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8th. AUSTRALIA-N LIGHT HORSE REGT.

FOR

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Signature of Officer compiling *C. Richardson* Lieut.

Signature of Officer Commanding *F. J. Daly* Major.

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HOMS	1/11/18		<p>The Regt. arrived at biouvac 2 miles N. of HOMS at 0530 after an all night march from HASSIE. HOMS placed strictly out of bounds to all ranks. R.O.O. Lieut. S.R.WOODFIELD. DCM. Official news re armistice with TURKEY received. Effective strength 20 officers 333 o/r.</p>	
"	2/11/18		<p>R.O.O. 2/Lieut. J.N.STUBBS. Town picquet for HOMS provided- strength 1 officer 20 o/r. Leave granted for 1 officer and 10 o/r to visit HOMS.daily. Effective strength 20 officers 331 o/r. Field officer Major Y.H.WALKER M.C.</p>	
"	3/11/18		<p>R.O.O. 2/Lieut.C.H.STANBURY M.M. Field officer Major L.A.MACPHERSON M.C. Bde. watering officer 2/Lieut. H.SHERIDAN. Effective strength 20 officers 331 o/r.</p>	
"	4/11/18		<p>R.O.O. 2/Lieut. H.V.EMMETT Effective strength 20 officers 328 o/r. Evacuated to hospital 3 o/r. 28 o/r marched in from AUS. DIV.DEPOT Damascus.</p>	
"	5/11/18		<p>Field officer Major Y.H.WALKER M.C. R.O.O.Lieut.W.G.MACKAY. Bde. watering officer Lieut.S.R.WOODFIELD. DCM. Official news re armistice with AUSTRIA. Evacuated to hospital 5 o/r. Effective strength 20 officers 351 o/r. Notification received from The Commander:in:Chief of the undermentioned awards:- <u>D.S.O.</u> Major L.A.MACPHERSON. M.C. <u>M.C.</u> Lieut.R.H.BORBIDGE. 2/Lieut.J.N.STUBBS.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">NOV 1918</p>

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HOMS	6/11/18		R.O.O. 2/Lieut. F.S.ROCHSTEIN. Evacuated to hospital 2/Lieut.H.SHERIDAN. 3rd A.L.H.Bde.moved from HOMS and commenced march to TRIPOLI. 1245 Capt.J.McK.TAYLOR and 4 o/r reported to B.H.Q. (biouvac party).This party was detailed as permanent biouvac partyduring march to TRIPOLI. 1730 Regt. moved off from HOMS. 2245 Arrived at biouvac N. of UMM HARLEIN (Approx. 14 miles)and camped for the night.	
TEL KALE Station	7/11/18		R.O.O. 2/Lieut.C.M.SHAW. 0530 Biouvac party reported to B.H.Q. 0600 Regt. moved off from TEL KALE Station. Bde. watered en route at TEL JISH ASWAD. 1110 Arrived at biouvac 2 miles W. of JISH ASWAD (approx. 13 miles.) Rations drawn from 36 Coy. Div. Train.	
NAHR AARKA	8/11/18		R.O.O. Lieut.C.STREETER. 0530 Biouvac party reported to B.H.Q. 0630 Regt. moved off from JISH ASWAD. 1030 Watered from stream at JISH AYASH - halted and fed horses. 1200 March resumed. 1530 Arrived at NAHR AARKA- horses watered immediately on arrival- camped for night. 1 mobile ration issued from B1 echelon. Biouvac approx. 200 yds. from sea shore- very cold and windy night spent. Effective strength 19 officers 348 o/r.	
MEJDELAYA Approx. 4 miles S.E. TRIPOLI	9/11/18		R.O.O.Lieut. C.F.NEWMAN. 0600 Biouvac party reported to B.H.Q. 0700 Bde. moved off. 0900 Watered en route at SHEIKA-BEAWI NAHR BERID IN ORDER of march. 1015 Halted at SHEIKA BEAWI- formed up in column of half squadrons, lightened loads and fed horses. 1200 March resumed, passing through the outskirts of TRIPOLI. 1445 Arrived at biouvac at MEJDELAYA (approx. 4 miles S.E.Tripoli.) Effective strength 19 officers 349 o/r.	

