

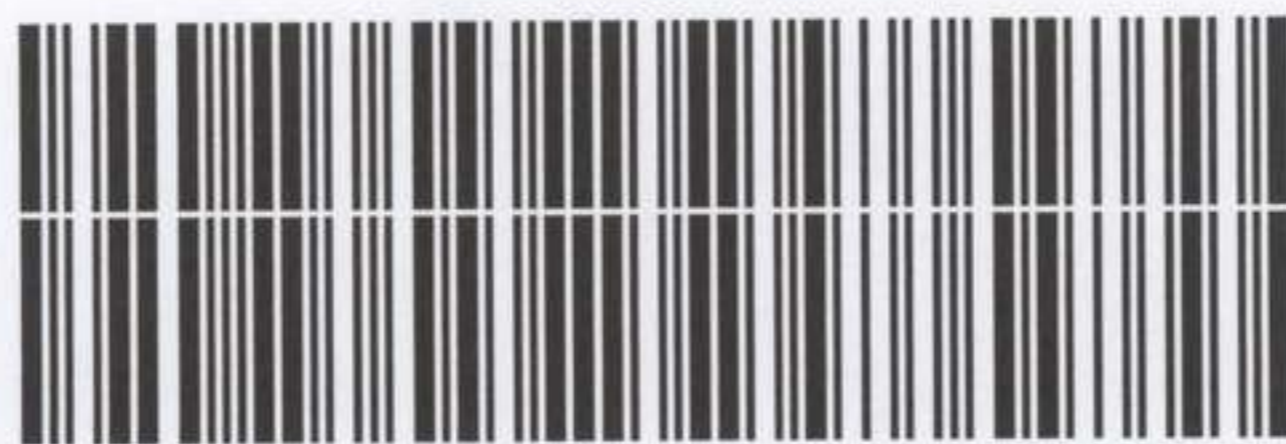
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Commanded by Major L. Buckland. A.S.C.

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Ein el Shems	14/4/17		2/Lt. J. Maunder, C.T.C. joined from G Coy. CTC. L/Cpl. C.H. Archer, A.S.C. joined from 24 L. of C. Supply Coy., Sharabia. Sgt. McHattie, A.V.C. Candidate for commission departed to join B.H.T.D., Alexandria. 4 Camels transferred to No. 1 Camel Hospital, Zeitoun. 6600 Girths, 6000 pr. loading ropes, 1350 nets, sent by rail to O.O., Kantara.	
	15/4/17.		Major Buckland, L., A.S.C. took over Command of No. 1 Depot from Major S.S. Flower; M.F. Sgt. J. Grant, Q Coy. joined from Convalescent Depot, Abbassia. Sgt. L.D. Price, A.S.C. candidate for Commission arrived from Staff College, Mena. SSM. E. Upton, A.S.C. Candidate for Commission arrived from 21 L. of C. Supply Coy. Suez. 2/Lt. W.J. Rowe, departed to join 1/4 D.C.L.I. at Kantara on first appointment. a/CSM. E.A. Biggs, A.S.C. departed to join B.H.T.D., Alexandria.	
	16/4/17.		43 Clippers and Dressers were despatched to No. 2 Depot, C.T.C., Kantara. 1690 Great Coats, 8180 Blankets (Native) were loaded for despatch to A.O.D. Cairo. 2/Lt. Mather admitted to Hospital.	
	17/4/17.		Cpl. J. Grant proceeded to join Q Coy. CTC. Sgt. B. Evans, R.A.M.C. candidate for commission joined from 53rd C.C.S. Pte. F.E. Leach do do do do do H.Q., E.F. Tpr. W. Coulter, 18th Hussars joined for one month's probation. Dr. G.W. Gaulton, A.S.C. attached 231 Bde. F.A. joined for one month's probation.	
	18/4/17.		205 Heavy Burden Camels were sent by Rail from Helmieh Siding to No. 2 Depot, C.T.C. Kantara, loading up at 0600; Sgt. Drew (R Coy. CTC) with 2 Raises and 30 Drivers proceeded in charge. Instructions received from Inspector, C.T.C. to arrange attachment of 1 medical officer, and two medical Orderlies to R Coy. CTC. Copy sent to O.C. R Coy. and O.C. CTC. Hospital. 305 Tents, 110 Bales Great Coats, 15 Bales Blankets (unformed Companies) loaded for A.O.D. Cairo CQMS. Bannister, 1/11 London Regt. candidate for commission joined here. Sgts. Fairhead, Cawthorne, Wilson, Welch and Bannister, A.V.C. joined from No. 1 Camel Hos. 205 Heavy Camels sent to No. 2 Depot, Kantara, yesterday. 40 Cow Camels transferred to O Coy. 222 Camels were received from Camel Remount Depot. 21 Natives returned off leave and were sent to No. 2 Depot, Kantara.	W 6 1/2

