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15th. Australian Light Horse Regiment

WAR DIARY

for Month of March 1919

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 15th REGIMENT A.L.H.
 No. 1517
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 INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BARBEK	2 nd	0630	Moved from BARBEK en Route to BEIRUT with 8 Officers 129 Other Ranks and 232 horses arrived at SARDNAIL at 1600. where the detachments from RAYAK and MOLLAKA joined up. Roads good and weather fine. slightly windy. Drew Aftm. one drap fresh supplies and filleted for the night.	
	3 rd		Moved off at 0730. picked up detachment from SHTORA, 1 officer and 12 other ranks. Reached AIN SOFR 1215. Roads good, weather wind and cold, water plentiful and pure at any given point en route. Horses travelled well. Very little trouble with shoes. Drove one drap fresh supplies of rations here and filleted for the night. Very heavy rain commenced to fall early in the afternoon and continued through out the night.	Aftm
	4 th		Moved off at 0715 and reached camp site at BEIRUT at 1400 weather condition during the morning very bad. however the Regiment arrived at BEIRUT without the loss of any kind.	
	5 th		Lieut BUCHANAN and Ahvana party rejoined.	Aftm
	6 th		Cold + Windy. Men employed in cleaning Saddles etc. previous to handing in to ordnance.	
	7		228 horses and 3 mules handed into 40 th Remount Squadron. Aftm Canteen stores brought from AIF canteen and placed on sale in camp area. Major KESSELS, 2. OK and two horses to MOLLAKA as Adm. commandant. Aftm Aftm Aftm	

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BEIRUT	8 th		50. CII Horses destroyed. Saddlery and technical equipment being prepared for return to ordnance. Carriage inspected by G.O.C. <i>Afm</i>	
	9		General inspection by Corps Commander. Linn. bot. mills returned to Regiment. 24. CII destroyed. All Saddlery and equipment returned to Ordnance <i>Afm</i>	
	10 th		Carcases of all horses destroyed. buried. <i>Afm</i>	
	11 th		Daily Routine comes into effect. Books etc received from AIF Companies funds. <i>Afm</i>	
	12 th		Wagons returned to ordnance. 2 wagons. Aust Mt Division visited Camp <i>Afm</i>	
	13 th		Goring gloves & Footballs received from Brigade. 10,000 rounds S.A.A. returned to B.A.C. all lumber returned to ordnance <i>Afm</i>	
	14 th		Received on loan from Dorset Regiment: 8 horses and Saddles. <i>Afm</i>	
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BEIRUT	15 th		Lt WILLIAMSON & VENESS to A.I.F. Headquarters on pay duties. weather hot	
	16 th			
	17		Col Mills to Brigadier Gen. Major Donovan Sims in command	
	18		Preliminary instructions re move of Brigade to MOASCAR issued	Appendix I
	19		Blankets, gloves & leather jacket returned to Odugue. A/m	
	20 th		Lecture given by Major Cherry A.M. on early civilization in Lebanon	
	21 st		Instructions received re move of Brigade to MOASCAR. Regimental instructions issued accordingly	
	22 nd			
	23 rd		20 Bell tent and 2 E.P.I.P. tent handed over to 12 th Bde Regiment. Regiment A/m	Appendix II
	EGYPT	24		Marched to BEIRUT Wharf at 0630 and embarked on H.M.T. ELLENOR at 1100. Arrived Port-Said 0900. Heavy baggage unloaded and placed on train. A/m
25			Regiment disembarked at 0800 and left by train at 0950 for MOASCAR. Arriving at 1200. Col Mills returned to Regiment. 2 officers with 60 men rejoined from Delat. A/m	Af Mills has col

