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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks reference Appendix
Between WELI SHEIKH NURAN and TEL EL FARA	June 1st		Normal day - Hostile aeroplanes over at 0715	
Africa North H. 36	1917			
E. III RAFA	2nd		— do — Board of enquiry held at this office re. loss of 11 horses at ABASSAN on 19/5/17 -	
	3rd		Sent 146000 Rds SAA. Int VII to ofc Warwick Germany. at EL GHABI (same reference) in trench stores. Refilled from 2nd Echelon D.A.C. WELI SHEIKH NURAN - CRA visited camp.	
	4th		Sent to RAFA for Ordnance Stores. Tank bombed EL SHAUTH - Sent Very Lights to GHABI works.	
	5th		Normal day - 16 wagons turned out for rations & forage	
	6th		Drew rations & forage for Pyroshire RHA which Battery was replacing B' H.A.C. - 6 men went on 7 days local leave.	
	7th		Sent Lt Burward into KHAN YUNUS for £275 for paying men - Advised CRA that I had 33 men in hospital - & I recommended that a Medical Officer be attached to the D.A.C.	
	8th		CRA inspected RA personnel at 1130 - Issued & drew ammunition	
	9th		Int Gas Officer inspected 10% of personnel at 1700	

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Summary of Events and Information

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Beltoom WELI SHEAN NURAN EL EL FARA Africa Cord H. 36 E III RAFA	June 10 th 1917		CRA 9 ADVS. visited camp at 1045 - the latter sent 8 horses issued and drew ammunition -	JWD
	11 th		My 11 wagons daily to NURAN for drawing but troops supplies were relieved by camels -	JWD
		2100 2145	Continued heavy bombardment heard in a westerly direction - and again at 2200	JWD
	12 th		Normal day - Reported to CRA - 32 in hospital	JWD
	13 th		Inspected A and B HAC Brown Colon in drill order - Sent wagons to ABASSAN to help B HAC move	JWD
	14 th		Sent 20 lumbered and 6 G.S. wagons to move the 6 th Bde - Drew nations & forage for B HAC who were relieving Agreahore RHA	JWD
	15 th		Sent Ambulance Store to RAFA	JWD
	16 th		Inspected Verbi & both RHA Brown Colon in drill order -	JWD
	17 th		39 in Hospital - Hot enervating wind - Drew meat safes from R.E.	JWD
	18 th		Normal day - hot wind again - 1 G.S. & 2 lumbered wagons reported out of action so did not refill SAA up to 942000.	JWD
	19 th		Normal day - Cooler -	JWD

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Belahong VELI CHONG 20500 and 20500 Africa North 1536 E.M. RAFA	27		Normal day on D.A.C. - Saw C.R.A. in the evening - I he. told me the reason why he wanted me to stop temporarily with the D.A.C. was in order to see that the many details were returned to their respective units, with the right number of animals & quantity of harness &c. &c. Received order to take all possible precautions against aerial attack.	
	28		Lt Burwardt left for leave in the U.K. - Received order that my appointment to command A Bty H.A.C. dated from 17/6/17.	
	29		Normal day. Saw A H.A.C. drill order in the morning.	
	30		Lt Ambacher arrived from Berks R.H.A.	

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June 10th	C.R.A. & A.D.V.S. visited camp at 1045 - the latter <i>cast</i> 8 horses. Issued and drew ammunition.
" 11th / 2100 to 2145	My 11 wagons daily to NURAN for drawing Divl. troops supplies were returned by camels. Continuous & heavy bombardment heard in a northerly direction and again at 2200.
" 12th	Normal day. Reported to C.R.A. 32 in hospital.
" 13th	do.
" 14th	Inspected "A" and "B" H.A.C. Ammn. Col. in drill order. Sent wagons to ABASSAN to help "B" H.A.C. move.
" 15th	Sent 20 limbered and 6 G.S. wagons to move the 6th Bde. Drew rations & forage for "B" H.A.C. who were relieving Ayrshire R.H.A. Sent Ordnance stores to RAFA.
" 16th	Inspected Berks & Notts R.H.A. Amm. Colm. in drill order.
" 17th	39 in hospital. Hot enervating wind. Drew meat safes from R.E.
" 18th	Normal day. Hot wind again. 1 G.S. & 2 limbered wagons reported out of action so did not refill S.A.A. up to 942,000.
" 19th	Normal day. Cooler.
" 20th	Normal day in D.A.C. Saw C.R.A. in the evening and he told me the reason why he wanted me to stop temporarily with the D.A.C. was in order to see that the many details were returned to their respective units, with the right number of animals & quantity of harness etc.
" 27th	Received orders to take all possible precautions against aerial attack.
" 28th	Lt. Durward left for leave in the U.K. Received orders that my appointment to command "A" Bty. H.A.C. dated from 17/6/17.
" 29th	Normal day. Saw "A" H.A.C. drill order in the morning.
" 30th	Lt. Ansbacher arrived from Berks R.H.A.

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Cmdg. Divisional Amm. Column .
Australian Mounted Division .

Between WELI SHEIKH NURAN and TEL EL FARA.

Africa,
North H. 36
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RAFA.

1917
June 20th Normal day. Managed to procure beer and eggs for the men.
21st Sent 9 N.C.Os. and men to be interviewed by C.R.A. re commissions.
22nd Sent 9 N.C.Os. and men to B.G.R.A. re commissions. O.C., A.S.C., I. M. D. inspected 5th & 6th Bde. Transport in Drill Order.
23rd Received orders re the reconstruction of the Mounted Divisions. Same order showed the Batteries with Brigade Amm. Col. and no D.A.C. - 6th Brigade and Berks R.H.A. to go to the new 3rd Mtd. Division (Yeo.) Name of Imperial Mounted Division changed to Australian Mounted Division. O.C., A.S.C., A.M.D., inspected 3rd and 4th A.L.H. Bdes. Transport.
24th Returned all 6th Mtd. Bde. Transport to its Brigade. Lectures at 1030 to men for commissions.
25th Received orders that I was to command "A" Battery, H.A.C., but that the C.R.A. wished me to remain with the D.A.C. for the time being. Lectures and practical demonstration to men for commissions twice every day.
