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WAR DIARY

1st. A. L. H. Bde A. I. T.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Mudros	24/12/15	0900	Arrived MUDROS.	
"	25/12/15	1800	Brigade (Less 3 rd A.G.H. Regt.) embarked at MUDROS for Egypt. Tubal Orders.	
ALEXANDRIA	27/12/15	0900	Arrived ALEXANDRIA, disembarked, and arrived 2000 HELIO POLIS. <u>Completion of Evacuation</u>	
	30/12/15		3 rd A.G.H. Regiment with detail of Train and Ambulance marched out for WADI NATRUIT. by route march. Marching out state attached. Orders for this move issued direct to 3 rd A.G.H. from Cairo District H.Q. Copy attached (Appx VI). Daily Reports from 3 rd A.G.H. attached (Appx VII)	Appx V Appx VI Appx VII
HELIO POLIS	12/1/16.		1 st A.G.H. Bde. Ambulance entrained for WARDAN.	
HELIO POLIS	14/1/16	0900	Balance of Brigade (less Brigade Train) moved by route march to BARRAGE. (Appx VIII) Arrived BARRAGE 1700.	Appx VIII
BARRAGE	15/1/16		March continued to WARDAN.	

William
1st. A. L. H. Bde A. I. T.

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WARDAN	17/1/16.		<p style="text-align: right;">between TERIEH</p> <p>1 Troop, 1st A. I. F. to picquet the KHATATBA Canal and KAFA DAVID. Orders Appx IX.</p> <p>Programme of Training carried out at Wardan attached</p>	<p>Appx. IX</p> <p>Appx X</p>
	23/1/16.		<p>First and Second Line Transport, 3rd A. I. F. Regiment, which had been left at KHATATBA moved by route march to WARDAN.</p>	
	6/2/16.		<p>1st A. I. F. Regiment ordered to be ready to move to Western Frontier at short notice, (Appx XI.) 1st Regiment did not move.</p>	<p>Appx. XI</p>
	7/2/16.		<p>TERIEH Troop relieved by Troop from 2nd A. I. F.</p>	<p>Appx XII</p>
			<p>Nothing unusual occurred whilst at WARDAN</p> <p style="text-align: right;">William</p>	

Bde Major,
1st. A. L. H. Bde A. I. F.

3rd Light Horse Regiment

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BIR HOOKER

11-1-16.

Headquarters
1st A.L.H. Bde.

In reply to Brigade Memo, dated 6th Jan, 1916
received 11/1/16 -

Report on March of 3rd A.L.H. Regt. from AERODROME
CAMP to BIR HOOKER, 30/12/15 to 3/1/16.

The Regiment left AERODROME CAMP at 9 a.m. on
30/12/15 and marched as follows:

- 1st Day
30/12/15: Via CAIRO STATION - SHUBRA - el - KHEIMA and QALUB to the
BARRAGE arriving at 5 p.m.
- 2nd Day
31/12/15: From BARRAGE (8.30 a.m.) via ES-el-MANASHI, NEKLA and by
DESERT to WARDAN arriving 4 p.m. Two guides from Egyptian
Mounted Police accompanied the Regt.
- 3rd Day
1/1/16: From WARDAN (8.30 a.m.) via DESERT to KHATATBA arriving midday
- 4th Day
2/1/16: From KHATATBA (8.30 a.m.) via DESERT left of light railway
to BIR VICTORIA arriving 2.30 p.m.
- 5th Day
3/1/16: From BIR VICTORIA (8.30 a.m.) via DESERT left of light railway
to curve at E in word "Egyptian" on map, thence right of
railway to BIR HOOKER arriving 4 p.m.

Roads The road from AERODROME CAMP to BARRAGE is good
throughout and passable for all arms and wheeled
transport.

From BARRAGE to BERQUASH the road along the left
of Railway is very rough and narrow in places owing
to several native villages being passed, necessitating
the frontage of ~~columns~~ column being reduced to
half sections at times.

After crossing MOHIT DRAIN near BERQUASH the
road widens but continues rough and very heavy
sand is met with throughout to WARDAN, making
it quite impassable for wheeled transport.

From WARDAN to KHATATBA heavy sand most
of the way but fairly good going for mounted
troops.

From KHATATBA to BIR HOOKER the first mile
is over heavy sand the remainder of the road
hard and gravelly along tablelands.

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Camping
Grounds
and Water

at BARRAGE. Good camping ground in plantation adjoining gardens near the Museum. Drinking water obtainable by arrangement with the Manager of GARDENS. Unlimited supply of water for horses can be obtained by following tram line to the MILE, half mile from Camping ground.

AT WARDAN. Good camping ground left of 53rd Division Camp. Water for drinking and horses can be obtained from stand pipes at Infantry Camp.

AT KHATATBA. Good camping ground immediately after crossing the light Railway near CANAL. Water for drinking and horses obtainable from CANAL. Water for drinking purposes requires to be boiled.

AT BIR VICTORIA. Good camping ground opposite WINDMILL left of Railway. Drinking water obtainable from tanks at WINDMILL. Loughing was put off train here and arrangements made for supply of water to be sent in water tanks by train from BIR HOOKER for horses.

AT BIR HOOKER. Good camping ground between MANAGERS HOUSE and Infantry Camp. Drinking water obtainable at pumping plant in pines N.W. of Infantry Camp. Water for horses obtainable at pumping plant on CANAL between Salt & Soda Works and Supply Depot.

Communications

The following means of communication are available:

RAILWAYS. A light Railway 75 centimetre gauge from Salt & Soda Works, BIR HOOKER, connecting with EUFOR - ALEXANDRIA LINE - at KHATATBA. Train service is irregular - one supply train with carriage attached runs daily, usually leaving BIR HOOKER about 9 a.m. and arrives back at about 3.30 p.m.

Telephone.

Messages are despatched through Brigade signallers 159th Infantry Bde. These are repeated from KHATATBA by telegraph to WARDAN and CAIRO.

