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WAR DIARY

1st WORCESTERSHIRE YEOMANRY

FOR

MARCH 1917.

WITH APPENDICES ATTACHED.

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E. SE. of 450.

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Hour, Date, Place

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Remarks and references to Appendices

EL BURJ 13/7 4 9 3/7

3/3/7

Regiment remained in bivouac camp at EL BURJ.
 Regt found day outpost at Hill 180 N. of 'S' in UTRET MATAUD.
 also night post on RAFA ROAD, 1 1/2 miles S. of Camp, also
 patrol to UTRET MATAUD + EL GHARRA.

Ref. MAP. 21 24154
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4/3/7

W. S. M. Brodie J. R. severely wounded, of 1st Inf. invalided
 to England per H.S. GLENGONN CASTLE.

5/3/7

Inspection of men and horses by Gen. Hodson, G.O.C.
 I.M.D.

6/3/7

Outposts and patrols as on 3rd.

7/3/7

A Brigade Machine Gun Sqdn having been formed
 the Wac. Sec Section was handed over complete
 and struck off strength of Unit. Strength, 10 Officers
 (2 Lieut. H. F. Kendrick) and 30, 0 ranks, 31 horses
 6 mules + 2 machine guns.

10/3/17.

Regiment moved by march route to SHEIKH ZOWAID
 left EL BURJ camp 09.30, marched by beach road.

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 Capt. G. H. Wood. G.O.C.

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10/3/17	arriving at SIR ABU HATHALA 12.30 and bivouacked there. marching out strength. Officers 22. ORanks 377. Horses and mules 1130. By rail, 1 Officer, ORanks 27. Major Hon J.C. Lyttelton rejoined from base.	
SHEIKH ZAWAD 11/3/17 - 20/3/17	Regt. remained at SHEIKH ZAWAD	
21/3/17	Regt. moved by march route leaving SHEIKH ZAWAD 09.20 arrived RAFA 12.30 and camped S.E. of police post. Capt MC. Albright to hospital severe injuries to head received whilst riding at RAFA races.	
22/3/17	'C' Sqn. (Major W.H. Anglin 250 in command) strength 3 Officers, 64 ORanks. formed working party to develop water in conjunction with RE. troops. 1 mile N. of L. in GOZ EL TAIRE.	
	'A' Sqn. (Lieut. F.H. Mitchell in command) found protection to this party to E. & NE. consisting of outpost line from GOZ EL TAIRE to WADI EL GULZE.	

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M. Pearson
Lieut. Staff
for O/C 11 Worcestershire Co.
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RABA 22/3/7	Two hostile aeroplanes inspected party thoroughly Party left camp 0700 returned 18.20										
23/3/7	Regt. Shingh 250 Off. 380 OR. Lt. Col. H.J. Williams in command. left camp at 05.00 in support to reconnaissance of WADI EL GHUZZE and returned to RABA arriving 19.00										
24/3/7	Operation of 5TH MOUNTED BRIGADE attached. Regt remained at RABA.	APPENDIX I.									
25/3/7	Regt. moved by march route from RABA to DEIR EL BELAH R/ Shingh 250 Officers, 370 ORs and bivouacked here.	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>RABA</td> <td>11725,000</td> <td>and</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DEIR EL BELAH</td> <td>22292,000</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>34017,000</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	RABA	11725,000	and	DEIR EL BELAH	22292,000			34017,000	
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TEL BELAH 26/3/7	Regt marched from DEIR EL BELAH to take up line KHARBET EL ABJM. - KH-MUNTARET, EL BACHL, Special mission to prevent 7,000 enemy at TEL EL SHERIA & MAREINA from reinforcing the troops in GAZA during the attack on the GAZA positions. Operation Order.	APPENDIX II 1 MAR 1917 APPENDIX III Lt Col. H. J. Williams for DC/1 Worcesterhouse Geo.									

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1st Force Recon Co

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DEIR EL BELAH. 26/3/47 1230	Regr. left bivouac DEIR EL BELAH.	
05.00	Arrived at big hill at EL DEMEITHA	
0745	Arrived at EL KUTSHAN. Offence patrol 200 yards and 6 men detailed by I.M.D. left unit for observation.	
0845	Towards ABU HAREIRA at 0945 (Copies of reconnaissance reports attached) C Squadron formed advance guard and left EL KUTSHAN at 0815 for SINAH and reconnaissance towards ABU HAREIRA, and were in observation until 1800	APPENDIX IV.
1800	A & D Squad. left EL KUTSHAN at 0820 and having received 'all clear' from Major AM Wiggins (advance Squadron) at SINAH moved forward and watched at water hole at SINAH.	
0945	A Squad (Major SC GOSLiffenish in Command) pushed on towards 457 and surprised enemy camp, taking 59 prisoners near EL KHIRKITY.	1st Force Recon Co 2nd Force Recon Co for 41 Force Recon Co

