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**Title: 1/1st East Riding Yeomanry,**  
**ANZAC Mounted Division**

May 1917

11<sup>th</sup> East Riding Yeo. Angae Mta. Div.

**On His Majesty's Service.**

May 1917.

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WAR DIARY

OF

11<sup>th</sup> East Riding Yeo. Angae Mta. Div

From

1<sup>st</sup> MAY

To

31<sup>st</sup> MAY

1917

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL. EL. FARA S PALESTINE.	1.5.17		outpost duty. Trench digging, erecting wire entanglements.	HDP7.
"	2		Ditto	HDP7
"	3		Ditto	HDP7
"	4		Ditto.	HDP7
"	5		Orders received for left subsection of outpost sector (B SQDN) to be advanced some 3 to 400'. New trenches sited in conjunction with GSO 2 & CRE ATN2 HH DIVN. Commenced digging on new sites. outpost duty.	HDP7
"	6		outpost duty. Trench digging. 2/2 <sup>nd</sup> L.S. GRESHAM admitted hospital BELAH and wounded by bomb when in hospital	HDP7
"	7		Ditto. 2/2 <sup>nd</sup> GRESHAM died of wounds.	HDP7
"	8		GOC Bde inspected the trenches, and expressed satisfaction.	HDP7
"	9		2/2 <sup>nd</sup> ULLYOT and 13 OR arrived from ENGLAND, out of original draft of 43. 19 reported to have been drowned owing to torpedoing of HMT ARCADIA. Progress report on trench digging rendered to Bde HQ.	HDP7 appendix 1.
"	10		Ditto. Maj Genl CHAUVEL, GOC Desert Column and Maj Genl CHAYTOR GOC ATN2 HH DIVN inspected the trenches and expressed his satisfaction with the trenches and with the work done by the regiment.	HDP7.
"	11		Effective strength with unit. 21 officers 380 OR, 461 animals. During period 1 <sup>st</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> inst, no enemy (other than aircraft) approached this part of outpost line.	HDP7.

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TEL. EL. FARA S PALESTINE	12.5.17		Out post duty. Trench digging. Report of reconnaissance received from Bde HQ, also amended orders as to out post and battle lines.	Appendix 2. HDP7. Appendix 3.
	13.		Ditto. <del>Orders</del>	HDP7. HDP7.
	14		Ditto	Appendix 4 HDP7.
	15.		Ditto. Orders received as to digging of new battle line on E bank of WADI GHUZZE.	Appendix 5. HDP7.
	16.		Ditto. 500 enemy cavalry reported at IM SIRI at 0500 on 15 <sup>th</sup> .	Appendix 6 HDP7.
	17		Ditto. Orders received to hand over to SUFFOLK REGT. (15.40): 1700 Handed over to receiving unit. Sqd's proceeded independently to busonai area 1 mile W of TEL EL FARA. Copy progress reports and sketch map attached show work done in the out post sector while occupied by the regiment.	Appendix 7, 8 and 9. HDP7. HDP7. HDP7.
	18.		NIL.	HDP7.
	19.		NIL. one troop (0 sqdn) sent on detached duty to ABU SITTA cisterns.	HDP7.
	20	09-30	Divine service. NIL.	HDP7.
	21.	03-30	Stood to arms.	HDP7.
		04-45	Dismissed off saddle. Bombing classes held under sqdn arrangement.	