Postal:

ails are despatched and received daily through field P.O. 159th Bde. Letters as a rule appear to take at least 5 days to reach here from Cairo.

D. Fulton Lieut.-Col.
C.O., 3rd A.L.H. Regt

T.
1st Lt Bde
HELIOPOLIS.

BIR HOOKER.
4th Jan 1916

The 3rd LH Regt arrived at BIR HOOKER at 3pm
3rd Jan. The second day was the hardest
treat on account of the sandy soil near
WARDAN, but the third day we only covered
8 miles to KHATATBA and spelt the horses.
Arranged for 4 truck loads of water to be
sent 15 miles on to BIR VICTORIA and on
the 4th day (27/1/16) we reached this place
across a hard ironstone tableland. The 5th
day we reached here having covered an
equal distance. We have started troop
& Squadron training today. Brigadier
General R. O. TAYLOR is in command here
and we are attached to 159 Inf Brigade.
I went out with a detachment of the Egyptian
Camel Corps with the General to QUR EL GOUH
near LAKE KHADRA where he makes me to
camp and I am sending out two troops
tomorrow to sink wells. Re transport -
Camels will be the only sure means and
the GOC is arranging this. This position
will only be a temporary camp and
we will ultimately push on to LAKE
GHAR or perhaps further according to
the reports I make of the country beyond.
I have left my transport at KHATATBA
and will send instructions to have it

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Returned to WARDAN.

As yet no arrangements have been made
for evacuating my sick and they are
discussing it with the 153rd Welsh Divisional
Clearing Station.
Captain Stanfield will want 2 NCOs and
10 men with their horses to do service
with the Camel train when it is supplied.
We had a few casualties on the road
but the horses are in better condition
than when they left and the treat
has done them more good than harm.
Re our Ordnance it appears we will
have to draw direct from Cairo and
I will send my Quartermaster back
there in a day or two if I find there
is any thing I can't get here.
I am enclosing today's parade state and
would be glad to know what returns
you will want from me. I will make
you a weekly report on training and
give you a better idea of the country
when I have looked round more.
We are compelled to have outpost out
day & night but there appears to be no
enemy about.

D. Fulton - Lieut Col

2nd LH Regt

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3rd Light Horse Regiment

APPENDIX NO. VIII

BIR HOOKER
11-1-16.

Headquarters
1st A.L.H. Brigade,

Progress Report 4/1/16 to 11/1/16.

The Regiment arrived at BIR HOOKER on 3/1/16 and established a Camp. The 157th Inf. Bde. is also camped here, the O.C. Brig. General R. O'Brien Lyster C.I.E. being also O.C. Force at BIR HOOKER.

On 4/1/16 two troops from "B" Sq. were sent out in direction of QUR-EL-GOUN to reconnoitre the country and search for water with a view to the Regiment taking up an advance position N.W. of BIR HOOKER along the WADI NATRON. Six wells were put down at a point 800 yards N.W. of rail head and a good supply of water fit for drinking purposes obtained at from 12 to 15 feet. One troop has since been sent out daily to complete the wells. Two wells have now been timbered and are ready for use. The third ^{which} when complete will give with the aid of the other two a sufficient supply for the Regiment, is not complete on account of there being no timber or material for timbering.

Pumps have been requisitioned for and pending their arrival one whip has been erected for lifting water and material an effort is being made to collect material locally in order to manufacture a second.

Training. Training was commenced on the 4th and has been proceeded with as follows:

mornings 9.30 to 11 dismounted troop drill under troop leaders
afternoons: 2.30 to 4 p.m. Squadron drill mounted under Squadron Leaders, particular attention being paid to dismounted action and manouevring led horses.

A riding school has been established for backward riders.
Special training for officers. One hour daily in Machine Gun under M.C. Officers - heliometer in the evening and night marching on compass bearing.

D. Fulton Lieut-Col.
C.O., 3rd A.L.H. Regt.

3rd Light Horse Regiment

BIR HOOKER
12-1-16.

Headquarters
1st A.L.H. Bde.

Daily Report

"C" Squadron moved in advance of Regt. to new camp at LIGHT HORSE WELLS today. 6 camels have been attached to them to do necessary transport of forage and rations from the rail head to Camp. Signalling communication with Regt Hdqrs. has been established and will be maintained by helio in daytime and lamps at night.

Owing to scarcity of material for construction of whips for lifting water, the remainder of Regiment will not be moved to new position for at least two days.

Land cart has arrived for use of the Regiment in evacuating sick and wounded, also one hand pump for lifting water. This has been sent on to LIGHT HORSE WELLS.

D. Fulton Lieut-Col.
C.O. 3rd A.L.H. Regt.

BIR HOOKER

13/1/16

Headquarters

1st A.L.H. Bde.

Daily Report - 3rd A.L.H. Regt.
At Light Horse Wells

Work on Wells at new Camp site was continued by C. Coy, a great amount of difficulty being met with owing to shortage of suitable material for timbering purposes, the ground being of very treacherous nature and continually caving in.

At BIR HOOKER

Training was continued by A. & B Squadrons & Machine Gun Section. Arrangements have been completed for removal of Regt Hdqrs and Machine Gun Section to Camp at LIGHT HORSE WELLS.

Telephone communication was opened between BIR HOOKER and Camp at Light Horse Wells.

Blundstone Lieut
Adjutant 3rd A.L.H. Regt
For Co

LIGHT HORSE WELLS

14/1/16

Headquarters
M. A. L. H. Brigade

Daily Report - 3rd Lt H Regt.

At LIGHT HORSE WELLS

Regt Headquarters and machine gun moved from BIR HOOKER to Camp at LIGHT HORSE WELLS.

Work was continued by 'C' Squadron on the wells. One well caved in completely but the timber was secured.

The other well is now completed and a good supply of water is being obtained from it. Timber has been obtained from the OLD COAST GUARD STATION suitable for timbering and work will be commenced on another well tomorrow. Six more camels have been taken over for transport purposes from the EGYPTIAN CAVALRY.

