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OF

*6<sup>th</sup> L.H. Regiment.*

FOR

*May 1919.*

Signature of Officer compiling

*W. A. Nevitt, Lieut.  
A. Adj. 6<sup>th</sup> L.H. Regiment.*

Signature of Officer Commanding

*D. J. Cross, Major.  
6<sup>th</sup> L.H. Regiment.*





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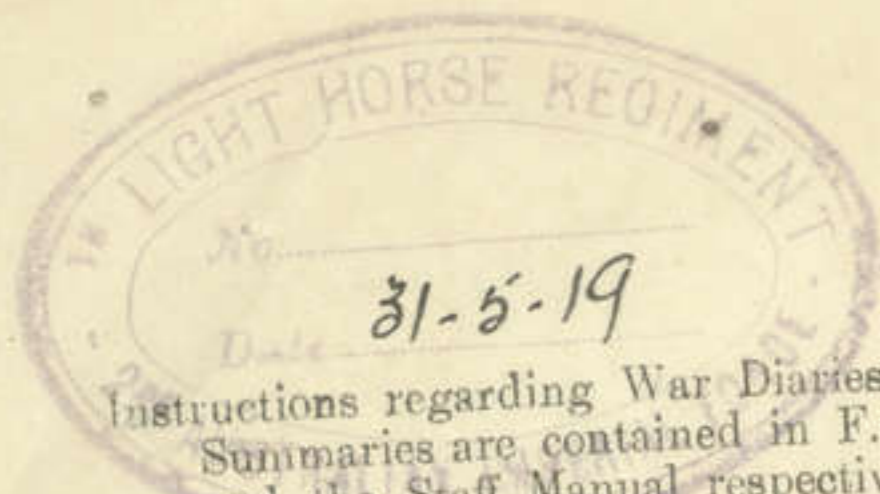
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Quesna. <u>N.C.N.</u>	1/5/19.		Regtl Duties - Quesna picquet - one troop under Lt Ross away at Sala on patrol bivouacing there for night. Regtl Cricket team easily defeated W.M.R. - 85% of A proceeded to Quesna station at 0600 - invitation to Regt by C.O. Post Sub-sections to attend concert. Provisions and tobacco received from Comforto fund.	SHEET 2E 1/25,000
<u>N.C.N.</u>	2/5/19		Regtl. Duties - Lt. Col received from Miss McPhillimy as profits from Soldiers Club. 3 limbers and 16 horses received from Cairo.	
<u>N.C.N.</u>	3/5/19.		Regtl Duties - Inlying picquet - Afternoon Race Meeting. Regt won 3 races, including both officers Races. - Lt. Col Suller and 4 other officers arrived from Namantrous for Races.	
<u>N.C.N.</u> <u>N.C.N.</u>	4/5/19 5/5/19.		Regtl Duties - all quiet. 1/2 Squadron at Quesna (B) relieved by 1/2 Squadron from C. Mr Macanots in charge. Captain Mengies and Lieut Gurney with 30% of A, 2 limbers and 1 sand-cart left for ASHMUN. to remain until further orders. 10 horses evacuated to 20th Vet Hospital, Abbassia. 1 NCO proceeded TANTA to act as representative for troops at ASHMUN. to draw rations daily. 50 Bell tents received and erected. Regtl Officers defeated W.M.R. at Polo. Interpreter Nimians reported to No 1 Section HQ for duty.	
<u>N.C.N.</u>	6/5/19		Lt. Ross and Lt. Reynolds left for Kantara to embark on U.K. leave. Capt. Mengies reported arrival at ASHMUN. Reports: - "billeted in Martey" - Quesna town picquet cut out. Lt Campbell reported back from Cairo. Capt Grosse M.O. arrived to relieve Capt Dent. Capt. Dent M.O. left for Port Said. - Afternoon strong Khamsereen blowing. no sport. 1 NCO. Cpl Dwyer put in charge of camp sanitation.	
<u>N.C.N.</u> <u>N.C.N.</u> <u>N.C.N.</u>	7/5/19 8/5/19 9/5/19		Lt. Evans returned from Cairo duty - Sergeants Mess opened. also Regtl barbers shop. Regtl duties Interpreter Nimians reported back from No 1 Section HQ.	

