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G.H.Q. Intelligence Summary
for 24 hours ending 0800 - 24/2/18. FEB 1918

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1: PALESTINE FRONT.

A. ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY 22/2/18, EASTERN SECTOR.

RUMMON (113.A.7) was fairly heavily shelled by 77 mm. H.E. 099.M.24.d. was heavily shelled in the forenoon and at night by 77 mm. H.E. shrapnel and 4.2" shells.

B. AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE 23/2/18, WESTERN SECTOR.

Fresh work is reported on trenches in 084.O.6 and two A.A. guns were seen to fire from 084.K.20.a.5.5. (Ref:- K.7, 1/20,000).

2: EAST OF JORDAN.

A Jewish deserter who left KERAK on the 17th inst. reports the garrison to consist of 700 cavalry, 200 infantry, 2 heavy guns and 10 machine guns.

3: ENEMY FLYING SERVICE.

An officer P. of W. of the 303rd Flight stationed at JENIN states that this flight is composed of A.E.G. machines used solely for reconnaissance work.

The strength of an Abteilung varies according to its duties, and the front it is on. He mentioned the aerodromes at AFULE, JENIN and TUL KERAM but pleaded ignorance of the six hangars reported to be East of JERICHO.

According to him there are probably 40 to 50 enemy machines on this front.

Turkish pilots were never allowed to fly "unless they wanted a certain machine crashed".

4: TURKISH OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE.

PALESTINE FRONT. "On the 21st February, the enemy renewed his attacks against our left flank. As we were not able

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to repulse these attacks everywhere, we withdrew our troops to positions previously prepared."

5: METEOROLOGICAL.

(a) Summary for week ending Feb. 23rd 1918 at 1800.

<u>1: Temperature.</u>		<u>Differences from previous week.</u>
Mean of week.	57.	+ 4
Mean Maximum.	66.	+ 2
Mean Minimum.	52.	+ 8
Highest recorded on 17th.	70.	- 4
Lowest recorded on 23rd.	48.	+ 6.

2: Humidity.

Mean of week.	75	+ 3.
Highest recorded on 21st at 0800.	97.	+ 5.
Lowest recorded on 19th at 1400.	54.	+23.

3: Wind.

The highest velocity recorded was 'moderate' on the 22nd, while on the 20th the average from 0800 to 2000 did not reach a mile an hour. Directions:- To 0800 on 18th S. to S.W. Then from N.W. to N.E. (or calm) till 21st. 21st and 22nd S.W. to W.N.W. 23rd S.S.E. to W.S.W.

4: Rainfall.

20th-21st 0.16", 21st-22nd 0.03", 22nd-23rd 0.06". Total for week 0.25". Total for month up to date = 2.94". Average for Feb. at SARONA 2.91".

Total at G.H.Q. (KFLAB - SEJED - BIR SALEM) since Oct. 1st = 12.67".

Average at SARONA Oct. 1st-Mar. 1st) 22.43"
(as given in I.D. 1117)

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Meteorological (Contd).

(b) Taken at G.H.Q. 0800 - 24/2/18.

Description.	Reading.	Difference from previous day.
TEMPERATURE. 8 a.m. today.	50	+ 1
Max. for prev. day.	63	0
Min. for prev. night.	47	- 1
HUMIDITY.	91%	+ 7%
RAINFALL.	0.08".	+ 0.02"
BAROMETER MOVEMENT during last 3 hours.	Rising 0.04"	0

CORRIGENDUM

In Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 0800 21/2/18 "4 new gun positions in 039.G.22.b." should read "4 new gun positions in 039.L.22.b".

DAILY TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT ATTACHED.

General Staff (Intelligence)
G.H.Q., E.F.F. (1st Echelon)
24/2/18.

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DAILY TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT.

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Ref:- AJLUN 1/03,300.

The Valley of the YABBEK (NAHR ES ZERKA) is very deep, especially towards the JORDAN. The river is perennial and unfordable during bad weather. The bottom of the valley is very narrow and no tracks are known to exist running lengthwise. The best route along its course is reported to be on the side of the valley from ED DAMIE (126.3.8) - to the ford at 126.S.2.b - TELL EL HARAMI (126.P.19.b) - eastwards to BIRMA (141.S.26). Country on both sides though mountainous, is of a rolling nature and reported to be generally suitable for movement of Cavalry but not everywhere.

There is a ford at 141.19.a-c. connecting track ES SALT - BIRMA.

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LOCAL
NAMFS.

The use of the following local names is authorized:-

JERUSALEM
(G.10).

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|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| STEPNEY ROAD | - ER RAM to JEBA. |
| ST. PANCRAS ROAD | - HISMEH to JEBA. |
| OFFA'S DYKE. | - 36 a.-b. W.25.c. |
| CLAPHAM ROAD. | - TEL EL FUL to HISMEH. |
| ERIN ROAD. | - ANATA to HISMEH. |
| QUEEN'S ROAD. | - Z.19.a to ANATA. |
| BLACKHEATH ROAD. | - Z.25.c. to ANATA. |
| REID'S POST. | - J.3.d. |
| WESTMINSTER ROAD. | - J.3.b. to SUFFA. |
| KENSINGTON HIGH STREET | - EL AZIRIYEH to SNIPER'S RIDGE. |
| S. MERSET STREET. | - J.21.b to EL AZIRIYEH. |

BIREH (H.10).

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| DODD'S HILL. | - M.16.d. |
| NESTOR SPUR. | - M.22.d. |
| GARDEN HILL. | - N.19.c. |
| CURLY RIDGE. | - M.29.a-b. |
| GREEN HILL. | - N.27.d. |
| CHOBHAM RIDGE. | - V.1.b. |
| BOULDER HILL. | - V.1.d. |
| OUTPOST HILL. | - V.3.a. |
| GREY HILL. | - V.14.a-b. |
| DINMORE. | - V.13.c. |
| DEIR DIWAN ROAD. | - V.13.a to DEIR DIWAN. |
| MONTGOMERY HILL. | - V.20.a. |
| DENBIGH SPUR. | - V.23.a. & b. |
| WADY STOUR. | - M.29.b. - 30.a. & b. |
| WYE WADY | - M.29.c-d - 30.c. & d. |
| SENLAC HILL. | - M.21.d. |
| SURDAH HILL. | - M.26.b. - 27.c. |
| LIMBER HILL. | - M.28.c. |
| LORRY HILL. | - M.29.c. U.5.a. |
| THE MEDWAY. | - U.5.c.d. - 6.a - M.30.b & d. |

