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A STRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.

WAR DIARY

of

1st. A STRALIAN MACHINE G N S Q ADRON.

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for

XXIX NOVEMBER 1918.

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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
Es-Salt	1st.	1600	Marched from Wadi Hammam through to Es-Salt, without midday rest. Arrives 1530 watered at springs along wadi, fed twice. Hammam Es-Salt road was particularly dusty near Es-Salt.	D.
Kh. Nimrin	2nd.	1530	Left Es-Salt at 0800 after watering up. Roads much improved, travelling, in consequence, more pleasant than on previous day. Arrives 1415. watered at troughs 1600. Chlorinated Reservoirs were erected by Field Engineers, all precautions taken against mosquitoes etc. watered up at 0645 and left at 0800 for Talet-ed-Dum.	D.
Talet-ed-Dum	3rd.	1600	Arrived 1645 ¹³⁴⁵ . Travelling was good until we reached the Roman Road, where we dismounted & led the horses to the top. on arrival 30 ranks were evacuated.	D.
"	4th.	1600	Resting during day. usual camp routine.	D.
Jerusalem	5th.	1900	Arrived at 1345. watered up on the way in. Lieut R. G. Garvie & party of 12 had leave for the afternoon to visit the old city. A beer issue of 1 bottle per man was well received after the long & dusty ride from Talet-ed-Dum. Evacuates 20 ranks	D.
Latron	6th.	1600	Arrives at 1400. comparatively little traffic was encountered, & a good through trip was made in 7 hours, without a midday halt. water plentiful, & camp good.	D.
Richon le Zion	7th.	1800	Left Latron at 0800, & arrived at Richon at 1345. considerable time spent in laying out & setting up camp. water plentiful, & horses looking well.	D.

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Rickon V2b 2-8	8th	1800	Camp settling during day. 2 evacuations to hospital. Received word of 1914 leave to Australia.	R.
	9th	1900	Cleaning up generally during morning, resting in afternoon 10 other ranks left on 1914 furlough, including Q.M. Sgt, 3 sgt's and 3 bpls.	R.
	10th	1600	Routine work, arrangements made for purchase of oranges through B.H.Q. also wine for troops. 1 OR rank to hospital.	R.
	11th	1500	Grazing in morning, Routine work, 1 evacuation.	R.
	12th	1900	N.Z.B. Spots, leave granted to a small quota. News of Armistice with Germany, also Bde. message warning against disorderly conduct. All ranks took the news very quietly. Conduct throughout quite normal.	R.
	13th	1600	Routine work, football in afternoon. 1 evacuation.	R.
	14th	1600	Grazing in morning for 1 hour, football (2 teams) in afternoon, stables as usual.	R.
	15th	1700	Washing of all saddlery harness throughout the day. news of 1914 leave to England.	R.
	16th	1900	Inspection of all saddlery harness - which proved satisfactory - permission was given to proceed with dubbing. LIEUT T GRETTORRE to MOASCAR enroute 1914 leave to England. 2 OR ranks evacuated to hospital.	R.
	17th	1800	Dubbing of saddlery all day	R.
	18th	1600	Inspection of saddlery equipment - all in splendid order - 'Two Rules' Rugby Football Association formed. CAPT MACMILLAN & 2 OR ranks on leave to Egypt starting.	R.

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Richon le Zion V2b 2-2	19th.	1800	Routine work during morning. Football in afternoon, stables as usual.	P.
	20th.	1900	Grazing during part of morning. General clean-up of camp. LIEUTS. R.D. ROSS & L.A. KANE returned from leave to Egypt.	P.
	21st.	1800.	Marking of roads round camp. Football (2 teams) in afternoon. Bgde Sports Committee meeting. (Lt Garvie attended as unit representative & appointed secretary)	P.
	22nd	1800	Routine work, grazing in afternoon, 30 Ranks on leave to Pt Said Res' Camp.	P.
	23rd.	2000	Routine work, erecting of jumps & generally preparing a training ground for Bde. Sports. 30 Ranks on leave to	P.
	24th	1600	Inspection all guns, technical gear & equipment. Football in afternoon. Church service at 1900 in Y.M.C.A. 30 Ranks on leave to Cairo.	P.
	25th.	1500	General camp duties during morning & afternoon.	P.
	26th.	1900	Commenced training in morning (instruction on guns, tactical handling etc.)	P.
	27th.	1600	Instructional work during morning. Football in afternoon. CAPT. MACMILLAN & 20 Ranks returned from leave.	P.
	28th.	1700	Instruction during morning. General cleaning of saddlery & equipment in afternoon.	P.
	29th.	1800	Cleaning of camp, saddlery, harness & equipment. CAPT. HACKNEY & 80 Ranks arrives from MOASCAR. LIEUT W. A. HERRNE etc. from attached duty with Hyderabad Lancers.	P.
	30th.	1900	Cleaning of saddlery, harness & equipment all day.	P.

WAR DIARY

OF

1st. Aus. No. 4 Squadron

FOR

November - 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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Subject.

*Evacuations
Taken on strength.*

Admitted I.A.L.H.F.F.

