

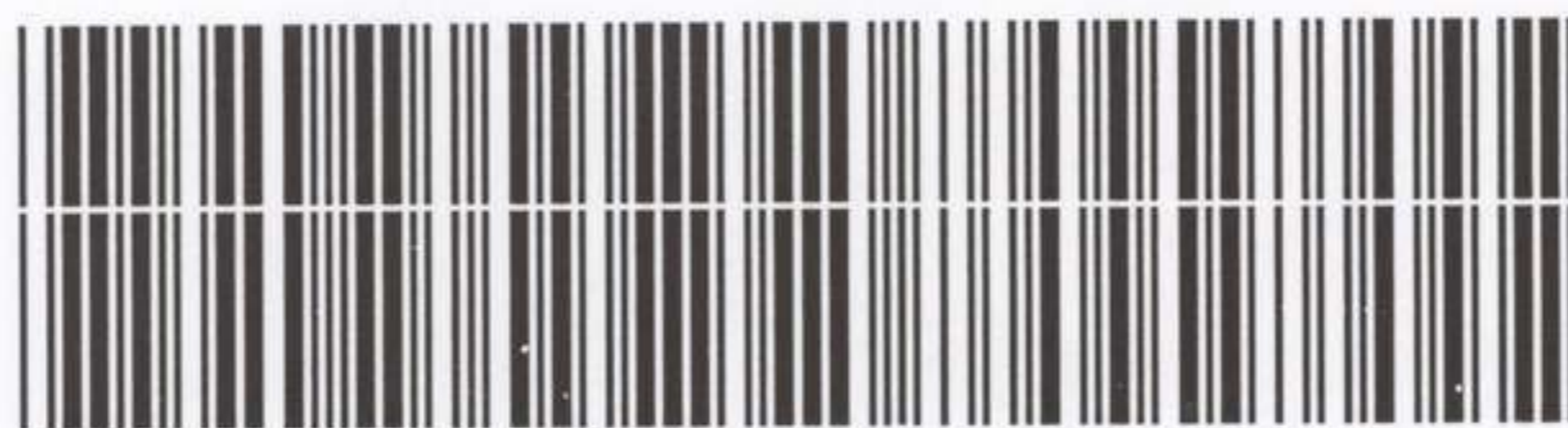
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of  
Headquarters 19<sup>th</sup> Brigade - R.H.A.  
Australian Mtd Division

From 1<sup>st</sup> July/1917 to 31<sup>st</sup> July/1917.

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# WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
N <sup>y</sup> SHAUTH G4 0.7 GAZA-SHELLAL 1.40000	2/7/16 4/7/16		Had conference with BGRA Desert Column as to new establishments etc. 3 <sup>rd</sup> ALH. + 4 <sup>th</sup> ALH B <sup>de</sup> s + 1 B <sup>de</sup> of Angac M <sup>td</sup> Div <del>Division</del> plus one Brigade of Angac Division in reserve carried out reconnaissance in direction of BEERSHEBA. B/HAC accompanied 4 <sup>th</sup> ALH B <sup>de</sup> B/HAC 1 <sup>st</sup> ALH B <sup>de</sup> (Angac Division) Notts 3 <sup>rd</sup> ALH B <sup>de</sup> . No shots fired by any of the Batteries as no favourable targets presented themselves. Left camp at 0400 with Gen Hadpar. R.A. H.Q. opened at cross roads 2 miles SE of EL BUGGAR. Enemy searching ridges & depressions with HE & shrapnel intermittently all day. In afternoon reconnoitred country to TAWEL EL HABARI and two miles to the south with BGRA East Force & BGRA Desert Column. Arrived back in camp by 2000. Major Preston (B/HAC) accompanied 5 <sup>th</sup> B <sup>de</sup> on a special mission to KHALASA to arrest a notorious spy. Mission unsuccessful.	Jnc  Jnc
A' BASAN EL KEBIR	6/7/16	1200	Divisional Artillery moved back to neighbourhood of A' BASAN EL KEBIR exchanging camping areas with Angac Mounted Division. Move <sup>of DA.</sup> completed by 1530. Batteries grouped as a Brigade. Present at	Jnc
	7/7/16	1000	Inspected by <del>G.O.C.</del> C in C. (General Allenby) near FUKHARI at which one section of Notts RHA represented this DA. In evening Notts section with DAC returned as a BAC to its unit.	Jnc
	8/7/16		B/HAC section with DAC returned as a BAC to its unit	Jnc
	9/7/16	1100 1400	Suspected horses of DA in their lines with 90 CRA Desert Column. Suspected Notts Battery & BAC in drill order.	Jnc

