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BELAH	1/3/18	-	Duty Regt. Field officer - Mj Walker, M.C. Bayonet fighting 0830-0930. 100 ranks attended ablution bath at Div ^l Sports Sect ⁿ 0830-1030. Lt Street 1/4 of party. 64 ranks for inoculation 1400. at 3 rd L.H.F.A. <u>RMB</u>	
"	2/3/18	-	3 rd L.H. Bgde Sports commencing 0900. Lt Taylor + 3 ranks arrived Belah 0450 from Kantara. Capt McGrath returned from leave 0650. Lt Mann + Cpts Lumsden + Cooney left by 0715 train to Scouts School. El Arish. Cpl Marshall to Hotchkiss School. Zentown + Spt Austin to Cooking School. Amalia at 2055. <u>RMB</u>	
"	3/3/18	-	Duty Regt. Field officer Mj Priestly Ch. Parade 0900. Capt McGrath evacuated to Field Ambulance. 50 ranks inoculated 1400. <u>RMB</u>	
"	4/3/18	-	Training. Guards + Sentries 0830-0930. Emergency. Hotchkiss Rifle teams carried out 20 yds range practice under Lt Mulholland. 0830. Dismt ^d Bayonet classes from 0830-1100. under CSM Wilcox. Bgde instructor. <u>RMB</u>	
"	5/3/18	-	Lt Borlidge proceeded to Shy with Bgde party to locate captured gun positions at 0700 returned 1700. Dismt ^d + mto Bayonet classes from 0830-1500. Lt Street + party for work on Div ^l Sports ground. Remainder of Rgt inoculated 1400. Padre King proceeded to Port Said 2245 train Belah. Sgt Hampshire on duty to Cairo. 2 ranks returned from Cairo leave. <u>RMB</u>	
"	6/3/18	-	Duty Regt. Field officer Mj Crawford. Mto + dismt ^d Bayonet classes as usual. Lt Taylor + party for work on Div ^l Sports ground at 0800. Grazing of horses in the afternoon. <u>RMB</u>	

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BELAH.	7/3/18	-	R.O.O Lt. Taylor. Mtd + Dismt'd Bayonet classes 0800-1200. Grazing horses 1400-1500. Lt. Sheeter + 115 ORanks to 22 nd Mtd Bgde Races. at Galuf 1215 returned 1830.	
"	8/3/18	-	one of the party injured + sent to F.A. <u>RHB</u> R.O.O Lt. Sheeter Dismt'd + mtd Bayonet classes 0830-1500. Des Corps Commander unofficially visited Camp + training ground 1030. Mr Crawford proceeded to Kelab Schl of Inst. 0830. <u>RHB</u>	
"	9/3/18	-	Duty Regt. F.O. Capt. Austin. R.O.O Lt. Taylor. Divis Sports commencing 0900. <u>RHB</u>	
"	10/3/18	-	R.O.O Lt. Mulholland. Lt. Sheeter + 12 ORanks fatigue working party. Divis Sports ground. Ch. Parade 0900. Sgt Lampshire returned from Cairo. Port Said leave party from Pt Said returned 1400. Lt Glanfield + party (15 ORanks) proceeded to Pt Said Rest Camp 1630. 2 ORanks to Cairo 2055. Lt Sheeter collected Pay from BHO 1530. <u>RHB</u>	
"	11/3/18	-	R.O.O Lt. Sheeter. Hotchkiss Rifle team carried out field firing on Victoria Range under Lt. Mulholland. 0830-1230. Mtd + Dismt'd Classes 0830-1200. Mr Shannon proceeded with Brigadier to D.H.Q. 1330. Grazing horses from 1400-1530. Capt Austin reported to G.H. Hqs. 0900. a member of Ct. Market. Mr Crawford arrived from Kelab 0830. to be President on Court of Enquiry in reference to lost documents. <u>RHB</u>	
"	12/3/18	-	Duty Regt. F.O. Mr Walker. R.O.O Lt. Sheeter. Rehearsal parade held for C.in.C inspection 0830-1300. Received wire from Lt. Col McLaurin stating "Arrived safely. Regards to all." from London. <u>RHB</u>	