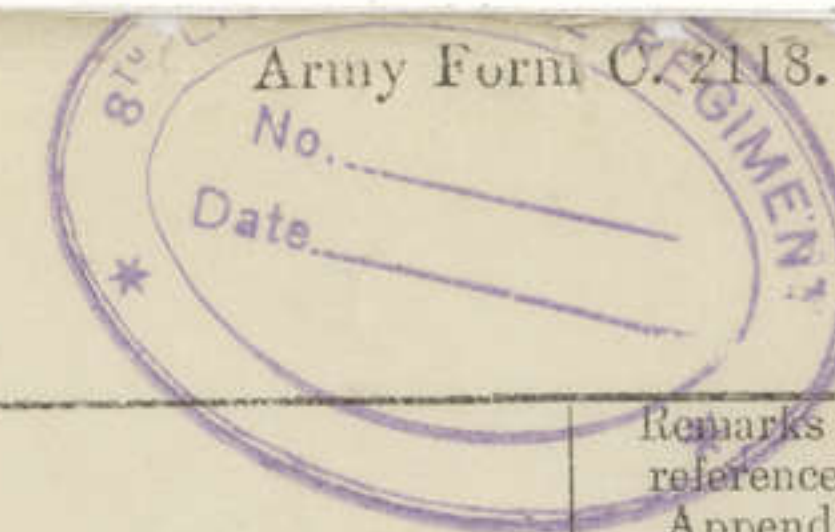
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M Medjelaya	10/11/18		Field Officer Capt. J. McK. TAYLOR. R.O.O.2/Lieut. C.M. SHAW. Day spent in improving camp area and general recuperation after march from HOMS. Effective strength 19 officers 351 e/r.	
"	11/11/18.		R.O.O.2/Lieut. C.H. STANBURY.M.M. 2/Lieut. P.BURNS returned from hospital. Leave granted for purchasing parties of 1 officer and 10 e/r. to visit TRIPOLI daily. Effective strength 20 officers 351 e/r.	
"	12/11/18.		R.O.O. 2/Lieut. P.BURNS. Evacuated to hospital 2 e/r. Effective strength 20 officers 348 e/r.	
"	13/11/18		Field Officer Lieut. R.H. BORBIDGE.M.C. R.O.O.2/Lieut. STUBBS.M.C? Evacuated to hospital 3 e/r. A court of Enquiry composed as under assembled at R.H.Q. to enquire into and report upon the circumstances surrounding the shooting and death of No. 3419 Trooper A.O. BRITTEN #B" Sqdn	
			<p>President: Major H.J. SHANNON.D.S.O. Members: Major L.A.W. MACPHERSON.D.S.O.,M.C. Lieut. S.R. WOODFIELD.D.C.M.</p>	
"	14/11/18.		Effective strength 20 officers 343 e/r. Horse lines and camp area generally in a very muddy and wet condition. Ground proved to be quite unsuitable for mounted troops in wet weather.	
"	15/11/18.		R.O.O. Lieut. W.G. MACKAY. Issue of pay. Effective strength 20 officers 341 e/r.	
"	15/11/18.		R.O.O. 2/Lieut. F.S. ROCHSTEIN. Effective strength 20 officers 339 e/r. All restrictions on the mention of battalions numbers and location of battalions and other units withdrawn. (Authority: Ch. Fld. Censor wire: rpd. B.M. #506.)	

