

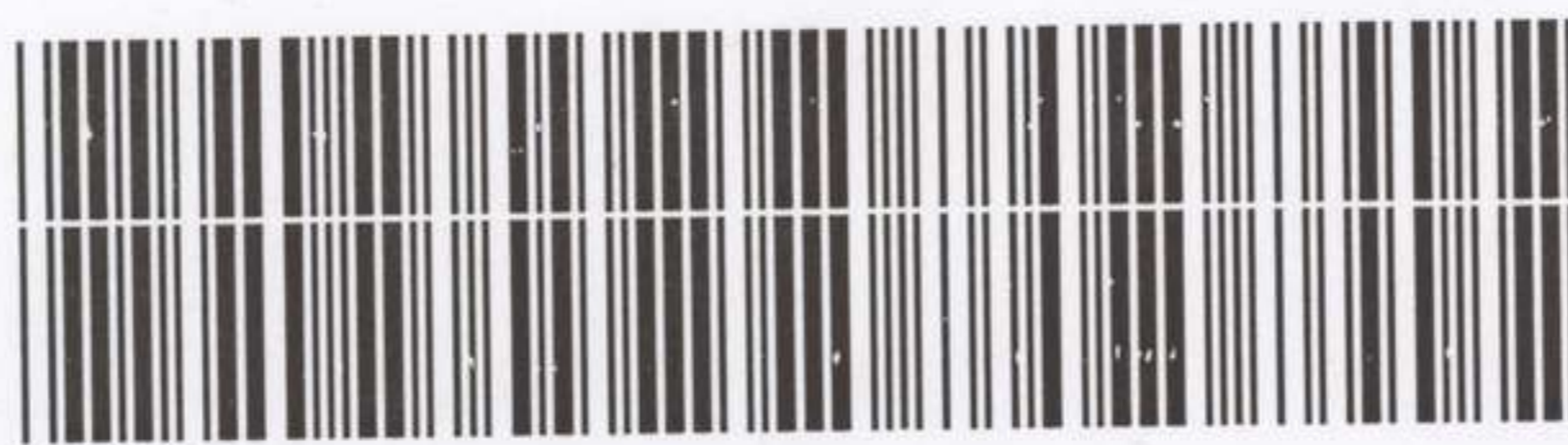
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Place	Date	Hour	Reference Map- EL SHELLAL 1/40000.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
A.31 ^a	1/10/17			Position of H.Q., 18th Brigade R.H.A.	in
C.7 c.d.	"			Position of Ayrshire, Inverness, and Somerset R.H.A.	in
	"			Transport. Supply wagons to be detached and form "B" Echelon - No.1 Section. Ammunition loads are considered too heavy but remain unchanged.	in
	6/10/17			New Establishment. W.O.Letter 121/Med/1869(S.D.2) dated 24/8/17 as amended by cable 42163 dated 28/9/17*	in
	"			Redistribution of Officers.	in
P.3.a.	9/10/17	0900		Calibration of 13 Pdr. guns. Normal corrector Fuse 80 = 156 Fuse 85 = 126.	in
C.7.d.	do	1800		B.A.C.s withdrawn from their Batteries and brigaded to form 18th Brigade Ammunition Column.	in
	20/10/17			From 1/10/17 to 20/10/17 a period of training. Divisional Staff ride, Brigade days, Divisional practice turn-out, Brigade practice turn-out etc.	in
	21/10/17	1800		Ayrshire Battery detached and placed under command of B.G.C., 2nd A.L.H. Brigade.	in
	do	1700		Ayrshire Battery marched with 2nd A.L.H. Brigade to ESANI.	in
	do			ANZAC Dumps formed at SHELLAL Junction and GAMLI for 1st Line Transport, stores and dismounted men	in
	23/10/17	1800		Box respirators being issued and P.H. Helmets recalled.	in

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ESANI	24/10/17			Somerset Battery detached and placed under command of B.G.C., N.Z.M.R. Brigade.	
	do	1600		Somerset Battery marched with N.Z.M.R. Brigade to ESANI.	
	do			Ayrshire Battery marched with 2nd A.L.H. Brigade to KHALASSA.	194.
KHALASSA	25/10/17			Ayrshire Battery attd. 2nd A.L.H. Brigade to ASLUJ.	195.
ABASAN	26/10/17			H.Q., R.A., Inverness Battery, 18th Bde. A.C. to ESANI.	196.
ESANI	28/10/17			H.Q., R.A., Inverness Battery, Somerset Battery, 18th Bde. A.C. to KHALASSA.	197.
KHALASSA	29/10/17		ditto ditto ditto ditto	ASLUJ.	198.
ASLUJ.	30/10/17			Ayrshire Battery, 18th Bde. A.C., "A" Echelon to KHASIM ZANNA.	199.
	31/10/17			"B" Echelon, 18th Bde. A.C. to KHASIM ZANNA.	200.
	31/10/17			All Batteries under orders of B.G.C.s of their own Brigades. Ayrshire Battery on HEBRON Road no reports.	201.
Between pts. 1190 & 1120 North BIR SALEM, ABU IRGEIG.	ditto	1000		Somerset Battery - Target - TEL el SABA. Range 3000 - 3500. Ammunition expended 15 rounds.	202.
near KH. EL WATAN.	ditto	1015		Inverness Battery semi-covered position. Target M.Guns. Range 2600 Ammn. expended 60 rounds.	203.

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near KH. EL WATAN. North East TEL EL SABA.	31/10/17	1110	Inverness Battery semi-covered position. Target - TEL EL SABA. Range 2300. Ammunition expd. 300 rounds.	T.H.
do	do	1115	Somerset Battery semi-covered position. Target M.Guns - Range 1100. Ammunition expd. 300 rounds	T.H.
near KH. EL WATAN	do	1300	Somerset battery semi-covered position. Target M.Guns N. of TEL EL SABA Range 2100. Amm. Expd 130.	T.H.
do	do	1340	Inverness Battery Target . M.Guns and Infantry on high ground 500 X West TEL Range 2600 Ammn. expended 40. rounds.	T.H.
do	do	1410	Inverness Battery Target - TEL EL SABA Range 2300 rapid rate of fire. Ammn. expended 90 rounds.	T.H.
do	do	1440	Inverness Battery moved 500 X West of TEL to cover final advance. Ammn. expended 120 rounds.	T.H.
do	do	1510	Both batteries ceased firing.	T.H.