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**Regiment**

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
KILO-9	1-10-17	M.W.	2 other ranks to hospital - range firing carried out under gas.	
KILO-9	2-10-17	M.W.	1 other rank to hospital. 3 other ranks to school of Instruction ZEITOUN - 2 other ranks from hospital. Lieut. S.M. MOORE and troop moved to new camp site on the beach to develop water - 40 dismounted men sent to RAFA by train	
REST AREA BEACH	3-10-17	M.W.	Lieut. W.H. GRAY and 15 other ranks to REST CAMP. PORT SAID - One other rank from Training Regiment - The Regiment moved at 0900 from Kilo 9 with the Brigade to rest area on beach square U 31. C reference map EL SHELLAL 1/40,000 and arrived in new camp at 1045 - all wheeled traffic proceeded via RAFA.	
REST AREA BEACH	4-10-17	M.W.	2 Lieut. F.H. TOMLINS and 13 other ranks from PORT SAID REST CAMP. 4 other ranks from TRAINING REGIMENT - 5 other ranks from school of Instruction ZEITOUN - General fatigues carried out during day laying out camps and erecting cooks shelters - Transport carted all unnecessary stores from dump at RAFA.	
REST AREA BEACH	5-10-17	M.W.	Inspector General of remounts inspected horses - Capt. E.S. KATER + M.E. WRIGHT on leave to CAIRO	
REST AREA BEACH	6-10-17	M.W.	One other rank rejoined from Rest Camp MARRAKEB - Major T.E.W.W. IRWIN on leave to CAIRO	
"	7-10-17	M.W.	Lt. W.F.M. ROSS and 4 other ranks rejoined from School of Instruction 1 other rank from Rest Camp PORT SAID. Training carried out.	

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Lieut. G. G. G. L. - Colonel  
C.O. 1st L. N. Regiment

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REST CAMP BEACH	8.10.17	1700	Routine parades	
"	9.10.17	1700	2 other ranks to M.V.S - One other rank to Hospital - 1 other rank from Rest Camp MARAKEB - Lt F. H. OTTON and 15 other ranks rejoined from Railway Construction party	
"	10.10.17	1700	2 other ranks from M.V.S.	
"	11.10.17	1700	1 other rank transferred to M.G.S., 1 other rank to School of Instruction - 2 other ranks from rest camp MARAKEB - 2 other ranks from 1 <sup>st</sup> L.H. Training Regt. MOASCAR - 29 other ranks attended gas demonstration at D.H.Q.	
"	12.10.17	1700	One other rank sick to Hospital - Lt F. H. OTTON and 15 other ranks to PORT SAID - One other rank from rest camp MARAKEB - Commenced clipping horses - Majors T. E. W. IRWIN - Capt. E. S. KATER & M. E. WRIGHT from leave. Hotchkiss gun practice on 25 yards range.	
"	13.10.17	1700	14 other ranks from rest camp PORT SAID. Lt. W. H. JAMES and 3 other ranks from school of Instruction EL ARISH 1 other rank to B.H.Q. 1 other rank to detention - CAPT. M. E. WRIGHT and 2 other ranks detached to D.H.Q.	
"	14.10.17	1700	Lt S. E. GREGORY & 2 other ranks from School of Instruction ZEITOUN 1 other rank to hospital	

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REST AREA BEACH	15.10.17	1900	1900	Lt S E. GREGORY and 2 other ranks from School of Instruction ZEITOUN - One other rank to hospital.	
"	15.10.17	1900	1900	1 other rank to hospital - 3 M C O's to a 1 day Gas school at D.H.Q. Brigadier inspected horses - Hotchkiss gun practice on 25 yards range.	
"	16.10.17	1900	1900	One other rank from Hospital	
"	17.10.17	1900	1900	2 other ranks to Hospital - 3 other ranks to Rest Camp MARAKEB - <del>3 other ranks to rest camp MARAKEB</del> - 3 other ranks from school of Instruction. Sig troop + Squadron flare carriers took part in practice "communication with Aeroplanes" at EL GUBBA	
"	18.10.17	1900	1900	1 other rank to Hospital - 2 other ranks transferred to Am Engineers.	
"	19.10.17	1900	1900	Hotchkiss gun drill and 25 yards range practice each day this week.	
"	20.10.17	1900	1900	Lt W. H. GRAY and two other ranks from rest camp PORT SAID - 5 other ranks from MARAKEB - Capt E. C. BATTYE and one other rank from Training Regiment MOASCAR - Major G. H. L. HARRIS, M.C and 3 other ranks to School of Instruction ZEITOUN - One other rank to hospital.	
"	21.10.17	1900	1900	16 remounts received - 3 other ranks from Rest Camp PORT SAID	
"	22.10.17	1900	1900	Sig Troop - Sqdn Leaders - and flare carriers attended "practice communication with Aeroplanes" at RAFA - Lieut. F. H. OTTON and 13 other ranks from REST CAMP PORT SAID - 1 other rank to hospital - 1 other rank transferred to F. Ambulance.	