Telephone has been extended from LIGHT HORSE WELLS to THE PAPPS.

Randall Lane Lieut
Adjutant 3rd Lt H Regt
for CO.

LIGHT HORSE WELLS

15/1/16

Headquarters

M. A. L. H. Brigade

Daily report - 3rd Lt H Regt

'B' Squadron moved today to new Camp at LIGHT HORSE WELLS from BIR HOOKER CAMP.

Work was continued on the second well at the new Camp site good progress being made with the timbering. Horses of one Squadron are for the present being watered at some pools at from 400 to 500 yards S.W. of Camp at which a plentiful supply of water for horses is to be obtained.

Four contact posts are being placed out from base until dawn and an observation post during daylight. These patrols are sent at 2400 retiring at 0300 & replaced by fresh patrols who remain out until dawn.

Randall Lane Lieut
Adjutant 3rd Lt H Regt
for CO.

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LIGHT HORSE WELLS
(BIR. HOOKER) 16/1/16

Headquarters
1st LH Brigade

Daily Report - 2nd LH Regt.

A Squadron arrived from BIR HOOKER CAMP today. The Regiment being now complete again. Fair progress made with well sinking. The Wood & Zinc troughs brought with the Regiment from Helioptis have commenced leaking badly and are apparently beyond repair. Arrangements have been made for Canvas troughs to be erected.

Night patrol reported having seen lights (apparently signals) in a direction N.W. by N ~~at~~ from ANCIENT GLASS WORKS at about 4am.

The Day Observation Post reported seeing what was believed to be a party of from 8 to 12 horsemen moving in an EASTERLY direction towards GABEL ET TIRABI at 8-40am. A patrol was sent out to intercept them but failed to get in touch.

In the afternoon a patrol went out 2 miles N.W. from end of LAKE GAAR. They reported no signs of enemy. X two springs of good water were

Daily report - 2nd LH (continued)

found at that point, also a quantity of brush wood suitable for firewood

Bamford Lane
Adjutant 2nd LH Regt

8.18

LIGHT HORSE WELLS
(BIR HOOKER) 18/1/16

Headquarters
M. A. T. H. Brigade
Daily Report 2nd L.H. Regt

The Commanding Officer accompan-
ied Brig. General R. O'Byrne
to ZOWIA for purpose of selecting
camp site.

Day & night patrols - nothing to
report.

Outpost report five flashes seen
in direction of PAPPS at 1850
tonight (18th) resembling flashes
from signal lamps.

Horses were allowed to graze
for half an hour in afternoon.
Training - Dismounted work
in morning. Mounted in after-
noon.

Ramston Lane Huss

Adjutant 2nd L.H. Regt

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with other
reports for Co.

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LIGHT HORSE WELLS
19-1-16

Headquarters
M. A. T. H. Brigade
Daily Report - 2nd L.H. Regt

A detachment of M. A. T. H. Field Amb.
- Major Fowler & 14 other ranks -
arrived today and established a
Camp.

Capt. Kinchankh of M. A. T. H. Brigade
Headquarters reported & is attached
to the Regiment for duty.

Patrols for previous 24 hours &
Day observation Post - nothing to
report.

The two completed wells easily
maintain supply of water required
for drinking purposes & for all
horses of the Regiment.

Ramston Lane Huss

Adjutant 2nd L.H. Regt

for Co.

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LIGHT HORSE WELLS

20-1-16

Headqtr
M.A.L.H. Brigade.
Daily Report - 2nd Lt. H. Regt.

Col. E. F. Box CB OIC M.A.L.H.
Brigade arrived today.
Patrols and observation Post -
nothing to report during previous
24 hours.
Training was continued -
dismounted in morning under
troop leaders. Mounted in
afternoon under sqd leaders.

Blairfarlane Lieut.
Adjutant 2nd Lt. H. Regt.

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MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

Army Form C. 20

No. of Message 3

In 65 36		Charges to Pay.	Office Stamp.
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Service Instructions			
Handed in at 53rd Division		Off 35	Received 145
TO		1st Aust Light Horse	
Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
2608	20/1/16	BM20	
Do received report daily from 506 was NATRUN end of information from all obs but do not get one disc from OC 3rd Lt Horse regt.			
<i>[Handwritten signature]</i>			
FROM	53rd Division 1515		
PLACE & TIME			

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LIGHT HORSE WELLS

21/1/16

Headquarters

M. A. L. H. Brigade

Daily Report - 3rd A. L. H. Regt.

Colonel Coe returned to WARDAN today.

A camp site has been selected at a point 1 mile N.W. by N from EL GAAR and a boring plant sent there today with a working party for putting down the bore. One troop from 'C' Coy under Lieut. Bennett accompanied the party.

The 12 Camels loaned from the Egyptian Cavalry have been returned to BIR HOOKER. Camel transport will in future be used from BIR HOOKER direct, a detachment from Camel Transport Corps being now stationed there.

Patrols and Observation Posts - nothing to report during previous 24 hours.

Ramford Lane Lieut.
Adjutant 3rd A. L. H. Regt.

LIGHT HORSE WELLS

22/1/16

Headquarters

M. A. L. H. Brigade

Daily Report - 3rd A. L. H. Regt.

Boring commenced at EL GAAR, one bore being put down 9 feet water was met with at a depth of 6 ft.

Patrols and Observation Posts - nothing to report.

Ramford Lane Lieut.
Adjutant 3rd A. L. H. Regt.
for Co

LIGHT HORSE WELLS.

22-1-16

Headquarters

1st LH Brigade

Daily report - 2nd LH Regt.

An 'Alarm' was practiced during the morning.

A Church Service was held at 1430.

Work was continued on the bore at EL GAAR which is now down a depth of 18 feet.

Patrol ^{com} Report received from Lieut. Bennett of patrol sent out from THE PAPPA at 0130 and returning at 1300 attached.

Out-ports - Copy of report by Lt Kidman, Officer in Charge of out-ports on 22nd-23rd, attached.

Day observation Post - nothing to report.

