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War Diary 3<sup>rd</sup> Aust Light Horse Regiment A.I.F. VOL 1 52.

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1.6.16	ROMANI. 9.30 AM	<p>Turkish Aeroplane visited camp at 6.30. and dropped 10 bombs. Killing 5 men and wounding 1 Officer and <del>2</del><sup>20</sup> Other Ranks. Killed 36 horses Wounded 9 horses and stampeded the Regt. Only a few other casualties occurred in the rest of the Bde.</p> <p>Total figures for Bomb raid:-            47 horses killed + died from wounds            20 horses missing.            10 men killed + died of wounds            1 Officer + 15 other Ranks wounded</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">D. Sultar L. 60</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
2-6-16	ROMA- NI	C Squadron, Major C Mills moved out to HOD-ES-SAGIA <sup>at 6 P.M.</sup> about 10 miles SE, for the purpose of sinking wells to supply sufficient water for a L.H. Brigade. Water was struck at about 5 ft below the surface & proved to be good stock water.	
3-6-16	"	C Squadron returned from HOD-ES-SAGIA about 10 A.M. bringing in 4 natives, evidently used by the Turks to supply information regarding movements of our troops	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
4-6-16	ROMANI	B, Squadron Major G. J. Bellos. did usual patrol to Katia & OSHRATINA. A party of 20 Bedouins with about 100 goats were met with near BIR-EL-HAMISAH and brought into camp.	
11-6-16	"	Lieut J. W. CLERKE rejoined Regt from Details TEL-EL-KEBIR today. Lieuts A. C. Haywood; T. Stott, L. A. R. Gordon reinforcement Officer reported for duty. Also 68 reinforcements from Details TEL-EL-KEBIR.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
12-6-16	ROMANI	<p>3<sup>rd</sup> Regt acting, as covering troops to            1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Regts, carrying out a reconnaiss-            ance of BIR-EL-JEFFIR, BIR-EL-MASIRERA            &amp; BIR BAYUD, left ROMANI at 3 P.M. on            10<sup>th</sup> with accompaniment by 1.18 PIR from            SOMERSET Battery R.H.A. (two trucks            horse teams) to take up a position            about 2 miles West of BIR-EL-ABD.            Halted at OGHRAHINA from 7 P.M.            to 9.30 P.M. Reached position at            3 A.M. on 11<sup>th</sup> in a dense fog. Two            troops of 'A' Squadron detached at</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>HOD-ED-DEBARIS (where gun was put into position) &amp; sent to patrol country, on left of our position, through HOD-ER-RAHA, &amp; HOD-EL-HISHA sighted a couple of camel patrols (enemy) &amp; was fired at, no casualties. Dog lifted about 2 hours after daylight. An enemy camel patrol (7 men) had a truck with one of our advanced posts, Major L.A. LEWIS, 4 were wounded &amp; made prisoner, also their camels, remainder</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>were pursued, but easily out-distanced our horses in the heavy sand. No casualties on our side. Regt recalled to HOD-ED-DEBARIS. at 1 P.M. covering withdrawal of remainder of Brigade moving in from BIR BARUD. Enemy aeroplane passed over us, pursued by one of ours, at HOD-ED-DEBARIS. Rejoined Brigade at OGHRAIVA at 6.30 P.M. Left at 8 P.M. escorting Gun whose</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
16-6-16	ROMANI	horses were done up. Moved in to Romani independent of Brigade, In Camp again by 1.30 A.M.	
17-6-16	"	87 reinforcements reported for duty from TEL-EL-KEBIR today. 1 <sup>st</sup> A.L.H. Brigade left ROMANI at 12.5 a.m. 15 <sup>th</sup> unit to carry out a reconnaissance of BIR-EL-ABD. Each Regt moved out 410 strong total Bde 1316. Reached OGHRAINA 5.30 a.m. Camp all day	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Regt providing protection. Marched again at 11:30 A.M. 1<sup>st</sup> Regt carried out reconnaissance at dawn on 16<sup>th</sup> with 3<sup>rd</sup> Regt in support about 2 miles West of BIR-EL-ARU. A Squadron detached at HOD-ED-DEB-ARIS &amp; march around our left flank through HOD-EL-TRAHA; HOD AMARA &amp; HOD-EL-HISHA to prevent enemy operating on left flank of reconnoitering troops, 1<sup>st</sup> Regt withdrew to HOD-ED-DEBARIS at 9 A.M. 3<sup>rd</sup> Regt</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
23-6-16	ROMANI	<p>followed in as rear guard. Move back to HOD-EN-VEELIAT arriving 12.30 P.M. Brigades move in to ROMANI at 7 P.M. arriving 12 Midnight. No enemy sighted on this stunt. 1<sup>st</sup> ALH Brigade moved out from ROMANI at 3 AM. 21<sup>st</sup> to carry out a reconnaissance of area of HOD-EL-GEELIA, HOD-UM-EL-DHAUMIN. &amp; HOD-EL-MUSHALFAT. Halt at OGHTRATINA from 7.30 a.m. till 10.30 P.M. - 3<sup>rd</sup> Regt allotted Turk.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		<p>Left HOD-ED-DEBARIS Midnight. Arrived MUSHAFAH 4 AM. Completed reconnaissance &amp; returned to DEBARIS by (via BIR-EL-ABD) <sup>road</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup>. Only small enemy camel party sighted - HODS unoccupied - Returned with Bde to BIR-EL-ABD at 5 P.M. to search for one of our aeroplanes reported disabled thereabouts. of Cosmalities. Returned DEBARIS 2.30 AM 23<sup>rd</sup> without finding it here with A.S. on sent out 4 1/2 H.K. at 4 AM. found a plane &amp; brought engine in on camels. Bde moved to OGHRAHIA 12<sup>th</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 4.50. At 6.30 PM. Reached Camp Romani 11 P.M. 25<sup>th</sup>.</p>	<p>Appendix 20</p>

