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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. 1.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
VIC 4.2.	1/2/19	9/3	<p>Reference dbap RAFA 1/40000 Sheet 055.</p> <p>Reveille at 0630. Horses were watered at 0930 and 1630. Rations were drawn at 1000 from Dump at Raja Station. Divisional train supplying transport for same. Capt J. J. Bigg was Brigade Field Officer of the day. Regimental quarter guard was relieved at 0900. Twenty two other ranks attended educational classes. Camp patrol of 1 m.c.o and 4 men by day and 1 m.c.o and 8 men by night was supplied for duty in Divisional area. Lieut Col Bell proceeded to Cairo to attend meeting of Central Sports Committee 2.7. Capt A. K. Wendt proceeded to Egypt on 7 days leave.</p>	
VIC 4.2	2/2/19	9/3	<p>Reference dbap RAFA 1/40000 Sheet 055</p> <p>Reveille at 0630. Horses were watered at 0930 and 1630. Rations were drawn at 1000 from Dump at Raja Station by Regimental transport. Regimental quarter guard was relieved at 0900.</p>	
VIC 4.2	3/2/19	9/3	<p>Reference dbap RAFA 1/40000 Sheet 055</p> <p>Reveille at 0630. Horses were watered at 0930 and 1630. Rations were drawn at 1000 from Dump at Raja Station, Divisional train supplying transport for same.</p>	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY. 2.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YIC 42	3/2/19	(bats) 4/3	Reference abap RAFA 1/40000 Sheet 055. Training was carried out as per syllabus. Major W. J. Jackahery was Divisional Field Officer of the day. Major G. B. Clarke was Brigade Field Officer of the day. Regimental quarter guard was relieved at 0900. The following guards were also supplied: - 1 officer (2/Lieut. Prince) and 20 other ranks as Divisional abain Guard, i.n.c.o. and 3 men for duty at Field Officer's office, i.n.c.o. and 3 men on Divisional Race Course	I
YIC 42	4/2/19	4/3	Reference abap RAFA 1/40000 Sheet 055 Reville at 0630. Horses were watered at 0930 and 1630. Rations were drawn at 1000 from Dump at Raja Station. Divisional Train supplying transport for same. Regimental quarter guard was relieved at 0900. Forty eight other ranks attended educational classes. Lieut Griffin d.b. returned from abaghhaba. Usual camp patrols for Divisional area were supplied	
YIC 42	5/2/19	4/3	Reference abap RAFA 1/40000 Sheet 055 Reville at 0630. Horses were watered at 0930 and 1630. Rations were drawn at 1000 from Dump at Raja Station, Divisional Train supplying transport. Regimental quarter guard was relieved at 0900. Capt J. Biggs was Brigade Field Officer of the day. ^{thirty six} other ranks attended various educational classes ^{Brooks} ^{Major} ^{Commanding 3rd L. H. Regt}	G

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YIC42	8/2/19	4/13	<p>Reference dbap RAFA 1/40000 sheet 055</p> <p>Reveille at 0630. Horses were watered at 0930 and 1630. Rations were drawn at 1000 from Dump at RAFA Station, Divisional Train supplying transport for same. Twenty four other ranks attended various educational classes. Lieut Col Bell acted as judge at Divisional athletic meeting held today.</p> <p>The following message was received from B.H.A. today "Wire from Stralis begins "aaa London advises shipping accommodation capable 1st Brigade available "this month aaa anticipate whole Brigade will have embarked before "end of month aaa cannot advise dates yet aaa Anyaco"</p>	
YIC42	9/2/19	4/13	<p>Reference dbap RAFA 1/40000 sheet 055</p> <p>Reveille at 0630. Horses were watered at 0930 and 1630. Rations were drawn at 1000 from Dump at RAFA Station. Divisional Train supplying transport for same. Regimental quarter guard was relieved at 0900. Divisional chain guard of 1 officer (Lieut Bean) and 20 other ranks was supplied also. In.c.o. and 3 other ranks for duty at Field Officer's Office and In.c.o. and 4 men on Divisional Race course. dbap J.G. Brooks D.S.O. was Brigade Field Office, dbap B.B. Dorrington was Divisional Field Officer.</p> <p><i>J.G. Brooks</i> <i>Major</i> <i>Lieut Colonel</i> Commanding 3rd L.H. Regt.</p>	19

