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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

for 24 hours ending 0300 - 1/7/18.

1: PALESTINE FRONT.

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Western Sector. The new camp of 136 bell tents reported in Intelligence Summary 332 of 28/6/18 north of TAIYIBEH (C84.Y.6) was seen to be not tents but thatched haystacks bearing a close resemblance to bell tents when viewed from a high altitude. (R.A.F. 30/6/18).

With reference to the Summary of Tents and Shelters in para. 2 of Intelligence Summary No. 333 of June 29th, the increase in the Western Strategical area is entirely due to new camps on the line of the new railway between TARBANEH (097.H.18) and UMM EL FAHM (097.G.20). These camps are probably occupied by workmen. Otherwise there is a decrease in the Western Strategical area.

(B) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY, 29/6/18.

Eastern Sector. Enemy fired with aerial observation, 60 10.2 cm. shells into WADY EL JIB at C,5/K.23.b. and K.24.d.

2: IDENTIFICATIONS.

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
<u>Composite Div.</u>				
1/66th Regt.	28/6/18.	Immediately S. of SHUNET NIMRIN.	Officer prisoner Muhafaza Bn.	Other two bns apparently with 48th Div.
152nd Regt.	"	127.P.30.a.	"	1: bn. in line, 2 in reserve. 1st Bn. apparently rejoined Regt. from Hejaz Rly.
148th "	"	127.U.31.a.		1st & 2nd Bns. in line.

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Identifications (Contd.)

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
Muhafaza Bn.	28/6/18.	127.U.32 cent.	Offr. pris- oner Muhaf- aza Bn.	
9th Cav.Regt.	"	127.W.8.a.	"	
11th " "	"	127.W.14.	"	
Mule M.I.	"	127.W.4.a.	"	Reserve.
7th Cav.Regt.	"	127.W.17.c.	"	"
German Attack Coy: 146th Rgt.	"	127.W.17.c.	"	" 300 Germans & 200 Turks, of which 100 Germans are on outpost duty.
IV Army H.Qrs	"	ES SALT.	"	
VIII A.C. "	"	N. of EL HAUD.	"	
Composite Div. H.Q.rs	"	N. of WADI JERIA (127.U.21)	"	
2nd Cauc. Cav. Bde. H.Qrs.	"	127.W.10.	"	

NOTE. The officer deserter does not mention 1/146th or 1/123rd Regt. This is the first mention of 148th Regt. since April 16th.

3: ORGANISATION.

The Composite Division area East of Jordan, according to an officer deserter, is divided into right and left sectors. The right sector apparently extends from SHUNET WILRIN (exclusive) to about 127.U.31/32, and comprises the 1/66th and 152nd Regts. The left sector stretching thence to about 127.W.2.c. and comprises the Muhafaza Battalion and 2 bns. of the 148th Regt. The 2nd Caucasus Cavalry Brigade is apparently directly under the orders of the VIII A.C. and covers the left flank; it includes the 7th, 9th and 11th Cav. Regts. with the German Attack Coy of the 146th Regt. attached.

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

for 24 hours ending 0800 - 2/7/18.

1: EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

0645-0945. A two-seater was seen on the aerodrome at KUTRANI. There were 43 tents and shelters.

0630-0925. 150 infantry with 80 pack animals were moving North west in 127.L.31.a. 100 cavalry were scattered N.E. of AMMAN Town. 230 infantry were moving towards ES SALT on the SUWEILEH - ES SALT Road. 150 cavalry were halted on the ES SALT - JISR ED DAMIEH Road. The bridge at JISR ED DAMIEH and two bridges at MAFID JOZELEH were seen to be still in position (R.A.F. 1/7/18).

2: IDENTIFICATIONS.

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
7th Div.Hqrs	28/6/18	(C.3) K.3.c.55 approx.	N.C.O. Deserter 1/20th Regt.	
74th Regt.	14/16 May.	Passed DERA A to West.	Agent.	
8th Cav.Rgt.	1/7/18.	Reserve to 2nd Regt. W. of Jordan.	Prisoner 2/143rd Rgt.	
<u>GERMAN TROOPS</u>				
■ ? 9th Landsturm Bn.	14/16 May.	Passed DERA A S.	Agent.	in April 500 strong. Reported in BALKANS.
Pioneer Unit	"	"	"	?205th Coy, 800 strong.
Transport Troops.	"	"	"	400
Aviation Troops.	"	"	"	250 men, 8 aeroplanes, cf. I.S. 329 of 25/6/18 para 3(11)
Unidentified.	"	"	"	550. Note: Agent's figures are obvious- ly exaggerated.

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Identifications (Contd).

* NOTE. Men had 9 on-shoulder straps. ~~It is not certain that~~
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they belonged to the 9th Landsturm Bn. but there is a 9th
Landsturm Bn. in the IX Army Corps and it was last identified
in the BALKANS; it is considered possible that they belong to
it and that it is now on this front.

(b) 25th Division.

A Prisoner from the 75th Regt. captured in the EL HASA area
about 28/6/18 gives the following information:-

75th Regt. 1st and 2nd Bns. FERIFRE (5 miles N. of EL HASA),
3rd Bn. KUTRANI.

Strength of regiment 2000 rations, 20 machine guns, with 4 Mtn
guns attached. 73rd and 74th Regts. arrived in SYRIA before 75th
Regt. and joined IV Army. He confirms exchange of Arabs in 25th
Division for Turks from 15th Division before former division left
ROUMANIA.

O.C. 75th Regt.
" 3/75th "

Major FAIK Bey.
Capt. MUSTAPHA.

(c) A prisoner from the 76th Regt. states that the 64th and 140th
Regts. 400-500 strong each, arrived on VII Army front about middle
of June. The 64th Regt. was absorbed by 11th and 53rd Divs,
and 140th Regt. by 26th Division.

NOTE. Identification of 64th Regt. is probably incorrect. 64th
Regt. had 2 bns destroyed on EUPHRATES and its other Bn. is
believed to be at SULEIMANIEH. This is probably an error for
74th Regt. 3rd Bn. of which has been absorbed in 26th Division.
140th Regt. probably provided a draft and did not come
down in toto. This regiment is in CILICIA.

3: ORGANISATION.

(a) Air photos. 113.E.2278 and 2279 show that buried telephone
connection has been made from a dug out system at the corner of
the wood at C.3/A.28.b.5.6. (just south of TABSOR) to connect
with the main telephone system emanating from the Battle H.Q. at

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C.3/A.23.d.5.6. This indicates a probable Btn. H.Q. at C.3/A. 23.d.5.6.

(b) Officer prisoner from MUHAFAZA Battalion who was at AMMAN about June 3rd heard that some of the German battalions expected from MACEDONIA (probably 146th Regt. and 11th Jaeger Bn.) were late owing to transport difficulties as the Germans would not travel under same conditions as Turks; they required all their rations and baggage with them when moving.

4: MCRAL.

(a) During week ending 1900 1/7/18, 15 prisoners (including 1 German) and 36 deserters (including 3 officers) were taken from the following units:-

Unit.	P.	D.	Unit	P.	D.	Unit	P.	D.
20th Rgt.	-	2	143rd Rgt.	-	1	Mule Mtd Inf. Bn.	-	1
47th "	-	1	144th "	-	2	48th Div. H.Q.	-	1 [#]
58th "	1	-	152nd "	-	2	Medical Units	8	-
59th "	-	1	163rd "	1	-	" " attd.	-	1
63rd "	1	6	191st "	3	2	7th Cav. Regt.	-	-
76th "	-	4	203rd Inf. Bn.	1	-	24th Div. - Regt	-	1
136th "	-	2	Muhafaza Bn.	-	7 [Ⓢ]	unknown.	-	-
						Unit unknown.	-	2

[#] Officer.

[Ⓞ] German.

[Ⓢ] Includes 3 officers.

(b) An N.C.O. deserter, from the 1/20th Regt. states that while on guard duty at TAIYIBEH in March 1918, he shot a German subaltern who was trying to enter a harem while drunk. He was court martialled and sentenced to death. JEVAD Pasha (G.O.C. VIII Army) judging the deceased officer to be in the wrong, granted the deserter a temporary pardon, his case to be re-tried after the war. He was three months in prison at TUL KERAM and on release was sent to 1/20th Regt. in the line.

5: MESOPOTAMIA.

(a) It is stated by recent prisoners and deserters that the 51st Division and the 3rd Regt. 14th Division were disbanded at the end of May. A new 14th Division has been formed comprising 7th, 9th and 43rd Regts. Each regimental and battalion M.G. Coy has 8 M.Gs. and 4 in each Assault Coy. This is the 3rd Division broken up in MESOPOTAMIA this year, viz., ^{52nd} in February, 50th in March and 51st in May.

(b) Identifications.

The 1st Composite Cavalry Regt. has been located at HADITHA (41 miles N.W. of HIT). According to prisoners and deserters this regiment was formed at URFA (110 miles N.E. of ALEPPO) last March by amalgamating 2 squadrons each from 13th Cavalry Regt. and 1st Lancer Regt. The regiment consists of 4 squadrons and 2 machine gun squadrons, each with an average strength of 80 sabros. The 1st Lancer Regt. and 13th Cavalry Regt. belonged to the Independent Cav. Brigade which left MOSUL for SYRIA early last December.

(c) Bagdad Railway.

According to the statements of 5 Indian prisoners of war who escaped from NISIBIN about 31st May the first train reached NISIBIN about 31st May and railhead was being moved there from TEL HELIF. At NISIBIN there are rails and sleepers for perhaps another 5 miles of line. A motor lorry park is at NISIBIN and about 200 lorries ply thence to MOSUL.

6: ARABIA.

An Arab detachment operating between SEIL MATARA (145 miles N. of MEDINA) and MESHEED (10 miles N. of SEIL MATARA) on 21st June burnt a Turkish post, and destroyed 2 large culverts and 600 rails.

METEOROLOGICAL.

	JERUSALEM, 2720 ft. above M.S.L.		G.H.Q. 250 ft. above M.S.L.	
		Difference from prev. day.		Difference from prev. day.
<u>0800 - 2/7/18.</u>				
TEMPERATURE (°F)	70	+ 4	79	0
HUMIDITY (%)	65	- 2	65	- 1
BAROMETRIC HEIGHT (Ins.)	27.26.	+ .16	29.71	+ .12
MOVEMENT from 0500 to 0800 (ins).	-	-	Rising .01"	- .01"
<u>For prev. 24 hours.</u>				
MAXIMUM TEMP. (°F)	86	0	88	+ 2
MINIMUM TEMP (")	59	+ 2	67	+ 2
RAINFALL.	Nil.	0	Nil.	0

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

for 24 hours ending 0800 . 3/7/18.

1: PALESTINE FRONT.

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

1300- Eastern Sector. 250/300 infantry were seen moving south
1530. on the AKRABEH - MEJDEL BENI FADL Road and 1000 in five
parties moving south east from MEJDEL BENI FADL.

In the SURTUBEH area approximately 1000 infantry in
scattered parties were seen moving south east on tracks
running towards the BEISAN Road.

Enemy Defences. Behind the Turkish front line there are
many new dug outs, apparently recently constructed, especia-
lly in rear of EL BURJ trenches East and West of NABLUS Road.
(XX Corps).

(B) HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY, 1/7/18.

A hostile machine was observed over BEERSHEBA.

2: MORAL.

It appears from the interrogation of a deserter of the
63rd Regt. that when men are tired of their own unit, they
leave it and proceed to another in which are men of their
native village. Men see their commanding officers, who
arrange the transfer. This practice is probably tolerated
to keep down desertion.

Compare however report in I.S. 303 of 28/5/18, para.
4.a. where a deserter changed his unit to facilitate his
desertion.

3: ORGANISATION.

(a) Railways. A reliable agent reports that on an
average four trains each of 10 trucks leave RAYAK daily for

DAMASCUS. The Germans at RAYAK are of the opinion that under German control it would be possible to increase this to twelve trains daily.

(b) Machine Gun Units. A deserter from the 70th Regt., taken 23/6/18, states that a week previously a number of men were picked from his battalion and sent to the rear for instruction in machine gunnery, as it is intended to increase the strength of machine gun units (c.f. I.S.326 of 22/6/18, para. 5(1)).

(c) Man-power. A deserter states that 2 months previously he was employed by the DAMASCUS Corporation as a street sweeper. He was called up by the police and sent with a draft of 200 men to NAZARETH. These men were all convalescents and deserters.

He received 2 days training in NAZARETH and then sent to the front.

4: METEOROLOGICAL.

	Jerusalem, 2720 ft. above M.S.L.		G.H.Q., 250 ft. above M.S.L.	
		Difference from previous day.		Difference from previous day
<u>At 0800. 3/7/18.</u>				
Temperature (°F)	72	+ 2	78	- 1
Humidity (%)	42	- 23	63	- 2
Barometric Height (ins)	27.28	+ .02	29.72	+ .01
Movement from 0500 to 0800 (ins)	-	-	Rising .01	0
<u>For Previous 24 hrs</u>				
Maximum Temp. (°F)	84	- 2	86	- 2
Minimum Temp. (°F)	57	- 2	66	- 1
Rainfall (ins)	Nil.	0	Nil.	0

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

for 24 hours ending 0800 - 4/7/18.

1: PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

0420- Eastern Sector. In the Lower WADY FARAH area 300 infantry
0730. were seen moving south east in 112.K.4.

In the Upper WADY FARAH area 400 infantry were moving south east in 112.H.33. 200 infantry were moving from MEJDEL BENI FADL towards DOMEH. (R.A.F. 3/7/18).

0515- No unusual movement or tentage was observed in the WADI
0700. FUSAIL and BEISAN Road areas. (R.A.F. 3/7/18).

Tents and Shelters - Strategical Area. An increase of 99 bell tents since 30/6/18 was observed in UPPER WADY FARAH. (R.A.F. 3/7/18).

2: IDENTIFICATIONS.

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
136th Rgt.				
1st Bn.	1/7/18.	(C.5) Q.14.b. & d.	Deserter 2/136 Rgt.	
2nd "	"	(C.5) Q.22,23,29.	"	
3rd "	"	(C.5) Q.15.c.	"	
32nd Rgt.	"	Reserve.	"	Training in the attack.
1st Attack Bn.	20/6/18.	Arrived MEJDEL BENI FADL from E. of JORDAN and proceeded to TUL KERAM.	"	300 rifles, 6 M.Gs. All men provided with steel helmets.

(ii) 24th Division.

A deserter from 2/143rd Regt., taken 1/7/18 East of JORDAN states that the 1st and 3rd Bns., 143rd Regt., 1 bn of the 58th Regt. and Hqrs. 24th Division have moved in direction of NABLUS.

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A deserter 3/143rd Regt. taken 3/7/18 East of Jordan, states that Hqrs. 24th Division, 1st and 2nd bns., 143rd Regt. and the other two regiments 24th Division left towards NABLUS 5 days previously. 3/143rd Regt. was to be relieved night of 2/3rd July, and was to follow them.

The above reports must be taken with all reserve. It is quite possible that a relief of the 24th Division has taken place.

(iii) GERMANS.

A deserter from the Mule Mounted Infantry states that he saw no German infantry in DAMASCUS when he was there at the beginning of June.

3: ORGANISATION.

Air photograph No. 113.E.2280, taken 30/6/18, shows the well to the west of TABSOR to be much used. The following description of this well, dated Oct. 1917, is obtained from a reliable Jewish source.

50 metres W. of TABSOR, on level ground, a 'bir', diameter $1\frac{1}{2}$ metres, depth 30 metres, containing about 4 metres of water. Yield (sufficient for 3,000 men per day), abundant and good, could be much improved by removal of stones from bottom. Mouth of well is built in, with a hole for the bucket. No wheel. Unknown whether sides of well are lined. Near by a large stone trough for animals.

The co-ordinate of this well is C.3/A.22.d.2085.

4: MAN-POWER.

An Arab deserter from 3/20th Regt. taken 2/7/18, was aged 15 only.

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5: METEOROLOGICAL.

	JERUSALEM. 2720 ft. above M.S.L.		G.H.Q. 250 ft. above M.S.L.	
		Difference from prev- ious day.		Difference from prev- ious day.
<u>0800 - 4/7/18.</u>				
TEMPERATURE (°F)	77	+ 5	81	+ 3
HUMIDITY (%)	26	- 16	65	+ 2
BAROMETRIC HEIGHT (ins)	27.24	-.04.	29.66	-.06.
MOVEMENT, from 0500 to 0800 (ins.)	-	-	Rising .01.	-
<u>For prev. 24 hours.</u>				
MAXIMUM TEMP. (°F)	86	+ 2	86	0
MINIMUM TEMP (°F).	64	+ 7	67	+ 1
RAINFALL.	Nil.	0	Nil.	0

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ARTILLERY ESTIMATE.

1.—EAST OF JORDAN.

UNIT.	75 or 77mm. Fld.	75 or 77mm. Mtn.	105 mm. Gun.	105 mm. How.	150 mm. Gun.	150 mm. How.	REMARKS.
7th Fld. A. Regt. ?	4			2			Two batts. of 7th F. A. Regt. reported East of JORDAN, of which 2 hows. were captured or destroyed.
8th Fld. A., 7th Batt.	4						Attd. 48th Div., but one P/W stated it was attd. to 53rd Div.
12th " One Bn.	8						
26th F. A. Regt., 4th Batt.	2						4 guns attd., Mule M.I. Attd. 3rd Cav. Div. & 7th Cav. Regt. No definite information regarding 4th & 5th Batts.
27th " 5th & 7th Batt.		8					
3rd Horse Arty. Bn., 3rd & ? Batt.	4	2					
44th Fld. A. Regt., 4, 5 & 8 Batts.		8		4			
703rd I. G. Z.				2			
701st F. A. Abt.				4			
V. Marno's Austrain Mtn. Hows.				8			
	22	18	—	20	—	—	—

2.—EASTERN SECTOR.

1st Mtn. Arty Regt., 2nd Bn.		8					? attd. 1st Div.
1st Fld. A. Regt., 1st Bn.	8						
8th " " 2nd "	8						
11th " " " "	8	8					
13th " " 2nd "	7						
19th " " " "	8						1st Batt., 1st Bn., 23rd Arty. Regt., reported in the LEBANON.
23rd " " part 1st Bn. & 4th Batt.	4			4			
26th Fld. A. Regt., parts of 1st & 2nd Bns.	8						? attd. 24th Div.
39th Fld. A. Regt.	7		4				
43rd Fld. A. Regt., part 2nd Bn.		4					? attd. 53rd Div.
†45th Hvy. Arty. Bn.			4			4	From Western Sector
†73rd H. A. Bn., 14th Batt.						4	
701st F. A. Abteilung	6			6			
	64	20	8	10	—	8	

3.—WESTERN SECTOR.

