

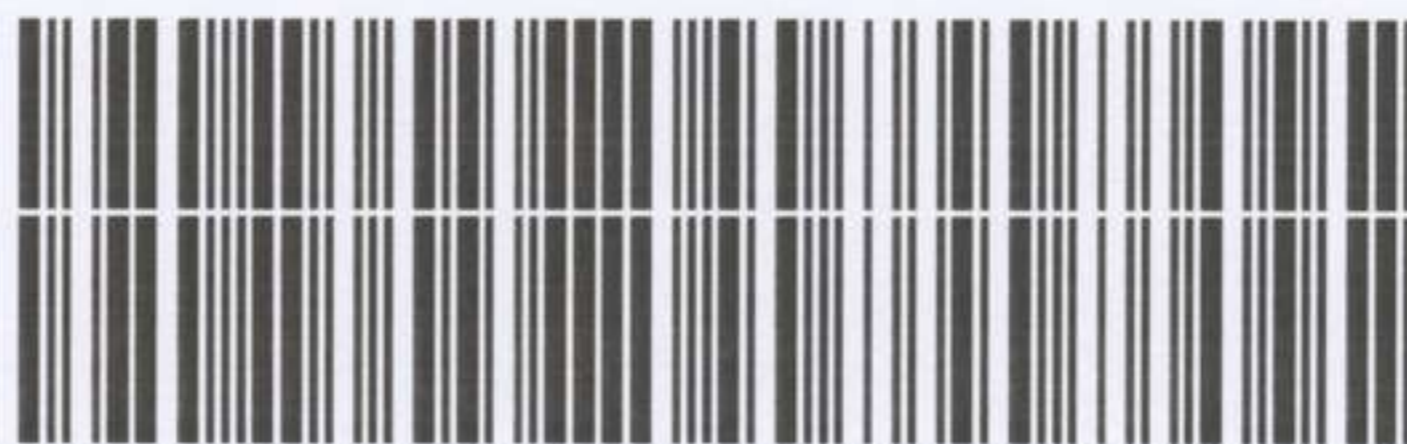
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WILDER HOD	Feb 1 st	1917	Training in attack practice Regimental. Morning Mens Lectured on case of Laddery Horses exercised. Afternoon	Jib
	2 nd	0900	Training in morning Instruction on Reconnaissance afternoon instructions by Squadrons Leaders in Mobs & compass work to Mobs. Bombing class.	Jib
		1800	Lecture on Signalling by Signalling Officer to Officers & men	Jib
	3 rd		Duty Regt. exercised Horses, cleaning of Laddery 2 nd night Lt R Allison reported to Mobs ANZAC MFD DIVN for duty 1 man admitted Hospital sick	Jib
	4 th	1015	Major b Sick assumed command of WMR during temporary absence (on leave) of Lt Col. W Meldrum to Mobs. ... Regiment prepared for Divine Service. Horses exercised	Jib

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WILDERHOD	FEB	5 th	<p>Morning. Training. Protection Sqds working independently A On March ending with B Outpost line for night Afternoon Training: Instruction by C/O Sqds to Officers + N.C.O.s in map + compass work.</p>	
		6 th	<p>Duty Regiment. 2nd + 6th Sqds. carried out 'MUSKETRY' on range in morning fire five rounds deliberate. No musketry in afternoon owing to remains of targets. Horses exercised. One officer + one orderly for Aerial Post.</p>	L/16
		7 th	<p>Training Morning: Reconnaissance by Sqds. (assumed in enemy country) opposed by small enemy force Afternoon, same as for 5th. 2nd + 1/e instructed 'MEN' in care of horses. Horses exercised. marched in 9 draughts.</p>	L/16

