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NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED RIFLES BRIGADE

PLACE	DATE HOUR	SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION	REMARKS AND REFERENCES TO APPENDICES
	JULY 1917		
	1st	Camp Inspection by C.O. Lieut <del>Simpson</del> Chapman departed to A.&N.Z.T.C.H.Q. to conduct draft forward 21 O/Rs to School of Instruction, ZEITOUN. Lieut Jackson & 220/Rs AMR. 8 O/Rs CMR. 16 O/Rs WMR & 8 O/Rs MGS 1 O/R NZMC marched out to Bde. Saddlery Inspection by C.O. Major Acton- Adams arrived en route to CAIRO. Lt <del>Man</del> anners returned <del>to</del> .	
	2nd	Training as per syllabus. Lt Col Spragg to CAIRO to see Commandant and see Bander re soldiers home <del>XXXX</del> a/c. Lt Berrill returned from <del>XXXXXX</del> Hospital.	
	3rd	Training as per syllabus. Reville altered to 0400. Sgt Major Bremner returned from Cadet School for misconduct.	
	4th	Training as per syllabus. 2/Lts Taylor, Gillespie, & Rennet & 36 O/Rs left for Bde to relieve men going to rest. camp EL ARISH. Sgt Major Bremner sent to rejoin his Regt. Lt Col Spragg passed through from CAIRO to PORT SAID.	
	5th	Training as per syllabus. 2/Lt Perrott conducting Officer for Aust Troops to front. Lt Stewart to ALEXANDRIA for 10 days leave. Lt Ballanger to CAIRO for pay. Lt Col Spragg returned <del>to</del> for PORT SAID and left by 1350 train.	
	6th	Training as per syllabus. Lt Ballanger returned with pay, paid all Officers & Troops. Board of Enquiry on clothing of Draft. Saddle & Kit inspection. Lt Col Spragg returned from PORT SAID.	
	7th	Saddle and Kit Inspection.	
	8th	Camp Inspection by C.O. Lt Perrott returned from conducting Troops to front.	
	9th	Training as per syllabus. (Musketry) S.S. Thomas & Cpl Bander left for ENGLAND for Commission. Lt Rhodes reported en route for CAIRO also Capt Wood, Lt Studholme reported from ENGLAND.	

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	10th	Training as per syllabus. Cpl Widdowson left for SUEZ for duty on board PORT SYDNEY Lt Col Spragg left for Interview with G.O.C. NZEF. paid Officers & men leaving for N.Z.	
	11th	Training as per syllabus. Gen. Sir. H. Chauvel paid a visit of inspection to the camp. Lt Reid Paton, Dines, Compegne, Scott & Bellingham & Major Smith, & 53 O/Rs left for SUEZ by 1040 train en route for New Zealand. Lt Reid on leave to CAIRO.	
	12th.	Training as per syllabus (Musketry) Roll of men transferred from Reinforcement to N.Z.E. Field Troop and Sig Troop posted to Bde. HQ.	
	13th	Training as per syllabus. Lt Col Spragg returned from BELAH (Interview with G.O.C.) and proceeded to CAIRO by 1400 train. Major Northern appointed Bde Major of <del>3rd</del> 234 Inft Bde.	
	14th	Training as per syllabus. Lt Manners to PORT SAID re Camp site. Col Spragg to PORT SAID.	
	15th	Camp Inspection. Lt Manners returned from PORT SAID.	
	16th	Training as per syllabus. Major Northern received instruction to take over duties of Bde Major of 22nd Bde. Lt Col Spragg returned from PORT SAID.	
	17th	Training as per syllabus. Major Northern left by 1350 train to take up duty with 22nd Bde.	
	18th	Lt Col Spragg & Lt Manners proceeded to CAIRO. Training as per syllabus. Major Whitehorn reported from Hospital. Batman for DADOS proceeded to Division.	
	19th	Training as per syllabus. Board of Enquiry on dead Bay Draught Horse. Capt Scott president. Member Lt Reid & Lt Foley.	
	20th	Training as per syllabus. Col Spragg returned from CAIRO. also Lt Manners with pay. Majors Bath & Ranstead reported in camp from Hospital.	
	21st	Training as per syllabus. Kit & Saddle inspections. 2/Lt Studholme conducting Officer to Harotongan to Bde. Col Spragg to PORT SAID.	

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	22nd		Camp inspection by C.O. Case of Mumps reported this morning. Major Hulbert & Capt Hinman reported to Camp en route to Regt Dumps. Lt Coul Rarotongan Inft. reported from Hospital. Conductor Geard reported in connection with Dump.	
	23rd		Training as per syllabus. Board Proceedings on death of Draught horse sent to Bde. All Regtl Dump cleared out, ship not required by Regt. being returned to Ordnance. 1 Cpl & 6 men sent to RAFA to load & unload dumps. Lt Coul for B.H.Q. 1 batman for Major Acton-Adams despatched today. Instruction received from G.O.C. that Col Spragg is to take command of Desert Column Rest Camp, and to hand over command of Training Depot to Major Whitehorn. Instructions received for N.Z. Police to report to A.P.M. NZAC, Prov ost Corps. MOASCAR. Capt Elphil left for Bde. Lt Col Spragg left by 2830 train for CAIRO for interview with A.I.F.	
	24th		Training as per syllabus. Capt Reid to Bde. for Board proceedings, Capt Anderson & L/Cpl Watson to CAIRO to issue clothing to patients at AOTEA Convalescent Home.	
	25th		Training as per syllabus. Capt Taylor reported from ZEITOUN & proceeded to Bde. by 1356 train. Lt Studholme returned from Bde. Major Gardo DSO. visited the camp and inspected M.G.S. Reinforcement passed as clear of infectious diseases and marched out of Isolation Camp.	
	26th		Repitching and cleaning up Isolation Camp. Capt Taylor returned to await embarkation to ENGLAND. Lt Begg-Wither reported to camp. Major Whitehorn took over command from today 13 O/Rs Sig Troops to ALEXANDRIA.	
	27th		Training as per syllabus. 2 Officers 61 O/Rs marched out to Camel Corps. Major Batchelor to CAIRO on leave.	
	28th		Training as per syllabus. Kit inspection of all reinforcements by C.O. Lt Col Spragg returned from PORT SAID. RSM. Bettinge reported from Bde. Lt Col Spragg returned to PORT SAID. £38 of Canteen Moneys missing from Safe in Cols Tent. Inquiries instituted, so far no information.	
	29th		Nil.	
	30th		Training as per syllabus. Lt Reid 2/Lt Baigent 4 AMR 29 CMR 47 WMR 10 MGS 4 BHQ, marched out to Bde by 0800 train. 2/Lt Ranstead 2/Lts Aitken & Chamberlain AMR 56 WMR 13, Vet Corps 4 leaving for Bde 1356 train. Base Cahier reported and adjusted pay books left for CAIRO By 1350 train. 2/Lt Begg wither left for Braggabé.	

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	31st		Training as per syllabus. Lt Col Spragg returned from PORT SAID re new Camp site. 1 Horse (T---) sent to PORT SAID by Tpr Duffey by road. Captain Reid reported back from Bde. Captain Mathias returned from CAIRO.	