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Belah	13/3/18		R.O.O Lt. Mulholland. Mps Shannon proceeded to Kelab 0545. Training MTD & dismounted Bayonet fighting 0830-0930. Grazing 0930-1200. Lt Woodfield arrived from Kelab. to attend review 14 th inst. + to receive the D.C.M. from H. R. H. Duke of Connaught. For conspicuous bravery in the field. <u>RMB</u>	
"	14/3/18		R.O.O Lt Taylor. Review & march past of the Aust. MTD Division by H.R.H. Duke of Connaught. Also presentation of medals Des Corps Commander. (unofficially) inspected the 8 th A.L.H. Camp at 1500. <u>RMB</u>	
	15/3/18		Duty Regt. F.O. Mps Priestly. Mps Shannon proceeded to B.H.Q. 0740 to carry out tactical scheme. Training MTD & dismounted Bayonet fighting 0830-1200. Grazing 1400-1600. <u>RMB</u>	
	16/3/18		R.O.O Lt Mulholland. Cleaning of saddlery & equipment. 200 O'Ranks. for ablution at 8 th S. Sect. 0815-1300. Lt Taylor in/c of Bgde parties. Lt Streetor & 108 O'Ranks attended 7 th MTD Bgde Races. returned 1630. <u>RMB</u>	
	17/3/18		R.O.O Lt Taylor. Ch Parade. cancelled (wet weather). 12 antarsa received & checked by Lt. Mulholland. from Comforts Fund. <u>RMB</u>	
	18/3/18		Duty Regt. L.O. Lt Austin. R.O.O Lt Streetor. Hotchkiss rifle training. Squadron MTD drill. <u>RMB</u>	
	19/3/18		Tactical schemes for C.O.S. R.O.O Lt Mulholland. all officers carry out tactical exercises without troops. Emergency Hotchkiss gunners. carried out field-firing practice under Lt. Mulholland. Grazing 1400-1630. <u>RMB</u>	

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Belah	20/3/18		ROO Lt Taylor. Regt carried out tactical exercises with MGs + artillery Section attached. 0830-1230. Mps Crawford. 2 Lt Woodfield + Hughes returned from Sch of Inst. Kelab. Lt Newman + troop relieved from	
	21/3/18		Duty Regt. I.O. Mps Walker. ROO Lt Straker. Training. Tactical exercises by Squads. RSB. Concert by H.A.C. Party. RSB. Lt Newman + troop relieved from	
	22/3/18		ROO Lt Newman. Training. Bombing + Bayonet fighting. Field-firing by Hotchkiss gunners. Lt Hughes transferred to Tessa to perform the duties of ROO during absence of Capt Mulder. RSB. Lt Glanfield + party returned from Pt Said Rest Camp. 16 ranks proceed to Pt Said Rest Camp. RSB.	
	23/3/18		ROO Lt Woodfield. All officers attend demonstration of a mounted attack by Sqdn. L.H. at Dwi. Cleaning + inspection of Camp. Capt Austin Member of Court of Enquiry 10 th A.L.H. (0900). Capt Austin + 2 ranks proceed on leave to Cairo (2250).	
	24/3/18		Duty Regt. I.O. Mps Crawford. ROO Lt Taylor. Ch parade 0900. Lt Peppercorn returned from Cavalry Schl. Gwentown. 30 ranks to moascar to report to H.A.C. RSB.	
	25/3/18		ROO Lt Mulholland. Mps Priestly temp. attached to A. Sqdn. Regt. Tactical exercise cancelled on account of weather conditions. Lecture by C.O. to officers 1100. RSB.	