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TEL EL FARA S PALESTINE	1917 May 22	03 30	Verbal orders received for regiment to parade at Brigade place of assembly (1/2 mile S of TEL EL FARA) at 18.45, to move off with the Division at 19.30 for night march.	
		18 25	Regiment (less 1 troop C s/den) paraded. A s/den detached as escort to DAC.	appendix 10
		19 30	Division commenced march. march continued during night 22/23 <sup>rd</sup>	ADPZ.
	23	04 45	Bde halted at point 770. 3 miles NNW of KHALASA. remained in this position till 16.30	
		16 30	Regiment (with Bde) commenced return march, Bde acting as escort to DAC. A s/den rejoined regiment on return march. (Ref map. SINAI PEN. BEERSHEBA. 1/125000.)	
		20 15	Regiment returned to bivouac area.	
			During the above operations the Bde was kept in support to the Division which, acting in concert with the Imperial Mounted Division and the Imperial Camel Brigade covered a demolition party which was ordered to destroy 15 miles of railway at suitable places between BEER SHEBA and AJAJA. The operations were completely successful. <del>Individual</del> rails and culverts being demolished over 15 miles and also the Bridge and railway station at ASLUT. <sup>all</sup> no casualties were sustained	ADPZ.
	24.	07 00	Two troops C s/den under Capt RWR SCOTT proceeded on reconnaissance towards "SAUSAGE RIDGE" (EL MAGAM), with orders not to attempt to cross WADI SHARIA.	
		09 00	Touch obtained with enemy patrols on left bank of WADI SHARIA.	
		15 00	Two troops commenced withdrawal. no casualties. Capt SCOTT'S report attached.	appendix 11 ADPZ
		18 30.	A s/den sent out 2 night standing patrols. each INCO 16 men to GOZ EL BASAL.	
	25	03 30	Stood to arms.	
		05 00	off saddled and dismissed.	ADPZ
	26.	03 30	stood to arms	
		04 45.	off saddled and dismissed	ADPZ.

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TEL-EL-FARA. 3 PALESTINE (ref maps SINAI PEN. 1/125000. BEERSHEBA, RAFA).	27/5/17	0630	Regiment furnished 3 reconnoitring detachments (orders as per appendix). A+B Squadrons gained touch with enemy patrols. A Squadron under enemy rifle fire for greater part of day. Hostilities of importance observed. No casualties sustained.	Appendix 12
		1500	withdrawal commenced.	HDPZ.
		17.40	all squadrons returned to Brouai area.	
	28th	0800	Regiment moved independently to Brouai area on sea shore at TEL EL HARAKEB. The brigade being withdrawn from battle line in order to rest.	HDPZ.
		12.30	arrived at Brouai area.	
	29th	08.30	NCOs and men of regiment disinfectcd at KHAN YUNUS.	HDPZ.
	30th		NIL.	HDPZ.
	31st	1700	Regiment attended lecture and gas demonstration by Div Gas officer. All gas helmets inspected beforehand and certificates as to serviceable condition rendered by OTC squadrons. Major C E REYNARD (invalided to ENGLAND 30/9/16) rejoined regiment and assumed duties of second in command. On this date strength with unit in the field was 21 officers 353 OR.	HDPZ.

J Wilson Lt Col  
Commanding 1/1 East Riding Yeos

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Patrol to hill 720 reports and opposed by small parties of enemy about 8 men each who took up line from H in HAWAFISH through house 2 miles east hill 720 to hill 820 with THWEILEL KABARI and posts usually 20 to 30 strong and total of enemy seen about 50 cavalry and 150 infantry, on just dismounted men and advanced guard opposed by enemy who apparently spent night at KH KHASIF and then returned to ridge 820 840 and hills south of WADI EL SABA and about 300 cavalry and camelry opposed us there on this line and position due to enemy small redoubts and long trench across

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FARA BEER SHEBA road just west of KH KHASIF and railway road and viaduct seen indistinctly and no traffic on roads or railway and condition of roads those seen easy grades and passable for all arms and water two water cisterns just west of hill 720 depth not ascertained and at KH KHASIF two cisterns already reported on and EL BUGGAR two cisterns about 3000 gallons and at the R of EL BUGGAR two large cisterns and further information of water will be sent and crops and crops around

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EL BUGGAR being cut also mild north and south give excellent cover from observation from east and south for large numbers of troops and observation points 1/2 mile north of B on EL BUGGAR 800 contour line and 1/4 mile west of cross roads GAZA ABU SHAWISH KHALASA and FARA BEERSHEBA where country can be seen NE E SE S and SW and telegraph lines and telegraph line from KHALIF to BEERSHEBA is being demolished by enemy transport seen a few small camel trains about 25 camels and 4 camps sited between 600 contour

