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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BAALBEK SYRIA	December	a/m 1 a/m 2	Regimental HQ with A+B Squadrons and Regt Transport- Quarters in Villa Kavouam Hotel RAS EL AIN NE of the town and As the buildings and grounds were in a very dirty condition, the whole of the time between stables and grooming was taken up in putting the place in a sanitary condition.	
		a/m 3	Preparing old Turkish barns to accommodate all horses for the winter	
		a/m 4		
		a/m 5		
		a/m 6	By brigade orders Major DONOVAN with an escort of 20 men patrolled the demarcation of BRITAN and HURTALIE. Major GOLDENSTEDT seconded to administrative duties ZAHLE, Capt. DIXON, D.S.O appointed O/S RAYAK detachment. Lieut. MOORE MC. TO MOLAKHA. Horses of A+B Coy and part of HQ horses moved to stable already prepared, remainder of HQ horses housed in the stables of the Hotel, it was deemed necessary to put the horses under cover owing to intense cold and wet weather having set in	
		a/m 7	Lieut. ROBSON who had been on detached duties returned with 29 reinforcements	
		a/m 8	Weather still wet and cold. Lieut. ROBSON with 20 OFTs and 25 horses proceeded to RAYAK	

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	December			
BAALBEK	9	o/m	nil	
SYRIA	10	a/m	Lieut. VENESS and 4 O/R went on short leave in Egypt - of COUSINS of RAYAK Detachment. While returning with despatches received from the despatch rider from BAALBEK was fired on from the village of NABEY ALIER one horse and one mule stolen from the stables by native robbers. This necessitated doubling the stable party in order to prevent further robberies	
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	12	a/m	nil	
	13	a/m	Lieut. BICKFORD with 72 O/R visited NABEY ALIER the village from which the despatch rider was fired on, to make investigations but only found some rifle ammunition.	
	14	a/m	Camp Routine	
	15	a/m	Lieut. SMILES with an escort of 8 O/R went to the village of HAETH to obtain grain	
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	17	a/m	Lieut. BUCHANAN who had been on detached duty M. TRIPOLI, returned to duty	
	18	a/m	gymkhana sports	
	19	a/m	an escort of 20 O/R under Lieut. BUCHANAN attended the COC on his official visit -	
	20	a/m	to the Mukdars of the District	
	21	a/m	Camp Routine	
	22	a/m	troops reunited with companies. A very large supply having been received.	
	23	a/m	from Australia	
	24	a/m		

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BARLBK SYRIYA	December			
	a/m 25		} Brigade sports } General Camp Routine	
	a/m 26			
	a/m 27			
	a/m 28			
	a/m 29			
	a/m 30			
	a/m 31			

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