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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

19th Bde Amm. Col R.H.A.

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| TEL EL FARA | 10/10/17 | | O.C. Bde. Amm. Col. received orders to take command of aforementioned unit and form same from the three Amm. Col. Sections of A Battery M.A.C., B Battery M.A.C. & No. 10 R.H.A. | KOSH |
| " | 11/10/17 | | "B" Battery M.A.C. Amm. Col. Section moved to vicinity of "A" & No. 10 Section. | KOSH |
| " | 12/10/17 | | O.C. this unit assumed command. | KOSH |
| | | | Strength in Camp this day off OR animals 4 303. 395. | |
| | | | O.C. 19 th Bde. R.H.A. visited Col. | MIND |
| " | 15/10/17 | | O.C. 19 th Bde R.H.A. inspected horses. | KOSH |
| " | 16/10/17 | | G.O.C. R.A. Div. Mtd Corps inspected horses. | KOSH |
| " | 18/10/17 | | The three sections of the columns moved to 1500 yds W. of TEL EL FARA in order to collect together as one unit. | KOSH |
| " | 20/10/17 | | Eight remounts arrived L.D. to replace riders. Poor type very small. | KOSH |

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| ELELFARA | 22/10/17 | | 30 mounted mules arrived. Sent away 18 hours in relay. | R. of Maps |
| | 23/10/17 | | Major the Hon. R. M. Preston DSO. visited Column as r.c. 19 th Bde RHA. | SINAI BEERSHEVA Dist 1/12500 |
| | 27/10/17 | 0800. | Received orders to stand to ready to move out. Remained in camp all day. | |
| | | 1330. | OC Bde's conference of BCS & OC BAC at 19 th RHA Camp. | KOH |
| | 28/10/17 | | BAC marched out 1600 to starting point of division. Received orders to march with Div. Troop group. This order cancelled. Received orders to march with 3 rd AH Bde. to KHANASSA. Had a lot of trouble with G.S. wagons the loads being far too heavy for six horse teams over the heavy going. Wagons were left so unable to march any further. | W.H. KOH |
| KHANASSA | 29/10/17 | 0430. | BAC arrived KHANASSA. Less 19 of the 27 G.S. wagons. Sent out teams to pick up these wagons & bring them in. All were brought in before night fall. | KOH |
| | 30/10/17 | | Received orders to send officer to ESAM for camels to carry ammunition to lighten loads from G.S. wagons. BAC split into A & B sections and camel sections. | KOH |

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| KHALASSA | 30/10/17 | 1330 | A echelon consist of all limbered wagons, & B 9.9 wagons. B echelon and 100 camels loaded with ammunition marched out to ASLUJ. | KAW |
| | | 1700 | A echelon marched out with Div Troops to ASLUJ. Watered horses at ASLUJ and picked up B & camel echelon. Marched on to THAFFA along metalled road. Going forward all wagons left up. | |
| | 31/10/17 | 0600 | Arrived THAFFA with all wagons & camel echelon, when B.A.C. halted for further orders. | KAW |
| | | 0730 | Received order to move forward to D.H.Q. to be shown by guide. An animal B.A.C. had moved forward to ISWAININ. Watered some horses in posts here. | |
| | | 1230 | Received order to move forward again with both echelons to ISWAININ. Very rough track, steep and rocky, especially near GEBAL EL SHARAB. All wagons negotiated this successfully. | KAW |
| | | 1500 | Halted B.A.C. (distributed) in neighbourhood of ISWAININ. B.C. went on to D.H.Q. where instructions were received to bring on B.A.C. & bivouac night in neighbourhood of D.H.Q. (mainly between E of BARRASSA) | KAW |

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| | 31/10/17 | 2200 | <p>B.A.C. washed about mentioned place. B.E.R. SHEBA had been captured and D.G.S. had gone into town. Remains here for night. No ammunition was issued to batteries or brigades. Strength this day with mine</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="2013 741 2635 915"> <tr> <td>Off</td> <td>OR.</td> <td>Animals</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4</td> <td>291</td> <td>389.</td> </tr> </table> | Off | OR. | Animals | 4 | 291 | 389. | KOK |
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| | | | to 19 th B.A.C. | W14/5 | | | | | | |