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Medjelaya	1/12/18		R.O.O. Lieutnt. W.M. Cowell. Church Parade for all denominations General Meeting held for the purpose of electing a Regtl Instructional E (& Entertainment Committee). Effective Strength 28 Officers. 474,0/ranks <i>L.P.</i>	
"	2/12/18		R.O.O. LIEUTNT C.F. NEWMAN. Field Officer Major H.J. Shannon D.S.O. Brigade Watering Officer 2/Lieutnt H.V. Emmett Effective Strength 28, Officers. 472,0/ranks <i>L.P.</i>	
"	3/12/18		R.O.O. 2 Lieutnt C.M. Shaw. Wire received Captain McGrath admitted to 31st. General Hospital Regiment Paid, Effective Strength 28, Officers 472, 0/ranks <i>L.P.</i>	
"	4/12/18		R.O.O. 2/Lieutnt C.H. Stanbury Regimental Instruction classes formed in Farriery, Saddlery, & Rope Splicing Major T.P. Woods proceeded on three days leave to BEYROUT? Heavy rain fell during the day. All parades cancelled Effective Strength 28, Officers. 472,0 /ranks. <i>L.P.</i>	
"	5/12/18		Field Officer Major L.A. Macpherson. D.S.O. M.C. Brigade Watering Officer 2/LIEUTNT P. Burns R.O.O. Lieutnt H.A. Patterson. Major Crawford. AA & party returned from BAALBEK. Heavy rain all day. Lines very muddy. All parades cancelled. Effective Strength. 28. Officers, 471,0/ranks. <i>L.P.</i>	
"	6/12/18		R.O.O. Lieutnt S.R. Woodfield. D.C.M. Lieutnt P. Burns & 12,0/ranks proceeded on six days leave to BAALBEK. Native Tailor from TRIPOLI employed in the Regiment Raining all day. Parades cancelled. Captian P.A. Morris evacuated to Hospital <i>L.P.</i>	

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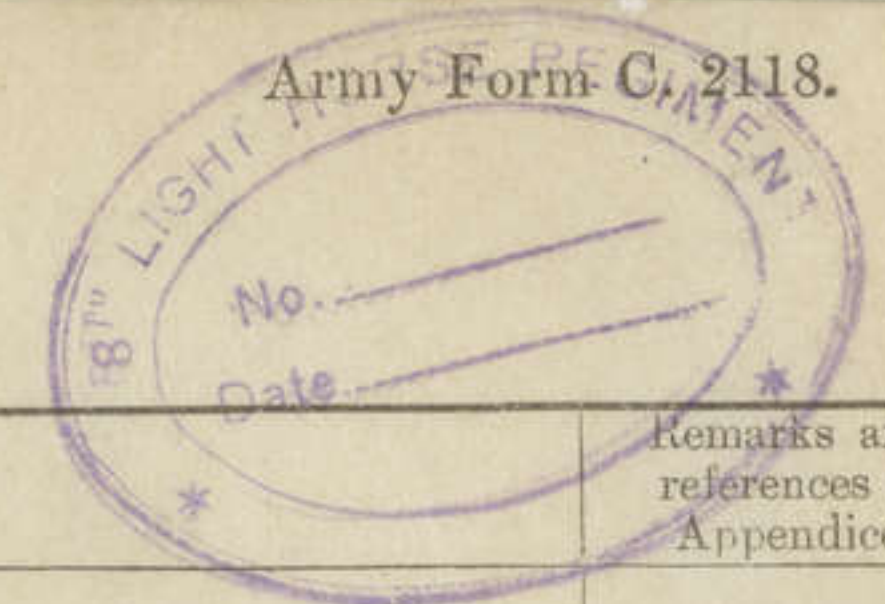
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Medjelaya	6/12/18		(continued) Captian S. Jamieson taken on strength from Field Abulance Captian Taylor returned from Cairo. 1. Officer & 32,0/ranks attached to Divisional Hd. Qrs for one month (as es cort troop) Raining all day. Effective Strength 27, Officers 470,0 /ranks. <i>L.P.</i>	
"	7/12/18		R20.O. Lieut: W.G. Mackay. Christmas parcels arrived from Australia. Continous rain. Parades cancelled. Instruction and Entertainment Commit tee ^{Meeting} at Brigade. Hd. Qrs. Effective Strength 27, Officers 470,0 /ranks. <i>L.P.</i>	
"	8/12/18		R.O.O. 2/Lieut J.N. Stubbs. M.C. Field Officer Captian J.M. Taylor. Bgde Watering Officer 2/Lieut. F.S. Rochstein. Captian R.H. Borbridge M.C. returned from Bah Continous rain. Church parade for all denominations cancelled Present camp site condemned. Effective Strength. 27, Officers 470,0 /ranks. <i>L.P.</i>	
"	9/12/18		R.O.O. Lieut R.F. Mann. Lieuts H.A. Patterson. 2/Lieut F.S. Rochstein. 2/LIEUT. C.M. Shaw. detached to Australia Mounted Divisional Train. Weather broke clear day. Instructional & Entertainment Delegates met at Brigade Hd. Qrs. Effective Strength 27, Officers. 470,0/ranks. <i>L.P.</i>	
"	10/12/18		R20.O. Lieut C. Streeter. Proceeded to Cairo & Port Said on leave Major L.A.W. Macpherson. D.S.O. M.C. Captian R.M. Borbridge. M.C. Lieut. E.M. Jenner. & 9,0/ranks. Received wire that Regt would move to new area on beach 1 1/2 miles SOUTH WEST (of TRIPOLI. <i>L.P.</i>	

