

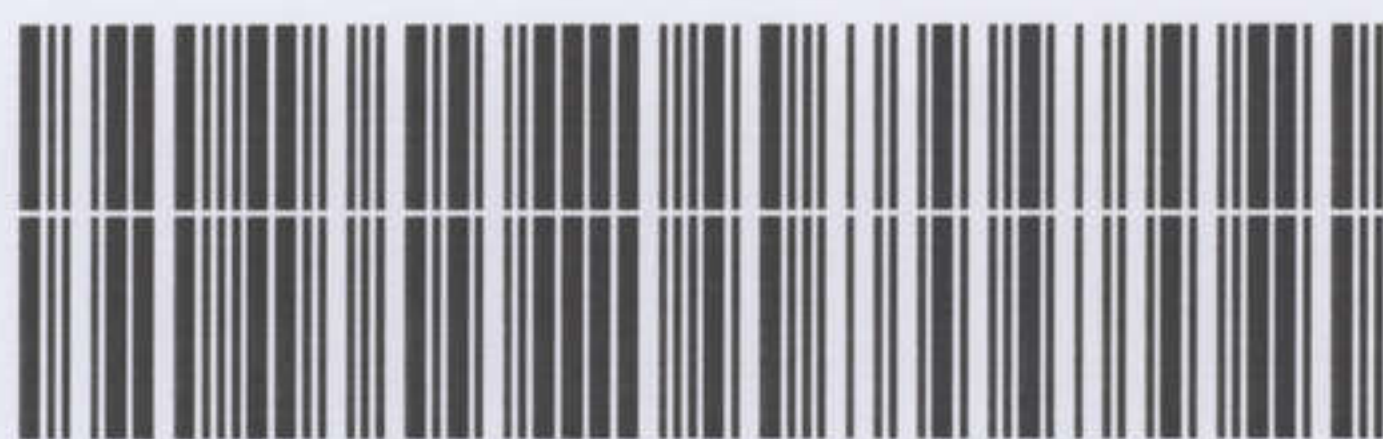
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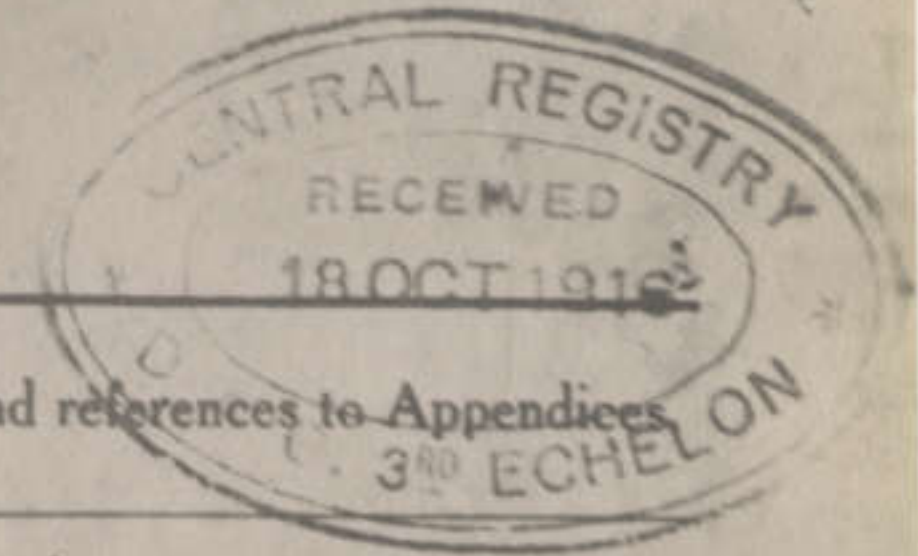
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<p>HILL 70 KANTARA July 1st to 18th</p>	<p>General train carried out. Signalling classes and Lewis gun classes Patrols to DUEIDAR and HOD EL ARAS carried out daily Two squadrons sent for 1 week at a time to KANTARA REPT CAMP to swim in Canal, two squadrons war with Yeomanry replacing them temporarily. Brigade Machine Gun Co. formed as a separate unit and made up to strength for working purposes, four M Machine Gun batteries of Regiments together with the 12 guns already in charge of Regiments.</p>	<p style="font-size: small;">* In Canal also there is a purpose was discussed and after some difficulty was at.</p>



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<p>HILL 70 KANTARA July 19th</p>	<p>Brigade consisting of Bde Hd Quarters, Signal Troop, A.M.R. (less 1 squadron) C.M.R. (less 1 squadron) Brigade Machine Gun Squadron, 2 Squadrons Warwick Yeomanry, No. 2 Field Ambulance and No. 2 Mobile Veterinary Section.</p>	
<p>1615</p>	<p>Airplane reconnaissance, with Brig General CHAYTOR observing, discovered the Turks moving at SAMANA BIR JAMAIL, and BIR BAYUD (approximately as British portage)</p>	
<p>1715</p>	<p>Reconnaissance reported this information to ANZAC. M.T.D. DIVN. HD. QRS</p>	
<p>1815</p>	<p>Orders received for the Brigade to be prepared to move at short notice.</p>	
<p>July 20th and 21st 0800</p>	<p>Conference at HILL 70 of G.O.C. NZ3 Section and G.O.C. N.Z.M.R. Bde</p>	



