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Squadron

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1st A.M.G. Squadron

E18/1

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Gauli	1 August 1917		Machine gun Squadron out grazing. Received eleven reinforcements - included in which were the first lot of machine gunners trained in Australia. First leave party left for Rest Camp at P.S. aid.	
		2	Squadron out grazing. Ordinary camp routine carried out.	
		3		
		4	Attended Conference Machine Gun Affairs at Desert Column Headquarters. Two sections out grazing - balance washing clothes etc.	
		5	Two sections out grazing - two sections out with 1st Regiment on Patrol. Bursheba Map 12500. Over H.Q. of 5/8/17. Received seven reinforcements.	
		6	Squadron out grazing - attended re at B.S.H. re raids to be carried out by Camel Corps defourary. Two sections out with 2nd Regt on Reconnaissance over H.Q. - 10 of 6/8/17. Bursheba 12500 & Jazashellal Maps 40000. to cover N.W. Rifle Brigade reconnoitering party.	
		7	B.S.H. re question of transport. Two sections to Shellal for disinfection. Two sections out with 3rd Regt.	

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1st A.M.S. Sqdn. E18/2

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Gauli	8/8/17		Ordinary camp routine duties carried - Tested paraffined wax Ammunition Belt from Ordnance. Think it is rather unsuitable for this country. Lieut. R. Davis & Lieut. W. Jordan left to join Instructional Cadre (Machine gun) at Measrah.	
	9	}	Ordinary routine of camp. Two days emergency rations of fodder drawn & stacked.	
	10	}		
	11		To D.H. re transport question & B.H. to discuss load. Squadron grazing.	
	12		Brigade out on reconnaissance (Rafa - Beersheba & traps 125000). Left Gauli at 1530. Arrived about, (Brigade over 52. 11/8/17).	
Esau	13	1900	Watered up & moved off at 2200. Sent 2 guns with 1st Reg ⁷ & 2 with 2 nd Regt. Esau. 1st Regt. & two guns reached Esau & were shelled. 1st gun section withdrawn at 0830 & joined up with Regiment at Bir Abu Turha. Squadrons assembled @ H.H. & Regiment withdrawn about 1030 & joined B.H. Moved on to Esau & watered up. Left again at 1900 & arrives Gauli about 2030.	
Gauli	14		Ordinary camp routine & horses showing signs of work.	
	15		Received nine reinforcements.	
	16		Brigade on reconnaissance (over 53 of 15/8/17). C. in C. visiting front line. Left camp at 1500. Arrived Abu Saia & bivouacked. Commander in Chief visited lines - after which Andrew Martin Major 1st A.M.S.	

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1st Lt. A.M.S. Gordon

E18/3

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
En Saiaou Gambli	16/8/17		after which outposts were withdrawn & Bougare moved off & watered at En Saiaou - then returned to about 2100.	
	17		Ordinary camp routine duties & preparations for move to Beach tomorrow.	
Marakeb	18		Bougare left at 0830 & marched to Marakeb. arrived there 1230 & M.G.S. settled down on area allotted.	
	19		Took H. & H. in adequacy of transport: Lieut. Hartney & Hearn returned from school at Zitemm. Horses bathed in sea daily.	
	20		To Desert Camps etc. discussed suitability & uniformity of cover for machine guns. Bougare inspected horses. very worn & came up.	
	21		Ordinary camp duties.	
	22		Instructed to return extra pack saddles & ordnance.	
	23		Transport inspected by a D of S G. Div for O called re firing short course with gas helmets on & agreed to this.	
	24		Squadron harness cleaned & oiled up. Camp routine.	

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1st A.M.G. Sqn. E18/4

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Marakeb	25/8 } 26 } 27 } 28 } 28 } 29 } 30 } 31	17 } 18 } 19 } 20 } 21 } 22 } 23 } 24 }	<p>Ordinary camp routine duties.</p> <p>M.G. Sqn inspected by J.O. b. Anzac Mounted Division: Attended Conference of M.G. Sqn officers at Desert Corps H.Q. when subjects of interest & importance (as per Agenda paper) were discussed with D.C.M.G.O. Training on gun for backward men commenced.</p> <p>Lecture by D.C.M.G.O. @ A.H.Q. on Tactics & Handling of Machine Guns for Senior officers & later for Squadron officers.</p> <p>Ordinary camp duties & training.</p> <p>Commenced Drills & Rifle course for Squadron: 3 sections in morning & 3 in afternoon. Class for section men held.</p>	
			<p>Andrew Martin Major 1st A.M.G.</p>	<p>AUG 1917</p>

