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			<p>In accordance with instructions received from Desert Column at Cable to the land and turned on the Eastern Side of the WADI GHOUZZE as far as HARM.</p> <p>The Regiment (less one Sgd 10th Sgd) one Squadron A.M.R. and one Section Machine Gun Sgd posted the covering party to the working party (2nd Lt).</p> <p>The Regt paraded at 1830 and with M.G Section and two troops 8th Sgd & HQs proceeded to GOZ EL BASAL - The A.M.R. holding line GOZ EL GOLETS to GOZ EL BASAL and the 8th Sgd posted one troop at KH. EL FAR. Returned to Bironac at 2230.</p>												
			<p>Received 3 officers 62 OR. Re-formation on the 1st mt. R.</p>												
			<p>Camp Routine carried out R.</p> <p>Patrols furnished by the 8th Sgd were No 1. 2. 3. 4 Day Posts and the 10th Sgd furnished the night standing patrols at No 1. 2 3 4 and 5 by one troop 10th Sgd.</p>												

REF MAP BEERSHEVA 1/25,000

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TEL-EL FARA	1917 AUG	3	Patriots nothing to report. no sign of Enemy.	REF MAP BEERSHEBA 1/25000
		4	Night patriots returned to Buwaa at 0545. C M R relieved the P L A Bde Regiment holding the GHABI WORKS. Relief effected by 0900. The Posts allotted as follows. X Post. 10 th Sqd - Y Post - 8 th Sqd and HQ ^s Z Post 10 th Sqd - <i>PS</i>	REF MAP RAFA 1/125000
GHABI WORKS		5	Holding GHABI WORKS. -	
		6	Shod to at 0330 Daily - Hourly Reports sent to Div - Throughout night. Training daily at 0900 at TEL EL FARA - 4 hours remained till afternoon training & returned to Buwaa at 1630.	
		7	Work in Improving trenches continued throughout the week <i>PS</i>	
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		11	Relieved by the Light Horse Regt. Sqds relieved at 0900. HQ ^s not relieved till 1030 - Returned to Old Buwaa at TEL EL FARA. Received orders that the Imperial Camel Corp will make a Raid on SANA supported by the NZ M A Bde. Regiment. Paraded at 1925 and moved out with the NZ M A Bde crossing the WADI at TEL EL FARA. From EAST side of WADI <i>PS</i>	REF MAP BEERSHEBA 1/25000 and TEL CL SARRAH 1/40000.

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TEL EL FARA	1917 AUG	11	<p>The Bde moved off in direction of TWO TREE HILL (330 Ref Map TELE EL SHARIA) 1st Sqd as advance Guard - On arriving at IMARA - Railway Station a Sqd from each Regt were sent out to take up post in WADI IMLEIH. The 8th Sqd were detailed to take up position at KHIRBIT ERK. The 10th Sqds also supplied 20 Mounted Orderlies to establish a chain of posts of two men each from a point 300 yds S.W. of EL MAGAM TOMB. (where they will connect up with Mounted Orderlies of the 52nd Div) via KHIRBIT ERK to Bde HQ at Hill 330. Posts 500 yds apart. Remainder of Regiment in Reserve with Bde at Hill 330. After Camels Camp complete their work Bde withdrew at 12.0215. Delay in withdrawing on account of risk in getting out 2 Contingent men who had been badly wounded. (Sgt Gold and Sheehan of the 10th Sqd) on returning to Camp. Wagon driver Adams horse fell and May Acton Adams badly shaken & cut about the face - necessitating his removal to Hospital. Returned to Base at 0530 - Men very tired - During march all ranks wore a White Band on each arm and White Pyjamas on back.</p>	<p>REC. MAP. TEL EL SHARIA 1/10000</p>