1st Fld. A. Regt., 5th Bn.†			4				Last reported attd 7th Div. In JILJULIEH area, possibly only part of Bn. Attd. 20th Div.
2nd " " " "		8					
5th* " " " "	16						" " " " Attd. 19th Div. KEFR SABA-MISKEH area, attd 20th Div. Attd. 19th Div. * Probably trench guns.
6th " " 1st Bn.	8						
9th " " " "	8						Attd. 7th Div.
20th " " " "	8			8			
25th " " 2nd Bn.	8						? with XXII A.C.
32nd* " " " "	8						
47th* " " ?	8						Attd 19th Div.
48th " " " "		8					
50th† " " " "	4						Attd 19th Div.
51st Light Fld. How. Bty.				3			
63rd Heavy Art. Bn. 263rd Heavy Bty.			4				? Attd. 19th Div. Attd. to 16th Div. in March. From unlocated.
72nd Heavy Art. Bn. ? 5th, 12th, 13th Bat- teries.			2	3		4	
74th Hvy. Art. Bn. 236th & 257th Batteries			2			4	
	68	16	12	14	—	8	

NOTE.—A prisoner from the 20th Artillery Regt. reported two Austrian batteries on the 20th Division Front. These may be the 15th and 20th Austrian Batteries shown as unlocated.

* One unconfirmed report states this unit has been absorbed.

4.—UNLOCATED.

UNIT.	75 or 77mm. Fld.	57 or 77mm. Mtn.	105 mm. Gun.	105 mm. How.	150 mm. Gun.	150 mm. How.	REMARKS.
3rd Heavy Arty. Bn. 16th Fld. A. Regt.	8	4				4	Reported attached 46th Division.
53rd „ „ 41st How. Batt. 44th Hvy. „ 230th Battery. 15th & 20th & ? Austrian Batts.	8	4	4	4	12††	4		20th Batt. may only have 2 guns. Aust. Arty. has been reported in the Coastal Sector.
	16	8	4	8	12	4	
5: TOTALS.							
Location.							
East of Jordan	22	18		20			= 60.
Eastern Sector	64	20	8	10		8	= 110.
Western Sector	68	16	12	14		8	= 118.
Unlocated	16	8	4	8	12††	4	= 52.
	* 170	62	24	52 x	12	20 x	= 340. §

* 16 are probably trench guns.

§ Includes (a) guns damaged and destroyed recently,
(b) guns in reserve.

x Several are probably of 120 mm. calibre.

† Units of which there has been no definite
information since 1/1/18.

†† Only one gun of this calibre has been identified
on this front—these may therefore be howitzers.

There are also a 24 cm. mortar battery (2 mortars) in the Eastern Sector, and a 12 cm. low velocity gun in the Western Sector.

Owing to splitting up of units and absorption of certain batteries in other units, it is probable that some guns have been counted twice.

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for 24 hours ending 0800—14/7/18.**

1.—EAST OF JORDAN.

(A). LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

0745—1045.

South of Amman Station in 142.Y.12—24—30, 2,000 camels were seen halted in large groups and 500 cavalry moving south. On the Suweileh—Es Salt road what appeared to be a gun drawn by 10 horses was seen moving west in 142.J.17.

ENEMY DEFENCES.

AMMAN.—There is a defence line running from 142.X.27 south-west to W.35, south to Y.16, east to Y.24. In places there are only short lengths of trench, much scattered.

The strongest trench works are astride the Amman—Es Salt road, and to the south of the town.

TENTS AND SHELTERS, Strategical Area.

The following changes were observed:—

Amman Station	...	...	...	83	—	Since 11th instant.
At 142.V.36 (new)	...	...	...	62	—	
Amman Town	...	...	...	45	—	" "
Es Salt	...	...	...	17	—	" "

Damieh—Es Salt road. Total remains normal, but an increase of brushwood huts was observed and a corresponding decrease of TS. Bell tents and shelters were being camouflaged. (R.A.F. 13-7-18.)

(B). AERONAUTICS.

In the afternoon 7 machines bombed cavalry and camels in the neighbourhood of Amman. 19 direct hits were observed on mounted troops, horses and camels, 2 direct hits on shelters, while the remainder of the bombs fell within effective range of troops,

Our pilots came down to bomb at a very low altitude, and then proceeded to machine gun the ground targets with most satisfactory results.

A total of 1060 lbs. of bombs was dropped, and 8880 machine gun rounds fired at ground targets.

2.—PALESTINE FRONT.

(A). LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

EASTERN SECTOR. TENTS AND SHELTERS, STRATEGICAL AREA.

The following were seen:—

	11th inst.	13th inst.
Upper Wady Farah	304	157
Lower Wady Farah	68	174
	<u>372</u>	<u>331</u>

TACTICAL AREA.

A decrease was observed in a portion of the Tactical area, as follows:—

	Dec.	Inc.
Furkhar	25	— since 27th ult.
Kefr Haris	—	10 " " "
Iskaka	30	— " " "
Amurieh	40	— " " "
	<u>95</u>	<u>10</u>

Total decrease:— 85.

This indicates part of the decrease suggested in the G.H.Q. Intelligence Summary of 13/7/18.

(B). AERONAUTICS.

WESTERN SECTOR.

A raid was carried out this morning by 11 machines, the station and aerodrome at **K**ul Keram being the objectives, 5 direct hits were obtained on the station buildings, 4 on store houses, 1 on a train, 1 on the railway track, and 2 on a camp near by.

A large number of bombs fell within effective range of, and near to the station.

3 bombs fell within 10 yards of a two-seater on the aerodrome, and 4 just in front of a scout which was taking off; this machine appeared to land and it is thought, crash.

10 bombs fell within effective range of the hangars, and 6 others close to a working party near the railway line and trenches.

Our pilots used their machine guns with effect, firing 4,150 rounds at ground targets during the raid.

In all a total of 1,720 lbs. of bombs were dropped.

(C). SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR WEEK ENDING 0800, 13-7-18.

(i). ENEMY DEFENCES.

EAST OF JORDAN AND ASTRIDE BEISAN ROAD.—Beyond reports of fresh M.G. emplacements in the vicinity of Shunet Nimrin, new trench work has been practically negligible.

Slight strengthening of defences is reported over the enemy's front extending from Wady Samieh in (C.5) R.25, to Kefr Kasim (C.3) M.3. In no case is the work considerable.

On the coast, the enemy has strengthened his defences slightly at points which are nearest to our line, viz., Brown Hill (C.3) C.5 S.W. of Tabsor in (C.3) A.27, and on the coast at (C.3) V.4. and 5.

GENERALLY.—Work on enemy defences has been much below normal.

(ii). ARTILLERY.—Activity throughout the week has been below normal.

Mussallabeh (C.6) W.35 and The Bluff (B.6) Y.6 were again shelled intermittently throughout the week.

Activity astride Nablus Road has been mainly confined to the vicinity of Arura (C.4) B.29; there has been increased activity in the vicinity of Kefr Malik (C.3) Q.25; the enemy registered the Wady er Rumh (C.4) B.11 in his own lines.

In Western Sector, artillery has been mainly directed against the vicinity of Berukin (C.4) A.9. and near the coast.

(iii). AERIAL.

The following are the main features:—

1. Decreased activity; much below normal.
2. Activity over coast remains practically normal.
3. Activity astride Nablus Road confined to area W. of road.
4. Considerably decreased activity in Jericho area.
5. Bombs were dropped on Mejdal (062.Z.29) on 12th instant.
6. A H.A. was observed over Beersheba on 12th instant.
7. One of our observation balloons was unsuccessfully attached on 11th instant.
8. 45 machines observed this week; 66 last week.

3.—IDENTIFICATIONS.

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
3/150th Rgt.	11-7-18.	Jauf ed Darwish.	2 deserters 3/150 R.	
2/75th Rgt.	„	Ferifre & Jauf ed Darwish.	4 deserters 2/75th R.	3 from Jauf, 1 from Ferifre.
2/161st Rgt.	„	Jauf ed Darwish.	Deserter 2/161 R.	

(ii). VIII ARMY, LEFT SECTOR.

An Officer prisoner from 2/47th Regt. taken 12/7/18, states that 7th Div. has extended to take over the line previously held by 47th Regt. The 48th Regt. holds its original positions. Arara (C.4/N.29) is held by 120 Germans, the remainder of the bn. being in reserve. The 125th Regt. holds the line from Arara to Kh. Er Ras (C.4/S.28). From hill in C.4/A.4 to Wady Rashid is held by 1st and 2nd bns. 47th Regt., and thence to the east of 3/47th, with the 1st Division further east.

48th Regt. is now attached to 7th Division, which latter is now attached XXII A.C. The German battalion, and the 1st and 16th Divs., form the XX Corps under Ali Fuad Pasha, which belongs to the VII Army. The 144th Regt. is in reserve in the Wady Kanah.

These changes took place 12 days ago when the 125th Regt. returned from the Eastern Sector.

NOTE.—While the extension of the line of the 7th Div. and the location given for 47th Regt. by prisoner are possible the wholesale re-organisation he mentions totally lacks confirmation. Two deserters from the 3/125th Regt. were taken East of Jordan on 5/7/18, so that his statement as to this regiment appears to be inaccurate, unless a battalion has been detached which is unlikely.

(iii). A Cadet Officer deserter from 1/77th Regt. taken 11/7/18, states that there is a battalion of Germans in reserve 3 miles N. of the Nahr el Falik. They arrived since the 9th June. They are moved about to demonstrate to the Turkish troops in the line the presence of German forces in reserve. This may refer to 11th Jäger Bn. identified in the Coastal area in June.

4.—ARTILLERY.

(i). ANTI TANK GUN.

An Officer deserter from 1/77th Regt. reports that there is a 3.5. cm. anti-tank pom-pom with armour piercing ammunition on the left of the trench held by his bn. about C.3/A.14.a35.

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**G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY,
for 24 hours ending 0800—15/7/18.**

1.—PALESTINE FRONT.

(a) EASTERN SECTOR.

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY, 14/7/18.—At 0510 seven hostile machines dropped bombs in vicinity of EL MADHBEH (B.6) Y.29.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY, 13/7/18.—Enemy long range gun shelled vicinity of (B.6) H.10, 11, 16 and 17, North of JERICHO, between 1700 and 2330.

Between 1715 and 1930 enemy fired approximately 1,000 shells on line (C.5) L.4-L.12 (KH. ABU FELAH to SINJIL).

Between 0200-0430 (14th inst.), the enemy shelled the whole of our front line from JILJULIEH (C.5) H.34 to EL KEFR (C.4) A.7.

(b) WESTERN SECTOR.

HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY, 13/7/18.—Enemy shelled our front line near coast from 2200-2300.

TENTS AND SHELTERS.—The following is a comparison of TS. along the course of the new railway from TARBANEH (097.H.18.a.) to UMM EL FAHM (097.G.20.).

	19/6/18.	14/7/18.
083.D.22-33	90	None reported.
083.J.20... ..	39	37
EL LEJJUN, 097.D.17	72	19
083.J.19.a. to EL LEJJUN	40	30
Junction in 097.H.17	87	None reported.
EL AFULEH	174	143
096.Z.16	21	None reported.

A large decrease of TS. was observed in the Strategical area as follows:—

	Increase.	Decrease.		
TUL KERAM	—	24	Since 12th instant	Increase in bivouacs.
KAKON DEFENCES	44	—	" "	Decrease in bell tents and shelters.
BIR GHANEIM	—	80	" "	Decrease in bell tents.
KULUNSAWEH	—	56	" "	Increase in bivouacs.
TAIYIBEH	—	43	" "	Decrease in bell tents.
	44	203		
Decrease	159.			

0850-1120.

On the new railway referred to above, a further 300 yards of embankment have been completed, but no sleepers or rails were observed on the embankment. (R.A.F., 14-7-18.) (Compte I.S. 324 of 20-6-18, para. 4).

2.—IDENTIFICATIONS.

GERMANS.

In the unsuccessful enemy attack upon ABU TELLUL (C.6.Y.10) yesterday morning some 350 German prisoners were captured from the 2/145th, 702nd, 703rd and 11th Jaeger Battalions. Only one company of the 11th Jaeger Battalion took part in the attack, the remaining two companies being left in the NABLUS area.

Prisoners state that the 53rd Division were to have supported them on their right and the 24th on their left, but failed to do so. The first objective is said to have been ABU TELLUL, and the second the AUJA line. The attack was a complete failure.

Demonstrations were to have been made on the NABLUS Road front and near the DEAD SEA at the same time. (Descorps 14/7/18).

NOTE.—The former demonstration was made with no result. East of JORDAN, the enemy occupied a line (B.7) Q.28-Q.38-S.5-S.22, but was ejected with heavy loss, 35 prisoners, including the C.O. and 5 officers being captured.

3.—ARABIA.

According to the statements of deserters and prisoners recently captured by the Arabs, the whole of the 75th Regt. is distributed along the railway between KUTRANI and MAAN.

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4.—METEOROLOGICAL.

G.S.I. METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,

at 0800.

	JERUSALEM 2,720 ft. above M.S.L.		G.H.Q. 250 ft. above M.S.L.	
		Difference from previous day.		Difference from previous day.
TEMPERATURE (°F.)	81	0	80	+1
HUMIDITY (%)	37	0	72	-3
WIND	N.N.W. very light.		South almost Calm.	
BAROMETRIC HEIGHT (ins.) ...	27.15	+01	29.55	+01
MOVEMENT from 0500 to 0800 (ins.)...	—	—	Rise g.01	-02
FOR PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.				
MAXIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	95	+1	92	+3
MINIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	72	+1	67	+5
RAINFALL (ins.)	0.0	0	0.0	0

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY,

for 24 hours ending 0800—16/7/18.

1.—EAST OF JORDAN.

(a). LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

0500—0805.

(i). 185 cavalry were observed on the AIN ES SIR—AMMAN road in 142.T.9 and Y.8., and 200 cavalry moving west from horse lines north of AMMAN town. 2,000 camels, unladen, were seen in 142.Y.30 and Z.19-Z.25, and 1,000 more in 142.W.14-15. 200 cavalry were halted by the side of the SUWEILEH (142.P.20)—AMMAN road in 142.W.13, and 500 infantry on the ES SALT—SUWEILEH road. Tentage east of JORDAN was practically normal. (R.A.F. 15-7-18).

(ii). During the bomb raid on KUTRANI on morning of 15-7-18, about 350 infantry were seen to scatter from among the camps.

TENTS AND SHELTERS, STRAGETICAL AREA.

KUTRANI.—An increase of 88 T.S. since 10th instant, mostly bivouacs, was observed. (R.A.F. 15-7-18).

(b). AERONAUTICS.

Nine machines bombed the station and camps at KUTRANI on 15-7-18. 1400 lbs. of bombs were released, and 5800 rounds fired by machine guns from a low altitude. Eight direct hits were obtained on the station buildings, seven on railway track, two on the siding and one on a train.

2.—PALESTINE FRONT.

EASTERN SECTOR.—TENTS AND SHELTERS, TACTICAL AREA.

A change in TS. was observed as follows:—

	INC.	DEC.	
WADY ED DALIEH ...	70	—	since 5th inst.
WADY ABU ZERKA ...	55	—	" " "
DOMEH ...	—	135	" " "
EL MUGHEIR ...	—	60	" " "
	<u>125</u>	<u>195</u>	

Decrease—70.

WESTERN SECTOR.—ENEMY DEFENCES.

Air photograph No. 113.E.2587 shows a series of recently dug pits between two trench systems, possibly as an obstruction to cavalry. The co-ordinates of these pits are D.3/N.11. b.1565 to 4550.

3.—ORGANISATION.

HEJAZ RAILWAY.—Deserters report that there is no railway under construction between KERAK and KUTRANI (c.f. I.S. 334, of 30/6/18, para. 1).

4.—MORAL.

During week ending 1900, 15/7/18, prisoners and deserters were taken as under:—

	Prisoners.	Deserters.	
Germans ...	12 officers, 338 o.r.	—	Total 26 officers, 542 men.
Turks ...	12 " 179 "	2 officers, 25 o.r.	

During previous week 1 officer and 39 o.r. deserters were taken.

Unit.	P. o.	o.r.	D.	Unit.	P. o.	o.r.	D.	Unit.	P. o.	o.r.	D.
2nd Regt.	—	—	1	63rd Regt.	—	1	—	Mule M.I. Bn.	—	5	—
19th "	—	—	1	66th "	—	1	—	16th Pioneer Bn.	—	9	—
20th "	—	—	6	76th "	—	2	*11	Medical.	—	—	1
32nd "	—	1	—	77th "	—	15	—	Unit unknown.	—	2	1
33rd "	—	—	1	124th "	—	—	1	702 German Rn.	2	62	—
47th "	1	—	—	163rd "	—	2	—	703 " "	6	129	—
58th "	5	48	—	Muhafaza Bn.	—	—	2	146th " Regt.	—	23	—
59th "	—	—	1	11th Cav. Regt.	6	30	—	11th Resv. Jäger Bn.	4	46	—

* includes 1 officer.

N.B.—Returns of units of 141 prisoners (about 78 Germans and 63 Turks) taken 14/7/18, are not yet available; of these about 80 are wounded.

5.—METEOROLOGICAL.

G.S.I. METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,

at 0800.

	JERUSALEM 2,720 ft. above M.S.L.		G.H.Q. 250 ft. above M.S.L.	
		Difference from previous day.		Difference from previous day.
TEMPERATURE (°F.) ...	81	0	84	+4
HUMIDITY (%) ...	46	+9	35	-37
WIND ...	Calm.		S.S.E. almost Calm.	
BAROMETRIC HEIGHT (ins.) ...	27'09	-'06	29'48	-'07
MOVEMENT from 0500 to 0800 (ins.)...	—	—	Rising '01	0
FOR PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.				
MAXIMUM TEMP. (°F.) ...	91	-4	95	+3
MINIMUM TEMP. (°F.) ...	68	-4	65	-2
RAINFALL (ins.) ...	0'0	0	0'0	0

6.—CORRECTION.

Reference I.S. 348, dated 15-7-18, para. 2, for "2/145th Regt." read "3/146th Regt."

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Unit	Rank	Name	Service No.	Remarks
1st Battalion	Major
2nd Battalion	Captain
3rd Battalion	Lieutenant
4th Battalion	Platoon Leader
5th Battalion	Squad Leader

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY,

for 24 hours ending 0800—17/7/18.

1.—EAST OF JORDAN.

(a) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

Enemy were observed entrenching in (B.7) Q.28-35, S.5, 17, and 22, just east of the JORDAN from N.E. of MAKHADET HAJLAH to DEAD SEA. (Descorps R.A. Report 14-7-18).