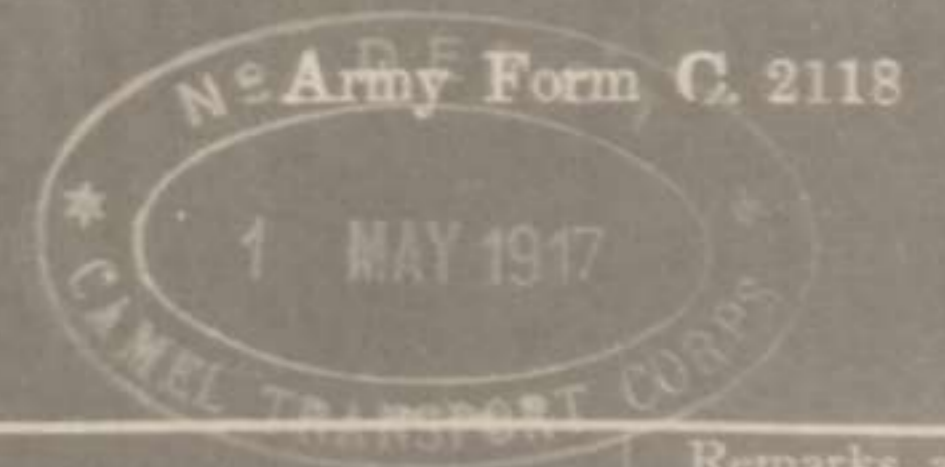
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Ein el Shems.	19/4/17.		<p>L/Cpl. Webber, 16th R. Devon Regt. candidate for commission joined here.</p> <p>2/Lt. Muirhead and 2/Lt. Dawes left here to join C Coy. CTC. yesterday with two servants.</p> <p>2/Lt. B. Cooper left to join M Coy. CTC. with native servant.</p> <p>Sgts. Bannister and Welch, A.V.C. transferred to R Coy. CTC.</p> <p>2/Lt. McMurdie, CSM. Handerson, 153 Natives, 2 Horses 280 Cow Camels, 14 Calves, detachment of "O" Coy. CTC. arrived at the Depot.</p> <p>86 Camels transferred to R Coy. CTC.</p> <p>9 Cow Camels transferred to O Coy. CTC.</p> <p>Orders from Inspector received for R Coy. to commence entraining tomorrow for Kantara.</p> <p>Continued to load up for A.O.D., the Stores of unformed Companies.</p> <p>6615, Damarani Ahmed Idris, 6862, Afifi Mohamed el Gamal,) 155, Husein Mohamed Hasan, Ali Radwan Osman,) 6935, Sarafian Awad Salib, Hakim Kadsa Bakheit,) Ibrahim Hasan Ibrahim,)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">} Attested deserters brought here by Civil Police.</p> <p>6857, Ali Salim Ali, 6858, Mohamed Suliman Ahmed, 6859, Mohamed Ahmed Abdel Kerim, 6860, Mohamed Shubab Ahmed, 6861, Ahmed Mohamed Ayyat, "P" Coy. Mutineers arrived from Prison. Ahmed Osman Mohamed, H Coy. joined from Q Coy. CTC.</p> <p>10 Natives reported, returning from leave.</p> <p>16 Natives reported, proceeding on leave.</p> <p>Orders received from H.Q., "O" Coy., C.T.C. to proceed by March-Route to Kantara tomorrow.</p> <p>1582, Pte. Hicks, I.C.C.; 1610, Pte. E.R. Reynolds, I.C.C.; 1714, Pte. A.H.L. Thompson, I.C.C.; SS/21344, SSM. F. Castle, A.S.C.; S4/044291, CQMS. R. Sumner, A.S.C.; SS/585, S.Sgt. W.Lait, A.S.C. Candidates for Commissions reported today.</p> <p>Det. R Coy. CTC. entrained at Helmieh Siding 9 a.m. strength - 2/Lt. Ebreworth, CQMS. Drew, Sgt. Rushbridge, A.V.C., Cpl. Malloch, 134 Natives, 205 Camels, 3 Horses for Kantara.</p> <p>2/Lt. French, A.S.C.; 2/Lt. H.M. Weaver; 2/Lt. W.M. Thomas, transferred to 313 (H.T.) Coy. A.S.C. Cairo.</p> <p>2/Lt. P.W. Jones, A.S.C. to Main Supply Depot, Sharabia for duty.</p> <p>11317, Sgt. F. Wilson, A.V.C. to N Coy. CTC. for duty.</p> <p>13082, Sgt. J. Cawthorne, A.V.C. to D Coy. CTC. for duty.</p> <p>5948, Sgt. A. Fairhead, A.V.C. to H Coy. CTC. for duty.</p> <p>T4/244841, a/SSM. A.J. Grant, A.S.C. to H.Q. 54th Division for duty.</p> <p>22801, Pte. W. Coulter, 18th Hussars to O Coy. CTC. to complete period of probation.</p> <p>T/254244, Dr. G. Gaulton, A.S.C. to R Coy. CTC. to complete period of probation.</p> <p>1 Sick Female Camel received from O Coy. CTC.</p>	