Randall Lane Lieut.
Adjutant. 2nd LH Regt.

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Copy of report received from
Lieut. W. J. Bennett, O/C detachment
2nd A.H. Regt at EL QARR, 23/1/16

"Patrol left the PAPPAS at 0130 travelling
N.W. arrived at a point about 2 miles
N.E of RAS SULIMANIYA at 0450. Saw
signal lights in direction of KOM EL
HEY. Patrol moved round towards
rear of same. No one in sight
but saw tracks of 4 camels and
one donkey going N.W. These tracks
were freshly made and gave
sign of rapid movement. Sent
two sections to follow tracks. These
rejoined me at 0800 near RAS SULI-
MANIYA and reported they had
followed tracks for about 4
miles & saw nothing. In the mean-
time remainder of patrol searched
country between KOM EL HEY and
RAS SULIMANIYA and saw numer-
ous footprints (of natives camels & donkeys)
at a point about 1 mile E of RAS
SULIMANIYA a party of 10 Bedouans
(6 men 2 women & 2 boys) were met.
They had with them 12 camels
loaded with water and tents and
were driving about 100 sheep

travelling W. Our patrol escorted
this party back to WHITE HOUSE &
returned to PAPPAS at 1300."

Later information received shows
that the party of Bedouans were
inclined to move off again at dusk
in the same direction as before.
Lieut. Bennett has been instructed
to detain them for the present.

Dawood Lone Lieut.
Adjutant 2nd A.H. Regt.

Copy
Report received from Officer in
Charge of Outposts 22nd 23rd Jun 15

I ported the outposts on 22.1.16
at 1800. I visited each post twice
during the night and found everything
correct -

The N.C.O. in charge of No 4 Post
reported seeing two lights along the
WADI in direction of PAPPS which
he thought appeared at times like
signalling. I also saw two lights
which I took to be camp fires,
either at a Bedouin encampment
or of our troops camped at THE
PAPPS and the flickering of the
lights which the N.C.O. thought
might be signals, was in my opin-
ion only the usual way that
camp fires appear to burn when
some distance away.

At No. 3 Post, N.W. of Camp the N.C.O.
in charge reported that at 2325
the sentry on the Post halted
two natives. They did not halt
at usual challenge but on the
N.C.O. calling "STANNA" they stood.
In reply to questions they replied
"SHEIK BIR HOOKER. They were

allowed to proceed. At 2335 two
natives were halted at No 2 post
(presumably the same two) the N.C.O.
in charge of the Post had them
escorted well on past No 1 Post.
The N.C.O. in charge of No 1 Post
reported that at 2355 the natives
were halted at his post. They
were questioned and ultimately
allowed to proceed toward BIR
HOOKER. In each case the
natives did not stop until "STANNA"
had been called & each N.C.O.
received the same reply which
sounded to them like "SHEIK-BIR
HOOKER"

Ramford's line
Regulation 2nd at H Regt

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LIGHT HORSE WELLS

24-1-16

Headquarters

2nd A.L.H. Brigade.

Daily Report - 2nd A.L.H. Regt.

On account of there being no moon now in the earlier part of the night the positions of our outposts have been altered, and an extra post has been added. The times of sending out patrols has also been altered, the first will now go out from 2000 to 2300 and the second from 0330 till dawn.

Work at EL GAAR was continued:

The bore is now down 40 feet.

The party of Bedouins mentioned in yesterday's report decamped during the night, and were caught at midday 5 miles W of RAS EL SULIMANIYA. The sheep were too exhausted for the patrol to bring in, so they returned with the camels and equipment to LAKE GAAR leaving the Bedouins to follow with the sheep.

The Commanding Officer in

conjunction with the intelligence officer accompanied the Sheikh to EL GAAR and arranged with him that all Bedouins were to be E of the line THE PAPPIS - EL GAAR in five days time.

A spring containing a good supply of fresh drinking water has been discovered near EL GAAR.

Troop and Squadron training was continued.

Bandarlane Khan
Adjutant - 2nd A.L.H. Regt.

LIGHT HORSE WELLS

25-1-16

Headquarters

1st A.L.H. Brigade.

Daily Report - 2nd. A.L.H. Regt.

Owing to heavy wind & dust storm today little work was done beyond exercising horses. The officer in charge of Detachment at EL GAAR reports that they were unable to make progress with the boring owing to unfavourable weather. Patrols sent out from EL GAAR report no sign of enemy five miles N.W. and W. of PAPS.

Outposts and patrols from LIGHT HORSE WELLS during previous 24 hours. Nothing to report.

1900

Ramford Lane Lieut.
Adjutant 2nd A.L.H. Regt
for CO

LIGHT HORSE WELLS

26-1-16

Headquarters

1st A.L.H. Brigade

Daily report - 2nd. A.L.H. Regt.

Three officers and 49 other ranks reported today from Aerodrome Camp Helopolis. Names of officers - Lieut. J. J. Brooks, J. T. Biggs & W. E. Kelly.

Troop and Squadron training was continued.

Patrols and Outposts - nothing to report during previous 24 hours. Of Detachment at EL GAAR reports good progress with the bore, depth now 52 feet. One Bedouin and seventy three camels travelling from N.W. passed THE PAPS at 10.30. A patrol left PAPS at 0530 and went W. as far as WHITE HOUSE returned via S. side of LAKE GAAR to PAPS at 1245. Reported all clear.

Ramford Lane Lieut.
Adjutant 2nd A.L.H. Regt
for CO

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LIGHT HORSE WELLS

27/1/16

Headquarters

1st A.L.H. Brigade

Daily Report - 3rd A.L.H. Regt.

The L.O.C. 52nd Division - General Dallas and Brig General R.O.B. Taylor O/C Force WADI NATRUN visited LIGHT HORSE WELLS today and proceeded to ELGAAR accompanied by C.O. 3rd A.L.H. Regt. returning to BIR HOOKER in afternoon.

The bore at ELGAAR is now down to a depth of 59 feet. Water has now risen in the bore to within 6 feet of surface. Outputs & patrols - nothing to report.

