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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

No 2 Depot C.T.C.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAFA	1-3-18		2nd. Lieut. R Hunt reported for duty from 517 Coy A.S.C. 13253 Sgt. A S Smith A.V.C. transferred to C Coy C.T.C. 2 Camels received from A Coy C.T.C.	
	2-3-18		64 Camels transferred to No. 4 Camel Veterinary Hospital. Lt. & Adj. F. Moore admitted to Hospital. 7 Camels transferred to No. 4 Camel Vet. Hospital.	
	3-3-18		2 Camels died. 2nd Lieuts. J Jellicoe and S Keeble arrived from No. 1 Depot C.T.C. Move of Depot to Bir Salem. Lieut. Hebb marched out of Depot i/c Convoy consisting of	
	4-3-18		5 Officers, 16 Other Ranks, 1 M.O., 1 V.O., 973 Natives 1690 Camels and 34 Horses. 6 Camels transferred to No. 4 Camel Vet. Hospital. Lieut. J F Roe left to report to D.I. C.T.C. Kilo 293. 2nd Lt. S Keeble transferred to No. 4	
	5-3-18		Donkey T Coy. Cpl. F Cook proceeded i/c 50 Natives to Kilo 295.	
	6-3-18		Capt. Elsley & S.S.M. Darling left Rafa for Kilo 295.	
Bir Salem	8-3-18		C.Q.M.S. M'Callum, L/Cpl Gregson, L/Cpl Braithwaite and 37 Saddlers left Rafa for Kilo 295. C.S.M. M'Gowan G proceeded to Kilo 295 i/c Office Road Party i/c Lieut. Hebb arrived at New Depot Kilo 295. Lieut. Edwards i/c rail party	
	9-3-18		entrained at Rafa. Lieut. W C K Bloomer arrived from K Coy, 8 Camels died on trek from Rafa. 3 Camels born on trek from Rafa. 146 Recruits, 4 reverted Clippers, 16 Acting Dressers, 57	
	10-3-18		Clippers and 1 detail arrived from No. 1 Depot C.T.C. Lt. Edwards arrived at Kilo 295 with rail party. 2nd Lieut. J Jellicoe transferred to K Coy, Lt. & Adj. F. Moore arrived from Hospital. 100 Camels transferred to M Coy.	
	11-3-18		The undermentioned details are taken on Depot strength from to-day : Capt. A R Hinde from B Coy C.T.C., 2nd Lieuts. Walker & M.J. Wayer, H.G. Spence, A/CSM A Coates, A/CQMS L Chapman, S/Sgt Mackman, A/L/Cpl H Reid, A/CSM Grant J, A/CQMS Sutton W R, A/Sgt Griffiths G, A/L/Cpl Middleton J, 480 Natives,	
	12-3-18		804 Burden Camels, 20 Riding Camels, 19 Horses from Q Coy C.T.C. 16 Camels from B Coy C.T.C. and 53 from K Coy transferred to Depot to-day. 3 Camels died, Sgt. R.C. McNeill A.V.C. proceeded to Cairo on 7 days leave.	
	13-3-18		61 Dressers, 4 Reverted Clippers, 18 details for Donkeys Companies arrived from No. 1 Depot C.T.C. 182 Natives sent to No. 1 Depot C.T.C. for discharge. 20 Natives handed over to No. 1 Donkey	
			T Coy, 3 Horses issued on loan to C Coy C.T.C. 4 Camels died. 41 Camels sent to No. 3 Camel Vet Hosp, 48 Camels transferred to Q Coy C.T.C. 50 Camels of R Coy C.T.C. exchanged 3 Camels died.	
			Major Wadman, D.I. C.T.C. and 2/Lieut. C H Dempster marched into the Depot with 12 C.S.M's, 1 C.Q.M.S, 5 Vety. Sgts & 5 Other Ranks, 930 Natives, 1669 Burden Camels, 19 Hagens & 11 Horses.	
			120 Camels transferred from D Coy C.T.C.	