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Ein el Shems.	20/4/17.		<p>54 Heavy Burden, 44 Light Burden, 2/ Riding Camels, 5 Riding Horses to No. 2 Depot, C.T.C. by Rail with Detachment of R Coy. CTC.</p> <p>20 Veterinary Dressers for C Coy. CTC. 13 Saddlers for M Coy. CTC.) sent to No. 2 Depot, C.T.C.</p> <p>20 Drivers from leave, 7 deserters, 5 "P" Coy. Mutineers.) i/c E.L.C. Police.</p> <p>Mohamed Abdel Hamid Salim,) Ahmad Mahmoud Goma,) Syces, attested and sent to "Q" Coy. CTC. Ismailia.</p> <p>126 Native Drivers for Discharge arrived from various Companies in Canal Zone. 50 do do do do do paid and sent to their villages.</p>	
	21/4/17.		<p>Said Ahmed Abdel Halim, a Native Farrier, reported from Ministry of Interior.</p> <p>Sgt. Brooker, A Coy. CTC. reported here on discharge from Hospital.</p> <p>2/Lt. E.J. Lambe, C.T.C. ceased to be employed by the C.T.C.</p> <p>"O" Coy. CTC. paraded for inspection by Inspector, C.T.C. at 5-30 a.m. and afterwards proceeded by march route to Ismailia for duty. Strength 9 Officers, 16 Other Ranks, 1032 Natives, 1877 Camels, 24 Horses, under the Command of Captain J. Lowick, A.S.C.</p> <p>24 Saddlers, 1 Native Farrier sent to No. 2 Depot, C.T.C., Kantara.</p> <p>105 Salim Bakheit, 134 Saad Bakheit, 2081 Ahmed Khalil,) 6 men of "O" Coy. discharged Abdel Ghalil Mohamed, 781 Ali Mohamed Ebeid, 184, Hasan Ali,) from Hospital.</p> <p>2387, Ahmed Dahi Mohamed, an absentee from "O" Coy. CTC. reported himself.</p> <p>190 Men for Discharge arrived from various companies in Canal Zone. . 5 men for leave do do do do do</p> <p>15 men discharged.</p> <p>i/c SSM. C.H. Watson, ASC.; S.Sgt. W. Simpson, ASC.,) candidates for commissions S.Sgt. J.H. Skillicorn, ASC., CSM. Steigrad, H Coy. CTC.) reported here.</p> <p>Detachment "R" Coy. CTC. entrained at Helmieh siding for Kantara, strength - 2/Lt. Skuse, CQMS. Cripps, Sgt. Bannister, 155 Natives, 341 Camels, 4 Horses.</p>	
	22/4/17.		<p>5 Riding horses arrived by Rail from No. 2 Depot, C.T.C., Kantara.</p> <p>3 camels (1 Blind, 1 debility female from O Coy., 1 Sore pad) to No. 1 Camel Vet. Hos.</p> <p>Detachment R Coy. CTC. Lieut. C. Rofe, Sgt. Broughton, Sgt. H. Welch, Cpl. Speller, 160 Natives, 5 Horses, 307 Camels entrained at Helmieh Siding for Kantara.</p>	
	23/4/17.		<p>Detachment R Coy. entrained at Helmieh Siding for Kantara, strength - Lieut. W. McClure, (O.C. Coy.) 2/Lt. F.G. Wayman, 2/Lt. A. Gottlieb, CSM. McKenzie, Pte. Hicks, 250 Natives, 306 Camels, 6 Horses. (220)</p> <p>76 men returning from leave sent to No. 2 Depot, CTC. for various Companies in Canal Zone.</p> <p>1 Saddler sent to No. 2 Depot, C.T.C.</p> <p>459, CQMS. A. Cook reported here i/c 12 Natives, having conducted sick Camels from B.6 Baharia, to No. 1 Camel Veterinary Hospital.</p>	MS/2

