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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Deir el Belah	1 st		Musketry practices on range completed	
	2 nd / ₁₀		Training in mounted drill; classes in mounted bayonet fighting bombing etc.	
	11 th		C Sqn moved out to the Junior Officers School at KELAB	
	12 th / ₁₃		Hotchkiss practices on range.	
	14 th		Mounted drill and bayonet classes.	
	15 th		Brigade inspection	
	18 th		all ranks fitted with SBRs and tested in gas chamber	
	19 th		Hotchkiss practices on range	
	20 th / ₂₈		The Regiment - less C Sqn - employed on salvage duties about enemy and our own works near GAZA, from GAZA Rd westwards.	

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Darei Belab	2 nd		Major Shawson DSO, on return from P. Said Rest Camp took over temporary command of the Regiment from Major J. B. Chantler	
	5		Lieut W. Hemmons transferred to 4 th L.H. Training Regiment as Adjutant	
	9		Major J. B. Chantler assumed command of C Sqdn vice Capt (2/Major) V. G. Rae M.C. transferred to A Sqdn to command temporarily	
	13		Capt (2/Major) V. G. Rae M.C. marched out to embark for UK on furlough (3 wks from date of disembarkation)	
	16 th		Lieut J. D. Moodie transferred to cadre staff 4 th L.H. Inf Regt.	
	19 th		Lieut. Col Bouchier DSO resumed command of Regiment on return from 4 th L.H. Brigade	
			Major Shawson DSO relinquished temp. command and assumed duties of second in command (temp)	
	22		Major G. P. Rankin marched in from 4 th L.H. Inf Regiment and took over duties of second in command	
			Major Shawson DSO resumed command of A Sqdn	
			Lieut A. J. Clark marched in from 4 th L.H. Inf Regiment	

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Deir el Belah	28.		<p>Reinforcements received during month. 20ff 53% Effective strength 31st Jan'y 1918. 26 officers 436 9/10 508 animals do 28th Feb'y 1918. 25 " 472 " 610 "</p>	

G. J. Rankin major
 HQ 5th Div

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