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- ARUNDEL ROAD. - U.4.b. to U.11.b.
- GUILDFORD PARK. - U.3.c.
- GUILDFORD ROAD. - U.3.d. - 4.b.
- BALUA LAKE. - U.10.c.
- SPRING HILL. - U.12.a & b.
- HAWK HILL. - U.17.d.
- IRISH HILL. - U.23.b. & d.
- WADY COLWYN. - U.23.a. to U.24.b.
- FLINT WADY. - U.23.c. to U.24.a.
- CHISWICK ROAD. - U.9.b. to U.10.d.
- HORSHAM ROAD. - U.10.d. to U.17.a.
- BEITIN ROAD. - U.11.d. to BEITIN.
- NEWTOWN ROAD. - V.13.a. to BEITIN.
- HAMILTON ROAD. - U.24.c. to U.16.c.
- WADY NELSON. - U.2.c. to U.3.b.
- WADY CHESTER. - U.2.a. to U.7.c.
- WADY PEMBROKE. - U.9.c. to U.14.a.
- WADY BOWEN. - U.15.a. to U.13.d.
- VALE CLWYD. - U.18.b. to V.31.c.
- HEREFORD WADY. - U.11.c. to U.18.b.
- CARDIFF ROAD. - U.9.b. to RAM ALLAH.
- AVERNUS ROAD. - U.24.c. to BIREH.
- AIN ARIK ROAD. - From ALLAH to AIN ARIK.

RAM

IBZIA (H.9)

- SURAR CORNER. - F.18.a.
- MEZEIRAT TRACK. - G.21.a.c.d. 27.b.
- SURAR TRACK. - G.25.a.b. - 20.c.d. - 21.a.
- ANNIR TRACK. - F.17.d. to the CIRCUS.
- THE CIRCUS. - G.26.b.
- ANNIR HILL. - F.17.d. - 18.c.
- JOB'S HILL. - F.23.c.
- WADY PATIENCE. - F.22. and F.23.
- W. PATRICK. - G.26 to F.22.
- HOWBURY HILL. - F.27.b and d.
- ANZAC HILL. - F.29.c.
- TRALEE TRACK. - JANIAH to BATN HARASHEH.
- W. SWISH. - G.28.a. to P.3.c.
- WADY DOUGAL. - G.23. to P.4.
- DOUGAL CORNER. - F.4.c.
- CLONMEL TRACK. - AIN KANIEH to BATN HARASHEH.
- STRATA HILL. - P.2.b.
- SERAJ NECK. - P.3.a.
- KELB CORNER. - O.12.a.
- RANGER W. - O.12.c and 18.a.
- RANGER ROAD. - DEIR IBZIA to KELB CORNER.
- DOG HILL. - P.7.b.
- THE BUMP. - P.8.b.
- TOWER ISLAND. - P.10.a.
- F. CERTAINLY. - P.22.a. to 9.d.
- STEIN CORNER. - P.14.a.
- ARCHI HILL. - P.20.b.
- KNOT HILL. - P.23.a.
- AIN ARIK ROAD. - AIN ARIK to RAM ALLAH.

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KEFR SHIYAN HILL
DUBLIN CORNER.
WADY STEIN.
HOGS BACK.
IRISH ROAD.

- P.22.c.
- Q.23.c.
- P.21.b. to P.14.a.
- Q.36.b.
- AIN ARIK to W. SAD.

The above names have been included on the 1/20,000 scale map.

(3) MAP CORRIGENDA.

Ref:- BIRIH (H.10), 1/20,000 scale map.

The portion of the road from RAM ALLAH - AIN ARIK falling on the above sheet has been called IRISH ROAD by error; this should read AIN ARIK ROAD, and will be corrected in the next edition.

Correct spelling of village at Q99.W.16.a. is JUFNA not JUTNA.

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1: PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Eastern Sector.

(a) Aerial reconnaissance 25/2/18. 4 gun positions are reported at 127.O.27.a. S.E. of the MANDESI FORD and 2000 yards E. of the JORDAN.

A short trench runs from 127.O.19.b. to O.20.c.

(b) An agent reports that on the 17th inst. 600 troops were working on the main road from EL LUBBAN (099.H.12) to NABLUS and that 1000 German^s and Turks were attempting to make a road up the JEBEL EL TOR (098.V.15, S.E. of NABLUS).

(c) On the 23rd inst. cavalry patrols reconnoitred towards RUJM EL PAHR (114.V.17) and fords at MANDESI (127.O.19) EL GHORANIYEH (127.Q.2) and EL HENU (127.S.20). Owing to enemy artillery and rifle fire they only reached to within approximately 800 yards of the fords. (20th Corps, 24/2/18).

Western Sector.

(a) Aerial reconnaissance 25/2/18. A little fresh trench work is reported at 084.N.18.a and 084.A.22 (near TABSOR).

2: EAST OF JORDAN.

(a) Air reconnaissance 25/2/18. At KUTRANI there is an aerodrome on which 5 hangars and 2 aeroplanes were observed. About 100 rolling stock were counted in the

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station at KUTRANI. The size of the camps does not appear to have changed since the 13/2/18 when there were 10 marquees and 100 tents and shelters. (R.F.C. 25/2/18).

(b) A deserter who arrived in our lines on the 22nd inst. from KERAK states that JEMAL PASHA (? G.O.C. 1st Composite Force) arrived in KERAK on about the 8th inst. and stayed two days. While there he offered any Arab of the district who would enlist as cavalry from £3 - £5 a month. The deserter states that about 200 joined JEMAL PASHA on these terms.

3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

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Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
<u>11th Div.</u>	14/1/18.	MUSLIMIEH.	Agent.	To proceed ALEPPO & S. Bns: 200 men.
<u>126th Rgt.</u> (11th Div)	25/1/18- 27/1/18.	South through RAYAK.	"	40 officers 795 O.R. Reported to be going to the HAURAN owing to disturbances in that area.
<u>59th Div.</u>	14/1/18.	South through VUDEHI, 8 m. S. of ALEPPO.	"	600 men.
<u>179th Rgt.</u> (59th Div)	29/1/18.	South through RAYAK.	"	Two lns. 12 officers 565 O.R. Possibly a draft.
703rd Bn.	25/1/18.	RAYAK to HAIFA.	"	72 officers, 321 men.
305th German Flight.	23/1/18.	RAYAK to ?SEMAKH.	"	4 officers 40 O.R. 6 aeroplanes.

