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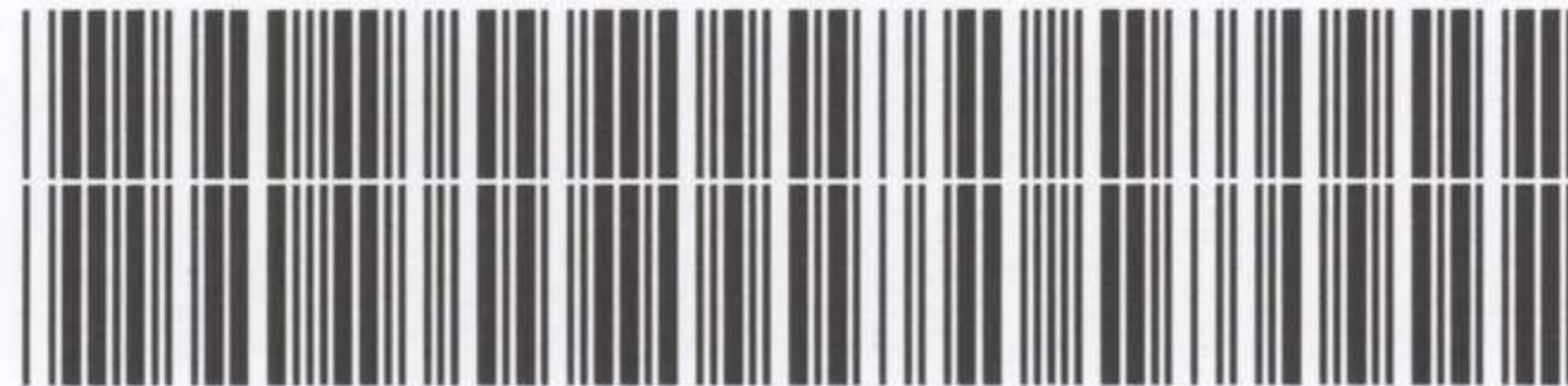
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**WAR DIARY**

OF

1<sup>st</sup> Australian M.G. Squadron

FOR

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Signature of Officer compiling Waddington

Signature of Officer Commanding Major Nillan  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WADI. ADOJA H.3.Y.16.D	Sept 1 <sup>st</sup>	0900	Routine work. CAPTS M <sup>sc</sup> MILLAN and HACKNEY attended a conference of C.O.s at B.H.2. at 1600. Capt PAINTON reported from the cadre NOASCAR.	
" "	2 <sup>nd</sup>	0900	Capt M <sup>sc</sup> MILLAN inspected the guns at VIEW Post and the BLUFF CAPT. HACKNEY inspected Red Horse camp during the morning.	H.H.
" "	3 <sup>rd</sup>	0800	Routine work during the afternoon. Capt M <sup>sc</sup> MILLAN visited B.H.2. Every thing very quiet in the sector.	
" "	1530		Camp routine morning. S.S.M. SHARPE reported at 1300 for duty from cadre NOASCAR. Capt TOMLINSON returned from signalling school ZEITOUN. also 1.G.R. General CHAVELL the Corps commander inspected the horses and men of the 1 <sup>st</sup> Y.H. Brigade.	H.H.
" "	4 <sup>th</sup>	0900	Capt M <sup>sc</sup> MILLAN visited ZEISS Post during the morning. Camp routine. A little shelling by the enemy in N <sup>o</sup> 2 Sub Sector. The members of sub sector N <sup>o</sup> 3 becomes N <sup>o</sup> 2.	H.H.
" "	5 <sup>th</sup>	0800	A corporal of the NZ. MC Sqdn took over all trench and area stores during the day. The New Zealand MC Sqdn marched into N <sup>o</sup> 2 Sub Sector and took over the positions occupied by the 1 <sup>st</sup> AMG Sqdn. The relief being completed at 2300. The 1 <sup>st</sup> AMG Sqdn then marched to a new camp area at TELLES SULTAN. K.4 A.2.2. arriving at 0030, 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	H.H.
TELL ES. SULTAN K.4.A.2.2.	6 <sup>th</sup>	0800	General cleaning up of the new camp during the morning. Pitching of bivouacs and routine work during the afternoon.	H.H.
" "	7 <sup>th</sup>	0800	Commenced to water the horses 3 times a day. Routine work. Cleaning of ammunition during the afternoon.	H.H.
" "	8 <sup>th</sup>	"	Routine work during the day. Enemy fired at horses near our camp with a new gun at 0500 from the head of WADI. NIMRAN.	H.H.
" "	9 <sup>th</sup>	"	Routine work during the morning. Received orders to move tomorrow. CAPT HACKNEY and Staff Captain went to choose a new camp. LIEUT. DAVIS +	H.H.
" "	10 <sup>th</sup>	1000	The JAMES returned from the School at ZEITOUN. LIEUT. DINNING. G.C. recd A.G.F. EGYPT paid the Squads a visit during the morning.	H.H.
WADI. NEJAMEH H.2.Y.8.5.2	11 <sup>th</sup>	0900	Commenced to move camp at 1000 to near camp about a mile away completed the move by 1200 this will be a much cleaner camp. Routine work.	H.H.
" "	12 <sup>th</sup>	"	Routine work during the morning. Gas drill for N <sup>o</sup> 1 Sub Sector. Gun drill and fire direction for N <sup>o</sup> 2.3.4.5+6 during the afternoon. 3 men to Arfahit H.H.	
" "	13 <sup>th</sup>	0800	Inspection of the Sqdn horses by the B.V.O. during the morning. Encapsulation for all the Squads during the afternoon for TAB + Cholera. H.H.	
" "	14 <sup>th</sup>	0800	N <sup>o</sup> 2 and 3 Sub Sections did miniature range practices during the day. Sent 60 horses grazing during the day. Got 4 Limber load of green Dwaras for feed.	H.H.
" "	15 <sup>th</sup>	0800	N <sup>o</sup> 1 and 4 Sub Sections carried out miniature range work in the morning and afternoon. N <sup>o</sup> 2 and 3 went grazing during the evening.	H.H.
" "	15 <sup>th</sup>	0800	N <sup>o</sup> 5 and 6 grazing during the afternoon.	H.H.
" "	1300		Grazing during the morning for N <sup>o</sup> 1.2.3 Sub Sector and Transfer. N <sup>o</sup> 4.5+6 during the afternoon. Voluntary church service in the evening.	H.H.
" "	16 <sup>th</sup>	0800	LIEUT. DUNN and 12 other ranks joined the Sqdn from NOASCAR.	
" "	17 <sup>th</sup>	0800	N <sup>o</sup> 1 and 4 sub sectors commenced miniature range practices during the morning. N <sup>o</sup> 2.3 grazing. N <sup>o</sup> 5 and transfer grazing in the evening.	H.H.
" "	18 <sup>th</sup>	0800	N <sup>o</sup> 4.5.6 and Transfer grazing during the morning. LIEUT. DAVIS left for JERUSALEM in a FLCM. All return paid during the afternoon. Received ② G.R. from the 1 <sup>st</sup> L.H. Regt (from the 2 <sup>nd</sup> L.H. Regt), and ③ from the 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H. Regt on transfer.	H.H.
			Grazing for half the squads during the morning and the remainder during during the afternoon. Routine work.	H.H.

