

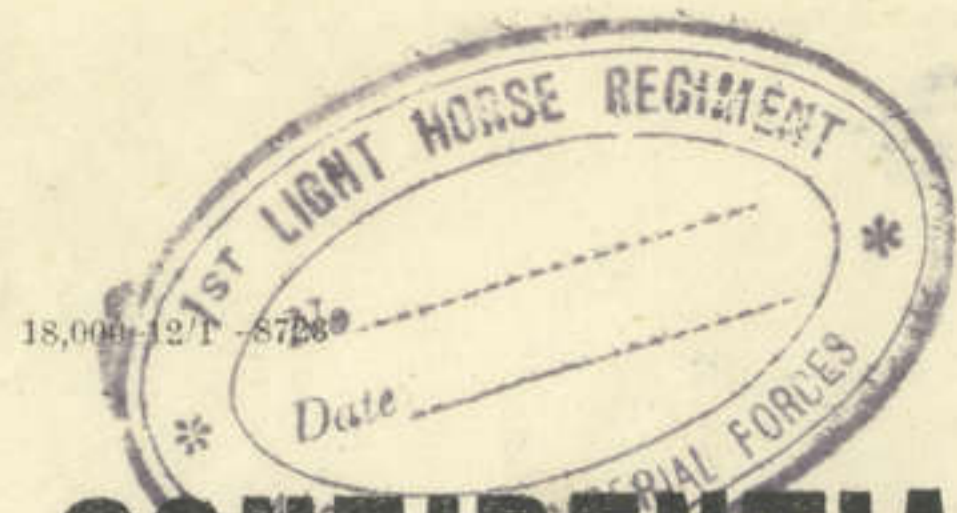
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AYUN KARA	1/2/18	M.W.	Lieut. F. H. TOMLINS + 11 other ranks to PORT SAID rest camp 2/L. J. A. MARKWELL + 2/Lieut C. E. UPTON on special leave to CAIRO - 10 other ranks marched in from PORT SAID - 1 NCO + 5 men to relieve relay post at G. H. Q. - 1 NCO + 3 men relieved relay post at RAMLEH - 1 NCO + 3 men to relieve relay post at NAANEH - all parties moved out mounted - 1 donkey dead.	
"	2/2/18	M.W.	Major G. H. L. HARRIS M.C. marched in from leave - 2/L. A. KINGSFORD + 2 other ranks marched out to school ZEITOUN - 1 other rank sick to Ambulance - 1 other rank to Brigade ordnance - 1 other rank rejoined from dump at BELAH - 1 horse missing - Dumps from BELAH brought to Brigade & distributed to regiments - CO + Squadron leaders attended a scheme "dismounted attack" carried out by 2nd Regt.	
"	3/2/18	M.W.	2 other ranks from school ZEITOUN - 1 other rank from Ambulance - Church parade in Y.M.C.A. Tent.	
"	4/2/18	M.W.	2 other ranks sick to hospital - Transfer 1 other rank to and from 26th A.D.V.S. Usual syllabus of training carried out.	
"	5/2/18	M.W.	1 other rank and 1 riding horse to G. H. Q. and extra-regimentally employed - 1 riding horse to M.V.S. - C.O. + Adjutant attended a conference at D.H.Q. - Conference of all officers at B.H.Q. - Capt. M. E. WRIGHT + 10 other ranks on leave to CAIRO.	

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AYON KARA	6/2/18	Morn.	1 other rank sick to hospital	
	7/2/18	Morn.	1 other rank to school of cookery ISMAILIA - Lieut. C. S. FROST returned from leave in CAIRO	
	8/2/18	Morn.	5 A. C. O's marched out to training Regiment. MOASCAR - 1 other rank sick to hospital	
	9/2/18	Morn.	1 other rank sick to hospital - 2 riding horses from M. V. S. Major F. V. WEIR Capt. O. B. RYRIE and Capt. E. C. BATTYE started an officers Topographical class under Capt McLEAN. Brigade under orders to move at 12 hours notice	
	10/2/18	Morn.	Church parade cancelled owing to wet weather. Cadre N. C. O's returned from Kilo 295 where they had been held up by bad weather.	
	11/2/18	Morn.	2 other ranks sick to hospital - 1 other rank detached to ZEITOUN - 4 other ranks reported to D. H. Q for motor driving test.	