200 laden camels were seen moving north one mile North of KISSIR STATION. (R.A.F. 16-7-18).

(b) AERONAUTICS.

In the morning 12 machines bombed the station camps and aerodrome at AMMAN.

The following direct hits were observed:—

- 16 on the station buildings.
- 1 on the railway track.
- 1 on a camp.
- 2 on camels and horses.

Twenty-one bombs were dropped on the aerodrome, 7 of which were seen to burst in close proximity to the hangars.

A total of 1,900 lbs. of bombs were released and 5,500 rounds of machine gun ammunition directed against troops and camps. (R.A.F. 16-7-18).

2.—PALESTINE FRONT.

(a) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

0445-0645.

A bridge was seen in (C.6) C.19.c.63. (R.A.F. 16-7-18).

NOTE.—Prisoners from 8/146th German Regt., state that they crossed the JORDAN about July 12th, by a bridge near UMM ESH SHERT hastily constructed by German engineers.

EASTERN SECTOR.—TENTS AND SHELTERS, STRATEGICAL AREA.

The following change in TS. was observed:—

	Increase.	Decrease.	
NAKURAH-SHERAF	62	—	since 14th inst. Includes 17 marquees
RAMLIN ...	—	36	since 14th inst.
NABLUS ...	—	30	" " "
	<hr/> 62	<hr/> 66	

(R.A.F. 16-7-18).

In the WADI FUSAIL area an increase of 70 was observed in (C.6) x.21., x.14., and x17. (R.A.F. 16-7-18).

WESTERN SECTOR.—TENTS AND SHELTERS, STRATEGICAL AREA.

The following increase was observed:—

	Increase.		
BIR GHANEIM	54	since 14th inst.	Increase in Bell Tents.
KULUNSAWEH	79	" " "	" " " "
TUL KERAM	26	" " "	" " " "
TAIYIBEH	41	" " "	increase in Shelters.
	<hr/> 200		

(R.A.F. 16-7-18).

ENEMY DEFENCES.—The KAKON system of defences appears to be falling into a state of disrepair.

The following was observed:—

SHUWEIKEH.—Trenches in area are in disrepair and filled in.

KAKON DEFENCES.—No fresh work on trench line. Trench in (D.3) G.16.b.—portion of fire trench appears partly filled in.

Trench in (D.3) G.19.a. has fallen in. Parts of trenches in (D.3) F.12 and 18 have been filled in. (R.A.F., 16-7-18).

(b) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY, 15-7-18.

Enemy registered our front from KH. UMM EL IKBA (C.4/M.29.c.) westwards.

3.—IDENTIFICATIONS.

(i.)

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
(a) Germans. 146th Regt. 1st Bn.	14-7-18	NAZARETH.	Prisoner 3/146.	Suffered heavy losses in attack on 14-7-18. Moved from ESSALT area about 10-7-18 and remained in broken ground N.E. of WADI EL MELLAHAH (C.6/X. and B.6/Z) for 3 days prior to attack.
2nd Bn.	"	SHUNET NIMRIN.	"	
3rd Bn.	"	(C.6) W., X.	"	
701st Bn.	"	Near MEJDEL BENI FADL.	Prisoners 702nd and 703rd Bns.	
702nd Bn.	"	(C.6) W., X.	Prisoners 702nd Bn.	
703rd Bn.	"	"	Prisoners 703rd Bn.	
11th Res. Jäger Bn. 1 Coy. 2 Coys.	"	(C.6) W., X. Near MEJDEL BENI FADL.	Prisoners 11th Res. Jäger Bn.	Rumoured that this battalion is to move to France shortly.
(b) Turks. 3rd Cav. Div.	—	Astride Wady MELLAHAH.	Captured map, undated, but evidently recent.	
53rd Cav. Div.	—	Watchi'g Turkish left flank, W. of Jordan.	"	
58th Regt.	—	Opposite MUSALLABEH.	"	71 prisoners from this unit taken 14-7-18.
163rd Regt.	—	N.W. of TELL EL MUSETTERAH. (B.6/T.11, 12).	"	

(ii.) The following further information has been obtained from prisoners taken during the action on July 14th:—

(a) 146th GERMAN REGIMENT.

Has 3 battalions. Was in the TOHERNA bend in Macedonia. Arrived in this theatre about 6 weeks ago.

(This is confirmatory).

1st battalion remained at NAZARETH.

2nd battalion now in hills behind SHUNET NIMRIN. (Prisoners are vague about this but it is probably correct.

3rd battalion was at ES SALT till July 4th. Crossed over Jordan by an "emergency" bridge S. of JISR ED DAMIE about 3 days ago to take part in this offensive. Remained concealed in broken ground N.W. of 113 X. until the attack.

(b) 701st, 702nd, 703rd.

Were near (but not at) MEJDEL BEN FADL till about 4 days ago. 11th Res. Jäger Battalion were with them also. 2 companies of latter remained in MEJDEL BENI FADL area. 702nd, 703rd, and 1 Coy. 11th Res. Jäger Battalion left there and moved in two night marches to take part in attack. Prisoners know of no other German units here other than those mentioned. They say the departure for France of the 11th Res. Jäger Battalion is continually rumoured, and that German and Austrian artillery is coming from Italy.

(c) ENEMY INTENTIONS.

Enemy's intention in the attack on July 14th seems to have been to cut off our salient and get to the line of the Wadi AUJA, so as to have the use of the water and to straighten out his line. This was the final objective in this operation which however is spoken of by prisoners as a preliminary to a large scale offensive in September to regain JERUSALEM. The attack was to synchronise with demonstrations or feints on the DEAD SEA and NABLUS fronts. On both sides of our salient the Germans were to have been supported by Turks and to the failure of these latter to develop their attacks the Germans attribute their non-success.

(d) ARTILLERY.

Enemy heavily shelled MUSALLABEH and the BLUFF (B.6) Y.6 prior to and during the attack. German Officer said enemy assumed we must have been shelled out of MUSALLABEH, and he expressed great surprise when told that the place had been held throughout.

(e) MORAL.

Germans expressed the greatest dissatisfaction at conduct of Turks in the operation. They attribute failure of whole operations entirely to non-support of the latter. Although the attitude of officers was non-committal, other ranks were most outspoken in their contempt and disgust at the behaviour of their allies. The few Turks so far interrogated say the operation was German initiated, and on its failing, the Germans, as usual, blame their allies.

4.—ORGANISATION.

GAS.

German prisoners say a few gas shells may be fired, but no one has ever thought of using gas on this front. The use of, and training with, gas masks, is not taken very seriously.

5.—ASIA MINOR.

According to a report dated 13th July, the 47th Division was still in the Smyrna area on that date. (See I.S. 345 dated 11-7-18, para. 4 (2)).

6.—METEOROLOGICAL.**G.S.I. METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,**

at 0800.

	JERUSALEM 2,720 ft. above M.S.L.		G.H.Q. 250 ft. above M.S.L.	
		Difference from previous day.		Difference from previous day.
TEMPERATURE (°F.)	81	0	82	-2
HUMIDITY (%)	46	0	68	+33
WIND	W.N.W. almost calm.		South almost Calm.	
BAROMETRIC HEIGHT (ins.) ...	27'06	-03	29'45	-03
MOVEMENT from 0500 to 0800 (ins.)...	—	—	Rising '03	+02
FOR PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.				
MAXIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	91	0	97	+2
MINIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	68	0	68	+3
RAINFALL (ins.)	0'0	0	0'0	0

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY,

for 24 hours ending 0800—19/7/18.

1.—PALESTINE FRONT.

(a) WATER.

(i.) Reported plentiful in the NAHR EL FALIK as far East as BIRKET RAMADAN, the pools in which appear to be the main source of supply. (R.A.F., 17-7-18).

(ii.) WATERING PLACES ON NABLUS-TUL KERAM ROAD.

In the upper reaches of the WADY ESH SHAIR there is water between (D.5) M.23 and G.12. No troughs were observed, but there are numerous fords at which horses could be easily watered. There are also seven mills along the wady, five of which are between the points mentioned. Each mill has a water race. There is no water in the wady N.W. of DEIR SHERAF (D.5) G.6. (R.A.F., 18-7-18).

(iii.) A P. of W. states that the Germans have made reservoirs and troughs between TUL KERAM and NABLUS.

(b) HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Reference I.S., of 18-7-18—report of four enemy machines observed over BEERSHEBA; from information received yesterday, these machines were not hostile.

2.—IDENTIFICATIONS.

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
Artillery. 6th Regt., 1st Batt.	Approx. 14-7-18.	C.6/U. 32, 33.	Captured map.	Previously identified on this front.
6th Regt., 4th Batt.	"	C.6/U. 32, 33.	"	"
7th Regt., 2nd Batt.	"	C.6/W. 1, 2.	"	"
11th Regt., 3rd Batt.	"	C.6/W. 20, 27.	"	"
13th Regt., 7th Batt.	"	C.6/R. 34, 35.	"	"
39th Regt., 1st Batt.	"	C.6/R. 34, 35.	"	"
11th Batt.	"	C.6/W. 20, 27.	"	"
43rd Regt., 5th Batt.	"	C.6/C. 31.	"	"
701st German Bn.	13-7-18.	Opposite RAFAT	Captured great coat.	Probably indicates pre- sence of battalion, but possibly only Pioneer Abteilung.
11th Res. Jäger Bn. (less 4th Co.)	9-7-18.	D.5/M. 23.	Off. Pris. 11th Res. Jäger Bn.	Consists of 1st, 3rd and 4th Coys., each with 6 light M.G.'s., plus a Bn. M.G. Coy. of 6 heavy M.G.'s. 2nd Coy. was absorbed in MACE- DONIA. 4th Coy. took part in attack on 14/7/18 near Jordan.

(ii) 1/66th REGIMENT.

On 13th July eight men belonging to the 1/66th Regiment at ANEIZA deserted to the Arabs. Another report states that one company of this battalion is at ANEIZA. This company is reported to be 35 strong and to have arrived there on the 4th instant. It is not clear whether the whole battalion or only one company has proceeded to ANEIZA from the VIIIth A.C. area. The 1/66th Regiment was last reported in Divisional reserve on 6-7-18.

(iii) 24th DIVISION.

According to prisoners from the 58th Regiment, taken on July 14th, the 24th Division was withdrawn on July 5th (being relieved by 3rd Cavalry Division) and was moving in the direction of Nablus but was sent south to take part in the attack. Only the 58th was engaged. The 2nd and 143rd Regiments were in reserve and were to take part in the subsequent attack upon the Wadi AUJAH positions which was to have taken place the following night.

(iv) 47th DIVISION.

According to an agent's report the G.O.C. XVIIth Army Corps protested against the despatch of the 47th Division to SYRIA on the grounds that it was under strength. In reply to this he was immediately ordered to bring the Division up to strength with 2,000 deserters, and to carry out move at once. The strength of the Division is said to be now nearly 9,000 and its move is practically completed. Prior to 8th of June two battalions had been despatched.

3.—ORGANISATION.

(a) GERMAN MAN POWER.

The following is an extract from a letter from a recruit in Germany to his brother in Palestine, dated 22-6-18, from (?) BAJANOW.

"They want to train us in eight weeks and then send us to a recruit depôt at the front. All youngsters of the 1900 class have been enrolled."

(b) WATER.

An intelligent Greek deserter, who joined 1/58th Regt. on morning of 13th July and deserted on evening of 14th, states that troops north of the W. EL AUJAH (Eastern Sector) are extremely short of water. He was without for 36 hours and other men had none for 48 hours. This is confirmed by an officer prisoner.

He was in a shell hole with 10 other men and a machine gun. The gunners drank the water in the jacket of the machine gun.

(c) 11th RES. JÄEGER BN.

An officer prisoner from this battalion gives the following information. On withdrawal from the CERNA BEND in MACEDONIA, battalion was reformed at VRANJA, taking two months in the process. 70-80 men "fit for tropical service" from each of the following units were drafted in viz., Guard Jäger Bn., Guard Schuetzen Bn., 8th and 9th Jäger Bn., 12th and 13th Reserve Jäger Bns. Of the 100 rifles of the original 1st Coy., only 30-40 "fit for tropical service" were selected. The 2nd Coy. was absorbed, so that unit now consists of 1st, 3rd and 4th Coys, each with 6 light machine guns, and a Bn. M.G. Coy. of 6 heavy machine guns.

The strength of 4th Coy. on leaving their camp in D.5/M.23 on 9-7-18 was about 140 rations, or 120 rifles. Each light or heavy machine gun has a crew of 1 Corporal and 8 men. Two light machine guns or one heavy are carried by one pony. The march to their front line positions took 3 days. Before the attack 3 sections of 1 N.C.O. and 8 men each were formed into a "Stosstrupp" led by an officer. Of the 6 officers in the 4th Coy., 5 took part in the attack.

4th Coy. transport consists of 30 carts, each drawn by 2 ponies.

4.—CASUALTIES.

Two Arab officers of the 11/3/58th Regt. (one O.C. 11th Coy.) state that the whole of the 9th and 10th Coys. were captured, including their officers. The 11th Coy. lost 20 prisoners and 15 wounded. Only 10 men remained in the 3rd Bn.

5.—ASIA MINOR.

DRAFTS.—Between 20th June and 3rd July, 2,000 reinforcements composed of young and well-clad men, without any rifles, one fifth of the whole being Christians, passed through BOZANTI en route for SYRIA. (Agent. Reliability unknown).

6.—ARABIA.

On 5th July, an Arab force attacked the railway between KHISHM-EL-SANAA (95 miles N. of EL ULA) and DAR EL HAMRA (16 miles S. of KHISHM-EL-SANAA) destroying 500 rails, and a culvert of 25 arches. On the same date, an attack was carried out further south between DAR EL HAMRA and MATALLI (20 miles S. of DAR EL HAMRA) which resulted in the destruction of 1,000 rails.

7.—TOPOGRAPHICAL.

LOCAL NAMES.—The following Local Name has been authorised for official use, and will be included on the next edition of JERICHO (B.6) 1:40,000 :—

STOCKS BRIDGE, Z.18.d.3.5.

8.—METEOROLOGICAL.

G.S.I. METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,

at 0800.

	JERUSALEM 2,720 ft. above M.S.L.		G.H.Q. 250 ft. above M.S.L.	
		Difference from previous day.		Difference from previous day.
TEMPERATURE (°F.)	79	—3	80	—3
HUMIDITY (%)	42	+7	73	+4
WIND	North almost calm.		South almost calm.	
BAROMETRIC HEIGHT (ins.) ...	27'17	+06	29'57	+06
MOVEMENT from 0500 to 0800 (ins.)...	—	—	Rising '04	+01
FOR PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.				
MAXIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	91	0	94	+2
MINIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	70	—2	68	+2
RAINFALL (ins.)	0'0	0	0'0	0

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19-7-18.

[No. 353].

ESTIMATED DISTRIBUTION OF ENEMY FORCES ON PALESTINE FRONT 19/7/18.

A.—IV. ARMY.

Unit.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres.	M.G.'s.	Automatic Rifles.	Remarks.
Deraa-Kutrani-Kerak to Jisr ed Damie-Shunet Nimrin Road.						
(i) 1st Bn. 152nd Regt. 2nd and 3rd Bns. 150th Regt. 46th Div. Cav. Sqn.	EL KUTRANI to N. along Railway.	100	—	12	—	
	Probably Kutrani area.	200	—	—	12	
(ii) VIII A.C.		—	100	—	—	
COMPOSITE DIVISION.						
74th Regt. (less 1 Bn.). 1/146th Regt. 148th Regt. 2 and 3/152nd Regt. Muhafaza Bn. Attack Coy. 146th German Regt. Mule M.I. Bn. Camel Coy. 2nd Sqn. 29th Cav. Regt. 26th Div. Cav. Sqn. 2nd Caucasus Cav. Bde. (Regts. 7, 9, 11).	KABR MUJAHID-SHUNET NIMRIM Area.	600	100	24	—	166th Regt. reported at KALAAT EL ANEIZEH.
		350	—	4	—	
		600	—	18	—	
		450	—	10	2	
		200	—	—	—	
		300	—	4	6	
		225	—	6	—	
	50	—	—	—		
	—	—	100	—	—	Attached 2nd Caucasus Cavalry Bde.
	—	—	75	—	—	
	—	—	925	21	—	
48th DIVISION.						
17th Regt. (less 1 Bn.). 23rd " 63rd " 66th " (less 1 Bn.). 125th " 146th German Inf. Regt. (1 Bn.). 191st Regt.	SHUNET NIMRIN to JISR ED DAMIE-SHUNET NIMRIN Road Area.	500	—	12	—	2/24th Regt. accepted as absorbed.
		900	—	20	—	
		900	—	18	—	
		400	—	10	—	
		1000	—	24	4	
		500	—	8	21	
	750	—	18	—	Attack Coy. attached to 2nd Cauc. Cav. Bde.	
RESERVE.						
Circassian Irregulars.	AIN ES SIR Area.	100	300	—	—	No reports of 10th Cav. Regt. since 13/5/18; presence of this unit on this front considered very doubtful.
TOTAL—IV ARMY.		8125	1575	209	45	

B. VII ARMY.

Unit.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres.	M.G.'s.	Automatic Rifles.	Remarks.
(i) East of Jordan. 145th Regt.	W. of JISR ED DAMIE-SHUNET NIMRIN road.	900	—	24	4	
(ii) West of Jordan. 24th DIVISION (10 Bns.) Regts., 2, 58, 143. 1st Attack Bn. 3rd Cav. Div. (Regts., 6., 8). 3/146th German Regt. 702nd and 703rd German Inf. Bns. 4th Coy. 11th Res. Jäger Bn.	Next JORDAN. Reported passed through MEJDL BENI FADL 25-6-18 to north. 113 X. 113 X., W.	1950 150 100 450 500 40	75 — 600 — 75 —	50 4 16 8 12 2	18 — — 21 42 3	58th suffered heavy casualties 14-7-18. Two regiments probably in reserve. Presence of two Pioneer Companies established. All suffered heavily 14-7-18. Probably withdrawn to reserve.
	TOTAL (ii)	3190	750	92	84	
(iii) XX A.C. 53rd DIVISION.—10 Bns. Regts. 32, 163. „ 136 and 2/151. 26th DIVISION.—9 Bns. Regts. 76, 59, 78.	113 R. and W. Reserve. 113 Q.24—099.J.35.	1600 1500	50 100	41 48	4 9	
	TOTAL (iii).	3100	150	89	13	

Unit.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres.	M.G.'s.	Automatic Rifles.	Remarks.
VII. ARMY (Continued). (iv) III ARMY CORPS.						
11th DIVISION.—9 Bns. Regts. 127th, 33rd, 126th.	099.J.36 (approx)—E. of AMURIEH (099.H.15).	2000	—	66	9	
1st DIVISION.—9 Bns. Regts. 70th, 71st, 124th.	099.H.15—FURKHAH (inclusive)	1600	100	42	12	
	TOTAL (iv).	3600	100	108	21	
(v.) RESERVE. 11th Res. Jäger Bn. (less 1 Coy.)	D.5/M.23.	300	—	4	15	From statements of Officer prisoner of this unit, strength was previously over estimated.
	TOTAL—VII ARMY.	11090	1000	317	137	

C.—VIII ARMY.

