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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1917			
EL KEBIR	May 1		Reconnaissance with Brigade in direction of GOZ-MABRUK + BIR-ESANI. leaving bivouac at 0430 and returning 2000.	off
	" 2		Battery at Abasan. EL-KEBIR.	off
SHA'UTH	" 3		Establishment increased by 9 Drivers. 18 Draught Horses + 3 G.S. Wagons and 6 H.P. / 555 - 65501 - 30.4.17. Battery takes over position in out post line from B. BATTERY. H.A.C. at EL-SHA'UTH.	off
	" 4		Battery at EL-SHA'UTH. Digging a Gun position and O.P. commenced.	off
	" 5		at No 2 WORK Ditto. Ditto.	off
	" 6		Battery ordered out at 1900 to support attack on IM-SIRI. and bivouac at GAMLI. for the night.	off
	" 7		Battery returns to EL-SHA'UTH. Capt C.L. Harris ordered to join temporarily Berks Battery. R.H.A.	off
	" 8		Battery at EL-SHA'UTH Digging Gun position + O.P. continued.	off
	" 9		Ditto. Ditto. Ditto.	off
	" 10		Ditto. Ditto. Ditto.	off
	" 11		Ditto. Ditto. Ditto.	off
	" 12		Battery moves to ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	off
EL KEBIR	" 13		Battery at ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	off

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ABASAM	1917			
EL KEBIR	May 14		Battery at ABASAM. EL-KEBIR	off.
	15		Battery moves to KHAN-YUNUS.	off.
KHAN-YUNUS	16		Battery at KHAN-YUNUS. Men put through "Gas demonstration".	off.
	17		Ditto	off.
	18		Ditto	off.
	19		Ditto	off.
	20		Ditto	off.
	21		Ditto	off.
	22		Battery moves to EL GAML, + arrives here at 2330.	off.
	23		Battery marches with 4 <sup>th</sup> Brigade + reaches line 680 KHACIF by 0430 + moves with 4 <sup>th</sup> Brigade along FARA-BEERSHEBA Road. No targets worth engaging seen + GAML reached at 2100.	off.
	24		Battery returns to KHAN-YUNUS.	off.
	25		Battery at KHAN-YUNUS.	off.
	26		Ditto	off.
	27		Ditto	off.
UM-URGAN	28		Battery moves to UM-URGAN + takes over position from Leicester R.H.A.	off.
	29		Battery at UM-URGAN. Stand to Arms at 0330.	off.
	30		Ditto	off.
	31		Ditto	off.

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