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line one 3/4 mile north of K in KRIR, OEIG and where track from KH IMAEIH returns east out 45 minute line and fires observed all day at those places and also about KH EL SUEI and later patrols to GOZ EL GELEIB and GOZ EL BASAL report enemy did not push forward when Bde was withdrawn nor were any enemy troops seen and  
(Under cover of BMB, 12/5/17

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Appendix 3

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Following from Reg. Div. begins new arrangements work regard to Outpost and battle lines will take place from noon ~~Monday~~ <sup>Tuesday</sup> 12th May 2nd Div ANZAC Mid. Div will continue responsibility for Outpost and patrolling East of the WADI and the Bridgehead defences from HISEIA to FARA both inclusive. They will also be responsible for defences of the west bank of the WADI within same limits assisted by 3 companies 7th Div. B.A.A. for height only the B.A.C. NZMR Bde will be prepared in case of attack to man the new defences just dug by the Imp. Mid. Div. and are numbered 1, 1A, 2B, 2 AAA position as follows on west bank of WADI at ~~5h~~ <sup>5h</sup> GANKI where Regt of 1MD which is on East bank reaches the WADI to a point about due South of the present NZMR Bde because ~~all~~ <sup>for</sup> information

From *2nd Div Bde*

Place

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(Z) *Capt. G. Deane, 1st Div*

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Australian & New Zealand Mounted Division

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Order No. 2

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Major General Sir C. Chayton, C.B., C.M.G.  
Commanding A. & N.Z. Mtd Div.

15th May 1917

Ref maps

EL SHELLAL 1/40,000

RAFA 1/125,000

### 1. Digging of new Battle Line

On the night 16/17th, the new Battle Line on the east bank of the WADI GHUZZE will be commenced by the 74th Div. This line extends from GAML crossing to about 1/2 mile north of HISEIA crossing and running roughly 300 yards east of our present outpost line.

Work will begin at 1915 on the 16th and cease at 0405 on the 17th.

On cessation of work, one platoon will remain as garrison to each work.

### 2. Covering Force

The Anzac Mounted Division will provide covering party during the night 16/17th, one Regiment being provided by 2nd L.H. Bde and one by N.Z.M.R. Bde. These Regiments will be pushed about one mile east of the working parties.

The covering line will be divided into sectors, the right sector will be responsible for covering the work from EL GAML to a line drawn through EL SHELLAL - GOZ EL GELEIB exclusive, the left sector to cover the work from the above line inclusive to point 1/2 mile north of HISEIA.

Regiment N.Z.M.R. Bde will be responsible for the right sector and Regiment 2nd L.H. Bde for left sector.

Regiments will be in position by 1830 on 16th inst and will be withdrawn on 17th when the "all clear" is given.

### 3. Communications

of Signals will arrange cable communication with each Regiment from D.H.Q. and also lateral communication between Regt. H.Q.

O's.C. Regiments detailed will point out to representative Signals site of Regt. H.Q. for the night not later than 1200 on 16th inst. all clear reports will be sent in hourly.

### 4. Standing Patrols

Standing patrols usually supplied by 1st L.H. Bde + 2nd Mtd Bde will not be provided on the night 16/17th.

### 5. Action in case of attack

Action in case of attack will be in accordance with orders already issued, Regiments delaying attack until joined by their Bdes which will engage the enemy east of the WADI in a delaying action.

These Regiments will be responsible that warning is sent to the working parties who will retire through the gaps in the outpost line.