(i) ASIA CORPS.						
46th DIVISION.—3 Bns. 144th Regt.	Reserve.	1000	—	24	4	145th and 191st Regts. detached.
? 4th Cav. Regt. 701st German Bn.	HARIS—KEFR HARIS area. ARARA—BIDIEH.	— 450	300 50	— 6	5 21	Cavalry reported by Agents in this area. Possibly only part here.
16th DIVISION—6 Bns. 47th Regt. 48th Regt.	KURAWA IBN ZEID—GURKHA HILL. ARARA (exclusive).—KH. KESFA.	1500	150	54	6	125th Regt., detached.
7th DIVISION—9 Bns. 20th Regt. 19th Regt. 21st Regt.	KH. KESFA (exclusive). JILJULIEH.	2100	150	48	18	
	TOTAL (i).	5050	650	132	54	
(ii) XXII A.C.						
20th DIVISION—6 Bns. 61st and 62nd Regts.	Before KEFR SABA.	1800	100	54	36	
19th DIVISION—9 Bns. Regts 57, 72, 77.	TABSOR DEFENCES TO SEA.	2550	100	54	30	
	TOTAL (ii).	4350	200	108	66	

Unit.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres.	M.G.'s.	Automatic Rifles.	Remarks.
VIII ARMY (Continued). (iii) RESERVE. ? 12th DIVISION. Regts. 34, 35, 36. 1 Bn. 73rd Regt. 1st Lancer Regt.	? TUL KERAM area. Between ET TIREH & TUL KERAM TUL KERAM area.	2700 300 —	100 — 400	54 6 4	— — —	Presence of this division is still considered doubtful.
	TOTAL (iii)	3000	500	64	—	
	TOTAL C.—VIII ARMY.	12400	1350	304	120	

(D.)—N. PALESTINE and L. of C.

VIII Army Depot Bn. 1/151st Regt. 146th German Regt. (less 2 Bns.).	EL HUDEIRA. DERAA—YARMUK VALLEY. NAZARETH.	700 250 500	— — —	— 6 8	— — 21	Possibly moved South.
	TOTAL—D.	1450	—	14	21	

TOTALS.

(A) IV ARMY...	8125	1575	209	45
(B) VII ARMY	11090	1000	317	197
(C) VIII ARMY	12400	1350	304	120
(D) N. PALESTINE & L. of C.	1450	—	14	21
	33065	3925	844	383

To accompany G.H.Q. Intelligence Summary No 354, dated 20-7-18.

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G.H.Q., E.E.F.
20-7-18.

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY,

for 24 hours ending 0800—20/7/18.

1.—EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

0700—0930.

About 1600 cavalry were seen in the area AMMAN-ES SALT-AIN ES SIR (R.A.F., 19-7-18).

NOTE.—The majority of above are probably Arab irregulars.

There is a line of trenches along the crest of JEBEL JELAAD for about 2,000 yards, extending from 127.B.36.d. to 127.H.20.a. approx. (R.A.F., 19-7-18).

2.—IDENTIFICATIONS.

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
H'adquart'rs. XX. Corps.	?	MEJDEL BENI FADL (C.5/G. 19).	Captured map.	Undated, but apparently recent.
III. Corps.	"	ISKAKA (C.5/Y.10).	"	
1st Div.	"	MERDA (C.5/Y.1).	"	
11th Div.	"	KH. KAMMUNEH (C.5/Y.12).	"	
26th Div.	"	JALUD (C.5/O.2).	"	
46th Div.	"	DEIR ESTIA (C.4/R.25).	"	
123rd Regt.	March, 1918.	Withdrawn from PALESTINE front and sent to CAUCA- SUS.	Officer Prisoner 3/66 Regt.	There have been previous reports that this regi- ment has been sent by sea to the Caucasus. Only one battalion was doubtfully reported on this front in February, but it has not been iden- tified since, and the presence of the whole Regt. in CAUCASUS is now accepted.

3.—ORGANISATION.

(a) GAS.

Prisoners from 703rd German Battalion, state that they had been issued with gas masks but as they were practically sure we would not use gas during the attack on ABU TELLUL they left them behind.

(b) TURKS IN GERMAN UNITS.

A Turkish deserter from 2nd Coy., 703rd German Infantry Bn. gives the following information as to duties of Turks in German units. Turks in German units are employed in transport work and for fatigue duties such as wood cutting, water carrying etc.

While in action, on each machine-gun, there are four Germans and generally one Turk; the latter is used as runner, ammunition carrier, etc.

Drafting of Turks into German units. Turks are drafted into German units directly from the bases. The 703rd German Infantry Bn. had its Turkish contingent from the Sultan Ahmed Barracks at Constantinople.

Prisoner stated as follows: "At the end of last December about 150 men were called out and sent to HAIDAR PASHA where, after a rigid medical examination by German doctors, only 110 of us were selected. The next morning 20 had already deserted, taking with them their blankets, etc., and 10 more were sent to hospital. On an average each Coy. of the 703rd German Infantry Bn. has about 25 Turks."

4.—CONSTANTINOPLE.

CONSTANTINOPLE FIRE.

According to a statement in the Turkish Press, the fire which broke out in the capital on June 1st completely destroyed the following quarters in STAMBOUL:—

DJUBALI, FATIH, TASH-KASSAP, SARI-GUZEL, SHEHR-EMIMI, DAUD-PASHA and part of the KODJA MOUSTAFA quarter.

The public holiday and festivities to commemorate the taking of Constantinople by the Turks which were to have been celebrated on June 1st had to be indefinitely postponed.

It is estimated that 50,000 people were rendered homeless by the conflagration.

5.—METEOROLOGICAL.

G.S.I. METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,

at 0800.

	JERUSALEM 2,720 ft. above M.S.L.		G.H.Q. 250 ft. above M.S.L.	
		Difference from previous day.		Difference from previous day.
TEMPERATURE (°F.)	79	0	82	+2
HUMIDITY (%)	25	-17	57	-16
WIND	N.N.W. almost calm.		N.N.W. almost calm.	
BAROMETRIC HEIGHT (ins.) ...	27'18	+ '01	29'60	+ '03
MOVEMENT from 0500 to 0800 (ins.)...	—	—	0'0	- '04
FOR PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.				
MAXIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	90	-1	92	-2
MINIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	68	-2	68	0
RAINFALL (ins.)	0'0	0	0'0	0

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20-7-18.

[No. 854].

5.—METEOROLOGICAL.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Summary for Week ending 20th July, 1918, at 1800, by
7th FIELD SURVEY COY., R.E.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT G.H.Q.

		Differences from previous week.
1.—Temperature.		
MEAN OF WEEK	79	+3
MEAN MAXIMUM	94	+6
MEAN MINIMUM	67	+1
HIGHEST RECORDED on 16th	97	+7
LOWEST RECORDED on 14th and 16th	65	+1
2.—Humidity.		
MEAN OF WEEK	64	0
HIGHEST RECORDED on 16th, 17th and 18th at 2000	87	-1
LOWEST RECORDED on 16th at 1400	34	-9

3.—Wind.

On the 14th the wind veered during the day from S. to N., on the 15th from S. to N.N.W., on the 16th from S.S.E. to N.W., on the 17th from S. to S.W., on the 18th from S.S.W. to S.W., on the 19th from S. to N.N.W. On the 20th it "backed" from a N.N.W. to W.N.W. The wind velocities were low, and no velocity above "very light" (Beaufort 2) was recorded.

4.—Rainfall.

No rainfall recorded.

Summary for Week ending 20th July, 1918, at 0800, by
7th FIELD SURVEY COY., R.E.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT JERUSALEM.

		Differences from previous week.
1.—Temperature.		
MEAN OF WEEK	80	+9
MEAN MAXIMUM	91	+9
MEAN MINIMUM	69	+10
HIGHEST RECORDED on 14th	95	+7
LOWEST RECORDED on 14th, 16th, 17th and 20th	68	+13
2.—Humidity.		
MEAN OF WEEK	38	-29
HIGHEST RECORDED on 16th and 17th	46	-35
LOWEST RECORDED on 20th	25	-19

3.—Wind.

On the 14th a "Calm" was recorded at 0800 and a light N.W. wind at 1800. On the 15th the wind varied from a very light N.N.W. to a light N.W. A "Calm" was recorded at 0800 on the 16th, and a light W.N.W. at 1800. On the 17th the wind developed from an almost calm W.N.W. to a moderate W.N.W.; on the 18th it varied from an almost calm E.S.E. to a light W., and on the 19th from an almost calm N. to a light N.W. An almost calm N.N.W. was recorded this morning. The wind velocities were lower than those recorded last week.

4.—Rainfall.

No rainfall recorded.

G.S.I. METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,

at 0800.

	JERUSALEM 2,720 ft. above M.S.L.		G.H.Q. 250 ft. above M.S.L.	
		Difference from previous day.		Difference from previous day.
TEMPERATURE (°F.)	79	0	83	+1
HUMIDITY (%)	38	+13	61	+4
WIND	Calm.		Calm.	
BAROMETRIC HEIGHT (ins.) ...	27'14	-'04	29'55	-'05
MOVEMENT from 0500 to 0800 (ins.)...	—	—	Rising '02	+ '02
FOR PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.				
MAXIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	91	+1	92	0
MINIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	66	-2	70	+2
RAINFALL (ins.)	0'0	0	0'0	0

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21-7-18.

[No. 355].

Temperature	Humidity	Wind	Barometric Height
79	38	Calm	27'14
91	66		27'14
66	0'0		27'14

On the 18th the wind shifted during the day from S.W. to S.E. and the rain from S.W. to S.E. on the 19th from S.W. to S.E. and the 20th from S.W. to S.E. On the 21st the wind shifted from S.W. to S.E. and the rain from S.W. to S.E. The wind velocity was low and the clouds were light. The rain was recorded.

SECRET.

G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY,

for 24 hours ending 0800—22/7/18.

1.—IDENTIFICATIONS.

(i.)

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
H. Qrs. 7th Div.	7-7-18.	KH. RAS ET TIREH (C.4/K.12.a.)	Prisoners 20th Regt.	
3/20th Regt.	11-7-18.	(C.3) M.7.b.8.a.	"	2/20th in local reserve.
1/19th "	13-7-18.	(C.3) M.3.d.	Prisoner 19th Regt.	A German "Inf. Coy." of 1 officer and 60 men att. to 19th Regt. Probably refers to part of 701st Pioneer Abt.
701st Field Art. Abt. 2nd Batt.	17-7-18.	(B.7) P.18.a.3.8. approx.	Turkish deserter 701st F.A.A.	4 10.5 c.m. guns, 60 Ger- mans and 40 Turks.
1st and 3rd Batts.	"	NABLUS FRONT.	"	Heresay.

(ii.) GERMANS.

An officer deserter from 2/77th Regt., 19-7-18, reports a German company holding the hill in (D.3) V.5.a.52, and another German company in reserve. This is confirmed by an N.C.O. from the same unit.

It is not clear from which unit this is drawn.

(iii.) 73rd REGIMENT.

A prisoner who arrived on this front with 73rd Regt., who deserted, was re-captured and posted to 76th Regt., states that he heard that 1/73rd Regt. had been absorbed by 32nd Regt. This requires confirmation.

(iv.) 75th REGIMENT.

A deserter from the 3/76 Regt., taken 17-7-18, states that he previously belonged to 9th Coy., 75th Regt. The 3/75th Regt was absorbed about a month ago, and its personnel drafted to various units. His company was drafted to 9th Coy., 76th Regt. He states that 1/75th Regt. is at NABLUS.

NOTE.—This requires confirmation, as a prisoner from 2/75th Regt. taken at FERIFRE, 28-6-18, reports 3/75th Regt. at KUTRANI. Possibly deserter is mistaking 75th for 74th Regt., the 3rd Bn. of which is known to have been absorbed by units of the 26th Division.

(v.) TRANSPORT.

Turkish prisoners report having seen, in June, 1918, a German repair shop and M.T. park in a large khan N. of the main road in (D.4) V.31 central.

2.—WITHDRAWAL OF GERMAN UNITS.

(a) Officer prisoner, who was O.C. 4th Company, 11th Reserve Jäger Bn., captured on July 14th, states that the 1st Company left MESSUDIEH for RAYAK by rail on July 3rd or 4th. This is confirmed by another prisoner (thought to be credible) from the same company, who further states, that when returning from SEMAKH, on July 10th, he saw the 3rd Company being entrained for the North at MESSUDIEH. Only a small detachment remained, and this supported the 4th Company in the attack against ABU TELLUL. The battalion had been told, unofficially, that they were to assemble at CONSTANTINOPLE for an unknown destination. The men were told to observe the strictest secrecy about this move, and conversation upon the subject immediately became general. Officers were overheard to say that their destination was BATUM, in the Caucasus. It was expected that the whole battalion would have entrained for the north by July 27th. Prisoner heard that the 146th German Regt. was also to be withdrawn and to accompany them northwards.

(b) A prisoner from 3/146th German Regiment (apparently credible) states that the transport of his battalion was sent to NAZARETH to fetch the baggage of the 2/146 Regt. to AMMAN, where the whole regiment was to assemble preparatory to being moved north.

NOTE.—The withdrawal of part of the 11th Reserve Jäger Bn. appears to be established, but the report as to contemplated move of the 146th Regiment is only hearsay and requires confirmation. Compare L.S. 346, of 13-7-18, para. 1, for movement of troops at MESSUDIEH.

3.—GERMAN CASUALTIES.

An intelligent Greek deserter, who left NABLUS 16-7-18, reports having seen 160 German wounded while *en route* to join 58th Regt.

4.—PERSONALITIES.

YASSIM HILMI BEY, formerly O.C. 20th Division. Several prisoners have stated that he has been appointed to a command East of Jordan. According to one report he temporarily took over the command of the IV Army, but two prisoners captured on the 14th instant, state he replaced ALI FUAD BEY as G.O.C. VIII A.C.

5.—ORGANISATION.

(i.) TURKISH MAN POWER AND MORAL.

An intelligent Greek deserter from 58th Regt., states that he left CONSTANTINOPLE 15th June with a draft of 1,000 men which arrived at NABLUS 12th July only 730 strong, remainder having deserted en route. It was composed of re-captured deserters and convicts; the draft was distributed to units two days after the unsuccessful attack on ABU TELLUL. A large number were sent to the 58th Regt. to replace casualties. Deserter himself was serving a life sentence for killing his sergeant who had assaulted his sister. He states that all convicts in the SMYRNA area, and as far as he knows throughout Turkey, have been released and enrolled in the army.

Whilst on the way from CONSTANTINOPLE, at a station west of BOZANTI, the occupants of one truck attacked the guard of a sergeant and a corporal, threw them out of the train and deserted. Deserter only received his rifle on joining 58th Regt.

(ii.) GERMAN 1920 CLASS.

A letter dated GÖNNERN (in NASSAU, 44 miles N. of FRANKFORT o/M.), 29-8-18, states "the 18 year olds were called up on Monday, and nearly all of them have been enrolled." (c.f. I.S. 353 of 19-7-18, para. 3.a).

6.—METEOROLOGICAL.

G.S.I. METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,

at 0800.

	JERUSALEM 2,720 ft. above M.S.L.		G.H.Q. 250 ft. above M.S.L.	
		Difference from previous day.		Difference from previous day.
TEMPERATURE (°F.)	81	+2	82	-1
HUMIDITY (%)	40	+2	71	+10
WIND	Calm.		Calm.	
BAROMETRIC HEIGHT (ins.) ...	27'12	-'02	29'54	-'01
MOVEMENT from 0500 to 0800 (ins.)...	—	—	Rising '01	-'01
FOR PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.				
MAXIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	90	-1	92	0
MINIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	66	0	67	-3
RAINFALL (ins.)	0'0	0	0'0	0

General Staff (Intelligence),
G.H.Q., E.E.F.

22-7-18.

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY,

for 24 hours ending 0800—23/7/18.

1.—EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

Reference Intelligence Summaries of July 17th para. 1(a) and July 21st, para. 1(a), it is now reported that the enemy has not occupied the trenches dug in (B.7) Q.28-35, S.5-17 and 22 since he was ejected from them on July 14th. (Descorps 22-7-18).

2.—PALESTINE FRONT.

AERONAUTICS.

A hostile two-seater machine was driven down 1½ miles south of BEIT LID (098.F.6) and was destroyed on hitting the ground. The occupant was seen to get out. (R.A.F. 22-7-18).

3.—IDENTIFICATIONS.

(i.)

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
23rd F.A.Rgt. 1st Bn. 2nd Batt.	6-4-18.	BEKFEYA, LEBANON.	Postal.	

(ii.) 702nd BATTALION.

A field sketch in a German N.C.O.'s notebook, of date probably mid-May, shows the following dispositions:—

MOGG RIDGE—1st Coy. 702nd Bn., 702nd Cavalry Troop (at Southern End) apparently 6 machine-guns.

Between KH. SUSIEH
and GURKHA HILL, S. } Pioneer Detachment.
of WADY SOMERSET. }

MAXIM HILL—2nd Coy., 702nd Bn.

(iii.) GERMANS.

A prisoner from 2/191st Regt. who deserted on July 19th, states that about July 15th he saw 3 large motor lorries with 20 German soldiers in each going towards ES SALT from direction of SHUNET NIMRIN.

NOTE.—This may indicate withdrawal of 1/146th German Regt. from SHUNET NIMRIN, the possibility of which was indicated in yesterdays' Summary. Confirmation is however required.

4.—TURCO-GERMAN RELATIONS.

A prisoner from the 58th Regiment who deserted on July 19th, states that after the engagement on July 14th, the Turks were laughing up their sleeves at the German defeat.

5.—ORGANISATION.

(i.) GERMANS.

Prisoner from the 11th Reserve Jäger Bn. states that the general impression in prisoner's Company, was that the attack was very ill-planned. Men were given no definite instructions about their objectives. When they were cut off, the officers broke down, and did not try to rally their men.

(ii.) TURKISH AIR FORCE.

A captured Turkish document shows following formation of, or scheme for the Turkish Air Force:—

Chief of Air Force.	}	Constantinople Aircraft Centre.
		General Observation Centre.
		Naval Aircraft Station.
		Smyrna " "
		Damascus " "
		Aleppo " "
		Constantinople Aircraft Park.
Mosul " "		

The document is undated.

