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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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6<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regt  
2<sup>nd</sup> A.L.H. Brigade  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL KAZAR	1	-	Camp at EL KAZAR. Inspection of equipment at 0930 by Colonel Fisher, Inspector of Ordnance Stores.	m.c.m.
	2	-	Two Squadrons put through musketry practice in Smoke & Gas Cloud. Hotchkiss Gun practice for competition.	m.c.m.
	3	-	One Squadron same as on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct.	m.c.m.
	4	-	Hotchkiss Gun Teams practicing for competition. Draft of 9 Revifs arrived.	m.c.m.
	5	-	Orders received at 1020 for practice turn out. Regiment moved off at 1115. 19 off + 321 off ranks in parade. "A" Echelon Transport. Retd to camp at 1345.	m.c.m.
	6	-	2 <sup>nd</sup> Brigade Sports.	m.c.m.
	7	-	Divisie Service. Strength 23 off. 489 ofr.	m.c.m.
	8	-	Bde Duties. 2 off + 40 ofr as working party for demolishing old ruins at ABASAN watering area. Enemy plane, brought down at GOZ EL BASAL, passed through camp on way to A.F.C.	m.c.m.
	9	-	C Squadron on musketry practice in morning. 500 yards slow & rapid fire. Unable to finish owing to Khamsheen.	m.c.m.
	10	-	Regt. Duties. Hotchkiss Teams practicing all week.	m.c.m.
	11	-	Brigade Duties. Gas demonstration at D.H.Q. for men not previously put through gas.	m.c.m.
	12	-	Regiment took part with Bde in Tactical scheme. Left camp at 0630, returning 1600. <small>2 off + 11 ofr injured as result of gas.</small>	m.c.m.
	13	-	Regt. Duties.	m.c.m.
	14	-	Divisie Service Strength 26 off. 497 ofr. Adjutant, 1 Troop of B Sgd. & Signallers on practice in inter-communication with Aeroplane contact patrols. At AMR, leaving camp at 0730.	m.c.m.
	15	-	Regt. Duties.	m.c.m.
	16	-	C. in C presented medals to division RSM Stanton & Sgt Macanish decorated. 1 Troop of B Sgd on parade.	m.c.m.
	17	-	Assistant Adjutant, 1 Troop of A Sgd & Signallers on practice in inter-communication with aeroplanes.	m.c.m.
	18	-	Regt. Duties. Lt. Col. Fuller left camp about 2000 on 4 weeks furlough in Australia.	m.c.m.
	19	-	Regiment (with Bde) on Tactical Scheme. Left camp 0830, returning 1500. 19 off + 308 ofr on parade.	m.c.m.
	20	-	All heavy baggage packed up & sent to dump by 1200. General clean up.	m.c.m.
	21	-	Moved out of camp at 1645, forming up with Bde. Moved off at 1750, proceeding to Isani, about 14 miles arriving 2200. bivouaced for the night. C Sgd found R. Flora Guard 1 Troop, 1 L Flank Guard 2 Troops during march.	m.c.m.

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ESANI	22	-	Stand <del>at</del> 0400. Moved off again 0500 to camp about 3 miles further along Wadi. Patrol of 1 troop from A Sgd sent to RASHID BEK at 0530, returning 1700. Working party of 100 men under Lt Cook at 0900, to dig out motor tractor stuck in Wadi bed. Night patrol of 1 troop from B Sgd. to Cross Road 1/2 mile N.E. of RASHID BEK, left camp 1430, returning 0530 on 23rd.	M.S.M.
	23	-	Working party of 20 men on R.E. Crossing Isami.	M.S.M.
	24	-	Packed up & left Isami camp at 1630, joining Bde. across WADI IMALAGA, about 1700. 6th Lgt in advance, A Sgd advanced Guard, 1 Troop B L Flank Guard, & 1 Troop B R Flank Guard, proceeded to BIR ASLUJ, about 17 miles S.E. of ESANI. Major HADWHITE appointed Temp Lt Colonel, commanding Lgt with Lt Col Fuller in Trench.	M.S.M.
BIR ASLUJ.	25	-	Arrived 0130. Bivouaced for 3 hours. B & C Sgd put out outposts, with draw 0515. A Sgd patrolled to EL SHEREIF, supported by B Sgd, arriving 0700. B Sgd with draw at 0800, & 2 Troops of A at 0930, returning to Asluj, to camp site about 1/2 mile South of village. C Sgd remained at village as working party on wells, filled in by enemy. A Sgd found 2 Troops of Camel escort to KHALASA back, leaving 1630. B Sgd found night outposts.	M.S.M.
	26	-	Camp at Asluj. C Sgd remaining as working party on clearing wells.	M.S.M.
	27	-	1 Troop B on day outpost. A & B on night outpost. 2 Troops A on Camel escort to KHALASA, 40 men from B as working party at 1800 clearing out wells at Railway Station.	M.S.M.
	28	-	340 horses & 170 men sent back to KHALASA owing to shortage of water. Remainder of Lgt on reconnaissance in conjunction with 5th & 7th Regts to G. ITWAIL SEMIN. Left camp 1200 arriving G.I. SEMIN about 1530 distance 12 miles N.E. observed Turkish Frontier at RAS HABLEIN, RAS GHANNAM. Frontier occupied. Also made reconnaissance to WADI SHEGEIB EL SOGHAIK. Country rough & broken along this wadi. Came in contact with Turkish patrol on R. Flank. Withdrawn from ITWAIL SEMIN about 1630, arriving back in camp at 1900. Small Turk patrol followed party until sundown. No casualties. Found 2 night post & 3 day post round camp.	M.S.M. Sgt Crane appointed got hints
	29	-	A Sgd found 2 off & 50 men as night outposts.	M.S.M.
	30	-	Regt moved out of camp at 1600. Formed up with Bde & moved off at 1730 in N.E. direction for about 18 miles bivouaced for 2 1/2 hours, moved off again about 0300 <del>to</del> <sup>passing through</sup> BIGEL HAMAM. Reconnaissance towards SAKATY <del>at</del> . 6th Lgt in Reserve all day. Bivouaced at night in vicinity of BIR ES SAKATY. A Sgd during day found 2 troops as observation post at point 1120.	M.S.M.
	31	-	B Sgd found 1 troop day post N.E. of Camp. Regt found protection for Bde. during night.	M.S.M.

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