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TEL EL FARA	May	1	Stand-to at 0300. B Squadron on Patrol, relieved by A Squadron in afternoon. Voting for Federal Election.	
		2	Stand-to 0300. A Sqdn. Supplied Digging Party of 4 Off & 80 men.	
		3	" " C Sqdn. supplied Digging Party of 2 Off & 40 men	
		4	" " C Sqdn Supplied Patrols to connect with N.Z.M R's R.E. Escort, 1 N.C.O. & 11 men	
		5	Stand-to 0300 A Sqdn supplied Working party of 3 Off & 80 men R.E. Escort 1 N.C.O. & 11 men.	
		6	Stand-to 0300 R.E. Fatigue of 1 Off & 20 men Regt. left Camp at 1645, marched to Tel el Fara & watered, moved off from East Bank of Wadi at 1900, Proceeded to Hill 450 arriving 0100 on 7th	
		7	1 Troop of B sqdn patrolled to Hill 720 arriving 0430. Came in contact with enemy patrol. Enemy Patrol withdrew to Hill 730 & 810. Patrol withdrew from Hill 720 at 0600, rejoined Regt. at Hill 480 about 0800. Regt Withdrew to TEL EL FARA, watered and returned to camp.	
		8	Stand-to as usual. C Sqdn found 4 Off & 80 O/Ranks Digging party at 0730. 1 Off & 20 men from B Sqdn reported to B.H.Q. at 0900 1 Off & 20 men on water troughs.	
		9	Stand-to as usual. Regt Moved out at 0445; moved off with Brigade at 0600 from East side of Wadi. Made good GOZ EL BAZAL by 0715 arrived KARM 0745. Patrols sent out towards Hill 720 & observation Posts established South of KARM. Patrol came in touch with the enemy, (Mounted Turk Patrols). No Casualties. Withdrew from KARM at 1200, returned to camp at 1445.	
		10	A Squadron found patrol to 410 & 510. C Sqdn found R.E. Working party of 1 N.C.O. & 12 men.	
		11	C Sqdn found 2 Off & 24 men, working party & B Sqdn. 1 N.C.O. & 12 men.	
		12	B Sqdn found 1 Off & 25 men, C Sqdn found 25 men R.E. Working Party. Regt Formed up on E. Bank of Wadi at 1145, working party included, & moved off with Brigade to GOZ EL GELIEB. Regt in reserve. Found 1 Troop escort to Artillery. Left 1830 & Return to camp. No Casualties	
		13	Divine Service: 1875 Wt. W 393/825 1,000,000 4/15 J.B.C. & A. A.D.S.S./Forms/C. 2118.	

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TEL EL FARA	May	14	B Sqdn moved out at 0500, proceeded to EL MUNKHELIEH, arriving 0730. Patrols sent out to SAUSSAGE RIDGE. Fired on. No Casualties. Withdrew from EL MUNKHELIEH at 1230 across Wadi GHUZZE, watered & returned to camp. C Sqdn left camp 0630, patrols to 410, 510 GOZ EL GELIEB & GOZ EL BAZAL. From 510 sent patrol towards 630, fired on by enemy. Returned to 510. A Sqdn left camp 0730, proceeded to GOZ EL GELIEB, being in supports to C Sqdn making GOZ EL GELIEB Hdqtrs. C Sqdn relieved by A Sqdn 1200 returned to supports. Regiment less B Sqdn withdrew at 1700, watered & returned to camp. Draught of Reinforcements of 1 Off & 30 men arrived from MOASCAR.	
		15	A Sqdn digging party of 3 Off & 80 men, B Sqdn R.E. Fatigue of 1 N.C.O. & 12 men.	
		16	C Sqdn found 2 Off & 60 men digging party.	
		17	Gas Helmet inspection at 0800. Regiment on Gas Drill Parade. Lecture by Div. Gas Officer & practical demonstration with real gas. Sqdn & 1/2 at a time. 1 Casualty.	
		18	Cleaned up Camp ready to move out at 1230, Regt marched to EL SHAJUTH about 2 1/2 miles SOUTH. of old camp. Supplied 5 guards of 1 N.C.O. & 3 men each for Bde. duties	
		19	Regimental duties. Weather:- Khamseen.	
		20	Divine Service 1800 Strength 25 Off 464 O/Rks.	
		21	Regimental Duties.	
		22	Regt joined 1st. Bde at 1500 on EAST bank of WADI at FARA, proceeded to BIR EL ESANI about 9 miles arriving there 1800, halted until 2000 and proceeded to KHALASA, surrounding that	
		23	Village by 0200. 1 troop under Lt. Mackenzie as demolition party accompanied 1st. Regt. to BIR ASLUJ about 10 miles to destroy viaduct on Railway line, arriving there at 0700. This was successfully carried out, troop withdrawn and returned to KHALASA at 1500. and rejoined Regt. Regt. picqueted KHALASA until 1630 and took 2 Bedouin prisoner, also 4 Turkish deserters. Withdrew and returned to BIR EL ESANI to water and proceeded to EL SHAJUTH arriving there 2330.	

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EL SHA'UTH	May 24		Supplied 5 Bde. Guards. Capt J.M.Chisholm sick admitted.	
	May 25		Regimental duties	
	May 26		do do.	
	May 27		do do	
	May 28		Regiment forming part of Bde. moved from EL SHA'UTH at 1100 and marched to Beach Camp at TEL EL MARAKEB arriving there 1600.	
	May 29		Regt.resting	
	May 30		Inspection of new Camp by G.O.C. Bde.	
	May 31		Regt.resting. All rifles in Unit exchanged for new ones.	

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