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Belah	26/3/18		Roo Lt. Peppercorn M.C. Salvage operations resumed. Mjr Crawford + 150 O'Ranks paraded 0645. Reveille 0500. <u>RSLB</u>	
"	27/3/18		Duty Regt. F.O. Mjr Priestly Roo Lt. Shuter Salvage operations mjr Walker M.C. + 218 O'Ranks paraded 0645. <u>RSLB</u>	
	28/3/18		Roo Lt. Newman. Salvage operations. Mjr Priestly + 186 O'Ranks paraded 0645. Hotchkiss Rifle training under Lt. Mulholland <u>RSLB</u>	
	29/3/18		Roo Lt. Mann. (Regt. Tactical exercises). (Disint'd attack in depth) 4 O'Ranks arrived from Moascar 0700. Grazing 1400-1630. Intelligence Officer + N.C.O. carried out scheme. 0830-1200. <u>RSLB</u> (Good Friday)	
	30/3/18		Duty Regt F.O. Mjr Walker M.C. Roo Lt. Woodfield Training! M ^{TP} Attack by Sqds as demonstrated by Lt Col Osborne. Warming order. Dwis Home 1500. Lt Shuter + Woodfield + 4 NCOs. left for Schl. of Distri. Zentouin 1730. <u>RSLB</u>	
	31/3/18		Roo Lt. Mulholland. (Easter Sunday). Instructions received ref. move of Division Monday 1/4/18. Ch Parade cancelled. Mjr Jameson M.C. returned from Moascar 0700. Sgt Hockly granted leave to Brylton. Proceeded to Alexandria 2045.	

H J Shannon Major
C.O. 8th Light Horse Regt



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- 1 Right Order No. 6.
- 2 Strength Summary.

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1. The Division (less Warick Yeomanry) marches to SELMEH by Brigade Groups, leaving BELAH on MONDAY 1st. APRIL 1918.
2. The Brigade will move in order of march as under:-
G.O.C., B.H.Q., Scouts, Signals, 10th, A.L.H.R., Motts, 8th.L.H.R. M.G.S.
9th.A.L.H.Regt. 3rd.L.H.F.A. 8th.MV.S.
Brigade Transport will accompany units.
3. TRANSPORT. All transport of the Brigade will form up East of the old Decanville Railway Track at 1430 and move off in rear of the Bde under Q.M., 9th.A.L.H.Regt. Q.Ms, & R.Q.M.S. will accompany their transport, which will report to their Units on arrival at GAZA. Regimental Transport will form up in rear of the Regt. at 1400.
4. DRESS. ~~XXXXXX~~ Marching Order. Fully equipped for operations.
5. RATIONS. Current day's ration and forage and Iron Ration to be carried. Rations and forage for 2nd. inst. will be drawn at GAZA under instructions to be issued later.
6. WATERING. Morning watering 0830, Evening watering at GAZA. Water carts will travel full. Troughs will be carried on Transport.
7. BIVOUAC PARTY. Lieut. C.F. Newman and 1 o/rank from A Sqdr. will report to Regtl. Office at 1030, and to Staff Captain at 1045.
8. CAMP AREA. The camp will be in readiness for inspection by C.O. at 1230.
9. REGTL. HEADQUARTERS. will close at 1330.
10. PARADE. The Regt. will fall in 100 yds. East of Guard tent at 1415
~~XXXX~~ Order:- Regtl. dqrs. A.B.C.

11. Subsequent moves will be as under:-

2nd. April.	GAZA - MEDJEL.	Depart.	1500	Arrival.	1730.
3rd. April.	MEDJEL-SUKERIER.		1215.		1430.
4th. April.	SUKERIER-DEIRAN.		1115		1430.
5th. April.	DEIRAN-SELMEH.		1115		1430.

THESE TIMES ARE ONLY APPROXIMATE.

12. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Area Stores Party. Sgt. ~~XXXXXX~~ ^{Julian.} and 1 o/rank from A Sqdr. will remain in camp to hand over stores, and will report to Regtl. Headqrs. (mounted) at 1415. Sgt. ~~Lynch~~ ^{Julian.} will report at R.H.Q. at 0900 for instructions.

R.H. Dobie Lieut. & a/Adj. 8th. A.L.H. Regiment. A.I.F.E.E.F.

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Reinforcements		16
	<u>19</u>	<u>509</u>
Evacuations	1	16
Transferred	1	4
	<u>2</u>	<u>20</u>
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