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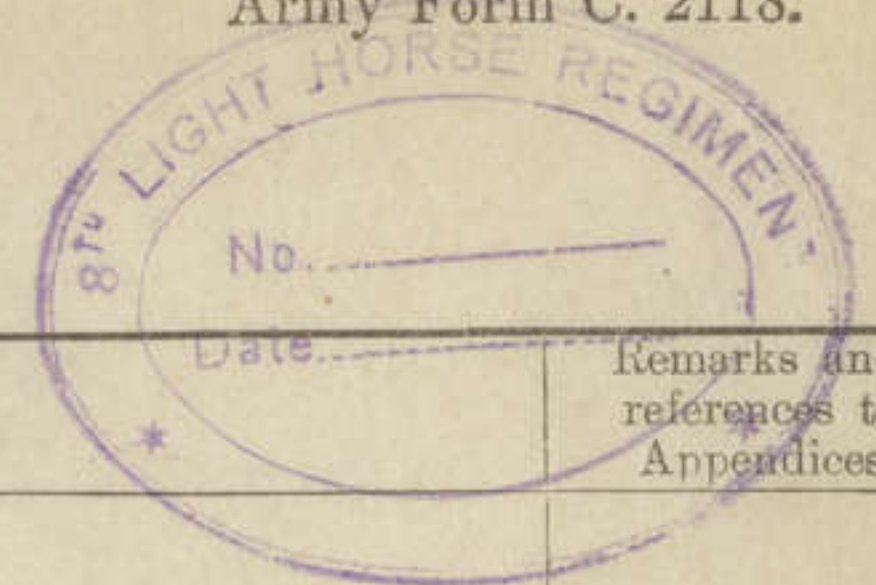
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Medjelaya	10/12/18.		<p>(continued) Lieut. P. Burns & party returned to Regiment, the blockade of snow preventing them from proceeding to Baalbek. Effective Strength 27, Officers 468, 0 /ranks. <i>L.P.</i> Field Officer Major A. Crawford.</p>	
"	11/12/18		<p>R.O.O. Lieut. M.W. Cowell. Brigade Watering Officer. Lieut. A.H. Currington. D.C.M. Transporting all heavy loading to new bivouac area Major H.J. Shannon. D.S.O. proceeded to new bivouac area to mark out camp. Effective Strength. 27, Officers. 468, 0/ranks. <i>L.P.</i></p>	
"	12/12/18		<p>R.O.O. Lieut C.F. Newman. Regiment left MEDJELAYA at 0800 for new camp on beach one mile SOUTH WEST TRIPOLI, arriving 0930. Effective Strength 27, Officers 468, 0/ ranks. <i>L.P.</i></p>	
"	13/12/18		<p>R.O.O. 2/Lieut P. Burns. All Training suspended, until the 16th inst erecting & organizing camp. Effective Strength 27, Officers. 468, 0/ ranks. <i>L.P.</i></p>	
14/12/18			<p>Field Officer. Major Y.H. Walker. M.C. R.O.O. Lieut A.H. Currington. D.C.M. Brigade Watering Officer. Lieutnt. C. F. Newman. Australian Gift Stores arrived. Making of a Recreation Ground commenced. Party proceeded to HOMS with remounts for 5th. A.L.H. Brigade. Delegates of Regtl. Instructional & Entertainment Committee Met at Bgde, Hd. Qrs Officers Regimental Mess started. Effective Strength, 27, Officers. 467, 0/ranks. <i>L.P.</i></p>	
15/12/18			<p>R.O.O. 2/Lieut C.H. Stanbury. M.M. Light rain allday Church Parade cancelled. General Mess meeting. Effective Strength. 27, Officers 467, 0 /ranks. <i>L.P.</i></p>	