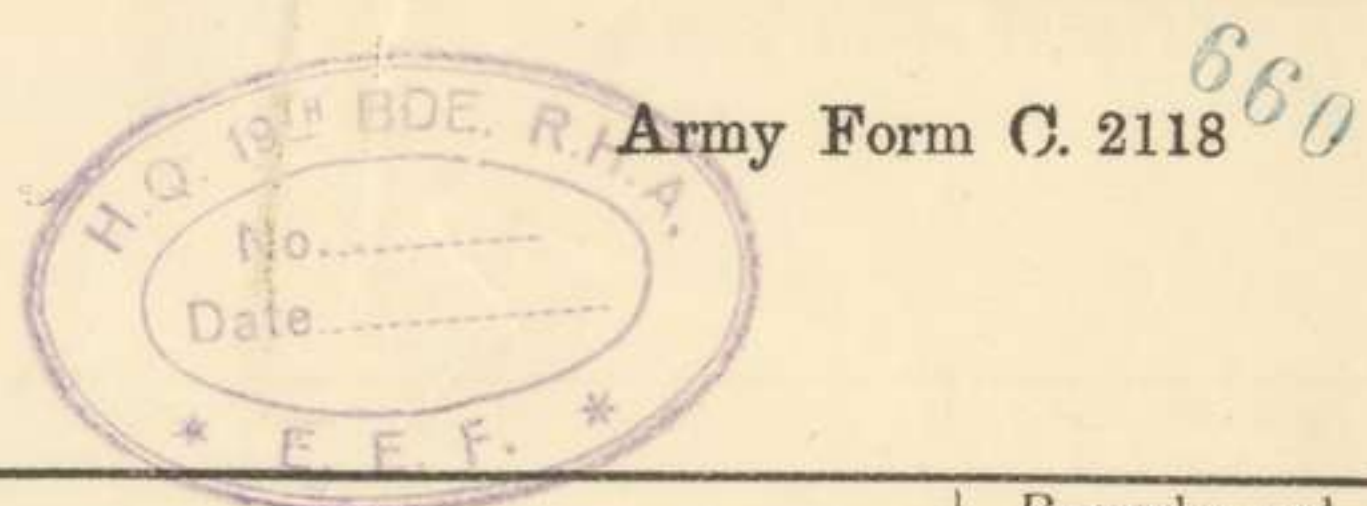
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<del>EL SHA'UTH</del> <del>GHOF</del> <del>GAZA SHELLAL</del> 14000	10/7/16	1400	Inspected B/HAC Battery + B.A.C. in drill order. Vehicles hosed as per <sup>W.E.</sup> Part VI	(Jhe)
1 mile N.W of ABASAN	12/7/16	1400	Inspected A/HAC Battery + B.A.C. in drill order. Vehicles hosed as per W.E. Part VI	(Jhe)
EL KEBIR	14/7/17	1400	19 <sup>th</sup> RHA B <sup>de</sup> practised firing (under RA. Direct Column arrangements) at GHABI (near EL SHA'UTH) in cooperation with aircraft. Left camp at 0530 returned 1500	(Jhe)
	15/7/17		D.A.C. finally disbanded, all Brigade transport being returned to their units.	(Jhe)
	16/7/17	0600	Inspected A/HAC at drill order	
	19/7/17	1030	Received instructions by phone that Div. was to move out as soon as possible to point of concentration EL MELEK. Left camp about 1300, having A/Adjt to arrange for LGS waggons to carry SAA. (24 horses having been taken from each BAC by its Battery leaving 4 waggons per BAC immobile, in addition to those unable to be hosed through deficiencies in animals). Before leaving EL MELEK received orders that Batteries were to report to and accompany their Brigades A/HAC to 4 <sup>th</sup> ALH B <sup>de</sup> Notts to 3 <sup>rd</sup> ALH B <sup>de</sup> + B/HAC to 22 <sup>nd</sup> mounted Brigade (attached from Yeomanry 11 <sup>th</sup> Div). Bided this to be done. Div H.Q. proceeded to PT. 680 GOZ LAKLEILAT. Returned to GAMLI a WADI GHUZZEE after dark, Batteries accompanying their Brigades.	
	20/7/17		Proceeded at 03.30 to GOZ LAKLEILAT (PT. 680). Notts (who had bivouacked at ESANI for night) proceeded with Brigade to TAWEL EL HABARI and there engaged enemy rifle pits scattered groups of Infantry firing 65 rounds. B/HAC held at GOZ MATBROUK as column reserve. A/HAC in reserve at PT. 680. At 1000 the Division started to return to camp at ABASAN. Reached camp about 1400.	
MARAKEB	22/7/17		Division moved to the beach near MARAKEB (due W of KHAN YUNUS), Batteries completed move by 1230, leaving all vehicles + ammunition at BENI SELA in charge of one officer and detachments of one section per Battery.	A/HAC + B/HAC + Notts

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MARAKEB	23/7/17	1700	Visited Batteries	JHC
	26/7/17	1030	Conference at Div H.Q. concerning carrying of rations forage etc on operations	JHC
	27/7/17	1430	Lt Col the Marquess of Exeter left Brigade en route for 4 weeks leave in U.K. Major the Hon RMP Preston assuming temporary command of the Brigade.	JHC
	29/7/17	1030	Accompanied G.O.C. RA Desert Column on tour of inspection of horses in the Brigade	JHC
	28/7/17		Lt J. N. Cowley appointed adjutant of Brigade (Authority RA Desert Col. wire Way/125 of 28/7/17) in place of Lt B.H. Jackson appointed adjutant 24/6/17 but never reported for duty owing to illness.	JHC

R. Preston.  
Major  
OC. 19<sup>th</sup> Bde. RHA.