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Salhia	1.4.1919		Usual Camp duties and patrols had nothing to report. Lieut H.I. Wikner took a patrol to FAQUS and met 14th L.H. patrol at the railway station - everything is quiet and natives seem very anxious to please the forces. 1 O.R. evacuated to Hospital sick.	
"	2.4.1919		Patrol of "A" Squadron under Major Bird DSO rproceeded to ARAB SHAMS with the Chief of Police and surrounded the village and arrested seven of the inhabitants for civil offences. Usual camp duties.	
"	3.4.1919		Patrols were not carried out to-day. Nothing to report all district is very quiet.	
"	4.4.1919		Patrol to BAHR EL BAQAR BRIDGE of N.C.O. & 6 O.R. who met 3rd A.L.H. Brigade patrol at the Bridge. The line is all repaired between here and ZAGAZIG except the Bridge over the Canal.	
"	5.4.1919		Patrol of N.C.O. & 6 O.R. to BAHR EL BAQAR BRIDGE. Usual camp duties - nothing to report.	
"	6.4.1919		Lieut James DCM and 20 O.R. patrolled to DAWAMA. Area all quiet. Usual out-posts and camp duties.	
"	7.4.1919		No patrols were carried out to-day. Very windy and much hotter. Usual camp routine and out-posts. At 2015 the Alarm was sounded and all camp area fell in on posts. It was only a practice turnout and was dismissed at 2030. 1 O.R. evacuated to Hospital sick.	
"	8.4.1919		Patrols to FAQUS of N.C.O. & 6 O.R. and Officer and 10 O.R. to EL MANAGET EL KUBRA. Both patrols found the districts patrolled quiet and had nothing to report.	

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Salhia	9.4.1919		Patrol was sent to BAHR EL BAQAR BRIDGE and had nothing to report except that the Bridge was repaired - at 1300 that was cut off when the line was damaged left for ZAGAZIG with two of our men for escort. At 1900 a patrol of Lieut Finlay MC DCM and 20 O.R. went round the surrounding villages and found all quiet. 1 O.R. evacuated to Hospital sick.	
"	10.4.1919		No patrols to-day. Usual camp duties. A Race Meeting was held during the afternoon and was very successful. Major General Palin (75th Division), Brigadier General Wilson (3rd A.L.H. Brigade) and Staff arrived by armoured train at 1130 and stayed until 1430. Outposts are discontinued and only local protection are now found. 1 O.R. evacuated to Hospital sick. 1 O.R. drowned. (No.1773. S.S. Taylor E.A.)	
"	11.4.1919		Two troops (Lieuts Spencer & Riley) proceeded to SAN EL HAGAR - nothing to report. The district traversed was all quiet.	
"	12.4.1919		Two Officers patrolled (Lieut Stanley MC, Lieut Carter MC) left at 0800 for LAKE MANZALA via EL MANAGET EL KUBRA and EL AKHEIWA - SAMAKIN EL GHARB - QAHBUNA KAHBUNA respectively. An N.C.O's patrol of 6 O.R. proceeded down drain from SALHIA to EL SADIYIN and returned by South side MEHEISHAR LAKE. All patrols reported all quiet.	
"	13.4.1919		Usual Camp duties. N.C.O's patrol & 6 O.R. sent to EL AKHEIWA, QAHBUNA, and EL MANAGET EL KUBRA. Left camp at 1300 and found all quiet. 1 O.R. evacuated to Hospital sick.	

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Salhia	14.4.1919		Very heavy wind with much dust. Lieut Fraser (2nd A.M.G. Squadron) and 20 O.R. proceeded to EL MANAGET EL KUBRA and villages in that vicinity and found all quiet. Lieuts. Chapman and Hunter & 25 O.R. from "A" & "B" Squadrons were sent to posts on Railway between SALHIA and AKIAD. Two troops of "C" Squadron Lieuts. Gibbs & James DCM left for SAN EL HAGAR and EZ EL TAWIL xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx and remained there the night.	
"	15.4.1919		Usual camp duties. Patrols of 2 N.C.O's & 12 O.R. left for DAWAMA, QANTIR, SAMAKIN EL GHARB and EL AKHEIWA. Patrol from SAN EL HAGAR and EZ EL TAWIL returned and reported all quiet. 2 Sub-sections and H.Q. 2nd A.M.G. Squadron arrived from Kantara and come under orders of C.O., 7th A.L.H. Regiment.	
"	16.4.1919		Patrol of two troops (Major Williams MC) proceeded to AKIAD and district and had nothing to report. One troops (Lieut Worthington) proceeded to EL MANAGET EL KUBRA and ORAN ORBAN SEUDI BEY - all quiet.	
"	17.4.1919		Patrol of four troops (2 of "C" Squadron and 2 of 2nd A.M.G.S.) under Major Johnson proceeded to DAWAMA, QAHBUNA, SAMAKIN EL GHARB and found all quiet. Usual camp duties.	
"	18.4.1919		Four troops (2 of "A" and 2 of "B") under Major Davies MC left at 0630 for SAN EL HAGAR and returned 1700 - all country passed through quiet - Usual camp duties. 6 O.R. evacuated to Hospital sick.	

