

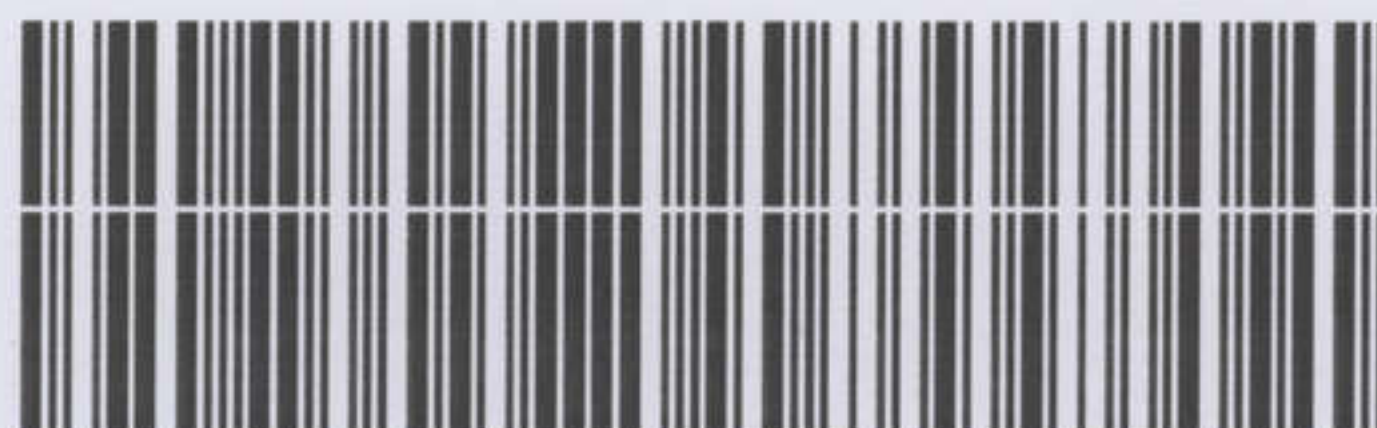
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WAR DIARY

NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED RIFLES BRIGADE

PLACE	DATE HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES
	JUNE 1917		
	1st	Training as per syllabus, 3 men to Bde Canteen, 2 Rarotongans Inf., and 1 man to Dis., Transport. Captain Winder reported for duty as M.O.	
	2nd	Saddle inspection, Cadet Officer Field Sketching etc, Lieut Scoringe & Simpson returned to Brigade, Colonel Spragg returned from PORT SAID, Chaplain Capt Smith, R.S.M. Gibbons Sgt Wyall & Tpr Copeland left for ENGLAND.	
	3rd	(Sunday) Church Parade Cancelled. Inspection of Camp by C.O. Colonel Spragg meet Colonel Finlay at ISMALIA also Captain Harper. 10 O/Rs to Signalling School ZEITOUN. 2 men for groom to District Headquarters.	
	4th	Routine changed as follows:- Reville 0415 1st Parade 0500 to 0700 2nd Parade 0830 to 1030. Training as per syllabus, refresher class for N.C.Os started. F.G.C.M. in case of Tpr Brewer Captain Taylor member of court. Colonel Spragg to PORT SAID to Convalescent Home. Lieut. Stewart (Bandmaster) reported from Hospital, Lieut. Easter reported from Brigade.	
	5th	Training as per syllabus. Colonel Spragg returned from PORT SAID. 1 man left for A.S.C. Lieut Easter left for Brigade.	
	6th	Training as per syllabus. Lieut-Colonel Spragg left for PORT SAID in Aeroplane. Lieut O'Brien & 14 O/Rs CMR & 10 O/Rs M.G. Sqn left by 1050 train to rejoin Bde. Lieut Cowper, president on Board of Enquiry.	
	7th	Training as per syllabus, Tpr Brewer sentenced to 90 days I.H.L. promulgated, Cob Finlay passed through en route to Bde. Capt Veitch despatched to CAIRO by 0900 Goods train. Lt. Col. Spragg returned from PORT SAID. Lt Couper president of court of enquiry. Lt Couper placed under open arrest for disobedience of orders. Lt. Kelly to CAIRO for pay.	
	8th	Training as per syllabus, Confidential letter Lt Couper sent to G.O.C., NZEF., EGYPT. Lt Col Spragg to PORT SAID. Lt Fawcett reported from Hospital, Lt Kelly returned from CAIRO.	