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Remainder of narrative, see
 H. Co. 3 troops D Coy and HQ Detachment of 16th MG
 Coy remained in reserve at KHIRBET MUTHRET EL BACH.
 1710 Verbal message received from BULLOCK that they
 were heavily attacked about 3 miles N. & N.W.
 of Staker with three troops of D Coy was sent
 to support them.
 1745 A Coy returned to Regt HQ.
 1800 Orders were received to move to Bde HQ in
 support to WARWICK Y80. near 1450.
 1820 Deployed, dismounted for action (HQs
 1 troop D Coy, C Coy, and HQ Det) on left
 of line held by WARWICK Y80. A large force of
 tribes from EL HERBIRA was seen moving N.E. with
 the intention of outflanking this line.
 1900 Retired in rear of WARWICK on HQs of I.M.D.

APPENDIX V

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 J. P. RAYSON
 Capt
 for G.C. Worcesterhouse

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28/3/7. 0135
EL RESSEIM.

at EL RESSEIM. The troops D' Sgdn joined Regt here at 2330.
Drove by at EL RESSEIM until 0135 when I.M.D. Headquarters gave orders to move back to INSERAT which was reached at 0800.

28/3/7. 0530

Regt. moved 1/2 mile NW to a position near T. in GOZ. ELTAIRE in support to outpost line. Ref Map. C' Sgdn sent out two patrols.
NO I. to ABASAN ELKEBIR.

R.A.F. 1:125,000

14.00

NO II to EL IMRAN. (Capt. J. Babbey). NO 2 patrol had 1 horse killed by rifle fire from enemy trenches N of WADI SHEIKH NURAN.
Regt. moved back into camp at EL WADI EL SELKA.

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Remained in camp at WADI EL SELKA, bathed and scrubbed horses.

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WADI EL SELKA. 30/3/17.

Moved out at 12.00 to point N. of I. in GOR. EL TAIRE and at 16.45 held outpost line right sector.

12.30. 31/3/17.

Arrived in camp at WADI EL SELKA.

M. M. Pearson.
Lieut. Adjt
for op/c/ Worcester 420.
10.4.17.

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RECOGNITION
No. 8/37/47

Appendix I
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5th. MOUNTED BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO. 35.

Brigade Headquarters.
KZ.3.17.

REFERENCE MAP 125,000

1. Week messy patrols have been set by our reconnoitring Patrols on the West bank of the WADI SUZZA.
2. The Imperial Mounted Division less one Regiment 5th. Mounted Brigade will cover the reconnaissance tomorrow to be carried out by Officers of the DESERT COLUMN of the area ABU BAKRA to the Sea. This area will be made good by the Division by 0900.
3. The area allotted to the 5th. Mounted Brigade is from ABU BAKRA inclusive to SHEIKH NUBHAN exclusive. They will also be responsible for the protection of the right flank.
4. The Brigade will be ready to move at 0600. The Warwick Yeomanry with one Section of the Machine Gun Squadron proceeding via ABASAN EL KEBIR to TEL EL JEMMI. The Gloucestershire Yeomanry with two sections of the Machine Gun Squadron via HEMI SALLA and IN SEIKAT to ABU IM TRIBIS. The Worcestershire Yeomanry in support on the latter route. The first bound will be to the line ABASAN EL KEBIR - HEMI SALLA, where advance Regiments will communicate and whence they will move at 0700. The points mentioned on the WADI above will be reached by 0840 and intercommunication between Regiments and the 3rd. Light Horse Brigade at SHEIKH NUBHAN at once established; and reports "All clear" or otherwise made to Brigade Headquarters. (see order number 7.)
5. The Field Ambulance will follow the Warwick Yeomanry as far as point 340 on the TEL EL JEMMI road, where they will park under a guard to be detailed by G. C. Warwick Yeomanry. The Field Troop will follow the Worcestershire Yeomanry, G. C. latter detailing a small rear guard. On arrival at IN SEIKAT the G. C. Worcester Yeomanry will detail two Officers and Ten G.M. with necessary tools to report to G. C. Divisional R. E. Squadron at 0845. at point 320. for the purpose of carrying out a water reconnaissance.
6. Three days rations for men will accompany Units on Pack Horses. First line transport with forage and water on a light scale will accompany the Division but will not proceed beyond KHAN YUNUS. The Transport Officer with all Units first line Transport and field Ambulance Camels will report to D.A.A. & Q.M.G. Imperial Mounted Division at point 370, WADI South East of KHAN YUNUS at 0845. Units will detail the usual small escorts for their Camels which will move off immediately the Brigade is clear of Camp.
7. Brigade Headquarters will march with the supporting Squadron Gloucestershire Yeomanry and will be in the vicinity of the "A" in ABU IM TRIBIS at 0840. where the Signal Station will be established.

