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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HOMS	Nov 1	0800	Regiment arrived at HOMS and bivouaced a mile from the town.	
		1030	Organized parties were allowed into HOMS to purchase stores. Horses were watered in the Orontes River on the west side of the bivouac area.	
		1700	"C" Squadron posted inlying picket and observation post known as No 3 post on the west side of bivouac area. JTD	
	2nd	0800	Horses lent to Operating Unit returned.	
		0900	Supplied picket of one troop in vicinity of HOMS.	
		1300	Organized party under an officer proceeded into HOMS for stores.	
		1700	Inlying picket and observation post supplied. (Major Lawson D.S.O. to R.H.Q. to be temporary in Command vice Lieut-Col M.W.J. BOURCHIER D.S.O. temporary in command of 4th L.H. Brigade. JTD)	
	3rd	0900	Supplied parties in town and pickets in the vicinity of HOMS.	
		1300	Organized party under an officer proceeded into HOMS for stores.	
		1700	Inlying picket and observation post supplied. Lieut HEMMONS evacuated to hospital. JTD	
	4th	0900	Supplied picket of one troop in vicinity of HOMS.	
		1530	Received 4 Reinforcements.	
		1545	Regiment inspected by Corps Commander.	
		1700	Inlying picket and observation post supplied. Major CHANTER evacuated to hospital. Padre KILLIAN evacuated to hospital. JTD	
	5th	0900	Supplied picket of one troop in vicinity of HOMS.	
1600		Sick horses moved on ahead of Brigade. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
1730		Regiment moved off, reaching UM HARLIEN at 2330. JTD		
UM HARLIEN	6th	0600	Moved off and reached TEL KALE STATION at 1200. Ground very stony	
		1400	Regiment watered in JISI ASWAD. JTD	
TEL KALE	7th	0530	Bivouac party moved off.	
		0800	Regiment moved off with rest of Brigade	
		1200	Watered at NAHR KEBIR.	
		1645	Watered at NAHR AKKAR.	
		1700	Bivouaced near the sea. JTD	

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NAHR AKKAR	Nov 8th	0630	Bivouaced party moved off .	
		0645	One Officer and 20 O/Ranks proceeded to SHEIK BEDAWI as pumping party for Division.	
		0730	Regiment moved off.	
		1430	Arrived at TRIPOLI and went on three miles beyond to camping ground amongst Olive trees near Point 200 on road Z GARTI	
TRIPOLI	8th	0830	Horses water in stream about one mile from camp. Capt C.L.G.TREWIN to be temporary in command of "B" Squadron, Lieut J.D.HICKEY "A" Squadron and Lieut H.M.HORAN "C" Squadron. Capt JOSKE reported as R.M.O. vice Major SIMPSON to 12th L.H.Regiment.	
	10th	0800	Leave party allowed into TRIPOLI.	
		1100	Compulsory Church of England Service held.	
		1700	Lieut MOODIE returned from Hospital.	
	11th	1000	Capt G.L.HAGGER and Lieut GILLESPIE M.M. and 30 Other Ranks marched out for 1914 Leave to Australia amidst great scenes of enthusasium. Before leaving they were addressed by Lieut-Col M.W.J.BOURCHIER D.S.O. and Major J. LAWSON D.S.O. .	
	12th	0645	Unloading party of 2 N.C.O.'s and 20 other ranks supplied. Promotions put through vice N.C.O.'s to Australia. Rained very heavy. Horse lines moved to higher position.	
	13th	1000	Received a pay.	
	14th	0900	Monthly letter sent to Regiment's Comforts Depot. All maps called in from Squadrons. Snow very deep on surrounding hills.	
	15th	1000	Permission given for all men who have sufficient credit in their Pay Books, to draw 500 P.T. in excess of the prescribed scales for pay issue, for the purpose of purchasing Xmas gifts.	
	16th	0930	All restrictions on the mention of Battalion numbers and locations of Battalions and such Units are withdrawn. All saddlery dubbed. Market places for Natives arranged.	
	17th	1000	Applications called for Australian Provost Corps. No applicants. All saddlery dubbed.	
	18th	1500	65 Reinforcements marched in.	