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YIC42	10/2/19	9/3	<p>Reference abap RAFA/40000 Sheet 055</p> <p>Reveille at 0630. Horses were watered at 0930 and 1630. Rations were drawn at 1000 from Dump at Rafa Station by Regimental Transport. Regimental quarter guard was relieved at 0900. The day was devoted to cleaning & disinfecting of saddlery in preparation for handing same in to Ordnance. Usual camp patrols were supplied.</p>	
YIC42	11/2/19	9/3	<p>Reference abap RAFA/40000 Sheet 055</p> <p>Reveille at 0630. Horses were watered at 0930 and 1630. Rations were drawn from Dump at Rafa Station at 1000. Divisional Train supplying transport for same. Capt A. H. Bray and 83 other ranks reinforcements arrived from aboascar. Regimental Quarter Guard was relieved at 0900. Demobilisation Form was completed for each member of the Regiment. Guard of 1 n.c.o and 3 men was supplied for duty at Field Paymaster's Office. All ammunition with exception of 250 rounds was handed in to Ammunition Dump at Rafa. Lieut J. N. Griffin dt. 6 was Brigade Field Officer. Capt A. K. Wender returned from leave.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">J. Brooks - Major Lieut Colonel</p>	9

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YIC42	12/21/19	1130	<p>Reference absp RAFA 1/40000 Sheet 055</p> <p>Reveille at 0630. Horses were watered at 0930 and 1630. Rations were drawn at 1000.</p> <p>All "B" & "D" class horses (numbering 99) were destroyed. Regimental guard was relieved at 0900. Guard of 1 n.c.o. and 6 men was supplied for duty at Empire Club. Lieut Cook with 2 n.c.o.s were on duty controlling traffic on road to watering area.</p>	
YIC42	12/21/19	1130	<p>Reference Map RAFA 1/40,000 Sheet 055.</p> <p>Reveille at 0630. Horses were watered at 0930 and 1630. Regimental Quarter Guard was relieved at 0900. Rations were drawn at 1000 from Dump at RAFA Station. Divisional Train supplying transport for same. 1 G.P. Wagon was detached to bring oranges to Vegetable Store, and 1 G.S. Wagon to bring concert party to YMCA. Major J. Mc Clellan was Brigade Field Officer. Guard of 1 n.c.o. and 5 men was supplied for Field kitchen. 70 ranks reinforcements arrived, and 2 Lieut. Surplus was taken on strength from Cadet School. 30 other ranks attended Educational Class.</p>	

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Yoswoks Map Lieut. [unclear] Commanding 5th L.H. Regiment