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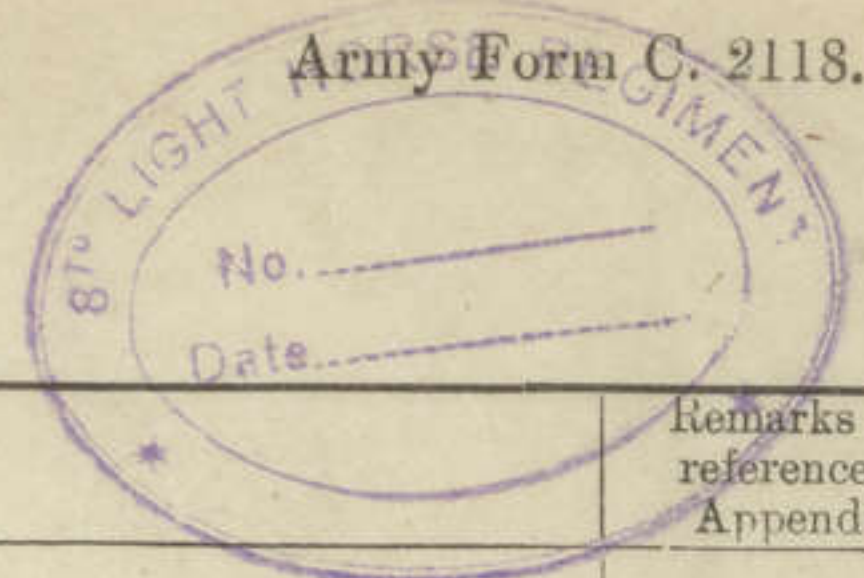
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TRIPOLI BEACH	16/12/18		R.O.O. Lieut W.N.J. Bowman. D.C.M. Lieut A.H. Currington D.C.M. proceeded to HOMS on duty Regimental Foot-ball match played on Brigade Recreation Ground OWLS.V.BATS Effective Strength, 27, Officers. 465, 0/ranks. <i>LR</i>	
"	17/12/18		Field Officer Major A. Crawford. Brigade Watering Officer Lieut. C. Streeter . R.O.O. Lieut S.R. WOODFIELD. D.C.M. Solemn High MASS for Roman Catholic held in the Maronite Cathedral TRIPOLI Thanksgiving Service held for all other Denominations. Bgd Foot-ball match 9th. 10th. Regiments, v. remainder of Brigade Effective Strength 27, Officers. 466, 0/ranks <i>LR</i>	
"	18/12/18		R.O.O. Lieut R.F. MANN. Proceeded on leave to Cairo & Port Said Lieut Woodfield. D.C.M. Lieut C.F. Newman Lieut J.N. Stubb. Effective Strength 27 Officers 465, 0/ranks. <i>LR</i>	
"	19/12/18		R.O.O. Lieut C. Streeter. Continuous rain. Regimental Instructional and Entertainment Committee Meeting. Effective Strength. 27, Officers 463, 0/ranks. <i>LR</i>	
"	20/12/18		Field Officer. Lieutenant W.M. Cowell. Brigade watering Officer. Lieut. W.N.J. Bowman. D.C.M. R.O.O. Lieutenant P. Burns. Appointments and Promotions. Tobe Quartermaster Lieut. E .M. JENNER. vice MULDER. <u>Tobe Lieutenants.</u> 2/Lieut. J.N. Stubbs. M.C. 2/Lieut. F.S. Rochstein. 2/Lieut. P. Burns. 2/Lieut. H. Sheridan. 2/Lieut. W.A. McConnan. 2/Lieut. H.V. Emmett. 2/Lieut. C.M. Shaw. 2/Lieut. C.H. Stanbury. M.M. Regimental Foot-ball match Officers and N.C.O.S. versus Other ranks. resulting in a win for other ranks Effective Strength 27, OFFICERS. 462, 0/ranks. <i>LR</i>	
"	21/12/18		R.O.O. Lieutenant. C.H. Stanbury. M.M. Commanding Officer inspects the Regiment.	- DEC 1918 649 5

