINE patrol attacked by company of enemy patrol retired to 1/4 mile E of U.M.M. U.B.B.A.

Aeroplane reports that enemy chief point of concentration MAGEIBRA - 3000 to 4000. There A.R.R. B.I.R. ELA.B.D. quiet 2000 mounted infantry, enemy B.I.R. B.B.W. R.F.E.I.N.

All leave stopped until further orders.



Aeroplane reports contd.

July 21<sup>st</sup>

1500 mounted & infantry ~ 150 to 200 shelters OGHARATINA  
enemy well established and trenches well put in.

1<sup>st</sup> L.H. <sup>Asphalt</sup> Many men on high ground at NEGILIFT.

Two patrols forced back to HOD NUGRET-FARRAS  
Four companies Infantry 400 yards S of A in HOD EL  
MEZAHMI

Regiment rested in Camps all day.

11<sup>th</sup> Squadron marched in from KANTARA EAST at  
2400 and rejoined Regiment

July 22<sup>nd</sup>

(The Regiment "Standing-by" at 0300)

Summary of reports received at 0930 -

1<sup>st</sup> L.H. patrols reported 1500 enemy vicinity SAGIA  
ARTS FIRE Battery bombarded OGHARATINA

Prisoners state that Turkish force consists of 3<sup>rd</sup> Division  
1<sup>st</sup> Army Corps - German Officers on staff only.

Five Turkish prisoners captured Hill 110 and  
seven at SAGIA - prisoners state they came  
from RBD during night - 4000 + 10 guns there

DWEIDAR & DABBA districts clear

Patrols in contact at Hill 245.

Operation order by G.O.C. Section Mounted Troops  
received at 1430 - 2 Officers & 300 ranks as  
special patrol to keep in touch with enemy  
at MAGEIBRA by Officers patrols

Operation order No. 1 by Lieut Col. G.C. Mackery  
issued at 1500 - Lieut Reed & 100 ranks 3<sup>rd</sup>

Squad & Lieut Martin & 13 ranks 4<sup>th</sup> Squad & 3

Signalling Brigade Signal Troop left Hill 70 at  
1630 for BIR NAGID via DWEIDAR & ASWRAMI

On arrival at BIR NAGID - 1 Officer & 6 men were  
to patrol to Hill 386

Camel transport sent out with supplies at 1500

Reports received at 1430

Enemy's advance checked at SAGIA

More trenches being constructed at OGHARATINA & MAGEIBRA

500 men & 200 camels reported ready to move at " "

Situation generally unchanged.



July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Summary of reports received at 2045 -  
 SAGIA re-occupied, enemy retreating.  
 Aeroplane report JEFER, show MARRA 700 to 800  
 camels - 80 to 100 shelters - three large pile stores -  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  mile EAST of SALMANA 150 to 200 tents 200 to 300 camels  
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 defensive line of traversed trenches & redoubts in  
 line FARWA, FARWEIDA, BAHEIRA with 2 miles  
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 and 1000 troops AFEIN.  
 ABD convoy of unloaded camels 2 miles long  
 going E, several marquees & very large store dumps  
 in line, evidently advanced base.

July 23<sup>rd</sup>

The Regiment "Standing By" at 0300.  
 (Duke Regiment)  
 Reports practically same as previous days.  
 Lieut Reed reported at 1045 in touch with enemy  
 patrols  
 30 O'Rourke reinforcements arrived from  
 Training Regiment.  
 Divine Service held at 1845.  
 New Establishment received for Regiment Mounted Rifle.  
 25 Officers 494 O'Ranks 513 Riding Horses 56 Draught 9 Packs  
 6 Spare Total 584



July 24<sup>th</sup> (Regiment rested in Camp)  
 Enemy Aeroplanes over Camp. but no bombs dropped  
 Reports from Lieut Reed & Martin in trucks with  
 enemy patrols  
 Orders received that Regiment will "Stand by" at  
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July 25<sup>th</sup> Orders Remounts issued to the Regiment.  
 Regiment rested in Camp

Reports received position much about same  
 as two previous days

July 26<sup>th</sup> Lieut Clark & 29 O'Ranks left for BIR ETMALEK  
 at 1430 with 58 Remounts for W.M.R.

Lieuts Reed & Martin returned at 1500 from  
 Special Patrol duty

Special Operation Order by G.O.C. Section M.A. Troops  
 received at 1700.

Orders for Lieut Martin & Pioneer Troop to  
 proceed to BIR EN NUSS together with one troop  
 each from C.M.R. & Warwick Company - the  
 whole party under command Lieut Martin -  
 for the purpose of sinking wells sufficient  
 to water one Brigade Mounted Troop.

July 27<sup>th</sup> Party left for BIR EN NUSS at 0600 on 27<sup>th</sup> inst.  
 Duty Regiment - all Brigade patrols & jaegers  
 found.

Three Lewis Guns issued to the Regiment - one  
 per Squadron and orders that guns will come  
 under Squadron control.

Establishment of pack horses increased by 6  
 for packing Lewis Guns.

July 28<sup>th</sup> Lieut S.G. Brown transferred to N.E. Engineers  
 and strength of Regiment dated 7-7-16  
 Regiment rested in Camp.

Orders received that Regiment must be ready  
 and ready to leave at one hour's notice.

July 29<sup>th</sup> Lewis Gun test carried out between hours 0530  
 and 0700 - test very satisfactory.



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July 29<sup>th</sup> Regiment carried out Troop & Squadron Training between hours 0530-0630 1500-1600.  
 Subunits received to appoint three full Corporals for Lewis Gun sections to be borne supernumerary to the present establishment making total 500 O' ranks

July 30<sup>th</sup> Lewis Gun List carried out 0530-0700  
 Regiment rested in Camp.  
 Lieut W. S. Ruddle joined Regt. from N.Z.M.F.T.R.  
 Lieut A. Dale Taylor joined Regt. and taken on strength dated 30-7-16  
 12 O' ranks Reinforcement arrived from N.Z.M.F.T.R.  
 Training Regt.

Divine Service held at 1845  
 (Duty Regiment)  
 July 31<sup>st</sup> Lewis Gun List carried out 0530-0700  
 Troop & Squadron Training between hours 0530-0630 1500-1600

Francis Lewis  
 Adjutant  
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