(iii.) PASSWORDS.

The notebook of a German N.C.O. of 702nd Bn. gives the following countersigns for use in reply to the challenge "Kimdiro, parola" (who goes there? The password).

(? May) 15th-16th STAMBUL (Constantinople).
 16th-17th ISMIR (Smyrna).
 17th-18th HAIFFA.
 18th-19th JAFFA.
 19th-20th ABDULA.
 20th-21st HASSAN.

6.—MORAL.

During week ending 1900 22-7-18, 14 prisoners and 37 deserters (including 1 officer) were taken from the following units.

28 deserters were taken the previous week:—

Unit.	P.	D.	Unit.	P.	D.	Unit.	P.	D.
2nd Regt.	1	—	77th Regt.	—	3*	191st Regt.	—	8
58th "	3	5	78th "	—	1	16th Pioneer Bn.	2	—
66th "	—	1	143rd "	—	2	Unknown.	1	8
72nd "	—	2	152nd "	—	1			
76th "	5	2	163rd "	2	4			

* Includes 1 cadet officer.

The Turkish Command are apparently now enforcing more stringent measures than hitherto in regard to captured deserters. While those who desert behind the enemy lines are still, on recapture, sent to depots or units in the field, the majority of those captured whilst attempting to desert to the British lines are shot, usually at Divisional Headquarters before detachments of all units of the Division. This is having a certain effect and is discouraging desertion to our lines.

7.—ENEMY INTENTIONS—(Past).

From the statements of prisoners and from a captured map, it appears that the German command, early in June, was organising an attack on the KH. ABU FELAH (C.5/Q.7.c.)—TELL ASUR (C.5/L.34)—ET TAIYIBEH (B.5/N.18) line. To this end the 702nd and 703rd Infantry Battalions were concentrated in reserve to the 26th Division, and it was also intended to utilize the 11th Res. Jäger Battalion; this latter however was hastily removed to the Coastal Sector about 6th June, and the attack was apparently abandoned.

It was timed to take place, according to one prisoner, the day before the last full moon (i.e., 23rd June), and the main objective was the water supply immediately south of TELL ASUR (more probably to command the supply in the AIN YEBRUD—AIN SINIA area).

The lines of attack as shown on the captured map were three, *viz.*:—

(i.) From EL MUGHEIR (C.5/Q.5) through KH. SIA (C.5/Q.9.a) to ROUND HILL (C.5/Q.7.d, 13.b.) and South of KH. ABU FELAH (C.5/Q.7.c).

(ii.) Down MERJ WADY (C.5/Q.10.15) as far as C.5/Q.15.d, then along ridge in C.5/Q.20.c.19.d. (CARDIFF HILL) directly through KEFR MALIK. Immediately West of KEFR MALIK the attacking column was to split into three, the northern column going up WADY EL KOLA, and attacking TELL ASUR from the north, the central column pushing west along the CHIPP HILL-CAIRN HILL-TELL ASUR Ridge, and the southern column striking south for three-quarters of a mile, then west for one and a half miles, then attacking TELL ASUR from the south.

(iii.) An advance direct from the east on ET TAIYIBEH.

German officers from all three battalions visited the sector to reconnoitre the ground, and the attempted raid on KH. ABU FELAH, on 25th/26th June, by a party of the 703rd Bn. was probably a final effort to ascertain the British strength in this sector.

8.—TOPOGRAPHICAL.**GERMAN LOCAL NAMES.**

The following are extracted from a field sketch made by a German N.C.O.

Name.	Co-ordinate.	Name on 1:40,000 map.
MOORBERG (Moor Mtn.)	(C.4) A.7.d.	Point 1309.
TURKEN HÖHE (Turk Hill)	(C.4) A.2.d.3.c.	TOOGOOD HILL.
PETER HÖHE (Peter Hill)	(C.4) V.6.b.d.	GURKHA HILL.
GENGE HÖHE.	(C.4) V.6.a.	MAXIM HILL.
WADI SUSR.	(C.4) A.1.	SOMERSET WADI.
MULLER BERG (Miller Mtn.)	(C.4) S.26, 27.	MOGG RIDGE.

9.—ARABIA.

On 10th July a party of Arabs, captured or killed 50 Turkish Cavalry and some infantry, who were proceeding from MEDINA to HAIL.

10.—ASIA MINOR.

On 19th instant, four of our aeroplanes successfully bombed the railway and warehouses at PANDERMA. Casualties were also inflicted with M.G. fire on troops stationed in a large camp situated west of the town. All our machines returned.

11.—METEOROLOGICAL.

G.S.I. METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,
at 0800.

		JERUSALEM 2,720 ft. above M.S.L.		G.H.Q. 250 ft. above M.S.L.	
			Difference from previous day.		Difference from previous day.
TEMPERATURE (°F.) ... ..	...	79	-2	83	+1
HUMIDITY (%) ... ..	...	41	+1	69	-2
WIND ... ..	...	N.W. almost calm.		South, all- most calm.	
BAROMETRIC HEIGHT (ins.) ...	...	27'11	-'01	29'51	-'03
MOVEMENT from 0500 to 0800 (ins.)...	...	—	—	Rising '01	0
FOR PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.					
MAXIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	90	0	92	0
MINIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	66	0	69	+2
RAINFALL (ins.)	0'0	0	0'0	0

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY,
for 24 hours ending 0800—24/7/18.

1.—PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

EASTERN SECTOR.—A fairly reliable agent reports, under date July 22nd, that:—

(i.) Enemy resumed digging about six days ago in JEBEL ESLAMIYEH, North of NABLUS. Work on this position was reported in March and April, but had since been discontinued.

(ii.) Very few troops were seen between front line and YASUF, whereas previously many were seen there.

2.—PALESTINE L. of C.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

180 cavalry were seen scattered at 096.S.23, and 300 cavalry were moving east on the HAIFA-NAZARETH Road at 096.Q.16 with 15 M.T. and 7 H.T.

An aerodrome of 7 hangars was observed near KUSKUS at 096.R.13. There was one machine on the ground but no landing T. Nine very large marquees, similar to those at JENIN, were seen at the German Colony in 096.R.8, 9 and 10.

No further work has been done on the embankment of the new railway at EL LEJJUN (097.D.17).

3.—IDENTIFICATIONS.

(i.)

A.—GERMAN.

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
201st ? Bde. H.Qrs.	18/19-6-18	Passed RAYAK S.	Reliable agent.	12 officers, 401 men, 215 animals. O.C. is Col. von Oven (see note below).
201st M.G. Detachment.	22-6-18	"	"	Probably "Mountain" M.G. detachment. 4 officers, 270 men, 16 M.Gs., 60 animals, 18 transport vehicles. Previously reported en route to this front. (I.S. 184 of 26-1-18, para. 5.a.)
715th Army Motor Lorry Column.	28/30-5-18	Arrived RAYAK from HOMS.	"	32 lorries.
120th (?A.A.) Battery.	19/25-6-18	Passed RAYAK S.	"	8 officers, 192 men, 4 70 (? 77) mm. guns, 104 animals, 16 transport vehicles.

B.—TURKISH.

73rd Regt.	29-5-18 21-6-18	Passed RAYAK S.	Reliable agent.	
4/74th Regt.	28-5-18	"	"	
75th Regt.	2/29-6-18	"	"	
9th M.G. "Regt."	10-6-18	"	"	7 Coys. each of 6 M.Gs, Belongs 25th Div.
130th Trans- port Coy. (amm'tion).	31-5-18	"	"	
44th Bakery Section. 114th Bakery Section.	11-6-18	"	"	

B.—TURKISH (Continued.)

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
140th Batt'y.	28-5-18 & 5-6-18	Passed RAYAK S.	Reliable agent.	2-100 mm. naval guns.
"14th" Batt.	6-6-18	"	"	2 75 mm. guns.
A.A. Batt. of 50th Regt.	"	"	"	4 75 mm. A.A. guns. Part of 50th F.A. Regt. is already on this front.
15th A.C. H.Qrs.	27-6-18	HOMS.	Agent.	
1/66th Regt.	19-7-18	Moved S. from Composite Div.	Prisoner 2/66th Regt.	Confirms report given in I.S. 353 of 19-7-18, para. 2 (ii).

(ii.) In addition to units mentioned above, the following are also reliably reported to have passed south through DERRA.

(a) GERMAN.

13-15-6-18.	Mountain Battery.	4 Mtn. Guns.
17-6-18.	? A.A. Battery.	2 70 (?77) m.m. guns.
Various between 23-5 and 30-6-18.	14 aeroplanes (10 to JENIN). 10 motor ambulances. Medical detachment from HOMS.	2 officers, 60 men.

(b) AUSTRIAN.

Artillery draft.	6 officers, 100 men.
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(c) TURKISH.

3-9-6-18.	Engineer Detachment, 25th Division.	
27-28-6-18.	Divisional Cavalry, 25th Division.	
8-6-18.	Battery.	2 100 m.m. Austrian guns. Turkish personnel.
29-6-18.	8 75 m.m. guns (no personnel).	
21-6-18.	Draft for 63rd Regt.	2 officers, 150 men.
23-6-18.	M.G. draft for 1st Div.	16 M.G.'s.

(iii.) 201st BDE. (German).

This formerly consisted of 45th, 146th Inf. Regts. and 21st Res. Inf. Regt., and was in 101st Division in the BALKANS. The Brigade Staff was reported attached to 216th Division.

It was reported that 11th Res. Jäger Bn. and 146th Regt., with artillery and cavalry attached, would form this brigade on this front (c.f. I.S. 286, of 10-5-18, para. 4.a.i.); also that these two units were to form Col. von OPPEN'S Brigade (apparently an error for Von OVEN—c.f. I.S. 355, of 21-7-18, para. 3.iv.).

It should be noted that a German Infantry "Brigade" normally comprises the three infantry regiments (each of three battalions) of the division, and operates directly under the divisional commander. It is however in keeping with the German policy of giving an inflated impression of their troops on this front that this high sounding title should be applied to a small formation composed of one regiment and one battalion.

4.—WITHDRAWAL OF GERMANS.

(i.) An untried agent states that at MESSUDIEH about July 17th, he was told by an old Arab working at the railway station, that German troops were passing north every night, and that a whole company left for the north about July 7th.

(ii.) In a report dated July 22nd, a fairly reliable agent states that it is currently reported in the area south of NABLUS that two German battalions were captured in the action on July 14th; that German troops are moving north, and that two companies of Germans had arrived in NABLUS from the front.

NOTE.—Above reports are consistent with several previous reports of German and Turkish prisoners, and also of agents that the 11th Reserve Jäger Bn. and possibly other German units are being withdrawn from this front. Compare recent Summaries.

5.—GERMAN OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE, 20-7-18. WITHDRAWAL ACROSS THE MARNE.

"Thus the task of the German troops fighting on the south bank was completely fulfilled, and it was unnecessary to continue to maintain the lines won there. The German Command can now withdraw their advanced troops to the north bank where they will fulfill fresh and more important tasks."

NOTE.—The task which was thus completely fulfilled is not stated.

6.—METEOROLOGICAL.

G.S.I. METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,
at 0800.

	JERUSALEM 2,720 ft. above M.S.L.		G.H.Q. 250 ft. above M.S.L.	
		Difference from previous day.		Difference from previous day.
TEMPERATURE (°F.)	77	-2	82	-1
HUMIDITY (%)	45	+4	71	+2
WIND	N.W.; very light.		South, all- most calm.	
BAROMETRIC HEIGHT (ins.) ...	27'10	-'01	29'49	-'02
MOVEMENT from 0500 to 0800 (ins.)...	—	—	Rising '03	+ '02
FOR PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.				
MAXIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	88	-2	93	+1
MINIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	66	0	71	+2
RAINFALL (ins.)	0'0	—	0'0	0'0

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TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT.

24-7-18.

WEST OF JORDAN.

(1) ROADS.

Ref.:—C.5., 1:40,000.

- (a) Aerial reconnaissance reports H.T. in F.10.c. This seems to indicate that the track leading N.E. from KUSRAH through F.21.b., 16.c., b, a, and thence joining the MEJDEL BENI FADL-AKRABEH road *via* F.10.b, d, 11.c, d, is used by H.T. throughout.

Ref.:—D.4., 1:40,000.

- (b) Aerial reconnaissance reports that in the country covered by squares X, C, and Z on the map there are no roads suitable for any transport other than pack animals. The KEFR ZIBAD (Z.30.)-BEIT LID (C.36.)-D.20. road is, however, a good unmetalled road and fit for H.T. South of KEFR ZIBAD the road appears to enter the WADI KAR (J.5.), which it follows westward, apparently to junction with WADI SIR.

Ref.:—D.3., 1:40,000.

- (c) M.T. has been seen going south-east on road in T.10.d., N.W. of ET TIREH. This road was previously classified as fit for H.T.

Ref.:—D.3., 1:40,000.

- (d) EL MUGHAIR (O.35.)-HUDEIRA. Aeroplane photographs show this as a clearly defined road passing through Q.18.d., P.7.c., from whence to the bridge it follows the track shown. There is a detour to the west, crossing the river at F.30.b. 1.2. by what appears to be a single span bridge, rejoining the track at F.30.b.9.9. and continuing due north through G.13.a.5.5. to G.1.a.7.7.

Ref.:—Haifa, 1:250,000.

- (e) DERRA (G.2.)-JISR MEJAMIE (E.2.). It is reported that this road has been practically completed and is shortly expected to be open for traffic. It is metalled throughout and is four metres wide.

- (f) The following is information, partly additional, partly confirmatory, collected from recently captured German maps:—

Ref.:—Sheets 12 and 9, 1:63,360.

- (i) The road from 112.Y.19.c. to 112.X.6.b., where it joins the JERICHO-BEISAN road, is shown as under construction, and is now the main road to BEISAN, the sector between 112.L.28. and 112.X.6. having fallen into disuse. Aerial reconnaissance had previously stated this to be the case. (Compare T.R. of 17-7-18, para. (e)). North of the WADI FARAH the only sector of the BEISAN ROAD shown as fit for M.T. is that between the WADI EL HUMRA (111.L.15.b.) and BEISAN.

Ref.:—C.4., 1:40,000.

- (ii) The road along the WADIS LEHHAM and AUWAD from S.21.c. to KEFR HARIS (T.3.b.) *via* T.8.a., b, is classified as unmetalled and fit for all wheels in dry weather. M.T. has not yet been reported on this road and it was previously classified as fit for H.T.

- (iii.) KALKILIEH-EL FUNDUK-NABLUS *via* WADI AZZUN. The road is shown as fit for M.T. in dry weather throughout. This agrees with reports, with the exception of the sector from L.4. (south of AZZUN) to O.29. (East of EL KURNEIN) no M.T. having as yet been observed in this sector.

Ref.:—C.4., D.3., D.4. 1:40,000.

- (iv.) AZZUN (C.4./J.35).—East of JIYUS (C.4./J.14).—WADI SIR (D.4./J.2).—FELAMIEH (D.4./Z.25).—ET TIREH. This is an unmetalled road, shown as fit for M.T. in dry weather. During the week it has also been reported on by the R.A.F. as follows:—“Leaves just east of AZZUN in a northerly direction, meeting the wadi in J.29.a., thence following the wadi bed to J.21; here it bends N.E. to J.15.d. and b. and joins the WADI SIR in J.8.b. which it follows to FELAMIEH. The road thence to ET TIREH is as previously described.” The direction given by the R.A.F. observer and that shown on the captured map agree.

(2) RAILWAYS.

- (g) TARBANEH (at 097.H.17.c).—KEFR KARA (083.J.4). The most recent information, obtained chiefly from aeroplane photographs, of the above line and its probable route, if continued west, is as follows:—

- (1) The embankment leaves the main EL AEULEH—HAIFA railway at 097.H.11.c.4.1. and crosses the plain of ESDRAELON for about five miles to the foothills. The only obstruction in this stretch is the NAHR EL MUKUTTA, which appears to be a large wadi with steep sides, over which a bridge is being constructed (*see* G.H.Q. Intelligence Summary 20-6-18, para. 4 (II)).

The end of the embankment is at 097.D.16.d.3.7. just to the N.E. of EL LEJJUN.

From this point there is no indication as to how the line will run, but it seems probable that, if continued, it will run along the track marked on the map to join the main road at 097.D.28. central. The road at this point is going through a narrow pass over the hills and presently descends steeply to the wadi near EL MESHEIRFEH. Here it crosses a branch wadi and ascends along the north side of the wadi. In the neighbourhood of MUSMUS, where there are no houses at both sides of the road, the wadi becomes narrow, with steep hills to the north. The watershed is reached at AIN IBRAHIM, where the country is more open, and the pass appears to be about 300 yards wide.

The upper reaches of WADI ARAH are narrow and probably fairly steep. The hills appear to be decidedly steeper on the north side than on the south side. The road follows the right bank of the wadi. The only tributary of the main wadi which appears to be of any size is the WADI EL KHALID, which enters from the south and is not crossed by the road. Before reaching KHURBET EL ARAH the wadi widens out, it then narrows for a short distance beyond KH. ARAH and then widens out again. At this point the road crosses the wadi and continues along the left bank until about two miles before TELL EL ASAWIR, when it crosses to the right bank again. In this neighbourhood the valley is about 500 yards broad and is cultivated.

(2) From the west there is indication that the TUL KERAM-KEFR KARA line is being prolonged to KH. ES SABIR (083.J.2.b.) and if continued in this direction would probably pass close to KEFR KARA and join the road slightly further on.

(3) GRADIENTS.—From EL LEJJUN to the water shed the road rises about 800 feet in three miles, and this may present an insurmountable obstacle to the continuation of the line westwards.

The drop from the water shed to KEFR KARA is about the same amount in six miles.

(h) SAMAKH-RAYAK Line.—Information re the above from a ~~reliable~~ ^{conceivable} source is as follows:—

Ref.:—BEIRUT-HAIFA, 1:250,000.

This line leaves the old line at MOALLAKA and is of the same gauge as the ALEPPO line. It runs direct from BAALBEK to MOALLAKA to save the detour through RAYAK. From MOALLAKA the embankment has been completed to HASBEYA through DELHEMIE, KEFR ZEBAA, DEIR ZEINUN, HAMMARA, EL BIRE, AIN NEBI. There is a small station at AIN NEBI and a supply of water. The rails have been laid about 10-15 km. from MOALLAKA. It was commenced last autumn and was to have been completed in 14 months, but the constructors do not consider this possible. The material for the line has been taken up from the ANEIZE-HISHE line and from the BEIRUT-MAMELTIN lines. Wooden sleepers are used.

