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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
El Arish	1-2-17		<p>Relating to the 3rd Battalion Imperial Camel Corps - month of February.</p> <p>Hostile aeroplane passed over camp at 0800. Inspection of lines by G.O.C. Lewis Machine Gun Section Commanders met - G.O.C during afternoon - Major Hudalston D.S.O. returned to his Command of Battalion. arrived 1500</p>	
"	2-2-17		<p>Capt. Rae reported for duty - and took over Command No 12 Company - Camels out - grazing - 2 Natives from each Company proceeded to</p>	
"	3-2-17		<p>Cairo on 10 leave - Field firing practice by Battalion Lewis machine guns under direction of O.C. Battalion - operations inspected by Gen Smith V.C.</p>	
"	4-2-17		<p>Major Bell reported for duty as 2nd in Command of Battalion - Hostile Aeroplane passed over beach Camps - no bombs dropped -</p>	
"	5-2-17		<p>5 men per Coy left by the 2320 train from El Arish on two days leave - Medical lecture on "flies" to Officers + senior N.C.O. by O.C. M.F.A.</p>	
"	6-2-17		<p>Washing clothes + persons and watering Camels - Battalion disinfected with all clothing and blankets at El Arish Railway -</p>	
"	7-2-17		<p>Major Hudalston D.S.O.M.C. went into C.C.S El Arish - attack practice carried out - under Company arrangements. Visit from Hostile aeroplane</p>	
"	8-2-17		<p>attack practice carried out - under Company arrangements.</p>	
"	9-2-17		<p>Nothing to relate.</p>	
"	10-2-17		<p>do.</p>	
"	11-2-17		<p>Hostile aeroplane passed over Camp at 1500 - no bombs dropped</p>	
"	12-2-17		<p>Hostile aeroplane passed over Camp at 0800. " " "</p> <p>Major Bell + Company Commanders visited Masmie Road and locality -</p>	

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El Arish	13-2-17		Nothing to relate.	
"	14-2-17		Gen G. Helwode inspected lines at 1000. G.O.C. J.C. Bde inspected the Base in marching order, mounted at 1500. Lt. Vynnes reported and was temporarily attached 14 th Coy for duty.	
"	15-2-17		Nothing to relate.	
"	16-2-17		Battalion marched out of camp at 1100 - strength 17 officers, 331 O/R. 414 Camels for MAGDHABA less 1 Section 11 th Coy posted at MASMI; 1 Section 11 th Coy posted at LAHFAN, 1 Section 14 th Coy accompanied Major Bassett - Column to HASSANA. 2 Sections H.Q. of 11 th Coy broke off and took up position at Cross Roads 7 miles N of MAGDHABA. On arrival of Camel Brigade at MAGDHABA 14 th Coy (less 1 section) and 12 th Coy took up outpost line under Battalion Commander, Major Bell D.S.O.	
MAGDHABA	17-2-17	0800	Outpost line came in and bivouaced in Wadi East of buildings - watered Camels.	
"	18-2-17		12 th Coy made reconnaissance of ABU-AWEIQILA and EL RUFAFA during day. 14 th Coy found signal stations and position on HILLS 434 and 345 - Grazing Camels - Hostile aeroplane flew over position. 14 th + 12 th Coy took over night-outpost line.	
"	19-2-17		Returned to Camp EL ARISH arriving 1630 - 11 th Coy (less 1 Section) remained at LAHFAN to complete work tour of Duty.	
EL-ARISH	21-2-17		Nothing to relate.	
"	22-2-17		Hostile aircraft - flew over EL ARISH beach camp. MASMI post (1 section 11 th Coy) returned.	
"	23-2-17		11 th Coy returned to Camp (marching from LAHFAN post).	
"	24-2-17		Major Donovan reported at 1300. Hostile aeroplane over EL ARISH beach camp - 15 Reinforcements arrived - Lt. Lyon and Lt. Daley reported for duty - posted 14 th Coy.	
"	25-2-17		Nothing to relate.	
"	26-2-17		practice march past - Brigade -	
"	27-2-17		Inspection and march past of Brigade - Hostile aircraft - past over camp -	
"	28-2-17			

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