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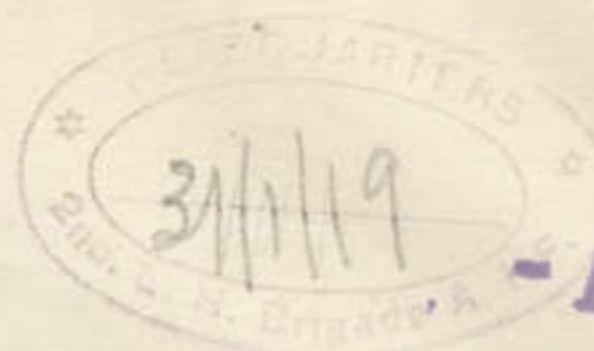
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OF

7th Light Horse Regiment, A.I.F.

FOR

JANUARY 1919

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J.D. Richardson

Lieut Colonel
Commanding, 7th Light Horse Regiment,
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Maidos	1.1.1919		No parades were held to-day, and only usual camp duties. Weather still fine. <i>gmb</i>	
"	2.1.1919		Parades were held as usual and then usual camp duties as well as parties collected firewood. <i>gmb</i>	
"	3.1.1919		The weather is still beautifully fine and the usual parades and camp duties were carried out. A wire was received asking for the embarkation strength of the unit. This was from General Wilson Commanding Dardanelles Forces. <i>gmb</i>	
"	4.1.1919		Heavy fog which lasted until 1000 when the sky remained overcast - usual parades and duties - several parties proceeded to ANZAC. <i>gmb</i>	
"	5.1.1919		Owing to rain Church Parade was cancelled and no other parades were held - much colder with a north wind blowing - 28th Division has asked that the C.M.R. and 7th A.L.H. make a complete reconniassancè of the Peninsular to look for guns, stores and any parties of Turks that have not reported - This is necessary owing to several batteries having been located between Anzac and Suvla Bay still manned and in working order. The 7th Regiment take from Maidos to Helles. <i>gmb</i>	
"	6.1.1919		Usual parades were cancelled owing to the wet condition of the ground. Weather fine. <i>gmb</i>	
"	7.1.1919		Usual parades and duties were carried out. Weather fine and warm. <i>gmb</i>	

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Maidos	8.1.1919		Word was received that No. 2897 Tpr W.C. Jones had died at Chanak Hospital from Influenza and Pneumonia. News was also received that we were likely to embark at an early date. In fact G.H.Q. Constantinople wired D.A.Q.M.G. 28th Division asking if we had embarked. Usual parades and duties. Weather fine but like a change. Officers are getting up to Constantinople xxxx pretty regularly.	
"	9.1.1919		No parades were held owing to heavy rain during the night and it being showery to-day. Colonel and three Officers left for Constantinople this morning.	
"	10.1.1919		Two Troops of "C" Squadron with Lieuts Waddell and Finlay MC.DCM. left for KRITHIA to make a reconniassance of the CAPE HELLES end of the Peninsular reporting upon Guns, dumps etc. Lieuts. Wikner and Carter MC. of "B" Squadron with two Troops left for a pre-arranged camp site site about half away to KRITHIA to operate on that sector "A" Squadron having the area adjacent to the Camp and over to GABA TEPE did not move but operated from present camp site - no parades - usual camp duties.	
"	11.1.1919		No parades but the usual camp duties were carried out. Weather fine.	
"	12.1.1919		Beautifully fine day but cold. Church parade was held by Chaplain Neale of C.M.R. and was well attended. R.C. Mass was also celebrated at Maidos xxxx Pier.	
"	13.1.1919		Reconnaissance work still being carried out. Showery during the night. Weather dull and cold. No parades. Wagons were despatched with rations for the detached parties.	