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Identifications (Contd).

(ii) During period 19/12/17 - 31/1/18 the following passed South through RAYAK:-

- 6 guns (150 mm.)
- 4 " (75 ")
- 26 Machine Guns.

On 2/1/18 18 aeroplanes for SEMAKH.

On 20/1/18 11 aeroplanes.

(Agent's report).

4: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. 0800 - 26/2/18.

Description.		Reading.	Difference from previous day.
TEMPERATURE.	8 a.m. today	53°	- 5°
	Max. for prev day.	58°	+ 7°
	Min. for prev. night.	49°	0
HUMIDITY.		81%	+ 50%
RAINFALL.		0.03"	+0.03"
BAROMETER MOVEMENT during last 5 hours.		Rising 0.04.	+0.04.

DAILY TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT ATTACHED.

General Staff (Intelligence)
G.H.Q., E.E.F. 1st Echelon,
26/2/18.

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DAILY TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT,

26/2/18.

(1) ROADS.

- (a) ES SALT - AMMAN. The motor road is not via the route shown by the double lines on the AMMAN and AJLUN sheets, scale 1", or as shown in red on the 1/250,000 series, but is, approximately as follows:-

North for a few hundred yards, then E. to EL BUKEIA EL FOKA, passing S. of 127.J.34 - across a flat plain to SUWEILEH (not marked) - EL JUBEIBAT (142.P.23) - thence S.E. to AMMAN. There are steep ascents from ES SALT and after EL JUBEIBAT, otherwise it is fairly level. Springs at SUWEILEH, good quality and plentiful supply.

- (b) ES SALT - JERASH, (141.W.14.e): follow AMMAN road as above to EL BUKEIA EL FOKA - descend gradually into W. EL RUMMAN - EL RUMMAN (141.D.30.c), where there is a large spring - cross the NAHR ES ZERKA at about 141.Y.25 - JERASH.

Steep descent to the crossing of the ZERKA; but the whole route is reported to be fit for wheels and would require little repairing to make it fit for motor cars. Copious supply of water at JERASH.

(2) BRIDGES.

- (a) At 127.M.18.e (JERICHO - ES SALT road) there is a bridge now being repaired.

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G.H.Q., E.E.F.
1st Echelon,
26/2/18.

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(a) The water port is not... The water port is not... The water port is not... The water port is not... The water port is not...

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G.H.Q. Intelligence Summary
for 24 hours ending 0800 - 25/2/18.

1: PALESTINE FRONT.

Eastern Sector.

(a) Aerial reconnaissance, 24/2/18. The trench system through 127.U.19, 25, 53 and W.2 and 3 (S.E. of SHUNET NIMRIN) has been further improved and the camp behind it appears to have increased.

No trenches are visible on East side of JORDAN in area between 127.S.16 and 127.T.17 (S.E. of HAJLA FORD) or in squares 128.A. and B. (N.E. Coast of DEAD SEA).

(b) On the 23rd inst. it was reported by a cavalry patrol that the high ground about 113.Y.9 and KH. EL AUJA (113.Y.24) was strongly held by about 1000 infantry. The patrol was shelled and heavily fired on from rifles and machine guns. (20th Corps 23/2).

Western Sector.

(a) Aerial reconnaissance 24/2/18. Signs of new work on KAKON system between 084.U.4 and V.20.

4 gun positions are reported just S. of IRTAH (084.X.13.a)

(b) An intelligent Syrian who came into the British lines on the 19th inst. states that at the beginning of the present month he was at NABLUS where the 19th Div. (72nd and 77th Regts only) had arrived three days before. The men were bathing and re-equipping. Heard that they had come from the JERUSALEM front where their only casualties had been a few machine gunners. They had

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earned many awards for gallantry. Informant left NABLUS and came to KALKILIEH followed by 19th Division which arrived at that place on 15th inst. The 19th immediately relieved the 13th Division in the line near the sea. All regiments of 16th Division going into reserve in approx. 984.T.26 (in tents). At the same time 57th Regt. was relieved by the 63rd Regt., 20th Div., and went into reserve N.W. of MISKEH.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
42nd Div.	January.	ALEPPO	Deserter.	Part of this div. is probably in SYRIA and part in the 1st Army area.
46th Div.	"	"	"	This Div. was reported en route from MOSUL to SYRIA on Jan. 5th.

An agent reports that between 4-5,000 Turkish troops from SMYRNA area (? 47th Division) passed through ALEPPO going South between 7th and 16th January. He also reports the despatch of 2 aeroplanes from ALEPPO to the south.

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3: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. 0800 - 25/2/18.

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Description,		Reading.	Difference from previous day.
TEMPERATURE.	8 a.m. to day	58°	+ 8°
	Max. for prev. day	61°	- 2°
	Min. for prev. night.	49°	+ 2°
HUMIDITY.		51%	- 40%
RAINFALL.		Trace.	- 0.06
BAROMETER MOVEMENT during last 3 hours.		Steady 4.0	-0.04

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General Staff (Intelligence)
G.H.Q., E.E.F. 1st Division,
25/2/18.

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DAILY TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT

