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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

1st City of London Horse Artillery

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SELMEH	Dec 1		<p>Stood to 0400. All clear 0715. 2nd Lieut Mc Smith relieved 2nd Lt Wk Wells as F.O.O at 0815. Received orders at 0915 from Col. Ford 3rd Bn. I.C.C. that he would like an F.O.O with No. 1st Company on right flank - obtained 1 mile west from H.Q. and laid out a line. Capt Baines went forward and obtained good targets - relieved by 2nd Lt. MacAndrews at 1600, at which time heavy shell fire was experienced and was cut. unable to move it until dark owing to snipers. All quiet during night. Rounds fired. Shrapnel 62, R.E. 163.</p>	
		2	<p>Stood to 0400. All clear at 0830. 2nd Lt. Wk Wells reported to Major Lawrence, O.C. I.C.C. at 2.30 p.m. Targets appeared periodically up to this time. Thurst's wagon line at 1000 and found things very satisfactory. Orders 2 horses to be shot which could not proceed to water. Lt Wells registers at 1600 but observation bad owing to light. All quiet during night. Rounds fired. Shrapnel 153, R.E. 34.</p>	2/3/24
		3	<p>Stood to 0400. All clear 0745. Lt Wells reported to Major Lawrence</p>	

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SELMAH	1		<p>about 2000. 2000. Smith relieved Lt. J. Mac Anderson at 500. Reported to be at Gumbas at Jaffa at 0950. Brigadier long visited battery at 1115. Shooting continued during the day. Barrage put on 2000. Rounds from 2005 to 2017 in accordance with orders from R.A. Left section. Rounds from Shrapnel 36. 20. 14"</p>	
	2		<p>Start to 0400. All clear. 0730. Shooting continued during the day. Major Stanley detailed as C.R.A. Right section. Rounds from Shrapnel 79. 20. 115. All quiet during the night. Myjaland Brigade relieved. Barrage. Barrage. Barrage.</p>	
	3		<p>Start to 0400. All clear. 0800. Quiet during day. Rounds orders at 1000 that 1 section of Battery would probably be relieved during the night. Right section was relieved by section of 270th Rds. P.F.A. at 1000. Remaining section left in action. Right section moved to wagon line. All quiet during night. Rounds from Shrapnel 9. 20. 73.</p>	
SURAFEND	6		<p>Start to 0400. All clear. 0730. Right section moved off at 1100 for SURAFEND. Periodical shooting during the day. Rounds</p>	<p>2/3/25</p>

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SURAFEND	Dec 6		fired Shrapnel No 105. Left section relieved at 1800 and marched off to SURAFEND arriving at 2130.	
	Contd			
	7		Rotted men and horses.	
	8			
	9		Continuous rain since Dec 7 th . Men and horses suffered badly. 5 Horses died 11 wounded to M.V.S.	
	10		Normal Training Major J. Bamford Smith rejoined from hospital	
	11		Major J. Bamford Smith to Imperial school of Instruction for B. C's Refresher course.	
	12		Banded 4-18's Guns to Inverness R.H.A. and received 18 R's in exchange. Sent 2-13's Guns to 38 th Hobb's Workshop RAMLE	
	13		Normal Training	
	14		Horses inspected by Brig Gen King. Orders received to be ready to move at short notice.	2/3/21

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AKIR	Dec 15		Marched off from SURAFEND at 1000 - reached AKIR at 1600 Sent 2 13 R. G.F. units to 38 th Habile workshops RAMLE en route	
	16		Horses inspected by Brig Gen Grant - 4 th A.L.S. Rds.	
	17		Reviewed orders to move to YEBNAH on 18 th	
YEBNAH	18		Marched off at 1000 - arrived YEBNAH 1500	
	19		Normal Training	
	20			
	21			
	22		Gen Chauvel visited camp	
	23		Heavy rain storms	
	24			
	25			
	26			
YEBNAH	27		Gun and wagon teams left camp 1000 and arrived ESDUD 1530	2/3
	28		Marched off from ESDUD arrived MEJDEL 1200. Look over guns - 13 hrs - from 400 th Battery RFA returned to ESDUD arrived 1700	

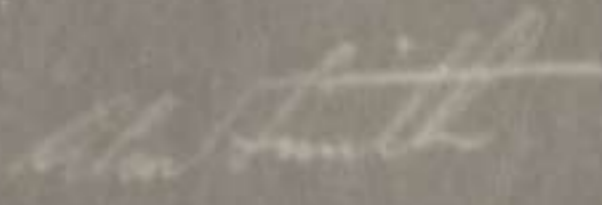
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YERNAH	Dec 29		Marched off at 0930 - reached YERNAH at 1330	
ESDUD	30		Battery marched off at 1000 - reached ESDUD at 1500	
SUKERIEH	31		0930 - reached SUKERIEH at 1530	
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