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WILDER HOB	8 th		Regt carried out attack practice as a Regt during morning and in the afternoon 2 nd /c Sqds. instructed 'MEN' in care of saddles + horses were exercised. Sig. Officer instructed Officers + N.C.O.'s in signalling in evening.	J A.B.
	9 th		Duty Regt mounted on Range on morning but handed over to ramp to BOC details for afternoon. Exercised horses.	J A.B.
	10 th		Exercising of horses throughout including 10 th 2 nd classes / were carried out for the following: Bombing, Iris Gun, Signalling. Marched in from details since 0/12.	J A.B.
	11 th		Church Parade. Horses exercised.	J A.B.
	12 th		Duty Regt. Mounted all day. 6 th Sqd found two mounted standing patrol to proceed some 4 1/2 E of ELARISH to be patrolled by 1800 + leave at 0500. Strength 1 N.C.O + 5 MEN. Marched in from training Regt. since 0/12.	J A.B.

T/184, Wt. W708-770, 500000, 4/15, R/P J. O. R. H.

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WILDERHUB	13 th		Attack practice by Troops in morning. Troop leader instruction to N.C.O.'s in Map Reading & compass work. 2 nd 1/2 Sqds. instructed in use of arms and exercised horses.	JTB
	14 th		Morning Reconnaissance by Sqds. occurred in morning country and opposed by small enemy force. As for Tuesday in afternoon except 2 nd 1/2 instructed in care of horses instead of ARMS.	JTB
	15 th		Duty Regt. Musketry as far as possible all day except 6 th Sqd could not start arriving back in time from exercises in Artillery practice. Ammunition exercised 9 th Sqd. found Patrols as for 12 th .	JTB
	16 th		Attack practice Regimentally in morning. In afternoon Tuesday 2 nd 1/2 instructed in care of Saddlery Ammunition exercised Signaller's Instruction for Officers & N.C.O.'s at 1800. To Hospital 9 th Lieut. A. HALL.	JTB

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WILDER HILL	17 th		Horses exercised. Courses of Instruction for Artillery Gun, Lewis Gun, Signalling & Bombing were carried out throughout the week.	All
	18 th		Horses exercised. Church parade 1030. Marched in from School of Instruction three O/Rs.	All
	19 th		'KIT' Inspection under Squadron arrangements. Horses exercised. Marched in from School of Instruction two O/Rs.	All
	20 th		Parade by Squadrons of 'MEN' + HORSES in full marching order. Horses exercised. Orders issued for move to SHEIK ZOWAID on 22 nd inst. Marched in from School of Instruction Capt. C. E. Somerville	All
	21 st		Horses exercised + preparations made for leaving camp	All

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111 FIELD 111 BATTAL	22 nd July 1917	0700	<p>Column left lines at MARSAID for SHEIKH ZOWAID. Reached houses at 5th River bridge at WADY EL ARISH and proceeded to place of assembly at EL RISA. The column left here at 0835 and proceeded to SHEIKH ZOWAID at 1000, arriving at 1145, remaining here until 1100.</p>	M A
	22 nd	0500	<p>Following SHEIKH ZOWAID at 0100 column proceeded to KHAN YUNUS. 2nd Squadron under Major J. A. Thompson formed the ADVANCED GUARD, 1 troop under Lt. EVERETT right flank, 1 troop under Lt. Gibbons left flank. ADVANCED GUARD came under fire from 1 1/2 miles from KHAN YUNUS from advanced TURKISH TRENCHES. The enemy retired to a position about 1500 yards from KHAN YUNUS.</p>	
		0630	<p>The 7th Squadron under Capt. WILKER with 2 Lewis Guns & 2 Machine guns went to position on the left of the enemy position advancing to a distance of 1200 yards from the Turkish line. 2 troops, under Major B. B. B. left in reserve.</p>	
		0745	<p>Message received from Lt. Foley, Right Flank section, stating he has taken up a position on extreme right flank & reporting small Turkish position.</p>	Was destroyed by mine