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MOASCAR	26 th		Patrol of 1 officer and 32 OR on Railway line from MOASCAR station	
	27		To NEFISHA. 4 Wagons drawn from Ordnance. A fm	
			16 Mules drawn from MVS. 25 ORS under Lt Col MILSON marched out.	
			No escort to AUS ⁿ Division Camp. A fm	
			125 horses drawn from Remounts. Several duties taken over	
	28		from 12 th Aht Regt. A fm	
			203 horses drawn from Remounts. also Saddlery. Swords and	
			Munitions from Ordnance. A fm	
	29 th		20 riding horses transferred to Bde Hqs. 34 Pack mules	
			drawn from Remounts. Inspection of Saddlery etc and fitting	
			of saddles held by "B" Squadron. A fm	
	30 th		Inspection of Saddlery etc. "B" and "A" Squadrons. A fm	
	31 st		Rifle buckets drawn from Ordnance. A fm	

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LIST OF APPENDICES TO WAR DIARY FOR MONTH OF MARCH 1919

15th. Regiment A.L.H.

31.3.19

Appendix No. 1 = Preliminary instructions regarding the move of
the Regiment to EGYPT.

Appendix No. 2 = Regtl. Move Order No. 2, regarding the Move of
the Regiment to MOASCAR, issued

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PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING MOVE OF REGIMENT TO
EGYPT.

- 1. In view of the fact that the Regiment may be called upon at notice to embark for Egypt, every effort is to be made to a state of preparedness.
- 2 All tentage and camp equipment will be taken to Egypt.
- 3 Rifles, bandoliers and belts will be taken to Egypt; as will 90 rounds of ammunition per. man
- 4 Ground sheets and bivouac sheets will be retained until arrival at MOASCAR.
- 5 When the Regiment moves out all camp sites must be left clean & all rubbish burned and tins buried.
- 6 The iron cookhouses at present being ~~ISSUED~~ used by the Regiment will be left intact and thoroughly clean

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19.3.19

Lieut. and A/Adjutant
15th. Regiment A.L.H.

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Reference Maps:- 1/250,000.

1. The Regiment will march to the BEIRUT wharf for embarkation To Egypt, on Sunday next the 23rd. instant.
2. Reveille on the 23rd. instant will be at 0430. Breakfast will be at 0500.
The Orderly Sergeant will arrange to waken the cooks to enable them to prepare breakfast by this hour.
3. (a) The Regiment will form up in close column of troops, on the vacant ground in front of Regtl. Orderly Room at 0630.
(b) DRESS:- Drill order with water-bottle and haversack. Water bottles must be filled.
4. RATIONS:- The Regiment will be rationed over breakfast on the 24th instant.
Two day's rations will be placed on board in bulk by the Divisional Train.
5. MARCH DISCIPLINE:- (a) The Regtl. Orderly Officer will march in rear of the Regiment. He will be responsible that step is kept.
(b) Sections are to keep well closed up and no straggling or falling out is to be allowed.
(c) Any men given permission to fall out are not to attempt to catch up to their own unit, but will fall in in the rear of the unit passing them.
(d) when passing Guards, units will march to attention and give "Eyes right" or left as the case may be.
(e) Troops will keep to the right side of road and during halts will clear all cross roads.
6. BAGGAGE:- "A" Squadron will detail a Sergeant to take charge of the Baggage Party. He will report to this office for instructions at 1500 tomorrow the 22nd. instant.
(b) "A", "B" and "C" Squadrons will each detail 1 N.C.O. and ten men to act as loading and baggage Guard.
7. Lieut. Fairweather will report mounted to Brigade Headquarters at 0530 on the 23rd. inst. to take over and allot camels to this Regt. 2nd. N.Z.M.G. Squadron, Field Troop and Mobile Vety. Section.
8. Arrangements are being made for Horses and saddlery borrowed by the Brigade to be returned to the Dorset Yeomanry on the wharf.
Lieut. Moore M.E. will collect these horses and their saddles, check them and obtain a receipt from the N.C.O. of the Dorset Yeo. who receives them.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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P.O. Tree Lt. & A. Adjutant,
15th. Regiment A.L.H.

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