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Maidos	14.1.1919		Reconniassance of Peninsular from Maidos-Gaba Tepe Line to Helles completed. No armaments other than those already reported were found. Usual camp duties. No Parades.	
"	15.1.1919		No Parades - Usual Duties. Weather fine but cold. Word was received that Regiment would embark on H.M.T. "NORMAN" about 20th Instant. 1 O.R. evacuated sick to Hospital	
"	16.1.1919		Usual Camp duties. Wilson Constantinople wired that NORMAN "NORMAN" would arrive 17th or early 18th possibly no accomodation for transport of horses. Ver-y cold but fine.	
"	17.1.1919		Party of three Officers and 47 Other Ranks left by trawler for Kum Kale enroute to TROY. This party left Canteen Pier at 0800 and will return at dusk - dull and cold - five Officers 27 senior N.C.O's and 100 Other Ranks leave Canteen Pier at 1300 for CHANAK where the 28th Division Theatre Party are giving Matinee performance, for benefit of anzacs. Embarkation Rolls are completed and forwarded to M.L.O. 3 O.R. evacuated to Hospital sick.	
"	18.1.1919		Usual Regimental duties. A picquet of 2 Officers and 35 Other Ranks were sent to KILID BAHR at 1800 as word was received that there was a raid expected. Nothing happened and all men were in Camp. At 1830 word was received that the Regiment was to be ready to embark on H.M.T. "NORMAN" at 0830 less horses and transport.	

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Maidos	19.1.1919		Reveille 0500 - Breakfast 0530 - 1st loads from Regiment were to leave 0600 for pier. Remainder to leave 0700. Regiment to move Off 0800. At 0830 the trawler "97" came alongside pier and took off 1 1/2 Squadrons and boarded on "NORMAN". The balance came off with the Baggage on a "K" lighter. All gear was loaded by 1600 when the steamer left for Port Said.	
At "Sea	20.1.1919		Weather cold with showers and rough sea. Large number of men sick. Troop accomodation very poor and waxy cramped - most men having to sleep on deck. Rations wax were good.	
"	21.1.1919		Weather very rough and raining and a large number of men were sick. Necessary Guards and duties were found.	
Port Said	22.1.1919		Port Said was reached at 0830 and "NORMAN" was warped alongside - baggage was commenced to unload at 1200 into lighters. Orders received that Troops disembarked at 1600 and that Troop train left for KANTARA at 1830 where they detrained for Kantara East to embark for Rafa. Kantara was reached at 2030 and after all ranks had had an hour at Mrs. Chisholms Rest Camp a move was made for the R.A.M.C. Base Detail Camp where the night was spent. 1 Officer and 3 Other Ranks evacuated to Hospital sick (Lieut P.V.M. Ryan).	
Kantar-a	23.1.1919		Reveille 0500 and breakfast 0530. Training was to be completed by 0730 and baggage could be started loading at 0530. Lieut. Riley and 50 O.R. had charge of the trans-shipment of loading. Train left 0730 for RAFA and arrived 1445 where we were met by Divisional Staff and Brigade Staff. Horses were sent to meet Regiment at Station. Good Camp site and clean.	