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- (1) MAP
ADDENDUM. Ref. BIREH (H.10), 1/20,000 scale. There is a bridge on main road over Wadi in Sq. M.5.D.9.7.
- (2) ROADS.
 - (a) SHUNET NIMRIN (127.P.24) - EL FUREIS (142.D.20.a), on the ES SALT - AMMAN road, reported possible for wheels to AIN JERIA (128.U.18.a), thence up the Wadi to the crest of the hills and along ridge to main road. Fit for pack animals with difficulty.
 - (b) SHUNET NIMRIN - AMMAN, via AIN JERIA - AIN ES SIR (142.S.6.d). The track between AIN JERIA and AIN ES SIR is reported to be used by Circassians for their ox carts, but is very rough. Beyond to AMMAN it is stated to be fit for wheeled traffic. Unlimited water here and at AIN ES SIR and plentiful fuel in the valley of the W. SIR.
 - (c) GHORANIYEH BRIDGE - ES SALT. A track is reported to exist to the N. and E. of main road, following the old caravan route up the W. ARSENIYAT (not marked on map) and approaching ES SALT from the dominating hill on the West. It passed one spring (AIN ET TINEY) about 5 miles up the Wadi and is stated to be fit for wheels to this point, but beyond is very steep and impassable for wheels.
 - (d) ES SALT - JEBEL OSHA (127.H.24), a mountain dominating the country for miles all round. It is reported that this track could be made passable for guns without much difficulty.
 - (e) KERKUR (083.H.29.d) - EL LEJJAN (097.D.24.a) was repaired three months ago by the enemy and it is now used for M.T.
- 3: BRIDGES
& FORDS.
 - (f) The GHORANIYEH BRIDGE is intact but the pontoon bridge has been removed. 24/2/18.
 - (g) NAHR EL FALIK. The only good crossing is by the ford at 070.L.36.a-c, 10 yds from the shore, width about 10 feet and sandy bottom. Approaches are sandy here whilst at all other points, including the ford at 084.S.1.c, they are marshy and the bottom muddy. The banks are nowhere more than 3 ft. in height.
 - (h) NAHR ISKUNDERJNEH (083.F.9.a). This also is the only good ford and same particulars apply as for the NAHR EL FALIK. The crossing at 083.G.20.c is not fit for wheels and the approaches are marshy. The position of bridge being built by Turks is still unlocated.

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(1) WADI KHUDEIRAH. At (approx.) 083.D.10.b., there is a stone and iron bridge, span about 12 to 14 feet. Water 4 to 5 ft. in depth.

(4) WATER. BIRKET ATA (083.G.25). Well, with engine pump, belonging to a Jewish orange plantation.

(1) MAP
BRIDGE ON ROAD - 083.D.10.b. - 083.D.10.c.
(2) ROADS
(a) SHURT NIMRIN (083.F.24) - EL BURJIN (083.D.20.a.)
on the 23rd mile - AMMAN road, reported possible for
wheel to AIR JERBA (083.U.18.a.), thence by the wadi
to the camp at the hill and along ridge to main
road. The top peak remains with difficulty.

Note:-- SHURT NIMRIN - AMMAN, via AIR JERBA (083.U.18.a.)
(083.D.20.a.). The track between AIR JERBA and AIR BR
is in poor condition by comparison for their
or on the 23rd mile - AMMAN road, reported possible for
wheel to AIR JERBA (083.U.18.a.), thence by the wadi
to the camp at the hill and along ridge to main
road. The top peak remains with difficulty.

LOCAL NAMES.

Names given by formations to local

features will not be brought into use until the

maps for which they are authorised have been issued

to those concerned.

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G.H.Q., M.E.F. (083.H.24)

1st Echelon,

25/2/18.

(b) BE SALE - JERBA (083.H.24) - AIR JERBA (083.U.18.a.)
dominating the country for miles for miles for miles for miles
reported that this track could be used for
runs without much difficulty.

(c) KERRUR (083.E.26.a.) - EL BURJIN (083.D.20.a.) was
reported three months ago by the enemy and it is
now used for M.T.

(f) The GEORATHIYEN BRIDGE is intact but the pontoon
bridge has been removed. 24/2/18.

(g) WADI EL FAKIR. The only good crossing is by the
ford at 070.L.20.a.-c. 10 yds from the shore, which
about 10 feet and sandy bottom. Approaches are
sandy here whilst at all other points, including
the ford at 082.L.10.a. they are sandy and the
bottom muddy. The banks are nowhere more than 2 ft.
in height.

(h) WADI EL FAKIR (082.V.9.a.). This also is the
only good ford and some particulars apply as for
the WADI EL FAKIR. The crossing at 082.L.20.a. is
not fit for wheels and the approaches are sandy.
The position of bridge being built by Turks is still
undecided.

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G.H.Q. Intelligence Summary
for 24 hours ending 0000 on 23/2/18.

1. PALESTINE FRONT.

Eastern Sector.

(a). Inhabitants of JERUHO state that 2000 - 2500 Tanks with 8 guns crossed to the East bank of the JORDAN between the night of the 20th and the morning of the 21st. (20th Corps 21.2.10).

Western Sector. Aerial reconnaissance.

(a). Eight large dug-outs are reported covered with green camouflage in approximately 084.K.13.e (Ref. K.7

1/20,000). Much new trench work is reported in BIR ADAS neighbourhood, the trenches in 084.D.9.d.15 and D.16.a.55 being extended and new trenches dug in D.14.b.23, D.14.b.25. A new line of continuous trenches has been dug in front of the old system from 084.C.6.b. to D.9.b. (R.F.C.22/2/18)

(b) Enemy Tactics. A deserter from the 62nd Regiment who surrendered on the 15th inst. states that during the day the troops holding the SABIEN (084.B.3.b) sector retire to dug-outs about 100 metres in rear of the firing line, leaving 2 lookout men per Company and their M.G.'s. Patrols consisting of 15 men per Company are sent out about 150 metres and lie up in rifle pits; they have instructions to open fire, if attacked throw their bombs, and, if pressed, to retire. (21st Corps 17/2/18).

MEDICAL.

An Armenian Doctor (M.O. 3/136th Regt.) taken prisoner states that there is a stationary hospital at SHUNET NUNRIM

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(127.P.17); that there are stationary hospitals at ES SALT, AMMAN, DERRA and DAMASCUS. The only medical stores available are quinine, epsom salts, bismuth and aspirin. There is a fairly good supply of bandages.

3: GALICIA

A deserter from the 62nd Regt. states that when in GALICIA his regiment was opposite Armenian troops, who were the best fighters in the Russian Army. The Armenians were constantly making bayonet attacks by night, and his regiment suffered very severely, burying over 600 in their cemetery besides others who were buried on the battle ground (21st Corps 17/2/18).

4: ARABIA

H.E.F. area. Deserters report that GHALIB Bey has taken FAKHRI Pasha's place for the present, but that BASRI Pasha, G.O.C. 2nd Composite Force, who is at present on leave, will eventually take over the command.

5: MESOPOTAMIA

A reconnaissance from RAMADIE up the EUPHRATES having indicated the withdrawal of the enemy from HIT, our troops on the 21/2/18 occupied KHAN ABU RAYAT (16 miles W. of RAMADIE) and advanced on the 22/2/18 to QUBBAH (19 miles S. of HIT). We captured 30 prisoners. There was little opposition and no casualties.

6: CAUCASUS

A report states that TALAAT Pasha recently recommended the cessation of the transfer of troops from the CAUCASUS pending a decision on the re-occupation of ARMENIAN territory now in the hands of the Russians.

