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2nd A.L.H. Regt.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL RISA.	1/2/1917		Regiment in camp. Training carried on. G.O.C. Division inspected whilst training.	
"	2/2/17.		"A" Squadron took over Outpost line at 12.00. Regiment in camp. Duty Regiment.	
"	3/2/17		Regiment in camp.	
"	4/2/17.		Church Parade. Regiment in camp.	
"	5/2/17.		"B" Squadron took over Outpost line at 12.00. Training as per Syllabus: - "Squadron Drills and "Artillery formations. Crossing space under savage fire." Major Birkbeck on leave.	
"	6/2/17.		Regiment in camp. Training as per Syllabus: - "Squadron in attack, manoeuvring of led horses and Protection against cavalry."	
"	7/2/17.		"B" Squadron firing musketry course on range. Major Chambers as Range Officer. Lewis Gun teams at Field practice on M.G. Sqn range.	

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EL RISA.	8/2/17.		Board convened re shortage of wire-cutters. "C" Squadron took over Outpost line at 12.00. Lewis Gun teams at Target practice on M.G. SAND range. Training as per Syllabus :- "Practical moving of Patrols by bounds."	
"	9/2/17	14.00 17.30	Operation orders drawn up for move on tent. All baggage sent to rail-head. Movement order received at 17.30.	
"	10/2/17	09.00 10.00 16.00	Regiment formed up on Regt ^l parade ground in full marching order - thence proceeded to a point west of Artillery lines on beach side of wire road. Moved off with Column at 10.00 in westerly direction - route along beach. Arrived at a point North of KILO 139. (Bardawill) at 16.00 where column camped for the night.	
BARDAWILL. (KILO. 139.)	11/2/17	08.45 16.00	Regiment less "C" Squadron moved off with Column at 08.45 still proceeding in westerly direction "C" Squadron proceeded direct to GERERAT. (being detached from Regt.). Major Chambers, 1 Officer + 12 other ranks were detailed, + acted as Grounds scouts to the column. Arrived at a point one mile East of MAZAR where Regiment camped, being detached from Brigade.	
MAZAR.	12/2/17	11.00	"A" Squadron moved out at 11.00 to proceed to MALHA. and relieve Lincolnshire Yeomanry. Head-Quarters and "B" Squadron at MAZAR. resting + forming camp.	
"	13/2/17		Took over patrols from Lincolnshire Yeomanry GERERAT and MALHA posts report settled down + all clear.	
"	14/2/17		Patrols from MAZAR. MALHA + GERERAT report all clear. Bi-Weekly patrol to ABU BUGUM + ARISHA. report all clear.	

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MAZAR.	15/2/17.		Patrol reports received "All clear" Adqbrs, Staff + B Sqn still unsettled at MAZAR. Pipe drains reports received + leakages reported.	
"	16/2/17.		Patrols from de-tached Squadrons report "All clear" Pipe line leakages reported. MAZAR detachment still unsettled.	
"	17/2/17.		"All clear" reports received from de-tached Squadron patrols. Pipe line leakages reported.	
"	18/2/17	10.30	Church Parade Detached Squadrons patrols report "All clear" Pipe line leakages reported.	
"	19/2/17.	1000	Regt ^l Headquarters. B Squadron + Staff moved into camp previously occupied by Lincolnshire Yeomanry 4 Officers + 5 O/Ranks returned from School of Instruction.	
"	20/2/17.		} Patrol duties carried out + "All clear" reports received. Exercising of horses carried out each day.	
"	21/2/17			

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MAZAR	22/2/17		<p>Patrol duties carried out from MAZAR, GERERAT + MALHA as per schedule.</p> <p>"All clear" reports received.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">" "</p>	
"	23/2/17			
"	24/2/17			
"	24/2/17		Daily exercising of horses carried out.	
"	25/2/17		" "	
"	26/2/17		"A" Squadron under orders from SUBSECTION. MAZAR moved from MALHA to ARNUSSI and reported having settled down in new camp by 16.20 on this date.	
"	27/2/17		"C" Squadron, under orders from SUBSECTION. MAZAR. Completed move from GERERAT to MAZAR, arriving MAZAR 11.20. MAZAR camp is now composed of H'os. B + C Squadrons. All patrols report clear.	
"	28/2/17		Patrols operating from MAZAR. + ARNUSSI report "All clear".	

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2nd LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT.

Casualties during the month of February 1917.

Sick to Hospital

2196	Pte	Mills J.	1/2/1917	1237	Pte	Coman J.	4/2/17.
21a	"	Best E.	"	2225	"	Smith J.H.	"
2244	"	Argus R.B.	8/2/17.	2651	"	Martin W.C.	9/2/17
2960	"	Whitehead J.	9/2/17	1533	"	Gray N.R.	10/2/17
722	Cpl	Becker T.	11/2/17	2174	"	Gibson C.W.	12/2/17
868	S/Sgt	Jorgensen A.V.	13/2/17	2238	"	Webster H.R.	13/2/17
2834	Pte	Sloan J.B.	21/2/17	2876	"	Fogg S.J.	14/2/17
344	Sgt	Lawton J.B.	23/2/17	475	Cpl	Biggs A.F.	21/2/17
2941	Pte	Hardwick G.T.	25/2/17	1113	Pte	Dillon A.S.	25/2/17
2989	"	Banner H.R.	28/2/17	556	Cpl	Neil A.W.	27/2/17

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Lieut.,

Adjutant, 2nd Light Horse Regiment.

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