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## or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
(Ferry Post)				
FERRY POST	1.3.17	0845	March to HILL 40 via FERDAN, KANTARA along N bank of SUEZ Canal, waterway at FERDAN	
		1800	arrive HILL 40 Bivouac	
	2.3.17		Return to fit pedrails	
	3.3.17	1000	March to GILBAN arrive there 1200 Bivouac	good going
	4.3.17	0915	March to PELUSUM arrive there 1300 Bivouac	fairly heavy going
	5.3.17	0900	March to ROMANI arrive there 1200 Bivouac	very heavy going
	6.3.17	0845	March to KIRBA arrive there 1600 Bivouac	water at R 15 - good going
	7.3.17	0830	March to EL ABD arrive there 1400 Bivouac	water on the way fair going
	8.3.17	1900	March to VALMANN arrive there 1200 Bivouac	some difficulty experienced in procuring water for men, water not obtainable till after dark
	9.3.17	0845	March to MAZAR arrive there 1500 Bivouac	water at Hill 11
	10.3.17	0845	March to BARDANIL arrive there 1500 Bivouac	water at R 118
	11.3.17	0920	March to EL ARISH arrive there 1100 Bivouac	
	12.3.17	0940	March to EL HART arrive there 1100 Bivouac	impeded by Lt Gen DORVILLE
	16.3.17	0930	March to SHIRAZOWATZ arrive there 1200 Bivouac	Lt J. DORVILLE to water
	19.3.17	0900	March to RAPA arrive there 1150 Bivouac	
	21.3.17	0600	March to KHAN YUNUS Major MAYALL - LT WOODEN proceed with CRASH & other B.C. of divisional Artillery to reconnoitre country immediately S of KHAN YUNUS. Return to RAPA arriving there at 1100	
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RAFA	24.2.17	1600	Capt H V Landberg R. Path, H.A.C. reports to Berke R.N.A. for duty as adjutant in order of C.R.A.	WR
		1800	Revised H 230 W of KHAM YUNUS no definite orders received. Inverse	
	25.2.17	0500	Move to field E of KHAM YUNUS	
		1600	March to DEPT ST NEZAN	
		1800	Revised DEPT ST NEZAN Enemy reported E of GAZA	
	26.2.17	0400	March in N westerly direction in thick mist Gen. WADIG 4220 on 22.1.17	Ref Map S.M.A.I.
		0800	0800, without much difficulty, circles having been jumped. Hedges previously by eight men from 2nd battery 11th under direct supervision of C.R.A.	Ref Map S.M.A.I.
		1100	Take up position of machine guns on right of 6th 11th BDE just SW of 24014 48145	Scale 1:10000
		1630	March with 6th 11th BDE in N westerly direction crossing CA 24-13007 48082 road	Ref Map S.M.A.I.
		1600	marching probably at Cotnam marched NNE of H 400.	
		1600	Revised orders to send on officer both squads of Berke Linnany along SE to engage strong force of enemy in front, cavalry reported advancing S.W. about H 400.	Scale 1:10000
		1630	Adjutant & Lt Miller sent forward with battery staff & crews direct receive orders from Lt Col. BLAGAN 1000. Battery kept on with in SW 2100 by Major Marshall	
		1630	Battery in action, Magnetic bearing 75°. Position approximately 2 miles due E of GAZA. Continued in action for about 1 1/2 hours	
		1630	Infantry in open order advancing over crest	
		1630	1st Coy 11th BDE in action, magnetic bearing 75°. Position approximately 2 miles due E of GAZA. Continued in action for about 1 1/2 hours	
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	28.2.17	8.30	Continued firing at good targets by 1 sec & X fire crews until 10 P.M. hit by enemy aircraft. Major Markes hit not wounded. Range taken wounded in neck also R.C. in matter about 30 yards in view of O.P. killed.	
		12.00	Battery being fired on by enemy planes, cease keeping up fire till 1.15 moment. Further to find hole H.A. section in S.W. direction hole two poles while coming back.	
		19.00	Call within outpost line of 3rd Bat I.C.C. send Adjt to H.Q. M.C.D. to report & receive orders.	
		20.30	C.R. H.A. H.A.C. arrived & orders battery to return to D.B.M. E. to 20.30 with	
DEIR EL BELAH	27.2	03.30	Arrive DEIR EL BELAH house.	Ref. Map 31/1/1
		11.00	March to P.P. 120 on KHAN YUNUS - DEIR EL BELAH road. Crossed	H.A.F.A. 31/1/1
		15.30	Proceed to ONE TREE HILL on outpost duty with 6th MTD B.O.B. Lay out Zero line M.F.G. bearing 100°. Cut down lone tree. Trace still on O.P.	HTL
	29.2.17	16.00	Proceed with Tripole to BADI EL SELSI. Crossed	HTL
	30.2.17		Gun climb gazing down	HTL
	31.2.17		do do	HTL
	1.3.17			

In the field  
1.4.17

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A.C. 4th Bn. R.H.A.

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