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7: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. 0000 - 23/2/18.

Description.		Reading.	Difference from previous day.
TEMPER- ATURE	8 a.m. today.	49°	- 8°
	Max. for prev. day	63°	- 2°
	Min. for prev. night	48°	- 5°
HUMIDITY.		34%	+ 13%
RAINFALL.		0.06.	+ 0.03.
BAROMETER MOVEMENT during last 3 hours.		Rising 0.040"	+ 0.024.

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The W. REIYA (099.C.9) is a perennial stream, in winter about 3' wide and 2' deep, in summer about 10" deep. It flows into W. ZERKA (095.V.35).

(2) WATER.

Inhabitants of ABUD give the following information re water in this area.

ABUD (099.C.7.c) Only cisterns.

BARBARA (085.X.12.a) Between here and ABUD a large well, 20 ft. deep; not much used.

W. REIYA (099.C.9). There are four springs between ABUD and the junction of the wadi with W. ZERKA; one of which is large.

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ESTIMATED DISTRIBUTION OF ENEMY FORCES ON PALESTINE FRONT 22/2/18.

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Unit.	Location.	Rifles	Sabres	M. Ge.	Automatic rifles	Remarks.
(A) VII ARMY.						
1: XX A.C. AREA (DEAD SEA - RUMMON)						
26th Div. (8bns)						
73th Regt.	Retiring to E. of JORDAN.	1950	100	47	-	
76th "						
79th "						
53rd Div. (10 bns)						
133th Regt.	Retiring to E. of JORDAN.	1200	50	50	4	2 A.R. captured 19-20/2/18.
32nd "						
165th "						
2/157th "						
48th Div. (5bns)						
130th Regt.	? SEHMIT NIMRIN.	600	100	21	-	
Cav. Sqn.						
TOTAL - XX A.C.		2350	250	118	4	

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(2)

Unit.	Location.	Rifles	Sabres	M. Gs.	Automatic Rifles.	Remarks.
<u>2. III A.C. AREA (RUMMON - 099.A.31 approx)</u>						
<u>24th Div. (9 bns)</u>						
2nd Regt. 143rd " 58th "	RUMMON-ET TAIYIBEH area. AIN YEBRUD (099.M.19) area. AIN YEBRUD (exclusive) - NABLUS ROAD.	1500	100	24	-	
<u>1st Div. (9 bns)</u>						
124th Regt. 70th " 71st "	NABLUS ROAD-099.G.11 (approx). 099.C.21-099.C.30 (approx) Reserve, ATTARA area.	2800	100	36	-	
138th Regt. (3 bns)	UNLOCATED.	900	-	14	6	No information that this Regt. has gone to Western Sector with the 19th Div. Last identified at AIN SINIA (099.M.3.d)
<u>TOTAL - III A.C.</u>		5200	200	74	6	
<u>3. ARMY UNITS.</u>						
<u>3rd Cav. Div.</u>						
6th Cav. Regt. 8th 701st & 702nd German Cav. Troops 1 Coy Camel Corps.	} 099.C.14 (Approx) 093.V.14 (")	100	1000.	20	6	8½ Sqns, Cavalry 1 Coy Camel Corps. Note. German Cavalry Troops = 30 sabres each.

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(3)						
Unit.	Location.	Rifles	Sabres	M.Gs	Automatic rifles.	Remarks.
702nd German Inf Bn	? NABLUS.	400	-	8	20	
	TOTAL - ARMY UNITS.	500	1000	28	26	
	TOTAL - VII ARMY.	3550	1450	220	36	
<u>B. VIII ARMY.</u>						
<u>7th Div.</u> (9 bns)						
19th Regt.	MEJDEL YABA-KEFR KASIM.					
20th "	JILJULIEH.	2250	150	72	-	20th Regt. absorbed 164th and 165th Regts.
21st "	Reserve.					21st Regt. absorbed 134th Regt. The 21st Regt. relieved the 2nd Cav. Cav. near sea coast, present location not clear.
<u>20th Div.</u> (9 bns)						
Regts. 61, 62, 63.	Vicinity of KEFR SABA.	2400	100	62	-	
<u>19th Div.</u> (9 bns)						
Regts. 57, 72, 77.	TABSOR DEFENCES.	2700	100	38	8	
<u>16th Div.</u> (9 bns)						
Regts. 47, 48, 125.	Reserve MISKEH.	2700	150	76	10	Relieved by 19th Div. Location of 48th Regt.
<u>34th Div.</u> (4 bns)						Absorbed by 17th Div.

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(4)

Unit.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres	M.Gs.	Automatic rifles.	Remarks.
3rd Div. (6 bns)		-	-	-	-	Absorbed by 16th Div.
2nd Caucasus Cav. Bde (12 sqns) Rgt 1, 9, 11.	? KULUNSAWEH.	-	700	19	-	
701st German Inf. Bn.	SABIEH AREA.	400	-	8	20.	Furnishes patrols only.
	<u>TOTAL - VIII ARMY</u>	10450	1200	263	39	
	<u>(C) N. PALESTINE & L. OF C.</u>					
42nd Div. (Part)	DERAA.	2000.	-	18	-	
705rd German Inf. Bn.) 703rd " Cav. Troops.)	HAIFA -- NAZARETH AREA.	400	30	8	20.	
VIII Army Depot Bn.	EL HUDEIRA.	700	-	-	-	
? 2 Bns.	Guarding railway YARMUK VALLEY -- DERAA -- KUTRANI.	600	-	6	-	
	<u>TOTAL - N. PALESTINE & L. OF C.</u>	3700.	30	32	20.	

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Unit.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres	M.Gs.	Automatic rifles	Remarks.
<u>(D) KUTRANI-KERAK AREA.</u>						
48th Div. (3 regts) 3/151 Regt.	KERAK AREA.	150	-	4	-	Composite Bn 150, 3/151 & 2/152 Regts. considered to have been destroyed.
1 Bn 7 Regt.	KUTRANI.	250	-	-	-	
7th Cav. Regt.	KERAK AREA.	-	400	8	-	KERAK AREA.
<u>TOTAL -- KUTRANI-KERAK AREA.</u>		400	400	12	-	
<u>GRAND TOTALS.</u>						
(A) VII ARMY.		8550	1450	220	36.	42 Inf. Bns. 15 1/2 Cav. Sqns, 1 Coy Camelry.
(B) VIII ARMY.		10450.	1250	268	38	57 Inf. Bns, 16 Cav. Sqns.
(C) N. PALESTINE & L. OF C.		8700.	50	32	20.	7 Inf. Bns, 1/2 Cav. Sqn.
(D) KUTRANI-KERAK AREA.		400.	400	12	-	2 Inf. Bns. (extremely weak) 4 Cav. Sqns.
		25100	3100	532	94.	88 Inf. Bns (of which 3 German) 33 1/2 Cav. Sqns (of which 3 Troops Germans) 1 Camel Coy.
9th Div. (Regts. 17, 23, 24)		3200	100	736.	-	Location uncertain but probably S. of RAYAK.

