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SHELLAL	1/5/17	0315	Regt stood to arms. I reported same at 0330. At 0730 Lieut Bray and troop were dispatched to reconnoitre country from EL-MUNKHEILEH to KHIRBIT ERK. At 1930 trenches were manned by one section per troop. Standing patrols (3) were sent forward about two miles in front of I. b. b. Bde. - north of HISSIAH crossing.	
	2/5/17	0315	Regt stood to arms. I reported same to Bde at 0330. Patrols returned reporting 'All clear' at 0530. Lieut Tonge + troop were dispatched to reconnoitre from EL-MUNKHEILEH to KHIRBIT-ERK. Three standing patrols were sent out at 1800 about two miles in front of I. b. b. Bde - north of HISSIAH crossing. At 1930 trenches were manned.	
	0800		Lieut Tonge + troop were dispatched to reconnoitre from EL-MUNKHEILEH to KHIRBIT-ERK. Three standing patrols were sent out at 1800 about two miles in front of I. b. b. Bde - north of HISSIAH crossing. At 1930 trenches were manned.	
	3/5/17	0315	Stood to arms. I reported same to Bde at 0330. At 0500 Lieut Lidman and troop were dispatched to reconnoitre country from EL-MUNKHEILEH to KHIRBIT ERK. Night patrols returned at 0600 reporting 'All clear' At 1830 three standing patrols were sent out about two miles in front of I. b. b. Bde. - north of HISSIAH crossing. At 1930 trenches were manned.	
	4/5/17	0315	Stood to arms. I reported same to Bde. at 0330. also to 74th Div. At 0500 Lieut Griffin and troop were dispatched to reconnoitre country between Sausage Ridge + Wadi Imleigh. Trenches were manned at 1930. Three standing patrols were put out in front of I. b. b. Bde. - north of HISSIAH crossing.	
	5/5/17	0315	Stood to arms. I reported same to Bde Hqrs and 74th Div. at 0330. Half Squadron under Lieut. Tonge was sent out to reconnoitre country between SAUSAGE RIDGE and WADI IMLEIGH. Trenches were manned at 1930. and three standing patrols were put out in front of I. b. b. Bde - north of HISSIAH crossing.	

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SHELLAL	6/5/17	0315	Regt stood to arms and reported same to Bde Hqrs. and 74 th Divn. at 0330. Two troops under Lieuts. Bray and Stevenson were dispatched to reconnoitre country between SAUSAGE RIDGE and WADI EMLEIGH. Trenches were manned at 1930. Three standing patrols were sent out about two miles in front of I. C. C. Bde - north of HISSIAH crossing.	<p>Richardson Lieut Colonel Commanding 3rd Light Horse Regt</p>
	7/5/17	0315	Regt. stood to arms and reported same to Bde Hqrs and 74 th Divn at 0330. Two troops from B Squadron were dispatched to reconnoitre country between Sausage Ridge and Wadi Emleigh. Trenches were manned at 1930. Three standing patrols were put out about two miles in front of I. C. C. Brigade - north of HISSIAH crossing.	
	8/5/17	0315	Stood to arms and reported same to Bde Hqrs and 74 th Divn. at 0330. Two troops of "A" Squadron were dispatched to reconnoitre country between Sausage Ridge and Wadi Emleigh. Trenches were manned at 1930. and three standing patrols were put out two miles in front of the I. C. C. Bde. - north of HISSIAH crossing.	
	9/5/17	0315	Regt stood to arms and reported same to Bde Hqrs. and 74 th Divn at 0330. B Squadron moved out at 1230 to a position about 1 1/2 miles in front of 310. to construct trenches and erect wire entanglements. Two troops of B Sqn were dispatched at 0530 to reconnoitre country between Sausage Ridge and Wadi Emleigh. Trenches were manned at 1930 and three standing patrols were put out in front of I. C. C. Bde.	
	10/5/17	0315	Stood to arms and reported same to Bde Hqrs and 74 th Divn. at 0330. B Sqn. dispatched two troops at 0530. to reconnoitre country between Sausage Ridge and Wadi Emleigh. Trenches were manned at 1930. and three standing patrols were put out in front of I. C. C. Brigade - north of HISSIAH crossing.	