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<p>HILL 70 KANTARA  July 20<sup>th</sup> 1918<sup>th</sup> (continued)</p>	<p>N.Z.M.R. B<sup>ty</sup> detached from ANZAC. MTD SINN and N<sup>o</sup> 3 Section MTD TROOP formed and placed under command of G.O.C. N.Z.M.R. ad composition of force: —</p> <p>N.Z.M.R. B<sup>ty</sup> complete* (less Wellington mounted Rifles)</p> <p>5<sup>th</sup> Australian L. H. R. at JOEIDAR</p> <p>Royal Warwickshire yeomanry (less 1 Squadron)</p> <p>Composite Regiment yeomanry (one Squadron Gloucester on Sinin Worcester yeomanry)</p> <p>Hull Machine Gun B<sup>ty</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> MOUNTED BDE</p> <p>Leicestershire Battery R. H. A.</p> <p>Somersetshire Battery R. H. A.</p> <p>Field Group A. I. F. Engineers</p> <p>Cancel Pack. Wireless Station</p>	<p>* Has included Bryant Machine Gun Squadron just joined</p> <p>In addition to complete this force was carried out on 20<sup>th</sup> inst. and orders to complete equipment etc was issued by G.O.C. 3<sup>rd</sup> Section</p>



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July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Orders were received to send out a double officers patrol, (strength 2 officers & 20 other ranks) to establish themselves at BIR NARID to face trench with Turkish LEFT FLANK which had now been established at MAGIEIRA. 1/2 the patrol working alternately by day and by night. This was carried out by A.M.R.	
July 23 <sup>rd</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	No change in general situation. Small enemy patrols encountered from time to time by the NARID Patrol. Water supply at BIR WAJET examined and quality reported good but quantity limited.	
0715  16115	Orders received from NO 3 Section, to reconnoitre and report on best route from DUEIDAR to BIR EN NUSS. This carried out by 5 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt. and report sent to H 14270. Report on road sent forward to NO 3 Section. NANTARA.	



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HILL 70 KANTARA. July 26 <sup>th</sup>	No change in general situation. Officers patrol at NABEID relieved by 5TH L.H. Regt. patrol, the relieving officer receiving instructions to report on the best route for artillery from vicinity of BIR EN NUSS to within striking distance of MAREIBRA.	* Range to be approx 4000 yards.
July 27 <sup>th</sup> 1036	Three troops sent to BIR EN NUSS to develop water supply, sufficiently to water one Brigade. Patrol officer NABEID reported good artillery position on Hill 200, approx 4000 yards W.N.W of MAREIBRA with route possible for artillery up to it. Artillery Staff officer left immediately to report on the route and position.	
July 28 <sup>th</sup> 0800	No change but evening reported reinforcements had also occupied proposed artillery position (Hill 200). Officers patrol at NABEID reported having been unavailing in action with enemy and had had to retire on hill post for fresh horses.	* Artillery Staff officer and second heavily fired on approaching Hill 200.



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July 28 <sup>th</sup> (continued)	<p>1100 Officer's patrol reported that he had again found track with the enemy.</p> <p>G.O.C. <del>NO 3</del> NO 3 Section M.T.D. TROOPS made a personal reconnaissance as far as BIR ENNUVA where the party exploring wells for the juice had progressed satisfactorily, the supply being plentiful and the quality good enough for horses.</p>	
1700	<p>G.O.C. <del>NO 3</del> NO 3 Section M.T.D. TROOPS returned from BIR ENNUVA.</p>	
1800	<p>Orders received from NO 3 Section to patrol railway line from TALBAN PISINGA to CANTERBURY HILL by day and night also pipe line.</p>	
July 29 <sup>th</sup>	<p>Enemy's night plank reported at UMM UGABA. Enemy reported active along the whole line. Officer's patrol at NAGID relieved by C.M.R. patrol. Prisoner reported presence of 2 Regts Bedouin CAMERON.</p>	<p>* 5th I.H. patrol during tour of duty shot one and captured 12 Turkes.</p>



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July 20 <sup>th</sup>	no change. ANZAC MED DIV: reported hostile battery near HQ ED DHABA.	
July 31 <sup>st</sup>	Enemy active generally.	
0745	15 bombs reported dropped at ROMANI, by aeroplane	* C.M.R. patrol captured one prisoner.
<p><u>Saturday</u> No War</p>		
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