

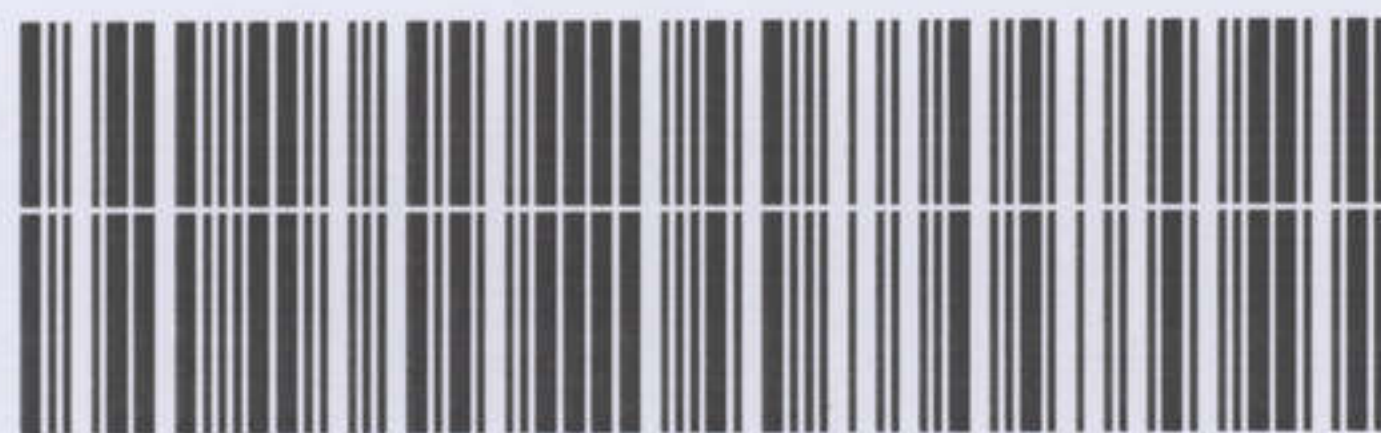
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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Nuckland Md. Rifles Regt.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BIR-EL KASSEIBA	1/14/16	1900.	Night Outpost reported "all clear" at 0530. Menal Day Obs. Posts and Patrols returned at 1730 reporting "all clear" no trace of the enemy.	Reference Maps SIRAI
	2 ^d		Outpost - all Patrols reported "all clear". Special reconnaissance patrol was sent to ABU LIBD & GEBEL-EL-AMRAR. This Patrol left camp at 0600 & returned at 1800 reporting no signs of the enemy & no wells located over the area patrolled. Small quantity of grain (which was burned) and about 200 rounds of ammunition was found at ABU LIBD - No signs of recent occupation. Continued reconnaissance report for the period 27-10-16 ÷ 31-10-16 dealing with routes, features, water & roads over all the country patrolled by the Regiment between the above dates was sent in to R.L.M.R. Bde. Hqs at 0700.	SABINET EL BARDANIL EL ARISA. SWEETS J. J. J.
	3 rd		Night Outposts and all Day Obs. Posts and Patrols reported "all clear"	
	4 th		Outpost, Day posts & Patrols reported "all clear". Special Patrol with Sec. of Field Troop, was sent 3 miles SOUTH of BIR-EL KASSEIBA to prospect for water in the vicinity but without success. 3 Tubs were put down to a depth of 20 feet but no water was located. Lieut. G. T. YBRES, Sgt. T. MCCARROLL & 2 ^d L.A.C. HIRIMARI transferred to Machine Gun Corps and struck off strength of the	