Rand Jarlane here.

Adjutant 3rd A.L.H. Regt.

LIGHT HORSE WELLS

28-1-16

Headquarters

1st A.L.H. Brigade

Daily Report. 3rd. A.L.H. Regt.

Training

Squadrons were inspected (diamonded) by the Commanding Officer this morning. Mounted work in afternoon under Squadron Leaders.

Patrols & outposts - nothing to report during previous 24 hours at L.H. WELLS.

Copy of report received from O.C. Detachment at EL GAAR attached. 4 Bedouins (with 2 muzzles loading guns) and 8 camels sent in from EL GAAR were handed over to BIKANER ESCORT at 2040 to be taken on to BIR HOOKER.

The bore at EL GAAR now 60 feet deep, and working in clay.

Ramtarlane Lt
Adjutant. 3rd A.L.H. Regt.
for C.O.

Copy of report received from Lt. Bennett of Detachment at

EL GAAR 25/1/16 -

A Patrol left PAPS for RAS SULIMANIYA at 1600 on 27th inst. arrived there at 1930 and camped for the night. At 0630 patrol moved on W from RAS SULIMANIYA and came across 4 Bedouins about 3 miles out. They were carrying 2 guns and had 8 camels loaded with water. These were sent to the PAPS under escort and from there on to LIGHT HORSE WELLS. About 10 miles W of RAS

SULIMANIYA found 1 Bedouin carrying gun. When he saw the patrol he dropped the gun and ran away. When caught he was very lame and unable to travel into the PAPS. Decided to bring gun & leave Bedouin. Country all clear for 10 miles N.W. and W of RAS SULIMANIYA.

Ramtarlane Lt
Adjutant. 3rd A.L.H. Regt.

LIGHT HORSE WELLS

29.1.16

Headquarters

1st L.H. Brigade.

Daily report - 2nd L.H. Regt.
Training Troop & Squadron
Training was continued.

Outposts and patrols - nothing to
report, except that lights are frequent
-ly seen at night resembling flashes
from signalling lamps. It is thought
that most likely these are Beduin
fires.

The bore at EL GAAR is now
down 70 feet. The supply will
be tested tomorrow.

Bandarlane Lieut.

Adjutant 2nd L.H. Regt.

[Signature]

LIGHT HORSE WELLS

30.1.16

Headquarters

1st L.H. Brigade

Daily report - 2nd L.H. Regt.

Horses were exercised during
the morning and afternoon and
devoted to general cleaning up
washing clothes bathing etc.
lights resembling signal flares
were again seen by outposts
at 2000 on 30th. Bearing of
same 212 degrees from Camp
The well bore at EL GAAR was
tested today and supply of
water found to be insufficient
Boring will be continued to-
-morrow.

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Adjutant 2nd L.H. Regt
for CO

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LIGHT HORSEWELLS

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Daily report - 3rd L.H. Regt.

All clothing, kit and equipment on issue to men was inspected and checked during the morning Squadron training (mounted) in afternoon.

Outposts & patrols - nothing to report.

The bore at EL SAAR now 75 feet still working in clay.

Rear Fortline has
Regimental 3rd L.H. Regt.
for CO

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First Australian Light Horse Brigade

Headquarters,
Aerodrome Camp,
Heliopolis, 12th. January, 1915.

Memorandum for -
Headquarters, Signal Troop,
1st.L.H., 2nd.L.H., 3rd.L.H.
Brigade Train.

Move to WARDAN

1.- Preliminary Measures -

B.H.Qrs., Signal Troop, 1st.L.H., 2nd.L.H. are to move out of Aerodrome Camp to WARDAN on Friday 14th. instant at War Establishment plus 10% other ranks, the latter dismounted provided ~~car~~ riding horses are not available.

The balance of the officers and other ranks in camp remain at Aerodrome under the proposed training scheme which is outlined in Appendix "A".

Names of officers and garrison men are also set out in Appendix "A"

2.- Transport -

~~No wheeled transport or horses and drivers for same will be taken at present. They will be left at Aerodrome, but may be used for transporting baggage, etc. to station.~~

*SEE BELOW
marked **

3.- Baggage -

Black kit bags, Blankets and water proof sheets will be stacked along ^{side} the main roadway through camp by 6-30 a.m. on 14th. instant. A Guard of sufficient strength to carry out the loading to be posted on each stack.

4.- Tents -

Tents required at WARDAN are to be similarly packed and stacked alongside roadway by 7 a.m.

5.- Troughing -

Sufficient troughing (complete) to accommodate all horses at WARDAN is to be taken.

This troughing will be taken down and stacked alongside the roadway by the details remaining in camp immediately the Regiments move out.

An officer should be specially detailed for this duty and this officer will be responsible for seeing the troughs ~~actually~~ actually loaded and despatched on the rail for WARDAN.

Care should be taken that all fittings for the troughs nuts, washers, and connections are kept complete, as any deficiencies on arrival at WARDAN will cause serious trouble.

6.- Rail Arrangements

These will be issued later as Appendix "B".

1st. and 2nd.L.H. Regiments will each send two officers with the details to go by rail.

Staff Captain proceeds by this train.

B.H.Qrs. details (1 n.c.o. and 2 men) and Signal Troop Details will be attached for the rail journey to the 2nd.L.H.

7.- Loading and Entraining Stores, etc.

C.O.'s. will arrange parties to load wagons and trucks. O.C., Bde. Train will arrange for transport to Station from Regimental stacks.

Loading parties, Guards, etc. at the Station should be found from the details going forward by train.

O.C., Bde. Train will advise C.O.'s regarding transport arrangements, i.e. times, etc.

2.- Transport - 1st. Line Transport only will be taken, and this be sent by rail; drivers and horses as per establishment included. This transport is to be entrained loaded.



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8.- Rations and forage -

Indents are to be sent to B.H.Q. by 9 a.m. tomorrow for issues as under :-

Forage (on service scale) - 2 days.