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Medjelaya	16/11/18.		<p>Field Officer Major H. J. SHANNON. D.S.O. R.O.O. 2/Lieut. C. H. STANBURY. M.M. Bde. Watering Officer 2/Lieut. C. M. SHAW. New watering area selected for the Brigade. Effective strength 20 officers 340 e/r. The detail of Officers mentioned below assembled at R.H.Q. at 0900 for the purpose of trying by F.G.C.M. the undermentioned accused person:</p> <p><u>President:</u> Major A. C. N. OLDEN. D.S.O. 10th. L.H. Regt. <u>Members:</u> Capt. B. B. RAGLESS. 9th. L.H. Regt. Lieut. R. H. BORBIDGE. M.C. 8th. L.H. Regt. <u>Waiting Member:</u> Lieut. R. C. SHARP. M.C. 9th. L.H. Regt. <u>Prosecutor:</u> Lieut. L. RICHARDSON. 8th. L.H. Regt. <u>Accused Person:</u> No. 3563 Pte. V. RADOLL. A.A.M.C. Attached 8th. L.H. Regt. <i>LR</i></p>	
"	17/11/18.		<p>R.O.O. Lieut. C. STREETER. Evacuated to hospital 2 e/r. Effective strength 20 officers 338 e/r. The detail of officers as assembled yesterday assembled at R.H.Q. at 0900 to try by F.G.C.M. the undermentioned accused person <u>Accused Person:</u> No. 21 L/Cpl. J. J. WILLIAMSON. 8th L.H. Regt. <i>LR</i></p>	
"	18/11/18.		<p>R.O.O. Lieut. E. F. NEWMAN. 140 e/r. and the following officers marched in from Training Regiment: Major A. CRAWFORD.? Lieut. S. L. MULHOLLAND? Lieut. M. W. COWELL, Lieut. T. R. PEPPERCORN, M.C., Lieut. H. A. PATTERSON, Lieut. A. H. CURRINGTON. D.C.M., Lieut. W. N. J. BOWMAN. D.C.M., 2/Lieut. W. A. MCCONNAN, 2/Lt. M. L. GRAY. Effective strength 29 officers 477 e/r. <i>LR</i></p>	
"	19/11/18.		<p>Field Officer Major L. A. W. MACPHERSON. D.S.O., M.C. Bde. Watering Officer Lieut. M. W. COWELL. R.O.O. Lieut. A. H. CURRINGTON. D.C.M. Effective strength 29 officers 477 e/r. Lieut. R. H. BORBIDGE. M.C. promoted CAPTAIN Dated 1/10/18. <i>LR</i></p>	
"	20/11/18.		<p>R.O.O. 2/Lieut. C. H. STANBURY. M.M. Lt. M. L. GRAY? appointed Transport Officer effective strength 29 officers 485 e/r. 2/Lieut. W. A. MCCONNAN proceeded to DESCAMP Tripoli to take over duties of adjutant temporarily.</p>	

