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WAR DIARIES
OF

8th. LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT.

From 1st. September 1917 to 31st. Sept. 1917.
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ABASARD	1/9/17		The Yeomanry Division carried out a reconnaissance in vicinity of Khatasa & was supported by 4 th A.L.H. Brigade. The 3 rd A.L.H. Brigade was held in readiness from 0530 to move at short notice. At 1700 a wire from Brigade was received "The Brigade will cease to stand to"	
	2/9/17		2/Lt Boyle and 19 O/R reported from 3 rd Training Regt and were taken on strength	wmsg
	3/9/17		A tactical operation was carried out by the Brigade in vicinity of El Gubba. Percille was at 0330 & the Regiment moved to watering area at 0530. At 0700 an advance was carried out towards rising ground South of KHAN-JUNUS & a further dismounted advance of 2000 yards on foot with a final practice of assaulting with the Bayonet. The Regiment returned to water at 1200 & reached bivouac at 1300. <u>wmsg</u>	
	4/9/17		Musketry all ranks fired 5 rounds application at 250/500 yards, shooting poor. <u>wmsg</u>	
	5/9/17		Lt M ^c Grath returned from leave. Chaplain Capt King reported & was attached to Regt for duty	<u>wmsg</u>
	6/9/17		Mounted Training 0600 - 0800. C.O's Regt had a meeting at Brigade presided over by Gen ^l Hodgson, Aust Int ^l Dir, & had a general discussion re hours of work etc. The afternoon training was decided to be discontinued. Lt Macpherson & 19 O/Rs went on leave to Ft Said. <u>wmsg</u>	
	7/9/17		Lt Maunsell & 15 O/Ranks returned from Ft SAID rest camp. Mounted Training 0600-0800. Gas Drill by Divisional Gas Officer. 2/Lt F.O. Boyle evacuated to Hospital. A copy of A.C.M. proceedings concerning trial of Lt W.D. Oliver was received from 14 th A.G.H. Charges read when an active service absent without leave and Drunkenness. Sentence Guilty of all charges & to take rank & precedence in S & H Regt & Army as if his appointment bore date as Lieutenant 31 August 1917, and to be severely reprimanded. Confirmed. As this was the first notification received concerning this case 3 A.L.H. Brigade was written & asked for further particulars. <u>wmsg</u>	

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ABASAN	8/9/17.		At 0500 a verbal message for a practice turnout was received. Regiment was turned out all ready by 0615 & joined in Column IV of B&Q & proceeded to a spot WEST of ABASAN watering area. Here Division was concentrated. Gen' Hodgson inspected & Regiment then watered & returned to bivouac lines by 0900. <i>Wm</i> Lt Col M/M/902 wired to report to G.O.C. Desert Column by 1600 <i>Wm</i>	
"	9/9/17		A.I.F. Routine Order No 38 received with following notification of Lt R.F. MANN 8 L.H. Regt tried by G.C.M. 31/8/17. Charge absenting himself without leave. Guilty. Severely reprimanded <i>Wm</i> Road laws came into force. <i>Wm</i>	
"	10/9/17		Notchkiss Gun teams held a practice competition at the Rifle Range. C.O. & Sgt. leaders present. The following notifications were put through Regt Orders to be 2nd Lieutenants No 4, W.O., Maclean E.F. dated 11/9/17. and 1103 R.Q.M.S. HUGHES C.H. dated 1/9/17. Capt J. SPROAT seconded to Training Sgts 2/6/17. & Lt MACLEAN seconded to Hdqrs Aust Eng Centre as Adjt 2/9/17. & Lt Hughes seconded to 3 ALH Eng Regt as Q.M. 1/9/17. <i>Wm</i>	
"	11/9/17		Lt W.A. MULLINER appointed A.P.M. Aust Intd Division & struck of strength 8/9/17. Lt Austin to Alexandria on leave. <i>Wm</i>	
"	12/9/17		Captain C. FAY sat on F.G. Court Martial 9th L.H. Regt. Lt W.D. GIANFIELD attended same for instructions. Regiment's Gas Helmets resprayed. Myr Gen' Hodgson inspected the horses. <i>Wm</i> Capt KEELY-AYLES inspected the kitchens & cooks & gave a very favorable report <i>Wm</i> Adjutants & Quartermasters met at Brigade Headquarters to fix definite method of stacking Baggage in certain areas if Brigade had to move suddenly <i>Wm</i>	

