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**war diaries, 1914-18 War**

Light Horse

**Item number: 10/13/18**

**Title: 8th Australian Light Horse**  
**Regiment**

December 1916

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Date.	Place and Time.			Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
19-12-16	MALHA	0900	A Squadron (Major McAllister) proceeded to KASSEIBA. & took over duties from 10 <sup>th</sup> L.H.	
10-12-16	"	1300	Lieut Macpherson, with 29 other ranks & 30 Remounts arrived from detail camp KANTARA.	
16-12-16	"	1200	A Squadron (Major McAllister) returned from KASSEIBA.	
19-12-16	AM		Major Day, Capt Higgins, Lieut Walker & Lieut Currie returned from Cavalry School Zetoun.	

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20. 12. 16	MALHA 1100	Left MALHA proceeded to GIMAL arrived 1700, resumed march (less 'C' Squadron & 2 Troops A Squadron under Major Crawford acting as escort to Inveness	
		2100 Battery R.H.A.) & marched to HILLIHO	
21. 12. 16	MASAID 1100	Thence to MASAID, 'C' Squadron & 2 Troops 'A' rejoined	
		1500 shifted camp to slope of Sand Hill 1 mile E of MASAID	
22/ 12. 16	ELARISH 0600	left camp & travelled to ELARISH	
		1800 moved out with Brigade & marched SE to MAGDHABA	

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# WAR DIARY

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## or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<del>23.12.16</del> MADHABA	23/12/16	0600 1230	<p>Marched about 2 miles NW of Turkish position, later moved on to high ground N of MADHABA</p> <p>3rd L.H. Brigade attacked from the N, the I.C.C. operating on our right &amp; the NZMR on left.</p> <p>Disposition of 3rd Bde units were as follows - LEFT FLANK - 10 L.H. CENTRE - 8 L.H. R FLANK 9 L.H.</p> <p>1 Troop 'B' Sqn 8 L.H. under LEUT. WATT forced the advance guard, supported by 1 Troop also 'B' Sqn under CAPT. WEARNE.</p>	
	"	1240	<p>The advance guard came under enemy rifle fire from S, &amp; S.E. &amp; dismounted under cover, from this point the advance was continued on foot.</p>	
		1545	<p>After driving in enemy outposts &amp; snipers, the E redoubt was stormed, by 'B' Sqn 8 L.H. &amp; small party of 9 L.H.; the latter Regt LEWIS GUN rendered very valuable assistance during the advance. The whole of the enemy in this position were either killed or captured. In the meantime 'C' Sqn 8 L.H. under MAJOR CRAWFORD had advanced on the left of 'B' Sqn &amp; had overrun the enemies gun position, capturing 4 - 9 pounder mountain guns, these guns had been out of action for some time owing to lack of ammunition.</p> <p>After the capture of this position 'B' Sqn &amp; 'C' Sqn (less 2 Troops) &amp; a portion of 9 L.H. reformed &amp; attacked the Western Redoubt, which surrendered after a feeble resistance. The prisoners taken were placed under a guard &amp; handed over to Major DANCAR at the Turkish hospital. The number of prisoners (approx) Guns, etc captured are as follows - PRISONERS - 250. MOUNTAIN GUNS - 4 MACHINE GUNS - 1 - PACK ANIMALS carrying S.A.A. - 44. The attack was well carried out, &amp; reflected great credit on all ranks concerned, ammunition supply was kept up by means of extra bandoliers carried on horses neck, this was the first occasion which this Regiment had used the extra bandolier &amp; it was found most satisfactory. The Lewis Gun of this Regt was very</p>	

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MACDHABA	23-12-16		active during the advance, & rendered excellent service in driving out nests of snipers, & afterwards against the enemies Western Redoubt.	
			The casualties of the 8 L.H. were as follows - Capt & Adjt - M.B. HIGGINS, LIEUTS. E.H. MACK & E.G. DOWN - KILLED. 2 LIEUT. J.T. CURRIE - WOUNDED & 10 other ranks killed & wounded	
		1800	After watering horses left MACDHABA, marched to a point on telegraph line 2 miles N.W. of MACDHABA, where horses were fed & water drawn for men.	
		2100	Marched to LAFAIV arrived 0200 halted for 2 hours drew rations & continued our march to MASAIID arriving at 1000	
MASAIID	24-12-16			
	28-12-16		2 LIEUT. MAUNSELL returned from Hospital	
"	29-12-16		Nil	
"	30-12-16		"	
"	31-12-16		"	

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