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Queena <u>N.C.N.</u>	10/5/19	0800.	1 off. + 4 OR. left on duty reporting to Mudir, Queena to supervise the payment for produce brought from the natives by the Egyptian Government. 1 off. 10 OR left on patrol to Sukh Sambesha, MUSTAI and El-RAMALI to see if proclamations had been posted up. - 7 days rations arrived Lt Evans reported all payments carried out correctly to natives - Captain N. Dickson reported that proclamations in RAMALI not posted up. TURK. TAMBESHA copies in Arabic were torn at MUSTAI reported all correct.	SHEET 2 E 1/25,000.
<u>N.C.N.</u>	11/5/19	2000.	20 cases Comforts arrived - Patrol of 4 men proceeded to Queena to see if all were quiet. Y.M.C.A material arrived. Mr Bernie left on duty (payment of natives). Captain N. Dickson engaged on Payment of Natives duty in Queena district. Lt. G. McGilivray reported for duty - Cricket. Seams left for Cairo in charge of Padre Malay.	
<u>N.C.N.</u>	12/5/19	0800	160 shirts received from Comforts fund. Lt. McGilivray and 4 OR out in Queena province supervising payment of natives for crops bought by Govt. - all quiet.	
<u>N.C.N.</u>	13/5/19	0800	Payment Patrol - Lt Evans and 4 OR - Capt. Cross M.O. reported from Cairo duty. Y.M.C.A. tent erected. Lt Bernie reports: "all well at MENUF" - Capt Menzies reports: "all O.K. ASHMUN."	
<u>N.C.N.</u>	14/5/19	0800	Queena payment patrol Major's Booth and Close and 4 OR - Lt Macanoh moved from Queena Station to Birket - El. SABD. with one troop - 1 troop left at Queena in charge of Lt. Harton.	
<u>N.C.N.</u>	15/5/19	0800	Queena payment patrol Lt. Howe and 3 OR. - Lt McGilivray and 2 OR left for TALA on duty. Lt Gurney returned from ASHMUN. owing to shortage of officers. - Installment of 50 books received from Hadq Allenby's Army Circulating Library - Completed list of Army Forms 536	
<u>N.C.N.</u>	16/5/19	0800	Queena payment patrol Lt Nevill and 4 OR. - Lt. H. Dickson and Major Booth left for Cairo Regt Duties - Major Close returned from Namantraw.	
<u>N.C.N.</u>	17/5/19	0800 1000	Queena payment patrol Lt Evans and 4 OR - B Squadron under Capt. N. Dickson & accompanied by Political Officer Day. left for MENUF - 25 OR left for Cairo to attend Races.	

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<u>Quesna.</u> <u>N.C.N.</u>	18/5/19	0800	Quesna payment patrol Lt Gurney and 4 OR. - Major Maley, Capt H. Dickson, Major Booth and Regt cricketers returned from Cairo - 7 days rations arrived. Divisional Band arrived.	SHEET 2E 1/25000.
<u>N.C.N.</u>	19/5/19		Regt Duties - Quesna patrol.	
<u>N.C.N.</u>	20/5/19		Races. 3 M. Officers arrived to hold Medical Board to complete Army forms 536.	
<u>N.C.N.</u>	21/5/19	0800	Quesna payment patrol Lt Evans and 4 OR. - 1/2 Squadron at BIRKET-EL-SABD and QUESNA changed over. A Squadron relieved C Squadron - Medical board proceeding.	
<u>N.C.N.</u>	22/5/19	0800	Quesna payment patrol Lt Bevine and 4 OR. - Medical board proceeded to ASHMUN to complete men stationed there - Vaccinations commenced, B Squadron & Transport completed.	
<u>N.C.N.</u>	23/5/19	0800	Quesna payment patrol. Captain N. Dickson and 4 OR. - 5% leave granted to Regt. 7 days rations arrived. Lt Macanock on leave.	
<u>N.C.N.</u>	24/5/19	0800	Quesna payment patrol Lt Evans and 4 OR. - 13 OR. proceeded on 4 days leave in Egypt 28 OR. proceeded to Cairo for Races per special train. Lt Howe relieved Capt Menzies at ASHMUN for a few days.	
<u>N.C.N.</u>	25/5/19	0800	Quesna payment patrol Lt Bevine and 4 OR. Captain N. Dickson and Lt Macanock returned from leave. Vaccinations proceeding - 2 despatch riders to be supplied between Cavalry Camp & Benha. Quesna detachment supplies 2 Despatch Riders between QUESNA & SHEBIN-EL-KOM - Ashmun detachment to find 2 D. Riders between ASHMUN and MENUF.	