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YIC42	14/2/19	1933	<p>Reference dbap RAFA 1/40000 Sheet 055.</p> <p>Reveille at 0630. Horses were watered at 0930 and 1630. Rations were drawn from Dump at Rafa Station at 1000. Divisional train supplying transport for same. Regimental quarter guard was relieved at 0900. In consequence of an outbreak of measles among men of the Brigade who had recently marched in from elboasen an isolation camp was formed and all recent arrivals from elboasen (numbering 87) were marched out to this camp, Capt Bray being appointed to command same.</p>	
YIC42	19/2/19	1933	<p>Reference dbap RAFA 1/40000 Sheet 055</p> <p>Reveille at 0630. Horses were watered at 0930 and 1630. Rations were drawn from Dump at Rafa Station at 1000. Divisional train supplying transport. Regimental guard was relieved at 0900. The following guards were supplied:- Divisional train guard of 1 officer (Capt Surplice) and 20 other ranks, i.n.c.o. and 3 men for duty at Divisional base house. 1 n.c.o. and 3 men for duty at Field Kitchen Office. Divisional Gymkhana was held today and the following places in the various events gained by members of this Regiment:- Twist in, Water jump, Section Four</p>	<p>9</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
V.I.C. 42	15/2/19	(Contd)	V.L. Race and second in Other Ranks jumping, Bare back riding over hurdles, Gretna Green, Bending Race for officers	
Y.I.C. 42	16/2/19	9/30	Reference Map RAFA 1/40,000 Sheet 058 Receipt at 0600. Horses were watered at 0930 and 1630. Rations were drawn from Dump at Rapa Station at 1000. Divisional Train supplying transport for same. Regimental Quarter Guard was relieved at 0900. Two officers and 4 Ranks proceeded on leave to Egypt.	
Y.I.C. 42	17/2/19	9/30	Reference Map RAFA 1/40,000 Sheet 058 Receipt at 0600. Horses were watered at 0950 and 1650. Rations were drawn from Dump at Rapa Station at 1000. Divisional Train supplying transport for same. Lieut. J. Treloar MC was Brigade Field officer. Working party of 1400 and 10 men with 2 G.S. Waggon was detailed for Gymkhana Ground. Regimental Quarter Guard was relieved at 0900.	
			Brooks, Maj. Lieut. Colonel Commanding 3rd. L.H. Regiment	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Y.I.C. 4.2	17/2/19	1903	Major J. Brooks DSO was President of "Horse Board" which was held to report on horses of Regiment being sent to Meascar tomorrow	
Y.I.C. 4.2	17/2/19	1903	Reference Map RAFA 1/40,000 Sheet 655. Loaded 291 Horses and 200 Mules from Regiment to Meascar, same leaving Rafa by Special Train at 0545, Major J. Brooks DSO, & Lieut. Cook & Lee with 100 other ranks proceeded as conducting party. Reville at 0630, Horses remaining with Regiment were watered at 0900 and 1630. Regimental Quarter Guard was relieved at 0900. Rations were drawn from Dump at Rafa Station by own transport. 17 other ranks attended educational class. Lt. attended meeting at P.H.Q. at 1630. Guard of 1400 and 6 men was detailed for duty at Soldier's Club at 1700. 18th was evacuated to Hospital sick, 1 O/Rank arrived from Meascar.	
Y.I.C. 4.2	19/2/19	1903	Reference Map RAFA 1/40,000 Sheet 655. Reville at 0630. Horses were watered at 0900 and 1630. Rations were drawn from Supply Dump at Rafa Station at 1000	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	19/2/19	1923	Divisional Train supplying transport for same. In view of sending balance of horses to Meascon tomorrow 4 G.S. Waggon and 4 G.S. Lumber were sent to Rm Ordnance Rafa at 1500. Regimental Quarter Guard was relieved at 0900. Mount. Camp. Patrol were supplied. Guard of 1000 and 3 men was supplied for Field Cashier at 1730. Lieut J. H. Griffin MC was Brigade Field Officer	
VIC 4.2	20/2/19	1923	Reference Map R.A.F.A. 1/40,000 Sheet 053. Trucked 4 Riding, 15 Pack, and 22 Draught Horses, 29 Draught Mules, from Regiment to Meascon, same leaving Rafa Station at 0545, 1 Officer (Lieut R.H. Korman) and 20 other ranks proceeding as conducting party. Arrived at 0630. Physical training was carried out from 0645 to 0730. Rations were drawn from Rafa Station at 1000, Divisional Train supplying transport for same. Regimental Quarter Guard was relieved at 0900. CO attended meeting at DHO at 1030. 1 OFR was evacuated sick to Ambulance. 13 OFR attended Educational Class. Brooks M.P. Lieut Colonel Commanding 3rd L.H. Regiment	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YIC42	21/2/19	<i>9303</i>	<p>Reference also Rafa 1/40000 Sheet 055</p> <p>Reveille at 0630. Physical training was carried out from 0645 to 0715. Rations were drawn from Rafa Station at 1000. Divisional train supplying transport for same. Regiment paraded from 1000 to 1100 for dismounted drill under Squadron Leaders. Lieut B. A. Bennett and J. B. Read returned from short leave in Egypt. Divisional train guard of 1 officer (Lieut Brock) and 20 other ranks was supplied also Race course guard of 1 N.C.O and 3 men. Regimental guard was relieved at 0700.</p>	
YIC42	22/2/19	<i>9303</i>	<p>Reference also RAFA 1/40000 Sheet 055</p> <p>Reveille at 0630. Physical training was carried out from 0700 to 0730 and dismounted drill from 1000 to 1130. Rations were drawn from Rafa Dump at 1000. Divisional train supplying transport for same. Regimental guard was relieved at 0700. Ninety nine other ranks attended educational classes. Major J. H. Clarke returned from Beyrouit where he had proceeded to take charge of Palm Trees concert party conducted them to Rafa.</p> <p><i>J. H. Clarke</i> Commanding 3rd L. H. Regt</p>	<i>12</i>

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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
YIC 42	23/2/19	1913	Reference dbap RAFA 1/40000 Sheet 055 Reveille at 0630. Physical training was carried out from 0700 to 0730. Rations were drawn from Dump at Rafa Station at 1000. Divisional Train supplying transport for same. Regimental Guard was relieved at 0900. Lieut J. C. Griffin db. B was Brigade Field Officer of the day. The b. O. attended a conference at Brigade at 1000. Usual camp patrols were supplied also guard on Field bashiers officers, Lieut Prince and 9 other ranks proceeded to Cairo on short leave.	
YIC 42	24/2/19	1913	Reference dbap RAFA 1/40000 Sheet 055 Reveille at 0630. Regiment paraded with Brigade at 0930 at site near B.H.A. where parade was inspected & addressed by Genl Sir H. G. Blannel K. B. B., K. B. db. G. Capt J. J. Bigg and Lieut A. B. db. vicar returned from short leave in Egypt. Regimental guard was relieved at 0900. Guard of 1 m. c. a and 6 men was supplied for duty at Soldiers Club. Final match in Australian Football competition was played this afternoon between 'A' and 'B' Squadras, 'A' Squadron won by 5 points. J. J. Procks M.A. Lieut Colonel Commanding 3rd L. H. Regt	G

