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**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Machine Guns

Item number: 24/30/19

**Title: 1st Australian Machine Gun
Squadron**

April 1918



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Officer Commanding W. Cunningham Capt

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ES SALT	1918 April 1	-	No 3+4 Subsections attached to 3rd ALH at ES SALT, No 1+2 subsections to 1st Regt ALH at UM SHERT. Nos 5+6 with 2nd ALH at MANDESI.	
JORDAN	2	1300 0330	3rd ALH received withdrawal from ES SALT. 1930 moved out and proceeded by No 6 road to foothills. No 3+4 (3rd ALH) reached junction of foothills + JORDAN VALLEY. Bivouacked 2 hours + then proceeded across the valley. 11 tanks over	
GHORANIYEH	3	1030 0600	Watered + rested near foothills Withdrew W. of JORDAN + bivouacked.	
			Squadron reassembled	
		1100	Proceeded E of JORDAN + took over line of GHORANIYEH BRIDGEHEAD defences	
		1530	Commenced sketch of 'line' showing Vickers + Hotchkiss gun positions	
		4	Completed sketch; organised H.Q. Camp + rationing arrangements to gun detachments attached to regiments.	
		5	Reinforcements off. 1 OR. 9 horses 11 from Bethlehem also squadron hunters.	
		6	G.O.C. inspected defences	
		7	Wiring in front of gun positions; inspected 2 subsections of 2 AMGS attached 5th Regt. in left sector.	
		8	Digging new and alternate gun positions + checked range cards: range finders all adjusted	
		9	Situation unchanged.	
		10	"	
		11	"	
			Enemy attacked GHORANIYEH BRIDGEHEAD along WADI NIMRIN. No 6 subsection reinforced by No 4 who when in reserve was largely instrumental in checking enemy advance down the WADI. While No 5 subsection S. of WADI NIMRIN were afforded excellent enfilade target along gutter following NIMRIN road which was occupied by Turks concentrating against No 4+6 guns on the "PIMPLE". Lt Kemp + 3 OR wounded	
		12	bug sap to gun positions on "PIMPLE"	
		13	Burying Turkish dead.	
		14	G.O.C. visited the lines. Lt Kemp chd at Jerusalem.	
		15	"	
		16	"	
		17	S.S.M. Hutchins reported from M.E. Trig Squadron.	
		18	Indian troops reinforce the line, with 4 machine guns.	
		19	Reconnaissance in force against SHUNET NIMRIN.	
		20	L'Dunn arrived from M.E. Training Squadron	

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at Cunningham Cape
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GHORANIYEH	1918	21. 0530	Enemy planes flying very low made reconnaissance of defences and bridge positions. Lt Dunn took charge No 5 subsection. Lt Hackney took over duties as second in command.	
		22	No change in situation	
		23	Transport sergeants & 4 limbers arrived from 1 st Bde camp at BETHLEAEM	
		24	Moved H.Q. dists W. of JORDAN	
		25	Situation unchanged.	
		26	Brigade sanitary officer inspected the lines.	
		27	Overhauled Belt boxes & ammunition.	
JERICHO		28	Squadron reassembled (from regts) & bivouacked near 3 rd A.L.H. NORTH of SHUNET NIMRIN	
		29 0445	Marched out crossed river at GHORANIYEH & bivouacked near JERICHO	
UM SHERT		2130	Marched out of bivouack crossed river at GHORANIYEH & proceed NORTH thro defences towards UM SHERT	
		30	Subsections No 1 & 2 attached to 1 st Regt	
		0730	Subsection 3 & 4 to 2ALH & 5 & 6 to 2ALH	
		1730	1 st Brigade moved E from JORDAN & proceeded up No 7 road to a point 2 miles S of ES SALT & bivouacked	

At Cumpton last
J.L. 1st Lt Col M.G. Squadron

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

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Particulars of Personnel Taken on Strength
and Evacuations for APRIL.

1st Aust MG Squadron
Appx 1

Taken on strength for month ending April 30th 1918

No	RANK	NAME	DATE	REMARKS
1612	S/S	Ferris	5/4/18	From Details moascar
A 8	Spr.	Peacey	14/4/18	" 1 st Bde Details Kilo 295
3591	"	Bawden	14/4/18	"
1077	"	Walcott	14/4/18	"
3084	"	Cahill	14/4/18	"
1998	"	Bull	"	"
A 79	"	Gordon	"	"
2151	"	Black	"	"
A 12	"	Bunn	"	"
3254	"	Wilson	"	"
1531	"	Duncan	"	"
3238	"	Fox	"	"
A 81	"	Jones	"	"
486	"	Ward	"	"
725	Dr	McIntosh	"	"
51	Spr	Hutchens	16/4/18	From MG Training
985	Spr	Street	16/4/18	"
488	"	Grost	18/4/18	" 1 st Bde Details Kilo 295
2881	"	Mills	18/4/18	"
2891	"	Stevens	18/4/18	"
2089	"	Pascoe	18/4/18	"
1339	Lieut	Dunn	20/4/18	MG Training moascar
99	Spr	Griffin	20/4/18	"
21	"	Peacey	20/4/18	"
71	L/Spl	Kimball	24/4/18	"
962	Cpl	Walker	24/4/18	"
A 82	"	Shaw	24/4/18	"
A 84	"	Leitch	24/4/18	"
3144	"	Liddy	24/4/18	"
2839	"	Stansfield	24/4/18	"
2808	"	Humphreys	24/4/18	"
1545	"	Belford	24/4/18	"
1258	"	Berry	24/4/18	"
A 132	"	McNaught	24/4/18	"
A 129	"	Baker	24/4/18	"
A 131	"	Courtland	24/4/18	"
A 162	"	Dans	24/4/18	"
A 155	"	Ellis	24/4/18	"
1972	"	Hawards	24/4/18	"
3618	"	Williamson	24/4/18	"
A 11	"	Whitbrow	24/4/18	"
	"	Shaw	29/4/18	From 1 st Bde Details Kilo 295

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Evacuations for ~~efforts~~ ending 30th April 1918

No	Date	Rank	Name	Remarks
606	11-4-18	Lieut	Lemp A.C.	Wounded. Died of Wounds 14/4/18
	"	LCpl.	Riley C.E.	"
2224	"	Pvt.	Pearce A	"
2810	"	"	Burgess F.	" Since Died of Wounds.
2943	12-4-18	"	Lidd E.W.	Killed in action
2822	"	"	Baker W.R.	Sickness
585	14-4-18	"	Little G.	"
547	14-4-18	"	Clifton H.S.	"
3479	16-4-18	"	Hunt E.E.	"
1458	17-4-18	"	Randed J.H.	"
163	18-4-18	"	Heenan D.	"
3247	19-4-18	"	Neil O.G.	Wounded. Ret. 20 th 19
2874	20-4-18	Sig.	Collings T.J.	Sickness. Since died of ^{wounds} wounds .
2986	21-4-18	Pvt.	Bailey R.	Sickness
3437	23-4-18	"	Davidson J.R.	"
3591	25-4-18	"	Bawden D.R.	"
3254	27-4-18	"	Wilson J.	"
2816	28-4-18	L. Smith	Kerrigan R.J.	"
2085	29-4-18	Pvt.	Ward A.E.	"