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| Ez UM URGAN | 15 th | | May June 1917. Routine work. Binomial Gas Officer put 3 troops (1 per Sgdn) Hotchkiss Rifle and Signalling parades carried out. | | Ref Maps KAFB BEERSHEBA |
| P.M. | 2 nd | | The P.O.C. carried out weekly inspection of the Regiment. Avc Sgdn lines particularly good. 7 days leave granted to 10 OR. (1 Agn. + 3 per Sgdn) 1/25000. | | |
| | | | 20 OR. Reinforcements marched in. + were allotted Agn A Sgdn B. C. | | |
| | | | The Staff left for School of Instruction. Lt. Shan right Marching Course. 2/1/1 Smith Officer General. 2 OR. to Hotchkiss Rifle. 1st Parade. | | |
| P.M. | 3 rd | | Church Parade. | | |
| | 4 th | | Mental further notice The Brigade "Stands to Arms" with all horses saddled - and in readiness for an immediate move. by 0330. | | |
| | | | N.C.Os - Hotchkiss Rifle and Signalling parades continued. | | |
| P.M. | 5 th | | Routine work | | |
| | 6 th | | Base kit stores - GIZEH. Regimental dump at KAFB cleared up - surplus gear being sent to Brigade Operation Order received. for Intention - to capture enemy patrol known to visit the vicinity of KARM and copy attached. | | Appendix 5v. |
| | | | are to remain out (hidden near KARM) during night of 7 th 18 th inst. Major Tiekmann (commdg. B Sgdn) bringing in the parties feet holes. Regimental Operation Order No 23 issued to binocular and 40 OR. Selected from the 3 Sgdn. | | |
| | | | The Brigade less Agn. 9 th Regiment moved out at 1200. 2400 and were in occupation of a line 550 north of Im. SIRI - BEIT ABU TANAH - EL BUGGER by 0400 7 th inst. | | |

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B Squadron with Lt. Linacre and 40 O.R. moved out at 0900. halted and proceeded to RA KHASEIF. Lt. Linacre & party were left at KARM and made preparations for concealing themselves. Towards evening the Brigade withdrew to the camp. An explosion had caused at KARM to give the impression that some demolition work had been carried out. B Sqn. under Mjr. Siermann also withdrew towards the HAZI with Lt. Linacre's led horses. (at KARM)

At daylight B Squadron pushed out through the party to the high ground east of KARM but no enemy were encountered. No enemy approached KARM during the night. The led horses of Lt. Linacre's party were brought up and on arrival of the day outposts the party and Sqn. withdrew to camp. 4 N.C.O.s (SSM. Stephen - Sgt. Verham - Cpls. Aline & Jodd) transferred to Training Sqn. Cadre vice. SSM. Woodall - Sqn. Johnson. Baiter and Steinbidel. Taken on strength of Regiment.

20 O.R. Reinforcements marched and were allotted: - A Sqn. 5 - B Sqn. 9 - C Sqn. 6 R.A.Q. 1. The 2nd batch of 10 O.R. proceeded on leave. (7 days)

The C.O. inspected the Regt. men standing to their horses.

Appointments of Sgts D.T. FREEBAIN - RICKABY, T.N. - and HAGA B.S. to be 2nd lieutenants dated 20th 21st & 22nd May. advised by Divisional Mtc.

Continued work. Hotchkiss Rifle - Signalling. and N.C.O.s Parade held from 0800 to 1100.

Outpost Order received from B.H.Q. The Regiment to take over the line from 1900 on 13th to 1900 on 14th Mts.

REF. MAP.
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and from 1900 16th to 1900 17th last.
Regimental Outpost Order issued and attached herewith. At 1830 C Sqdn moved out crossed the HADI and took over the 6 night posts from the 8th Regiment. At 0315 B Sqdn and 1 Troop A Sqdn moved out and pushing through the returning patrols thrown out by the night posts took up the 4 day posts. AT 402 MABRUK - 402 EL BASAL - 4510, ABU SHAWISH and Calmi 400 - with the Command Post and one Troop in reserve at 402 GELIEB.
The enemy were quiet throughout the night and their patrols felt back before our day posts. At 1100 a Turkish Infantry man came in unarmed & gave himself up to the patrol near WARM. A few small shells were fired at 510 and 400 but no damage done. Towards evening the enemy patrols showed increased activity and on the divisional Germany on our left withdrawing - attempted to push toward our flank.
At 1830 the posts withdrawn through the night line which was taken over by the 10th Regiment. The enemy were covering a large harvesting party of Bedouins on the east side of HADI IMLEH. Throughout the day.
All Pack horses paraded at 0830 for inspection of Pack Saddlery. The Transport paraded under R.Q.M. for inspection by the V.C. divisional A.S.C.