Previous evidence points to the fact that work on this line has been temporarily suspended.

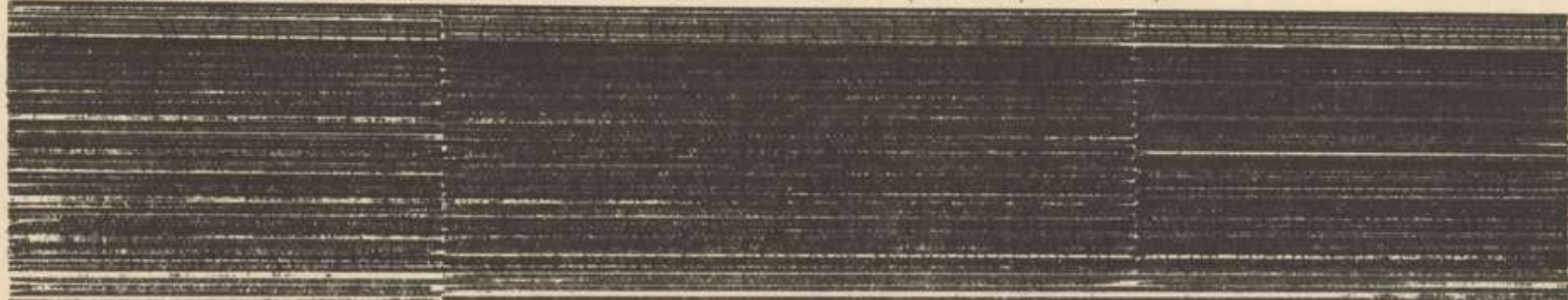
(3) BRIDGES.

Ref.:—C.6., 1:40,000.

- (j) Aerial reconnaissance reports a small bridge in C.19.c.6.3. In confirmation of this, a German P/W stated that his Bn. crossed the JORDAN here by a footbridge, which had been thrown across by their own Pioneers.
- (k) West of KULUNSAWEH there is a bridge across the wadi in ? W.22.c. This bridge is made of stone and is about five metres long and one and a half metres high. It has two arches.

(4) WATER.

- (l) BURIM (D.3) W.3.—The report of numerous wells with engine pump has not been recently confirmed. A mill with engine was recently erected here, where there is probably a well.
- (m) SABIEH (C.3) B.32.—Recently described as a boring, yielding from 10 to 15 cubic metres an hour (approx. 2,500 g.p.h.). There is a hand pump here. This is the well seen on air photographs five metres west of two large trees in (C.3) B.32.c.2.5. The above report was received from a well borer having technical knowledge of this well.
- (n) MUKHALID (D.3.) O.27. The well here is said to yield $4\frac{1}{2}$ cubic metres an hour (approx. 1,000 g.p.h.).
- (o) AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS taken on the 18th instant show obvious water supplies, apparently much used. These are co-ordinated as follows:—
(D.3.) U.1.a.9.9.; P.24.c.9.2.;
R.5.a.2.8.; R.14.c.3.3.;
R.22.a.2.5; R.36.d.4.4.;
BIR GHANEIM in R.19.d.2.6. also shows signs of much use.
- (p) NAHR ISKANDERUNEH (D.3.) F. Natives report water in the NAHR ISKANDER-UNEH, varying in depth from one to three metres. The water extends from the bridge in (D.3.) F.30.b. to the sea.
- (q) NAHR EL FALIK (D.3.) L.35. Water is reported in the NAHR EL FALIK from (D.3.) N.6.d.1.2. to L.35.d.2.5. There is a belt of sand at the mouth. A fair amount of water is still observed in BIRKET RAMADAN. (R.A.F., 19-7-18).



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**G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY,
for 24 hours ending 0800—25/7/18.**

1.—EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

0600-0840.

An increase of 300 tents and shelters was observed in the AMMAN area, as compared with July 21st.

1,300 cavalry were seen in the AMMAN-AIN ES SIR area. (R.A.F., 24-7-18).

NOTE.—The increase in tentage at AMMAN may connect with the reported withdrawal of German Troops (146th Regt.) from SHUNET NIMRIN.

2.—PALESTINE FRONT.

(a) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

0600-0840.

EASTERN SECTOR.—250 infantry were seen moving south in the LOWER WADY FARAH. (R.A.F., 24-7-18).

TENTS AND SHELTERS, STRATEGICAL AREA.—A decrease of 70 T.S. was observed in the UPPER WADY FARAH since 21-7-18.

(b) AERONAUTICS.

In the course of an Aerial Combat two machines met a hostile two-seater proceeding north from MEJDEL YABA and chased the enemy plane to TANTURAH, when it dived into the ground and was wrecked.

No one was observed to leave the machine. It is thought the Observer was killed during the course of the fight. (R.A.F., 24-7-18).

3.—IDENTIFICATIONS.

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
205th Motor Lorry Col.	27-5-18.	Arrived HOMS.	Reliable agent.	Agent confirms departure of 715th Column to RAYAK (<i>vide</i> I.S. 358, of 24-7-18, para. 3.i.).
301st Flight (German).	19-7-18.	JENIN.	Prisoner 77th Regt.	
14th Aero-plane Coy. (Turkish).	1-6-18.	At RAYAK till this date, when all machines flew in direction of DAMASCUS.	Reliable agent.	6 aeroplanes.

(ii.) GERMANS.

The presence of Germans in line in the Coastal Sector is confirmed by two deserters from the 3/72nd Regt., taken 22-7-18. According to them two companies of Germans hold the line eastwards from (D.3) V.4.b.5.4, and there is another battalion in reserve to the north on the sea shore.

The identity of this unit has not yet been established; it may, however, be part of 146th Regt. of which one battalion was last reported at NAZARETH, or of 701st Bn. last reported at ARARA. It is, however, not thought that there is more than one battalion, or a part thereof in this Sector.

For previous report of Germans in this area *see* I.S. 356 of 22-7-18, para. i(ii).

(iii.) 73rd REGT.

A deserter from 2/32nd Regt. taken 14-7-18, states that he arrived on this front with the 1/73rd Regt. about 6 weeks ago, his battalion was absorbed by the 32nd Regt.

It was apparently from this prisoner that the prisoner from 76th Regt. heard the story of this absorption (*see* I.S. 356 of 22-7-18, para. 1.iii), so confirmation is required.

4.—SYRIA L. OF C.

The following movements of stores at RAYAK depôt are reported from a reliable source for the period 23-5-18-30-6-18. The figures given are in tons.

	Munitions.	Petrol.	Grain.	Misc. Supplies.	Barbed Wire.	Signal Stores.
Arrived RAYAK.	926	359	4849	1216	30	—
Despatched to :—						
(1) DAMASCUS and DERRA	25	137	—	617	—	75
(2) Stations W. of DERRA	1500	209	1776	117	—	—
(3) AMMAN	110	199	135	—	45	—
(4) BEIRUT (for HAIFA by sea)	—	10	1220	—	—	—

10 trucks of well-sinking gear also arrived at RAYAK from the north.

Compared with the figures given for the last period reported on (1st/22nd May, see I.S. 329 of 25-6-18, para. 4.c.), despatches to the south show a decided increase in munitions and petrol and a decrease in the case of grain. Arrivals from the north show an increase in munitions, a slight decrease in petrol, and a more marked decrease in grain. The decrease in grain was to be expected in view of harvest. The average weekly arrivals and despatches are as follows :— (Figures in tons.)

Period.	16th/30th April.	1st/22nd May.	23rd May/30th June.
Arrived from N.	Munitions.	461	127
	Petrol.	287	93
	Grain.	2687	1307
Despatches to S.	Munitions.	105	172
	Petrol.	91	22
	Grain.	65	1070

5.—WITHDRAWAL OF GERMANS.

(a) Deserters from 76th and 59th Regiments taken on July 23rd state that during the past week German troops East of Jordan have been seen retiring north, and it is rumoured that all Germans are proceeding to CONSTANTINOPE.

NOTE.—This may connect with previous reports of impending withdrawal of 146th Regiment and increased tentage reported at AMMAN STATION.

(b) A French report from RAYAK, dated July 13th, states that it is rumoured that if the Germans cannot settle the TURCO-BULGARIAN question they will not hesitate to withdraw their troops from SYRIA.

(c) A reliable agent reports that on 3-7-18 two squadrons (more probably troops) of German cavalry, with artillery, arrived at RAYAK from DAMASCUS and were waiting at KILOMETRE Station (the northern, into which both normal and metre gauge lines run).

6.—MORAL.

(i.) According to a Turkish cadet officer deserter from 2/77th Regt., taken 20-7-18, £T.20 gold, a new uniform and four months leave are given to anyone bringing in a British prisoner, and £T.10 gold, a new uniform, and 2 months leave for an Indian prisoner. An order has recently been issued that any Turk killing a British or Indian prisoner, whether wounded or unwounded, will be condemned to death.

(Compare previous rewards for prisoners, I.S. 182 of 24-1-18: the value of a prisoner appears to have risen considerably).

(ii.) An agent of unknown reliability, who was in prison at TUL KERAM for a few days, states that 25 Turkish officers are in jail there on a charge of inciting to rebellion and mutiny in face of the enemy.

7.—ORGANISATION.

A prisoner from 3/163rd Regt. states that two days before the attack on July 14th, all transport men in his unit were armed and drafted into the firing line, only one man being left to look after every four horses.

8.—AVIATION.

The following is an extract from "ES SHARQ," a DAMASCUS newspaper dated 12-5-18 :—

"Tenders are required for the construction of 12 aeroplane hangars at DERRA: each hangar must cover an area of 20,000 square metres. Conditions, etc., can be obtained by application at the Supply Depôt, DERRA."

9.—ENEMY INTENTIONS—(Past).

According to two cadet officers of the 2/77th Regt., who deserted 19-7-18, the British advance on the coast in June has seriously curtailed movement behind the Turkish lines, owing to direct observation having been gained. To prevent this, an attack was being organized to retake the lost ground, and a company or battalion of Germans was brought into line. The attack was timed for the 14th July, but the British raid on (C.3) V.11.d. on 13th caused it to be abandoned or postponed, as the raid is considered to have proved the unreliability of the Turkish troops. The battalion of 77th Regt. which had been brought into line to assist in the attack had not, however, been withdrawn to reserve by 19th July.

10.—METEOROLOGICAL.

G.S.I. METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,
at 0800.

	JERUSALEM 2,720 ft. above M.S.L.		G.H.Q. 250 ft. above M.S.L.	
		Difference from previous day.		Difference from previous day.
TEMPERATURE (°F.)	77	0	84	+2
HUMIDITY (%)	45	0	46	-25
WIND	N.N.W.; very light.		Calm.	
BAROMETRIC HEIGHT (ins.) ...	27'09	-'01	29'48	-'01
MOVEMENT from 0500 to 0800 (ins.)...	—	—	Nil.	-'03
FOR PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.				
MAXIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	88	0	95	+2
MINIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	64	-2	67	- 4
RAINFALL (ins.)	0'0	0	0'0	0

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IV. TURKISH ARMY.

ORDER OF BATTLE, 25th JULY, 1918.

1.—II. ARMY CORPS.

- (a) HAURAN DETACHMENT. (DAMASCUS-ZERKA).
Two line defence battalions.
KADRI Battalion.
1st Bn. 151st Inf. Regt., 4 heavy and 3 light machine guns.
Post Defence Company.
4 75 mm. field guns.
DAMASCUS Heavy W/T Station.
- (b) AMMAN DIVISION. (ZERKA-ANEIZEH).
150th Regt.: 3 bns. (1st bn. was 1/152nd Regt.); 11 heavy, 3 light machine guns.
73rd Regt.: 3 bns. (1st bn. was 2/161st Regt.); 21 heavy machine guns.
+75th Regt.: 3 bns.; 24 heavy and 3 light machine guns.
M.G. Coy. 1/179th Regt., 4 heavy machine guns.
M.G. Coy. 2/179th Regt., 2 heavy machine guns.
M.G. Coy. 1st Div., 6 heavy machine guns.
162nd Mule Mounted Infantry Regiment.
8 78.5 mm. old pattern Krupp guns. } (2nd Battery at HAIFA).
2 75 mm. mountain guns. }
4 75 mm. field guns (from 2nd Bn. 50th F.A. Regt.).
1 75 mm. mountain gun.
4 104 mm. Austrian Mountain Howitzers (10th Bn. 12th Art. Regt., 1910 model).
50th Field Hospital.
59th Bearer Coy.
Telegraph Section.
Mount of Olives Heavy W/T Station.
- (c) MAAN DETACHMENT.
146th Regt., 3 bns. (1st bn. composed of 1/130th and 3/178th); 12 heavy machine guns
(Regtl. Coy was 137th M.G. Coy.).
2nd Bn. 48th F.A. Regt., 4 75 mm. field guns.
5th Bn. 58th F.A. Regt., 4 75 mm. mountain guns.
2 75 mm. field guns.
3rd Section 1st Field Hospital.
43rd Bearer Company.
1st Section, 8th Telegraph Battalion.
Turkish heavy W/T station, MAAN.
- (d) II ARMY CORPS TROOPS.
Cavalry Escort Squadron.
5th Coy. 4th Pioneer Battalion.
25th Telegraph Section.
24th Turkish Heavy W/T Station, AMMAN.
Turkish Heavy W/T Station, DERRA.

2.—VIII ARMY CORPS.

- (a) LEFT GROUP.
553rd (Panderma) Infantry Battalion, 4 Heavy Machine Guns.
7th Cavalry Regt., 4 Sqdns., 2 Mounted Machine Guns Troops (8 heavy, 1 Light, machine guns).
9th Cavalry Regt., 4 Sqdns., 2 Mounted Machine Guns Troops (8 heavy, 1 Light, machine guns).
11th Cavalry Regt., 4 Sqdns., 2 Mounted Machine Guns Troops (8 heavy, 1 Light, machine guns).
Mule Mounted Infantry Regt., 3 Coys., Mounted Machine Gun Coy (6 heavy machine guns).
7th Battalion., 44th Field Artillery Regt., 4 75 mm. Mountain Guns.
Pioneer Company.
Telegraph Section.
Field Hospital.
49th Field Bakery Section (old type).
70th, 150 mm. Howitzer Ammunition Column (Pack).
- (b) LUTFI'S DIVISION.
152nd Regt., 3 Bns. (1st bn. was 1/146), 18 heavy machine guns (Regimental M.G. Coy. was 3/123rd Regt. Coy).
66th Regt., 3 bns. (3rd bn. was 1/17), 16 heavy machine guns (Regimental M.G. Coy. was 17th Regt. Coy.).
6th Sqn. 3rd Cavalry Regt. (including 46th Sqn.).
1st Batt. 23rd F.A. Regt., 4 75 mm. Field Guns.
5th Batt. 26th F.A. Regt., 4 75 mm. Mountain Guns.
1 75 mm. Schneider Mountain Gun.
3rd Field Hospital
46th Bearer Company.
47th Field Bakery Section (old type).
5th Company, 2nd Pioneer Bn.

(c) 48th DIVISION.

23rd Regt., 3 bns., 20 heavy machine-guns.
191st Regt., 3 bns., 18 heavy machine-guns (2nd Bn. M.G. Coy. at AMMAN).
46th Attack Coy., 3 light machine-guns.
Cavalry Squadron (from 5/5th, -48th, 2/29th Cav. Regts.).
20th Austrian Battery 4 104 mm. guns, 1 German light machine gun.
2nd Batt. 701st F.A. Detachment, 4 105 mm. Howitzers, 2 heavy machine guns.
2nd Batt. 6th Arty. Regt. (Austrian), 4 100 mm. Howitzers, 2 heavy machine guns.
7th Batt. 27th F.A. Regt. 4 75 mm. mountain guns.
4th Batt. 7th F.A. Regt. 2 75 mm. field guns.
7th Batt. 24th F.A. Regt. 4 75 mm. mountain guns.
7th Batt. 8th F.A. Regt. 4 75 mm. mountain guns.
8th Batt. 44th F.A. Regt. 2 75 mm. mountain guns.
5th Coy. 6th Pioneer Battalion.
17th Field Hospital.
48th Bearer Company.
19th Field Bakery Section (old pattern).
Camel Transport Column.
6th Section, 4th Telegraph Battalion.

(d) CORPS TROOPS.

Escort Cavalry Sqdn.
6th Coy. 8th Telegraph Battalion.
Turkish portable W/T station.

3.—ARMY TROOPS.

(a) 3rd CAVALRY DIVISION.

6th Cav. Regt., 4 Sqdns., 2 machine gun troops, 8 heavy machine guns.
8th Cav. Regt., 4 Sqdns., 2 machine gun troops, 8 heavy machine guns.
2 Horse Artillery Batteries, 8 75 mm. guns.
Telegraph Section.
3rd Bearer Coy.
1720th Turkish portable W/T station.

(b) ESCORT CAVALRY SQUADRON—ESCORT INFANTRY COMPANY.

63rd Infantry Regt., 3 bns., 18 heavy, 18 light machine guns.
1st Bn. 74th Infantry Regt., 24 heavy machine guns (bn. machine gun coys. of 2 and 3/74 attached).
1st and 3rd Bns. 146th German Infantry Regt., 12 heavy, 36 light machine guns.
SYDOWS German machine gun detachment, 12 " 5 " " "
601st German Machine Gun Coy., 4 " 3 " " "
604th " " " " 6 " machine guns.
Machine Gun Repair Depôt, DERRA, 6 heavy machine guns.
701st German Pioneer Detachment (1 section with bridging detachment).
205th German Pioneer Company, 2 heavy machine guns.
300th German Bearer Company, 2nd section.
44th German Field Bakery Section.
Field Telegraph Depôt.
305th German reconnaissance flight.
3rd, 4th, and 14th Turkish reconnaissance flights.
2 75 mm. Schneider Mountain Guns (without titular number).
1 and 2 75 m.m. Mountain Batteries, 4 guns, HAIFA.
1 75 mm. Mountain Gun, 1 DAMASCUS.
703rd German Infantry Gun Section, 2 105 mm. Howitzers, 1916 pattern.
1st Batt. 48th F.A. Regt., 3 75 mm. Field Guns.
142nd German 77 mm. A/A Section.
154th, 155th Camel Transport Columns (L. of C.).
93rd Heavy Transport Column (Ox Waggons), (L. of C.).

† Original 3/75th with VIII Army, new 3/75th formed out of 2nd Coy., 67th Regt. and 11th Coy., 152nd Regt.

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY,
for 24 hours ending 0800—26/7/18.

1.—EAST OF JORDAN.

(a) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

TENTS AND SHELTERS, STRATEGICAL AREA.—AMMAN STATION.—The increase of 278 T.S. reported in I.S., of 25-7-18, is incorrect, owing to the inclusion of the T.S. with aerodrome not being specified.

