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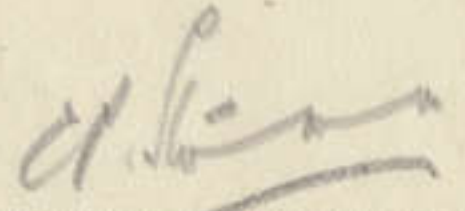
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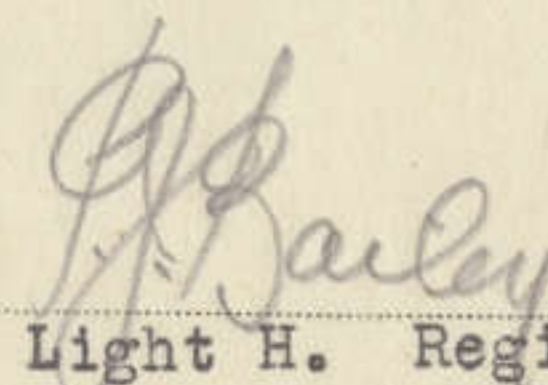
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or by Lieut Col J.W. PARSONS D.S.O.
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. // ¹²
 (Erase heading not required.) COMMANDING AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE REGT.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Belah	FEB	1st 0830	Bombing instruction today by Lt. Farlow. Instruction to N.C.O. of each Squadron, the balance of the Regiment was instructed in preliminary musketry preparatory to range practices.	REFERENCE MAP GAZA 1.40000 Rafa 1.125000 - FEB 1918 [Handwritten notes and signatures]
		1100	Lt. Gordon and 14 other ranks returned today from Port Said.	
		1400	Major C.A.R. Munro took a class of Junior Officers from 1400 to 1530 on topography today. Intelligence Classes for Personnel of One N.C.O per squadron and each one observer were held today under Lt. Clifford.	
			Lt. Moyle and Bartlam attending a class for instruction in the use of the steel weapon Mounted today at Div Hqrs under instruction of the G.S.O. 1	
		1930	Horses were grazed this afternoon from 1400 to 1530 under Lt. Farlow.	
			Hon Lt. and Q.M. Searle marched out today to Cairo for seven days leave of absence.	
			Two Other ranks N.C.O. marched out to report to Hqrs of Irregular force Cairo. Previously a circular had been round asking for volunteers and these two N.C.Os had been chosen from a number of applicants.	
		2nd. 0830	Parade today of cleaning saddlery and equipment. Commanding Officer inspected the lines and the equipment generally of the men.	
		0900	Twenty four Other ranks reinforcements marched in and were taken on strength.	
		1500	Marched out to School of Instruction Zeitoun one other rank. Twelve other ranksmarched out to Port Said Rest Camp. There was no vacancy for an Officer in this party.	
		1900	Capt Murray A.A.M.C. marched out on duty to Port Said Rest Camp for ten days.	
		3rd. 0930	A Combined service of all denomination was held to day at 0930. Major Bailey took this Parade.	
		1000	Lt. A.Y. Bartlam was evacuated sick today to Hospital and struck off strength. There was a meeting of Commanding Officers at Brigade Hqrs to discuss the intended inspection by the C.in Chief and The Duke of Connaught.	
			Two Other ranks reinforcements marched in.	
		4th. 0830	Parade today, bombing instruction by N.C.Os previous instructed under the supervision of Lt. Farlow M.C.	
			Also Preliminary Musketry to the balance of the Regiment.	
			Hotchkiss practice on a 30 yards range under the Supervision of Lt. Barton was fired today by the four hotchkiss guns of "A" Squadron.	
		5th. 0830	Slow mounted Troop Drill and Grazing today from 0830 to 1100.	