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Acting Brigade Major,
5th. Mounted Brigade.

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- 2. Warwickshire Yeomanry.
- 3. Gloucestershire Yeomanry.
- 4. Worcestershire Yeomanry.
- 5. 16th. Machine Gun Squadron.
- 6. Field Troop R.E.
- 7. Field Ambulance.
- 8. O. C. Camel Transport.
- 9. Signal Troop.
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APPENDIX II.

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5th. MOUNTED BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER NO. 36.

REFERENCE 1
125,000

Brigade Headquarters.
24.3.17.

1. The Enemy are reported to be holding a position East and South of GAZA.
2. The Brigade on light scale of transport (ie, all arrangements the same as yesterday) will move to DIR EL BELAH tomorrow March 25th. times and order of march as follows. Starting point "B" in DIR RUFKIN.

Gloucestershire Yeomanry
Headquarters and Signals.
Worcestershire Yeomanry
Machine Gun Squadron
Warwick Yeomanry.

the leading Regiment will move off in time for the head of the column to pass the starting point at 0845. remaining Units tailing in in column of route. On arrival at TEL-EL MARAKEB the Brigade will halt and water and will move on so that the head will pass a point 300yds. North East of the 3rd. Light Horse Brigade Camp at 1615. proceeding by Coast route. Representatives of Units will report to the A/Staff Captain at the ruins at DIR EL BELAH at 1545. to be shown their Bivouac areas.

3. First line Camels will be loaded and concentrated in rear of Brigade Headquarters by 0800. with the usual escorts.
4. The Brigade Veterinary Officer will march with the Warwick Yeomanry.
5. Reports during the march on the 25th. to the Head of the Brigade.

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A/Brigade Major.
5th. Mounted Brigade.

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| | 3. | Gloucestershire Yeomanry |
| | 4. | Worcestershire Yeomanry |
| | 5. | 16th. Machine Gun Squadron. |
| | 6. | Brigade Veterinary Officer. |
| | 7. | O.C. Signals. |
| | 8. | O.C. Supplies. |
| | 9. | O.C. Camels. |
| | 10. | WAR DIARY. |
| | 11. | O.C. Mobile Veterinary Section. |



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COPY APPENDIX III

Operation Order 37

25. 3. 17

REF MAP 1:25000 BEERSHEBA

1) Reference I.M.O. operation order No. 10
The Brigade will be ready to move at 02.15. 25/3/17.
units will move off in following order, guided by
Brigade Major.

- Worcestershire Yeomanry
- H.Q. and Signal Troop
- Warwickshire Yeomanry
- M.G. Squadron less 1 Section
- Field Troop.

They will close up on the rear of A.M.Z. Division by
the single line at EL DENEITH and will follow their route
as far as EL MENOHR. At this point Worcestershire
Yeomanry will form the advanced guard, paying special
attention to their right flank.

The GAZA - BEERSHEBA road will be crossed near SINGRE.
Hence 1 Squadron Worcestershire Yeomanry will
reconnoitre towards HAIRBIRA on arrival in vicinity
of Hill 454 second Squadron will be pushed towards
450.

The 3rd Squadron of this regiment taking up a supporting
position midway between 454 and 457, and will again touch
with A.M.Z. Division at latter place.

Remainder of Brigade will move to a position of
readiness in the vicinity of 457.

- (2) Under Divisional arrangements, dressing stations will
be formed near D.H.Q. which will be at KHURBAT el REICIM.
A Veterinary dressing station will also be established near
D.H.Q. on GAZA - BEERSHEBA road.
- (3) The Det. Ambr. Col. will be close in rear of D.H.Q.
- (4) OC M.G. Squadron will detail one section to accompany
Worcestershire Yeomanry.

(2)
Operation Order 37 (cont)

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5) Brigade headquarters will march at head of
6) Warwickshire Yeomanry and will establish at 457.

Dictated to Units at 21.26.
DEIR EL BELAH
25:3:17.

(Signed) Hampton Capt.
Staff Captain
5th Mounted Brigade

APPENDIX V (War Diary)

1/1 Worcestershire Yeomanry

REF MAP
BEERSHEVA 125000

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26th

10.35 Regimental Headquarters and D Squadron
moved forward to KH. MUNTARET EL BAGHL, 1 Troop D
Squadron detached for flank protection remained
in observation during the day at KH. EL KORKHAN.
11.15. A message was received from Major Blake
that he was proceeding to attack a TURKISH Camp
1 mile SSE of 450, at 11.45 Major Blake reported
capture of camp with 57 prisoners & 2 pack mules.
see messages FB 1 & 2 attached.

"A" Form.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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