The increase between 21-7-18 and 24-7-18 was 177 T.S.

Since the 24th, this area has decreased by 83.

AMMAN TOWN.—A decrease of 44 T.S. was observed since 24th inst. (R.A.F., 25-7-18).

(b) AERONAUTICS.

Ten machines set out with a view to bombing the Station and Camps at AMMAN.

Direct hits were obtained on the Station Buildings, on Camps and on a Train, whilst a number of bombs burst within effective range of their objectives.

Three pilots, owing to engine trouble, were unable to reach AMMAN, and released their bombs on camps and transport in the SHUNET NIMRIN AREA.

A total weight of 1,600 lbs. of bombs was dropped, and 4,200 rounds of machine-gun ammunition directed against ground targets with effect.

2.—PALESTINE FRONT.

SUMMARY OF ENEMY TENTS AND SHELTERS.

	27-6-18.	23-7-18.	Inc.	Dec.
EAST OF JORDAN.				
STRATEGICAL AREA.				
(a) Hejaz Railway (AMMAN to MAAN inclusive).	182	699	517	—
(b) Remaining sub-areas.	170	473	303	—
TACTICAL AREA.	1070	1045	—	25
WEST OF JORDAN, EASTERN SECTOR.				
STRATEGICAL AREA.	591	1318	727	—
TACTICAL AREA.	2260	2105	—	155
WEST OF JORDAN, WESTERN SECTOR.				
STRATEGICAL AREA.				
(a) Southern sub-areas.	679	921	242	—
(b) Northern „	574	428	—	146
TACTICAL AREA.	1590	1385	—	205
	7116	8374	1789	531

Net Increase 1,258 of which 300 are in areas S. of KUTRANI now counted for the first time.

FEATURES.

(a) The main increase throughout the period has taken place along the HEJAZ RAILWAY and the vicinity of the JORDAN.

(b) A decrease is also noted along the route of the TARBUNEH-LEJJUN RAILWAY.

HOSPITALS.

With the exception of the Hospital already mentioned at 083.J.20.b. the foregoing count does not include hospitals. Since the last T.S. count of 27-6-18, a few additional hospitals have been reported in the following areas: SALT-NIMRIN ROAD, UMM ESH SHERT, JEMMAIN, KEFR ZIBAD and NAZARETH. The existing hospitals in the vicinity of the JORDAN VALLEY showed a slight increase subsequent to the operations of the 14th instant.

3.—IDENTIFICATIONS.

(i.)

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
3rd War Hospital.	26-6-18	ALEPPO.	Reliable.	Confirms I.S. 355 of 21-7-18, para. 2 (i.).
A/A Staff No. 55.	24-6-18	Probably with YILDERIM Army Group, Syria.	"	
Ersatz Attk. Bn.	26-6-18	Left MAMURE for RAYAK.	"	2 officers, 187 men.
Mule Mtd. Regt.	22-6-18	To leave ALEPPO shortly, probably to South.	"	7 officers, 320 men, 279 animals.
Motor Amb. Col. No. 16.	23-6-18	Left GULEK (CILICIA).	"	Probably moving East.
Russian 120 mm. Field How. Batt. No. 75.	29-6-18	To leave HAIDAR PASHA for GULEK.	"	
4th Trans'pt Abteilung.	27-6-18	ALEPPO.	"	Composed of 3 Sections; total strength, 4 officers, 301 O.R.
1720 W/T Det. 1724 W/T Det.	12-6-18	YILDERIM Army Group, Syria.	"	
219th Field Hospital.				
741st Army Motor Lorry Column.	"	"	"	
511th Motor Lorry Col.	"	VI. Army, Mesopotamia.	"	
1st Mountain Artillery Detachment	"	Left ALEPPO to S.	"	3 officers and 101 men of this unit.
14th Ersatz Flight.	Previous to 22-6-18	Left ALEPPO probably to S.	"	

(ii.) The following troops were to leave HAIDAR PASHA for ALEPPO during the last week in June or first week in July:—

3 M.G. Sections, No. 123 (perhaps of 123rd Regt.).
1,700 Turkish drafts.
42nd Divisional Telegraph Section.

(iii.) The following troops were to leave HAIDAR PASHA for ALEPPO between 29-6-18 and 5-7-18. Part of these may be included in (1) above.

1200 drafts for Yilderim.
75 mm. battery.
105 mm. "
One armoured car (perhaps for GULEK).

(iv.) HOMS.

An informant who was at HOMS in June gives the garrison there as follows:—

XV A.C. Hqrs.	...	...	18 officers, 542 men.
Gendarmerie.	...	...	900 mounted.
Labour Battalions.	...	...	1500 men.
Recruit Depôt.	...	...	150 "
Signallers and Railway Personnel.	...	...	250 "
Cavalry.	...	...	160 "
2-75 mm. guns and 16 motor lorries, with personnel.			

4.—ORGANISATION.

(a) Haidar Pasha—ALEPPO RLY.

According to recent information, the situation at the end of June was that about 14 trains each way were run per week, each train carrying 200 tons. Of this 120 tons were allotted for post and passengers, 350 tons for grain, 400 tons for coal, 280 tons for ammunition, and 250 tons for petrol, the remainder being devoted to miscellaneous material, artillery and drafts. During week 15th/21st June, however, 987 tons of grain were sent off, and 273 tons between 22nd and 24th June.

(b) L. of C. GARRISONS.

A reliable source reports the garrison at ALLEPO as 1,900 men, on 26-6-18. This is an increase of 26 since 20-5-18 (see I.S. 330 of 26-6-18, para.3.a.). In addition there were 400 sick at ALEPPO on 26th June.

(c) MAN-POWER.

It is reported that the 1316 Class (men who become 18 this year) has been called up at DAMASCUS, but furnished very few recruits.

5.—MEDICAL.

A German prisoner from the 146th Inf. Regt., reports having seen a new wheeled water distillation plant of about 150 litres capacity, which lately arrived for the sanitary company attached to his regiment.

6.—TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Reference Syria 1:40,000, D.14.a. The trench marked G.16 will, from this date, be known as G.46.

7.—ARABIA.

On 19th July, four Turks were killed and five wounded, as a result of one of our aeroplanes bombing a Turkish Camel Convoy which was proceeding to MAAN. On 21st July, an Arab detachment attacked and captured TABIA-EL-HAMRA (half way between JERDUN and MAAN). The Turkish losses were 7 killed, 23 prisoners, and a convoy of 16 camels, which was proceeding to JERDUN with water. On the night of 20th/21st July, considerable demolitions were carried out by the Arabs between JERDUN and MAAN. TABIA EL HAMRA is still held by the Arabs, and, in consequence JERDUN'S water supply is cut off.

8.—METEOROLOGICAL.**G.S.I. METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,**

at 0800.

	JERUSALEM 2,720 ft. above M.S.L.		G.H.Q. 250 ft. above M.S.L.	
		Difference from previous day.		Difference from previous day.
TEMPERATURE (°F.)	72	—5	83	—1
HUMIDITY (%)	67	+22	60	+14
WIND	N.N.W.; almost calm.		Calm.	
BAROMETRIC HEIGHT (ins.) ...	27'09	0	29'50	+02
MOVEMENT from 0500 to 0800 (ins.)...	—	—	Rising '02	+02
FOR PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.				
MAXIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	88	0	91	—4
MINIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	61	—3	70	+3
RAINFALL (ins.)	0'0	0	0'0	0

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**G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY,
for 24 hours ending 0800—27/7/18.**

1.—EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

0600—0835.

2,200 camels were seen in the KASTAL-LEBAN area, of which 1,700 were moving south.

TENTS AND SHELTERS.

A considerable decrease has occurred at AMMAN aerodrome, as follows:—

25th INST.—1 E.P., 8 hangars, 30 bell tents, 50 shelters, 100 bivouacs, 30 brushwood huts; total, 219.

26th INST.—8 hangars, 6 huts, 10 bell tents, 6 shelters, 30 brushwood huts; total, 60.

Decrease, 159.

NOTE.—The brushwood huts are probably Bedouin shelters. (R.A.F., 26-7-18).

Decrease was probably due to the bombing raid on 25th July.

2.—IDENTIFICATIONS.

(i.)

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
2nd War Hospital.	June, 1918.	FANARAKI, C'PLE.	Prisoner 703rd Bn.	
702nd & 703rd Trench Mortar Sections.	14-7-18.	Eastern Sector AUJA Front.	Prisoners 703rd Bn.	702nd Section has 8 55 and 75 mm. trench mortars.
703rd Inf. Gun Section.	"	"	"	6 75 mm. field guns.
2/5th F.A. Regt.	22-4-18.	Attd. 53rd Div.	Intercepted letter.	
2/25th F.A. Regt.	28-4-18.	Attd. 19th Div.	" "	
125th Regt.	25-7-18.	(C.4) N, 29-30.	Deserters 125th Regt.	

(ii) 25th DIVISION.

Another deserter from 3/76th Regiment, formerly of 75th Regiment, confirms absorption of 3/75th Regiment by 26th Division mentioned in I.S. 356 of 22-7-18, para. 1. iv.

A deserter from 2/59th Regiment also reports that a battalion of 73rd Regiment was used for supplying drafts to units of VII Army.

(iii) 47th DIVISION.

According to the report of an agent dated just previous to the 25th instant, the destination of this Division was MESOPOTAMIA and not SYRIA. (c.f., I.S. No. 353 of 19-7-18.)

(iv) 61st DIVISION.

On the 14th July the 61st Division, which had previously been reported in the AIVAJIK area (on Asiatic Coast just S. of the DARDANELLES), was apparently still in this vicinity, but there were indications that preparations were being made for the Division to move. (agents report.)

3.—ORGANISATION.

MAN-POWER.

In confirmation of reported recruiting of convicts, a Greek deserter, taken 22-7-18, states that he arrived on this front about the end of June with a draft of 700 men, all of whom were either convicts or recaptured deserters. Prisoner himself was released from gaol, where he had been imprisoned two years ago for killing two Turkish soldiers and later attempting to murder a warder. He states all convicts have been released for service in the army. (c.f., I.S. 356 of 22-7-18, para. 5 (i).)

4.—PERSONALITIES—ENEMY COMMAND.

From prisoners statements, it appears that Colonel Ali Fuad Bey, O.C. VIII A.C., has replaced Major General Fevzi Pasha as G.O.C. VII Army; Yassim Hilmi Bey, formerly O.C. 20th Division, is now reported to command VIII A.C. Confirmation of these changes is required. (c.f. I.S. 356 of 22-7-18, para. 4).

5.—MORAL.

A deserter who was taken east of JORDAN on 24th July, was formerly employed as a telephone operator at XXII A.C. Headquarters at ET TIREH. He wished to desert, but found no opportunity of doing so, and therefore determined to make for the 2nd Caucasus Cavalry Brigade Headquarters where he had friends among the signallers. He left XXII A.C. Headquarters about a month ago, and went to NABLUS where he remained three days. Thence he commenced to walk to ES SALT, but met 1/74th Regiment in IV Army Reserve, about an hour north of SALT, and was made to join them. He remained with this unit three weeks, as the food (chiefly grapes) was good, and then deserted, passed through ES SALT and reached VIII A.C. Headquarters where he passed the night. He then moved on to the 2nd Caucasus Cav. Brigade Headquarters, where he remained three days before deserting to the British lines. Other information given by the prisoner is substantially accurate, and there seems no reason to doubt his story.

6.—CONSTANTINOPLE.

On the 23rd instant our aeroplanes bombed the aerodrome, Admiralty and dockyard. The latter suffered considerable damage. No concentration of troops was observed.

7.—CORRECTION.

Reference Intelligence Summary 26-7-18, para. 6 Topographical Report should read FEJJA 1:40,000.

8.—METEOROLOGICAL.

G.S.I. METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS, at 0800.

	JERUSALEM 2,720 ft. above M.S.L.		G.H.Q. 250 ft. above M.S.L.	
		Difference from previous day.		Difference from previous day.
TEMPERATURE (°F.)	77	+5	86	+3
HUMIDITY (%)	60	-7	60	0
WIND	N.N.E.; almost calm.		S.S.E.; almost calm.	
BAROMETRIC HEIGHT (ins.) ...	27'11	+02	29'51	+01
MOVEMENT from 0500 to 0800 (ins.)...	—	—	0'0	-02
FOR PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.				
MAXIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	88	0	90	-1
MINIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	66	+5	72	+2
RAINFALL (ins.)	0'0	0	0'0	0

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ESTIMATED DISTRIBUTION OF ENEMY FORCES ON PALESTINE FRONT, 26/7/18.

A.—IV. ARMY.

Unit.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres.	M.G.'s.	Automatic Rifles.	Remarks.
Deraa-Kutrani-Kerak to Jisr ed Damie-Shunet Nimrin Road.						
(i.) 1st Bn. 152nd Regt. 2nd and 3rd Bns. 150th Regt. 46th Div. Cav. Sqn.	EL KUTRANI to N. along Railway.	100	—	12	—	
	Probably KUTRANI area.	200	—	—	12	
		—	100	—	—	
(ii.) VIII A.C. COMPOSITE DIVISION.						1/66th Regt. reported at KALAAT EL ANEIZEH.
74th Regt. (less 1 Bn.).	KABR MUJAHID-SHUNET NIMRIN Area.	600	100	24	—	
1/146th Regt.		350	—	4	—	
148th Regt.		600	—	18	—	
2 and 3/152nd Regt.		450	—	10	2	
Muhafaza Bn.		200	—	—	—	
Attack Coy. 146th German Regt.		300	—	4	6	Attached 2nd Caucasus Cavalry Bde.
Mule M.I. Bn.		225	—	6	—	
Camel Coy.		50	—	—	—	
2nd Sqn. 29th Cav. Regt.		—	—	100	—	
26th Div. Cav. Sqn. 2nd Caucasus Cav. Bde. (Regts. 7, 9, 11).		—	—	75	—	
		—	925	21	—	
48th DIVISION.						
17th Regt. (less 1 Bn.).	SHUNET NIMRIN to JISR ED DAMIE-SHUNET NIMRIN Road Area.	500	—	12	—	
23rd "		900	—	20	—	
63rd "		900	—	18	—	
66th " (less 1 Bn.).		400	—	10	—	Attack Coy. attached to 2nd Cauc. Cav. Bde.
146th German Inf. Regt. (1 Bn.).		500	—	8	21	
191st Regt.	750	—	18	—		
RESERVE.						
Circassian Irregulars.	AIN ES SIR Area.	100	300	—	—	
Mule M.I. Regt.	? AMMAN.	275	—	—	—	Reported to have left ALEPPO end of June.
	TOTAL—IV ARMY.	7400	1600	185	41	Available rifles—9500.

B.—VII ARMY.

Unit.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres.	M.G.'s.	Automatic Rifles.	Remarks.
(i) East of Jordan. 145th Regt.	W. of JISR ED DAMIE-SHUNET NIMRIN road.	900	—	24	4	
(ii) West of Jordan. 24th DIVISION (10 Bns.) Regts., 2, 58, 143. 1st Attack Bn. 3rd Cav. Div. (Regts., 6., 8). 3/146th German Regt. 702nd and 703rd German Inf. Bns. 4th Coy. 11th Res. Jäger Bn.	Next JORDAN. Reported passed through MEJDL BENI FADL 25-6-18 to north. 113 X. } 113 X., W.	1950 150 100 450 500 40	75 — 600 — 75 —	50 4 16 8 12 2	18 — — 21 42 3	58th suffered heavy casualties 14-7-18. Two regiments probably in reserve. Presence of two Pioneer Companies established. All suffered heavily 14-7-18. Probably withdrawn to reserve.
	TOTAL (ii)	3190	750	92	84	
(iii) XX A.C. 53rd DIVISION.—10 Bns. Regts. 32, 163. " 136 and 2/151. 26th DIVISION.—9 Bns. Regts. 76, 59, 78.	113 R. and W. Reserve. 113 Q.24—099.J.35.	1600 1500	50 100	41 48	4 9	
	TOTAL (iii).	3100	150	89	13	

Unit.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres.	M.G.'s.	Automatic Rifles.	Remarks.
VII. ARMY (Continued). (iv) III ARMY CORPS.						
11th DIVISION.—9 Bns. Regts. 127th, 33rd, 126th.	099.J.36 (approx)—E. of AMURIEH (099.H.15).	2000	—	66	9	
1st DIVISION.—9 Bns. Regts. 70th, 71st, 124th.	099.H.15—FURKHAH (inclusive)	1600	100	42	12	
	TOTAL (iv).	3600	100	108	21	
(v.) RESERVE. 11th Res. Jäger Bn. (less 1 Coy.)	D.5/M.23.	300	—	4	15	Moving north, probably en route to CONSTANTINOPLE.
	TOTAL—VII ARMY.	11090	1000	317	137	Available rifles—14670.

C.—VIII ARMY.

(i) ASIA CORPS.						
46th DIVISION.—3 Bns. 144th Regt. ? 4th Cav. Regt.	Reserve. HARIS—KEFR HARIS area.	1000 —	— 300	24 —	4 5	145th and 191st Regts. detached. Cavalry reported by Agents in this area. 701st Bn. reported to have moved N. from ARARA.
16th DIVISION—9 Bns. 47th Regt. 125th Regt. 48th Regt.	KURAWA IBN ZEID—KH. KESFA.	2500	150	78	10	
7th DIVISION—9 Bns. 20th Regt. 19th Regt. 21st Regt.	KH. KESFA (exclusive). RAILWAY REDOUBT (inclusive).	2100	150	48	18	
	TOTAL (i).	5600	600	150	37	
(ii) XXII A.C.						
20th DIVISION—6 Bns. 61st and 62nd Regts.	Before KEFR SABA.	1800	100	54	36	Probably only part here.
19th DIVISION—9 Bns. Regts 57, 72, 77. ? 701st German Bn.	TABSOR DEFENCES TO SEA. (D.3.) V.4.b.	2550 450	100 50	54 6	30 21	
	TOTAL (ii).	4800	250	114	87	

Unit.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres.	M.G.'s.	Automatic Rifles.	Remarks.
VIII ARMY (Continued). (iii) RESERVE. ? 12th DIVISION.	Part.	900	—	18	—	It is not thought that more than one Regt. of this Div. is on this front.
1 Bn. 73rd Regt. 1st Lancer Regt.	Between ET TIREH & TUL KERAM. TUL KERAM area.	300 —	— 400	6 4	— —	
	TOTAL (iii)	1200	400	28	—	
	TOTAL C.—VIII ARMY.	11600	1250	292	124	Available rifles—14360.

(D.)—N. PALESTINE and L. of C.