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Reg Maps
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| <i>June 1917</i> | | | | |
| SHELLAL | 15.6.17 | | The Regiment standing to in readiness to support the Outpost Regiment. Gas helmets inspected and reinforcements put through Gas drill. | Ref. Maps RAFA. BEERSHEBA |
| | 16.6.17 | | At 1830 A Sqn moved out and took over night Outpost line (see Appendix No.) from the P th Regiment. At 0315 A Sqn and 1 Troop B Sqn moved out through the night posts and took up the day line (previously detailed) | 1/125,000 |
| | 17.6.17 | | An enemy patrol was encountered on the high ground west of GIRHEIR but on the approach of our patrols fell back. The day being exceptionally hot - little movement took place - but the usual Bedouin harvesting party under a Turkish Cavalry Escort were working east of the KADI IMLEH. Towards evening the enemy patrols showed activity and followed up our patrols a short distance on their withdrawing in the evening. A Bedouin & one Turkish Infantry man (disarmed) came in through the line. A Sqn halted and remained in reserve outside the front line during the day 3 Troops B Sqn. relieved C Sqn. Troops at Pts. 400 "510" and BASAL AT 1300. R.H.Q. has established throughout the day at GELIEB. | |
| | | | The C.O. inspected the Regiment - men standing to their horses in the lines. No. 3131 Spr. SMITH, H.G. C Sqn was drowned while endeavouring to rescue 3 much injured men who had got into difficulties while bathing at MARAKEB | JUN 1917 A 795 |

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| SHELLAL | 18.5.17 | | <p>June 1917.</p> <p>Letters of Appreciation for the heroic manner in which Smith died received from the Commandant of the Detachment Francais in Palestine - and from Capt Tarrance. R.A.M.C. attached 5th Mtd Bde - Brigade cleared "Standing to Arms" Extracts from A.I.F. List in Egypt List No. 113. - Appointments & Promotions -</p> <p>" To be Temp Lt. Col. whilst Commanding - Major T. J. DALY vice Lt Col H. H. SCOTT D.S.O. awarded. dated 17.5.17.</p> <p>" Major T. J. DALY relinquishes temp rank on return to duty of Lt. Col. H. H. SCOTT. D.S.O. dated 24.5.17</p> <p>" To be Temp Lt. Col. whilst Commanding - Major T. J. DALY vice Lt Col H. H. SCOTT. D.S.O. awarded dated 30.5.17.</p> <p>" To be Lieutenants :- 2nd Lt. L.M.S. HARRARAYE. 2nd Lt. L.R. HOGAN.</p> <p>" 2nd Lieut. C.N. CARPENTER is absorbed from Reinforcements dated 1.6.17.</p> <p>Fontaine work. A concert in evening given by H.A.C.</p> <p>Syllabus of training to be carried out daily from 1400 to 1700 received from B.H.Q. Copies issued to Sqdus.</p> <p>Mounted at 1330 - proceeded across the WADI and carried out "Sustaining for action" returning to camp at 1730.</p> | <p>Page 163 Vol 1.</p> <p>Reg Maps Raja - Bersheba - 1/25000</p> |
| | 19.6.17 | | | |
| | 20.6.17 | | | <p>Appendix 53 54. JUN 1917 A79 9/10</p> |

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| SHELLAL | 21.6.17. | | <p>June 1917.</p> <p>250 all tanks moved off at 0930 to HELI SHEIK NURAN for disinfecting of clothing & blankets. a second party of 75 all tanks left at 1500.</p> <p>N^o 269. S.S.M. HANNAFORD E. and Sgt-Cook. HARRIS S. taken on strength from Training Sqn. A consignment of Gixis received from the Compts Fund & distributed to the men.</p> | | <p>Det. Maj. BEERSHEBA. 1/125000</p> |
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| | 22.6.17. | | <p>The Regiment paraded at 1330 mounted - and moved across the WADI for training. Practised dismounting for action and occupying fire positions. first by troops and then by Sqds. Moved in at 1800 - halted & returned to camp.</p> | | |
| | 23.6.17. | | <p>The G.O.C inspected the Regiment. Men standing to their horses. & expressed satisfaction at the cleanliness of the camp & the appearance of men & horses.</p> | | |
| | 24.6.17. | | <p>Those men who could not attend "disinfecting" parade on the 21st paraded at 0600 & proceeded to HELI SHEIK NURAN - under Lt. Hinckley. Church parade. 12 O.R. Reinforcements marched in from MOASAR. Gas helmets inspected - and all tanks put through 15 minutes gas drill.</p> | | |
| | 25.6.17. | | <p>39 Bell seats made and erected - 11 per Sqn - 5 for Sqd and 1 for Guard. men occupied in digging tents etc.</p> | | |
| | 26.6.17. | | <p>Continue work. Bde. Operation Order received. Intention - to throw a protective screen round three aeroplanes that had made forced landings - 7th & 9th Troops M.C. to move out at 0330 under Lt. Col. LC MARGAT. C. D.S.O.</p> | | |