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IN FIELD	23/2/17	0750	KHAN YONUS. General Retirement ordered, 9th Sqn covered retirement of OMR, 1 2nd Sqn WNR	
		0830	Message received from BDE to expedite retirement. 9th Sqn retired by troops covered by 2 MAXIMS & Lewis Guns, Lewis Guns covering retirement of MAXIMS.	
		1030	Bde Retired assembled and retired to RAFA and then moved back to bivouac at SHEIKH ZOWAID.	
			CASUALTIES CAPT JO SCOTT wounded, 1 of Rank killed 6 wounded.	
		1530	Bde moved out to new bivouac 2 miles NE of SHEIKH ZOWAID on the beach	all
	24/2/17		Day was devoted to general cleaning up & tidying. Major Walker to hospital	
	25th	1030	Church Parade at conclusion of Church Parade BRIG GEN CHAYTOR presented MILITARY MEDALS to No 11795 Capt. A. A. Ibrahim, 2nd Sqn. No 11559 Sgt. G. Fisher 2nd Sqn. No 11517 Sgt. P. Hughes, Lewis Gun. Lt. H. J. Ward to hospital	all
	26th	0555	The Regiment left for reconnaissance of the day of an area of country lying SE and N of RAFA. The BDE moved out at 0615. 2nd Sqn under MAJOR JASOMERY covering LEFT FLANK GUNNS. 9th Sqn under Capt. Wilde reconnaissance from - 296 (RAFA bivouac)	

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IN FIELD	26 Feb 1917		<p>to 255 where 2nd Sqdn was scouting. One Troop 6th Sqdn with Capt A. J. ... worked from BP at KARM IBN MUSLEH WEST of the Boundary Line to 255. 3 TROOPS 6th Sqdn with H/O & LEWIS GUN worked from position 1/2 mile WEST of BP 200 to 255. One TURK deserter sent in at 1055 by 9th Sqdn.</p>	
		1440	<p>Regt left 255 for ZOWAID and formed REAR GUARD to COLUMN of retreat march.</p>	
	27 th		<p>Horses men rested after previous days work. 4 men marched from TRAINING REGT</p>	
	28 th	0555.	<p>The Regt reconnoitred an area of country lying NE. and E of RAFA.</p>	
			<p>BDE left bivouac at ZOWAID at 0615. CMB finding advanced guard. 2nd Sqdn found RIGHT FLANK GUARD</p>	
		1030	<p>column reached RAFA & proceeded to reconnoitre. 9th Sqdn reconnoitred RAFA from</p>	RAFA 1/125000
			<p>RAFA - ABASAN EL KEBIR to cross ROAD 1/2 WEST of EL FUKHARI. 6th Sqdn reconnoitred back 2 miles SE of RAFA - ABU KHATLI to cross Road 1/2 Mile WEST</p>	
			<p>of EL FUKHARI. H/O, 2nd Sqdn & Lewis Gun marched on Bearing 75° from HILL 270 & ROAD</p>	
			<p>1/2 WEST of EL FUKHARI. No sign of enemy except one small patrol of 12 Cavalry who retired NE to ABASAN EL KEBIR.</p>	
		1445.	<p>Column returned to ZOWAID, 2nd Sqdn ADVANCE GUARD, 6th Sqdn LEFT FLANK GUARD</p>	

*at least 12 Cavalry
at 1030*

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Strength month ended 28th FEBY. 1917.

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WILDER HOD	Feb 7 th	1917	Training in attack practice Regimental. Morning. Mens Lectured on case of Laddery. Horses exercised. Afternoon.	All
	2 nd	0900	Training in morning. Instruction in Reconnaissance afternoon instructions by Squadrons Leaders in Maps & compass work to N.O.s. Bombing class.	All
		1800	Lecture on Signalling by Signalling Officer to Officers & N.O.s	All
	3 rd		Duty Regt. exercised Horses, cleaning of Laddery. 2 nd Lieut. W. R. Allison reported to N.O.s ANZAC MFD DIVN for duty. 1 man admitted Hospital Sick	All
	4 th	1015	Major Dick assumed command of WMR during temporary absence (on leave) of Lt. Col. W. Meldrum to M.G. HQ. Regiment paraded for Divine Service. Horses exercised	All