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Nuckland Mid Repts Regt.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BIR-EL KASSEIBA	10/11/16	1900	<p>Camp at 0700 + also special Patrol to BIR-EL LOABATIA and ARN USSI. All Patrols + Posts returned to camp before 1800 and reported "all clear". Major H. S. WHITEHORN appointed Temp 2^d in command of Regiment dated 14-9-16. Capt. M. ALDRED prom. T/major dated 14-9-16. 2/Lieut. H. C. HEMPHILL prom. T/Lieut. and SECONDED for duty with 2^d N.Z. Coy. Imperial Camel Corps dated 22/10/16. 2/Lieut. P. C. ROSE SECONDED for duty with 2^d N.Z. Coy. Imperial Camel Corps dated 22/10/16. 2/Lieut. H. L. VADE promoted Lieut. dated 3-9-16. 13/16 Sig. Sgt. HATRICK, H.K. promoted 2/Lieut. and appointed Sig. Officer dated 22-10-16. Major S. C. SCHOFIELD and Lieut. S. A. CARR placed on N.Z. Roll and SECONDED dated 13-10-16, and 19-10-16 respectively. Order No. 4 by Colonel G. E. R. MACKESY dated 9/11/16 received at 1500 and cancelled later at 2100.</p> <p>High/Post reported all clear at 0545. Usual Patrols and Day Pt. Post sent out, also a special Patrol to BIR-EL LOABATIA and ARN USSI - B. L. MUSTAGIDDA. All patrols returned at 1800.</p>	
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Duckland Mounted (Erase heading not required.) Rifles Regiment.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BIR-EL HASSEIBA	11/11/16	(cont.)	Reconnaissance report BIR-EL ZABATIA - ARMUSSI - EL MUSTAGIDDA contained in our A.M.R. 6 message of the 11 th inst. Time 2000 to 17.2 M.R. BRIGADE. H.2.	
	12/11/16	1900	Night Outpost and all day post reported "All clear". Copy No 3 amendments to 17.2 M.R. Bde Orders No 4 received at 1700. Capt S.C. ASHTON posted to the Regiment dated 1/10/16. Voluntary Church Service held in the lines at 1830.	
BIR-EL MAZAR	13/11/16	1900	Night Outpost reported "all clear" at 0545. The Regiment left BIR-EL HASSEIBA at 0900 after being relieved by a 1/2 Coy 1 st Batta. Imperial Camel Corps and moved by route march to BIR-EL MAZAR, where it arrived at 1130 and rejoined the Brigade and settled down in bivouac. The Regiment took over that portion of the Outpost line from Camel Track below high sand ridge about 600 yards EAST of the ABU GILBARI Tomb, and extending for a mile S.S.W.	
	14/11/16	1900	Night Outpost reported "all clear" at 0545 and 2 day Ots. Post were sent out at 0700 returning at 1730 reporting "all clear".	
	15/11/16	1900	Same as 14 th inst. 8 of Ranks reinforcements arrived from 17.2 M.R. Inf. Regt.	
	16/11/16	"	Night Outpost and day post reported "all clear".	
	17/11/16	"	" " " " " " " "	
	18/11/16	"	" " " " " " " "	
	19/11/16	"	Church Parade at 1000. 1 of Ranks accidentally wounded by bullet wound in left leg. Board of Regiment assembled at 1045 and papers forwarded to 17.2 M.R. Bde. Regt. at 1200.	

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Anti-air mounted (Erase heading not required) *Rifles Regiment*

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BIR-EL MAZAR	20/11/16	1900	Night Outpost + Day Obs Post reported "all clear"	
	24/11	"	" " " " " " " " " " " "	
	22/11	"	" " " " " " " " " " " "	44 Remounts arrived + taken on strength.
BIR-EL MAZAR	23/11	"	Night Outpost + Day Obs Post reported "all clear" + 18th reinforcements joined Regiment from N.L.M.P. Inf Regiment dated 20-11-16.	
	24/11	"	Night Outpost + Day Obs Post reported "all clear" Copy 3 Orders No 5 N.L.M.P. Bde Orders received.	
	25/11	"	Night Outpost reported "all clear" at 0545. The Regt left BIR-EL MAZAR with the Bde at 0800 + furnished the advanced Guard to the Bde on the march. Arrived at EL MUSTAGIDDA + settled down in bivouac at 0900. The Regt took over the portion allotted of the Outpost line at 1700.	
EL MUSTAGIDDA	26/11	"	Night Outpost reported all clear at 0550. Day Obs Post returned at 1700 reporting all clear. Voluntary Church Service was held in the lines at 1830.	
	27/11	"	Night Outpost reported all clear at 0550. The Regt being busy Regt sent out Patrols Point 133 BIR-EL GERERAT + ARRUSSI. All Patrols returned + reported all clear. 30th anti reinforcements marched in from N.L.M.P. Inf Regiment dated 22-11-16.	

