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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DEIR-EL-BELAH.	April 1		Camp at BELAH. Divine Service.	
	2		" " " A Squadron found covering party for Engineers working at TEL EL JEMMI Crossing.	
	3		" " " Inspection of arms & saddles by G.O.C. Division did not continue, postponed till 6 th inst.	
	4		Regiment (part of Brigade) on outpost. Marched out 1200.	
	5		Regiment returned to Camp from outpost 1600.	
	6		Inspection of arms & saddles by G.O.C. did not continue.	
	7		A Squadron under Major White as covering party & engineers filling cisterns on Tel-EL-JEMMI crossing. 1 Troop from B Sqn. as picket reported to Admin. Comdr. ^{BEHANI} KHAN YUNUS at 0915 (24 hours duty).	
	8		Camp at BELAH. Easter Sunday. Divine Service.	
	9		125 men from B & C Sqns. under Major O'Brien for digging party at TEL-EL-JEMMI.	
	10		Regiment (part of Brigade) moved out 1200. outpost duty.	
	11		Regiment returned to Camp 1400 from outpost duty.	
	12		Camp at Belah. Lecture to off. & N. COs at Bldg. by Div. Gas. Officer. 7 P.M. held in off. mess 1000.	
	13		" " " Party of 1 Capt. 1 Lt. 40 men (A Sqn.) as digging party. 1 Troop on previous escort.	
	14		Regiment moved out 1600 on outpost duty. Support to 22 nd Inf'd Brigade.	
	15		Regt returned to Camp 0730. Divine Service 1730.	
	16		Cleaned up camp preparatory to moving out 1945. Left BELAH with Division 2200 marching all night.	
SHELLAL.	17		Arrived SHELLAL 0600. Waited in GHUZZE, moved out as supports to Division, making demonstration towards HAREIRA. 4550. Remained all day in vicinity of GOZ EL GELIEB. when this is a good word. Withdrew 1900 to SHELLAL, arriving camp 2100.	
	18		Stand to 0445. C Sqn. acted as screen for demonstration towards HAREIRA, leaving Camp 1930. Got in touch with enemy 1200. Captured 1 wounded man & shot 2 others. Turks shelled screen without inflicting casualties. Withdrew 1900 to SHELLAL. Waited & formed up ready to move at 2300.	
	19		Left SHELLAL with division 0130. Arriving at rendezvous South of MENOUR 0600. remained here till 1400. Sent regiment to water at HESEIA & TEL EL JEMMI. 1 Bomb dropped in B Sqn. inflicting no casualties.	

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	19	(Continued)	Moved out 1400 with orders to report to General Chaytor, who kept Regt. in reserve all afternoon. Heavily shelled by H.E. which killed 7 horses & wounded 3 men. Tanks continued continued over, dropping bombs, wounded 3 horses. Withdrew 1900 to MENDOUR, & proceeded straight on to HESEIA, where we bivouacked, being in support to Brigade which held this part of outpost line on EAST bank of WADI GHUZZE.	
	20		Stand to 0400. Sent Daylight patrols from C Sqn in E + S.E. direction. Took up position of EAST Bank of WADI & started to dig in. A Sqn was sent to GOZ EL GELEIB when it engaged approx. 2 Sdns of enemy cavalry which retired. Captured 6 Turk ponies. Relieved by 2 nd L.H Bde at 1700. Then proceeded to WELI SHEIKH NURAN, arriving 2200, bivouacked for night, as supports to N.Z. B.R.B. who manned the redoubts.	
WELI SHEIKH NURAN.	21		Sent horses to water HESEIA, took over WELI SHEIKH NURAN redoubt with 2 Sdns & TEL EL FARA with 1 Sqn. from N.Z. M.R.B. at 1500, sending 1 Troop to EL MELEK. Redoubts were manned.	
	22		Stand to at 0400. Work: filling in Turk trenches. B. Sqn. went to EL MELEK as covering troops for Ford Cars. 4 or 5 Bedouins + 4 Camels, who were leaving arms. Received orders to form new outpost line from FARA to point in E in EL of EL MANYEL. A Sqn + 2 troops from B + Z machine guns. Formed outpost line. 1 Troop + 2 guns from C Sqn in reserve at NURAN.	
	23		Stand to 0400. Daylight patrols report all clear. Kept same outpost line but changed Sdns taking horses at FARA.	
	24		Stand to 0400. Daylight patrols report seeing 8 mounted Turks. Otherwise all clear.	
	25		Stand to 0400. Still holding same outpost line. Daylight Patrols report all clear.	
	26		C Sqn accompanied by 3 armoured cars, made reconnaissance at 0400 through farm houses & country 4 miles in Southernly direction beyond outpost line, Report all clear. Withdrew outpost line 1700 handing over to Yeomanry. Sent 13 Bedouins to KHAN YUNUS. Whole Regiment bivouacking at NURAN for night.	
	27		Stand to 0400. A Sqn went out 0400 to GOZ EL GELEIB as support to 1 Sqn of 7 th L.H B + C Sdns reserve work on NURAN trenches. A Sqn reported back 1630.	
	28		Stand to 0400 B Sqn. Sent to ABU SITTA on Div. Water fatigue. Received orders 1700 to take over Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7 + 8 Redoubts. by 1800 which was done.	
FARA.	29		Stand to 0300. Shifted Camp at 0100 to a spot 1 mile N.W. of Fara.	
	30		Stand to 0300. Remained in Camp. Brigade Sulis.	