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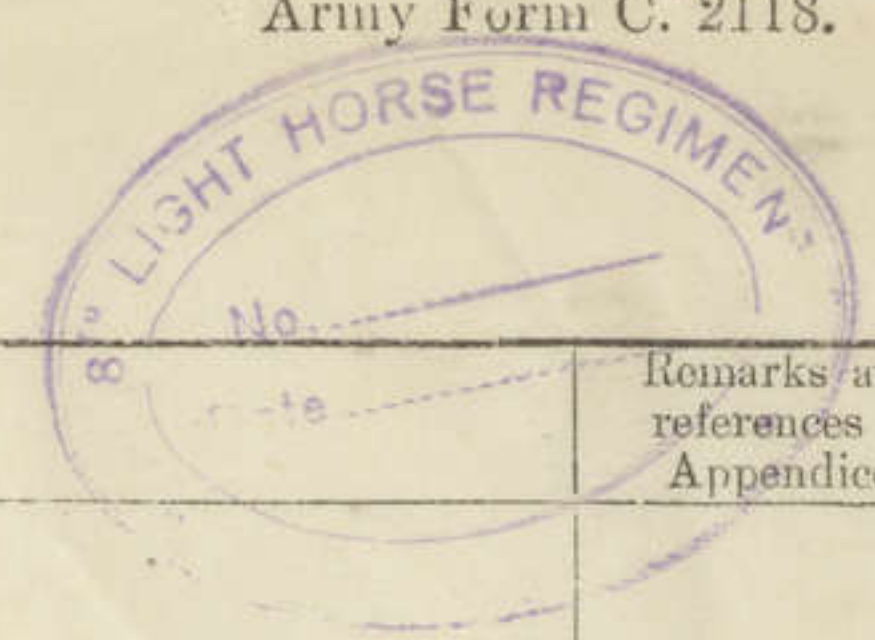
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TRIPOLI BEACH	21/12/18		(continued) Effective Strength. 27 Officers. 461, Other ranks. <i>J.P.</i>	
"	22/12/18/		R.O.O. Lieut W.N.J. Bowman. D.C.M. Church Parade for all Denominations. 3rd. Brigade Band in attendance. Effective Strength 24, Officers 460, Other ranks. Struck off strength of Regiment and permanently attached to Divisional Train Lieutenant H. Patterson Lieutenant C.M. Shaw. and Lieutenant S.F. Bostien <i>J.P.</i>	
"	23/12/18		Brigade Field Officer Major Y.H. Walker. M.C. Brigade Watering Officer Lieut. C.H. Stanbury. M.M. Regimental Orderly Officer Lieut R.F. Mann. A Court of enquiry composed as under assembled at Regimental Head Quarters to enquire into and report upon the destruction of three saddles. <i>J.P.</i> President: Capt J.M. Taylor. Members: Lieut. M.G. McKay. Lieut. M.L. Gray. Regimental Foot-ball Team versus 3rd Machine Gun Squadron. team resulting in an easy win for the 8th. A.L.H. Regiment. Effective Strength 24, Officers. 459, Other ranks. <i>J.P.</i>	
"	24/12/18		Regimental Orderly Officer Lieut C. Streeter. Regimental Disinfecting parade at 0730. Training "A" Squadron Sword Exercises. Inter Squadron Football match between "B" & "C" Sqn Concert as arranged for tonight cancelled, being unable to procure a piano. Effective Strength 24, Officers 459, Other ranks. <i>J.P.</i>	
"	25/12/18/		Regimental Orderly Officer Lieutenant P. Burns. Church Service . For other Denominations held at Protestant Church, TRIPOLI for Roman Catholics at Sisters of Charity Convent? TRIPOLI. The following message was received from His Majesty the KING:- "Another Christmas has come around, we are no longer fighting, God has blessed your efforts. The Queen and I offer you our heartfelt wishes for a Happy Xmas, and many brighter years to come. To the disabled wounded and sick we send special greetings, that with returning health, you may be comforted	