Rations - two thirds ration fresh meat, vegetables, etc.
1/3 ration bully beef and bread.

These will be drawn and carried as under :-

Thursday, 13th. instant

Draw from Supply Depot one third ration bully and bread for midday meal on 14th.

Draw as above one third ration forage for midday feed on 14th.

Friday 14th. instant

Carry one midday meal and feed on man and horse respectively.

Draw two thirds fresh ration meat, vegetables, etc and one third ration bully beef and one forage ration from Supply Depot at BARRAGE on arrival there.

Saturday, 15th. instant

Carry one third ration bully and bread, and
" " " forage on man and horse respectively.

Draw two thirds ration bully and bread, etc. and forage at WARDAN Supply Depot.

1st.L.H. will send a party of 1 n.e.o. and 12 men to the Supply Depot, Racecourse Camp at 3 p.m. on Thursday, 13th. inst. to load rations.

9.- Cooks -

Cooks and sufficient cooking utensils to prepare evening meal and breakfast at BARRAGE will be sent with the A.S.C. by road, leaving Racecourse Camp at 4-30 a.m. on Friday, 14th. inst.

Breakfasts of those to move by road to be prepared with the utensils of details - these details to have breakfast later.

Cooks with utensils will proceed from BARRAGE to BENI SALAAM by train. Warrant will be issued at BARRAGE.

10.- Escort for Wagons -

1st. and 2nd.L.H. will each send one n.e.o. and six men as Mounted Escort to accompany the wagons as far as BARRAGE and there join their units. This detail reports Supply Depot, Racecourse Camp 4-30 a.m., Friday, 14th. instant.

11.- March

The Brigade (~~less shielded transport, etc.~~ and details to proceed by rail) will march via CAIRO STATION - BARRAGE - BE EL MENASHI - NEKLA and Desert to BENI SALAAM on Friday 14th. instant.

Order of March as under :- Head of column passes OLD GRANDSTAND at 9 a.m. -

- B.H.Qrs.
- Signal Troop.
- 1st. A.L.H. Regiment.
- 2nd. A.L.H. Regiment.

Night 14th./15th. inst.-

Bivouac at BARRAGE - Ground and arrangements to be pointed out to representatives, who should be sent ahead when within three miles of BARRAGE.

It will be necessary at BARRAGE to use breast-lines.

12.- March Discipline -

Attention is directed to Field Service Regulations on this subject.

13.- Blankets -

One blanket and one waterproof sheet will be carried on horse.

14.- Halts -

Generally for last 10 minutes of each hour.

C. William
Major.
B.H., 1st. A.L.H. Bde.

APPENDIX "A"

ONE RESERVE REGIMENT WILL BE FORMED FOR EACH LIGHT HORSE
BRIGADE - DETAILS AS UNDER

R A N K	Hd. Qrs		M. G. Secn		One Sqn.		Total Regt.	
	A.	B.	A.	B.	A.	B.	A.	B.
Lt.-Colonel	1						1	
Major	1						1	
Major or Capts					1	1	3	3
Adjutant	1						1	
Lieutenants			1		1	4	4	12
Quartermaster	1						1	
<u>Total Offs.</u>	<u>4(a)</u>		<u>1</u>		<u>2(a)</u>	<u>5(b)</u>	<u>11(a)</u>	<u>15(b)</u>
Sqdn. S. M.: Instr. of Musketry.	1						1	
Sqdn. Sgt. Mjt.	1(c)				1		4	
Sqn. Q. M. S.	1(d)				1		4	
Farrier Sgts.	1(e)				1		4	
Orderly Room Sgt.	1						1	
Actg. Saddler Sgt.	1						1	
Orderly Room Clk.	1						1	
Sergeant Cook	1						1	
Sergeants			1		3	4	10	12
<u>Total Sgts.</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>1</u>		<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>13</u>
Trumpeters						2		6
Corporals				1		7		22
Saddlers						1		3
Saddletree makers		1						1
Shoeing Smiths						4		12
Privates				24		135		429
<u>Total Rank & File</u>	<u>1</u>			<u>25</u>		<u>147</u>		<u>487</u>
<u>Total all ranks -</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>500</u>
<u>Horses</u>								
Officers(g)	7		2		4	10	31	30
Riding	4		1	15	4	146	18	453
Drft. or pack				16				16
<u>Total</u>	<u>11</u>		<u>3</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>499</u>

Remount Squadron attached for training horses

Personnel

Officers	24	
Other ranks	197	221
<u>Total Unit</u>	<u>221</u>	

Horses

Officers	25
Riding	547
Drught	

A.-- means Permanent Cadre
B.-- " Attached.

- (a) Selected and nominated by G.C., Brigade.
 (b) From officers convalescent or reinforcement officers.
 (c) A/Sergeant Major.
 (d) A/Quartermaster Sergeant.
 (e) A/Farrier Quarter Master Sergeant.
 (g) 2 horses are shown for each officer except Quartermaster who will only have one.

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H e a d q u a r t e r s,
Aerodrome Camp,
13/1/16.

To :- 1st. and 2nd L.H.

Only the prescribed War Establishment of men and horses is now to proceed to WARDAN.

All surplus will be left at Aerodrome Camp in charge of O.C. Reserve Regiment.

Rail accomodation is now being asked for 1st Line Transport with horses and drivers, baggage including tents, troughing, breast-line poles and kit, and an escort of 1 officer and 20 men per Regiment.

Other arrangements will be as notified formerly.

C.O's will please take action accordingly.


Major,
B.M., 1st A.L.H. Bde.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
Aerodrome Camp, Heliopolis,
13/1/16.

To :- B.H.Q., Sig. Troop, 1st and 2nd L.H.

The following are additional instructions regarding move. Please add them to previous orders with paragraph numbers as shown.-

- 15.- Details going by train take 24 hours ration as issued.
- 16.- 300 rounds ammunition per man to be taken, distributed on man and cart.
- 17.- All riding horses including officers' are to be ridden by road - sick excepted.
- 18.- Delete reference to waterproof sheets in para. 3.


