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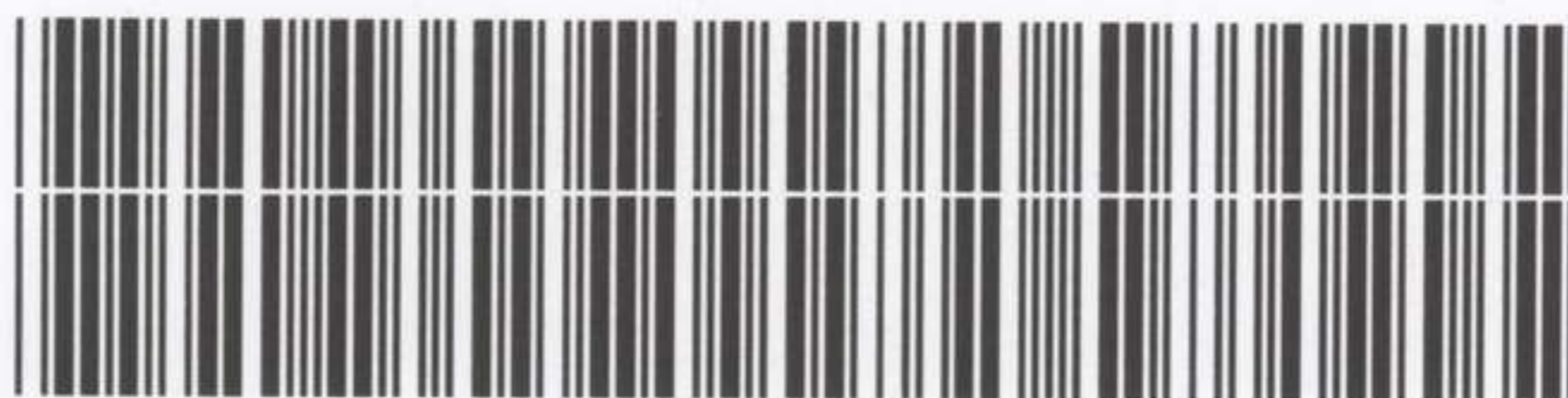
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Machine Guns

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WAR DIARY or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WADI HAMMAN	1 st	0400	A Party left at 0500 for the village of, RSEIFE for Libbin for the Sqdn. Received the news of the unconditional surrender of BULGARIA. Grazing for all the pool horses, during the morning and afternoon No. 5 and 6 sub-sections still detached with the 3 rd L.H. Regt NORTH of AMMAN. The No. 3 sub-section remain detached to the 2 nd L.H. Regiment in the WADI HAMMAN	
"	2 nd	0700	Grazing during the morning and afternoon. No. 5 and 6 sub-sections LIEUTS. DUNN and DAVIS marched out at 1300 with the 3 rd L.H. Regt on route to ZIZA and MADEBA	
"	3 rd	1300	Grazing during the morning and afternoon. Checking and cleaning ammunition. Routine work	
"	4 th	1000	Routine work. Grazing during the morning and afternoon. Sgts KEMP and ALLAN and 2 other men evacuated sick with fever	
"	5 th	0800	LIEUT. ROSS rejoined the Sqdn from detached duty with the 2 nd L.H. Regt. Routine work. Grazing morning + afternoon. 5 other ranks to Hospital	
"	6 th	1030	Grazing during the morning and afternoon. Received 22 reinforcements 10 of which were sent out to ZIZA. 5 and 6 sub-sections 12 others being absorbed to complete No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 sub-sections and No. 2.	
"	6 th	0900	Routine work. Grazing during the morning and afternoon. LIEUT. DAVIS, M.C. and 25 other ranks admitted to Hospital today.	
"	7 th	0900	21 O'Ranks evacuated to Hospital	
"	8 th	1600	CAPT. N.S. McMILLAN & CAPT. H. HACKNEY. LIEUT. DUNN and 19 O'Ranks evacuated to Hospital. Grazing morning and afternoon	
"	9 th	1600	6 O'Ranks evacuated to Hospital, routine work, grazing during morning and afternoon	
"	10 th	1600	3 O'Ranks evacuated, - owing to shortage of men necessity of grazing - grazing in future afternoon only, 9 O'Ranks arrived as reinforcements 7 absorbed into 1, 2, 3 & 4 sub-sections 2 sent out to join 5 & 6 sub-sections at ZIZA	
"	11 th	0600	Lieut GRETOREX (and 10 O'RANK) proceeding to ZIZIA to take command of 5 & 6 sub-sections. grazing in afternoon	
"		2000	LIEUT. GRETOREX arrived back at Sqdn. H.Q. with 11 O'S & 6 sub-sections from 3. L.H. Regt. at ZIZA at 1900. 14 reinforcements arrived at 1900 and have been absorbed. Sg. PHOTON and 4 O'Ranks evacuated to hospital.	
"	12 th	1600	Inspection of guns, and parts, training of recent reinforcements in pack work, grazing in afternoon. 10 O'Ranks evacuated	
"	13 th	1600	Squadron paid, further instruction in packing of animals to recent reinforcements, grazing in afternoon. 4 O'Ranks evacuated	
"	14 th	1600	Issue, washing & airing of blankets in morning, grazing in afternoon, 10 O'Ranks evacuated 3 reinforcements arrived	
"	15 th	1600	Routine work, - cleaning ammunition in belts, grazing in afternoon.	
"	16 th	1600	Cleaning up camp, saddlery, harness etc, grazing in afternoon, 3 O'Ranks evacuated to hospital	
"	17 th	1800	Routine work, inspection and reissue of bivouac sheets, grazing in afternoon 3 O'Ranks evacuated	
"	18 th	2000	Routine work, grazing in afternoon, 30 O'Ranks evacuated to hospital	
"	19 th	1600	Inspection of transport waggons, harness, horses etc. by Lieut Lawrie. Routine work, grazing in afternoon 5 O'Ranks evacuated to hospital. 14 O'Ranks arrived as reinforcements and were taken on strength.	
"	20 th	1900	Routine work, grazing in afternoon 1 O'Rank reinforcement taken on strength. 30 O'Ranks evacuated to hospital	