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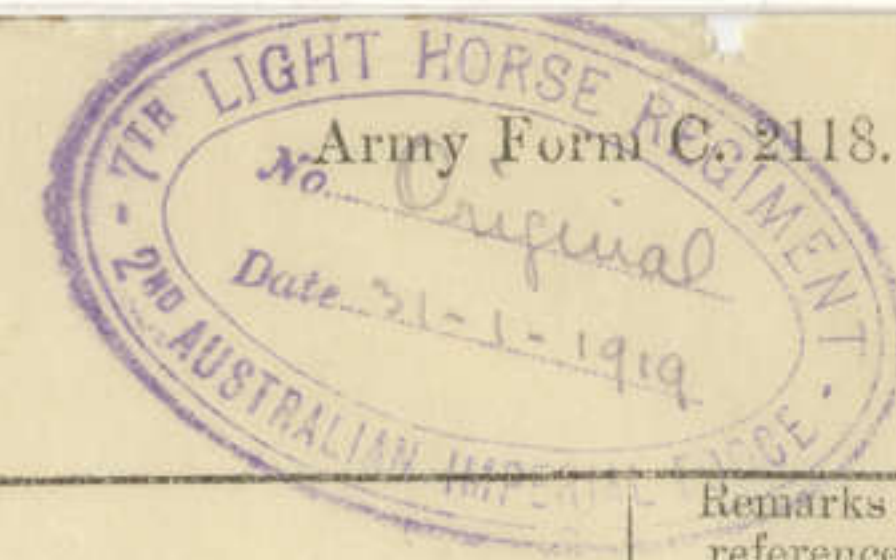
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RAFA	24.1.1919		Camp laid out in hollow square allowing room for the possibility of us getting horses. 6 G.S. Limbers and a water cart with necessary animals and equipment were handed from M.G.S. and Sig Troop respectively. No parades are held and the Regiment is not taking any part in Brigade duties for three days.	
"	25.1.1919		Usual Camp duties were found. Roads were marked out for Transport and horses to follow. Races are being held on Divisional Race Ground at starting at 1330 - most of the men left to attend.	
"	26.1.1919		Received 260 horses from 6th Light Horse Regiment and 2nd A.M.G. Squadron with equipment. Usual camp duties were found.	
XX "	27.1.1919		Parades were carried out in compliance with Syllabus. Muster Parade was held at 1015. C.O. addressed the parade and explained the Educational facilities afforded to all ranks. He also commended the conduct of the Regiment during its stay at Mados. A lecture was given by Captain Hunter on the Construction of the British Empire. There was a good voluntary attendance from the Regiment.	
"	28.1.1919		Personnel of the Regiment were deloused to-day. No other parades were held. Usual camp duties found.	
"	29.1.1919		Mounted parade was held to-day at 1015. Ceremonial drill was carried out. Major-General E.W.C. Chaytor KCMG. CB. ADC. being present. Lecture was given in the evening by Captain Hunter subject was "Construction of British Empire."	

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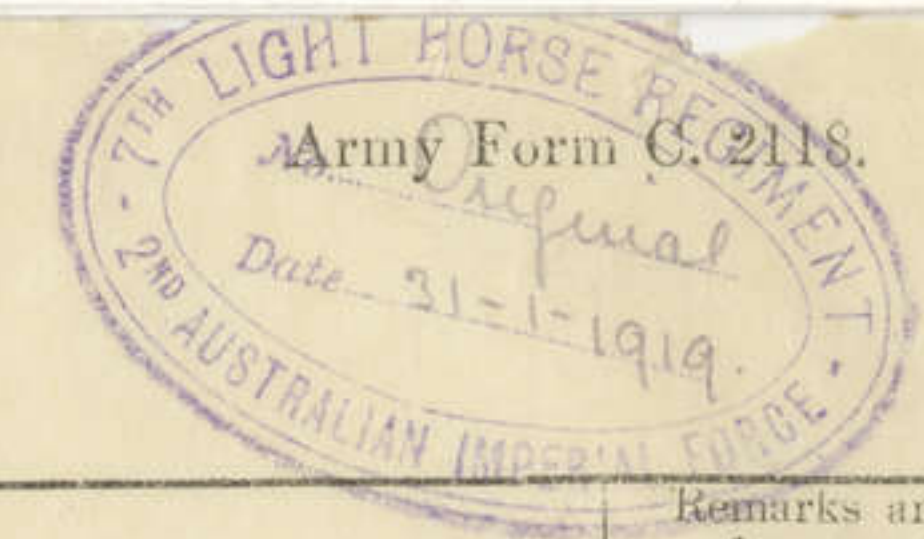
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RAFA	30.1.1919		Usual Regimental Dismounted parade. Lieut. Riley to Cairo for instruction in Demobilization Scheme. Divisional Duty Regiment and supplied main guard and other divisional duties. <i>prob</i>	
"	31.1.1919		Lecture during 1015 parade by Captain Chaplain Dow on Educational Scheme. Usual Regimental duties were found. <i>prob</i>	

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