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ABASIN	13/9/17		<p>LT^s DENYAR + Mulholland + 2 OPRs reported for duty from MOASCAR. <u>WMS</u> 2nd LI BOYLE reported back from Hospital. <u>WMS</u> Lt Col MAYGAR took over temporary Command of the Brigade on TEMPY BRIC^{DR} GRANT going to 4th LH Brigade. Major SHANNON took over temporary Command of the Regt vice Col MAYGAR. <u>WMS</u></p>	
	14/9/17		<p>Gas Drill officers + NCOs by Divisional Gas Officer. <u>WMS</u></p>	
	15/9/17		<p>Gas Drill de de de <u>WMS</u> C. Os Inspection of lines held. 6 officers + 12 NCOs went to see dispositions at front line at SHELLAL prior to taking over. <u>WMS</u></p>	
	16/9/17		<p>Church Parade by Chap Capt KING 1730. Lt BORBRIDGE returned from Caraby School ZIETOWN. Lt MacPherson + 18 OPRs returned from post SAID rest camp. <u>WMS</u></p>	
	17/9/17		<p>Horses inspected by BRIG-GEN^L BUTLER D.V.S. 1730. 3 wagons baggage sent to Shellal Regiment preparing for move on morning of 18th inst to front line to relieve Yeomanry <u>WMS</u></p>	
UM URGAN	18/9/17		<p>Brigade moved to TEL EL FARA + took over front line duties. This Regiment took over bivouac site from the 1/3rd City of LONDON YEOMANRY at 1100. A squadron supplied Night Outpost for night of 18/19 Sept, 7 posts of 2 NCOs + 10 men each and 3 officers + 4 Signallers. All quiet. <u>WMS</u></p>	
	19/9/17		<p>C Squadron + two troops from B Squadron supplied day outposts, 5 posts on line 300 400 500 KRASIF + Coz el-BASLE. Nothing unusual occurred + posts were relieved by 9th LH Regt taking up night outpost line at 1800. <u>WMS</u> 16 OPRs arrived from Moascar to reinforce <u>WMS</u></p>	
	20/9/17		<p>16 OPRs returned from leave <u>WMS</u> In camp. Duty Regiment. <u>WMS</u></p>	

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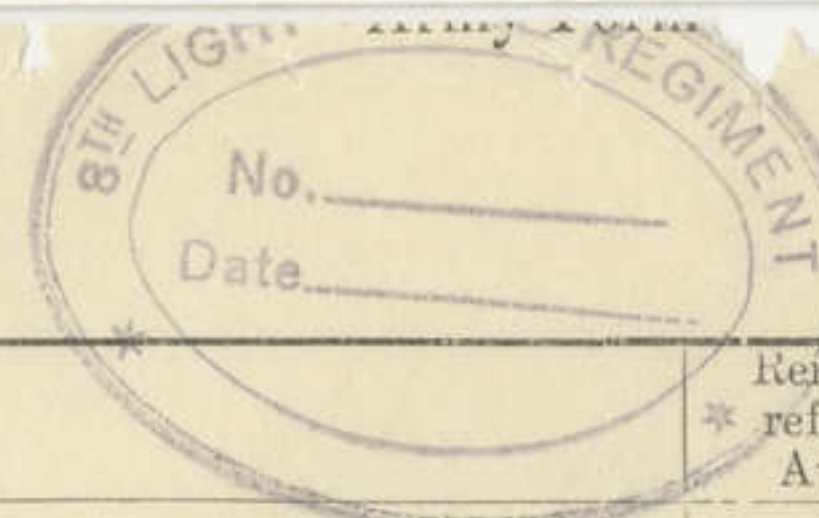
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UM. URGAN.	21-9-17		Award of the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers Decorations 16 th INDI Light Horse to Capt L.C. MAYGAR VC. (Mo. 45. 1917.) D. Squadron, night outpost duty.	
	22-9-17		A + C Squadrons day Outpost covering reconnaissance of Royal Engineers round El Buggar. Nothing unusual.	
	22-9-17		Church Parade Capt Sproat and 7 of Ranks from MOASCAR. Wire horse lines received for Regt from Ordnance.	
	23-9-17		Church Parade 0700. Operation Order received for reconnaissance to El Buggar. Lt Pepper on duty of Rho to Port Said Camp.	
	24-9-17		A + B Squadrons marched out to take part in reconnaissance of Aust Mt Division, allotted a line 820 to 720 near WADI HANAFISH (BEERSHEBA/125000). Squadrons left Birminac at 0500 and arrived at El Buggar 0900. All clear report to B.H.Q. at 1010. A Turkish troop took up a position at GIRHEIR at 1245 and two enemy troops occupied point 820 at 1405. No opposition was put up against the latter as a battery of our artillery was laid ready to fire on that point. Nothing else unusual occurred and the regiment retired in conjunction with whole line at 1730. Reached camp at 2045. C Squadron who had remained in camp all day, did night outpost duty 24/25 Sept.	
	25-9-17		Lt Moore + 13 of Ranks returned from Port Said West Camp. Lt Macpherson on leave to Cairo.	
			Capt JAMIESON (Medical officer attached) granted majority in A.I.F. list 227. 7/9/17	
	26-9-17		In Camp, all quiet. Road-making parties sent out.	
	27-9-17		In Camp, Duty Regiment. Divisional Gas officer inspected.	
	29-9-17		Inspection by Brigadier. Major Crawford on Divisional duty to Rafa h.	
	30-9-17		22 Donkeys allotted to Regiment.	