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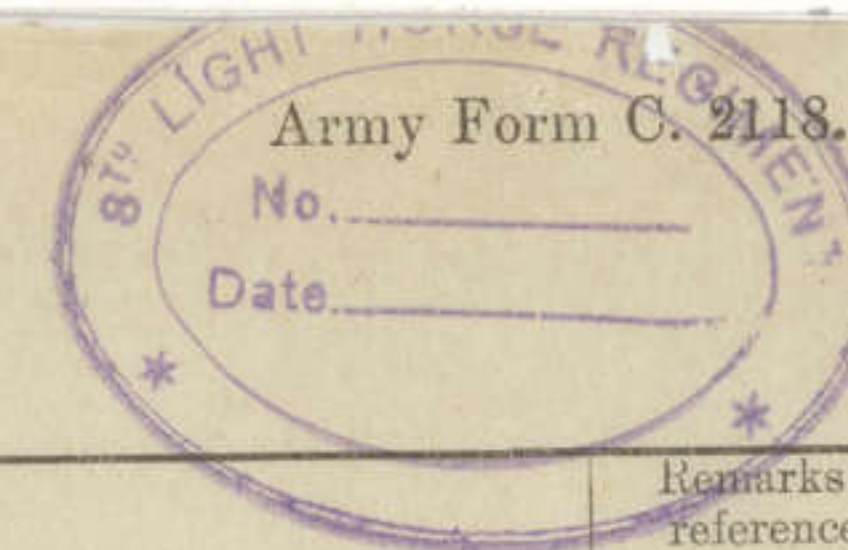
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Medjelaya	21/11/18.		R.O.O. 2/Lieut. C.H. STANBURY.M.M. Capt. W. McGRATH.M.C. and Capt. J. McK. TAYLOR proceeded to EGYPT on special leave. Effective strength 29 officers 482 o/r. Commanding Officer-Lieut. Colonel A. McG. McLaurin- evacuated to hospital. Major H. J. SHANNON.D.S.O. assumed command of the regiment during his absence. <i>MS</i>	
"	22/11/18		R.O.O. Lieut. H. A. PATTERSON. Lieut. S. L. MULHOLLAND evacuated to hospital Notification received that Lieut. Colonel A. McG. McLaurin evacuated from 3rd. L.H.F.A. To 74th. Casualty Clearing Station, TRIPOLI. Effective strength 28 officers 481 o/r. <i>MS</i>	
"	23/11/18	0700	R.O.O. 2/Lieut. E. V. EMMETT. Field Officer Major A. CRAWFORD. Brigade Watering Officer Lieut. A. H. CURRINGTON.D.C.M. Message received from 74th. Casualty Clearing Station, TRIPOLI reporting the death from bronchial pneumonia during the night of the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, Lieut. Colonel A. McG. McLaurin. The funeral service took place in the military cemetery in rear of the 74th. C.C.S. TRIPOLI. All available officers and men attended also representatives from the various units of the Australian Mounted Division. Chaplain R. C. TURNER, 9th. A.L.H. Regt. conducted the service. Effective strength 27 officers 477 o/r. <i>MS</i>	
"	24/11/18	1430	R.O.O. Lieut. W. N. J. BOWMAN.D.C.M. Church Parade for all denominations held. The Regiment was inspected by the Corps Commander. He expressed dissatisfaction with the condition of the horses. Effective strength 27 officers 474 o/r. <i>MS</i>	
"	25/11/18		R.O.O. Lieut. S. R. WOODFIELD.D.C.M. Training in dismounted sword drill from 1000-1100 commenced. Effective strength 27 officers 475 o/r. <i>MS</i>	
"	26/11/18.		Field officer Major Y. H. WALKER.M.C. Brigade Watering Officer Lieut. A. H. PATTERSON.	

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Medjelaya	26/11/18		(continued) Major. T. J. DALY. D.S.O. assumed command of the Regiment. Effective Strength 27. Officers 476, O/ranks <i>JRP</i>	
"	27/11/18		R.O.O. 2/Lieut: J. N. Stubbs. M.C. Effective Strength 27. Officers 477, O/ranks. <i>JRP</i>	
"	28/11/18		R.O.O. 2/Lieut P. Burns. Lieutnt. R. F. Mann. marched in from 3rd Training Regt. & posted to C. Squadron. Effective Strength 28. Officers, 477, O/ranks <i>JRP</i>	
"	29/11/18		R.O.O. Lieutnt R. F. Mann. Field Officer Captian R. H. Bobridge. M.C. Brigade Watering Officers Lieutnt J. Bowman. D.C.M. Effective, Strength 28, Officers 476, O/ranks. <i>JRP</i>	
"	30/11/18		R.O.O. 2/Lieutnt. C. M. Shaw. Two Officers & 12, O/ranks leave granted for six days to Baalbek. Effective. Strength 28. Officers 474.0 /ranks. <i>JRP</i>	

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SUMMARY OF STRENGTH:

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Nov.1st.1918.	Opening Strength:	20 O-ffrs.	335 o/rs.
	Marched Out:-		
	To Hospital.	3: 43:	
	Transferred.	6:	
	To Australia.	2:	3 Offrs. 51 o/rs.
			<u>17 Offrs. 284 o/rs.</u>
	Marched in:-		
	Transferred:	1:	
	Refts:Tg.Reg.10:	175:	
	Ex Hospital:	1: 14:	11 Offrs. 190 o/rs.
Novbr.30th.1918.	Closing Strength.	28 Offrs.	<u>474 o/rs.</u>

Average Strength for month:-

Officers 23. ~~Officers~~.

O/Ranks. 395.3

A. Rubanda

Lieutenant.

Acting Adjutant, 8th. A.L.H. Re gt.