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TEL EL FARF	AUG	12	Church Service held in Evening -	REG 1178 P. 1125000.
		13	<p>Camp Routine carried out during day. A Raid to be carried out on the enemy at IRGEIG on the night of August 13/14 with a view of destroying the enemy's posts near and Damaging his Railway.</p> <p>Troops detailed for the enterprise 2nd Lt. Bell and his troops Full Sqds The N.G.M.B. will act as covering troops. The Regiment paraded at 1825 and connected up with Bell on East Bank of WADI at 1900. After waiting some time for Dn HQ^s the Column moved off. The 1st Sqd detailed as advance Guard to Baida as far as KARM and then advance Guard to Post to 720 - Line allotted to Post with one Section M.G. Sqd - TAWEL-EL-HABARI - 820 - 790 with the object of guarding the Raiding party against any interruption from BEERSHEBA. On arrival at Hill 720 the 1st Sqd dashed on and occupied Hill 790 to 810 and the 8th Sqd the line 820 to TAWEL-EL-HABARI - Both Sqds were in position by 0030 being connected with Telephone with Post HQ^s at 720. Quiet during night no sign of Enemy. Withdrawn at 0500 and returned to Bwona at 0830.</p>	
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TEL EL FARA	AUG	14	Lt. A/B Johnston returned from Laming Rest and Lt. Livingston returned from Hospital. 7 Reinforcements arrived. <i>RA</i>	
		15	Camp Routine Carried out. On the 16 th inst. the GO C Desert Mounted Corps and the 20 th Corps will make a reconnaissance of the Area S-W of Beersheba. HQ 2nd R Bde detailed to make good the line 840	
		16	TANEIL-EL HABARI - 820 - 810 - 770 (inclusive) by 0600 on the 16 th The Regiment paraded at 0050 and connected up with Bde on East Bank of WAOI GUZZE at 0130. The O/C 10 th Bgd supplied the Right Flank Guard of one Troop & two troops as escort to Somerset Battery. The O/C 8 th Bgd detailed one troop as LEFT FLANK Guard. CWK in reserve and detailed with Bde & took up position at EL BUGGAR. Arriving there at 0530. Remained in this position all day. Nothing doing. Orders to withdraw at 1645. Arrived in Beersheba at 1945. No Casualties - <i>RA</i>	REF. MAP & BEERSHEBA 1/25,000
		17	Camp Routine Carried out. <i>RA</i>	CANTERBURY MTD. RIFLES

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TEL EL TARA	1917 AUG	17	<p>The following Minor operation to be carried out on night 17/18 Aug. with a view to carrying out a reconnaissance of EL MAGAN. SANH. and towards KH UM ADRAH and to capture or destroy any enemy positions or posts in the area - One Sgd detailed to be support at KHIRBET ENN.</p> <p>The following troops detailed for the above -</p> <p>Two troops under Capt Macfarlane to carry out the reconnaissance of H in the vicinity of KH. UM. ADRAH and reported as follows -</p> <p>Left HUT on N bank of WADI SHERIA - S. of EL MAGAM (H 12) at 0030 - and moved 1200 yds on bearing 95° - No sign of Enemy - at 0200 retired to starting point.</p> <p>Two troops of 1st Sgd and 2 troops 10th Sgd under Major Macdonald were sent out to surprise and capture a party of Bedouins reported to be camped on Sq Y 30 B and Z 19 C -</p> <p>Patrol was escorted as far as EL MAGAM by one Sgd of AMR. Led horses all remained on East Bank of WADI SHERIA and proceeded to Sq Y 30 B and Z 19 C - No sign of Enticement or Enemy.</p> <p>Returned to Bivouac at 0530 -</p>	<p>MAPS RECONNAISSANCE TEL EL SANH KHIRBET ENN Sq 20-30-10-10 40000</p>
		18	<p>The Regiment relieved by Berks Gomanary at 1030. The Rest</p>	
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	1911			
	AUG	18	Paraded at 1030 and at 1100. Moved off with Bde to Beach Area - Arrived Beach at 1630 - (P)	REF. MAP RAFA 1/25000-
BEACH		19	Camp Routine Carried out (P)	
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		26	and Training Commenced. Marking Carried out on Range E	
		27	Training Carried out on Marking - Bombing, Gas Distinction (P)	
		28	" " " " " " " " " " " "	
		29	General Cleaning up prior to Inspection (P)	
		30	Inspection by Brig Gen Ryall T/Sec Army Area Div. (P)	
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