Major,
B.M., 1st A.L.H. Bde.

MARCHING OUT STATE.

1st A.L.H. Brigades
less 3rd Reg + train

on moving from Brodrome to Warden

	Officers	Other Ranks	Animals	Guns with Limbers	Limbered Wagons	Other 4 wheeled vehicles	2 wheeled Carts	Weight of baggage	Weight of reserves Ammunition	Bicycles	Remarks
a)	3	116	126	-	23	3	4	50 tons	4 tons	39	
b)	48	969	1071								

a) means by rail
b) means by road

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Headquarters,
 Aerodrome Camp,
 Heliopolis, 13th. January, 1915.

Memorandum to :-
 B.H. Qrs.,
 1st. L.H., 2nd. L.H.
 Signal Troop.

Following are the numbers of officers, other ranks
 and horses to proceed by road and rail :-

U n i t	BY ROAD			BY RAIL		
	Offs.	Other ranks	Horses	Offc.	Other ranks	Horses
B.H. Qrs.	4	20	24	1	4	2
Signal Troop	1	29	39	-	10	6
1st. L.H. Regt.	24	460	504	1	51 ^m	59
2nd. L.H. Regt.	19	460	504	1	51	59
<u>T o t a l</u>	48	969	1011 1071	3	116	126

Major.
 B.M., 1st. A.L.H. Brigade.

To be added to Appendix "A".

The following temporary appointments have been made tentatively.-

Major H.V.Vernon to command Reserve Regiment.
Major F.T.H.Goucher, 2nd in command.
Major J.Loynes, to command Remount Squadron.
2/Lieut. A.R.Norris, to be Adjutant.

To be Permanent Cadre Officers.

Capt.P.A.Laurie, 3rd L.H.
Capt.E.E.Stuckey, 1st L.H.
Lieut.J.T.Bigg, 3rd L.H.
Lieut.W.C.Kelly, 3rd L.H.
Lieut.E.M.Hyman, 1st L.H.
Lieut.C.A.Brough, 1st L.H.
Lieut,L.Kessells, 2nd L.H. - Machine Gun Officer.
Lieut.E.Costello, 2nd L.H. - Remount Squadron.

Officers attached.

Capt.H.K.McKell, 1st L.H.
Capt.W.C.Logan, 2nd L.H.
Lieut.G.N.Mills, 1st L.H.
2/Lieut.N.T.Crichton, 2nd L.H.
2/Lieut. H.Sinclair, 2nd L.H.
2/Lieut.O.Henry, 2nd L.H.
2/Lieut.C.L.Johnson, X 1st L.H.
2/Lieut.R.Plunkett, 1st L.H.

Col.,
Comdng. 1st A.L.H. Brigade.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
Beni Salama Camp,
18/1/18.

To 1st L.H.

1.- The KHATATBA Canal is an important canal supplying ALEXANDRIA with drinking water, and a large part of LOWER EGYPT with water for irrigation purposes.

It is essential that this should not be tampered with.

At the present time the surface of the NILE is about 10 feet lower than the bottom of the canal.

The two vulnerable points at which this canal could be cut are.-

(a) at, and south of TEIRIA Station,

(b) and about ALQAM.

The latter is the most vulnerable. At this point 10 men could make a breach in the bank in one hour and a half sufficient to drain the canal.

2.- To protect these places, you will please detail one troop to proceed by route march to-morrow to a camp site about midway between TEIRIA and ALQAM.

3.- The vulnerable points will be watched by Cossack Posts the banks of the canal being continuously patrolled.

4.- One G.S. limbered wagon with horses, drivers etc. is to be sent by train to TEIRIA, which place will be used by the troops as a base.

5.- Three days supplies to be maintained by you with the troop but on the first day it will be advisable to send four days. This reserve, of course must be tinned, but the daily issue afterwards may be fresh, at least during the cool weather.

6.- Ammunition.- 150 on man to be carried, 250 per man in troop camp in reserve.

7.- Signallers - At least 6 signallers are to be sent with apparatus for visual work.

8.- Tentage.- 6 tents will be required.

Major,
B.M., 1st A.L.H. Bde.

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Headquarters,
Beni Salama Camp,
23rd. January, 1915.

Memo. to :-
1st. L.H., 2nd. L.H.

TRAINING

The following notes are issued for guidance.

The first week will commence on Monday, 24th. instant.

Midday and evening Stables commence 15 minutes after time set down for instruction.

All training to be progressive, and in order to avoid monotony and to minimise fatigue of horses, mounted work should be interspersed with 15 minute lecturettes, dismounted work, etc.

Troop and Squadron Leaders should draw up their own programmes subject to approval of Sqdn. and Regtl. Commanders.

A suggested programme of Troop Training is attached to assist in framing programmes, but this suggestion need not be rigidly adhered to.

A suggested Squadron programme will be issued later.

TROOP TRAINING

Day	From	To	Work
1st.	9 a.m.	10 a.m.	Troop Drill Mtd. Sections 70-82.
	10 am	10-15 am	Lecturette - "Care of Arms"
	10-15	11-45 am	Troop Drill Mounted - Sections 83-87
	2 pm.	3 pm.	Drill on foot (refresher only)
	3	3-15 pm	Lecturette "Repetition & Catechism on Care of Arms".
	3-15	3-45 pm.	Rifle Exercises - Secs. 30, 31, 32.
2nd.	9 am.	10 am.	Troop Drill Mtd. Secs. 79-87
	10 am	10-15 am	Lecturette - "Fitting of Saddlery".
	10-15	11-45 am.	Troop Drill Mounted - Sec. 88
	2 pm	3 p.m.	Musketry Instruction Loading Standing Unloading " " Ditto lying.
	3	3-15 pm.	Make for accuracy of movement - speed comes later. Ball ammunition not to be used. Lecturette - "How a Patrol should move & Work".
	3-15	3-45 p.m.	Rifle Exercises.
3rd.	9 am	10 am	Troop Drill Mtd. as for 1st. & 2nd. days.
	10	10-15 am	Lecturette "Care of the Horse on March".
	10-15	11-45 am	Steady Troop Drill, combining movements taught previously.
	2	3 pm	Musketry Instruction. Aiming Instruction - sandbag used as rest, bulls-eye target improvised. Demonstrate faults of aiming