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Bir Salem	13/3/18		345147 Pte. G Thomson 14th Bn Roy Highlanders joined on completion of sentence awarded by F.G.C.M.	
	14/3/18		300 Camels transferred to C Coy C.T.C., 58 camels transferred to No. 3 Camel Vet. Hosp,	
	15/3/18		148 Camels and 85 Natives transferred from Depot to 20th Corps Train Det. 5948 Sgt. A Fairhead admitted to Hospital.	
	16/3/18		71 Drivers P Coy C.T.C. and 29 K Coy transferred to C Coy C.T.C. 4 Camels died.	
	17/3/18		Cpl. A E Ruffell marched into Depot with following details of Depot detachment from Junction 43 Drivers, 2 Clippers, 78 Female Camels, 4 Calves 1 Hageen and 1 Horse. <u>Transferred to Companies :-</u> A/CSM Richmond AL to B Coy, A/CSM Rodgers C R to C Coy, A/CSM Pinner W H to H Coy C.T.C., A/CSM Lowe W J B to N Coy, A/CSM Wright G to M Coy, A/CSM Taylor J to Q Coy C.T.C., A/CSM Whetton T to R Coy, A/CSM Talbot S C to R Coy, A/CSM Donoghue SJ to No. 2 Donkey T Coy A/CSM Powell G to B Coy, A/CSM Bradley E to E Coy, A/Sgt Bron E E to O Coy C.T.C., A/Sgt Angel C W to C Coy, Dvr. Moir R to S Coy C.T.C.	
	18/3/18		5948 Sgt. A Fairhead discharged from Hospital, 21 Clippers with Grindstone arrived from S Coy, 375 Donkeys received from Remounts. 2nd Lt. E Lee i/c undermentioned details marched into Depot C.S.M. J T Vine, C.Q.M.S. Cousins, Sgt. J Kingshott, 182 Natives, 4 Horses, 3 Hageens, 197 Cows and 21 Calves 5 Camels died Sgt. Sturgess A.V.C. (M Coy) arrived with 15 Camels G Coy, 17 P Coy, 14 N Coy, 10 C Coy, Died on Trek 3 G Coy, 1 P Coy, 4 N Coy, 3 C Coy, 1 Native N Coy 3997 Dvr. Ali Ibrahim Salim died on Trek from Ramallah.	
	20/3/18		Animals transferred from depot as follows :- 5 Horses 3 Hageens to B Coy, 2 Horses to C Coy, 1 Horse to H Coy, 5 Hageens 150 Camels to L Coy, 1 Horse 3 Hageens 65 Camels to N Coy, 5 Horses & 5 Camels to R Coy, 19 Camels to 21st Corps Train. T4/243168 L/Cpl Johnston H A E to Hospital.	
	21/3/18		2nd. Lieut. H Herklots admitted to Hospital. 4 Horses transferred to Q Coy, T/31852 Dvr. J Longhurst A.S.C. returned to B.H.T. Depot. 4 Horses and 11 Camels transferred to Q Coy, 15 Camels to S Coy, 50 Camels received from A Coy, 162 Camels received from L Coy.	
	22/3/18		30 camels received from K Coy, 10 from F Coy, 10 from 21st Corps Detachment. 4 Horses transferred to D Coy, 4 Horses & 12 Camels transferred to G Coy, 300 Camels sent to No. 3 Camel Vet Hosp, 2 Hageens received from D Coy. Lieut. E Waterhouse reported for duty from L Coy, 2nd Lieut. E Lee transferred to L Coy. Doctor Abu alem transferred to H Coy C.T.C.	

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Bir Salem	23/3/18		S4/072239 Pte. G H Hawkins A.S.C. transferred to Depot from A Coy. 5 Horses transferred to F Coy C.T.C. 355179 L/Sgt. Mighall R 25th Bn. R.W.F. granted Temp. Commission in A.S.C.	
	24/3/18		2nd. Lieut. R Mighall A.S.C. transferred to No. 1 Depot C.T.C.	
	25/3/18		345147 Pte. Thomson 14th Bn. Royal Highlanders returned to Unit. 70 Burden camels & 3 Calves, 1 B Rais, 2 Raises and 44 Drivers arrived in Depot from Pipe Line Det. R.E.. 2 Camels arrived from D Coy C.T.C. 5 Horses and 31 Burden Camels transferred to K Coy C.T.C.	
	26/3/18		9 Camels received from Q Coy C.T.C. 2/Lieut. C H Dempster proceeded on leave to Australia. T1/3014 A/L/Cpl Richards T and T/19651 A/L/Cpl Garrod transferred from D Coy C.T.C.	
	27/3/18		292 Camels transferred to No. 3 Camel Vet. Hospital. 4 Horses to E Coy C.T.C. 4 Horses 4 Hageens and 48 Camels to P Coy, 250 Camels arrived from Remounts & i/c CSM Vine, 13 Camels transferred to E Coy, 50 to N Coy and 17 to R Coy C.T.C.	
	28/3/18		34 Camels transferred to K Coy C.T.C.	
	29/3/18		36 Camels transferred to N Coy, 6 transferred to O Coy. 42 Cows and 43 Calves transferred to No. 1 Camel Field Remount Section. 2 Stud Camels received from F Coy.	
	30/3/18		11 Camels transferred to F Coy, 26 Camels received from K Coy. Sgt. A Collings transferred to M Coy, Sgt. A Fairhead to No. 1 Donkey T Coy, Sgt. F W Hall to P Coy and 14335 Sgt. M Birdsall to B Coy C.T.C.	
	31/3/18		2 Horses transferred to No.1 Field Remounts Section. 13265 Sgt. Bennett G A.V.C. from D Coy, SE 4799 Sgt. English J A.V.C. & Sgt. Jones F.L. A.V.C. from P Coy reported for duty. Sgt. F Cullis & Cpl A E Ruffell proceeded to 20th Corps Train Detachment.	

Bir Salem.  
2nd April. 1918.

  
Major,  
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