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**Regiment**

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W. GRANT. Co 9<sup>th</sup> L.H. Regiment

date	Place	78.
3/1/16.		Re organisation being carried on as quickly as possible.
6/1/16.	Race course Helio-polis	136 men commenced Musketry on the ABBASSIA Range today. Reinforcements for D Sqn (old C Sqn 11 <sup>th</sup> Regt) marched in from detail camp at ALMAZA.
8/1/16.		Schools of INSTRUCTION commenced today at Zietoun. The following numbers attended from this Regt. :- 5 Signallers. 7 Machine Gunners. 7 M.C.O.E 2 PRIVATES. Three days musketry concluded today.
9/1/16.		Brigade Parade today past the Grandstand after Church Parade.
10.1.16		Mounted Training commenced. Dismounted work and

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date	Place	79.
		preliminary musketry instruction carried on daily.
12-1-16		General Russell inspected the Camp today & saw the troops at work.
13.1.16	Race course Helio-polis	Extract from Brigade Order No 243 para 6 (dated 13/1/16) It has been definitely decided to break up the 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiments & any Squadron belonging to them, and to treat all officers and men belonging to these Regiments as reinforcements to the existing Light Horse Brigades; the Squadrons as at present allotted being utilised for this purpose Authority No 211/6/3 Intermediate Base.
14 to 16 <sup>th</sup>		Preliminary Mounted work commenced

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Date	Place	80
17-1-16		Instructions received that the details of the 11 <sup>th</sup> Regt at No 2 Dashes Camp were to be finally absorbed into the 2 <sup>nd</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> Regts.
18-1-16	Helio polis	Composite Regiment of Light Horse returned from the Western front at daylight today. The Horses are badly cut up & show signs of a heavy journey. Major DALY & CAPT WORTHINGTON returned with this Unit, also 20 other Ranks.
19-1-16	Racecourse	Finally instructed by Brigadier General ANTILL that I am to be left in Charge of the Brigade Detail Camp & Reserve Regiment. Major S.W. BARLOW will go out in charge of the Regiment when the Brigade marches out.
20-1-16		Officers selected for duty

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Date	Place	81
20-1-16		with the Regiment and with the Training Squadron. Lieut A.S. NOBBS & Lt MANNING 11 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Reinforcement Officers reported for duty today with the 9 <sup>th</sup> Regt. Other Reinforcement officers of the 11 <sup>th</sup> have reported to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Regts.
21-1-16	Helio polis	Indent lodged for balance of horses & mules required to complete. Separation of Regiment from details carried out today & rolls handed over with details. Total 496. The Brigadier left Camp today for 4 days. I am in charge of the Camp.
22-1-16	Racecourse	Church Parade & March Past today.
23-1-16		General BIRDWOOD inspected the Camp.
24-1-16		Squadron drill commenced.

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26.1.16		Brigade Sports held today. 12 Events. Very successful day. Balance of horses & Mules drawn to. Complete establishment.
27.1.16	Helioopolis	Squadron Drill carried on by all units.
28.1.16		Officers & NCOs of the Brigade assembled today for instruction in Regimental Drill.
29.1.16		Under the Brigade Major Generals BIRDWOOD & SPENS attended Church parade 11am. Under instructions from Brigade this Regiment furnished one Squadron as part of a Special Request Regiment supplied by the Brig- ade for duty in Cairo. 150 Rounds
30.1.16	Race course	

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30.1.16		Per man was issued. This party returned at 2pm. They encountered no trouble.
1-2-16	Helioopolis	A Regiment from the Brigade composed of 1 Sqn from each regiment was ordered out this morning at 1030 to deal with some reservists who were causing trouble at the Camp of the Camel Corps. One more Squadron from this Regiment was detailed to stand by ready to move, but it was not required. The other troops returned to Camp at 6pm.
	Race course	