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SHELLAL	<i>11/5/17</i>	<i>0315</i>	<p>Regt. stood to arms and reported same to Bde. H.Q. and 74th Divn. at 0330. "A" Squadron dispatched two troops to reconnoitre country between Sausage Ridge and Wadi Imleight. at 0530. - 3rd Regt took over trenches formerly used by 2nd Regt. - trenches were manned at 1930. and three standing patrols were put out in front of I. b. b. Bde. - north of HISSIAH crossing - at 1815.</p>	<p><i>Arthur Henry Commanding 3rd Light Horse Regt.</i></p>
	<i>12/5/17</i>	<i>0315</i>	<p>Regt. stood to arms and reported same to Bde. H.Q. and 74th Divn. at 0330. "C" Squadron dispatched two troops to reconnoitre country between Sausage Ridge and Wadi Imleight at 0530. On returning the officer in charge reported one horse wounded - after which was destroyed. Trenches were manned at 1930. and three standing patrols were put out in front of I. b. b. Bde - north of HISSIAH crossing at 1815.</p>	
	<i>13/5/17</i>	<i>0315</i>	<p>Regt. stood to arms and reported same to Bde. H.Q. and 74th Divn. at 0330. "A" Squadron dispatched two troops to reconnoitre country between Sausage Ridge and Wadi Imleight at 0530. Reported "All clear" on returning to camp at 1130. Trenches were manned at 1930 and three standing patrols were put out in front of I. b. b. Bde north of HISSIAH crossing. Regt. was notified by Brigade & confirmed by 74th Divn. that we were no longer attached to the latter unit. Received orders from Bde for Hqrs & "C" Sqn. to move to HISSIAH.</p>	
	<i>14/5/17</i>	<i>0315</i>	<p>Stood to arms and reported same to Bde H.Q. at 0330. Regt. H.Q. and "C" Sqn. moved from SHELLAL at 0830. and arrived near east bank of Wadi near HISSIAH crossing. at 0945. Reported to Bde at 1000. Regt. in position. Regiment took over outpost on east bank of Wadi at 1000. One standing patrol was put out two miles east of Wadi at 0900. and a patrol was also sent out at 0300 15/5/17.</p>	
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HESEIA.	15/5/17	0315	Regt stood to arms, and reported same to Bde. at 0330. Patrol was sent out at 0530. Trenches were manned at 1900 and one standing patrol was put out two miles east of position at 1900.	
	16/5/17	0315	Regt. stood to arms, and reported same to Bde at 0330. Two troops were sent out to patrol country towards SAUSAGE RIDGE at 0530. returned at 1100. reporting "All clear". Trenches were manned at 1900 and one standing patrol was put out two miles east of position at 1900.	
	17/5/17	0315	Regt. stood to arms, and reported same to Bde at 0330. Received orders from Brigade that Regt. would move back to old camp site at Shellal. Arrived at SHELLAL at 1730. One standing patrol was put out two miles east of WADI at 1830.	
SHELLAL	18/5/17		One standing patrol was put out two miles east of WADI at 1830. Horses were grazed during the day.	
	19/5/17		The Regt. was warned that a ^{gas} parade would be held at 0900. but the order was cancelled owing to the high wind. One standing patrol was put out two miles east of WADI at 1830.	
	20/5/17	0315	Regt stood to arms, and reported same to Bde at 0330. Church parades were held at 0830 and 1830. One standing patrol was put out two miles east of WADI at 1830.	
	21/5/17		Two troops were dispatched from "A" Sqdn. for patrol at 0600 towards SAUSAGE RIDGE. one sandcart accompanied them. One standing patrol was put out two miles east of WADI at 1830. Regt. paraded at 0930 for gas demonstration	

