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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRIPOLI	Feb 1	0800	Wet and cold, raining heavily all day.	
		2 0900	Regimental Sports further postponed owing to heavy rain.	
		3 1300	Mail received.	
		4 0830	Regimental Try-Out Sports held.	
		1130	Leave Party returned from PORT SAID. 15 O/Ranks Reinforcements marched in.	
		5 0600	1 Officer 3 O/Ranks proceeded on leave to CAIRO, 2 O/Ranks on leave to PORT SAID.	
		1300	13 O/Ranks to AUSTRALIA on Compassionate leave.	
		1400	Brigade Sports held.	
		6 0900	Brigade Sports continued.	
		1300	200 O/Ranks proceeded to "PALM TREES" Concert in TRIPOLI.	
		7 1300	200 O/Ranks proceeded to "PALM TREES" Concert in TRIPOLI.	
		8 1000	Brigade Tug-of-War held. Won by 4th L.H.Regiment.	
		9 1800	Very windy all day.	
		10 0900	Divisional Sports held at 3rd L.H.Brigade Area.	
		11 1400	Divisional 5 miles Cross Country Championship held at 4th L.H.Brigade Area. Won by 12th Regiment team representing 4th L.H.Brigade. Lieut-Colonel M.W.J.BOURCHIER, D.S.O. returned from Hospital and assumed temporary Command of 4th L.H.Brigade. Leave Parties returned from PORT SAID and CAIRO. 2 O/Ranks proceeded on Compassionate leave to AUSTRALIA.	
		12 1530	Regiment's Paybooks called for, to be forwarded to CAIRO prior to demobilization.	
		13 0930	Instructions received for Regiment to be prepared to move to RAFA for demobilization.	
		1800	Brigade Band played selections.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TRIPOLI	Feb 14	1200	<p>Detached personnel rejoined prior to Regiment moving.</p> <p>151145 Leave sanctioned to UNITED KINGDOM up to 10 % of strength.</p> <p>161300 167 rides and 14 Packs "C" and "D" class destroyed.</p> <p>17 1000 No more "C" and "D" class animals to be destroyed.</p> <p>18 1130 Leave parties returned from CAIRO and PORT SAID. Capt JOSKE returned from Medical school; 1400 Lieut-Colonel M.W.J. BOURCHIER, D.S.O. returned from attached 4th L.H. Brigade and resumed Command of the Regiment.</p> <p>19 0600 Major G.J. Rankin, D.S.O. to CAIRO. Lieut E.P. CAMERON proceeded on pay duties to A.I.F. Hqs CAIRO. 3 O/Ranks on leave to CAIRO, 2 O/Ranks on leave to PORT SAID.</p> <p>20 1100 75 rides handed over to 5th Cavalry Division. 1300 36 rides 10 L. Draughts, 7 mules handed over to 11th L.H. Regiment. 37 rides 17 L. Draughts 7 mules handed over to 12th L.H. Regiment. 12 packs 10 L. Draughts handed over to 4th M.G. Squadron. 1400 Received orders to proceed by H.T. "ELLINGA" to PORT SAID. 1530 Regiment formed up at R.H.Q. and Brig-General GRANT, D.S.O. on behalf of the 4th L.H. Brigade thanked the Regiment for the work it had done, and congratulated all ranks on the successes it had attained. 1800 Regiment formed up dismounted and moved off to EL MINA to embarkation sheds there, where camp was made for the night.</p> <p>21 0730 Embarked on H.T. "ELLINGA" and spent the night aboard. Conveyed by lighters from embarkation wharf to Ship's side, a distance of about one mile, owing to heavy swell difficulty was experienced in getting aboard.</p> <p>22 1200 "Ellinga" weighed anchor and commenced its journey to PORT SAID. The weather was splendid.</p> <p>23 0830 Dropped anchor at PORT SAID and berthed near Sherrif Quay. Baggage and stores were unloaded into barges and conveyed to trucks.</p>	

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PORT SAID	Feb 23	1700	Disembarked and marched to Port Said railway station.	
		1800	With 8th & 9th A.L.H.Regiments proceeded by Special Train to KANTARA, arriving there at 1900 after which the Regiment marched to the KANTARA WEST Station and bivouaced for the night. EAST	
KANTARA RAFA	24	0530	Entrained at Kantara East Station for RAFA.	
		1130	Arrived at RAFA.	
		1300	Marched from Station to new camp site, remainder of afternoon was occupied by erecting tents etc.	
	25	0900	Together with 8th & 9th L.H.Regiments formed temporary Brigade known as "AUSDIV GROUP" The erection of Tents etc was carried on with during the day.	
	26	0645	Warning order received for removal to MOASCAR.	
		0930 to 1030	Smartening up parades commenced. Camp Picquet supplied to keep Bedouins out of Camp Area.	
	27	1000	Shortages of kits taken to complete to demobilization scale. Physical Culture classes started for Officers and senior N.C.O's.	
	28	1300	Warning notice received for removal to MOASCAR on the 3rd March 1919.	

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