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<p>U.S.D. <u>October</u> 1917 Monday 1</p> <p>to</p>	<p>Gas Parades. Instruction of Arms. Iron rations Musketry Instruction and Hotchkiss classes. Practice on Range in gas cloud 435 all tanks going through course.</p> <p>Special musketry Courses for Officers and 2 C.O.s</p> <p>Practice Turn Out Parade for Division. Brigade shoots</p> <p>Brigade Tactical Scheme in the vicinity of El Gubba (two)</p> <p>Cleaning saddlery. Hotchkiss teams practising for competition</p> <p>Horse clipping</p>	
<p>U.S.D. Saturday 20</p>		
<p>U.S.D. Sunday 21</p>	<p>Regiment moved out at 1700 and moved south with Brigade to Isani</p>	

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<p><u>October</u> Monday 22</p>	<p>Regiment moved from house at 0530, arriving new camp site 1 1/2 miles South of Coam at 0700. Transport arrived late owing to the heavy nature of the road. Working party of 100 men embarked for road formation across Wadi Samalaga</p>	
<p>Tuesday 23</p>	<p>Two day patrols sent out. 1 officer 80 other ranks each. The former to Cross roads 2 miles North East of Raschid Bek. Enemy track observed 2 miles North East Cross roads retracing. About 30 tents or shelters observed in vicinity of Abu Zatia. The latter patrol to 680 Khor el Aysam. This patrol was fired on by G.L.V. The night patrol sent out to Cross roads 2 miles North East of Raschid Bek. Strength 1 officer 80 other ranks. 3 other ranks evacuated to Hospital</p>	
<p>Wednesday 24</p>	<p>Regiment moved out of camp at 1645 and moved South with Brigade to Asluj. 6 troops on duty as Left Flank Guard. 2 troops Right Flank Guard. 1 troop Rear Guard. 2 troops as special escort to Camel convoy and lumber</p>	
<p>Thursday 25</p>	<p>4 Other ranks evacuated to hospital. Regiment arrived Asluj at 0230 and moved to camp site one mile South at 0630. Hostile aeroplane passed over camp flying South to North at 0715. Permanent Working party 1 officer 85 other ranks embarked for water development at Asluj. Two troops embarked as Patrol at 0530, moved to point 3 1/2 miles South West. Report. Many Bedouins' Camels and sheep seen. Country steep and stony and difficult to patrol. Patrol of two troops sent at 0530 to Hill 1240. 3 miles North Asluj. Report. Patrol of 5 Turkish Cavalry seen at 0700, engaged rounding up Bedouins and flocks. At 0935 Turkish Cavalry patrol of 4 men appeared 2 miles North East. Patrol of 1 troop sent at 0530 to Hill 1240 North Asluj. Patrol of 12 C.O and 6 men to Hill one mile South Brigade HQ. 2. Other ranks evacuated to Hospital</p>	
<p>Friday 26</p>	<p>Regiment moved out of camp at 0700 to cover reconnaissance by Divisional Staff. Arrived Cross roads 4 miles South West Asara at 1145. Seven exchanged shots with a Squadron of Turkish Cavalry and a few Bedouins on ridge one mile East. One troop deployed at Hill 1320 at junction of Beerstaba Asara road 7 miles from Asluj. to watch Beerstaba road. One troop sent about 3 miles South of Regiment HQ. to watch Southern Flank. One troop to Hill 1600 one mile West. Observation post on Hill 1920 3 miles South West. Reported regiment enemy Cavalry in vicinity of Asara. Regiment withdrew at 1430, arriving in camp at 1830. Thunderstorm during evening light rain falling. 1 other rank evacuated to hospital</p>	
<p>Saturday 27</p>	<p>Reference Mah Beerstaba 1. 125.000</p>	

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<p><i>October</i> Sunday 28</p>	<p>2 Officers and 50 other ranks detailed to form part of a Composite Squadron. Carried out reconnaissance in direction of Ras Hablein and Ras Gannun on northern Beerstaba road. 7 officers and 126 other ranks 360 horses, moved out to Kalasa on account water shortage at Ashuj. 1 horse detailed as camel.</p>	<p>An officer of 5th L.H. Regiment in command</p>
<p>Monday 29</p>	<p>Patrol of 1 Officer 12 other ranks sent to Hill 1240, 3 miles North East of northern Beerstaba road at 0530. Patrol of 1 Officer 12 other ranks to Svs Sherif, 3 miles East of Ashuj at 0530. Observation Post of 1 R.C.O and 6 men to point one mile South of Brigade H.Q. Party of 7 officers 126 other ranks and 360 horses returned from Kalasa at 1000</p>	<p>Patrol of 1 Officer</p>
<p>Tuesday 30.</p>	<p>Water development party of 1 officer 85 other ranks returned from Ashuj railway station at 1100. Regiment moved out camp at 1700 as Advance Guard to Brigade. 4 other ranks evacuated to hospital</p>	<p>4 other ranks evacuated to hospital</p>
<p>Wednesday 31</p>	<p>Arrived Cross roads 4 miles West of Arara at 0030. At Bir Arara at 0800. Halting till Brigade arrived at 0400. Moving forward then in direction of Bir el Hamam (Square E7) Enemy outpost occupying Hill 1390 1 mile South West Hamam, fired on screen on N.Z.M.R. Brigade. Regiment occupied line Hill 1200 to Hill 1150, 1 1/2 miles North of Hamam at 0700, halting till 0930. Moving from this position to occupy a line Bir Sakaty (Square E6) to junction of three roads due South of EL in Tel-el-Sakaty, astride the Beerstaba Hebron road. On covering half this distance the regiment was ordered to push on rapidly to capture Turkish Convoy and cut Hebron road. Convoy of 10 waggons, 8 horses and 2 mules captured. Regiment came under heavy shell fire at point blank range, just South of the Hebron road. Good cover was found in the Wadi Ayyan where the regiment remained till evening, 39 prisoners being captured by one section, in this Wadi under Colonel Preston. Regiment withdrew at 1800 to position 1 mile South, bivouacking for the night. 5th L.H. Regiment on the right, the Squadron being sent at a time to water at Bir-el-Hamam. Total number of prisoners captured during the day was 49. 2 men injured and 1 wounded in action, evacuated to hospital.</p>	<p>Halting till Brigade arrived</p>

Reference map Beerstaba
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