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3rd A.L.H. Brigade,
Aust. Mtd. Division.

Army Form C. 2118.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Page 1	Volume 53.	Remarks and references to Appendices
Deir elBelah	February 1918.					
<i>A.S.B.</i>	1		Lieut. O.J. Shaw proceeded on Duty to A.I.F. Headquarters, CAIRO . Lieut A.S. Barker seconded to 3rd L.H.Trng.Regt. as Musketry Instructor.			Ref. Map RAFA 1/125000
<i>A.S.B.</i>	2		Inspection by C.O. of the Regiment disclosed a satisfactory turn-out. One Troop in A Squadron was especially good and reflected credit on all concerned. Major Bleechmore and 10 O/Ranks proceeded to Port Said Rest Camp and Lieut Ayliffe to Imperial School of Instruction, ZEITOUN.			
<i>A.S.B.</i>	3		Church Parades were held as usual 35 O/Ranks marched in from Moascar including a fair proportion of those wounded during the recent operations.			
<i>A.S.B.</i>	4		Heavy Rain fell and boisterous weather was experienced for some days. However owing to the possession of Tents and serviceable bivouacs little inconvenience was suffered. Lieut G.L.H. Mueller reported from MOASCAR. Orders were issued for 3rd A.L.H. Brigade to move to GAZA for Salvaging operations but these orders were cancelled and it was decided to send out Salvaging Parties from the present Camp.			
<i>A.S.B.</i>	5		Salvaging commenced Party of 4 Officers and 250 O/Ranks moved out at 0700 returning to Camp at 1700			
<i>A.S.B.</i>	6		Lieut. O.J. Shaw returned from CAIRO. Lieut W.E.H. Pascoe reported from MOASCAR.			
<i>A.S.B.</i>	7		Salvage Work interfered with slightly by rain No 1442 Cpl. Colin RODGER awarded MILITARY MEDAL dated 29-11-17 Major T.A. Siekmann Returned from Egyptian Leave.			
<i>A.S.B.</i>	8		Orders were issued regarding Pacifist Propaganda some having been found printed on packets of Cigarette Papers. Orders instructed all ranks to seize these papers whenever found.			

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Deir-el-BELAH.	8			Owing to heavy rain Rehearsal for C in C's Inspection were cancelled.		Ref Map RAFA 1/125000
<i>L.H.A.</i>	9			Salvage Party cancelled owing to inclement weather		
	10			2/Lieut. Hannaford returned from Leave.		
<i>L.H.A.</i>	11			First Rehearsal for C in C's Review. Turnout was generally satisfactory. Major H M. Parsons proceeded on Leave.		
<i>L.H.A.</i>	14			Major Bleechmore and 9 O/Ranks returned from Port Said Rest Camp. Lieut Ayliffe returned from School of Instruction, ZEITOUN. 15 O/Ranks proceeded to Port Said Rest Camp.		
	15			Second Rehearsal for C in C's inspection		
<i>L.H.A.</i>	16			Orders promulgated regarding the publication of Names of Deserters from the A.I.F. in the Australian Press. Syllabus of Training for Period 20-2-18 to 23-2-18 issued and copy attached herewith Lieut Hogan reported from School of Instruction, ZEITOUN.		Appendix 1
<i>L.H.A.</i>	17			Church Parades held as usual. Brigade Band was of great assistance to the service.		
	19			Last day of Salvaging operations.		
<i>L.H.A.</i>	20			Training recommenced. 2/Lieut Hannaford proceeded to Junior Officers School, KELAB. Major Parsons returned from Leave.		
	21			Tests held to decide Regimental Representatives in Brigade Mounted Sports.		

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Deir-el BELAH.	21		Orders for Musketry Practices issued and copy attached			Appendix 2	Ref. Mpp RAFA 2/125000
	22		Musketry Practices commenced. Good results were impossible owing to bad weather. 6 O/Ranks marched in from MOASCAR.				
	23		Musketry continued under better weather conditions Major H.M. Parsons evacuated to Hospital.				
	24		Liaut O.J. Shaw proceeded to School of Instruction, ZEITOUN.				
	25		Musketry Practices concluded Major C. Bleechmore transferred from C Squadron to Command A Squadron.				
	26		Gas Test held 1 Officer and 15 O/Ranks proceeded to Port Said Rest Camp. Syllabus of Training issued, for week ending March 2nd. Copy attached.				Appendix 3
	27		C Troop B Squadron under Lieut Mueller won Competition for Best Drilled and Turned out Troop in the Regiment.				
	28		Brigade Dismounted Sports. 16 O/Ranks marched in from Moascar. Fluctuations for Month of February attached.				Appendix 4

T.G. Daley Major,
A/ C.O. 9th Light Horse Regiment

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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2	Orders for Musketry Practices.
3	Syllabus of Training for Week Ending March 2nd.
4	Fluctuations for Month.

