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WAR DAIRY.

WELLINGTON MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and reference to Appendices.
	AUGUST 1918			
SOLOMON'S POOL	1st		Regt in bivouac	
			Effective Strength 21 off 4480/R 541 Horses.12 H.Guns.	Sheet 163/360.
	2nd		Regt in bivouac Saddlery cleaned.	
			Effective Strength 21 off 448 O/R 541 Horses 12 H.Guns.	
	3rd		Regt in bivouac 50 O/Ranks to Hospital.	
			200 Ranks from Training Regt.Lt-Col Whyte from Port Said	
	4th		Effective Strength 22 off 463 O.Ranks 540 Horses,12.H. Guns.	
			Regt in bivouac Devine Service held at 1030. Guard of 1 N.C.O. and 8 men applied to mount on drinking water and horse troughs.	
			Capt.J?G. Gore,N.Z.M.C. ceased to be attached to Regt and marched out to N.Z.M.F.R. Effective Strength 22 Officers 437 O/Ranks 541 Horses 12 H. Guns.	
	5th		Regt in bivouac Inspection by G.O.C. A & N.Z. Mounted Division at 1430 42 O/Ranks from Training Regt.	
	6th		Regt bivouac Training in signalling , Hotchkiss Gun Gas and bayonet fighting carried out. 2 O/R to Hospital.	
			1 O/R from Training Regt.	

W. Ricketts. 2/Lt.  
Act.Adjut. W.M.R.



W.M.R. REGT.

WAR DAIRY.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices.
	Aug.			
	7th		Training carried out in Signalling H. Gun. Riflr Exercises, Squad and troop drill Capt W.J. Hardham, V.C. Training Regt 2/Lt N.R. Jamieson. Effective Strength 23 Off. 484 O/R 540 Horses 12.H. Guns.	Sheet 17. 1/63360.
	8th		Regt in bivouac Training carried out as usual, 2 O/R to Hospital. Effective Strength 23 off 481 O/R 542 Horses. 12 H.G. Guns.	
	9th		Regt in bivouac. Training carried out as usual, 2 O/R to Hospital Effective Strength 23 Off. 479 O/Rank 542 Horses. 12H. Guns.	
	10th		Regt carried out Training 2/Lt G.W. Scott to School of Instruction Zietoun, 1 O.R to S of I Mustacha I O.R to Hospital. Effective Strength 22 off 476 O/Ranks 542 Horses 12 H.G.	

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W.M.R. Regiment.



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	Aug. 1918			
Solomons Pools.	11th		Right in bivouac Guard of 1 NCO and 8 O.R. mounted on drinking water and horse Troughs. Fatigue party of 1 N.S.O. and 20 men supplied as unloading party at Supply Dump at 0800. Guard of 1 Sgt 1 Cpl and 12 men mounted on Supply Dump at 1800. Effective Strength 22 off 476 O.R. 543 Horses 17 H. Guns	Sheet. 1/63360.
	12th		Regt in bivouac Training in Signalling Gas and H. Gun carried out Lt-Col J.H. WHYTE, to hospital. Effective Strength 21 off 474 O.R. 451 Horses 12 H. Guns.	
	13th		Regt carried out Training 2/Lieut, H.B. BENNETT from Training Regt 45 O/Ranks from Training Regt 1 O.R. to C.M.R. Regt Effective Strength 22 off 519 O.R. 541 Horse 12.H.G.	
	14th		Regt in bivouac N.Z.M.R. Brigade Sports held, Capt J.B. HINE from Training Regt, 1 O.R. to Ismailia to await embarkation to N.Z. 10.R. to hospital. Effective Strength 23 off, 517 O.R. 543 Horses.	

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Actg Adj. W.M. Rifles.



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
	1918			
Solomon Pools	Aug. 15th		Regt carried out Gas Training Major.J.B. Davis marked in from 2nd N.Z. Machine Gun Squadron. 26 O/Ranks to D.M.C.R.C. Port Said 2 O/Ranks to Hospital. Effective Strength 24 off. 489 O.R. 543 Horses. 12 H.G.	Sheet 17 1/63.360.
	16th.		Right moved off at 1500 and marched to KILO 3 (100.J.20B) arriving at 1845. A Halt was made at this point and horses fed 1 troop (LT. HOLLAND) to Div.H.Q. as duty Troop 40.R, to hospital 10.R. to School of Instruction. Effective Strength 23 off 445 O.R. 503 Horses. 11.H.G.	
	17th		Regt moved off with the Brigadebat 0300 and arrived at Kilo 17 at 0640 when the Regt bivouacked for the day. Horses were watered at 0830 and 1640 in 113 G. 13.C. Effective Strength 23 Off. 415 O.R. 503 Horses.11.H.G.	