### 6. Action

Signed G. Browne Lt Col  
General Staff

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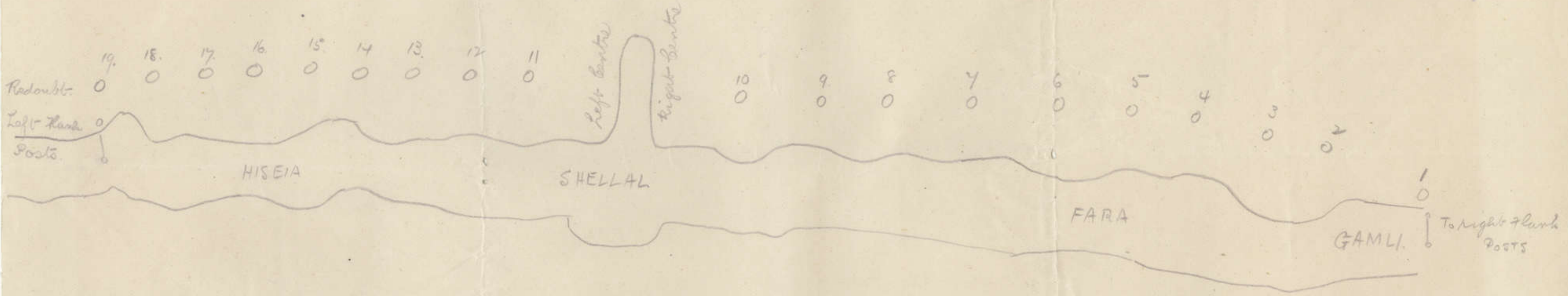
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		17	a.d.v.s.

Copy of 74th Divn Orders attached for information

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# Diagram to Illustrate Construction of Battle Line on East Bank of WADI GAUZZE.

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estimates of forces of enemy cavalry  
 came to IMSELA at 0500  
 yesterday AM 6TH MTD BDE  
 are sending two regiment through  
 GAMBI to KHIRB ET KASIF to  
 reach that place at 0900  
 today to attach these cavalry  
 if found this place at  
 N 2 MTD BDE will turn  
 out for me regiment  
 leaving bivouac at such an  
 hour as to arrive at  
 point 550 3/4 of as  
 mile NW of IMSIRI at  
 0900 and cooperate with 6TH

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<u>BMS</u>	<u>17/5</u>		

The Suffolk Regt will take over the present line held by 22nd Ind Bde at 1700 today after relief the bde will withdraw to bivouac sites on west bank of WADI at Lincoln Regt and Riding Regt in vicinity of camp at present occupied by NZMR bde who are moving to EL SHAUTH Stafford Regt will concentrate near Regimental HQs other units will remain as at present including bde HQs camps must be well scattered & avoid aeroplane observation units need not stand to tomorrow and there after until further notice orders

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but should be ready to move at 2 hours notice. The Lincoln Regt and East Riding Regt will hand over the 1000 bombs held by each of them to NZMR bde as soon as possible. The usual standing patrols furnished by Lincoln Regt and East Riding Regt will be sent out tonight and in future as hitherto these patrols as soon as (all clear) in the mornings will return to camps informing infantry posts on way and report bde HQs on return. Representatives of Lincoln Regt and Riding Regt will meet Staff Captain at Bde HQs 1530 today.

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FROM *22nd Inf Bde*

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Left section

No. redoubt	No. of Troops	No. of yards proposed	No. of yards in hands.	No. of yards completed.	Remarks
1.1	Troop	F.T. 18. 24	6	18.	It is proposed to construct new fire trench on right of no. 1.
		CT 26	6	20	
2	1 Troop	F.T.		25	} completed.
		CT		40	
3	1 Troop	F.T.		35	completed
		CT	75.	55.	20 yards to be deepened 1 ft.
4	2 Troop	F.T.		52	} completed
		CT		40	
5	1 Troop	F.T.		30	} completed.
		CT		50	
5	2 Troop	ST.		25	} completed.
		CT		50	
		F.T.		43	} completed.
		CT.		44	
7	2 Troop	S.F.		508.	completed. Redoubt will hold one sqdn.
8	1 Troop	F.T.		62	} completed
		CT.		28.	

Note. Hotchkiss rifle emplacement constructed in connection with all five trenches.

Wire. Approximately 3100 yards of entanglement has been erected. Success in openings and mounds from the same are in course of execution.

Roads. a new crossing and approximately 800 yards of road has been made from WADI GHUZZE to direction of no 7 redoubt.

