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SHEIKH ZWAID.	1/3/17		Camp. Manual Regimental Duties	
C. D. S.	2/3/17		Lt. Mackenzie made reconnaissance of AREA 'D' the Regt. forming part of Bde, supplied R. Flank & L. Flank on instructions to make good KHAN YUNUS. No casualties, 2 prisoners were taken.	
C. D. S.	3/3/17		Camp. (4/3/17) Camp. Swine Service.	
C. D. S.	5/3/17		Regt. forming part of Bde, & acting as advance guard, left Camp 0600, arrived RAFA 0930, cleared KHAN YUNUS & EL FUKHARI at 1130 & occupied ABASAN EL-KOBIR at 1200. Regt. withdrew 1330 & arrived Camp 1845. No casualties.	
C. D. S.	6/3/17		Camp Lt. Menzies to Hitchkin School of Instruction.	
	7/3/17		Regt. marched out to BIR-ABU-SHUNNAR 0930, arr. SHUNNAR 1100 & established Camp strength marching out 2100 436 O/R. & 559 horses.	
BIR-ABU-SHUNNAR	9/3/17		Settling down in 2nd camp. Lt. H. Hardy reported from School of Instruction 17 O/R reinforcements from MOASCAR.	
C. D. S.	10/3/17		Major H. O. O'Brien to School of Instruction. Regt. marched out 0630, forming part of Bde (1 Troop rear guard) & arr. DEIR-EL-BELAH at 1130. Found all clear withdrew 1330 & reached Camp 1745. Lt. Mackenzie made reconnaissance of AREA 'C' - N.E. of BENI-SELA.	

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BIR-ABU SHUNNAR C. B. J.	17/3/17		<p>Under instructions from Bde, Regt left SHUNNAR at 0200, 1 Sqn. travelling by Beach route. This Sqn proceeded to TEL EL MARAKEB then EASTWARDS across WADI-EL-ZANA where they took up a line from sea to Road at daylight. The Regt, less above Sqn proceeded by DARBEL EL SULTANI road to KHAN YUNUS, arriving S.W. of KHAN YUNUS at 0430 & halted until daylight. At daylight 1 Sqn cleared ABASAN EL-KEBIR & took up a line 2 miles EAST of the village, connecting with beach Sqn. & left R. Flank guard on EL FUKHARI. 2 Troop cleared KHAN YUNUS & with the exception of 1 deserter, found all clear. At 0700 the patrol on 330, WEST of 0 in GOZEL TAIRE reported enemy cavalry 1 1/2 N.E. of this point. Detailed 2 Troops to attempt to cut off this body, but they retired back in the direction of IN SEIRAT, & formed up with a larger body, estimated at about 1 Squadron. Endeavoured to draw enemy, but they broke up into small parties & withdrew in a N.EASTERLY direction. 1 deserter gave himself up at 1230 to the post on EL FUKHARI. Withdrew at 1400 & reached Camp 1730. The Sqn which marched by beach report track across sand dunes at TEL EL MARAKEB very heavy & in hollows very treacherous, as several of the hollows have small beds of quick sand.</p>	

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BIRABU SHUNNAR C.O.F.	25/3/17		Regiments marched out from SHUNNAR at 0230, and bivouached at DEIR EL-BELAH 1000. Strength marching out 22 off. 426 AR & 519 horses.	
DEIR EL-BELAH C.O.F.	26/3/17		Marched out from BELAH to GAZA. 0500 with Bde. 2 Sgts were in reserve to 5 th & 7 th L. H. Regts. NE of GAZA. 3 Troops under Major Cron & 1 Troop with Lt Hardy were detailed to delay enemy reinforcements arriving by beach route by beach route.	
GAZA			1 Troop cleared BEIT HANUN at 1230. A B Sgt. under Major White, formed an outpost line ^{at sandhills} sandhills to beach, a distance of about 4 miles, protecting Bde from rear.	
C.O.F.	27/3/17		Left GAZA 2400 & marched in to BELAH, arr. there 0730 on 27-3-17, watered & rode out to bivouac about 1 mile from old bivouac, remained here all day & again watered & bivouached for night about 1 mile away in good feed country. No casualties.	
C.O.F.	28/3/17		In bivouac all day until 1500, then marched out to new bivouac on beach at BELAH, & camped for night. 6 reinforcements.	
C.O.F.	29/3/17		Marched out from beach Camp 1230, with Bde & relieved 22 nd Mounted Bde at 1330 on observation & outpost about 1 mile E of SHEIKH HAMUDI, linking up with R.S.F. on R of 5 th L.H. Regt on our L. 2 Sgts formed outpost line.	
C.O.F.	30/3/17		Outposts relieved Patrols having reported "all clear", the Regt withdrew about 0900, & returned to bivouac at beach Camp.	
C.O.F.	31/3/17		Camp all day.	

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