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H33.A. 4. 2.	1918.			
	Aug.			
	22nd		Right in bivouac, Mosquito party for duty from 0600 to 0900 and from 1600 to 1800 2 O/Ranks attached from Bde Signal Troop, 3 O/Ranks to hospital. Effective Strength 21 off 437 O.R. 502 Horses, 11.H.G.	
	23rd		Regt in bivouac. 2 officers detailed to visit front line from AUJAH Bridgehead to No.4. Sub Sector, 2nd Lieut BELLINGHAM.L.Y. from School of Instruction EL-ARISH, 1 O.R. to Hospital Effective Strength 22 off. 436 O.R. 502 Horses. 11.H.G.	
	24th		Regt remained in bivouac, Mosquito party detailed as usual. 2nd Lieut H.B. BENNETT to Ismailia to await embarkation to New Zealand Effective Strength 21 Off. 432 O.R. Horses 11.H.G.	
	25th		Regt remained in bivouac, 1 Showing Smith detailed for duty at Bde Headquarters, 3 O. Ranks to Hospital. 1 O. Rank to Alexandria to await embarkation to U.K. Effective Strength 21 off. 428 O.R. 502 Horses. 11 H.G.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
	Aug. 14			
H. 33. A.4.2.	26th		Regt in bivouac 2 officers and 3 Intelligence N.C.O. detailed to visit front line from AUJAH Bridgehead to No.4. Sub Sector. LT. HOLLAND and 36 O/Ranks from detachment D.H.Q.  Effective Strength 21 Off 428 O.R. 502 Horses. 11 H.G.	
	27th		Regt remained in bivouac G. as Training carried out from 0900 to 0930 Gas Helmets inspected by Brigade Gas N.C.O. at 0930 Capt J.B. HINE evacuated to hospital 1 O/Rank to hospital 10/Rank to School of Instruction RICHON. Effective Strength 21 Off. 462 O.R. 544 Horses 12 H.G.	
	28th		Regt remained in bivouac 1 troop (2nd Lieut JAMIESON) detailed to attend parade for presentation of ribands by Commander in Chief to officers and other ranks awarded decorations. 2nd Lieut EBBITT M.C. and Sergt. Bowie.M.M. presented with ribands Training as per syllabus carried out. Lieut SIMPSON and 3 N.C.O.S. to ISMAILIA on Training Cadre Effective Strength 20 off 458 O/R 544 Horses. 12 H.G.	

W. Ricketts, "2/Lieut"  
Actg. Adjut. W.M.R. Regiment.



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and reference to Appendices.
H.33. A. 4.2.	29th		Regt. remained in bivouac Training as per Syllabus carried out. Lieut Chambers from hospital. 1 shoeing Smith detailed for duty at Brigade H.Q. Effective Strength 20 off. 458 O/R. 544 Horses. 12 H.G.	Sheet B.6. 1/40,000.
	30th		Regt carried training as per syllabus Guard of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men detailed to mount, on drinking water, 1 O/Rank to School of Cookery Alexandria. 1 O/Rank to hospital. Effective Strength 21 off. 457 O/R 544 Horses, 12 H. Guns.	
	31st		Regt remained in bivouac, Training as per Syllabus carried out Capt (Hon Major) WILKIE from N.Z. Training Regt. 1. O/Rank rejoined from Workshops Jerusalem 1 O/Rank from Hospital 2/O. Ranks. to hospital. Effective Strength 21 off 456 O.R. 544 Horses 12 H. Guns.	

W. Reckitts, 2/Lieut.  
Actg Adj. W.M.R. Regiment.



Reference Maps:- 1:63:360. PALESTINE. Sheets: 17.18.15.