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NOTE:-

Since last week a considerable reduction in the estimated enemy rifle strength on this front has been made.

This is based on confirmation which has recently been received regarding:-

(a) Low rifle and sabre strength of certain units, and, in particular, as to ration strengths in 8th Army.

Casualties suffered by enemy in the operations on the 20th and 21st inst.

8th Division not now being included on this front, its probable location being N. of DERRA.

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PALESTINE FRONT.

Eastern Sector.

(a) Prisoner states that enemy have made arrangements to blow up the bridge at EL GHCRANIYEH and that Germans have been specially detailed to carry out the demolition.

(b) Enemy Artillery Activity.

(20th Corps 20/2/18)

Western Sector. The enemy carried out extensive

registration of points in front of, and behind our line

with 75 mm., 4.2", and 5.9". Otherwise normal.

(c) Identifications.

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
5/76th Rgt.	20/2/18.	JEBEL KAHMUM (114.U.19.a)	Contact.	Prisoners taken during operations on 20th.
"	"	ARAK IBRAHIM (113.F.15.c-d)-	"	" "
78th	"	J.EKTEIF(113.G.28.d)	"	" "
1 & 3/136th Regt.	"	{ 113.C.2.d.-	"	" "
?/151st Regt.	"	{ RAS ET TAWIL (113.C.20.b)-	"	" "
	"	{ EL MUNTAR (114.Q.12)	"	" "
303 Feldflieger Abteilungen.	"	Eastern Sector.	Documents on German Flying Officer.	On the 23/12/17 the 303rd Flight is shown to have been at JENIN (097.V.35).
301 Artillerie Flieger Abteilungen.	"	" "	"	"

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2: EAST OF JORDAN.

(a) An enemy aeroplane belonging to the 3rd Turkish Aeroplane Company was brought down by Arabs on 4th Feb. at a point east of KALAAH ANEIZA Station; the pilot was taken prisoner.

(b) A movement of troops through MADEBA en route for KERAK on the 13th inst. is reported.

3: ARABIA.

Hejaz.

A report dated 18/2/16 states that the officers and men of the 42nd Regt. are very discontented, and, if an opportunity arises, the regiment will probably desert to the Sherifian forces. The 42nd Regt., is at present stationed in the vicinity of MEDINA.

4: EUROPE.

German method of obtaining information.

British prisoners of war and particularly R.F.C. officers more especially on being first captured, are often kept in solitary confinement for some days and then placed in with other P/W in a room fitted with microphones - the whole of their conversations being then taken down. This has been proved beyond question - proof included the tearing down of match-boarding and revealing the actual instruments.

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5: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. 0800 - 22/2/18.

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Description.		Reading:	Difference from previous day.
TEMPER- ATURE.	8 a.m today	57°	- 1°
	Max. for prev. day.	65°	- 2°
	Min. for prev. night	53°	- 2°
HUMIDITY.		71%	- 26%
RAINFALL.		0.03"	- 0.13"
BAROMETER MOVEMENT during last 3 hours.		Rising 0.016"	- 0.034

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(1) BRIDGES.

- (a) EL HARITHIYEH (098.Q.15). About $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west there is a 4-arched stone bridge 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ metres long and about 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ metres wide. The wadi it crosses is dry in summer.
- (b) EL GHAJIR (122.Q.23). There is a bridge here across R. HASBANI on road from TIBERIAS - BANIAS (122.R.36) - DAMASCUS, of solid masonry but so narrow that carts can only pass over with difficulty.
- (c) JISR KHURDELA (lat. 33° 21', long. 35° 33') is a 3-arched bridge over a gorge about 1,200 ft. deep.

(2) ROADS.

- (a) Ref:- AMMAN 1/63,360.
- JERICHO - MADEBA. Two routes for Pack animals, via,
- (1) GHORANIYEH Bridge - 127.Q.17.b. - W. EL KEFREIN at 127.R.27.d - near KABR SAID at 127.T.6.b - KABR ABDALLA (143.O.7.b).
- (2) Point 127.Q.17.b. - W. EL ABU GARABA (not marked) at about 127.T.1.a. - W. EL JORFE at 127.T.20 - W. GHUEIR about 128.D.9.a. - EL BARRAKAT (128.D.6) - W. EL MESHABBE at 128.D.24, thence via EL MHATA and ABU IRGIE (not marked) - MAAIN (1 mile due S. of BIR ABAD, 128.L.27.c).
- (c) NEBY SALEH (099.C.12.d) - DEIR EN NIDHAM (099.C.23.c) - ABUD (099.C.7.c) good for wagons in all weathers, also from NEBY SALEH & BEIT RIMA (099.C.4.a). From the latter to ABUD, there is a good pack track via AIN ZERKA (099.C.1.a), but direct route is only a foot path.

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(a) EL HAJIR (099.A.27) - EL KEFR (099.A.4.a) fit for wagons.

(f) DEIR GHUSSANAH (099.A.27) - EL KEFR (099.A.4.a)

ADDENDA. The reports of roads in paragraphs (a) and (b) in the Daily Topographical Report of the 20th, gave details of a route fit for wagons from the JERUSALEM - MARBUS road at ALN JELAXUN (099.M.22.c) to RAMLEH (095.P.27.d) thus providing lateral communication a short distance in front of our present line.

(c) NATURE OF COUNTRY. The lie of the hilly country round ABUD appears to be as follows:- It is dominated on the N. and N.E. by three hills viz., PATN ES SINAM (099.O.23.d), RIJAL SUFAH (085.V.50.d) and BENAT BERRY (085.V.23.d) which are slightly higher than ABUD, and than the country N. as far as RAFAT (085.V.4.c). It is not dominated from the Eastern side.