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| SHELLAL | 27.6.17 | | <p>June 1917.</p> <p>Regimental Operation Order issued - Copy attached herewith.</p> <p>The Regiment (Strength 644 or) moved out at 0330 - joined the Column - south of P. L.H. Camp - At 0400 the P. Regt moved towards NAGA EL DIEISI and the 9th Pgt - 3 troops M.S. and Section F. Amb. moved down the HADI - to ESANI. By 0730 B Sqn was in position from road N. of RESHID BEK to and including the HADI Im'Alaga. and A Sqn from the HADI through 750 to 680 Sq. A.G. Enemy patrols (Camels) were encountered 2 to 3 miles east of ESANI but they withdrew to observing posts in vicinity of ABU YAHIA and Lunch was obtained with the 4th L.H. on the left and P. L.H. on Right. At 1330 the P. Regt withdrew & at 1430 the Outpost line withdrawn through A Sqn who formed rearward and moved off to Camp - arriving at 1830.</p> | <p>Page 161 Vol. 1.</p> <p>Ref. Map, DEERSHEBA. 1/25000. Appendix 56.</p> |
| | 28.6.17 | | <p>Monte training carried out in afternoon. 16 Officers charged received from Remounts and allotted 2. THQ. 5 to A Sqn - 4. B Sqn. 5. C Sqn.</p> | |
| | 29.6.17 | | <p>During absence of Brig Gen J. R. ROYSTON C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-Col. L.C. MAYGAR Y.C., D.S.O., will command the Brigade.</p> <p>Mounted training carried out in afternoon. Troop. Sqn. & Regt. Drill.</p> | <p>JUN 1917 A 79 8</p> |

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| SHELLAL. | 30.6.17 | | <p style="text-align: center;">June 1917</p> <p>The following Promotions approved by Divisional H.Q.:- No to be Captains:- Lieuts. A.E. DEAN - R. WILKINSON - E.M. LUKMOORE - W.S. PENDER. Capt A.H. NELSON (TOPOGRAPHY COURSE) and 4 O.R. (HOTCHKISS RIFLE) and 3 O.R. (SIGNALLING) left for School of Instruction - ZEITOUN.</p> | <p style="text-align: right;">Page 152 Vol. 1.</p> |
| | | | <p><i>[Signature]</i> Adjutant 9th. Light. Horse Regt.</p> | <p>JUN 1917 R119</p> |

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| | | | <u>June 1917.</u> | |
| | | | <u>Personnel</u> | |
| | | | <u>Summary of Strength for Month</u> | <u>Horses</u> |
| | | | Off. O.R. Total. | Riding Draught Pack Mules Total. |
| Shellal. | 30.6.17. | | Strength of Regiment on 1.6.17. 21 484 505 | 493 42 40 19 594 |
| | " | " | " " " " 30.6.17. 25 491 516. | 512 41 40 18 611 |
| | | | <u>Fluctuation in Personnel</u> | |
| | | | <u>Increase</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
| | | | Off. O.R. Total. | Off. O.R. Total. |
| | | | From Hospital - 24 24 | To Hosp. 1 51 52 |
| | | | " Training Sqdn 1 62 63 | Transferred - 1 1 |
| | | | | To Train. Sqdn. - 6 6 |
| | | | | Drowned - 1 1 |
| | | | | Killed - 1 1 |
| | | | | Evac. from Fld. Amb. 17 17 |
| | | | 1 86 87 | 1 77 78 |
| | | | <u>Note.</u> | |
| | | | 3. O.R. Commissioned | |
| | | | <u>Fluctuation in Horses &c.</u> | |
| | | | Riding Draught Pack Mules Total. | |
| | | | Recd from Reinment Depot. 17 1 - - 18 | |
| | | | Lost. - - - 1 1 | |
| | | | Total Increase 17 | |
| | | | Personnel Total Increase 9 | |

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OPERATION ORDER No. 23

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by Major T.J. DALY,

C.O., 9th. LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT, 7/6/17.

