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Light Horse

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**Title: 4th Australian Light Horse**  
**Regiment**

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Deir el Belah	1 <sup>st</sup>		Musketry practices on range completed	
	2 <sup>nd</sup> / <sub>10</sub>		Training in mounted drill; classes in mounted bayonet fighting bombing etc.	
	11 <sup>th</sup>		C Sqn moved out to the Junior Officers School at KELAB	
	12 <sup>th</sup> / <sub>13</sub>		Hotchkiss practices on range.	
	14 <sup>th</sup>		Mounted drill and bayonet classes.	
	15 <sup>th</sup>		Brigade inspection	
	18 <sup>th</sup>		All ranks fitted with SBRs and tested in gas chamber	
	19 <sup>th</sup>		Hotchkiss practices on range	
	20 <sup>th</sup> / <sub>28</sub>		The Regiment - less C Sqn - employed on salvage duties about enemy and our own works near GAZA, from GAZA Rd westwards.	

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Darel Belah	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Major J. Lawson DSO, on return from Pt Said Rest Camp took over temporary command of the Regiment from Major J. B. Chantler	
	5		Lieut W. Hemmons transferred to 4 <sup>th</sup> LK Training Regiment as adjutant	
	9		Major J. B. Chantler assumed command of C Sqn vice Capt (2/Major) V. G. Rae M.C. transferred to A Sqn to command temporarily	
	13		Capt (2/Major) V. G. Rae M.C. marched out to embark for UK on furlough (3 wks from date of disembarkation)	
	16		Lieut J. D. Moodie transferred to cadre staff 4 <sup>th</sup> LK Inf Regt.	
	19 <sup>th</sup>		Lieut. Col. Bouchier DSO resumed command of Regiment on return from 4 <sup>th</sup> LK Brigade	
			Major J. Lawson <del>re</del> relinquished temp. command and assumed duties of second in command (temp)	
	22		Major G. P. Rankin marched in from 4 <sup>th</sup> LK Inf Regiment and took over duties of second in command	
			Major J. Lawson DSO resumed command of A Sqn	
			Lieut A. J. Clark marched in from 4 <sup>th</sup> LK Inf Regiment	

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Deir el Belah	28.		<p>Reinforcements received during month. 2off 53<sup>0</sup>/rks</p> <p>Effective strength</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>31<sup>st</sup> Jan'y 1918</td> <td>26 officers</td> <td>436</td> <td>9 rks</td> <td>508 animals</td> </tr> <tr> <td>28<sup>th</sup> Feby 1918</td> <td>25 "</td> <td>472</td> <td>"</td> <td>610 "</td> </tr> </table>	31 <sup>st</sup> Jan'y 1918	26 officers	436	9 rks	508 animals	28 <sup>th</sup> Feby 1918	25 "	472	"	610 "	
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FH7 Lieut

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