APPENDIX I

Programme of Training for 9th L.H. Regt., for Period 20-2-18 to 23-2-18.
(Inclusive)

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Date.	Nature Of Training.	Time.
20th.	Signalling Class.	0900-1200
	Rangefinding Class.	0830-0930
	Dismounted Training.	
	Muscle Exercises Para 266.	
	Recapitulation Chap 1-3.	0830-0930
	Mounted Training.	
	Squadron Drill. Y.M.R.T. Chap 5 Secs 90-94.	0930-1145.
21st.	Signalling Class	0930-1200
	Dismounted Training.	
	Gas Drill.	0830-0930
	Mounted Training.	
	Squadron Drill. Y.M.R.T. Chap 5 Secs 90-94.	0930-1145
22nd.	Signalling Class.	0900-1200
	Rangefinding Class.	0830-0930
	Dismounted Training.	
	Muscle Exercises Para 266	
	Recapitulation Chap 4.	0830-0930
	Mounted Training.	
	Squadron Drill. Y.M.R.T. Chap 5 Sec 95.	0930-1145
23rd.	Inspection of Kits.	
	" " Lines.	
	" " Saddlery etc.	

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The Training of Hotchkiss Rifle Spare Teams will be carried out from 0830-0930 except on the 21st when all ranks will attend Gas Drill.

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Previous orders regarding Time Table are cancelled. Each Squadron will now fire every day at the following times:

Friday. 22nd.	0700-1000	"C" Squadron.	1/2 Headquarters.	E 50/6
	1000-1300	"A" "	1/2 Drivers.	
	1400-1730	"B" "	1/2 Headquarters. 1/2 Drivers.	
Saturday. 23rd.	0700-1000	A Squadron.	1/2 Drivers.	
	1000-1300	B "	1/2 Drivers. 1/2 Headquarters.	
	1400-1730	C "	1/2 Headquarters.	
Sunday. 24th.	0700-1000	B Squadron.	1/2 Headquarters 1/2 Drivers.	
	1000-1300	C "	1/2 Headquarters.	
	1400-1730	A "	1/2 Drivers.	
Monday. 25th.	0700-1000	C Squadron.	1/2 Headquarters.	
	1000-1300	A "	1/2 Drivers.	
	1400-1730	B "	1/2 Drivers. 1/2 Headquarters.	

During Practices the Squadron firing first each day will take over camp duties at 1200.

Squadrons will then have no Regimental Duties when it is their turn to fire and the only men to be left in camp is 1 daystableman & 3 Cooks. Responsibility for patrolling the Range will rest with the Squadron Leader using the Range, who will find his own patrol.

Each Squadron will detail the following to parade at R.H.Q. at 1700 tonight and proceed to the Rifle Range to take up the duties of markers on the Range and be rationed under Regimental Arrangements.

A Squadron.	1 Off.	8 O/R.
B "	1 Sgt.	8 O/R.
C "	1 Cpl.	8 O/R.

Squadrons will leave camp 45 minutes before the time they commence firing.

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APPENDIX 3

Programme of Training for 9th L.H. Regt. for week ending 2nd March 1918.

Date.	Nature of Training.	Time.
Feb. 25th.	Musketry Practices.	- FEB 1918 <i>E 50/7</i>
26th.	Signalling Class. Hotchkiss Rifle 30yds Range Practice. Bombing Class. Musketry: Bayonet Fighting. Mounted Training: Squadron Drill Y.M.R.T. Chap 5 Secs. 90-94.	0830-1145. " " " 0900-1145.
27th.	Gas Drill. Signalling Class. Hotchkiss Rifle 30yds Range Practices. Bombing Class. Mounted Training: Squadron Drill. Y.M.R.T. Chap 5 Secs 95.	0830-0930 0930-1145 " " 0900-1145
28th.	Signalling Class. Hotchkiss Rifle 30 yds Range Practice. Bombing Class. Musketry: Bayonet Fighting. Mounted Training: Squadron Drill .Y.M.R.T. Chap 5 Sec 95	0830- 1145 " " 0830-0900 0900-1145
March 1st.	Signalling Class. Hotchkiss Rifle 30yds Range Practice. Bombing Class. Musketry: Bayonet Fighting. Mounted Training: Squadron Drill Y.M.R.T. Chap 5 Sec 90-95.	0830-1145. " " 0830-0930 0900-1145.
2nd.	Inspection of Kits, Lines and Saddlery etc.	

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Fluctuations in Personnel for Month.

<u>Increase.</u>	Off.	O/R.	<u>Decrease.</u>	Off.	O/R.
From Moascar.	1	56	Moascar.	1	
" A.A.M.C.	1		Hospital.	1	8
			A.A.M.C.	1	1
			Transfer.		3
			Detention.		3
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	2	56		3	15
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Fluctuations in Animals for Month.

<u>Increase.</u>	Rides.	Dghts.	Pack.	<u>Decrease.</u>	Rides.	Dghts.	Pack.
Remounts.	72		3	S.O.S. fr			
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