			Six N.C.Os. one from each Squadron were today sent to a School of Instruction at DIV Hqrs	

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Belah	5th.	0830 0900 1400 1400	<p>for instruction in the use of the bayonet dismounted. There should have been three officers sent but owing to the shortage of junior officers in the Regiment permission was obtained to send N.C.Os in stead.</p> <p>Parade today was cleaning of saddlery all iron and steel work preparatory to the inspection by the Commanding in Chief.</p> <p>Gas Instruction to day by the Divisional Gas Officer from 1400 to 1500.</p> <p>Hotchkiss practice for "A" Squadron rifles was carried out today on the 30 yards range under the supervision of Lt. Barton.</p>	Reference Maps :
	6th.	2000 0700 0700 1300 1300 1400	<p>One Ride broke its leg tonight and was destroyed.</p> <p>Two Squadrons "A" and "B" Squadrons under the Command of Major J Loynes moved out to Gaza today to operate for a moving photograph to be taken by an Official Photographer. Midday meal and feed taken the party returning by 1800 today</p> <p>Musketry was commenced today on the Range near the mouth of the Wadi Ghuzze. Major Munro supervised the Musketry and during the morning the whole of "C" Squadron and part of Headqrs were put through six practices.</p> <p>Musketry Practices for "B" Squadron and a proportion of "C" Squadron. Lt Barton supervised the shooting of Hotchkiss Rifles from "B" Squadron on the 30 yads. range on the beach.</p> <p>Commencing at this hour and continuing unto 1600 36 N.C.Os from the Regiment were put through one hours instruction in the use of the bayonet mounted. The course was to last for twelve days daily of one hours instruction. Lt. Moyle of "A" Squadron who had previously been instructed in the use of the weapon acted as one of the instructors Lt Farlow Gordon and Clifford and Three N.C.Os, one from each Squadron, attending a bayonet class at the Divisional Headqrs for instruction in the use of the weapon mounted.</p> <p>Applications were called for the names of Junior Officer to attend and Divisional Class of one months duration for instruction to Junior Officers. I sent in the names of Lts Wilson and 2/Lt Barton and Lieut McDonald.</p> <p>Capt Murray marched out to Port Said Rest Camp on Duty the Medical Officer of the 4th. L.H visited the Regiment daily as Regimental M.O.</p> <p>The Commanding Officer Major Bailey attending at Divisional Headqrs today as prosecutor in a General Court Martial Case against a man who was being tried for Murder.</p>	Gaza Shell 1st Rafa 1.40000 1.125000
	7th.	0700	<p>"A" and "B" Squadrons carried out Musketry practices today on the range under Capt Costello who had been transferred to "B" Squadron. £E 800 pay was received and distributed today.</p>	- FEB 1918

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Belah	7th.	0830	The C.O. inspected the Regiment today prior to the Divisional Turn out on the 8th. Instant Three Officers and N.C.Os attending the bayonet fighting classes today, also 36 N.C.Os throughout the day as previously recorded.	Reference Maps Gaza Rafa Shellal 1.40000 1.125000 - FEB 1918 Clifford 10/5/18
		1030		
	8th.		It rained incessantly all day and night and notification was received that the Divisional parade was cancelled.	
		0700	Practices today were also postponed on account of the rain.	
	9th	1600	Lt Guillett Official War Correspondent and Recorder of War Trophies reported to the Regiment today.	
		0700	Musketry was postponed today on account of the rain.	
	10th.	0900	Lt Hoffman and two O/R who had been on leave to Cairo and Alexandria returned today. Bayonet classes were postponed today on account of wet weather. Two Other Ranks reinforcements marched in and were taken on strength.	
		0700	Musketry practices were carried this morning. All men who had not previously fired were put through the first six practices. No other parades were held on account of of the rain.	
	11th.		Notification was received that the Divisional Parade would be held tomorrow at 1000. Brigade to form up at 0900.	
		0800	The Regiment formed up mounted at 0800. Twenty files in each troop turned ^{out} exclusive of Serrefiles and troop leaders. Transport also paraded.	
	12th.	0900	Brigade concentrated in rear of place on Divisional Parade Ground at 0900 and was inspected by the Acting G.O.C Major Loynes took command of the Regiment during the Absence of Major Bailey as Prosecutor on G.C.M. The whole of the movements for the parade to the C.in C. were gone through, the Regiment returning to Camp at 1345.	
		1430	Grazing for all horses today from 1530 to 1600. Ten remounts marched in and were taken on strength	
	0645	Thirty three remounts marched in and were taken on strength. Lt Barton having previously reported to an Officer of the 3rd. L.H. Bde at Belah and took over horses for the Bde at 0130. Horses were distributed to the Squadrons.		
	0700	Lt. Clifford supervised the carrying out of the balance of details to shoot today and also the finish of the musketry namely Nos 7 and 8 practices.		