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Auckland Mounted (Erase heading not required.) Rifles Regiment.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL MUSTA'IDDA	27/4/16	1900	Copy No 2 Special Orders N.L.M.R. Bde received at 0930. Order No 14 by C.O. issued at 1030. Special Officers Pahal under the command of Capt. Finlayson A.C. Tro with 2nd Lieut. Johnson M.L. as 2nd in command left base to carry out the special reconnaissance as per Order No 14 at 1230.	Copy of Orders Not attached
	28th		Night outpost reported all clear at 0550. 60 ranks reinforcements arrived from N.L.M.R. Inf Regiment dated 25-11-16. Reference MAP ^{SITAI} EL ARISH that ^{NORTH-#36} _{SE} Order received that the 2 places named ABU FELEITIL situated in squares C.D.1+2 would in future be referred to as ABU FELEIFIL NORTH+ SOUTH respectively. Capt. Finlayson O.C. Special Officers Pahal returned at 1530. + reported having carried out reconnaissance successfully. Report handed in to Bde Lt. Col.	
	29th		Outpost reported "all clear" at 0555. 32 mounts arrived from Depot & taken on strength dated 28-4-16. Inf class for squadders started under the S.O.	
	30th		Night Outpost reported all clear at 0555. Patrol sent to ARNUSSI, HILL 133 and BR-EL GERERAT. All returned and reported all clear.	

James [Signature]
Auckland Mounted

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APPENDIX

ORDERS No. 14.

By Lieut. Col. McCarroll J.N.

Commanding A.M.R. 27/11/16.

Reference Maps. SINAI
SABKHET EL BARDAWIL
EL ARISH
Sheets North H-38
J I - J II.

1. Special Patrol. A Special patrol of 2 Officers, 8 O/Ranks and two Signallers is required to reconnoitre the country to the SOUTH of the EL ARISH- MAZAR road and to report on the following points:--

(1) Any enemy works in the neighbourhood of BIR-EL MASMI 3 miles SOUTH EAST of EL ARISH.

(2) To report on the country between BIR-EL GERERAT and BIR-EL MASMI with a view to a force (strength about 4 Brigades) being able to reach BIR-EL MASMI without the knowledge of the enemy.

2. Detail.

3rd. Squadron will detail I Section (1 Cpl. & 3 men)
4th. " One Officer (2nd. Lieut. Johnson) 2 men and 1 Signaller.
11th. " One Officer (Capt. Finlayson) 2 men and 1 Signaller.

In addition Officers will take their own grooms.
This party must be well mounted.

3. Special Instructions. The Patrol will leave Bivouac at 1930 on the 27th. inst. and will proceed to BIR-EL GERERAT where they will rest until after dark - watering and feeding at dusk. They will leave BIR-EL GERERAT at 2030 on the 27th. and will march on a bearing of 90 deg. for 10 miles (approx. with halts a 4 hours march) when they will halt until dawn (0545). They will then proceed on a N.E. direction towards BIR-EL MASMI.

On the completion of the reconnaissance they will return to BIR-EL GERERAT by the same route and should reach BIR-EL GERERAT by about 1300 on the 28th. inst. The O.C. Patrol will arrange for a fresh horse to meet him on arrival at BIR-EL GERERAT at the above hour. He will then return to B.H.Qrs. direct to report. The remainder of the party under Lieut. Johnson will bivouac at BIR-EL GERERAT for the night 28th./29th. inst. returning to Regimental bivouac on the morning of the 29th. inst. reporting to B.H.Qrs. on the way.

4. Supplies. 3 meals and 8 horse feeds will be carried. The R.Q.M. will arrange for 8 meals, 2 feeds to be sent to BIR-EL GERERAT to reach there by 1500 on the 28th. inst.

5. Communication. No Signalling will be carried on except in case of emergency, when communication can be gained with Point 130 - 1 1/2 miles N of BIR-EL GERERAT where there will be a Station by ~~the~~ day. This hill has a trig on it and should be easily picked up.

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1. O.C.
2. War Diary.
3. O.C. 3rd. Sqdn.
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Sgd. J. Evans, Lieut.,
Adjutant.