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 APPENDIX X 20 Casualties from 1/6/16 to 30/6/16

KILLED				SICK				SICK					
JUNE				JUNE				JUNE					
1	758 Lt Monaro	D. J.	MG.	1	449 Lt Boulden	W. G.	C	16	271 Plt Chalmers	A.		B	
	1352 Plt Lyones	J. D.	B	2	1076 - Spargo	W. G.	A	17	1693 - Donnellan	W. J.		A	
	727 Plt Pether	J. D.	B	3	952 - Rodgers	W. G.	A	18	Lt S. J. T. Begg			A	
	1689 Plt French	W. J.		3	255 Lt Short	A. J.	A	18	632 Plt Logan	J. J.		A	
	1205 - Rogers	B.		4	1190 Plt Lovell	W. G.	A		Lt W. G. Kelly	J. G.			
	353 - Johnson	C. A.		5	97 Plt Fidler	J. S.	A		720 Lt McWray	J. G.			
	1459 S/S Jacobs	S. A.		5	75 Plt Paterson	W. J.			1521 Plt Aitken	R. J.		C	
					417 - Foster	J. G.	C		2292 - Allen	W. G.		A	
					1070 Plt Headlam	J. G.	C	19	1613 - Kirby	R. W.		B	
					821 - Howard	J. G.			1176 Plt Barker	A. W.		MCS	
					1233 - Grubb	J. G.		22	1701 Plt McIntyre	J. G.		C	
					1016 Plt Johnson	J. G.	A		1537 - Guffey	D. J.		A	
					954 Plt Mansford	J. G.			709 - Garrett	J. G.		A	
					158 - Kennedy	R. P.	A	23	1194 - Saunders	J. G.		A	
					1532 - Fox	J. G.	C		1347 - Manning	J. G.		C	
					453 - Macmillan	J. G.			420 - Goulston	J. G.		C	
					1538 - Kallala	J. G.			2339 - Miller	J. G.		C	
					803 - Butler	J. G.			470 - Robinson	J. G.		C	
					476 - Roberts	J. G.			910 - Dawson	J. G.		A	
					351 - Taylor	A. H.	B		1359 - Francis	J. G.		A	
					1326 - McCombs	J. G.	A		2346 - Ward	J. G.		B	
					1490 - Richardson	J. G.	A	25	288 Plt Ellegood	J. G.		C	
					1370 - Bruner	J. G.	A		462 Plt Newton	J. G.		C	
					709 - Garret	J. G.	A		1387 - Cashfield	J. G.		C	
					906 - Bowker	R. A.	C		2331 - Keen	J. G.		A	
					441 Sgt Laid	J. G.	C		441 - Adamson	J. G.		A	
					Plt Barton	J. G.	A		1177 - Gurney	J. G.		C	
					1695 - Harvey	J. G.	C		1226 - Barlow	J. G.		C	
					665 - Laner	J. G.	C		1312 - Hardy	J. G.		C	
9	1455 Plt Harding	J. G.	C	16	1577 - Bowes	J. G.	C	26	468 - Macleod	J. G.		C	
									506 - Hop	A. J.		A	

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JUNE		SICK					
26	1274	41 Kiley	J.E.	B			
27	805	Hart	H.P.	C			
28	1476	McBride	R.H.	A			
	1341	Humbury	G.S.	B			
29	185	91 Rogers	V.	A			
	2089	Pls Pascoe	A.P.	B			
	69	Sgt Coe	D.J.	H			
	538	41 Killalea	M.	C			
	946	Hickory	F.	HQ.			
	1015	Black	W.J.	A.			
30	1045	Williams	W.G.	B			
	1607	Johns	G.L.	-			
	1542	James	G.C.	C			
	275	Gacey	H.	C			
	365	W Besish	H.	C			
	1695	Pls Harvey	H.L.				
	2353	Doso	H.L.	A.			