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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices.
BELAH	1/2/18		The Regt carried out mounted Training as per Syllabus. A marked improvement was noted amongst men and horses.	A
"	2/2/18		The Regt was inspected in lines by the C.O. Lines, bivouacs, etc satisfactory	A
Ref Mops	3/2/18		The usual Church Parades were held	A
GAZA SHELL	4/3/18		mounted training was carried out.	A
2 nd Ed.	5/2/18		Late rains commenced but did not interfere with training operations, which were carried out as usual.	A
145000	6/2/18.		Party met and reorganized and arranged to commence practice a party of 245 all ranks under Lt J.G. Palmer moved out at 0630 to commence salvage operations in our own trenches near GAZA.	A
			A start was made by SHALUF Rly Station near GAZA. (not marked on map) on trenches and dugouts. A quantity of galv. iron, timber 6x3" barbed wire, Artillery ammunition and S.A.H. was salvaged.	A
			5 limbered waggons were engaged carting the salvaged stores	A

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BELAH Ref map GAZA-SHELLAL 2nd Ed 1/45000	7/2/18		250 all ranks under Lt H.G. Palmer moved out at 0630 to carry on the salvage operations near GAZA. Some of the dugouts excavated were 10 ft deep with roofs of galv. iron, sand bags and loose sand to a depth of 4 ft to 5 ft. Party returned at 1630. Squadrons drill, particularly squadron and troops in line at the walk and trot was practised on the way out and return.	A
	8/2/18		A practice parade for an inspection of the Division by the C-in-C. was called for the 8 th but owing to wet weather was cancelled. Salvage operations were carried out at trenches.	A
	9/2/18		Still raining. 250 all ranks under Lt H.G. Palmer continued the salvaging of war stores. Much difficulty was experienced, owing to the loose nature of the sand, particularly at SAMSON'S RIDGE P. 32.a	A
	10/2/18		Owing to the rain and wind Church Parades were cancelled.	A
	11/2/18		The Division paraded near ST JAMES PARK (Q 27.a) for a rehearsal of a review to be held at an early date by the C-in-C + Duke of Connaught. The review parade was very successful for a first attempt. A few minor points were criticized by the Div. Commander.	A

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices.
BELAH.	12/2/18.		Salvage party was reduced to 150 all ranks. A caterpillar tractor was provided to supplement the transport, but was unable to keep pace with the stores salvaged by the reduced party.	A
	13/2/18		Salvage operations were continued. Parties as above	A
	14/2/18		Salvage party still engaged cleaning up and collecting war stores. The amount of shrapnel and pieces of H.E. shell etc with which the ground was strewn gave all ranks some idea of the intensity of the bombardments.	A
	15/2/18		at 0840 the Regt moved off to take part in a second rehearsal parade for the C-in-C's inspection. A new and more even ground had been chosen a little W. of the first, and the review parade was very successful. All ranks were complimented by the Div. Commander.	A
	16/2/18		The salvage party of 150 all ranks resumed operations near GAZLA. The Brigade Brass Band was organized and attached to 8 th A. L. H.	A
	17/2/18.		Being Sunday the usual Church Parades were held.	A
	18/2/18.		The Salvage party was increased to 250 all ranks and continued operations 250 all ranks again engaged on salvage and by early afternoon reached the sea in the vicinity of BEACH POST and SEA POST (P. 13).	A
	19/2/18.		on the S. of us, finished at the same time in the vicinity of SHEIKH AJLIY (P. 24)	A

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices.
Ref. Map GAZA-SHELLAL 1/40000 BELAH	20/2/18		Routine work. Hotchkiss, Bombing and Equitation Classes commenced together with mounted training and mounted bayonet practice. 2 officers left for Junior Officers course at KELAB. Regtl. & Bde duties absorbed large portion of personnel.	<u>also</u>
do	21/2/18		Routine work. Training etc similar to yesterday's.	<u>also</u>
do	22/2/18		Routine work. Training as per syllabus. Several working parties supplied.	<u>also</u>
do	23/2/18		Hotchkiss firing on 30yds range commenced. Weather very wet and sloppy. Routine work. Hotchkiss firing continued. A "try-out" was held to decide on Regts' competitors for Brigade Sports. Regtl. pay arrived. Candidates for Cavalry school left to-day.	<u>also</u>
do	24/2/18		Routine as usual. C/O returned from flying visit to PORT SAID + CAIRO. Majors OLDEN and HAMLIN returned from topographical course at ZEITOUN. church parade.	<u>also</u>
do	25/2/18		Usual routine work. The Regt. went through gas test to-day and nearly all officers and men were moved to tears.	<u>also</u>
do	26/2/18		Range practices were commenced this morning, each squadron, with a few details attached, occupying the 12 target range for 3 hours at a time. Pt. SAID rest party under Lt. Mc GREGOR left.	<u>also</u>
do	27/2/18		Range practices continued. Shooting on the whole very fair.	<u>also</u>
do	28/2/18		Routine work. First day of 3rd Bde sports. 8 th Bde Concert party gave a most enjoyable concert at night.	<u>also</u>

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Daily Strength Return

Date	Increase	Decrease	Off	O/R	Total
Jan'y 31.			23	512	535
Feb'y 1		1 O/R to Hospital	23	511	534
2			23	511	534
3	Lieut. F. U. Martin. Lieut. F. Herbert 4 O/R from Messecar. 1 sycr Attached		25	516	541
4			25	516	541
5			25	516	541
6		1 O/R to Hospital	25	515	540
7	1 O/R Attached. (A. F. M. C.)	1 O/R to 2nd A. S. Hospital	25	515	540
8		5 O/R detached. (Ex Regt. Employed)	25	510	535
9		1 O/R Evac. to Hospital	25	509	534
10			25	509	534
11			25	509	534
12		3 O/R Attached (Off Strength)	25	506	531
13		1 O/R Transferred to B.H.R.	25	505	530
14			25	505	530
15		1 O/R to Hosp. x P. Said	25	504	529
16		5 O/R Evac. to Hospital	25	499	524
17			25	499	524
18		2 O/R to Off. Cadet School Capt. C. Roseleur, 2 O/R detached	24	495	519
19			24	495	519
20	1 O/R from 9 th A.L.H.	1 O/R to Hospital	24	495	519
21			24	495	519
22		1 O/R Transferred to I.C. Corp.	24	494	518
23		3 O/R Evac. to Hospital	24	491	515
24	2 O/R from detached 1 O/R from Hospital		24	494	518
25			24	494	518
26			24	494	518
27			24	494	518
28			24	494	518

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