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	9th	Saddle and Kit inspection. Mounted Guard over Ammunition in Q.M. Store. Colonel Spragg returned from PORT SAID.	
	10th	Camp & Kit inspection by C.O., Major Munro and Lieut Stewart reported on way to CAIRO. Major Hulbert reported in camp en route for Brigade.	
	11th	Training as per syllabus. Major Hulbert and 2 others to Bde. Colonel Spragg to PORT SAID. Lieut Rorde reported from hospital.	
	12th	Training as per syllabus. Colonel Spragg returned from PORT SAID. Lt Lyons and 30 O/Rs reported from ENGLAND.	
	13th	Training as per syllabus. Colonel Spragg interviewed Major Findlay re new camp site 11 men to school of instruction ZEITOUN for Hotchkiss Course.	
	14th	Training as per syllabus. Captain Taylor member of F.G.C.M. Lieut Young & 1 man to Brigade Captain Scroll reported from Brigade.	
	15th	Training as per syllabus. Lieut Col., S-----visited C.O.	
	16th	Kit & Saddle inspection. Lt Heate passed through en route to CAIRO. Lt M'C---. R.S.M. Beltridge Cpl O'Donnell WW.M.R. 30 O/Rs A.M.R. 2 M.G. Corps 4 A.S.C. Drivers to Bde. 1 man to Lanlaid Tea Rooms. 1 Tpr Australian to Unit.	
	17th	Camp Inspection by C.O. 8 Cadets arrived from ZEITOUN last night and are are taken on strength. Major Northern returned from CAIRO. Sgt. Wood to "D" Branch Division.	
	18th	Training as per syllabus. Lt Fossett. Sgt Wood, 19 O/Rs CMR, 23 O/Rs WMR, Horses No-----Tprs Gordon & Oldham in charge, Tpr Kirkpatrick Cashier, to Bde. Canteen Capt Donaldson T.B. Dental Section to Staff. Movement of troops going forward to Bde cancelled owing to damage to line. Lieut North on Board of Enquiry.	

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	19th		Training as per syllabus. Report on Major Northern's health forwarded to Commandant. Lieut Fossett to Hospital. Lieut Lyons from leave. Capt Herrold & Lt Heata from ALEXANDRIA for night. A.&.N.Z.T.C. Advised arrival of Reinforcements to go into isolation Measles--Mumps.	
	20th		Training as per syllabus. Pitching Isolation Camp. Lieut Lyons to Hospital. Capt. D. Wood reported to camp. Draft left by 2030 train for CAIRO. 22, 23, & 24 Reinforcements numbering 10 Officers & 350 O/Rs including Vet. all in Isolation for Mumps and Measles.	
	21st		Training as per syllabus. Medical Inspection of draft, Several cases of Venereal and one case of Measles, 65 men for Camel Corps selected. Capt Davis W.M.R. in charge of draft Capt. Neville reported for duty also Capt Herrold & Lt Harata, Lt Col Spragg returned from PORT SAID.	
	22nd		Training as per syllabus, Lts Hollis & Armstrong 12 O/Rs CMR 4 O/Rs M.G.S .1 man for batman to Lt Scott to Bde, Lt Jackson returned with pay. for troops. Colonel Spragg to PORT SAID. Capts Hensor & Gibbs reported in camp Lt Williams arrested and booked through reinforcements paybooks, and left this evening,	
	23rd		Training as per syllabus. Board of Enquiry on loss of Capt Scotts Kit. President Major Northern Capts, Henson & Gibbs & Lt Armstrong to Bde. Lt Jackson left on interview with G.O.C. Camel Corps re transfer. Instructions received for Capt Dennis to go forward to ABBASSIA. Authority Zealandia. Lt Couper to Hospital.	
	24th		Camp Inspection by O.C. Capt Taylor Lt North & 4 O/Rs (NCOs) to Cavalry School. Capt Davis mto ICC. ABBASSIA. Sent Car to the Suier? for Col Spragg returned.	
	25th		Training as per syllabus. 4 men Sig Troop to ALEX. for duty. Lt Chapman M.G.S. reported. Capt Neville reported on way back to Division.	
	26th		Training as per syllabus. Classifying Draft in Equatics, Capt Neville left for Div. Lieut Patrick Bde Signalling Troops reported en route to ALEXANDRIA.	

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	27th	Training as per syllabus. Capt Ashton to Bde. Lt R----- to RAFA.as Camp Commandant. 2/Lt GillespieFoley Remanant Taylor on leave to CAIRO.NCOs due for exchange on Cade left for Bde.	
	28th	Training as per syllabus. Lt Reid to CAIRO for Pay of Reinforcements.Brigadier Meldrum arrived in camp.Lt Brown N.Z.E arrived in camp to select men for Field work.	
	29th	Training as per syllabus.Brig-Gen Meldrum inspected 22,23,24 Reinforcements etc. Capt Reid reported to relieve Capt Ashton.Brig-Gen & 2/Lt Meldrum felt for Bde.Major Northern Boarded at 26 Hospital as to fitness to go to the front.Major Smith Reported.	
	30th	Training as per syllabus.Saddle Inspection,Visited by G.O.C.Southern Section Canal. Lieut Brown.NZE left for Bde.Lt Manners to PORT SAID on leave.Col Spragg to TEL EL KEBIR to meet Matron Early.	