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Ein el Shems.	23/4/17.		137 men from various Companies arrived here for discharge. 68 men of various Companies returning off leave, sent to No. 2 Depot, C.T.C. for various Coys. No. 82 Pte. C. Spencer, Notts. & Derby M.B.F.Amb. returned to his Unit. Detachment of R Coy. entrained Helmieh Siding for Kantara. 2/Lt. Hafari, (Adjutant) 2/Lt. Ramsey, CSM. Cooper, Cpl. Beerman, 162 Natives, 306 Camels, 5 horses. Sgt. Foley, Sgt. Thomson, Sgt. Appleton, Sgt. Turner, Sgt. Cartwright, all A.V.C. joined from No. 1 Camel Vet. Hos. No. R/560, Abdel Nali Mahmoud Ahmed transferred from R Coy. CTC. No. 17, Dr. Said Morgan Abdulla, transferred to R Coy. CTC.	
	24/4/17.		124 Camels arrived from Remout Depot and classified as follows :- Heavy Burden fit 16- Heavy Burden unfit 1; Light fit 101; Light unfit 2; females fit 4; CQMS. Bannister, L/Cpl. Archer, Pte. Taylor (candidates for commissions) transferred to E.L.C. CQMS. Sumner, ASC.; S. Sgt. Skillicorn, ASC.; transferred to B.H.T.D. (candidates for commissions) 2/Lt. Mather, C.T.C. reported on discharge from 14 Aus. Gen. Hos. S. Sgt. Lait, ASC., Pte. Hicks, ICC., Pte. Renolds, ICC. rejoined their Units. 1 Horse (Inspector's) sent by Rail to No. 2 Depot, C.T.C., Kantara.	
	25/4/17.		Detachment R Coy. entrained Helmieh Siding for Kantara, Lieut. Elsworth, 2/Lt. Mindel, (Qr. Mr.) CQMS. Wood, Pte. Lemonnier, Dr. Gaulton, 165 Natives, 287 Camels, 6 horses. 7964, Marie Abu el Kassin Aly, H Coy. CTC. reported on discharge from Hospital.	
	26/4/17.		215 men of various Companies discharged 10 men returning off leave reported at No. 1 Depot, CTC. 9 men off leave were sent to No. 2 Depot, CTC. 2/Lt. Mather and Madasr Mudani (Servant) transferred to A Coy. CTC. a/CQMS. Alexander sent to A Coy. CTC. S. Sgt. Simpson, A.S.C. returned to 22nd L. of C. Supply Coy.	
	27/4/17.		Z.552, Abdu Hebaishi Awad. Ahmad Mahmud Genai, Erabi Hamid Ibrahim, Khalil Etaifi Khali, Ahmed Hasanein Suliman, Awad Osman el Luki, Mohamed Abdel Wahid Hussein, Rashid Abdel Bari Ahmed,	
			Nur el Din Qenawy Ismail, deserter arrested by Mamur Baliana. 45 Natives for discharge arrived from various Companies.	