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BEACH REST AREA	23-10-17	<i>1900</i>	1 other rank to Hospital - 4 other ranks rejoined from Railway Construction party; 2 other ranks from M.V. Section 48 remounts marched in + 2 draughts taken on strength; 2 other ranks to Detention - Lt. W. H. GRAY and 13 other ranks to ESANI on guard duties.	
"	24-10-17	<i>1900</i>	Regt left beach at 1630 and marched with Brigade to FUKHARI arrived 1920.	
FUKHARI	25-10-17	<i>1900</i>	Capt M. E. WRIGHT and 2 other ranks rejoined from detached duty at ANZAC MTO. Div.	
"	26-10-17	<i>1900</i>	Lieut. S. M. MOORE and 1 other rank sick to Hospital - 1 other rank to detention. - The regiment left bivouac area at 1530 and marched to KILO 17 then joined Brigade and moved at 1730 and marched to ESANI arriving at 2350 and bivouaced - "B" Squadron under Capt. E. S. KATER acted as advance guard to Brigade - Lt. C. S. FROST and one troop escorted "B" Echelon Transport - Lt. W. T. MORRICE took over duties as Brigade Transport officer - all ranks issued with Boob respirators.	
ESANI	27-10-17	<i>1900</i>	One squadron under Major A. A. WHITE. M.C. marched out from bivouac area at 1600 to escort convoy to KHALASSA & returned to camp at 2355	
"	28-10-17	<i>1900</i>	Lieut. W. H. GRAY and 2 other ranks rejoined from guard duties. The Regiment moved with the Brigade at 1700 and marched to KHALASSA arriving in bivouac area at 2200 - One squadron under Capt. E. S. KATER acted as left flank guard + One troop under Lt. C. S. FROST acted as escort to B Echelon transport. Capt. M. E. WRIGHT on Brigade Duties from 1600 to 2200	
KHALASSA	29-10-17	<i>1900</i>	Lieut. C. S. FROST and troop acted as escort to "B" Echelon Transport. The Regiment left bivouac area with Brigade and moved to ASLUT arriving at 2100. "B" Squadron under Capt. E. S. KATER detailed to develop water. Capt. M. E. WRIGHT detailed for Brigade duties for one day - R. S. M. WRIGHT, J. R. and S. S. M. MACDONALD R. I. promoted to commissioned ranks.	
ASLUT	30-10-17	<i>1900</i>	2 Lt. R. F. PARBURY and 40 other ranks detailed as working party with engineers - 2 Lt. J. R. WRIGHT and 12 other ranks relieved 2nd L. H. Bde on day observation post on point 1240 at 0600 reference map BEERSHEBA 125,000. Lt. C. S. FROST & troop detailed as escort to "B" Echelon transport. The Regt less two troops on escort duty left ASLUT at 1730 and moved to water and then joined Brigade near ASLUT railway station which was the rendezvous for ANZAC Mounted Division prior to advancing against BEERSHEBA - reference map 1-125,000	
"	31-10-17	<i>1900</i>	Arrived at a point half a mile SOUTH of KHASAM ZANNA at 1030 and were then detailed to take up a position on left flank of INVERNESS BATTERY which came into position just N of K in KHASAM at 1100 and to watch left flank of 2nd + 3rd Regts attacking TEL EL SABA.	

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J. G. Brown Major.  
In C.O. 1st L. H. REGT.

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BEERSHEBA	31-10-17	A.M.	<p>During this period our advanced troops were heavily shelled. at 1610 orders were received to attack on line 970 inclusive to MOSQUE inclusive, which line was made good, orders were then received to hold the line for the night and strengthen the position as much as possible. "A" Squadron under Major A.A. WHITE M.C and "B" Squadron under Capt. E.S. KATER held the line, with two troops of "C" Squadron under Capt. F.M. MACK in reserve. A few enemy cavalry approached our line during the night but retired on being fired on, one enemy cavalryman being killed. The Australian Mounted Division attacked on our left with the 3<sup>rd</sup> L.H. Brigade on our right. we captured 90 prisoners including 11 officers. Our casualties 2 other ranks killed - 1 other rank wounded. At 1630 two enemy aeroplanes bombed "A" Echelon Transport. our casualties 1 other rank killed. 3 Lieut W.G. DRUMMOND + 8 other ranks wounded - 17 draught + 3 riding horses killed. During the day 2 riding horses were killed by shell fire.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J.E.W. Irwin. Major For C.O. 1<sup>st</sup> L.H. REGT.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">- OCT 1917</p>



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Summary of Casualties for month of October 1917.

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Killed		Wounded		Missing		Sick to Hospital		Transferred		Taken on strength, marched in.	
off	O.R.	off	O.R.	off	O.R.	off	O.R.	off	O.R.	off	O.R.
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J. E. W. Brown Major  
For C.O. 1st Light Horse Regiment

Particulars of Officers Wounded Lt W. G. DRUMMOND.  
Sick Lt S. M. MOORE

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