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12th Light-Horse Regiment

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Rachhead. Ferry Post.	5/1/17		major J.H. Biddle v.c. reported for duty from A.P.M. angac mtd Division	
	7/1/17		B. Squadron detachments marched in from Duntroon and Hagley Park. 1 Off and 6 Pks returned from Bombing School. Ferry Post.	
	8/1/17		B Sqdn & m.G.S. at musketry.	
	9/1/17		C. Sqdn & M.G.S. (musketry)	
	10/1/17		Post taken over by 12 th L. H. Regt.	
	11/1/17 12/1/17 13/1/17		musketry (C. Squadron).	
	15/1/17		all kit bags returned to stores at Giza. Musketry (Headquarters).	
	16/1/17		musketry (B Squadron) M.G.S. Demonstration (firing at unknown ranges).	
	18/1/17		Musketry (B Squadron).	

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<i>Railhead Zeruy Post.</i>	<i>19/1/17</i>		<i>Parade - Full marching order - Inspection by Lieut Col H Mc Lintock.</i>	
	<i>20/1/17</i>		<i>Musketry (B Sqdn HQs & M & S.). 42 Reinforcements arrived from Measeau.</i>	
	<i>23/1/17</i>		<i>Aftom Pearce (Aust Comforts Fund) visited the Regiment.</i>	
	<i>24/1/17</i>		<i>Musketry (C Sqdn & new reinforcements).</i>	
	<i>25/1/17</i>		<i>Musketry. (Dismounting for action & firing at unknown ranges.)</i>	
	<i>26/1/17</i>		<i>Musketry (B Sqdn)</i>	
	<i>27/1/17</i>		<i>Musketry (B Sqdn - field firing).</i>	
	<i>31/1/17</i>		<i>(Working party of 1 off & 42 OR marched out to Jordan Railhead to demolish old works.)</i>	
	<i>3/2/17</i>		<i>Major-General. Have passed through the camp visiting old works.</i>	
	<i>7/2/17</i>		<i>Musketry (C Sqdn - field firing).</i>	

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Railhead. Zeruy Post.	28/2/17	1800.	Brig. Gen. Meredith DSO & ADVS inspected the horses. Machine Gun Section marched out to 4 th L.H. Squadron. marching out state 10ff 31 ofR. 34 horses 3 hammers.	
	2/3/17		22 ofR marched out & are transferred to Field Squadron (4 th L.H. Bde.).	
	3/3/17		(Post handed over to 1/2 Company 17 th Coy I.C.C.)	
	4/3/17		(Regiment moved out from Railhead - Zeruy Post. to Zeruy Post. marching out state 16 off. 271 ofR. 331 Horses 53 mules 6 hammers & 20 Waggonets. Major Single AFMC marched out to 2 nd L.H. 2 nd Amb.)	
Zeruy Post.	7/3/17		Duty Regiment.	
	8/3/17		10ff & 24 ofR. to Belber to draw payments.	
	9/3/17		Brigade Parade (full marching order). Inspection by Brig. Gen. Meredith DSO.	
	13/3/17		10 N.C.O's marched out to Instructional Cadre 4 th L.H. Training Regt. Moascar. 8 ofRs marched in from Moascar & are taken on strength.	
	15/3/17		50 ofRs marched in from Moascar and are taken on strength.	
	17/3/17		Parade (full marching order).	
	20/3/17		(11 th L.H. Bde. marched out from Zeruy Post and moved to Hill 40 arnungal 2000. Regt marching out state 23 off 177 ofR. 536 Horses 66 mules.)	

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<i>Hill 40.</i>	<i>21/3/17</i>		<i>Brigade camped at Hill 40 resting horses.</i>	
<i>On Deck.</i>	<i>22/3/17</i>		<i>Brigade moved to Pelusium (about 14 miles).</i>	
	<i>23/3/17</i>		<i>Brigade moved to Romani (about 6 miles).</i>	
<i>Romani</i>	<i>24/3/17</i>		<i>5⁰⁰ P.M. marched in from Moascar and are taken on strength.</i>	
	<i>25/3/17</i>		<i>Swimming parade to Mohammedia.</i>	
	<i>29/3/17</i>		<i>Zuld Day.</i>	
<i>On Deck.</i>	<i>31/3/17</i>		<i>Brigade moved to Rabeih (about 7 miles)</i>	
	<i>1/4/17</i>		<i>Brigade moved to Bui-el-abd (about 16 miles)</i>	
	<i>2/4/17</i>		<i>Brigade moved to Dilul (about 18 miles)</i>	
	<i>3/4/17</i>		<i>Brigade moved to Magar (about 8 miles) 12th Duty Regiment</i>	
	<i>4/4/17</i>		<i>Brigade moved to Bardwil (about 16 miles).</i>	
	<i>5/4/17</i>		<i>Brigade moved to El Anst arriving about 1400 and camped among the fig trees about 1 mile from the beach.</i>	
	<i>8/4/17</i>		<i>Brigade moved to El Burgi (12th Duty Regiment)</i>	
	<i>9/4/17</i>		<i>Brigade moved to Sheik Lawaid.</i>	
	<i>10/4/17</i>		<i>Brigade moved to Rafa having some "preparation for Cavalry" operations on the way. 12th Duty Regiment</i>	

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<i>On Track.</i>	<i>11/4/17</i>		<i>Brigade moved from Rafa to Khan Yunus. and camped north of the village. Brig-Gen Royston visited the Regt in the afternoon.</i>	
	<i>17/4/17</i>		<i>12 Drovers, 6 Lancers and 24 mules marched out to I.M.D.A.C.</i>	
<i>In the Field.</i>	<i>13/4/17</i>		<i>The Regiment moved out to Goy-el-Davie on outpost duty at 1645.</i>	
	<i>14/4/17</i>		<i>Regiment returned to camp at 0800.</i>	
	<i>15/4/17</i>		<i>Regiment moved out to Goy-el-Davie on outpost duty.</i>	
	<i>16/4/17</i>		<i>Regiment relieved about 1600 and moved into Deir-el-Belah to water. staying about 15 minutes to distribute rations and then off again, landing at Tel-el-Jemmi about 2200.</i>	
	<i>17/4/17</i>		<i>In reserve all day while Infantry was attacking hill towards Gaza. moved down Wadi Guzze for water, about 0930, returned to Tel-el-Jemmi about 1300. drew rations and moved off to wadi about 2 miles east of Mendur and took over outposts. from 3rd Bde.</i>	
	<i>18/4/17</i>		<i>Regiment moved down wadi past Asefeyth about 0700 and had a few shots with the Turks. we received a few shells and one man was wounded. Danke dropped 4 bombs close to Headquarters horses in the morning. Returned to Mendur at night arriving about 2130.</i>	
	<i>19/4/17</i>		<i>Reveille 0001 and moved off at 0100. to wadi near Asefeyth. and Co left horses in charge of horse holders and took up position ready to advance about daylight. Artillery commenced about 0500. and we advanced.</i>	

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