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Belah	12th.	0700	2/Lt Barton left today for Gaza in Charge of Divisional Wagons to collect firewood.	Reference Maps Gaza Shell 1.40000 Rafa 1.125000 - FEB 1918 P. Johnston C.C. 10/5/18
	13th.	0700	Cleaning Parade of all saddlery and iron and steel work. Also all horses were turned out grazing from 0900 to 1100.	
		1400	The Brigade formed up in rear of its position on the Divisional Parade and the Acting G.O.C. Took command and the movements previously gone through were practiced.	
		1700	The Regiment Returned to camp.	
		1430	The Party for Port Said and Cairo Leave paraded at the 8th. Sanitary Section today and were deloused preparatory to going on leave the following day.	
	14th.	0830	The Adjutant and Signalling Officer attending B.H.Q. today for instruction in Cipher Code and use of same.	
		2000	The Port Said leave Party returned today.	
			Two Other Ranks on leave to Cairo left tonight.	
	15th.	0800	Capt Koch and 2/Lt James and Three Other Ranks reported today from Moascar and were taken on strength. The Officers being posted to "A" Squadron Capt Koch to Command and Major Loynes to carry out the duties of Second in Command of the Regiment during the Temporary absence of Lt Col J. W. Parsons. on leave to Australia.	
		0900	The Division Formed up today for Practice Ceremonial Parade. Regiment formed up at 0800 and returned to Camp and 1245. Capt Gee reported from Moascar to attend presentation of ribbons for during the parade.	
		1000	Notification was received today from Brigade that the C.O. had embarked for Australia on the 12/2/18.	
	v16/2/18		Grazing was held today from 0900 to 1100.	
		1000	Lt. J.K. Johnstone reported back from detachment as Escort Troop Duty on Aust Mtd Division.	
	17th.	1000	Church Parade of all Denominations at 1000 followed by Holy Communion.	
18th?	0930	150 All ranks of the Regiment were put through a Gas Test at Divisional Headqrs.		
	1400	Another 150 were put through a Gas test at Divisiona Headqrs today. Capt Costello supervised during the morning and Capt W.F.J. Koch during the afternoon.		

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Belah	18th	1400	Marched in from School of Instruction Zeitoun and posted to "B" Squadron 2/Lt McCowan	
	19th.	0700	Major P.J. Bailey and Capt Costello proceeded to Shaluf near Gaza today to make arrangements for commencing salvaging operations on Wednesday the 20th.	
		0900	Notification was received from Brigade that the Inspection by the C. in C. had been postponed indefinitely.	
		0930	All those men who had not previously been through a gas test at Divisional Hqrs paraded at this time for trial test of helmet and respirator.	
	20th.	0700	The Regiment commenced salvaging today of both our own and enemy's trenches at Gaza. Two hundred and fifty men per Regiment were to be found daily with two Officers in command of each Squadron, one Officer in Command of the Regiment and A Senior Officer not below the rank of Major in Command of the Brigade Party. Capt Costello was detailed as permanent overseer of the works and was instructed to make himself conversant with the work and report progress daily to Brigade Hqrs. Major P.J. Bailey left in Command of the Brigade Party, one meal and one horse feed were taken; the party to return to bivouac at night time and proceed out to the works each day.	
		0900	2/Lt Barton K and two Other Ranks batmen marched out to school of Instruction for Junior Officers at KELAB near Khan Yunis. Duration of school was three weeks. One N.C.O from "B" Squadron was detailed as Instructor.	
			Two teams of horses were sent today to Dier Sineid for repaired wagons, the teams to return the next day. Also a wagon was sent out today for wood under Divisional warrangement. This on account of the short issue of wood, which is hardly sufficient for the men's requirements.	
	21st.	0700	Major C.A.R. Munro was in charge of the Brigade Working Party today, with Capt Koch in command of the Regimental Party. Lieut W.F. Moyle supervised the carrying out of musketry for those N.C.Os and men who had not previously fired. In all 65 men were put through five practices, the remainder of the practices namely two were not able to be fired on account of the short time allowed. Notification was received today that Regimental Commanders	

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Belah	21st.		and Brigade Commanders would assemble at D.H.Q. on the 23rd Instant to attend a staff ride to SHERIA on that day.	