W. B. Thompson
Capt. M.C.

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WILDERHOD	FEB	5 TH	<p>Morning. Training. Protection Sqds. working independently.</p> <p>A/ On March ending with</p> <p>B/ Outpost Line for night</p> <p>Afternoon Training. Instruction by o/c Sqds. to Officers + N.C.O.'s in map & compass work.</p> <p>2 1/2 Sqds. instructions in care of arms, and horses exercised.</p> <p>Marched in from details 12 O/Rs.</p>	
		6 TH	<p>Duty Regiment. 2ND + 6TH Sqds. carried out 'MUSKETRY' on range in morning fire five rounds deliberate. No Musketry in afternoon owing to remaining of targets. Horses exercised. One officer + one orderly for Aerial Post.</p>	Ltb
		7 TH	<p>Training Morning. Reconnaissance by Sqds. (assumed in enemy country) opposed by small enemy force</p> <p>Afternoon. same as for 5TH. 2ND 1/2 instructed 'MEN' in care of horses. Horses exercised.</p> <p>Marched in 9 draughts.</p>	Ltb

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and MNR

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WILDER HAD	8 th		Regt carried out attack practice as a Regt during morning and in the afternoon 2 nd /c Sqds. instructed 'MEN' in care of saddles + horses were exercised. Sig. Officer instructed Officers + N.C.O.'s in signalling in evening.	
	9 th		Duty Regt. Musketry on Range on morning but handed over to camp to BOC details for afternoon. Exercised horses.	
	10 th		Exercising of horses throughout week ending 10 th . Classes were carried out for the following: Bombing, Lewis Gun, Signalling. Marched in from details seven O/Rs.	
	11 th		Church Parade. Horses exercised.	
	12 th		Duty Regt. Musketry all day. 6 th Sqd found two Mounted Standing Patrols to proceed some 4 1/2 E. of ELARISH to be posted by 1800 + leave at 0600. Strength 1 N.C.O + 6 MEN. Marched in from training Regt. seven O/Rs.	

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WILDERHOL	13 th		Attack practice by Troops in morning. Troop leader instruction to N.C.O.'s in Map Reading & compass work. 2 nd i/c Sqds. instructed MED in case of arms and Exercised horses.	all
	14 th		Morning Reconnaissance by Sqds. assistance in enemy country and opposed by small enemy force. As for Tuesday in afternoon except 2 nd i/c instructed in case of horses instead of ARMS.	all
	15 th		Duty Regt. Musketry as far as possible all day except 6 th Sqd could not shoot not arriving back in time from assistance in Artillery practice. Ammunition Examined 9 th Sqd. found Patrols as for 12 th .	all
	16 th		Attack practice Regimentally in morning. In afternoon on Tuesday 2 nd i/c instructed in case of Saddlery Ammunition Exercised. Signalling Instruction for Officers & N.C.O.'s at 1800. To Hospital 2 nd Lieut. A. HALL.	all

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WILDER H30.	17 th		Horses Exercised. Courses of Instruction for Hatcher's gun, Lewis gun, Signalling & Bombing were carried out throughout the week.	All
	18 th		Horses Exercised. Church parade 1030. Marched in from School of Instruction three O/Rs.	All
	19 th		'KIT' Inspection under Squadron arrangements. Horses Exercised. Marched in from School of Instruction two O/Rs.	All
	20 th		Parade by Squadrons of 'MEN' + HORSES in full marching order. Horses Exercised. Orders issued for move to SHEIK ZOWAID on 22 nd inst.	
			Marched in from School of Instruction Capt. C. J. Somerville	All
			Horses Exercised + preparations made for leaving Camp.	All