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8th A.L.H. Regiment. 1/10/17

"SUMMARY OF STRENGTH FOR MONTH ENDING 30/9/17"

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O/Ranks.</u>
Effective Strength. 1/9/17.	18.	482.
" " 30/9/17.	20.	491.
Average Effective Strength for Month.	18.8.	471.8
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FLUCTUATIONS for Month.

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O/Ranks</u>
To Hospital,	1.	50.
Transferred,	2.	28.
From Training,	4.	73.
From Hospital,	1.	14.

Total off.	3.	78.
" On.	5.	87.
Difference.	2.	9.



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1. The Australian Mounted Division will move on 18th Sept to relieve the forward Mounted Division. This will be done by 1100.
2. This Brigade will furnish the necessary relief on the 18th of September to 8th Mounted Brigade on out-post line. This Regiment will detail the necessary Troops for night-out Post on 18/19th September and for day Out-Post on 19th of September. Details will be issued later.
3. The Regiment will join in Brigade Column at crossing at KILLO 14. at 0800. The following Times will be adhered to:-
Reveille, 0430, Breakfast 0630, Fall in on parade ground South of Sick Horse lines 0715, in Order-Hurs A.B. & C.-Special attention is to be paid in packing of Saddlery and General Turn-out. Tunics must be worn.
4. Watering will be carried out as under:-
Morning (on arrival) Order of March.
Afternoon, 1500.
The same Order in regard to Regulating the watering and Ablution Areas will apply as when the Brigade previously occupied this Area. All Troops are to be warned that the water in the Pools is unfit for drinking. Waterbottles are not to be filled from Pools or Horsetroughs or during watering Parades. Bottles may be sent down in quantities by men detailed from Troops.
5. Transport is limited. Squadrons will have at their disposal 1 G.S. Wagon each on 17th September, and 1 G.S. Wagon and three Camels each on 18th September. The R.Q.M. will utilise five Limbers to transport farriers gear and stores etc on the 17th instant. On the 18th instant these Limbers will be required for the Emergency Fodder etc.
6. Lines must be left scrupulously clean and all Area Stores intact.
7. A Advance Party of one Officer and 4 O/Ranks from A Sqdr will report to Reg'l Office at 0700 on 18th instant, to accompany Staff Captain whom they ^{meet} will at Kilo 14 at 0730.
8. A Rear Party of 1 Officer and 4 men from C Squadron will remain behind to hand over to the 5th A.L.H. Regt who are due to arrive at 1300. This officer will obtain receipts in duplicate of all Area Stores handed over.
9. Details as to hours of "Stand-to", "extinguishing of lights" etc, will be notified later.

(Sgd) W McGrath Lieut Adjutant.
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Issued at 0945.