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AYUN KARRA	12/2/18	M.W.	10 other ranks sick to hospital - Lieut. G. H. TAYLOR marched out for leave to U.K. - 2 other ranks proceeded on short leave - One other rank rejoined from rest camp - PORT SAID.	
"	13/2/18	M.W.	10 other ranks sick to hospital - 2/Lieuts. J. A. MARKWELL & C. E. UPTON rejoined from short leave - 4 N.C.O.'s marched out to Training Regiment MOASCAR.	
"	14/2/18	M.W.	1 other rank sick to hospital - relay post rejoined from NAANEH, 4 other ranks G.H.Q. - 6 other ranks RAMLEH & other ranks - One other rank from hospital at AKIR - Lieut. Col. C. H. GRANVILLE, D.S.O. marched in from CAIRO and took over duties of Brigadier - General Butler inspected horses.	
"	15/2/18	M.W.	Port Said rest party Lieut. F. H. TOMPKINS & 14 other ranks returned - 10 other ranks remained in PORT SAID and struck off - One other rank sick to hospital - Capt. M. E. WRIGHT rejoined from leave - received orders to be ready to move tomorrow - Lt. W. H. JAMES, M.C. moved with N.Z. Mtd Bde to BETHLEHEM as guide to Bde.	

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AYUN KARA	16/2/18	M.W.	<p>2/Lieut. R. G. FANCETT &amp; 2/Lieut. C. E. UPTON 4 other ranks and six horses marched out to officers school KELAB - 1 other rank to signal school ZEITOUN - 1 other rank extra regimentally employed at B.H.Q. 10 other ranks marched in from duty in CAIRO. L. G. H. S. CUNDY and 13 other ranks left in camp as guard over tents and Regimental dumps.</p> <p>The regiment left camp at 0945 and marched with Brigade, being inspected by Brigadier C. F. Cox., C.B., M.C.M.G., V.D. as the regiment passed Brigade H.Q. to JUNCTION STATION reaching new bivouac area at 1515. Reference map PALESTINE sheet XVI. L. W. G. DRUMMOND and 12 other ranks acted as ground scouts to the Brigade.</p>	
JUNCTION STATION	17/2/18	M.W.	<p>The Regiment moved with the Brigade at 0900 and marched to ZAKARYIA reference map Palestine sheet 17. arriving in bivouac area at 1400 and after watering horses camped for the night.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">- FEB 1918</p>

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ZAKARYIA	18/2/18	M.W.	Left bivouac area at 0700 & after watering proceeded to KHUOR with Brigade arriving in bivouac area at 1415. Transport arrived in camp at 1545 having marched in rear of Brigade via the ZAKARYIA-KHUOR road. Lt. Col C. H. GRAYVILLE, D.S.O., rejoined from acting Brigadier & took command of the Regiment.	
KHUOR	19/2/18	M.W.	1 N.C.O and 4 other ranks detailed as escort to S.A.A. Camel Convoy and reported to Capt PARSONAGE main supply dumps Kilo 1 at 0600. 1 N.C.O & 12 other ranks detailed to report to Capt. PARSONAGE Kilo 1 as escort to camel ration convoy to ABU DIS cross roads at 0630. Lieut J. A. MARKWELL in charge of DIVISIONAL transport with 14 other ranks as escort to train which formed up in present bivouac area at 1245. Lt. W. F. M. ROSS and troops left bivouac area at 0700 & proceeded to MUKMAS reference maps PALESTINE sheet 17 and reported to HQ Cds 181 <sup>st</sup> Inf. Brigade after watering at point W. 286 West of ER RAM.	