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TRIPOLI	Nov 19	1300	Leave party proceeded to TRIPOLI. JWP	
	20th	1040	Regiment moved to new bivouac area on stony rise, this being a particularly good site overlooking the Bay of Tripoli.	
		1400	Lieuts STEWART and CAMERON returned from attached 11th L.H. Regiment. JWP	
	21st	0600	31 Bell tents received and distributed amongst the Regiment.	
		0800	Small quantity of gifts stores received from Australian Comforts Fund. JWP	
	22nd	0700	C.O. went on motor trip to Cedars of Lebanon.	
		1800	Commenced rugging horses. JWP	
	23rd	0930	Conference of C.O.'s at Brigade Headquarters.	
		1300	Conference of Regimental Officers at R.H.Q.	
		1500	C.O. present at Lieut-Col McLaurin's (8th L.H. Regt) funeral	
		1800	Physical Culture class for Officers. Promotions of all Officers, W.O.'s and N.C.O.'s suspended. JWP	
	24th	1100	Slight fall of rain. R.C. Church held at MEDJEL AYA.	
		1130	Voluntary Church of England service held near lines. Received extra two pounds of grain per horse per day. JWP	
	25th	1000	Cleaning up for inspection by Corps Commander. Issued with 2 E.P. Tents.	
		1800	Meeting of Squadron Leaders at R.H.Q. to discuss laying out of saddles etc. for inspection. JWP	
	26th	1530	Inspected by Divisional Commander. Saddlery stripped and laid out, men in drill order without rifles standing behind their saddles.	
		1630	Move to water. JWP	
	27th	0900	C.O. and Adjutant went to beach to arrange watering and swimming parade for 28th inst.	
		1400	Meeting of C.O.'s in connection with amusements. JWP	
	28th	0900	Regiment went by direct track to beach, reaching there at 0950. Horses were watered in a stream on the beach, and all ranks availed themselves of the opportunity to have a w swim.	
		1500	Regiment returned to bivouac. JWP	

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TRIPOLI	Nov 28th to 30th	1800 to 2100 1030 to 1130 1100	<p>Lectures for Officers. <i>JWP</i></p> <p>Classes and sword drill as laid down in Syllabus. <i>JWP</i></p> <p>Inspection of lines by C.O.. Great improvement shown in the cleaning of all metal work. <i>JWP</i></p> <p>Note:- The weather throughout the month has been fine, without the exception of a few days. The change of bivouac area from the low flat country to the position now occupied was much appreciated. We are now camped on a fine dry site overlooking the bay and surrounding country. At night time when lights are burning in all the different bivouacs, and the Hospital ships lit up, it is not unlike GALLIPOLI as seen from the beach.</p> <p>The sick parade has been smaller each day and the number of evacuations very small. Rations throughout have been good, although fresh meat has been fairly scarce.</p> <p>An Educational System throughout the Division is being put into force in order that men may have the chance of learning a new trade or gaining a little extra knowledge in the one carried on before the war. This will also serve the purpose of keeping all ranks occupied up to the time of demobilisation.</p> <p>A Committee has been formed to provide for all kinds of sports and recreation.</p> <p>The following decorations were awarded during the month:-</p> <p>BAR to D.S.O. Major. RANKIN. G.J. D.S.O.</p> <p>D.S.O. Major CHANTER J.C.</p> <p>M.C. Captain PHILLIPS F.H. Lieut BINGHAM G.E.</p> <p>D.C.M. No 165 Sgt ORGAN F.D. 2348 Cpl LANGTIP L.O. 1104 Sgt MOODIE J.A.</p>	

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continued. D.C.M. No 185 Sgt SEAGER E.C.
32 Cpl HEYWOOD C.

M.M. 1559a Sgt McCracken R.V.
264 FQMS Gill F.
521 Sgt Bond A.V.
2222 SSM Vialls S.
2460 Sgt Goldson W.
1245 Cpl Gulliford F.

The following embarked on 1914 Leave to Australia:-

No	Q.M. & Hon Capt	HAGGER	G.L.	No	Lieut	GILLESPIE	J. MM
537	R.Q.M.S.	SMITH	F.O.	264	F.Q.M.S.	GILE	F. MM
196	S.S.M.	THOMAS	W.L.	493	S.S.M.	SWANELL	R.F.
480	S.Q.M.S.	ROBERTSON	J.C.	19	Farr/Sgt	STEPHENS	W.
144	Arm/Sgt	MURRELL	G.	582	Sgt	WALKER	D.S.
101	Sgt	FRENCH	G.W. DCM	108	"	GEARY	M.P.
165	"	ORGAN	F.D. DCM	185	"	SEAGER	E.C. DCM
461	"	McCANN	R.A.	81	"	CARR	M. MM
521	"	BOND	A.V. MM	481	"	ROBERTSON	T. McK
407	T/Sgt	FINDLAY	W.F.	607	T/Sgt	CANTWELL	J.W.
457	"	McINTYRE	A.	606	A/Sgt	COTTER	A.J.
491	Cpl	SUTHERLAND	T.	382	Cpl	CHANCELLOR	H.K.T.
519	T/Cpl	DRANE	J.J.	116	L/Cpl	HARRIS	H.L.
508	L/Cpl Dvr	WALTER	H.T.	561	Dvr	WILLS	J.R.
454	Dvr	McNAUGHTON	J.G.	315	S/Smith	McKAY	D.
33	Tpr	HOP E	R.L.	82	Tpr	COLLETT	C.R.

Officer compiling

J.H. Shier

Capt & Adjt.

Jas Lawson

Major.

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