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Salhia	19.4.1919		<p>"C" Squadron (Major Johnson) and one Troop M.G. Sqrn proceeded to large weekly market about two miles north west of SALHIA - There is always a large crowd here and the presence of the troops will help to impress the natives. All was found quiet. 1 O.R. evacuated at to Hospital sick.</p>	
"	20.4.1919		<p>Church Services were held by C. of E. and R.C. Padres. Patrols of one troop each went to EL MANAGET EL KUBRA, ORBAN SEUDI BEY, and DAWAMA - QANTIR - SAMAKIN EL GHARB and found all quiet. Regimental Canteen was opened to-day. 1 O.R. evacuated to Hospital sick.</p>	
"	21.4.1919		<p>No patrols were sent out to-day as a wire was received confining everyone to Camp. Change over of Railway Posts was effected. Lieut Finlay MC DCM and 50 O.R. of "C" Squadron, and Lieut Stafford and 50 O.R. of M.G. Sqrn relieved troops there. 1 O.R. evacuated to Hospital sick.</p>	
"	22.4.1919		<p>Patrol of two troops "C" Sqrn, and ^{2 troops} A.M.G. Sqrn went to AKIAD to investigate a complaint of robbery from a Greek store-keeper on night of 20th. From there they went to QANBUNA and DAWAMA and found all quiet. 1 O.R. evacuated to Hospital sick.</p>	
"	23.4.1919		<p>Twp troops of "A" Sqrn (Lieut R.A. Riley) left camp 0930 for DAWAMA, QAHBUNA, and EL AKHEIWA - one shot was fired at patrol near the first named village - two troops of "B" Sqrn. (Major Williams MC) proceeded to EL MANAGET EL KUBRA and found all quiet. The Regimental Race Meeting was held during the afternoon and was most successful. 1 O.R. evacuated to Hospital sick.</p>	

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Salhia	24.4.	1919	Two troops M.G. Sqrn proceeded to DAWAMA, to investigate the cause of the shot being fired the previous day. No arrests were made. All quiet. 1 O.R. evacuated to Hospital sick.	
"	25.4.	1919	Two troops of "A" & "B" Squadron with Lieuts. Chapman and Hunter proceeded to SAN EL HAGAR leaving camp 0615 and returning 1700. Very hot day and men felt the long journey considerably. All quiet.	
"	26.4.	1919	Two troops of "C" Squadron under Major Johnson proceeded to EL MANAGET EL KUBRA leaving camp 0830 and returning 1230. All quiet. Considerable interest is being taken in the cricket competition and some very good games are being played.	
"	27.4.	1919	Lieut Worthington and one troop of "A" proceeded at 0830 to AKHEIWA, DAWAMA, and QAHBUNA. All was found quiet. N.C.O. & 6 O.R. reported at 1730 to Chief of Police to investigate a charge of robbery. Two arrests were made. 1 O.R. evacuated to Hospital sick.	
"	28.4.	1919	Lieut C.E. Stanley M.C. and one troop proceeded to TEL EL BANAT via MANAGET EL KUBRA and found all quiet. Railway Posts were changed by one troop each of "A" & "B" (Lieuts Riley and Dowsett).	
"	29.4.	1919	Patrol of one troop (Lieut Gibbs) proceeded to EL SADIYIN at 0830 and thence back by the south side of LAKE MEHRISHAR. All was found quiet.	
"	30.4.	1919	Troop of one Officer and 25 O.R. (M.G. Sqrn) proceeded to ES SADI BISHARA and found all quiet. Usual Regimental Guards and duties. 2 O.R. evacuated to Hospital sick.	

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