	22nd.	0700	Lieut G.H. Hoffman supervised the Hotchkiss rifle practice on the Machine Gun Range today. The Numbers one, two and three of each team fired one hundred rounds each. The practices comprised ranged and classification practices at distances varying from three to five hundred yards.	Reference
	23rd.	0800	Lieut W.F. Moyle was in charge of the led horses today during salvaging work. Major C.A.R. Munro in charge of the Regimental working party. The C.O. left at this time on a staff ride to Sheria. Lieut Johnstone was in charge of the Regimental Salvaging Party.	Map
		2100	The C.O. and Adjutant left on Five days duty today for Cairo to go through the records and pay office. Major Jas Loynes acted as C.O. during the absence of Major Bailey and Lieut G.H. Hoffman as Adjutant during the absence of Capt C.P. Stumm.	
	24th	0930 1300	C Church Service today for all denominations followed by Holy Communion afterwards. Regimental Sports were held today as asorting out for the Brigade Sports.	Gaza Rafa
	25th.	0700 1115	Lieut L.A. Gordon was in charge of the salvaging party today from the Regiment. Party for Port Said attending a Disinfecting Parade at 8th. Sanitary Section today. Major Jas Loynes attended a demonstration of wire cutting by artillery today. Lieut Clifford attended a conference at the 10th. Light Horse on the hotchkiss rifle competition.	Shellal
	26th.	0700 0800	Capt W.F.H. Koch was in charge of the Brigade Party today for salving and Lt C.J. Clifford in charge of the Regimental Party. Sixteen Other ranks returned from Port Said today. Sixteen other ranks marched out to the Port Said Rest Camp. Major C.A.R. Munro left in charge of the Divisional Party <i>for Port Said</i>	1.40,000 1.125000
		1400	Notification was received that Lieut W.F. Moyle had been promoted Captain vice Capt C.P. Stumm appointed adjutant.	- FEB 1918
	27th.	0700	The finals of the Regimental Sports were run off today. Capt W.F.J. Moyle was in charge of the Brigade Working party today with Lieut Gordon in charge of the Regimental Party.	

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Belah	FEB 28th.	0700	<p>Salvaging today and general routine work of the Camp. Capt Koch was in charge of the Regimental Party.</p> <p>The following is the strength of the Regiment at the date hereof, shewing the distribution of the Regiment</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="668 776 2719 1683"> <thead> <tr> <th>DISTRIBUTION</th> <th>Officers</th> <th>O.R.</th> <th>Animals</th> <th>Donkeys</th> <th>Natives</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Actually present with the Unit and Rationed</td> <td>17</td> <td>415</td> <td>550</td> <td>15</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Attached and Rationed</td> <td>1</td> <td>2</td> <td>2</td> <td></td> <td>3</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>Detached locally</u> --</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>B.H. Q.</td> <td></td> <td>7</td> <td>14</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>D.W.O.</td> <td>1</td> <td>3</td> <td>5</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Detention (Field Compound)</td> <td></td> <td>1</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>School of Inston Kelab</td> <td>1</td> <td>3</td> <td>3</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shalufa on Salvage Work</td> <td></td> <td>7</td> <td>13</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>g. m. r. s.</i></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>4</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>DETACHED ELSEWHERE</u> --</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>School of Instruction Zeitoun</td> <td>1</td> <td>6</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Port Said</td> <td>2</td> <td>17</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total Strength</td> <td>23</td> <td>461</td> <td>591</td> <td>15</td> <td>3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	DISTRIBUTION	Officers	O.R.	Animals	Donkeys	Natives	Actually present with the Unit and Rationed	17	415	550	15	-	Attached and Rationed	1	2	2		3	<u>Detached locally</u> --						B.H. Q.		7	14			D.W.O.	1	3	5			Detention (Field Compound)		1				School of Inston Kelab	1	3	3			Shalufa on Salvage Work		7	13			<i>g. m. r. s.</i>			4			<u>DETACHED ELSEWHERE</u> --						School of Instruction Zeitoun	1	6				Port Said	2	17				Total Strength	23	461	591	15	3	<p>Reference Map</p> <p>Gaza Shellal 1 40000 Rafa 1 125000</p> <p>- FEB 1918</p> <p><i>CP. Bailey</i></p>
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