Second Line Defences. The above measurements do not include 225 yards of trenches originally dug by this regiment and are now occupied since outpost line moved forward.

High S P Francis Lt Col for Lt Col Commanding 1/1 East Bedford Regt  
9.5.17.



Progress Report

Left Section

1/1 East Riding 400.

No of Troops.	Garrison.	No yards completed since last report.	Remarks.
1.	one troop.	Completed.	12 yards new fire trench, 4'6" deep with 12 yards communication trench (garrison section). Sandbag parapet dug & completed. Dug out for storing bombs.
2.	one troop (+ one troop in support).	Completed.	Hotchkiss emplacement completed with sandbags. Dug out for storing bombs.
3.	one troop.	20 yards C.T. completed.	gully leading to trench widened to facilitate passage of horses. Dug out for storing bombs.
4.	2 troops.	Completed. communication trenches deepened 1'6".	Dugouts for men and dugouts for bombs constructed. This work is now connected with AC No 27 which has been made since last report.
5.	one troop (+ one troop in support).	Completed. communication trenches & support trench widened 9".	Dug out for bombs made in fire trench & support trench.
6.	one troop.	Completed. new Hotchkiss rifle pit constructed on right communication trenches widened and deepened and parapets re-faced.	Dug out for bombs & reserves ammunition completed.
7.	2 troops.	Ditto	Ditto
8.	1 troop	Ditto	Ditto.

Wire The wiring of the present outpost line is completed.

Roads The Roads in connection with ACs 25, 26, 27 and 28, from the WADI GHUZI to the wire entanglement are now fit for wheeled traffic. AC 26 road has been installed at entrance to WADI. Metal has also been laid from WADI to junction of ACs 27 & 28. AC 27 road affords a covered approach to work No 4 and partially covered communication (with AC 28) with works 6 and 7.

Range Works Existing trenches provide only lateral communication in the open from Nos 1 to 6. New range works have been erected in connection with all fire trenches and the necessary charts prepared.

Field of Fire has been improved throughout by levelling of old Turkish dugouts. New Battle Line is now in course of construction in front of present outpost line.

Maps see sketch map attached.

Wilson,  
Commanding 1/1 East Riding 400.  
21 Col  
16. 5. 17.

10 **ROUGH SKETCH PLAN OF THE DEFENCES OF THE EAST RIDING**  
**YEOMANRY'S SECTOR.**

Appendix No. 9

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Scale, 1:10,000



Appendix 9

16/5/17

- Appendix 10 27/5/14
- Parade Operation orders
1. The Regiment will parade for operations at 1825. Squadrons will be drawn up in squadron column in their own lines facing East.
  2. Order of march. B. C. A.
  3. Detachments. On arrival at Divisional place of assembly, A Squadron will be detached to act as escort to D.A.C.  
O.C. A Squadron will then report in person to O.C. D.A.C. O.C. C Squadron will detail one section to ride in rear of the Brigade with Major E. D. Moore.
  4. Protection O.C. C Squadron will detail a right and a left flank guard to the Regiment each consisting of half a troop.
  5. Liaison officer O.C. A Squadron will detail 1 officer ~~and an NCO~~ to report to the Bde Major at ~~1900~~ 1830 at Bde place of assembly.
  6. Rations + Forage. 74 hours rations + forage will be carried.  
Watercart and packs containing 3 days special emergency rations will be left in camp.
  7. Spare horses. All spare horses in excess of 4 per sqdn will remain in camp in charge of personnel medically unfit.
  8. Routine. Tea will be at 1400. Waterbottles will be filled at 1730.

9. Parade States, showing personnel  
and animals on parade and left in  
camp will be handed to the adjutant  
on Parade.

Hq. D.P. Francis Lt Col

Issued at 13 07.

## Appendix II.

Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 1917

## Summary of Report

07.30 Left WADI-QHUXZI for <sup>reconnaissance</sup> ~~subject~~ AM

09.00 In touch with Australian Patrol who report Turks East of WADI IMHEIHAAA.

From Pt. 300 Patrol sent to reconnoitre WADI-SHARIA & WADI-IMHEIH. who reported WADI strongly held by mounted troops, approximately one regiment about one mile East of Pt. 340, also numerous droops of enemy & party of Bedouins with pack camels harvesting one million <sup>S. of Pt. 340</sup> on East bank of WADI-IMHEIHAAA.