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Ref. Maps RAFA
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1. INTENTION. The force operating will make good the line 550 North of IM SIRI - BEIT - ABU TAHA - EL BUGGAR by 0400 on 7th. inst. 1 Officer & 40 O/Ranks, 9th. L.H. supported by 1 Sqdn. 9th. L.H. will remain out during night 7th/8th. inst. in vicinity of KARM to capture enemy patrol which visits vicinity at night.
2. INFORMATION. MOVES. (a) The Bde. less 1 Sect. R.H.A., 9th. L.H., 3rd. L.H.M.G. Sqdn., 3rd. Fld. Troop and 1 Sect. Fld. Amb. will move at 0030 on 7th. and proceed via TEL EL FARA Crossing and KARM and make good the line mentioned in Para 1. by 0400 on 7th. inst. (b) 3rd. Fld. Troop, 1 Officer & 40 O/Ranks 9th. L.H. and supporting Sqdn. will move out on 7th. inst. so as to arrive in vicinity of KHASEIF by 1200. These Details will not stand to arms at 0300 on 7th. inst. (c) Orders for the withdrawal at dusk will be issued later and all parties mentioned in sub. Para. (a) also 3rd. Fld. troop will return to Bivouac for the night. (d) Special instructions are being given to parties mentioned in sub. para. (b) less 3rd. Field Troop.

COMMUNICATION. Visual communications will be established as early as possible after daylight on 7th. inst. with Bde. Headquarters, which will be situated near 550 North of KH. KHASEIF or in vicinity of KARM.
3. MOVE. "B". Sqdn (Commander Major Siekmann) with Lieut. Linacre and 40 O.R. with necessary horseholders will move out at 0900 and proceed to KH. KHASEIF, where they will be by 1200.
4. SUPPLIES. 24 hours rations for man and horse, and Iron ration, to be carried.
5. AMMUNITION. 230 rounds S.A.A. per man.
6. GENERAL. (a) Overcoats and sleeping blankets will be taken. (b) It is not intended to become seriously engaged with enemy. (c) Reports to B.H.Q. situated in vicinity of 550 North of KH. KHASEIF or in vicinity of KARM.
7. REPORTS.


Lieut.,
Adjutant, 9th. L.H. Regt.

- Copies No.
1. War diary.
 2. Reference
 3. "B" Squadron
 4. Lieut. Linacre

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9th. L.H. Regt.

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Special Instructions for Operation 7/8th. inst.

- (1) Lieut. Linacre and 40 O/Ranks will be detailed for the Special job of ensnaring the enemy patrol on the night 7/8th. inst. at KARM.
This party will be left behind dismounted, on the Brigade withdrawing on the night of the 7th. and will hide themselves in the vicinity of KARM, their led horses being taken back with the Squadron which will be detailed to act as supports to them. Special preparations of which Lieut. Linacre has been informed are being made at KARM. The party to carry these preparations will be drawn from the supporting Squadron on their arrival in the vicinity on the 7th. inst.
Every effort must be made to conceal this working party. Horses will not remain in vicinity of KARM and on approach of Hostile aircraft all work will cease and the party will lie down in order to avoid detection.
A look-out must be posted to give warning of the approach of any hostile aircraft.
- (2) One Squadron will be detailed to act as supports to Lieut. Linacre's party.
On the Brigade withdrawing this Squadron will also withdraw and take with it the led horses of Lieut. Linacre's party, and will return to KHIRBIT EL FAR after dark, and will remain there in support.
If any outburst of firing is heard in vicinity of KARM they will at once move up to support the Advance party.
At daybreak of the morning of the 8th. this Squadron will push forward and make good the high ground beyond KARM.
When this has been effected the led horses will be brought up to Lieut. Linacre who will withdraw his party without being observed by the enemy.
As soon as the 6th. Brigade day patrols are in position which should be at about 0530 the supporting Squadron will withdraw to Camp.
Overcoats may be taken by these parties.

6th. June 1917.

(Sgd) W.S.K. Hughes Capt.
Act. Brigade Major.
3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.

Appendix 55.

REGIMENTAL OUTPOST ORDER

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by Major T.J. DALY,
C.O., 9th. LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT, 12/6/17.

