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64th A.I. H. Regt.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ROMANI.	1/5	0830	A. Squadron found patrol to QATIA. 2 Troop B. Sqn patrolled to HILL 110. Both reported all clear. 6 troops on night outpost.	
	2/5	0830	1 Troop A Sqn. patrolled to BIR-EL-NUSS to connect with 5th.L.H. patrol from DUEIDAR. B. Sqn relieved at 1200 by A. Sqn. found day patrol & outpost. 6 troops formed night outpost.	
	3/5	0800	C. Sqn. & 2 troops B. Sqn. patrolled to HILL 110 & QATIA. 6 troops supplied night outpost.	
	4/5	0830	1 Troop B. Sqn patrolled to BIR-EL-NUSS connecting there with 5th.L.H. patrol from DUEIDAR. C. Sqn relieved at 1200 by A. Sqn. found day outposts, & 6 troops did night outposts of ROMANI Camp.	
	5/5		A. Sqn. & 2 troops B. Sqn. out on patrol all day. 6 troops supplied night outpost of ROMANI Camp.	
	6/5	0830	1 troop B. Sqn. patrol to BIR-EL-DHABA connecting there with 5th.L.H. patrol from DUEIDAR. A Sqn. relieved at 1200 by C. Sqn. on day outpost. 6 troops xx did night outposts of ROMANI CAMP.	
	7/5	1300	Regiment consisting of 20 Off. 416 O/R & 470 horses marched out of ROMANI to QATIA arriving there at 1630. Fed & watered horses and marched on from QATIA 1930 for OGH RATINA. Arriving there halted and stood to horses until 0400 next morning.	
	8/5	0400	Marched out of OGH RATINA for BIR-EL-ABD where we found signs of a Camp within the last 48 hours but no other trace of enemy, or their outposts. Returned to ROMANI via OGH RATINA and QATIA reaching Camp at ROMANI at 1900.	
	9/5	0800	1 Troop B. Sqn. patrolled to HILL 110. A. Sqn relieved at 1200 by B. Sqn supplied day outposts. 6 troops did night outposts ROMANI Camp.	
	10/5	0830	2 troops C. Sqn. patrolled to QATIA. 6 troops supplied night outposts ROMANI Camp.	
	11/5	0800	1 troop B. Sqn. patrolled to HILL 110. A. Sqn. out all day on patrol. B. Sqn relieved at 1200 by C Sqn. found day outposts. 6 troops formed night outpost of ROMANI CAMP.	
	12/5		1 Troop C. Sqn. patrolled to HILL 110. 1 Troop C. Sqn. patrolled to HAMISAH. 6 troops did night outposts ROMANI CAMP.	
	13/5		Lieut. O. W. Tooth & 29 O/Rks marched into camp; being reinforcements from Reserve Sqn at TEL-EL-KEBIR. B. Sqn. relieved at 1200 by A. Sqn. supplied day outposts. 6 troops did night outposts of ROMANI CAMP.	
	14/5		Off day, preparing for reconnaissance to-morrow.	

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ROMANI	15/5	1400	Regiment, consisting of 22 Off. 411 O/R & 458 horses marched out from ROMANI for reconnaissance to HOD-EL-BAYUD and BIR-EL-MAGEIBRA. Proceed to QATIA watered and fed horses and left there at 1900 for SAGIA a distance of about 5 miles, arriving at 2100, where horses were picqueted for night.	
SAGIA	16/5	0330	Regiment marched from SAGIA, B. Sqdn. forming advance guard and 2 troops A. Sqdn. the R.&L. flank guards. The country was very heavy travelling from here, sand very loose and country hilly. Out patrols reported enemy patrols after we had travelled about 6 miles from SAGIA. They appeared to be on observation posts and could observe us a considerable distance away. They were mounted on camels and retired as soon as they saw us. Our advance guard passes HOD-EL-BAYUD at 0900, where the tracks of camels, goats and human footprints were seen in large numbers. There wre 14 wells here and a quantity of new troughing evidently abandoned by enemy in their hurried departure, which we ultimately destroyed. We marched out from here at 1000. The heat had now become intense and Regiment had a very punishing march back to camp as several horses and a few men knocked up those whose horses collapses having to walk. The bulk of Regt. reached ROMANI about 2100, the balance coming back to camp later, just as night was falling.	
ROMANI	17/5		Regiment resting in Camp. All ranks very tired owing to hardships endured during hot march yesterday. 4. Off. Major O'Brien, Capt. Ryrle, Lieut. Pearce and Lieut. Hedley and 11 O/R were admitted to Hospital suffering from sunstroke or heat exhaustion.	
	18/5		Resting in camp. C. Squadron (4 troops) supplied night Outposts of ROMANI Camp.	
	19/5		2 small patrols of 1 troop each patrolled to QATIA and OGHRAITINA reporting all clear. B. Sqdn. supplied night outposts ROMANI Camp.	
	20/5		General cleaning up of Camp and Saddlery. A. Sqdn. supplied night outposts ROMANI camp.	
	21/5		Preparing to move camp; as Regiment is under orders to proceed to HILL 70 to-morrow.	
	22/5	0500	Regiment, consisting of 18 Off. 390 O/R & 430 marched from ROMANI by desert route to HILL 70. Arrived HILL 70 1000 and occupied camp vacated previous day by 3rd. L.H. Regt. The balance of Regt. proceeding by train in charge of baggage.	
HILL 70	23/5 to 31/5		Regiment at HILL 70 resting. No duties except brigade Orderly Regiment each 2nd. day providing usual forage and water fatigues and xxxx small ammunition guards., an a couple of small pipe line patrols and small patrol to connect with 5th. L.H. Regt. patrol from DUEIDAR. Leave was here again granted to troops in limited numbers to PORT SAID.	