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TRIPOLI BEACH	25/12/18		(continued) and cheered by the visit of these good days of peace for which you have sacrificed so much (Signed GEORGE.R.I. Lieut L.Richardson proceeded to Machine Gun Tactic School Zeitoun Cairo. Captian S.T.Jemerson proceeded to Australia. and is struck off strength. Captian PFarruaridge medical Officer is taken on strength from Field Ambulance. Lieut W.G.Mackay and 3, other ranks proceeded on leave to Port Said. Effective Strength 24, Officers. 457, Other ranks.	
"	26/12/18		Major L.A.M.Macpherson. Capt. R.H.Borbridge. Lieut E.M.Jenner. returned from leave to Egypt. Regimental Orderly Officer Lieutenant C.H.Stanbury.M.M. Brigade Field Officer Captian R.H.Borbridge.M.C. Brigade Watering Officer Lieut C.Streeter. Regimental Try-outs in view of New Years Day Sports. Regimental Foot-ball team versus Field Ambulance & Brigade Head Quarters, easy win for 8th AL (A.L.Horse Regt. Effective Strength. 24, Officers 465, Other ranks	
"	27/12/18		Regimental Orderly Officer Lieut. W.M.Co well. Inter-Squadron Foot-ball matches Effective Strength. 24 Officers 456, Other ranks.	
"	28/12/18		Regimental Orderly Officer Lieut W.N.J.B owman. Inspection of Regiment By Commanding Officer. Concert Given for the benefit of the Brigade by Leiches ter Concert Party. Effective Strength 24 Officers 458, Other ranks.	
"	29/12/18		Brigade Field Officer Major.L.A.M.Macpherson.D.S.O. Brigade Watering Officer Lieutenant P.Bu rns Regimental Orderly Officer Lieutenant R.F.Mann. Major T.J.Daly.D.S.O. proceeded to Aus: Div: Hd. Qrs as member on a Court Of Enquiry. Church of England Service held in American Church TRIPOLI. Church Service for all other Protestant Denominations in Brigade Area. Roman Catholic. Service in Regimental lines. Effective Strength 24, Officers. 458, Other ranks.	