1. MOVE

- (a) The Regiment will move with the Brigade on 16th. instant, to No. 4.. Sub-Sectir, JORDAN Defences.
- (b) The Head of the Regiment will pass the starting Point - ARCHWAY on Roadway - at 1500 on 16th instant.

Order of March.

Regiment Headquarters.  
9th. W.E.C. Squadron.  
6th Manawatu Squadron.  
2nd Q.A. Squadron.

- (c) On arrival at KILO 3 the Regiment will halt clear of the Road, and Remain there until 0300, 17th. instant.

2. TRANSPORT

Special Orders re Transport will be issued later.

3. ESCORT.

O/C 2nd Squadron will detail 1 Troop under an officer to Act as Edcort to Transport. Officer detailed will report to Brigade Headquarters for further instructions, tomorrow 15th instant.

4. AREA STORES.

All Tents will be struck by 0900 on 16th. instant.

5. ADVANCE PARTIES.

Each squadron will detail one section, and Headquarters one half Section, as Advance Party; to report Mounted to the Regimental Orderly Room at 1515 on 15th instant.

6. SANITATION

C's./C squadron will ensure that their Lines are left perfectly clean and sanitary. Each Squadron will, detail a rear party of half Section per Troop to remain behind under the Orderly Officer until the Camp is passed by the Medical Officer.

J. MacIntyre, Captain.  
Adjutant Wellington M.R. Regiment.

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SECRET.

W.M.R. ORDER NO. 13.

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Reference Map 1:40,000 sheet B6.

- 1 MOVE The Regiment will parade West of Headquarters Lines at 1300 and move to new Bivouac Site in H.33.
- 2 ORDER OF MARCH. Regimental Hqrs., 2nd Squadron, 6th.Squadron, 9th Squadron.
- 3 SANITATION. O'S/C. squadron will ensure that their Lines are left perfectly clean and sanitary. Each Sqdn will detail a rear party of One Section per Sqdn. and Headquarters one half section to remain behind under the Orderly Officer until the camp is passed by the Medical Officer.

W. Ricketts. 2/Lieut.  
Adjutant Wellington M.R. Regiment.

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WELLINGTON MOUNTED RIFLE REGIMENT.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEKENDING SATURDAY 10th AUGUST 1918.

SUBJECT	SIGNALLING Spec. Class	GUN GAS Spec Class.	TRAINING	BAYONET FIGHTING RIFLE EX	SQUAD & TROOP Dismounted.
MONDAY	Inspection by G.O.C. Division.				
TUESDAY	0930-1030	0930/1030	0900-0930	0930-1000	
WED'DAY	0900-1030	0930-1030		0900-0930	0930-1000
THURSDAY	Y0930-1030	0930-1030	0900-0930		0930-1000
FRIDAY	0900-1030	0900-1030		0900-0930	0930-1000
SATURDAY	Y0900-1030	0900-1030		0900-1000	



WELLINGTON MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK-ENDING 17th AUGUST 1918.

SUBJECT :	SIGNALLING SPEC.CLASS.	H. GUN. CLASS	GAS TRAINING	RIFLE EX.	BAYONET FIGHTING.
MON.	0930-1030	0930-1030	0900-0930		
TUES.	0930-1030	0930-1030			
WED.	BRIGADE SPORTS				
THURS.	0930-1030	0930-1030			
FRI.	Move: to Kilo 3.				
SAT.					

Captain,  
Adjutant Wellington M.R. Regiment

12th August, 1918.



Wellington Mounted Rifles Regiment.

Syllabus of Training for week ending 31st. August. '18.

	Signalling Class	Hotchkiss Gun Class	Gas	Bayonet Fighting	Rifle Exercises	Squad Troop Drill	Bombing class.	Saluting.
Wednesday	0830-0930 1700-1800	0830-0930 1700-1800			0830-0930	1700-1800.		
Thursday	0830-0930	0830-0930 1700-1800	0830-0900	0900-0930			1700-1800	
Friday	0830-0930 1700-1800	0830-0930 1700-1800		0830-0900	0900-0930	1700-1730		
Saturday	0830-0930 1700-1800	0830-0930 1700-1800	Care of Arms 0830 to 0930, Washing Clothes 1700-1800					

W. Ricketts, 2/Lieut.  
A/Adjutant Wellington Mounted Rifle Regiment.