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BIR ETMALER 1-7-16	Reconnaissance to BIR EL ABD. Arrived BIR EL ABD and reconnaissance carried out. but no sign of enemy was seen. Returned to OSHRATINA had breakfast + moved out for RATHA at 0930 watered + fed horses and left for camp at 1600	
BIR ETMALER 2/4 July 1916	Usual camp duties. nothing to report	
BIR ETMALER 5/7/16	Camp inspection by General Chauvel and Staff.	
" " 6/7 th July 1916	Usual camp duties. Nothing to report.	
" " 8/7/1916	Bole moved off at 0300 for purpose of reconnaissance to SALMANAH. moved to OSHRATINA, camped the day there + left again at 2000. About 1700 one of our aeroplanes flew over camp dropping a message. Shortly after machine gun shots were heard due NORTH and on investigation, found that aeroplane had come down owing to engine trouble.	

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BIR. ETMALER 9-4-1916	In position surrounding SALMANAH by 0430 but saw very little. Our advance fired on to a slight extent by enemy on our front (EAST) N.E. of SALMANAH. Took one prisoner. Saw about 40 Turks on camels. Returned to BIR EL ABD about 0600 & from there returned to OCHRATINA for meal & feed, horses. Left at 1500 & reached camp at 1930.	
" " 10/20 th /1/16	Usual patrols & Camp duties. Nothing special to report.	
" " 21/1/1916	Regiment left camp at 1640 for OCHRATINA & surrounding district to muster up any natives which that may be in this district. Proceeding to OCHRATINA when aeroplane dropped message to say Turks in strong force at BIR-EL-ABD and district between that place and MAJEIBRA. Reported to have 8000 Turks concentrated with guns & considerable transport. Plans were altered & we moved into ZATIA. Two patrols were sent out one to OCHRATINA which got into touch with the enemy and one to HAMISAH.	

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BIR ETMALEK	22/7/16		Remained at LATIA last night till about 2000 then moved back to spot 1 1/2 miles of KATIB. GANNET where we bivouaced for an hour and then returned to camp	
"	23/7/16		Resting nothing to report	
"	24-7-16		Bde moved out of camp for LATIA at 0100 and from there sent patrols to get in touch with enemy at OQRATINA, HILL 245 and HAMISEH + SAQIA. Considerable enemy activity over the whole of the area. 6th L.N. + N.Z. Regts. had exchange of fire at intervals with the enemy.	
"	25-7-16		Resting usual camp duties nothing to report	
"	26-7-16		Bde moved out of camp at 0130 on to LATIA + from there sent out patrol 4th L.N. forming Reserve. At 1400 "B" Squadron moved out to make a demonstration on the Turkish lines under OQRATINA and towards SAQIA + HILL 245. Squadron moved on the enemy lines in extended order + under cover of artillery advanced up to the enemy lines drawing very heavy fire. One man, a New Zealander who had attached himself to the Squadron, was killed and two other men were wounded. Returned to camp by 2230.	

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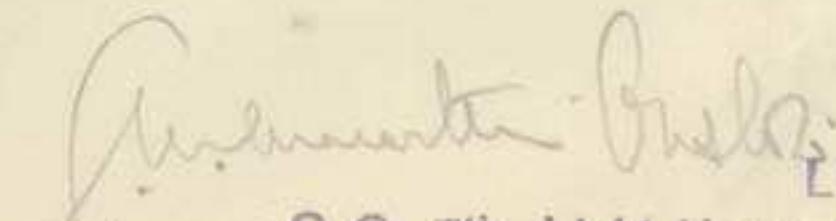
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BIR ETMAHER	27-7-16		Resting nothing to report	
"	28-7-16		Brigade moved out at 0130 Y.L.H. in support. Look up position about 2 miles East of 2ATIA on telephone line and thence S.E. with B + A Squadrons in support. 2 men + one horse wounded. Even supported by Artillery which did good work. Turks have advanced about one mile since 26-7-16 and are entrenching and considerably strengthening their lines positions.	
"	29-7-16		Resting nothing to report	
"	30-7-16		Brigade moved out at 0230 to 2ATIA Y.L.H. forming Advance Guard and taking up line of resistance. One man seriously wounded + one horse killed. Look up position roughly running E + W about 1 to 1 1/2 miles N.E. of 2ATIA. Enemy advanced about 1 1/2 miles since 28-7-16.	
"	31-7-16		at 0500 2 enemy aeroplanes came over camp + dropped 25 to 30 bombs. No bombs came near the camp.	


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