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OF
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WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

Place. Date. Summary of Events.

Nalin. 1/28. During the month 1 Officer with 6 guns and their detachments have been in the front line at Nalin with the 7th L.H. Regt. There are also 18 Pack horses and 3 Limbers with their horses with these 6 detached guns. On their front everything has been exceptionally quiet and ~~shots~~ fire has not been exchanged with the enemy. 1000 have been fired at enemy aircraft without reply.

Wadi Hanein. 1/28. The O.C. has been to the Imperial School of Instruction attending a course for Senior Officers. The remainder of the Squadron has carried out a course of Training during the month which is summarised below.

- 1st. Grazing horses and Gun Drill in morning; General description of gun to classes, and 2 men per sub-section (12) instructed in Signalling in afternoon.
- 2nd. Saddle cleaning parade in morning. Football and other athletic games in afternoon.
- 3rd. Church Services.
- 4th. Exercising and grazing horses and Signalling Class in morning. Machine Gun Instruction was also given to 6 N.C.Os from each 6th. and 5th. L.H. Regts. Mechanism in afternoon. The Instructional Classes to 6 N.C.Os from each 5th and 6th Regts, ~~xxx~~ was continued for two weeks.
- 5th. Grazing horses morning. Description afternoon.
- 6th. 1 Sub-section with 6th. Regt. practiced Dismounted attack in Depth in morning. Afternoon Divisional Football Competition.
- 7th. Inclement weather.
- 8th. Squadron Innoculated.
- 9th. Saddle cleaning. Football in afternoon.
- 10th. Church Services.
- 11th. Grazing morning. Divisional Football in afternoon.
- 12th. Description in morning. S.B.R. Drill in afternoon.
- 13th. Grazing morning. Divisional Football afternoon.
- 14th. Gun drill morning. Mechanism afternoon.
- 15th. Inspection of horses by Gen Butler.
- 16th. Cleaning saddles.
- 17th. Church services.
- 18th. Grazing and exercising horses. Mechanism afternoon.
- 19th. Description in morning. S.B.R. Drill afternoon.
- 20th. Mounted Drill morning. Gun Drill afternoon.
- 21st. Inclement weather. Inspection of horses by Gen. Bates in X afternoon.
- 22nd. Exercising horses in morning. Stoppages in afternoon.
- 23rd. Grazing horses morning. Mechanism afternoon.
- 24th. Church services.
- 25th. Exercising horses morning. Description afternoon.
- 26th. Grazing and exercising morning. Mechanism and S.B.R. Drill afternoon.
- 27th. Mounted drill. Gun Drill.

During the month Range Finding and Signalling Classes have been held daily. Three Officers and 8 O/R have been sent to Schools of Instruction and 2 Officers and 5 O/R have returned from Schools. 8 O/R were sent to Field Ambulance of which 6 returned and 2 were evacuated. 5 O/R marched in from M.G. Training Sqdn. and 3 O/R from detached duty. 1 Officer and 14 O/R have been to Port Said Rest Camp and 1 Officer and 17 O/R have reported from there.

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