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Auckland Mtd Rifles Regt.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BIR-EL KASSEIBA	1/14/16	1900.	Night Outpost reported "all clear" at 0530. Menal Day Obs. Posts and Patrols returned at 1730 reporting "all clear" No trace of the enemy.	Reference Maps SINAI
	2 nd		Outpost - all Patrols reported "all clear". Special reconnaissance patrol was sent to ABU LIBD & GEBEL EL AMRAR. This Patrol left camp at 0600 & returned at 1800 reporting no signs of the enemy & no wells located over the area patrolled. Small quantity of grain (which was burned) and about 200 rounds of ammunition was found at ABU LIBD - No signs of recent occupation. Condensed reconnaissance report for the period 27-10-16 ÷ 31-10-16 dealing with routes, features, water & roads over all the country patrolled by the Regiment between the above dates was sent in to R.L.M.R. Bde. Hqs at 0700.	SABKHET EL BARDAWIL & EL ARISA. SHEETS NORTH & SOUTH
	3 rd 4 th		Night Outpost and all Day Obs. Posts and Patrols reported "all clear". Outpost, Day posts & Patrols reported "all clear". Special Patrol with Sec. of Field Troop, was sent 3 miles SOUTH of BIR-EL KASSEIBA to prospect for water in the vicinity but without success. 3 Tubs were put down to a depth of 20 feet but no water was located. Lieut. G. T. BREX, Sgt. T. McCARROLL & 2 nd Lt. B.C. HIRMAN transferred to Machine Gun Corps and struck off strength of the	

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Nuckland Mtd Regts Regt.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BIR-EL KASSEIBA	10/11/16	1900	<p>Camp at 0700 + also special Patrol to BIR-EL ZOABATIA and ARTUSSI. All Patrols + Posts returned to camp before 1800 and reported "all clear". Major H.S. WHITEHORN appointed Temp 2nd in command of Regiment dated 14-9-16. Capt. M. ALDRED prom. T/major dated 14-9-16. 2/Lieut. H.C. HEMPHILL prom. T/Lieut. and SECONDED for duty with 2nd N.Z. Coy. Imperial Camel Corps dated 22/10/16. 2/Lieut. P.C. ROSE SECONDED for duty with 2nd N.Z. Coy. Imperial Camel Corps dated 22/10/16. 2/Lieut. H.L. VADE promoted Lieut. dated 3-9-16. 13/16 Sig. Sergt. HATRICK, H.K. promoted 2/Lieut. and appointed Sig. Officer dated 22-10-16. Major S.C. SCHOFIELD and Lieut. S.A. CARR placed on N.Z. ROLL and SECONDED dated 13-10-16, and 19-10-16 respectively. Orders No 4 by Colonel G.E.R. MACKESY dated 9/11/16 received at 1500 and cancelled later at 2100.</p> <p>11/16 High Post reported "all clear" at 0505. Usual Patrols and Day Sp. Post sent out, also a special Patrol to BIR-EL ZOABATIA and ARTUSSI - B.L. MUSTAGIDDA. All patrols returned at 1800.</p>	

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Duckland Recruited (Erase heading not required.) Rifles Regiment.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BIR-EL HASSEIBA	11/21/16 (cont.)		Reconnaissance report BIR-EL ZOABATIA - ARRUSSI - EL MUSTAGIDDA contained in our A.M.R. 6 message of the 11 th inst. Time 2000 to 172 M.R. BRIGADE. H. 2.	
	12/4/16	1900	Night Outpost and all day post reported "all clear". Copy No 3 amendments to 172 M.R. Bd. Orders No 4 received at 1700. Capt S. C. ASHTON posted to the Regiment dated 4/10/16. Voluntary Church Service held in the lines at 1830.	
BIR-EL MAZAR	13/11/16	1900	Night Outpost reported "all clear" at 0545. (The Regiment left BIR-EL HASSEIBA) at 0900 after being relieved by a 1/2 Coy 1 st Bn. Imperial Camel Corps and moved by route march to BIR-EL MAZAR, where it arrived at 1150 and rejoined the Brigade and settled down in bivouacs. The Regiment took over that portion of the Outpost line from Camel Track below high sand ridge about 600 yards EAST of the ABU GILBARI Tomb, and extending for a mile S.S.W.	
	14/11/16	1900	Night Outpost reported "all clear" at 0545 and 2 day Obs. Post was sent out at 0700 returning at 1730 reporting "all clear".	
	15/11/16	1900	Same as 14 th inst. 8 of Rank's reinforcements arrived from 172 M.R. Inf. Regt.	
	16/11/16	"	Night Outpost and day post reported "all clear".	
	17/11/16	"	" " " " " " " "	
	18/11/16	"	" " " " " " " "	
	19/11/16	"	" " " " " " " "	
			Church Parade at 1000. 1 of Rank accidentally wounded by bullet wound forwarded to 172 M.R. Regt. Hospital at 1200. The Regiment finished fit by 1100.	