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WADI HAMMAN	21st	1600	Squadron inspection of mosquito nets, checking and cleaning ammunition, grazing in afternoon 20 Rank's evacuated	R.
	22nd	1600	General instructional work during morning, grazing in afternoon.	R.
	23rd	1930	CAPT. N.S. McMILLAN returned to duty LIEUT. CARROL and 14 Rank's arrived from MOASCAR and were taken on strength. Routine work during morning. Grazing in afternoon.	R.
	24th	1945	Routine work in morning, grazing in afternoon, 110 Rank's marched in from MOASCAR were absorbed. All horses rugged for night. 10 Rank evacuated.	R.
	25th	1600	Routine work in morning, grazing in afternoon. 10 Rank evacuated	R.
	26th	1645	Testing recent reinforcements in morning, grazing in afternoon. 50 Rank's evacuated.	R.
	27th	1800	Instruction to recent reinforcements on the packing of animals etc. grazing in afternoon. LIEUT. GARVIE and party attended the official hoisting of Arab flag in Amman.	R.
	28th	1800	Routine work in morning, grazing in afternoon. 10 Rank evacuated	R.
	29th	1800	Routine work in morning, grazing in afternoon.	R.
	30th	1830	Camp cleaning, instruction, tests, on packing of animals, grazing in afternoon.	R.
	31st	1700	Routine work, grazing in afternoon, received orders for move on 1st prox. 10 Rank evacuated.	R.

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List of Appendices

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Malaria, - a large percentage of which proved to be of a malignant type, - caused an extra-ordinary number of evacuations during the month, two cases proving fatal.

Circumstances rendered it necessary for the Squadron, (less Nos 5 or 6 sub-sections on outpost duty, with 3rd Regiment at Bafis Jozeleh bridge) to spend the night of 23rd + 24th ult, near the site of an old Turkish Fulo Hospital, at Kh. Fusail. Mosquitoes were particularly plentiful in this vicinity, and even more so, where Nos 5 + 6 sub-sections did outpost duty.

Following list, conveys an idea of the effect on the Squadron strength in a few days, through the outbreaks, which commenced about ten days after leaving the Jordan Valley.

Date October	Effect. Strength		Evacuations	Reinforcements	Remarks.
	off	O.R.			
1 st	8	187	Nil	Nil	
2 nd					
3 rd					
4 th			4		Including Farrier Sgt. + Orderly Room Sgt.
5 th			5		
6 th			26	8	Including O.C. No 6 sub-section Lieut Dawson
7 th			21	16	
8 th			25	Nil	Including C.O. (Capt Mac Millan) Second in command (Capt MacInnes) + O.C. No 5 sub-section Lieut Dunn + all N.C.O's of No 6 sub-section.
9 th			5	9	
10 th	4	144	3	14	4 of - 77 O.Ranks under strength.
11 th			5	Nil	
12 th			1		
13 th			5		
14 th			1		

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