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WADI NOELAMEH Y.24.5.2 -	Sept 19th	0500	Sent all blankets and stores away to the Brigade Dump. Standing by all day to move out at short notice	111
" "	20th	0500	Still remaining ready move out LIEUT DAVIS returned from JERUSALEM at 1300 Routine work during the day	111
" "	21st	.....	Routine work. Standing ready to move at short notice all day received orders at 1900 to move out at 2000. and proceed to WADI AUJAH. Y.24.D.5.2/144	
" "		2200	arrived there at 2200. and camped for the night with the 2nd L.H. Regt	
WADI AUJAH - Y.24.D.5.2	22nd	0600	watered at 0630 at the WADI AUJAH. Marched at 1000 to the WADI FUSAIL arriving at 1230. watered and fed. N°5 and 6 Sub Sections Lieut DUAN and DAVIS detached to the 3rd L.H. Regt to the Bridge of MAFID JOZELEH. at 1400. N°3 Sub Section LIEUT ROSS detached to the 2nd L.H. Regt on Out Post at 2130	111
WADI FUSAIL - U.27.3	23rd	0400	remained saddled up all night. Moved to at 0400 marched from the WADI FUSAIL at 1000 for the Ford of UMA. Es-SHERAT. crossed over with the remainder of the Regt. Fed and watered and marched again at 1500 for the Es-SALT road arrived near Es-SALT at 0100 N°1 and 2 Sub Sections rejoined the Squadron at UMA. Es-SHERAT	111
ES-SALT - AIN HEMAR - AMMAN -	24th	0400	Stand to at 0400. Fed up. Watered at 1000 marched from ES-SALT at 1300 and moved along the AMMAN ROAD to AIN-HEMAR arrived at 1630 and camped for the night N°5 and 6 sub Sections rejoined the Squadron from the 3rd L.H. Regt	111
" "	25th	0630	Reveille at 0400. marched at 0630 towards AMMAN. N°1 and 2 Sub Sections detached to the 1st L.H. Regt in the attack on AMMAN	111
" "	"	0900	N°5 and 6 detached to the 3rd L.H. Regt. N°3 and 4 Section in reserve. all day until 1600 when N°4 was detached for duty on	111
" "	"	1900	Out Post with the 2nd Regt. Squadron HQ with N°3 Sub Section entered the Town at 1900 with Brigade HQ and Bivouacked for	
" "	26th	0500	the night near the railway station N°1 Sub Section expended 1000 rounds of SPA during the operations of the day	
" "	"	1800	All the sub sections rejoined the Squadron during the morning Moved the Bivouac Area a mile north of the railway station	
WADI HAMMAM	27th	0800	Did not move any further during the day. Parrot Cpl GRAHAM evacuated sick	111
" "	1800	Moved camp to WADI HAMMAM at 0800 arrived in camp at 1030 and remained for the day. One man of N°6 Sub Section died and 2 others had to be left behind N°5 and 6 Sub Sections detached to the 3rd L.H. Regt at 1000. and N°3 to the 2nd L.H. Regt for Out Post duty	111	
" "	28th	0500	N°3 Sub Section left camp at 0500 with a Squadron of the 1st L.H. Regt to reconnoitre the road to EL-MAFRAK. The remainder of the Squadron distributed as yesterday. 1 man of N°5 Sub Section admitted to Hospital Did not move forward at all today	111
" "	29th	0030	No 2 Sub-Section LIEUT GREATOREX returned from the Patrol to EL-MAFRAK leaving one gun and two men to guard a train of wounded Turks	
" "	1200	received 2 reinforcements Cpl KIMBALL and DVR WATT. Did not move camp at all today grazing and routine work during the day	111	
" "	30th	0800	A party of men and 3 wagons went to the village of RSEIFE for Tiffin. About 1/2 of hours real grazing during the day	111
			to move again to day camp routine work. Appendix to prevent operation in next month Diary	111

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