(e) DEIR GHUSSANAH (099.A.27) - EL KEFR (099.A.4.a) fit for wagons. Also from DEIR GHUSSANAH to EL KEFR (099.A.4.a) fit for wagons. Also from DEIR GHUSSANAH to EL KEFR (099.A.4.a) fit for wagons.

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G.H.Q. Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 0800 - 21/2/18.

1: PALESTINE FRONT.

A. LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Eastern Sector. (a) Aerial reconnaissance 20/2/18.

At 0715 the enemy was retreating in disorder from TALAT ED DUM (113.G.13.b). Troops totalling 300-400 infantry and 40-50 vehicles were moving East along the roads to JERICHO and NEBY MUSA (114.U.3). Mechanical transport was observed approaching the EL GHORANIYEH Bridge from both East and West and there was continued movement of all classes of transport from JERICHO towards the JORDAN. Later in the day, between 1100 and 1345, some 400 infantry were moving eastwards along the JERICHO - JORDAN road and M.T. and guns were seen to be crossing the JORDAN by the road and pontoon bridges. (R.F.C. 20/2/18)

At 1630 NEBY MUSA was held by the enemy with 5 guns and machine guns. (20th Corps 20/2/18).

At RUJM EL BAHR (114.V.17.b) about mid-day the largest of the sheds and a large boat were on fire. There were no signs of reinforcements moving down the JORDAN valley, or on the road from ES SALT for 15 miles east of the JORDAN.

An almost continuous line of trenches run from 113.C.25 to 099.J.27 and signs are visible of these being joined up to trenches to the East of KHAN LUBBAN (099.J.13). There were 3 guns in 113.R.13, not dug in and 4 new gun positions in 099.G.22.b. (R.F.C. 20/2/18).

(b) It is reported that the road at KHAN HATHRURAH (113.G.13) has been blown up. (20th Corps 19/2/18).

(2)

Western Sector.

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Fresh work is reported on trenches in 084.D.12.c.50 and to D.12.a.37 (Ref. 1/20,000 map). Trench G.15 in 084.D.8.b. has now been connected to D.8.a.09. (Ref. 1/20,000).

Two new "T" shaped trenches are reported in 084.D.12.a. (facing S) and D.14.C.55 (facing S.W.). Fresh work is also reported in 070.N.13.a.

B. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Eastern Sector. RUMMON (113.A.7) and 099.V.6.c. heavily shelled. 600 shells of various calibres on area E. of RUMMON and 099.N.25.

Western Sector. Normal.

2: EAST OF JORDAN.

(a) Aerial reconnaissance 20/2/18. At SHUNET NIMRIN (127.P. Central) there were camps totalling 250 T. & S. Cavalry and infantry were about the camps and some 200 infantry were working in trenches from 127.W.9. through U.9 to P.12. Mechanical transport was observed in Square 127.Q.10.d. (R.F.C. 20/2/18).

(b) KERAK AREA. The Arabs have brought in an additional 4 machine guns captured from the Turks; this makes a total of 27 taken by the Arabs during and since the action at SFIL EL HESA on the 26th January.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a)

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
1/77th Fgt.	19/20th Feb.	Coastal Sector.	Deserter from unit.	The deserter was taken at 070.X.6.a.
4/32nd "	21/3/17.	To MOSUL	Captured document.	This battalion was ordered from the Palestine front to MOSUL where it was to be re-numbered 2/67th.

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(b) Agents report that the Turkish force at KERAK consists of 500 cavalry, 300 infantry, 4 field guns and 25 machine guns. (Note: These figures are considered to be exaggerated).

(c) It is reported that 2 "Caucasus Battalions" have arrived in Syria and also the 17th and 23rd Regts. of the 8th Div. from the Caucasus. (Note. This information is as yet unconfirmed).

4. METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. 0800 - 21/2/18.

Description.		Reading.	Difference from previous day.
TEMPER- ATURE.	3 a.m. today.	53°	+ 2°
	Max. for prev. day.	67°	+ 2°
	Min. for prev. night.	55°	+ 4°
HUMIDITY.		87%	+ 11%
RAINFALL.		0.16"	+ 0.13"
BAROMETER MOVEMENT during last 3 hours.		Rising + 0.050"	+ 0.011.

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21/2/18.

(1) MAP CORRIGENDA.

Reference 1/20,000 map series, sheet SALEH (J.9) issued today, the dotted red line joining the two trenches in Squares D.3.b. and D.10.a. is an error. The line joining these trenches should be a track only.

(2) BRIDGES.

- (a) 113.Q.33.c. is reported as a very suitable point south of GHORANIYEH Bridge for bridging the River JORDAN. The road approaching this place is suitable for wheels on both sides of the river. Another point reported as suitable is 127.Q.26.a. (north of JUSR EL YAHUD).
- (b) ED DAMIE (126.S.7.a) ford may be crossed by wading, but there is a ferry consisting of a clumsy raft with a rail, drawn across by a steel cable. The river is narrow here, and the current in flood is swift and deep.

(3) ROADS.

- (c) MEJDEL YABA, (085.U.1) - NABLEH (084.K.9.b) - KALKILIEH (084.H.25). This road is used for ration wagons by the enemy and is hidden from our view except close to MEJDEL YABA. From HABLEY the direct route is impassable for heavy transport after rain, owing to soft black soil. Better route is by skirting the hills to E. and N. of the track.
- (d) JILJULIEH (084.D.18.b) - KALKILIEH, direct route crosses a wadi (no bridge) and is not passable for wheels beyond the wadi, in wet weather. The enemy is now putting down metal, to make the road fit for guns.

(e) MISKEH (084.B.3.d) - TUL KERAM.

MISKEH - ET TIKEH (084.T.30) Sandy and good going.

ET TIKEH - KULUNSAWEH (084.W.27.a) First half is sandy and good going for wheels. Remainder is black soil and difficult. The wadi at 084.Y.13.a has a pebbly bed and after rain there is liable to be 12" of water. There is a stone bridge over the wadi at KULUNSAWEH, but in dry weather, transport crosses the bed of the wadi.

KULUNSAWEH - TUL KERAM, is very difficult in winter, even for pack transport.

Note. The black soil mentioned above has the following area. KALKILIEH - thence about 1000 y. E. of the railway on to beyond KAKON (ET TAIYIBEH being just in, and TUL KERAM on rising ground just out of the area) - thence westwards to just S. of the mouth of NAHR ISKANDERUNEH - just S. of KULUNSAWEH - KALKILIEH.