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SHELLAL.	22/5/17.		One troop was dispatched to report to Point 510. at 1400 as escort to cable and ammunition wagons. The Regt. formed up at 1415 and moved off with Bde. at 1430. with the object of raiding and destroying the Turkish railway line between AHJA and BEERSHEBA. Column joined up at EL FARA. and moved from there at 1300. 'B' Sqn. was put out as right flank guard. Arrived at BIR EL ESANI at 1800 where horses were fed and watered. Left this point at 2000 & travelled till 0400 when KHALASA was reached. after a short halt we proceeded to a point about 3 miles S.E. of KHALASA reaching there at 0445. 'B' Sqn. - right flank guard - had slight engagement with enemy snipers and surrounded and held large parties of Bedouins until operations were finished. The remainder of Regt. halted with 1st L.H. Bde Hqs. and fed horses. At 1100 we moved off on the return journey arriving at BIR EL ESANI at 1600. Before leaving position 'C' Squadron was put out as advance guard and one troop as left flank guard. Horses were watered and fed at ESANI. and at 1900 the column moved off. EL FARA was passed at 2230 and the Regt. reached camp at 2330.	
ON TREK.	23/5/17.		Regt. remained in bivouac all day supplying usual guards etc. One standing patrol was put out two miles East of WAQI at 1830.	
SHELLAL.	24/5/17.		Regt. stood to arms and reported same at 0330. to Bde. The following party proceeded to MAFSAR at 1200 for duty on 1st L.H.T. REGT. - Lieut J. H. Coxall, SD.M.S. Salier, Sgt Bell. Capt McKay. Lt. - Capt McFARLANE took over duties as Adjutant.	
	25/5/17.	0315	Horses were grazed during the day. - One standing patrol was put out two miles East of WAQI. at 1830.	
	26/5/17.		Church Parade was held at 0815 - Regt stood to arms at 0315 & reported same to Bde at 0320. One standing patrol was put out at 1830.	
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SHELLAL.	28/5/17	0315	Regiment stood to arms and reported same to Brigade at 0330. The Regiment formed up in columns of Squadron line of Troop columns at 0915. and moved off at 0930 with remainder of 1st Brigade. Arriving at ABASAN EL KEBIR. at 1300.	
ABASAN EL KEBIR.	29/5/17		The Regiment paraded at 0730. and after watering. proceeded to Beach. for bathing. Mid-day meal for man and horse was carried. Arrived back at 1730.	
	30/5/17.		Regt. was marched to I.F.I.O.S. KHAN YUNUS where old MARK III. rifles were handed in and new MARK III ^{HV} issued - old bayonets were also handed in. in lieu of old ^{new} ones.	
	31/5/17.		A party was sent to RAFA in charge of Lieut. Hamilton to procure any articles of kit that they may want. Horses were grazed on morning and afternoons.	

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Casualties from 1st May to 31st May 1917.

<u>MAY.</u>			<u>SICK.</u>		
1st.	2414	Tpr.	Heatley.	C.J.	C Sqn.
"	1571	Cpl.	Mates.	J.A.	B.
"	1336	Tpr.	Fitzgerald.	G.	H.Q.
3rd.	1152	Dvr.	Mann.	H.E.	H.Q.
4th.	2446	Tpr.	McDonald.	G.S.	C. (Wounded.)
7th.	2385	"	Wyllie.	A.K.	Sigs.
"	2392	"	Clancy.	F.M.	C.
12th.	3354	"	Marshall.	N.G.	Sigs.
"	2653	L/Cpl	Reed.	P.W.	B.
14th.	3006	Tpr.	McAulay.	A.	Sigs.
16th.	2327	"	Hull.	G.E.	B.
18th.	2069	"	Size.	F.G.	A.
"	2359	"	Possingham.	C.A.	A.
"	2993	"	Bartlett.	V.S.	B.
21st.	1187	"	Jones.	A.C.	B.
22nd.	296	"	Gilles.	H.	B.
"	1204	"	Tester.	C.	A.
"	1412	"	Allen.	C.	A.
"	1558	"	Tonks.	C.	C.
"	2133	"	Mates.	R.F.C.	B.
25th.	720	L/Cpl	Murray.	J.E.	A.
"	2859	Tpr.	Boundy.	J.R.	A.
"	920	"	Targett.	A.	C.
"	27	Cpl.	Masters.	C.	A.
26th.	432	Bvs.	Ivory.	A.J.	H.Q.

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<u>MAY.</u>		<u>SICK.</u>			
26th.	160	Cpl.	Lord.	C.C.	A Sqn.
"	3001	Tpr.	Hook.	S.	B.
29th.	407	"	Ewington.	G.S.	C.
30th.	3125	"	Major.	C.E.	B.
"	2987	"	Stanton	J.N.	B.
"	515	L/Cpl	Aldridge.	H.R.	A.
30th.	1310	Tpr.	Callow.	C.R.	C.
31st.	1267	"	Meritt.	L.R.	A.
"	2304	"	Davis.	F.J.A.	A.
"	1300	"	Josephs.	R.M.	B.

Ram Farlane Capt. & A/Adjt.

ABASAN EL KEBIR.

3rd. L.H. Regt.

1/6/17.