Ref. Map BEERSHEBA 1/125,000

- 1. The Regiment will take over the Outpost duties from 1900 13th. inst. to 1900 14th. inst.) By night "C" Sqn.
By day "B" Sqn. 1 Trp. "A".
- 1900 16th. inst. to 1900 17th. inst.) By night "A" Sqn.
By day "C" Sqn. 1 Trp. "B"

2. PATROLS A. By day. Formed by One Squadron and One Troop.
The following 5 patrols each of 1 troop (strength at least Troopleader and 90 O.R.) will at 0400 proceed to relieve the night standing patrols -- taking up the line of observation, through 400 Contour East of EL DAMMATH -- 510 ABU SHAWISH -- GOZ EL GELEIB -- GOZ EL BASAL -- and GOZ MABRUK. Patrol Headquarters will be established at these points -- patrols (strength 1 N.C.O. & 8) being pushed forward towards WADI IMLIEH, Pt. 510, KH KHASIF, BEIT ABU, TAHA, and Hill 680 GOZ LAKHLEILKT. Squadron Headquarters will be established at GOZ GELEIB and the Troop stationed there will act as supports to the whole line.

MOVES. Day Patrols will form up in readiness to move at 0315, will clear the wire at FARA by 0400 and will push out to their respective posts through the incoming night patrol. Day patrols will withdraw through the night line at dusk (1900).

B. By night. Standing Patrol (each 3 N.C.O.'s and six O.R.) will proceed about one mile East of the barbed wire on the main tracks leading East near EL NAGILI, EL DAMMATH, EL IMARA, Junction of tracks East of UM URGAN, 400 Contour East of Fara, junction of tracks East of GAMLI.

The night line will be divided into two Sectors. The Left Sector from Junction of track East of ABU BAKRA to EL IMARA both inclusive. Right Sector Junction of main tracks East of UM URGAN to Junction of tracks East of GAMLI, both inclusive.

Two officers will be in each Sector -- One in charge of the Outpost line, and One at a position to be selected as Sector Headquarters, where will be stationed a full Troop as support to the Outpost Line.

MOVES. The Night Patrol (One Sqn. of 4 offs. 96 O.R.) will be in readiness to move off at 1800 and in position by 1900. At 0300 (One hour before dawn) Patrols will push out about two miles -- returning through the out-going day patrol as soon as all is clear.

3. COMMUNICATIONS. A Signaller will accompany each Day Patrol. Patrols at GOZ GELEIB and GOZ MABRUK will communicate direct with Divl. station at FARA. Patrols at Point 510, Contour 400, and BASAL will keep touch through GELEIB, only calling FARA in case of emergency. At night a lamp will be at each Sector Headquarters aligned on FARA but to be used in emergency only.

FLARES A system of flares for emergency at night will be used if visual communication breaks down -- two red flares fired at half minute interval until answered from Brigade Signal station will denote "Enemy attacking" reinforcements required".

4. REPORTS. By day. Any unusual activity on the part of the enemy will be at once reported -- otherwise reports will be sent in to reach Brigade station every four hours viz. 0800, 1200, 1600
By night. Every effort will be made to send in the morning "All clear" report early as possible. For this purpose the O.C. of each Sector will detail a picked Galloper (with stripped saddle) to proceed to 4th. and 3th. Brigade Headquarters with the "All Clear" message, which will be passed by telephone to 3rd. L.H. Brigade.

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6. GENERAL.

N.C.O.'s in charge of Night Standing Patrols will acquaint themselves with the location of the nearest gap in the barbed wire -- in case of being forced to retire.

2. The Brigade supplying the Regiment holding Works X, Y and Z (5th. Bde.) will push forward standing Patrols South and South East of Line GHABI -- GAMLI, and will patrol by day the Wadi SHANNAG.

3. The action of the Outpost Brigade in event of an attack will be to concentrate on Line IMSURI -- EL BUGGAR, co-operating with a Brigade from ESANI, to ascertain the strength of the enemy, determine his line of attack and locate his Left flank. When the real line of advance has been ascertained the Infantry line will be cleared and the mounted troops will operate against the enemy's Left flank.

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Lieut. Adjutant, 10th. L.H. Regt.

B. By night Standing Patrols. Reference to War Diary. Copy No. 1. Proceed about one mile East of the main tracks leading East near the junction of tracks East of URA. The night line will be divided into 3 sectors. The left Sector from junction of track East of URA to EL IMARA. Right Sector from junction of main tracks East of URA to junction of tracks East of GALLI, both inclusive. Two officers will be in each Sector -- One in charge of the Outpost line, and one at a position to be selected as Sector Headquarters, where will be stationed a full troop as support to the Outpost line.