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IN FIELD AT MARSAD	22 nd July 1917	0700	(Bn left line at MARSAD) for SHEIKH ZOWAID, followed by 52 nd Div through NADY EL ARISH (and proceeded to place of assembly at EL RISA) (The column left here at 0830 and proceeded to SHEIKH ZOWAID	
		430 ^{AM}	at MARSAD, arriving at 1445, remaining here until 0100	All
		23 rd	Following SHEIKH ZOWAID at 0100 column proceeded to KHAN YUNUS 2nd Squadron under Lt Col [unclear] formed the ADVANCED GUARD For report on reconnaissance see Rde files for 23 rd 1 troop under Lt FEYER right flank. 1 troop under Lt Gibbons left flank.	see Rde files for 23 rd
		0530	ADVANCED GUARD came under fire from 1/2 mile from KHAN YUNUS from ADVANCED TURKISH TRENCHES. The enemy held a strong position about 1500 yards from KHAN YUNUS.	
		0630	The 4 th Squadron under CAPT WILDER with 2 Lewis Guns and machine came into position on the left of the enemy position advancing to a distance of 1200 yards from the Turkish line. 2 troops, ^{5th Coy} under MAJOR PATRICK left to reinforce.	
		0745	Message received from Lt Foley, Right Flank column, stating he had taken up a position between right flank reporting small number of [unclear]	

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IN FIELD	23/2/17	0750	KHAN YONUS. General Retirement ordered, 9th Sqn covered retirement of CMR, 2nd Sqn WMR	
		0830	Message received from BDE to expedite retirement. 9th Sqn relieved by troops covered by 2 MAXIMS & 3 Lewis Guns, Lewis Guns covering retirement of MAXIMS.	
		1030	Bde Retired assembled and retired to RAFA, and then moved back to Bivouacs at SHEIKH ZOWAID.	
			<u>CASUALTIES</u> CAPT JO SCOTT wounded (1 Lt/Rank killed, 6 wounded).	
		1530	Bde moved out to new bivouacs 2 miles NE of SHEIKH ZOWAID on the beach	
	24/2/17		Day was devoted to general cleaning up & rest. Major Walker to hospital	
	25th	1030	Church Parade. At conclusion of Church Parade BRIG GEN CHAYTOR presented MILITARY MEDALS to No 11795 Capt. A. Strachan, 2nd Sqn. No 11553 Lt J. Lister 2nd Sqn & No 11519 2nd Sqn, Lewis Gun. Lt J. Lister to hospital	
	26th	0555	The Regiment left for reconnaissance of the day of an area of country lying SE and N of RAFA. The BDE moved out at 0615. 2nd Sqn under MAJOR JASOMERYLL covering LEFT FLANK Guard, 9th Sqn under Capt Wilder reconnoitred from 296 (RAFA 1/25000)	

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	27 th	1440	<p>Regt left 255 for ZOWAID and formed REAR GUARD to COLUMN of return march. However men tired after previous days work. 4 men marched from TRAINING REGT</p>	
	28 th	0555	<p>The Regt reconnoitred an area of country lying NE. and E of RAFA. BDE left bivouac at ZOWAID at 0615. CMB finding advanced guard. 2nd Sqn found RIGHT FLANK GUARD</p>	
		1020	<p>column reached RAFA & proceeded to reconnoitre. 9th Sqn reconnoitred from RAFA - ABASAN EL KEBIR to cross ROAD 1/2 WEST of EL FUKHARI. 6th Sqn reconnoitred back 2 miles SE of RAFA - ABU KHATLI to cross ROAD 1/2 mile WEST of EL FUKHARI. M/R, 2nd Sqn & Lewis Gun marched on bearing 75° from HILL 290 & ROAD 1/2 WEST of EL FUKHARI. No sign of enemy except one small patrol of 12 Cavalry who retired NE to ABASAN EL KEBIR.</p>	RAFA 1/125000
		1445	<p>Column returned to ZOWAID. 2nd Sqn ADVANCE GUARD, 6th Sqn LEFT FLANK GUARD</p>	

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IN FIELD

28th Feb 1917

Strength month ended 28th FEBY. 1917.

Officers	all Ranks	Riding	Horses Pack	Brought
22	490	510	16	33

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