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TRIPOLI BEACH.	30/12/18		<p>Regimental Orderly Officer Lieutenant C. Streeter. Two inter-Squadrons Foot-ball matches played on the Brigade Recreation Ground A. Field General Court Martial assembled at 8th A. Light Horse Regiment at 0900. 30th inst for the purpose of trying by F.G.C.M. the undermentioned accused person, or any such persons as may be brought before it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <u>PRESIDENT:</u> Major T.A. Brinkworth. 9th A.L.H. Regiment. <u>MEMBERS:</u> Captn H.G. Palmer. 10th A.L.H. Regiment. Lieut. R.F. Mann. 8th A.L.H. Regiment. <u>Waiting Member:</u> Lieut J.G. Finley. 10th A.L.H. Regiment. <u>ACCUSED</u> No. 925 Tpr. Percy Thomas. Walker. 8th A.L.H. Regt. <u>PROSECUTOR:</u> Captn J.M. Taylor. 8th A.L.H. Regiment. </p> <p>Effective Strength. 24, Officers. 459, Other ranks. <i>HP</i></p>	
"	31/12/18		<p>Regimental Orderly Officer Lieutenant C.H. Stanbury. M.M. 150. other ranks Disinfected at EL MINI. 4th. A.L.H. Regiment versus 8th, A.L.H. Regiment .at Foot-ball. on the Brigade Recreation Ground. Heavy rain fell during the night. Wire received from STRALIS, advising that Lieut. S.R. WOODFIELD, DCM admitted to 31st. Gen. Hosp. 29/12/18 <i>HP</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"> <i>G. Daley</i> MAJOR COMMANDING, 8th. AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE REGT. AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE. </p>	<p style="text-align: right;">- DEC 1918 <i>HP</i></p>

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| 1. | 8th.L.H.Reg.Order No.9 |
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A/ Adjutant. 8th.L.H. Regt.

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8th Light Horse Regiment Order No 9 Copy No 8

1. INFORMATION. 3rd Light Horse Brigade plus 36th Coy Div Train and 3rd Field Troop A.E. will move from present Camp to a new Camp situated on beach, 1½ Miles S.W. of Tripoli on December 12th instant.
2. MOVE The 8th Light Horse Regiment will move from present Camp at 0800 on 12th instant. The Regiment will be formed up in close column of Troops facing R.H.Q. and O.C. Squadrons will report all ready to move at 0745.
3. TRANSPORT 1 G.S. Wagon and 2 Limbered G.S. Wagons will be available for each Squadron. All Wagons will be loaded up and ready to move at 0730, and will move off under instructions from R.T.O. Arrangements are being made for Regimental Transport to return to present camp for surplus baggage on afternoon of 12th Instant. As many blankets and bivouac sheets as possible will be carried on horses.
4. WATERING. The Regiment will not water in present area on morning of 12th inst. The O.C. 3rd Field Troop will arrange that horse trough and drinking water arrangements are established at new camp by 1400 on the 12th inst.
5. SANITATION. Officers Commanding Squadrons etc will ensure their present lines are left thoroughly clean and tidy. All Latrines will be filled in and all tins will be stacked in one Regimental heap ie at the incinerator. A rear party under an Officer will be detailed and left behind. The Officer in charge of this party will remain at present Camp until dismissed by the Field Officer.
6. GENERAL. All tents, kitchen material, timber, boxes etc, will be collected and taken to new camp. Led horses will return to present camp on the afternoon of the 12th inst for all dismounted personnel.

(Sgd) L. Richardson. Lieut
A/Adjutant
8th L.H. Regiment.

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	Off.	e/r.		
	From Tg.Regt.	1		
	" D.H.Q.	1		
	" 9th.L.H.	1		
	" Hospital,	7		10 e/rs.
			<u>28 Offrs.</u>	<u>484 e/rs.</u>
	To Hospital. 1	18		
	" B.H.Q.	1		
	" D.H.Q.	1		
	" Div. Train. 3	3	*	
	" Training Regt.	2	4 Offrs.	25 e/rs.
			<u>24 Offrs.</u>	<u>459 e/rs.</u>
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