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Auckland Mounted (Erase heading not required.) Rifles Regiment.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL MUSTAGIDDA	27/4/16	1900	Copy No 2 Special Orders N.Z. M.R. Bde received at 0930. Order No 14 by C.O. issued at 1030. Special Officers Pahal under the command of Capt. Finlayson A.L. Tro with 2 local Johnsons M.L., as 2 nd in command, left bivouac to carry out the special reconnaissance, as per Order No 14, at 1230.	Copy of Orders Not attached
		24 th	Night Outpost reported all clear at 0550. 60 ranks reinforcements arrived from N.Z. M.R. Inf Regt dated 25-11-16. Reference MAP ^{SINAI} EL ARISH Sheet ^{NORTH-#36} _{SE} . Order received that the 2 places named ABU FELEIFIL situated in squares C, D 1+2 were in future to be referred to as ABU FELEIFIL NORTH + SOUTH respectively. Capt Finlayson O.C. Special Officers Pahal returned at 1530. + reported having carried out reconnaissance successfully. Report handed in to Bde HQ by the O.C. Pahal.	
		29 th	Outpost reported "all clear" at 0555. 22 mounts arrived from Depot & taken on strength, dated 28-4-16. Inf class for signallers started under the S.O.	
		30 th	Night Outpost reported all clear at 0555. Patrol sent to ARNUSSI, HILL 133 and BUR-EL GERERAT. All returned and reported all clear.	
<p>Day & night outposts & patrols were applied by means of the Regt during the month</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Lieut [Signature] Auckland Mtd Rifles Regt</p>				

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Commanding A.M.R. 27/II/10.

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1. Special Patrol. A Special patrol of 2 Officers, 8 O/Ranks and two Signallers is required to reconnoitre the country to the SOUTH of the EL ARISH- MAZAR road and to report on the following points:-
(1) Any enemy works in the neighbourhood of BIR-EL MASMI 3 miles SOUTH EAST of EL ARISH.
(2) To report on the country between BIR-EL GERERAT and BIR-EL MASMI with a view to a force (strength about 2 Brigades) being able to reach BIR-EL MASMI without the knowledge of the enemy.

Detail.
3rd. Squadron will detail I Section (1 Cpl. & 3 men)
4th. " One Officer (2nd. Lieut. Johnson) 2 men and 1 Signaller.
IIth. " One Officer (Capt. Finlayson) 2 men and 1 Signaller.
In addition Officers will take their own grooms.
This party must be well mounted.

3. Special Instructions. The Patrol will leave Bivouac at 1230 on the 27th. inst. and will proceed to BIR-EL GERERAT where they will rest until after dark - watering and feeding at dusk. They will leave BIR-EL GERERAT at 2030 on the 27th. and will march on a bearing of 90 deg. for 10 miles (approx. with halts a 4 hours march) when they will halt until dawn (0545). They will then proceed on a N.E. direction towards BIR-EL MASMI. On the completion of the reconnaissance they will return to BIR-EL GERERAT by the same route and should reach BIR-EL GERERAT by about 1300 on the 28th. inst. The O.C. Patrol will arrange for a fresh horse to meet him on arrival at BIR-EL GERERAT at the above hour. He will then return to B.H.Qrs. direct to report. The remainder of the party under Lieut. Johnson will bivouac at BIR-EL GERERAT for the night 28th./29th. inst. returning to Regimental bivouac on the morning of the 29th. inst. reporting to B.H.Qrs. on the way.

4. Supplies. 3 meals and 3 horse feeds will be carried. The R.Q.M. will arrange for 2 meals, 2 feeds to be sent to BIR-EL GERERAT to reach there by 1500 on the 28th. inst.

5. Communication. No Signalling will be carried on except in case of emergency, when communication can be gained with Point I30 - 1 1/2 miles N of BIR-EL GERERAT where there will be a Station by day. This hill has a trig on it and should be easily picked up.

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