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Quesna WCR	26/5/19	0800	Usual payment patrol of 10 off. + 4 H. Two horses evacuated by train to 20th Det. Hospital abbassia. Regimental Duties	SHEET. 2 E 1/25,000
WCR	27/5/19	0800	Usual payment patrol of 10 off. + 4 H. Advice received from One-See that Regiment would be moved to Kantara before 2nd June. Lt Lowe returned from ASHMUR. Capt Menzies departed for ASHMUR.	
WCR	28/5/19	0800	Usual payment patrol 10 off. + 4 H. 3 horses evacuated to 20th Det Hospital. abbassia	
WCR	29/5/19	0800	Usual payment patrol of 10 off. + 4 H. orders received for Regiment to proceed to Kantara on 1st and 2nd June. Times of train departures also received. Arrangements made for return of Capt Menzies and ASHMUR detachment on account of pending move. Lt Keitt proceeded to Brigade HQ - Samantrow to discuss movement of Regiment.	
WCR	30/5/19		1/2 Squadron with Capt Menzies returned from Detached duty at ASHMUR. Move orders drawn up for Regiment to proceed to Kantara.	
WCR	31/5/19		Packing up and carting gear down to Railway Station in preparation for move tomorrow.	

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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*Report on Patrol to:-*  
*TALA - SAMALIG - TULKA - KAMSISH -*  
*EL - BATANUN.*

*Wheeler, Warrant Officer.*  
*A. Adj. 6<sup>th</sup> L.H. Rgt.*

*By Cross Major.*  
*Comd'g 6<sup>th</sup> L.H. Regiment*





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To:- C.O. 6th. L.H. Regiment.

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PATROL REPORT.

Acting on special order No 3. patrol consisting of 1 Officer and 20 O/Ranks left Cavalry Camp QUESNA at 0800 - 1/5/19.

Patrol reported to Lieut-Col. WISE at SHEBIN-EL-KOM and proceeded to TALA visiting SAMALIG en route.

Patrol bivouaced at TALA for the night.

Patrol left TALA at 0630 - 2/5/19, and proceeded to TUKH-DALKA-, KAMSISH and EL-BATANUN and returned to Cavalry camp QUESNA at 1600 - 2/5/19.

Repts different villages as under:-

(a) SAMALIG- Omdah, Abd El Baku. Says he received proclamations and posted same in prominent places, but they had been destroyed by water. ( obviously a lie )

(b) TUKH- DALKA- Omdah, Said Abdulla Bilab- has posted all proclamations received, but has not received the proclamations printed in English and Arabic, only Arabic copies received.

(c) KAMSISH- Omdah, Said Effendi Fihy, has posted all proclamations received but has not received those printed in English and Arabic, but Arabic copies only.

(d) EL-BATANUN - Omdah, Abdul Sattai Bey El Gindy, has not received the large proclamation but has several Arabic ones posted up.

NOTE:- It is evident that only a limited number of the English and Arabic Proclamations have been issued, which explains their absence as the Omdahs appear only too willing to post any that they receive.

2/5/19.

*F. C. Lowy* Lieut  
Officer in Charge of Patrol.

To. C.O. Cavalry Camp.

Forwarded, please.

2/5/19.

*A. J. Brown* Lieut. Major  
T/Comdg. 6th. L.H. Regiment A.I.F.