VIII Army Depot Bn. 1/151st Regt. 146th German Regt. (less 2 Bns.).	EL HUDEIRA. DERAA—YARMUK VALLEY. NAZARETH.	700 250 500	— — —	— 6 8	— — 21	Possibly moved South.
	TOTAL—D.	1450	—	14	21	Available rifles—1600

TOTALS.

(A) IV ARMY...	...	...
(B) VII ARMY	...	...
(C) VIII ARMY	...	...
(D) N. PALESTINE & L. of C.	...	...

7400	1600	185	41
11090	1000	317	137
11600	1250	292	124
1450	—	14	21
31540	3850	808	323

Available rifles—40130.

NOTE.—“ Available rifles ” includes rifles in pioneer and machine gun units available for attack or defence, which are not shown in rifle totals for units.

To accompany G.H.Q. Intelligence Summary No 361, dated 27-7-18.

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G.H.Q., E.E.F.
27-7-18.

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**G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY,
for 24 hours ending 0800—28/7/18.**

1.—PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

0700—0930.

WESTERN SECTOR.—250 infantry were observed moving south on the TUL KERAM-KALKILIEH Road, and 750 infantry scattered about camps in the BIR GHANEIM area. (R.A.F., 27-7-18).

SUMMARY OF ENEMY ACTIVITY FOR WEEK ENDING 0800—27-7-18.

(a) ENEMY DEFENCES.

Throughout the week the enemy has done a normal amount of work on his defences.

The following are the salient features:—

EAST OF JORDAN.—A series of small redoubts 40 to 50 yards in circumference and built about 10 ft. high are reported at 127.P.7.b.2.9., P.1.d.3.1., and P.1.d.7.2.

About 2,000 yards of trenches are reported along the crest of JEBEL JELAAD (127.H.20.a.).

WEST OF JORDAN.

EASTERN SECTOR.—There are continuous reports of small improvements to defences astride the NABLUS Road.

The defences West and South-West of FURKHAH (C.4/B.2.d.) have been considerably improved during the week.

WESTERN SECTOR.—Work on the coast is below normal; a little fresh wiring has been done, but very little digging.

(b) AERIAL.

There has been a very marked decrease in the enemy's aerial activity during the week, the number of aeroplanes crossing our lines being lower than in any previous period.

FEATURES.

- (i) No bombing during the week.
- (ii) Total machines observed last week 57; this week 22.
- (iii) Almost half the total aeroplanes during the week visited JERICHO area.
- (iv) One enemy 2-seater was driven down at BEIT LID (098. F.6) on 22nd, and one enemy machine wrecked at TANTURAH (083. P.26) on the 24th.

(c) ARTILLERY.

FEATURES.

- (i) Usual intermittent shelling of MUSALLABEH (C.6/W.35.a.).
- (ii) Shelling below normal astride NABLUS ROAD.
- (iii) A long range gun fired 7 shells into JAFFA on the 20th inst. from a distance of about 24,000 yards. No damage was caused.
- (iv) Considerable increase of hostile artillery against our front, extending from DEIR BALLUT to EL KEFR, on 21st, 22nd and 23rd inst.
- (v) Shelling on coast below normal.
- (vi) On the 25th inst. the enemy bombarded vicinity of RAS EL AIN.

2.—IDENTIFICATIONS.

(i) GERMANS.

The German battalion (701st) holding ARARA is reported to have been withdrawn three or four days ago. It has possibly moved to the coast, where Germans are now reported to be in line (c.f., I.S. 359 of 25-7-18, para. 3. ii).

(ii) 56th DIVISION.

An agent reports that this division is under orders for PALESTINE.

NOTE.—The division was last reported in the SMYRNA area. According to prisoners its 172nd Regt. was attached to the 47th Division early in July and in early June storm companies were being formed in the 173rd Regt. Later in June however an agent reported that the 173rd Regt. supplied drafts for other fronts. Other information does not point to the division being in a fit state to take the field.

3.—WITHDRAWAL OF GERMANS.

A Greek deserter, who recently arrived on this front with a draft states that when at Konia Station, about 9th/10th July, he saw a train-load of German troops on their way to CONSTANTINOPLE. Between KONIA and MESSUDIEH he saw 4 more trains of Germans moving north.

4.—MORAL.

- (i) Prisoners report that O.C. 1/76th Regt. is to be court-martialled for selling rifles, clothing, and stores, and that O.C. 1st Coy. 1/21st Regt. has been arrested for permitting too many men to desert from his company.

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(ii) (a) One German N.C.O. captured 14-7-18, otherwise rather reticent, frankly stated that the leading and organisation of Pasha II units was regarded generally as unsatisfactory. A spirit of apathy was noticeable among all ranks; partly due to the feeling that with their present small numbers nothing would ever be done and partly to their loathing of the Turk.

5.—PERSONALITIES.

Major MUTHER, O.C. 702nd Inf. Bn. who is supposed to have planned the attack on 14-7-18, is described as a Prussian regular of the "old school," *i.e.*—exacting and brutal—a man of about 45; before the war did a lot of globe trotting on various military missions. Spoken of among his men as a swine.

6.—ORGANISATION.

A new scale of extra rations proportional to the special Tropenzulage (tropical allowance) has quite recently been introduced among certain Pasha units and is causing great dissatisfaction, especially among O.R.'s. Thus an officer with an extra allowance of 7 MK a day gets nearly 6 times the amount of extra rations allowed to a private. O.C. 1st/702nd (a Bavarian) appeared to support this by declaring that he was in entire disagreement with this system. "In France, officers used to have just the same food as their men, but here it is different."

Even in small units, "Porteepeunteroffiziere" (Warrant officers) and "Unteroffiziere" (N.C.O.'s) mess apart.

7.—METEOROLOGICAL.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Summary for Week ending 27th July, 1918, at 1800, by
7th FIELD SURVEY COY., R.E.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT G.H.Q.

1.—Temperature.

		Differences from previous week.
MEAN OF WEEK	80	+ 1
MEAN MAXIMUM	92	— 2
MEAN MINIMUM	69	+ 2
HIGHEST RECORDED on 24th	95	— 2
LOWEST RECORDED on 22nd and 25th	67	+ 2

2.—Humidity.

MEAN OF WEEK	66	+ 2
HIGHEST RECORDED on 23rd at 2000 hrs.	90	+ 3
LOWEST RECORDED on 25th at 1400 hrs.	44	+ 10

3.—Wind.

At 0800 hrs. throughout the week either an almost calm southerly wind or a calm was recorded. By mid-day, the wind velocities slightly increased, and wind veered to directions varying between S.W. and N.W., and at 1800 hrs. either an almost calm N.W. or N.N.W., or a calm was recorded. "Calms" were also recorded every evening at 2000 hrs. The wind velocities throughout the week were low, and did not exceed "Very light" (Beaufort 2).

4.—Rainfall.

No rainfall recorded.

Summary for Week ending 27th July, 1918, at 0800, by
7th FIELD SURVEY COY., R.E.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT JERUSALEM.

1.—Temperature.

		Differences from previous week.
MEAN OF WEEK	77	— 3
MEAN MAXIMUM	89	— 2
MEAN MINIMUM	65	— 4
HIGHEST RECORDED on 20th	91	— 4
LOWEST RECORDED on 26th	61	— 7

2.—Humidity.

MEAN OF WEEK	48	+ 10
HIGHEST RECORDED on 26th	67	+ 21
LOWEST RECORDED on 21st	38	+ 13

3.—Wind.

The wind directions throughout the week varied between W.N.W. and N.N.W., except this morning when an almost calm N.N.E. was recorded. Calms were recorded on the mornings of the 21st and 22nd, and the velocities on the other mornings did not exceed "Very Light" (Beaufort 2). At 1800 hrs. on the 21st, 22nd and 25th, the velocity reached "Moderate" (Beaufort 4) and on the 23rd, 24th and 26th, it reached "Light" (Beaufort 3).

4.—Rainfall.

No rainfall recorded.

G.S.I. METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,
at 0800.

	JERUSALEM 2,720 ft. above M.S.L.		G.H.Q. 250 ft. above M.S.L.	
		Difference from previous day.		Difference from previous day.
TEMPERATURE (°F.)	73	-4	83	-3
HUMIDITY (%)	53	-7	65	+5
WIND	N.W.; almost calm.		Calm.	
BAROMETRIC HEIGHT (ins.) ...	27'11	0	29'51	0
MOVEMENT from 0500 to 0800 (ins.)...	—	—	Rising '01	+ '01
<u>FOR PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.</u>				
MAXIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	86	-2	92	+2
MINIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	64	-2	69	-3
RAINFALL (ins.)	0'0	0	0'0	0

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY,

for 24 hours ending 0800—29/7/18.

1.—IDENTIFICATIONS.

(i.)

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
5th F.A.Rgt. } 6th F.A.Rgt. }	June, 1918.	20th Divl. Artillery.	Deserter, XXII A.C., H.Qrs.	1 bn. only—8 75 mm. guns. 1 " " 8 75 " "
19th " " } 25th " " }	"	19th Divl. Artillery.	"	1 " " 8 75 " " 1 " " 8 75 " "
German Heavy Battery.	15-6-18.	MISKEH.	"	3 15 cm. Guns, XXII A.C. Heavy Artillery.
19th Div. H.Qrs.	June, 1918.	KH. EZ ZERKIYEH (D.3/S.17).	"	

(ii.) GERMANS.

An N.C.O. of the 11th Reserve Jäger Bn., captured at ABU TELLUL, on July 14th, states that on his return journey from SEMAKH, on July 10th, he overheard two officers of the 701st Bn. saying they were going to detrain at TUL KERAM, where a car awaited them. This supports the view that the 701st Bn. was at that date in the VIII Army area, part possibly at ARARA and part attached to the 19th Division.

(iii.) 25th DIVISION.

A deserter from XXII A.C. Headquarters, states that 2/74th Regt. was attached to 20th Division about 20th May, and took over part of the line held by 61st Regt. on the right flank of the division.

The 2/74th has previously been reported in the Coastal Sector, but two prisoners from its machine-gun company were taken East of JORDAN on 5-7-18. The above report therefore requires confirmation. It is possible that this battalion upon arrival on this front was attached to the 20th Division (as there were numerous reports of presence of 25th Division in the Western Sector) and subsequently was moved to East of JORDAN.

2.—WITHDRAWAL OF GERMANS.

(i.) An agent reports that about 11th July a German battalion arrived NABLUS from the BIDIEH area. It was expected to move north, but was still at NABLUS on 21st inst.

This possibly refers to 701st Battalion or part thereof, but confirmation is required.

(ii.) A prisoner who left CONSTANTINOPLE about 1st July states that while at a station just south of BOZANTI a train of 10 to 15 trucks, all full of Germans, passed northwards.

3.—ORGANISATION.

XXII ARMY CORPS.

An intelligent deserter from the XXII A.C. H.Qrs. states that the corps comprises 7th, 19th and 20th Divisions. 7th Division, though in line, is temporarily regarded as Army troops, and is at the moment directly under the orders of the VIII Army.

4.—MEDICAL.

An officer deserter from the Medical Detachment at MAAN states that scurvy is prevalent among the troops at MAAN.

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5.—METEOROLOGICAL.

G.S.I. METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,
at 0800.

	JERUSALEM 2,720 ft. above M.S.L.		G.H.Q. 250 ft. above M.S.L.	
		Difference from previous day.		Difference from previous day.
TEMPERATURE (°F.)	70	-3	84	+1
HUMIDITY (%)	66	+13	51	-14
WIND	W.N.W.; very light.		Calm.	
BAROMETRIC HEIGHT (ins.) ...	27'10	-'01	29'51	0
MOVEMENT from 0500 to 0800 (ins.)...	—	—	Rising '02	+ '01
FOR PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.				
MAXIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	88	+ 2	91	-1
MINIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	63	-1	69	0
RAINFALL (ins.)	0'0	0	0'0	0

General Staff (Intelligence),
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29-7-18.

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**SUPPLEMENT TO G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY,
No. 363, of 29-7-18.**

Announcement by BEIRUT Recruiting Branch.

From the Turkish-Arabic Paper—"BEIRUT," June 19th, 1918.

1. In accordance with the Imperial Order, of March 6th, 1918, all the men born in 1316 (1900), including the non-combatants in the Yilderim Military Appropriation Departments, will be called up ("taken under arms.")

2. Exemption or postponement from military service by supplying animals or provisions, or by employment in any other service—a practice which has been in vogue in this zone, shall not be applied to this class (1316).

(a) Those employed in military institutions before March 6th, 1334 (1918), which is the date of the above order, will be always retained in their places with the rank and pay of a private.

(b) The calling up of students in general will be postponed until the end of this year's examinations.

3. Distribution is to be as follows:—

The men belonging to Div. 24 AINTAB, Div. 25 DAMASCUS, and Div. 27 JERUSALEM-HAIFA, will be sent to the 17th Depôt Regiment at NAZARETH.

The men belonging to the Recruiting Branches of 11th Army Corps, as well as those of Div. 26th (ALEPPO), and Div. 23 (HOMS), will be sent to the 13th Depôt Regiment at BAALBEK. The non-combatants of this class will likewise be sent to Depôt Regiments. The Depôts will each form a new Battalion for the training of the new men separate from the old men.

4. Those of the men who on their way stop at ALEPPO and DAMASCUS and such centres, will be clothed and equipped by the Menzils (Line of Communications) and then sent to Depôt Regiments. For the clothing and equipping of such who do not stop at such centres, Chief Menzil (L. of C.) will send to 13th and 17th Depôt Regiments 3000 suits of clothing each and a proportionate quantity of equipment by June 20th, 1918.

NOTE.—Locations of divisions given are the peace headquarters of these divisions. Peace headquarters, 11th A.C., is at MEZRA, near KHARPUT.

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY,

for 24 hours ending 0800—30/7/18.

1.—IDENTIFICATIONS.

(i.)

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
Yilderim Army Air- craft Park.	June, 1918.	RAYAK.	Reliable agent.	

(ii.) 17th REGIMENT.

Two deserters (sergeants) from 3/191st Regt., taken 27-7-18, state that about 17th instant, the 17th Regt. was absorbed by the 191st Regt., owing to the latter being very weak. Another deserter from the 3/191st Regt., states that the 1/17th Regt. has been absorbed by the 3/66th Regt. Confirmation is required.

(iii.) GERMANS.

Deserters from 191st Regt., on 27th July, report that the sector between DECCAN HOUSE (B.7/P.16.b) and the MAIN ES SALT ROAD is held by a company of Germans. This probably refers to part of 2/146th Regt., but c.f. para. 2 below.

(iv.) 25th DIVISION.

Deserter, formerly of 2/74th Regt., now of 2/59th Regt., states that on arrival on this front 2/74th Regt. was used as drafts, 7th Coy. being sent to 59th Regt. It was intended, while at CONSTANTINOPLE, to utilise the whole regiment as drafts, but deserter does not know where the other battalions now are.

(This requires confirmation.) 3/74th was certainly absorbed by 26th Division, and possibly prisoner is making an error as to his former battalion. 2/74th has been reported both in Coastal Sector and East of Jordan, and its present location, if not absorbed, is doubtful. See I.S. 363, of 29-7-18, para. 1 (iii.), and I.S. 340, of 6-7-18, para. 3 (i.).

(v.) AVIATION.

According to a reliable report 8 aeroplanes arrived at RAYAK on 31st May by air from the south and proceeded to ALEPPO.

2.—WITHDRAWAL OF GERMANS.

A deserter from 191st Regt. states that about 12th inst., while coming from AMMAN to join his unit, he passed 100 to 150 Germans troops in motor lorries proceeding to AMMAN. He was told they were going to CONSTANTINOPLE.

This probably refers to withdrawal of part of 146th Regt. previously reported (I.S. 356 of 22-7-18, para. 2.b.), but part at least are still in line east of Jordan (c.f. para. 1. (iii) above).

3.—ORGANISATION.

(a) N.C.O.'s. RANK BADGES.

According to a recently captured corporal, corporals now wear three gold stripes, and sergeants one red stripe on the shoulder strap. Formerly N.C.O.'s. shoulder straps had red piping, corporals no stripe and sergeants one gold stripe.

(b.) BOMBING AND GAS.

N.C.O. deserter from 3/191st Regt. states that there is a bombing school in the WADI NIMRIN where training is conducted by Germans. He also states that all men in his regiment have recently been issued with gas masks.

4.—MORAL.

During week ending 1900 29-7-18, 35 prisoners (including 1 officer) and 37 deserters were taken from the following units.

37 deserters were taken the preceding week.

Unit.	P.	D.	Unit.	P.	D.	Unit.	P.	D.
20th Regt.	—	6	125th Regt.	—	1	Att. 24th German		
21st "	1	2	163rd "	—	1	M.G. Coy.	—	1
23rd "	—	4	191st "	—	7	Att. Austrian Art.	—	1
57th "	33	—	Muhafaza Bn.	1*	—	Unknown.	—	3
59th "	—	3	Medical Services	—	1			
76th "	—	7						

* Officer.

5.—PERSONALITIES.

(a.) Colonel ESSAD Bey, O.C. 3rd Cavalry Division, who was wounded in the operations East of JORDAN early in May, is reported to have been sent to CONSTANTINOPLE during the latter half of June, both his legs having been amputated.

(b.) In regard to the report that ALI FUAD Pasha, O.C. VIII A.C. had succeeded to the command of the VII Army (c.f. I.S. 361 of 27-7-18) it is now reliably reported that he left for CONSTANTINOPLE towards the end of June. It is therefore possible that the ALI FUAD mentioned as assuming command of the VII Army was the O.C. XXth Army Corps of the same name.

(c.) It is stated that General NIHAD Pasha commands II Army with headquarters at ALEPPO.

6.—TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Reference TIREH (D.3.) 1:40,000 and parts of MUKHALID and ARSUF, 1:20,000. Trench in N.22.d.80.80—N.23.a.50.10, numbered C.19, will in future be known as C.13.

5.—METEOROLOGICAL.

G.S.I. METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,

at 0800.

	JERUSALEM 2,720 ft. above M.S.L.		G.H.Q. 250 ft. above M.S.L.	
		Difference from previous day.		Difference from previous day.
TEMPERATURE (°F.)	68	-2	81	-3
HUMIDITY (%)	84	+18	66	+15
WIND	W.N.W.; Light.		South Almost Calm.	
BAROMETRIC HEIGHT (ins.) ...	27'12	+ '02	29'51	0
MOVEMENT from 0500 to 0800 (ins.)...	—	—	Rising '02	0
FOR PREVIOUS 24 HOURS.				
MAXIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	86	-2	91	0
MINIMUM TEMP. (°F.)	61	-2	70	+1
RAINFALL (ins.)	0'0	0	0'0	0

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