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Cavalry

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Title: 1st Royal Gloucestershire
Hussars Yeomanry, Imperial
Mounted Division

January 1918

Royal Gloucester Geo.

WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918.			
	Jan.	1.	Rain started to fall heavily at 0915 and continued at intervals all day. Horses arrived 0950, and we started from point 1/2 mile S.E. of EL BURJ to LATRON at 1100 and arrived at 1335. The bivouac area and horse lines became a sea of mud very rapidly. An extra ration of firewood was obtained and fires were kept going most of the night.	REF. Map:- 1" Sheets 17, <u>PALESTINE.</u>
	Jan.	2.	Left LATRON 0745 and marched to YEBNAH via RAMLEH. Reached Regimental Details camp 1,000 yards S.E. of YEBNAH 1445.	
	Jan.	3.	A dismounted party of 85 O.R.'s. under Lieut. E. Gilholme rode to ESHDUD to entrain for BELAH, the horses returning the same day.	
	Jan.	4.	Capt. A.G. Wykeham-Musgrave left to attend a Gas Course at RAFA. Left YEBNAH at 1150 (Marching out state:- 14 officers, 294 O.R.'s., 348 horses, 8 mules) and reached camp 2 miles N. of ESHDUD 1430 - distance 8 1/2 miles.	
	Jan.	5.	Left camp 0930. Started to march to MEDJEL at 1005, and reached camp 1400 - distance 9 1/2 miles.	
	Jan.	6.	Paraded 0830 and heavy rain set in which lasted all day and night. Halted at DIER SINEID to feed from 1130 - 1220 and reached bivouac area N. of GAZA 1440.	
	Jan.	7.	Very cold morning. Paraded 0830 and proceeded via KURD Valley and HAPPY Valley to WADI GHUZZE, which was crossed on the tractor bridge 300 yards N. of Red House where we halted to water.	
	Jan.	8.	Reached camp N. of lagoon at DEIR EL BELAH 1315. 2/Lt. W.J. Pretty reported/occupied getting camp in order. for duty from TIDWORTH.	
	"	9.	" " " " " A draft of 7 O.R.'s joined, also 32 O.R.'s. returned for duty.	
	Jan.	10.	Signal and Hotchkiss Gun Classes started. 2/Lieut. G.E. Hookham returned from Hospital. 2/Lieut. L.J. Page reported for duty from TIDWORTH. Inspection of horses by Bde. Vet. Officer. Capt. A.G. Wykeham-Musgrave returned from Gas Course RAFA.	
	Jan.	11.		
	"	12.		
	"	13.		
	"	14.	24 Reinforcements arrived. Preliminary training in Musketry started.	
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	"	16.		

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	Jan.	17	N.C.O's. classes started. 2/Lieut. E. Penn and 2/Lieut. H.G. Southam reported for duty.	
	"	18		
	"	19		
	"	20	Memorial Service for those who fell during recent operations.	
	"	21	Musketry commenced. (for Practices see Appendix No. 1)	
	"	24	Inspection of the Regiment (dismounted) at the Rifle Range by Corps Commander. Lieut. W.S.A. Woodcock proceeded to PORT SAID to embark for 3 weeks leave in U.K. Musketry continued.	
	"		Lieut. E.T. Cripps from Hospital. Lieut. F.H. Bailey (Shropshire Yeo, attached I.C.C.) reported for duty and attached to Regiment. Musketry was carried out from 21st to 24th inclusive for 10 continuously per day. Each Squadron was allotted three and a quarter hours per day and the markers were worked in three reliefs: they also shot with their Squadrons. Of the 399 men available for firing the course, 395 were able to complete or partly complete all practices. The weather was favourable, light good and wind almost negligible except on 24th, when it blew from N.E. (fresh). The results obtained were satisfactory. (See Appendix No. 1)	
	"	25	Major C.E. Turner, D.S.O. also proceeded to ALEXANDRIA to embark for 3 weeks leave in the U.K.	
	"	26	Inspection of Transport by Lieut. Wilmott, A.S.C. <u>Work for the Week:-</u> Riding School, Individual and Troop Training, Hotchkiss Gun and Signalling Classes, Instruction of Junior Officers, Inspection of Kit, Saddlery, Arms and Equipment.	
	"	27	G.O.C., Aus. Mtd, Div, accompanied by G.O.C., 5th. Mtd, Bde, inspected the Regiment at Stables.	
	"	28	Work for week continued.	
	"	29	" " " "	
	"	30	" " " "	
	"	31	" " " "	

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			STRENGTH OF REGIMENT WITH UNIT-IN-THE-FIELD for month ending JANUARY 31st. 1918.																					
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			Casualties in action during month — Nil.																					
			Nil. Officers to Hospital during month.																					
			3 " from " " "																					
			3 " reported for duty from U.K.																					
			1 " " " " and attached.																					
			2 " to U.K. on Leave for 3 weeks.																					
			10 O.R.'s. to Hosp. during month.																					
			63 " from Hosp. " "																					
			12 " Draft arrived.																					
			1 " transferred to Rly. Operating Div.																					
			6 Offs.) Granted Short Leave																					
			16 O.R.'s.) during month.																					
			10 " Proceeded to PORT SAID Rest Camp during month.																					
			1 Horse died during month.																					
			4 Horses to Mobile Vet. Hosp.																					
			26 " evacuated to Base Vet. Hosp.																					
			5 " returned from Mob. Vet. Hosp.																					
			2 Mules																					
			2 Donkeys to Mob. Vet. Hosp.																					
			 ADJUTANT	W 27/18																				
			ROYAL GLOUCESTER HUSSARS YEOMANRY																					

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TIME TABLE.

Date	Hour	Sqn.	Practices.	Remarks.
21	0700	A	Grouping	H.Q. shoots with A Sqn.
"	1015	B	"	Transport shoots with their Sqns.
"	1330	D	"	Bad sheets will repeat practices etc. during 1st hour of time allotted to Sqns.
22	0700	B	2 and 3	Practices 2 & 3 will be shot concurrently. If time permits, 4 & 5 will be started.
"	1015	D	" " "	
"	1330	A	" " "	
23	0700	D	4, 5 & 6	Practices 4 & 5 will be shot concurrently.
"	1015	A	" " "	
"	1330	B	" " "	
24	0700	A	7 & 8	Practices 7 & 8 will be shot concurrently Markers for A Sqn. D Sqn. markers. " " B " A " " " " D " B " "
"	1015	B	" " "	
"	1330	D	" " "	

C O U R S E S .

Practice	Distances yards.	No. of rounds.	Practice.
All Practices lying.			
1	100	5	Grouping
2	200	5	Slow
3	200	5	(X) Rapid with bayonet fixed, Time 45 secs.
4	300	5	Slow.
5	300	10	Rapid. Time 1 minute. Rifle to be loaded with 10 5 rds, butts on the ground.
6	400	5	Slow.
7	500	5	Slow.
8	500	5	Rapid. Time 30 secs. Rifle to be loaded: butts on ground.
		45	
		5	Spare
	TOTAL	50	

(X) Rifle to be unloaded when order to fire is given.