Day	From	To	Work
3rd. contd.	2 pm.	3 pm.	Try each man, then, if time permits, teach aiming position standing.
	3	3-15 pm	Lecturette "Objects of Drill".
	3-15	3-45 pm	Bayonet Fighting.
4th.	9 am	10 am	Troop Drill Mtd. Practice slight increase of pace, but insist on staying steadiness.
	10	10-15am	Lecturette "Work of Ground Scouts".
	10-15	11-45am	Dismounting for action. Practice led horses steadily. Insist on quietness and steadiness throughout.
	2	3 p.m.	Musketry Instruction - Trigger Pressing - method and importance of. Demonstrate and test every man, then combine trigger pressing with positions taught.
	3	3-15 pm	Lecturette - "Work of a Cossack Post".
	3-15	3-45 pm	Bayonet Fighting.
5th.	GENERAL RESUME OF WEEK'S WORK AND GUARDS AND SENTRIES IN AFTERNOON!		
6th.	9 am	12 noon	Cleaning ^{and inspection of} Saddlery and Kit. Afternoon holiday.
7th.	10-30am		Church Parade.

2ND. WEEK TROOP TRAINING

1st.	9 am	11 am	Patrolling practice, including message writing by n.c.o's.
	11	11-30am	Smoke-O and criticism of morning's work.
	11-30am	1-30 pm	Repeat morning's work.
	1-30pm	1-45 pm	Criticism of 2nd. stage of work.
	1-45 pm		Commence moving in to Stables.
2nd.	9 am	11 am	An Outpost Picquet with Cossack Posts.
	11	11-30	Smoke-O and criticism of work.
	11-30	1-30pm	Repeat and Practice again.
	1-30pm	1-45 pm	Criticism of work.
	2 pm		Stables.
3rd	9-15am	9-15am	Lecturette - "The Advance on Foot".
	9-15 am	11 am	Practice the Advance on foot - led horses taking cover.
	11	11-15am	Smoke-O.
	11-15	11-30am	Lecturette "Necessity for and effect of controlled fire action - Concentrated fire - How targets are indicated.
	11-30am	1-45pm	Practice combination of dismounting for action. Led horses taking cover. Advance on foot. Fire orders and opening fire.
4th.	9am	9-15am	Lecturette - "Work of a Vanguard and how it carries out its work".
	9-15	10-15am	Practice telling off the Troop into Patrols and moving over a short distance.
	10-15	10-30am	Assemble and point out mistakes in movement of patrols.
	10-30	10-45am	Smoke-O
	10-45	11-45	Repeat.
	11-45	12-45	Assemble and Practice carrying and delivery of messages, both verbal and written.
	12-45	1-45	Practice occupation of an indicated position - steady pace.

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Day	From	To	W o r k
5th.	9 am	9-15 am	Lecturette "Troop in Rearguard".
	9-15	10-15 am	Practice retirement as rearguard - Troop acting as Rear Party.
	10-15	10-30 am	Assemble and discuss work.
	10-30	10-45 am.	Repeat.
	10-45	11 a.m.	Smoke-O.
	11 am	1-45 p.m.	Steady resume of 1st. week's work.
6th.	9 am	12 noon	Cleaning ^{and inspection} saddlery and kit. Afternoon holiday.
7th	10-30 am		Church Parade.

William

Major.
E.M., 1st. A.L.H. Brigade.

First Australian Light Horse Brigade

Headquarters,
Beni Salama Camp,
6th. Feb., 1916.

Memo to :-
1st. L.H., 2nd. L.H.

In continuation of training memorandum, herewith are suggestions for Squadron Training to commence on Monday, 8th. inst:-

Day	Time	Work
Monday 7th.	9 to 10-30	Squadron Drill, Secs. 75, 89 - 94. Steady work. Make for absolute steadiness and precision.
	10-30 to 11	Smoke O and lecturette on necessity for Squadron drill.
	11 to 12-30	Further steady Squadron Drill same Sections as above - subordinate officers give an opportunity of instructing Squadrons.
	12-30 to 1 1 to 1-45	Smoke O and lecturette "Care of Horse" - Sec. 122. Section 95.
Tuesday 8th.	9 to 10-30	Squadron Drill.- Sections as on Monday, pace increased slightly, but study horses.
	10-30 to 11	Smoke O and lecturette "Combination of dismounted action with movement mounted in attack" - Sec. 146 and 152. Select a spot from which a good view can be obtained of a stretch of ground which can be used as an illustration throughout the lecturette. This lecturette should of course be carefully prepared <u>on the ground</u> previously and the language should be quite simple and practical.
	11 to 12-30	Practice dismounting for action - Sec. 149, led horses Section 150. Dismounted men to practise fire discipline Sec 146, officers and n.c.o.s fire direction and control.
	12-30 to 1 1 to 1-45	Smoke O and criticism of work done from 11 to 12-30. Forming Square - Sec. 174.
Wednesday 9th.	9 to 1-45	<u>Advanced Guard.</u> - In the practice Squadrons must work out at least six miles and have as great a frontage as possible, allotted them. The exercise to be repeated on the return journey; on completion of the outward run work should be criticised.
Thursday 10th.	9 to 10-30	Squadron Drill.
	10-30 to 11	Smoke O and lecturette "Outposts, with particular reference to Picquets and Cossack Posts".
	11 to 1-45	Practice posting picquets and cossack posts. Sending out patrols, standing and reconnoitring. All work to be carefully criticised in detail.
Friday	<u>Regimental Training</u> :- A simple scheme embracing dismounted action with movement mounted.	
Saturday 12th.	In camp - cleaning saddlery, harness, equipment, etc.	

[Signature]
Bde Major,
1st. A.L.H. Bde A.I.F.