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Regiment

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# WAR DIARY

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## or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SERAPEUM.	1/4	0930	Dismounted Parade. Cleaning up Camp & Saddlery. @ 1330 Troops swimming. Strength. 26 Off. 501 O/R & 527 horses. Casualties:- 1 O/R Sick admitted to Hospital. 3 O/R transferred to other Units.	
	2/4	0715	0930 & 1010. Divine Services. Casualties:- Nil. 5 O/R transferred to other Units.	
	3/4	0930.	Training. Squadron Drill. Casualties:- Nil.	
	4/4	1200	Regiment consisting of 26 Off. 496 O/R & 522 horses marched out of SERAPEUM by Desert route, arriving at MOASCAR at 1533 where horses were picqueted and Regt. bivouaced for the night.	
MOASCAR	5/4	0530	Regiment marched out from MOASCAR by desert route to SALHIA arriving there at 1420. Tents horse rugs and spare gear being transported bt camel train attached to Regt. Lines put down on arrival at SALHIA and tents erected.	
SALHIA	6/4		Putting camp in order. Casualties:- 2 O/R sick admitted to Hospital.	
	7/4		Further work in getting camp fixed up. casualties:- Nil.	
	8/4		General clean up. All saddlery cleaned. Casualties:- nil.	
	9/4	0700	0900 & 0940. Divine services. Casualties:- Nil. Strength. 26 Off. 501 O/R & 527 horses.	
	10/4		The week was occupied by troops exercising horses each morning, and practise in outpost schemes in the afternoon, excepting Wednesday & Saturday, on which <del>XXXX</del> days afternoon parades were not held. Casualties for week 10 O/R Sick admitted to Hospital. 2 O/R transferred to other Units.	
	15/4		1 O/R transferred from other unit.	
	16/4	0700	& 0900. Divine service. Casualties:- 2 O/R to Hospital sick. Strength:- 26 Off. 491 O/R & 577 horses. 1 O/R transferred to other Unit.	
	17/4	0930	Parade. Training. Squadron Drill. Casualties:- 1 O/R sick admitted to Hospital.	
	18/4	0930	Training. Squadron Drill. Casualties:- 1 O/R sick to Hospital. 1 O/R transferred from other Unit. Capt. Callow. (Att. V.O.) departed to report to headquarters.	
	19/4	0930	Training. Squadron Drill. No afternoon parade. Casualties:- 1 O/R sick admitted to hospital. Lt. Thompson temporarily detached for duty on Divisional Headquarters.	
	20/4	0930	Practice in Advance, rear and flank guards. Casualties:- Nil. 3 O/R transferred to other Units.	
	21/4		Good Friday. Divine Services. Casualties:- 1 O/R sick admitted to Hospital.	
	22/4	0900	Tents struck for 2 hours. General cleaning up and cleaning of saddlery. Casualties:- 3 O/R sick admitted to hospital. 1 O/R transferred to <del>Mxxx</del> Regiment from other Unit.	
KANTARA.	23/4		Regiment, with 7th. L.H. Regt. marched out from SALHIA at 1200 and proceeded by desert route to KANTARA. Strength. 19 Off. 406 O/R & 622 horses. Arrived KANTARA 1900. Fed and watered horses. Discarded 26 horses. Left KANTARA at 2130 per road to Hill 70. where horses were picqueted.	

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HILL 70	24/4	0130	Regiment marched from HILL 70 and arrived at RAILHEAD (ANZAC SIDING) 1400, where horses were again picqueted until morning.	
RAILHEAD	25/4	0500	Left RAILHEAD and proceeded to deserted camp of English Yeomanry at ROMANI arriving there 0700. A Sqn acted as advance guard B. Sqn; provided flank patrols C. Sqn. & M.G.S. with main body 7th. L.H. Regt. 107 spare horses left at RAILHEAD with 31 O/Ranks. No enemy encountered by patrols. Strong outposts were posted at sundown.	
ROMANI.	26/4		General Camp work getting down horse lines and clearing up Yeomanry Camp. 7th. L.H. Regt. reconnoitered QATIA and brought in 4 wounded Yeomen. Strong outposts. All ranks stood to 0400	
	27/4		C. Sqn. patrol to OGH RATINA. A. & B. Sqdns. left and right respectively reconnoitered to QATIA. C Sqn. brought in 2 wounded Yeomen & 2 wounded Turks from OGH RATINA a Sergt. being carried 15 miles by sundry troops of C Sqn. All ranks stood to arms 0400 to 0530.	
	28/4		Off day. Resting in Camp. 2nd. Bde? Field Amb. arrived. Strong outposts at night.	
	29/4		35 O/R & 45 horses arrived from RAILHEAD. All ranks stood to arms 0400 to 0530.	
	30/4	0415	C. Sqn. early morning patrol about 2 miles out from ROMANI returned and reported all clear. All ranks stood to arms at 0400. B Sqn. supplied 1 off. & 20 O/R patrol to connect with 5th. L.H. patrol, meeting about half way between ROMANI & DUE DAR. 6 troops on night outpost.	
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