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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1916 Decmbr. 9th		<p>Tempy Lieut C.B.T.NICHOLLS, A.O.D. appointed D.A.D.O.S. of the Division vice Tempy., Capt V.T.WHELAN, A.O.D. (to departmental duty) and was granted temporary rank of Captain whilst employed as D.A.D.O.S. of a division</p> <p style="text-align: center;">oOoOoOoOoOoOoOoOoOoOoOo</p>	
	13th		<p>Major-General H.G.CHAUVEL, C.B., C.M.G. returned from leave of absence in England and assumed command of the Division.</p> <p>Brigadier-General E.W.C.CHAYTOR, C.B., N.Z.M.R. Brigade commanded the Division during the absence of Major General H.G.CHAUVEL, C.B., C.M.G. from 17th October 1916 to 12th December 1916.</p> <p>Major W.J.FOSTER, D.S.O., G.S.O.11 of the division returned from six weeks leave of absence in England.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">oOoOoOoOoOoOoOoOoOoOoOo</p>	
	16th		<p>Owing to the possibility of loss of mail overseas instructions were issued for Acquittance Rolls being rendered in duplicate to the Paymaster making the advance. Duplicates to be held at Staff Pay Office Cairo.</p> <p>Instructions were issued drawing attention to the necessity of all ranks making a will in order that disposal of property and moneys may be facilitated.</p> <p>A ruling was received that the daily rate of pay of Staff Quartermaster Sergeants is 13/- with no field allowance, and including 2/- deferred pay. This rate to be retrospective.</p> <p>A ruling was received that so long as members are in hospital suffering from Venereal Disease, pay will be forfeited irrespective of whether they perform light or other duties or not.</p>	

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	<u>1916</u> <u>Decmbr.</u>			
	20th		Division marched to EL ARISH	
	21st		EL ARISH occupied.	
	22nd		Division marched to MAGHDABA	
	23rd		MAGHDABA captured	
	24th		Division returned to EL ARISH The division moved from MAZAR (K114) with 24 hours rations for man and horse Horse water was taken to Kilo 128 by rail. From the 21st rations and fodder were sent from Kilo 128 by Camel Convey to EL ARISH, a distance of 16 miles. A special convey was sent on 22/12/16 to EL ARISH and thence via the Wadi El Arish to Lahfan where rations and fodder were issued to the 4 Brigades taking part in the action on the 23rd instant. The water on this convey was sent on to MAGHDABA. Throughout the operations the conveys worked well and no shortages existed.	
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			The casualties in the Division for the month of December were as follows:- KILLED Officers 5, Other Ranks 19. WOUNDED Officers 7, Other Ranks 118. Sick Officers 11, Other ranks 483. The average daily evacuations sick was .03%.	
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