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6th. A.L.H. Regt.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ET MALER	1/7	1830	Regiment returned to Camp. No signs of enemy. Weather fairly cool. Casualties 3 Sick admitted to hospital.	
	2/7	1930	Casualties 7 7 returned to duty. Casualties nil.	
	3/7	1930	Casualties Nil.	
	5/7	1930	" " 6 men left for attachment to 1st. Field Squadron, Kantara.	
	6/7	1930	1 Sick admitted.	
	7/7	1930	1 attached to R.T.O., Kantara as clerk.	
	8/7	0300	Regiment marched out to conduct reconnaissance of BIR SALMANA and HOD SALMANA in conjunction with 7th.L.H.Reg. and W.M.R. and 3rd.L.H.Regts. Special order for reconnaissance attached. Number marched out. 20 Off. 391 O.R. 463 Horses. Left in Camp 1 Off. 62 O.R. 82 horses.	
	"	1900	Casualties: 1 sick to Hospital. Lieut. Smith, Sgt. Conrick & Tpr. Ingram to 2nd. Camel Company.	
	9/7	1900	Casualties 1 sick to Hospital. Regiment returned 1900 from reconnaissance of BIR SALMANA. At 0400 A Sqn. encountered Turkish outpost. A short engagement resulted in the rout of the enemy, who suffered a few casualties. No casualties on our side. Strength of enemy estimated at 100, mounted on camels, which were able to outrun horses over such rough and difficult country.	
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ETMALER	10/7	1900	Casualties: Nil. 2 to Camel Corps. 1 ret'd to duty.	
	11/7	1900	" " Arrivals: 1 from Hospital. 1 from detachment.	
	12/7	1615	Regiment moved off to HOD EL KHIRBA and BIR ABU EL AFEIN to improve existing water supply. Operation Memorandum attached. Marched out 17 Off. 326 O.R. 362 Horses.	
		1900	Casualties: 2 to Hospital. Ret'd to duty 1.	
	13/7	2200	Regiment returned to camp. Successful in improving water supply at Hod el Khirba & Bir Afein.	
	14/7	1900	Casualties Nil. Taken on strength from 2nd. L.H. Training Regt 3 O.R.	
	15/7	1900	" 2 to hospital. 8 O.R. marched into Camp from Details, 1 from School Instruction.	
	16/7	1900	" 2 " "	
	17/7	1900	" Nil	
	18/7	1900	" Nil	
	19/7	1600	Regiment moved out from ETMALER Camp to conduct reconnaissance of BIR EL ABD in conjunction with W.M.R. Regt. and 7th. L.H. Regiment. Operation memorandum attached.	
	19/7	1900	Casualties 2 to Hospital. 1 Transferred to Ist. L.H.F.A. 1 attached B.H.Q. as cook. 3 ret'd to duty from Hospital, 3 from School of Instruction.	
	20/7	1900	Casualties 1 slightly wounded at Oghratina. Regiment returned at 2300 Enemy encountered at Oghratina in some force	
	21/7	1900	Casualties Nil	
	22/7	0145	Regiment moved off to conduct reconnaissance of QATIA and OGH RATINA IN conjunction with the rest of Brigade at ETMALER. Patrols remained in close touch with enemy and returned to camp at 2200. Battery of Artillery effectively shelled enemy positions from QATIA.	
	23/7	1900	Casualties . 1 Sick admitted. 40 reinforcements taken on strength from 2nd. L.H.T. Regt.	
	24/7	1900	" Nil	
		0145	Regiment moved off to Qatia. In close touch with enemy. Returned to Camp at 2200.	
	25/7	1900	Casualties Nil	
	26/7	0145	Regiment moved out to proceed to QATIA. Returned to Camp at 2200. 13 O.R. Reinforcements arrived from 2nd. L.H.T. Regt. 45 Horses	
27/7	1900	Casualties Nil		
28/7	0145	Regiment moved off to proceed QATIA operation order attached. D Troop of C Sqn with Squadron W.M.R. assaulted the enemy at HOD UMM UGBA which they were occupying. Enemy were driven out, suffering several casualties. Our casualties 2 slightly wounded, 1 injured caused by falling horse. Regiment arrived back at 2200.		
		1900	Casualties: 2 wounded, 1 injured, 1 sick, to Hospital. 2 other ranks returned to duty.	

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ET MALER	29/7	0800	Patrol of 3 O.R. under Lieut. PEARCE left out at QATIA did not return to Camp. Received message from 1st. Light Horse Regiment that Mr. Pearce's body had been found on ridge overlooking HAMISAH. The body was brought to Etmaler and interred above W.M.R. Camp. The 3 O.R. reported into camp at 1900 from Hill 70 where they had arrived that morning at 0900 from HAMISAH, they being forced to travel a circuitous route owing to the proximity of enemy patrols. Cpl. Thorne in charge stated that Mr. Pearce walked away from them to observe over a ridge during the night when he was sniped. Finding that their officer was dead and the patrol cut off from QATIA they worked their way behind the Turkish line to Hill 70.	
		1900	Casualties: 1 sick admitted.	
	30/7	0230	Regiment proceeded to QATIA to get into and remain in touch with enemy, together with 7th. L.H. and W.M.R. Regiment. Returned to camp 2200.	
			Casualties: 1 sick admitted.	
	31	1900	Casualties Nil.	
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