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**Regiment**

May 1919

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Sheet I.

WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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For Month of May 1919.  
5th Light Horse Regt. A.I.F.  
2nd. L.H. B'de.  
A & N.Z. Mtd Division.

Army Form C. 2118.

Place	Date	Hour	I. F.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Damanhour.	1919 May	I		"A" & "C" Squadrons under Major W. Patrick returned to Camp from El Tod, having been relieved by "B" Squadron and a troop of 2nd. Machine Gun Squadron. Major Chatham remained at El-Tod in command. <i>RDJ</i>	<i>RDJ</i>
		2 to 23		At Damanhour; the Regiment supplying the usual town patrols and guards. The strength of the Regiment was low, so duties were pretty heavy. 2 Race Meetigs were held by the Regiment during the month, and 4 by the 4th Regiment. Half Squadron Cricket matches and occasional matches with outside Units helped to fill in the afternoons. <i>RDJ</i>	<i>RDJ</i>
		23		Lieut. W. Paul, & 16 O/Ranks (and 1 Hotchkiss Gun) marched out to ATF and relieved the Cape Corps Detachment. Lieut. Owen, 28 O/Ranks (and 1 Hotchkiss Gun) marched out to DESUQ and relieved Detachment of Cape Corps. This Post was rationed by Motor Lorry, and the ATF Detachment, by River Steamer. <i>RDJ</i>	<i>RDJ</i>
		27		El Tod Column returned to Camp. <i>RDJ</i>	<i>RDJ</i>
		28		DESUQ and ATF Detachments returned to Damanhour. <i>RDJ</i>	<i>RDJ</i>
		30		The Regiment, having concentrated at Damanhour, entrained in 2 Trains for Kantara. No. 1 Train left Damanhour at 0830 and arrived at Kantara at 1525. No. 2 Train left Damanhour at 1030 and arrived at Kantara at 1745. On arrival at Kantara, all animals except 12 Horses and 8 Mules were handed into Remounts. The Regiment then marched on foot to Camp site, about 1 Mile East of Canal. <i>RDJ</i>	<i>RDJ</i>
Kantara		31		Cleaning and preparing equipment for handing in to Ordnance. <i>RDJ</i>	<i>RDJ</i>

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