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Cavalry

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

February 1918

1/1. ROYAL GLOUCESTERSHIRE HORSE BUSSARS YEOMANRY.
WAR DIARY

Army Form C

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks referred to Appendix
	1918.			
	Feb.	1.	Continuation of work as laid down in previous month. Capt. E.P. Butler to Bde. H.Q. as understudy to Staff Capt. Lieut. P.H. Morgan took over duties of Adjutant vice Capt. E.P. Butler to Bde. H.Q.	Map Ref. RAFA. 1:125,000.
	"	2.	Work for week continued. The Commanding Officer left for three weeks' leave in Upper Egypt, in whose absence Capt. A.H. Howard took over command of the Regiment.	
	"	3.	Work for week continued. Following results were received from School of Instruction, ZBITOUS, obtained at recent Courses:- 235478. L/Cpl Gage P., Qualified Instructor, Hotchkiss 'A'. 235115. L/Sgt Mabbett, C, 2nd Class N.C.O's General Course.	
	"	4.	Work for the Week:- Previous week's work continued where necessary, combined with Squadron Drill. Chap. 4. Sec. 129 - 136. Walk and trot in line - Column of troops - Column of half Squadrons - extensions. Note any crowding and opening out - Conformity of Troop Leaders in movement to rear.	
	"	5.	Work for week continued. Very wet weather.	
	"	6.	Work for week continued. Undermentioned Officers and N.C.O's were detailed to parade daily for a Course of Instruction in Swordsmanship held at Divisional H.Q. The Course to last twelve days:- Lieut. G.V. Hawtrey, 2nd Lieuts. H.C. Southam & A.E. Cornwall 235349. Sergt. J.H.T. Barton. 235370. L/Sgt. I.D. Breakwell. 235082. Corpl'. H.W. Smith.	
	"	7.	Stormy weather during day. Work for week continued. Draft of 2 O.R's arrived. 10. Remounts arrived.	
	"	8.	Work for week continued.	

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	Feb.	8.	Lieut. E.G. Townsend returned from Signalling Course at School of Instruction, ZEITOUN.	
	"		Rehearsal parade for Aus. Mtd. Div. was fixed for this date in view of Commander in Chief's pending early Inspection. Owing to bad weather the Parade was cancelled.	
	"	9.	Work for week continued. Continuance of wet weather.	
	"	10.	Work for week continued. Continuance of wet weather.	
	"	11.	<u>Work for the Week:-</u> Continue work of 2nd week combined with two simple troop schemes with Hotchkiss Guns used as troop weapons and squadron weapons - advance guard - flank and rear drill formations - artillery barrage formations. 20 Remounts arrived. Divisional Rehearsal Parade, for forthcoming inspection by Commander in Chief, was held on this date. Strength of Regiment on parade:- Officers 17: Other Ranks 236: Animals 270.	
	"	12.	Work for week continued. Four days Bayonet Fighting Course at Divisional H.Q. commenced. Following were detailed to attend:- 2nd Lieuts E. Fenn and W.J. Pretty. 235553. L/Cpl. Wills, C.E. 235232. L/Cpl. Turner E. 235046. Cpl. White H.T.	
	"	13.	Work for week continued. 30 Remounts arrived.	
	"	14.	The following from The London Gazette, dated 20/12/17:- Lieut. A.W. Strickland to be Capt with Precedence from 10/3/17, and Seniority next below Capt. A.W.E. Guise, 24/6/17. 50 Remounts arrived.	
	"	15.	Work for week continued. Practice for Commander-in-Chief's inspection - Strength of Regt. on Parade:- 14 Officers. 203 Other Ranks. 231 Animals.	