Taken on Strength During August 1917

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E18/5

No.	Rank	Name	Date	Remarks
1982	Drv.	Wright	J.W. 1/8/17	From Details Moascar.
5	1pr.	House	G.C.I. 1.8.17	" "
9	"	Peacey	W.A. 1.8.17	" "
2	"	Cannon	W. 1.8.17	" "
12	"	Bunn	E. 1.8.17	" "
11	"	Shaw	D. 1.8.17	" "
10	"	Rose	R.B. 1.8.17	" "
4	"	Hogden	C.E. 1.8.17	" "
1	"	Brown	G.W. 1.8.17	" "
6	"	Lester	J.H. 1.8.17	" "
8	"	Peacey	A.B. 1.8.17	" "
13	"	Nicholls	W.H. 5.8.17	" "
2634	"	Goodger	S.C. 5.8.17	" "
3230	"	Connell	A.J. 5.8.17	" "
856	bpl.	Brown	R. 5.8.17	" "
A 2567	1pr.	Beaven	N.W.H. 5.8.17	" "
703	"	Beaven	C.H. 5.8.17	" "
1545	"	Berry	P.N. 5.8.17	" "
852	1pr.	Abbott	J. 16.8.17	" "
2177	"	Gribben	H.G. 16.8.17	" "
2824	"	McMahon	M.F. 16.8.17	" "
1042	"	Pimm	B. 16.8.17	" "
2808	"	Packer	O.D. 16.8.17	" "
1164	"	Fountain	G.C. 16.8.17	" "
1613	"	Kirby	R.W. 16.8.17	" "
2935	"	Dale	J.A. 16.8.17	" "
2366	"	O'Rourke	H. 16.8.17	" "
1662	Drv.	Sinclair	S.M. 24.8.17	" "
127	"	Jones	C.E. 24.8.17	" "
110	"	Hall	S.D. 24.8.17	" "
1456	1pr.	Northfield	W. 24.8.17	" "
2819	"	Long	J.B. 24.8.17	" "
1356	"	Turner	W.H. 24.8.17	" "
2883	"	Logan	J.S. 24.8.17	" "
2816	S. Smith	Heorgan	R.J. 24.8.17	" "

Evacuated During August 1917. - AUG 1917 ER/6

no	Rank	Name		Date	Remarks
2815	Ipr.	Franklin	Z.G.	2.8.17	
584	L.Cpl.	Ahearn	F.P.	4.8.17	
2622	Ipr.	Baker	W.R.	7.8.17	
1982	Dov.	Wright	J.W.C.	7.8.17	
3242	Ipr.	Jones	R.	8.8.17	
2819	"	Long	J.	9.8.17	
2194	S.Smith	Lane	H.D.	9.8.17	
1545	Ipr.	Berry	P.N.	9.8.17	
51	Sgt.	Cannons	E.J.A.	10.8.17	
2815	"	Huxham	J.K.	10.8.17	
103	"	Beaven	C.H.	11.8.17	
2073	"	Smith	L.E.A.	12.8.17	
1861	"	Harris	T.S.	13.8.17	
2636	Dov.	Hamp	E.L.	13.8.17	
827	Ipr.	Robinson	J.	13.8.17	
2896	Ipr.	Wellington	W.P.	15.8.17	
234	Sgt.	Kane	L.A.	15.8.17	
2374	Ipr.	Ryan	J.M.	16.8.17	
11	"	Shaw	D.J.	17.8.17	
554	Dov.	Newton	M.J.	20.8.17	
2808	Ipr.	McKinnon	J.	20.8.17	
1647	"	Moore	C.S.	21.8.17	
2430	"	McConacher	C.H.	22.8.17	
2863	"	Cottrell	J.L.G.	23.8.17	
2493	"	Lidd	E.W.	20/8/17	
1042	"	Pimm	B.	24/8/17	
1356	"	Turner	W.H.	26/8/17	
2648	L.Cpl.	Cameron	H.A.	26/8/17	
1066	Ipr.	White	E.L.	27/8/17	
2824	"	McMahon	M.S.	28/8/17	
2886	"	Knowling	J.L.	30/8/16	

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EP/17

Horses.

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Taken on Strength	Struck off Strength.
<p>14/8/17 from B.H.Q.</p> <p>No 3235 Bay M.</p> <p>———— Brown Gelding</p> <p>A 26701 Bay mare</p> <p>X 3559 Roan Gelding.</p>	<p>60 F Chestnut gelding. evae.</p> <p>2232 B. M. 15/8/17 evacuated.</p> <p>2215 Ch. M 26/8/17 "</p> <p>— Ch G. 26/8/17 "</p> <p>— Ch M. 26/8/17 "</p> <p>43001 Ch G. 26/8/17 Taken to 7th Div. N.S.</p> <p>5788 B. G. 20/8/17 Destroyed</p> <p>2207 B. G. 27/8/17 Died</p>

