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Regiment

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BIT Elmaler	1/2 Aug 1916		Resting. Nothing to report	
"	3-8-16		Got in touch with enemy about 2 miles this side of Iatia. The enemy had occupied QATIA & ABU-HAMRA last night & extended from S.W. of HILL 110 about 2 miles to and inclusive of SAQIA HILL. Artillery shelled enemy heavily but did not try to push him back. Held our position in firing line and withdrew at 1900.	
"	4-8-16		Heavy firing heard at midnight. Listening Posts came in and reported having been fired on. Received orders at 0100 to get ready to move. Moved from Camp at 0330 towards Listening Post Hill. Then left horses and advanced over that hill on to crest where we relieved the 1st Light Horse Brigade, who had been engaged with the enemy most of the night. Held this position till forced off by a heavy frontal shell, machine gun & rifle fire and rifle fire from both flanks, then withdrew to Listening Post Hill which we held till about 0630 were forced off this hill by heavy fire to hill running from near camp to MOUNT ROYSTON. Took up position here and held enemy in check. Towards midday a flank attack on enemy's left was carried out. This evidently disconcerted him but his shell fire was heavy off and on the whole day.	
"	5-8-16		Received orders at 0400 to fix bayonets and charge across the low country to Listening Post Hill. This was carried out and found enemy fire getting weaker as we advanced. Ordered up led horses and found Turks & few Germans surrendering. Captured in all some 700 odd. The Brigade pushed on under Colonel	



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BIR. ETMINEH	5-8-16		MERDUM, and captured more men. made for HAMISAH and got within 2 to 2½ miles of it and there waited for cooperation from the 1 st , 3 rd & NZ mounted Bde also 5 th English Mtd Division (German) At 1415 in an endeavour to take ZATIA we got within ½ mile of it and were then held up by enemy's heavy shell, machine gun & rifle fire. Withdrew at 1900 and returned to camp. Lt Col. Onslow having been wounded during charge on foot major. 13 Guide automatically took charge. Casualties 9 killed 3 off 42 OR wounded	
	7-8-16		Resting	
	8-8-16		Left Camp 1500 Regt 214 along with orders to move out and cooperate in movement on enemy's rear. Reached ZATIA 1800, bivouaced, fed & watered horses, and moved on at 2100 through OCHRATINA, moved into position occupied by Mtd Division by 0700 next morning. Position was EAST side of high ground immediately WEST and N.W. of HOD EL HISHA.	
"	9-8-16		on arrival in position we were received by high explosive shelling & received orders at 1100 to attack enemy's position. advanced 1 mile and came under enemy's heavy shell, machine gun and rifle fire. Drove enemy back 1½ to 2 miles when he counter-attacked with heavy reinforcements and drove us back to our first position. Fighting kept up till 1700 when we fell back on ABU KLAFFEIN and afterwards retired to OCHRATINA and bivouaced for the night. Casualties 3 killed, 2 officers and 14 OR wounded.	

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BIR ET MIK	10-8-16		Moved up to KHIRBA and took up a position in support of mounted troops in front of us. Nothing quiet today all along the line but enemy observed to be holding the line EAST of BIR EL ABD very strongly. Reconnoissances report that enemy is very busy with his ambulance wagons.	
	11-8-16		Still at KHIRBA. Reconnoissance report enemy still busy about and holding BIR EL ABD strongly. Bivouaced at KHIRBA again today.	
	12-8-16		Moved out on reconnoissance at 0400 this morning over battle field of 9th on through BIR EL ABD and up to point immediately NORTH of SALMANA meeting with no other opposition from the enemy than an occasional shot from the enemy's artillery. Returned to BIR EL ABD at 1600 being relieved by 5th Mounted Brigade and then fell back on KHIRBA and there received orders to fall back on QATIA. Bivouaced at QATIA for the night. Whilst we were away from KHIRBA the camp was bombed by aeroplanes but no damage was done.	
	13-8-16		Returned to camp from QATIA this morning. men and horses very much in need of rest.	
	14/31st Aug 1916		Resting. nothing to report.	

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No diaries Sept and
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