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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Particulars Remarks
Belah	20		Battery prepares to break up camp prior to move, all heavy baggage returned to barracks & dump at BELAH.	
	1 st		Left BELAH 1500 and CAZA 1715 About 8 miles. 1 st line wagons complete with harness left at BELAH owing to shortage of horses. 12 drivers & 9 horses but handed over to Column.	
	2.	1230	Left CAZA, and MEDJEL 1715. About 18 miles.	
	3.		" MEDJEL 1100 and SUKEREIR 1410. Lieut Watt rejoins from 28 th Bde RUSA, brought 1 st line wagons, harness, etc. to replace those left behind. Condition of horses, harness & wagons bad.	
	4.		Left SUKEREIR 11-30 and DEIRAN 1500. Lieut Mills offered Captaincy in 56 th BAC but refuses offer.	
	5.		Left DEIRAN 1150 and SELMEH 1515. March carried out easily throughout with the loss of one horse going heavy in places & horses not looking quite so well as at commencement of march.	
	1-11 th		Usual Routine	
	11 th		Practice attack in view of coming operations.	

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SELMEH	11-18 ¹		Usual routine & training. Operations postponed & finally cancelled	①
	19 ^h		Battly left SELMEH 0930 arr DEIRAN 1300.	②
	20 ^h		DEIRAN 0830 " LATRON 1600. Long march very heavy going in places	③
	21 ^h		LATRON 0910 " ENAB 1300. Very hilly. Camping ground filthy, very steep	④
	22		ENAB 0730 " TALAT ET DUMM 1545. Long & hilly march many checks, ^{all the} People	⑤
			Staff cars insisted on passing battery even at the most dangerous corners. People in cars give the unfortunate troops on the march no consideration whatever when the roads are steep & extremely dangerous.	
	24 ^h		Left TALAT ET DUMM 0830 arr JERICHO 1245. Auto Transport breaking down on the hill delays us considerably. Road very steep & bad. Transport (auto) had several accidents & one man killed.	
	24-29 ^h		Reconnaitred surrounding country preparatory to operations.	
	29 ^h		Left camp 2030 for march to jumping off place F16 central Ref Camp near Jericho valley.	
	30 ^h		Left F16C at 3am. arr. at objective 0700. Shelled for last 5 miles. 3 rd Coy killed 30. Shells at one house killed one limb destroyed. No firing during day. Reconnaitted for position. Ground hopelessly flat. ^{at night} ^{position} ^{selected} ^{about} ^{500x} ^{up} ^{the} ^{hill} ^{side} . very bad place, but the only possible one under the circumstances.	

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