Attested Deserters brought in by Civil Police from Commandant, Recruiting Camp.

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Ein el Shems.	27/4/17.		<p>1 native returning off leave reported at the Depot. 10 natives returning off leave sent to No. 2 Depot, C.T.C. Cpl. F.E. Leach, R.A.M.C. returned to H.Q., E.F. Instructions received from Inspector, C.T.C. to commence formation of "Western Force Camel Transport Corps Detachment". 2/Lt. R.T. Ecclestone, SSM. Steigrad, 310 Algerian Camels allotted to the W.F. C.T.C. Detachment. Sgt. J.S. Thomson,) Sgt. A. McKendrick,) Glasgow Yeomanry, candidates for commissions, joined. Sgt. P.H. White,)</p>	
	28/4/17.		<p>Sgt. Foley, A.V.C. transferred to A Coy. CTC. Sgt. Thompson, A.V.C. transferred to E Coy. CTC. Sgt. Appleton, A.V.C., transferred to L Coy. CTC. Sgt. Turner, A.V.C. transferred to R Coy. CTC. Sgt. Cartwright, A.V.C. transferred to O Coy. CTC. L/Cpl. Jenkins sent to F Coy. CTC. to complete probation.</p>	
	11am.		<p>D/2996, Driver Taher Salem Amer, awaiting discharge, medically unfit, died 11 a.m. Lieut. Day (Adjutant) 2/Lt. Allsworth, 2 M.C.Os. 4 horses, 336 camels, 191 natives, "H" Coy. C.T.C. arrived by rail from Baharia. 48 men of various companies arrived from Canal Zone for discharge. 2990, Basta Abdel Meseek. G, C Coy. returned off leave (3 days absent) Capt. Hinde, (O.C. H Coy.) reported at Depot from Baharia.</p>	
	29/4/17.		<p>2/Lt. Goldman, 1 CQMS. 38 natives, H Coy. CTC. arrived from Baharia. Capt. Hinde left for Samalut to superintend entraining of remainder of H Coy. 7964, Marie Abu el Kassim Ali handed over to H Coy. CTC. 1460 Taher Ali Hassan C Coy. returned off leave (4 days absent) Hamid Khalil Farag, (O Coy. deserter) brought in by Civil Police. 994, Mohamed Taha Gad el Kerim, O Coy. discharged from Hospital. 9 men for discharge arrived from Canal Zone. 71 men of various companies paid and discharged. 7 men returned from leave.</p>	
30/4/17.		<p>2/Lt. F.J.B. Hosken, A.S.C. from B.H.T.D. 12 men from various Companies arrived for discharge. 7 men returned off leave. Sgt. A. Webster, candidate for commission joined from 261st Bde. R.F.A. Cpl. H. Armstrong, do do do A. & N.Z. Mtd. Div. transport.</p>		

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Ein el Shems.	30/4/17.		<p>2/Lt. L.E. Feaver,) CSM. Sandbach,) 198 natives,) 6 horses) 336 camels) 8 deserters and 1 man from leave despatched to No. 2 Depot, CTC. 4 camels transferred to depot from H Coy. CTC.</p>	



Amel Badelant
 Major
 Comdg. No. 1 Depot, C.T.C.

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