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HQ 1<sup>st</sup> Div. Artillery

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915 January 1	MENA	<p>Engaged with 2<sup>nd</sup> B.A.C. shortages -            Arranged horse shoes, nails. Forges for            all units. Submitted Engineer's plans            &amp; list of requirements D.A.C. Camps            went CAIRO re 11:7 Dial Sight list 2<sup>nd</sup> B.A.C.            (Capt Gellibrand RTO.)</p>	
2.	"	<p>Arranged water carts various units &amp;            men tents huts &amp;c with Engineers (Ct Elliot)            Saw Maj. Young (Train) re Horse catches.            Crushing Barley &amp;c</p>	
3	"	<p>Repairing road with fatigue 3<sup>rd</sup> B.C. - Plans            to make gas proof. Arranged gun carriage            for funeral 9<sup>th</sup> Bata.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915 January 4	MENA	Led 3 <sup>rd</sup> Brigade to manoeuvre ground by new road - Part 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde on ground & directed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde - Accompanied OC	
5	"	Dw. Art. over practice ground - Evening lecture 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde Arranged water carts. Selected oils for D.A.C.C. Took G.S. wagon & erected	
6	"	Aiming Pt. on Range - Searched for shells from Abadie - arranged supplies D.A.C. - A. K. shales. Saw to targets for range & took	
7	"	G.S. wagon out & erected further aiming points - Accompanied OC at manoeuvre.	
		Stayed in Camp. <del>made out</del> went through returns from all units as to shortages. Saw Lt. White re ladders etc.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915 Jan 8	MENA	Arranged for tanks for water & return of carts to Infy. Bns. Fixed sources & targets for Elementary practice - Lecture. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde.	
9	"	Completed last shortages all units. arranged for repairs wagons & extra stores - Again repegged ground for D.A.C. Made night reconnaissance	
10	"	Reconnaissance Practice to Darghur across desert - back along cultivation -	
11	"	Received advanced party D.A.C. from MAADI allotted areas. Dns & issued stores - arranged water supply with Engineers	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915 11 Jan'y etc	MENA	Attended lecture 17 hrs. Col Hobbs 8 pm. Col Skene 5 pm	
12 "	"	D.A.C. arrived in Camp - Made all arrangements for visit H.Q. etc. Killed at MAADY. Saw Col Paterson. attended Col Hobbs Battery Training. Fixed new watering arrangements. Rev. Art's Arranged equipment Maj Gellibrand	
13 "	"	Fixed targets - part practice Range. Commenced dug out range parties.	
14 "	"	Firing targets & selecting sites for O.C.'s inspection. Contractor re targets. Stores for aeroplane signals. Truck. Lecture Col Skene.	

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MENA	1915			
	Jan'y	15	Excavated dug outs for camp parties. Arranged stores for Companies (batteries). Accompanying OC. Training & manoeuvre. Arranged Lab's Co's. Lecture 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde.	
		16	Sent in final lists shortage whole Division. Ladders for Batteries. Inspected planer alteration Lewis shields for of head cover & sent in requirements. OC. Cairo.	
		17	Recon work. Assisted 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde.	
	18	Manoeuvre & Training 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde. OC. Dis in Practice Gd. Arranged pumping for hose troughs. Arranged with 4 Lt allotment of troughs.		

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1915 Jan'y 19	MENA.	Erected targets for elementary practice Leclercq River, French -	
20	"	Placed Range Officer & Party - acted as recording officer firing	
21	"	Recording Officer Practice Firing -	
<del>22</del>	"	President Forage Board Meeting -	
22	"	Recording Officer Practice Firing - Inspected A.S.C. Stocks Fodder.	
23	"	Inspected Forage Stocks & methods of grinding & cleaning. Arranged pumping for Horse trough with Cpl. Elliott & Maj. Ford. Saw Col Paterson re Officer for Disembarkation	

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1915 Jan 23	MENA	Saw Maj. Gillebrand re returns of unidentifiable. Inspected roadways part H through D.A.C.	
24	"	Routine duties - Reconnaissance Bab el Rasch.	
25	"	Attended O.C. Da. Brigade manoeuvres. Water for horses - arranged pumping by natives. Lecture 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb.	
26	"	Battery practice targets - all day.	
27	"	Range Finding Inst <sup>n</sup> - Col Austin re material - D.A.C. water carts. Studying bulletins - Routine for Bde Major	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.	
MENA	Jany	28	Water arrangements still unsatisfactory - Accompanied Bde Major to Range. Received O.C. Co instructions re Range. Continued erection targets.	G.D.V.
		29	Represented water arrangements unsatisfactory. Finished position targets.	
		30	Inspected Div. Fodder stocks. Went through lists of equipment L.C. Co Austin - inspected water troughs	
		31	Bde mps duties - Forwarding arrangements returned undesirable.	

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