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	1918.			
	Feb.	16.	Work for week continued.	
	"	17.	24 Remounts arrived.	
	"	18.	Capt. F.A. Mitchell and Lieut. F.H. Bailey rejoined from Leave.	
	"		<u>Work for the Week:-</u>	
	"		Three simple schemes introducing a squadron used as advanced, rear and flank guard to a regiment. Artillery Barrage formation.	
	"		Draft of 7 O.R.'s joined Unit.	
	"		74 remounts allotted to Squadrons.	
	"	19.	Lieut. Lord Apsley proceeded to U.K. on leave.	
	"		2nd Lieut. E.M. Cook interviewed - R.F.C. H.Q., Palestine Bde.	
	"		The following appeared in the London Gazette dated 12/1/18 as being mentioned in Gen. Sir A. Murray's Despatches of 28/6/17:-	
	"		Lt. Col. A.J. Palmer D.S.O.	
	"		235118. Corpl. Bowl, R.M.	
	"		235234. Pte. James R.F.	
	"		235330. Sig. Sgt. Teague C.E.	
	"		Notification was received from Bde. H.Q. that the Commander-in-Chief has awarded the Military Medal to:-	
	"		235232. L/Cpl. E. Turner.	
	"		235667. Pte. A.E. Eagles.	
	"	20.	2nd Lieut. H.V. Moon reported for duty.	
	"		Hotchkiss Gun firing on Machine Gun range.	
	"		2nd Lieut Page proceeded to Young Officers' Course at KELAB.	
	"	21.	-	
	"	22.	Brigade Troop Competition for Divisional Sports:-	
	"		Warwicks 82%: Gloucesters 80%: Worcesters 79%.	
	"	23.	Staff ride for at HUI - attended by Capt. A.H.S. Howard.	
	"	24.	Lieut. R.H. Wilson, M.C. rejoined from Cavalry Course at ZEITOUN.	
	"		Lieut. F.H. Bailey proceeded to ZEITOUN for Cavalry Course.	
	"	25.	Lt. Col. A.J. Palmer, D.S.O. returned from Leave in Upper Egypt.	
	"		'A' and 'B' Sqn H.A.R. teams selected to represent the Brigade at forthcoming Divisional Sports.	

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	Feb.	25.	<p><u>Work for the Week:-</u> Regimental Drill. Artillery Barrage Formation. Cavalry acting dismounted. Cavalry mounted in close and extended order. Scheme against flagged enemy and machine guns. Night outposts. Saddlery inspection and kit inspections will take place on Thursday in each week. Camp inspection, kitchens, latrines.</p>	
	"	26.	<p>At Divisional Swordmanship Classes for the month the following classified as under:- Lieut. G.V. Hawtrey Instructor. 2/ " A.E. Cornwall 1st Class Instructor. 235349 Sergt Barton, J.H.T. Instructor. 235370 L/Sergt Breakwell, I.D. "</p>	
	"	27.	<p>The following appeared in the London Gazette dated 16/1/18 - 235007 P.O.M.S. Brain now Q.M. & Hon. Lieut. F.C. Brain mentioned in dispatches by General Sir Edmund H.H. Allenby, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.</p>	

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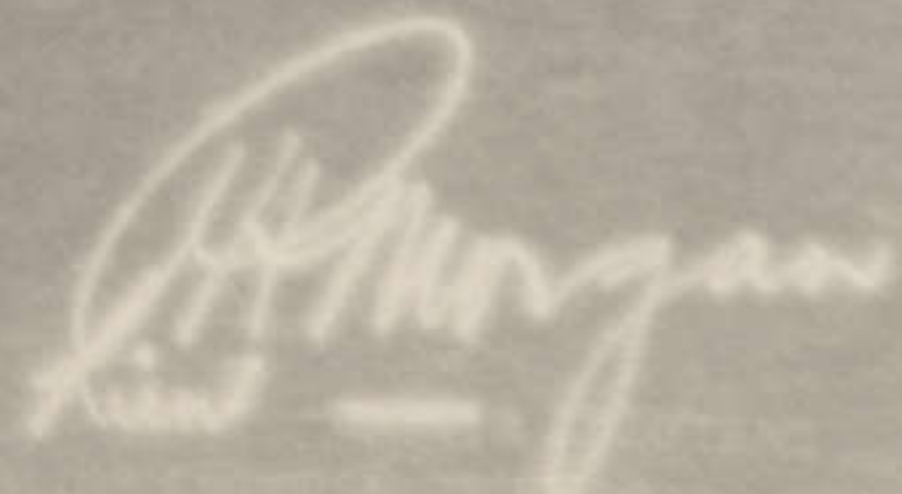
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices																				
			STRENGTH OF REGIMENT-WITH UNIT-IN-THE-FIELD for month ending February 28th.																					
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			Casualties in action during month - nil.																					
			Nil. Officers to Hospital during month.																					
			Nil. " from " " "																					
			1. " reported for duty from U.K.																					
			1. " to U.K. on leave for 3 weeks.																					
			21. O.R.s. to Hospital during month.																					
			16. " from " " "																					
			10. " Draft arrived.																					
			2. Offs.) Granted Short Leave																					
			4. O.R's) during month.																					
			2. Offs.) Proceeded to Rest Camp, PORT SAID.																					
			48. O.R's)																					
			134. Remounts arrived during month.																					
			1. Horse destroyed " "																					
			1. " died " "																					
			5. Horses to Mobile Vet. Hospital.																					
			Nil. " evacuated to Base Vet. Hospital.																					
			1. " returned from Mobile Vet. "																					
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