MOVES. The Night Patrol (One Sqn. of 4 officers. 60 G.R.) will be in readiness to move off at 1800 and in position by 1900. At 0200 (One hour before dawn) Patrols will push out about two miles -- returning through the out-going day patrol as soon as all is clear.

3. COMMUNICATIONS. A signaller will accompany each Day Patrol. At 0200 hours and 0400 hours will communicate direct with Day station at TARA. Patrols at Point 510, Gontour 400 and HABA will keep touch through GALLI, only calling TARA in case of emergency. At night a lamp will be at each Sector Headquarters aligned on TARA but to be used in emergency only.

ALARMS. A system of flares for emergency at night will be used if visual communication breaks down -- two red flares fired at half minute interval will answer from Brigade signal section will denote "Enemy attacking" - three red flares required.

4. REPORTS. By day. Any unusual activity on the part of the enemy will be at once reported -- otherwise reports will be sent in to reach Brigade station every four hours viz. 0800, 1200, 1600. By night. Every effort will be made to send in the report in "All clear" reports as early as possible. For this purpose the G.O. of each Sector will detail a picked Galileer (with equipped saddle) to proceed to 4th. and 5th. Brigade Headquarters at the "All clear" message, which will be passed by telephone to the L.H. Brigade.

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The following syllabus of training will be carried out :-

- Wednesday, June 20th. Dismounting for Action.
Fire discipline & control.
- Thursday, June 21st Delousing Parades at WELI SHEIKH NURAN.
- Friday, June 22nd. Selection of positions and taking up of same especially with regard to movement of led horses. This will be practiced both in advancing and retiring.
- Saturday, June 23rd. Same as Friday and in addition changing direction and taking up positions to a flank.
- Monday, June 25th Musketry.
- Tuesday, June 26th. Advance Guard and Rear Guard Action.

Squadrons will form up (Mounted) on Regimental Parade in Mass facing West, West of the Camp, at 1345 daily.
 Sqn. Markers to report to R.H.Q. at 1330 with parade state.
 Dress -- Drill Order.

 The above work is to be read up in "Yeomanry Mounted Rifle Training" or "Cavalry Training" and "Musketry Regs" by all Officers before parade

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1. INFORMATION. Three Aeroplanes are reported to have made forced landings near NAGA EL ASEISI. 8th. and 9th Regiments will take over protection of same from 5th Mounted Bde.
The Column consisting of B.H.Q., 8th L.H., M.G. Sqn., 9th L.H. and Fld. Amb. will move off at 0330 from the starting point 100 yards East of 8th L.H.
8th L.H. and one Troop M.Gun will proceed direct to NAGA EL ASEISI to relieve 5th Mounted Bde.
Two Sqdns, 4th Mounted Bde. will secure left flank of 9th L.H.Regt. from their left post running through Eastern 680 to KHASIF.
2. INTENTION. To throw out protective screen over ESANI from Point 750 (Sq, B9) through RASHID BEK) to point 680 (Sq A9) and later to relieve 8th Regt.
3. MOVE. The Regiment (less 1 troop "A" Sqn) will parade south of the Camp at 0300 and will move off in order of "A" Sqn. "B" Sqn, H.Qrs., "C" Sqn.
On leaving the Column "A" Sqn will ~~XXXXXX~~ find Advance Guard (O.B. Lt, Luxmoore) and "B" Sqn - 1 troop - Left Flank Guard.
On crossing the WADI at ESANI "B" Sqn, will take up a line from a track North of RASHID BEK to the ~~XXXX~~ WADI GHUZZE exclusive, and "A" Sqn from and inclusive the WADI through 750 to 680 (Sq A9). "C" Sqn. will water at ESANI and will relieve "A" Sqn. who will take over from "B" Sqn. - "B" Sqn. watering at ESANI and returning to relieve "A" Sqn. "A" Sqn, will then water and remain in reserve with R.H Q. in vicinity of ESANI.
4. SUPPLIES. 24 hours rations and forage and Emergency ration to be carried.
5. AMMUNITION. 230 rounds S.A.A. per man.
6. REPORTS. To Head of Regiment until leaving Column - thereafter to Head of Main Body until crossing WADI at ESANI - then to R.H.Q, in neighborhood of ESANI.
7. GENERAL. Two Blankets will be carried under saddle. Overcoats will not be taken. One Pioneer pack per Sqn. will be taken only.

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