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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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1st Light Horse Regiment

from 1/11/16 to 30/11/16

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
KANTARA	1/11/16		Orders to move out from this camp tomorrow 2/11/16 for Ge'eila, 3 1/2 miles SOUTH-EAST of BIR-EL-ABD.	
DUIDAR	2/11/16		Reveille 0500. Tents struck and rolled 0530. Blankets rolled ready for transport camels. 0600. Stables 0545. Camels moved off at 0730. Regiment moved from camp at 0855 and arrived one mile NORTH WEST of Hill 70 at 1300. Halted for lunch and moved off at 1430, arriving DUIDAR at 1630.	
ROMANI	3/11/16		Moved out from bivouac at 0900 for ROMANI. Lunch at HODSHOHAT and moved at 1330. Reached BIR-EL-ROMANI at 1630. Tent sent out by General ROYSTON for C.O. slight fall of rain at 1730.	
NEGILIAT	4/11/16		Moved out from ROMANI at 1100 and reached NEGILIAT at 1530. Three N. C. O's to be sent to details tomorrow to report to MAJOR LAWRY.	
HOD-EL-Ge'eila	5/11/16		Three N. C. O's left NEGILIAT for KANTARA at 0830. The brigade moved out at 0830, the Regiment finding an officer - Lieut. L. W. ROGERS and ten ^{ten} men as ground scouts. - Arrived BIR-EL-ABD at 1145 where the brigade watered. After watering the brigade moved.	

Gen. from map
for C.O. 1st L.H. Regt

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HOD-EL-GE'EILA	5/11/16		on about 1 1/2 miles - where a halt was made for lunch. At 1430 it moved on to HOD-EL-GE'EILA which was reached at 1530.	
"	6/11/16		"A" Squadron under Capt. A.A. WHITE. M.C. was sent out to WILLEGHA 1 1/2 miles SOUTH EAST of GE'EILA as an outpost squadron. Two patrols of one M.C.O. and four men sent out at varying hours day and night, to patrol to HOD-UMWEIH-EL-HILU and connect up with a squadron of a Yeomanry Brigade. Also one patrol daily of 1 M.C.O. and 4 men to patrol to BIR-EL-GEISI - "C" Troop "B" Squadron under Lieut. L.W. ROGERS was sent out as an outpost troop to BIR-EL-GEISI who connected up with a squadron of N.Z.M. Bde at BIR-EL-KESSIEBA every other day starting from 8 th inst. A TAUBE passed over the camp and was driven off by anti-aircraft guns at SALMANA.	
HOD-EL-GE'EILA	7/11/16		Camp cleaned up all round - Horses sent out for grazing parade.	
	8/11/16		Inspection ^{of horses} by GENERAL CHAYTOR. C.B. at 1330 of horses. "A" Squadron outpost line ^{reported} perceived a party of about 12 BEDOUINS mounted on camels approaching No 2. Camp COSSACK POST. Party was	J.E.N. drawn Major for 18/11/16 20

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HOD-EL-GEEILAH	8/11/16		challenged, but turned and made off without replying. They ^{were} was ^{on} fired, and one camel killed - One troop under Lieut. S. M. MOORE was sent out to try and round up this party, but were unsuccessful in overtaking the party.	
	9/11/16		Grazing parade both afternoon and morning. Lieut. W. H. McKEOWN proceeded to KANTARA on duty	
	10/11/16		Grazing parade morning and afternoon.	
	11/11/16		Lieut. W. H. McKEOWN returned from duty at KANTARA. Grazing parade morning and afternoon.	
	12/11/16		Church Parade 0830. Inspection of lines by Brigadier-General. C.F. COX. C.B.Y.D. at 1000	
	13/11/16		Mounted parade and drill in the morning. Grazing parade in the afternoon. MAJOR W. S. LAWRY CAPT. DONOVAN (Padre) Lt. W. H. GRAY and 36 other ranks arrived from KANTARA.	
	14/11/16		63 riding horses and 5 pack horses, remounts - issued to this Regiment.	

Gen. Sturmi Major
for Co. 1st Lt. H. Reed

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Hod-EL-GE'AILA	15/11/16		Grazing parade morning and afternoon. MAJOR. W. S. LAWRY seconded to 1 st L. H. Training Regiment as. O. C.	
	16/11/16		Grazing parade morning and afternoon	
Hod WILLEGHIA	17/11/16		Left GE'AILA at 0900 for WILLEGHIA and arrived there at 0930. Patrols and duties the same as enumerated on the 6 th inst.	
"	18/11/16		2/Lieut. P. J. MARTIN and 21 other ranks attached to the regiment from Amzac Mounted Police for training and experience in patrol and outpost work.	
	19/11/16		Innoculation for Cholera for the whole regiment.	
	20/11/16		All ranks with the exception of 3 men who refused, innoculated against Cholera. Lieut G. P. EDWARDS "B" Squadron died at No 14 A. G. H. ABBASSIA this morning from Meningitis.	
	21/11/16		Grazing parade in morning and afternoon. The Regiment moved off by Squadrons at half hour intervals to BIR-EL-ABD for the "delousing" of men clothing and blankets. All back in camp by 1545. MAJOR. D. W. A. SMITH, LIEUT. E. C. BATTYE	

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for Co. 194 L. H. Reg.

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HOD WILLEGHA	21/11/16		Lieut. M. E. WRIGHT and 2/Lieut. C. A. HORDERN with 3 other ranks returned from School of Instruction ZEITOUN.	
	22/11/16		Grazing parade morning and afternoon.	
	23/11/16		All ranks paid, 2/Lieut. W. F. M. ROSS and 33 other ranks joined from details MOASCAR.	
	24/11/16		Lieut. Colonel. C. H. GRANVILLE. D.S.O. on leave to PORT SAID for 3 weeks Lieuts. F. M. MACK, S. M. MOORE and 3 other ranks to School of Instruction. ZEITOUN.	
BIR-EL-MOSEIFIG	24/11/16		Left HOD WILLEGHA at 1415 and arrived BIR-EL-MOSEIFIG, 1730 where Regiment (less one Troop) rejoined the Brigade. Did not finish watering until 2030 Section of I. C. C. took over at HOD WILLEGHA at 1700.	
ARNUSSI	25.11.16		Brigade left MOSEIFIG at 0700 and arrived at MALHA at 1200. Watered and lunched there and moved off by Regiments to this BIR reaching here at 1645.	
	26/11/16		Lieut. L. W. ROGERS and troop arrived from GEISI at 1630 - Day spent in looking over outpost line and day observation posts.	

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ARNUSSI	27/11/16		One Squadron and two troops on outpost tonight. Outpost line divided into two sectors - SOUTHERN AND NORTHERN - Squadron on SOUTHERN SECTOR and two troops in NORTHERN. 3 observation (day) posts and one central station (communicating). Posts situated N. E. and S.	
"	28/11/16		Patrol of one officer and full troop with signallers to escort Brigadier - General. C. F. Cox. C.B. V.D. to BIR-EL-GERERAT all clear. - Duty Regiment.	
"	29/11/16		Patrol of one officer and full troop with signallers to patrol to HILL 255 and HILL 160 and enter BIR by EASTERN entrance.	
"	30/11/16		Duty Regiment. - One Squadron and two troops on outpost.	

C. O. J.E.A. Irons Major
1st Light Horse Regiment.