North bank of WADI-SHARIA between Pts. 310 & 380 are entrenched & held by enemy troops. Two Sqds of TURKISH cavalry seen at 10.30 to be marching towards the East. about 1 mile North of Khirbit-erK. Numerous sniper pits observed along S.W. bank of both Wadis. Redoubt in construction at 340 West of Khirbit-erKAAA.

at 10.30 this Patrol got within 50 yards of WADI but were under heavy sniper fire, & retired towards Pt. 300 being pursued by strong droop of enemy cavalry

This enemy hood was eventually  
driven off by fire from two  
Hotchkiss guns, & returned  
into Wadi.

A second patrol was sent to reconnoitre  
the junction of WADI SHERIA & IMLEIH at  
Pt 340. This patrol was fired on from WADI  
when 500 yds. it worked up to within 300 yds  
of Pt 310, but was unable to get any nearer.  
Reports a partly constructed fire trench about  
26 yds in length facing S.E. 400 yds S of Pt  
310, and another trench 600 yds from WADI

W. of 310  
Established communication with a patrol  
of Coy. of London Yeo on the left flank.  
Numerous snipers in the corn were seen  
shooting all day.  
Bedouin sawnters N. Bank of WADI'S  
Light not good for observation.  
When withdrawn <sup>13:00</sup> from Pt 300, Turks did  
not come on.

Unable to see anything on Suwayyeh Ridge  
owing to light.  
From Pt. 300 I got in touch with Lincoln Yeo  
on my right flank.  
sent the situation report at 14-30 by Helio  
" " reporting in position at " Helio.

R.R. Capt.

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# Appendix 12

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Orders by Lieut-Col. The Hon. G. Wilson D.S.O.

Commanding 11st East Riding Yeomanry.

26 May 1917.

### Reference Maps.

SINAI, BEERSHEBA. 1/125000  
RAFA.

1. The Regiment will furnish following reconnaissance detachments tomorrow 24th inst.

Dispositions. (1) C Squadron will proceed to GOZ WABRUK and from there will push forward 2 Troops towards BIR EL ESANI and the WADI IMALAGA and 1 Troop to point 530 2 1/2 Miles SW of GOZ WABRUK.

(2) B Squadron will proceed GOZ EL BASAL: Base 1 Troop there and push forward remainder towards KARAI - KH. KHASIF.

(3) A Squadron will proceed to GOZ EL GELEIB Base 1 Troop at point 470 and push remainder towards point 510 ABU SHAWISH and point 410 WADI IMLIEH. The latter party not to attempt to cross the WADI.

If Staffs you will send out 2 Troops towards SAUSAGE Ridge with orders not to cross the WADI SHARIA.

2 Medical. O.C. 2nd Mtd Bde FA. is detaching 2 sand carts to accompany A Squadron and to report to O.C. A Squadron at home bivouac at 0650.

3 Timetable. Squadrons will leave the bivouac area at 0630 and will water on the way out, order A.B.C. They will commence withdrawal at 1500.

4 Action. Detachments must not become seriously engaged. Their role will be to get and maintain touch with taken enemy, observe his movements and send back information.

5 Communications. Each Squadron will maintain constant visual communication with Bde Signal Troop at TELE EL FARA.

6 Reports. Early information is essential. Any movements of enemy will be reported at once giving precise details. All messages will be addressed to Bde H.Q. A short report summarizing up situation will be despatched to reach TELE EL FARA by 1530. In addition a detailed report will be sent in to Bde through post H.Q. on return of detachments to camp. If bells fair, despatch riders must be sent in. O.C. Squadrons will immediately report their return to bivouac area to Bde H.Q.

signed at 1500

Copy to 1 O.C. A Squadron  
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Adjutant,  
11st East Riding Yeomanry.