1st A.M.S. Struck of Strength Month of November

No	Rank	Name	Date	Remarks
3916	Private	Loxton R E	2-11-18	Pyrescia
50330	"	Jones E R	3-11-18	"
179	"	Jeffrey R J	"	"
156 A	"	Dowst E H E	"	"
570 44	"	Clarke E E	4-11-18	"
56980	"	Harlums G	"	"
1531	"	Duncan L R	5-11-18	"
3653	"	Brewer H E	6-11-18	"
4608	"	Brown J	7-11-18	"
52706	"	Furner H H	9-11-18	"
52642	"	Gibson J	7-11-18	"
2880	"	Marsh W	10-11-18	Malaria M T
1687	"	Hodgson B	11/11/18	Debility
57169	"	Jansch A	"	Pyrescia
3388	"	Foe E B	"	"
50347	"	Morris P C	"	Malaria
3606	"	Walden H E	13-11-18	"
56995	"	Loader R C	15-11-18	Pyrescia
2479	"	Saint S N	"	Malaria
3063	CPL	Jones F S	20/11/18	Pyrescia
A 128	Private	Baron R	"	Malaria
135 A	S/Lt	Lovridge G S	21/11/18	Pyrescia
1702	Private	Mahoney D	"	"
1487	Sgt	Painton H	18-11-18	"
2329	Private	Stickens J	"	"
1836	"	Hillen H J	21-11-18	"
50356	"	Raymond L	23-11-18	Malaria
1947	7/cpl	Connelly M E	26-11-18	"
52706	Private	Furner H H	28-11-18	"
3357	S/Lt	Gregory W G	"	"
52661	Private	Ward G	20/11/18	Pyrescia when on leave to 31 st Cairo

TAKEN ON STRENGTH.

1st.A.M.G.S.

Month of November 1918.

Number	Officers	Other Ranks.	Date.	Remarks.
6		6	3.11.18	from details
6		6	5.11.18	"
7		7	8.11.18.	"
1		1	12.11.18	from Fld.Amb.
21		21	18.11.18.	Details.
9		9	22.11.18	"
10	2	8	29.11.18.	See below.

The following Officers were taken on the strength:-

Capt.H.HACKNEY from Details.
 Lie.t. W. AHEARN from Hy.Lancers.
 and the 8 other ranks from Details.

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- List of Casualties for November -

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1st Aust. M. G. Bn. -

Date	No	Rank	Name	Remarks
1. 11. 17	2828	Spr	Pearce E. H.	Sick (ret to duty 25/11/17)
3. 11. 17		Lieut.	Harris C. W.	wounded
3. 11. 17		"	O'Brien W.	"
3. 11. 17	1123	L/Cpl	Richardson G. B.	"
3. 11. 17	1258	Spr	McNaugh L. M.	"
3. 11. 17	2818	"	Grimshaw W. G.	"
3. 11. 17	2957	"	Dabymple W. F.	"
3. 11. 17	2829	"	McNeil L.	" (remaining on duty)
3. 11. 17	1247	"	Ingram C. H.	"
2. 11. 17	3243	"	Litchfield E.	Sick
4. 11. 17	2559	Drw.	O'Connor J.	"
4. 11. 17	1937	Spr	Stearn C. F.	"
5. 11. 17	1590	L/Cpl	Edmonds W. F.	"
8. 11. 17	3052	Spr	Bail H.	wounded
8. 11. 17	1947	L/Cpl	Connolly M. E. G.	"
8. 11. 17	2957	Spr	Rixon B. C.	"
8. 11. 17	2992	"	Cullen C. W.	"
9. 11. 17	2810	"	Beattie A. B.	Sick
10. 11. 17	642	"	Stott G.	"
11. 11. 17	1760	"	Larkin J.	"
12. 11. 17	2871	"	Fox W. G.	Killed
12. 11. 17	2805	"	Hoggarth G. L.	wounded
12. 11. 17	3049	"	Burnham J.	"
12. 11. 17	2799	"	Blatterham J. P.	"
12. 11. 17	2817	S. Smith	Woods H. P.	(died of wounds 2/11/17)
12. 11. 17	2806	Spr	Knowling G. C.	(died of wound 12/11/17)
14. 11. 17	1171	"	Jones C. G.	Sick
14. 11. 17	2002	"	Clarke H. C.	"
15. 11. 17	54	Sgt	Cannons E. J. A.	wounded
15. 11. 17	3134	Spr	Standfield A. R. B.	"
15. 11. 17	2807	"	Bennet W. G.	"
16. 11. 17	A1	"	Brown C. W.	Sick
16. 11. 17	1475	L/Cpl	Graham G. D.	" (ret to duty 25/11/17)

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List of Casualties for November Contd.
10th Aust. M. G. Bn.

Date	No	Rank	Name		Remarks
17. 11. 17	2823	Cor	Marks	A.P.	Sick (since died at Kantarra 23/11/17)
18. 11. 17	3242	Lt.	Jones	R.	"
19. 11. 17	1955	"	House	G.B.	"
19. 11. 17	1930	"	Cooper	A.B.	"
20. 11. 17	3063	"	Jones	G.B.	"
26. 11. 17	3238	"	Fox	G.B.	"
27. 11. 17	3084	"	Catell	W.	"
29. 11. 17	199	"	Peacey	W.A.	"
30. 11. 17	1927	"	Peacey	A.E.	"