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KHU DR	19/2/18	M.W.	<p>"A" Squadron less two troops under Major F. V. WEIR left camp at 0700 and reported to N.Z.M.R. Brigade at 0930. The regiment formed up at 1000 and after watering at SOLOMONS Pools formed up with Brigade &amp; marched via BETHLEHEM to Kh DEIR IBN OBEID and watered horses at 1500 and after drawing rations proceeded at 1700 to EL MUNTAR arriving at 2110. The road was practically impassable &amp; the column had to proceed dismounted in single file throughout most of the journey. reference map Palestine sheet 18. "B" Squadron under Capt. O. B. Pyrie proceeded at 1300 to EL AZIRIYEH as escort to two 18 pdr Batteries. Lieut. W. D. JARRETT &amp; 2 other ranks marched in from school ZEITOUN.</p>	
EL MUNTAR	20/2/18	M.W.	<p>The regiment moved at 0400 and proceeded to support of N.Z.M.R. Brigade one mile S of JEBEL EL KAHMUN. Lt C. R. T. PARBURY and troop detailed to reconnoitre road along WADI KUMRAN from 114 W 36 to 114 U 6 D which was found passable for troops mounted which had to break down into single file in three places.</p>	

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EL MUNTAR	20/2/18	Midn.	Major F. Y. WEIR and two troops rejoined from N.Z.M.A. Brigade having had 3 other ranks wounded & two horses killed by shell fire. The regiment moved with the Brigade at 1830 to point 114 G 18d and bivouaced - Lt W.G. DRUMMOND & 12 other ranks on outpost duty.	
114-U-18d	21/2/18	Midn.	The regiment moved at 0445 towards NEBY MUSA in support of 3rd L. Regt. attacking NEBY MUSA at 0530. - NEBY MUSA was reported to be evacuated and the regiment moved in the direction of JERICHO to arrest undesirables - watered horses in WADY EL KELF and received orders to support 2nd L. Regt holding outpost line from KABUR AIAL HARB reference map Palestine sheet 15 to WADI en NEJIMEH Point 113 Y 23 to 113 B 10. The regiment bivouaced about point 113 H. 26. Major G.H.L. HARRIS, M.C. with two troops proceeded to point 113 L 26 and dug trenches returning to camp at 0400. 1 N.C.O & 8 other ranks detailed as escort to prisoners - stood to arms at 0400.	- FEB 1918

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JERICHO	22/2/18	M.W.	Rain fell last night with intermittent showers during the day - Capt. O. B. RYRIE rejoined with three troops from escorting guns - Received orders to be ready to move with the Brigade at 1715 to KHUDR moved at 1730 and marched via the JERICHO - JERUSALEM road. Drew rations at TEL EL DUMM at 2100 and after feeding proceeded at 2215 and reached bivouac area at 0430 - Very cold and wet - Troop under L. S. E. GREGORY rejoined from escorting guns - 10 other ranks sick to hospital.	
KHUDR	23/2/18	M.W.	1 N.C.O + 6 men on guard over stores at SOLOMONS POOLS - 10 other ranks marched in from 1st L.H. Training Regiment.	
"	24/2/18	M.W.	Raining practically all day - Transport drawing rations from Kib 2. 2 other ranks sick to hospital - 3 other ranks from Cadre 1st Training Regt. 10 other ranks from School of Instruction Zeitoun	
"	25/2/18	M.W.	Received orders to move with Brigade to AMMURIEH at 0800, arrived at new bivouac area at 1530 after watering at ZAKARIYA	

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KHUOR	25/2/18	Midn.	Three limbers broke down on Trek and one half had to be abandoned	
AMMURIEH	26/2/18	Midn.	Left bivouac area with Brigade at 0745 and marched to JUNCTION STATION reaching there at 1000, drew 1/3 ration, watered horses and proceeded to RICHON reaching bivouac area at 1540 - 10 other ranks sick to hospital.	
RICHON	27/2/18	Midn.	L. C. A. HORDERN and 2 other ranks with 3 horses rejoined from seconded list - 10 other ranks from Cookery school. ISMALIA - 3 horses from M.V.S. 2 horses to 6 <sup>th</sup> M.V.S.	
"	28/2/18	Midn.	10 other ranks marched in from MOASCAR 10 other ranks from B.H.Q. 10 other ranks from Sof Inst Kelab. 2 horses to M.V.S. - 10 other ranks to Sof Inst Kelab.	

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CO 1<sup>st</sup> L H Regt.*

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Killed		Wounded		Missing		Transfers		Hospital		Joined		
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Lieut. Colonel

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