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Light Horse

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**Title: 5th Australian Light Horse**  
**Regiment**

December 1916

# WAR DIARY

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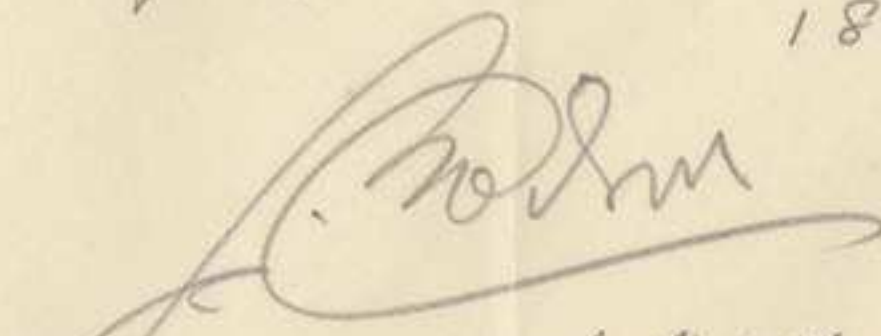
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## -or- INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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5th Light Horse Regt. 987  
2nd Light Horse Bde.  
December 1916.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices								
HOD EL BATAR.	1/12/16 to 31/12/16		<p>Regiment stationed at BATAR. From the 2nd. December to end of month, one Squadron detached to GAMAL relieved every 7 days, placed under the orders of the C.O. 6th. L. H. Regt. for operations only. While there it supplied night outposts and observation posts and short patrols.</p> <p>Only duties supplied by Regiment at BATAR - a day observation Post, local outposts of 2 troops nightly, and camel escorts to MAGEIBRA, BAYUD and GAMAL.</p> <p>The condition of horses is excellent, the health of the men has been very good only two being evacuated to Hospital during the month.</p> <p>On the 20th inst. being the second anniversary of the Regiment's departure from Australia, a census of the original men and horses now with the Regiment was taken with the following result.</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>Original strength of Regiment excluding M. Gun Section</td> <td style="text-align: right;">523.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>of these original men there were on the 20th inst. present</td> <td style="text-align: right;">169.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Horses that left Australia with Regt. including M. Gun Section</td> <td style="text-align: right;">572.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>original horses now with Regiment</td> <td style="text-align: right;">188.</td> </tr> </table>	Original strength of Regiment excluding M. Gun Section	523.	of these original men there were on the 20th inst. present	169.	Horses that left Australia with Regt. including M. Gun Section	572.	original horses now with Regiment	188.	
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