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YIC42	25/19	11/3	<p>Reference Chap RAFA 1/40000 Sheet 055</p> <p>Reveille at 0630. Physical Training was carried out from 0700 to 0730. The following classes were held from 0900 to 0930: for Junior Officers under Lieut Trenaman, for n.c.o.s under Lieut Kelly. One hundred and four men attended usual educational classes. Remainder of Regiment paraded from 1000 to 1130 for dismounted training. Lieut Col. Bell proceeded to Cairo to be present at sports meeting in his capacity as chairman of Anyac Central Sports Committee. Regimental Guard was relieved at 0900. Capt J. J. Bigg was Field Officer of the day.</p>	
YIC42	26/10	11/3	<p>Reference Chap RAFA 1/40000 Sheet 055</p> <p>Reveille at 0630. Physical Training was carried out from 0700 to 0730. One hundred & twenty other ranks attended various educational classes. Regimental guard was relieved at 0900. Rations were drawn from Dump at Rafa at 1000. Divisional Train supplying transport for same. Capt J. J. Bigg delivered a lecture to n.c.o.s from 1900 to 1930 on guards & sentries. Major J. J. Brooks D.S.O. lectured to Junior Officers on Crimes and Punishments.</p>	

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YIC42	27/2/19	1903	<p>Reference abap RAFA 1/40000 Sheet V055</p> <p>Reveille at 0630. Physical Training was carried out from 0700 to 0730.</p> <p>Classes for junior Officers and non n.c.o.s were held from 0900 to 0930.</p> <p>88 other ranks attended various Educational classes. Remainder of Regiment paraded at 1000 for dismounted training. Lieut R. K. Kidman dt. 6 was Brigade Field Officer of the day. Rations were drawn from Rafa Dump at 1000 Divisional Train supplying transport for same.</p>	
YIC42	28/2/19	1903	<p>Reference abap RAFA 1/40000 Sheet V055</p> <p>Reveille at 0630. Physical Training was carried out from 0700 to 0730.</p> <p>Lieut Bennett lectured to n.c.o.s on Arrests from 0900 to 0930. Regiment paraded at 1000 for dismounted training. Rations were drawn from Dump at Rafa Station at 1000. Divisional Train supplying transport for same.</p> <p>Regimental guard was relieved at 0900</p>	

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Commanding 3rd L.H. Regiment*

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LISTS OF APPENDICES attached to

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of

3rd. AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT. EGYPT .

for

NOVEMBER 1918.

- No.1. Syllabus of Training for week ending 8.2.1919.
2. Casualties for Month ending 28.2.1919.
3. Statement of Strength for month ending 28.2.1919.

3RD. L. H. REGIMENT.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 8/2/19.

3/2/19	1015 to 1215	Squadron drill mounted.
	1330 to 1430	Lecture to N.C.O.'S.
7/2/19	1015 to 1215	Ceremonial drill mounted (The Reg).
8/2/19	1015 to 1215	Cleaning of Saddlery.

Physical training each morning at 0645.

1/2/19.

-- (Sgnd) Geo. Bell, Lieut - Col.,
Commanding 3rd. L. H. Regiment.

3rd. L. H. REGIMENT.

CASUALTIES FOR MONTH ENDING 28/2/19.

57212 Tpr.	Campbell	C.	64887 Tpr.	Abbott	G.
1846 S/S.	Cakebread	S.	3053 "	Blackwell	B.
1509 Tpr.	Taylor	R.	2885 "	Offen	J.
2323 "	Harrowfield	F.	3428 "	Watchell	A.H.
3809 "	Rice	B.W.	1195 "	Saunders	J.
57215 "	Ellis	C.G.	57512 "	Whalland	S.
3054 Cpl.	Blue	A.G.	3062 Dvr.	Hardwicke	J.
1345 Sgt.	Ladner	T.	3648 Tpr.	Brown	T.
3548 Tpr.	Watson	C.W.	1038 "	Rayney	F.
2176 L/c.	Fitzsimmons	J.F.	1023 "	Hoskin	W.J.
3268 Tpr.	Lee	E.J.	64291 "	Armstrong	T.
64297 "	Wilson	A.A.	3417 "	Lucier	V.C.
4841 "	Gill	F.			

3rd. L. H. REGIMENT.

1/2/19.	Effective Strength	Off.	O/Ss.
	Struck Off Strength	25	413
		2	32
	Taken on Strength	23	381
		3	147
28/2/19	Effective Strength	26	528