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(4) WATER.

(f) KALKILIEH (084.H.25) Opposite mill close to new station, there is a well with a fair yield pumped by an engine.

ET TIREH (084.T.30). Well, said to be 40 metres deep; considerable fouled with sand, but would give good yield after being cleaned out. Water for the troops is brought from KALKILIEH.

After passing Wadi ten minutes walk N.E. from ET TIREH, there are about 15 artificially made pools for collecting rain water for cattle. According to the natives, these pools contain more water in summer than in winter.

KULUNSAWEH; there is a well about 20 metres deep.

MELDEL YATA (084.H.1) - WELLEN (084.K.9.d) - KALKILIEH (084.H.25) This road is used for transport between the two stations and is a very good one. The road is very good and is used for transport between the two stations and is a very good one. The road is very good and is used for transport between the two stations and is a very good one.

TILJUNIEH (084.D.18.d) - KALKILIEH (084.H.25) This road is used for transport between the two stations and is a very good one. The road is very good and is used for transport between the two stations and is a very good one.

ET TIREH (084.T.30) - KULUNSAWEH (084.W.27.a) This road is used for transport between the two stations and is a very good one. The road is very good and is used for transport between the two stations and is a very good one.

KULUNSAWEH (084.W.27.a) - TUL KEM (084.H.3) This road is used for transport between the two stations and is a very good one. The road is very good and is used for transport between the two stations and is a very good one.

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KULUNSAWEH (084.W.27.a) - KALKILIEH (084.H.25) This road is used for transport between the two stations and is a very good one. The road is very good and is used for transport between the two stations and is a very good one.

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G.H.Q. Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 0800 - 20/2/18.

1: PALESTINE FRONT.

A: LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Eastern Sector. Aerial reconnaissance 19/2/18.

Two gun positions are reported in 113.N.9.a. and gun flashes were seen in 099.L.26 Central.

A new line of well made trenches exists astride the road in 113.L.13 and 16. East of the JORDAN at 127.P.16 and 22 new trenches appear to have been started. At JEBEL KURUNTUL (113.K.8) men were seen working on a breastwork. The trenches previously reported in 114.U.20.a. and b. appear now to be either filled in or covered over, these are apparently nearer to 114.U.19.c. than reported before. Just N.W. of these are 3 circular pits in 114.U.19.a. possibly M.G. emplacements. A new trench, 150 yards long, is reported in 113.G.14.a., and the rifle pits in 113.G.7.b. and d. are now converted into a good trench. A well constructed trench is also reported facing S. and S.W. in 113.C.35.a. and d.

150 - 200 cavalry reported at NEBI MUSA (114.U.3.c) and 100 cavalry were also observed in the town of JERICHO. (R.F.C. 19/2/18).

A Turkish officer captured on the morning of the 19th inst. states that there were no German or Austrian troops in JERICHO.

B. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

200 rounds of 77 mm. and 4.2" were fired on 099.M.23.d. and M.24.c. and d.

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2: EAST OF JORDAN.

A reliable agent who visited MADEBA (143.Q.16) on 3/2/18 states that JEMAL PASHA when at that place, instructed all the Sheikhs of the district, that they were to supply 500 cavalry for patrolling between MADEBA and AIN ES ZERKA (11 miles S.W. of MADEBA) to protect transport.

3: WESTERN DESEPT.

Car Reconnaissance towards KUFRA.

A Light Car Patrol which started on January 21st carried out a twelve days reconnaissance of the desert between DAKHLA GASIS, and KUFRA, depots having previously been made.

A total map distance of over 670 miles was covered the farthest point reached being about 300 miles west of DAKHLA. Heavy sand prevented further progress.

4: ASIA MINOR.

An intelligent deserter who was present when the explosion occurred at HAIDAR PASHA railway station last September, states that there were large quantities of shells, benzine, and other stores in stacks near the quay, the explosion of which killed 750 civilians. A large number of German and Austrian troops, who, at the time of the explosion were on board the SCUTARI-STAMBOUL ferry boat, were all killed, and the steamer destroyed. The new station on the quay was gutted, also a number of trucks, passenger cars and railway engines. It was stated the fire was caused through a cigarette being thrown on some inflammable material.

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5: IDENTIFICATIONS.

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
7th Div. 21st Regt.	Feb. 9th.	SEA COAST.	M.O. 20th Rgt. Deserter.	Relieved Germans who had previously relieved 2nd Caucasus Cav. Bde.
16th Div. 125th Regt.	"	MISKEH (084.B.3.0)	"	VIII Army Reserve.
20th Div. 31st Regt.	"	"	"	"
2nd Cau. Cav. Bde.	"	Reserve ? at KULUNSAWEH (084.W.27.a)	"	In all 1000 rations.
VIII Army Depot Bn.	"	EL HUDEINA (A3, HAIFA Sheet 1/250,000).	"	700 strong.
XXII A.C. H.Qrs.	"	MISKEH.	"	

6: ORGANISATION.

According to M.O. 20th Regt. who deserted on 9th inst.

- (i) the 3rd Division has been absorbed in the 16th Div.
- (ii) of the 54th Division, the 164th and 165th Regts. have been absorbed by the 20th Regt. and the 19th Regt. has returned to the 7th Division.
- (iii) The 7th Division now consists of 19th, 20th, 21st Rgts., (the 134th Regt. having been absorbed by 21st Regt.) a Divisional Attack "Bn", 100 strong, and a cavalry squadron formed from 7th and 54th Divisional Squadrons.
- (iv) The 57th Regt. will return to 19th Division.

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7: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. 0800 - 20/2/18.

Description.		Reading.	Difference from previous day.
TEMPERATURE.	8 a.m. today.	56°	+ 2°
	Max. for prev. day.	55°	- 3°
TEMPERATURE.	Min. for prev. night.	51°	- 1°
HUMIDITY.		86%	- 0%
RAINFALL.		0	0
BAROMETRIC MOVEMENT during last 3 hours.		Rising 0.039.	+ 0.011.

8. CORRIGENDA.

In Intelligence Summary No. 206 dated 17/2/18, delete para (ii) under PALESTINE FRONT, as further information shows the prisoners statement to be incorrect.

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 G.H.Q., E.F.F. 1st Echelon,
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(1) ROADS.

(a) AIN JELAXUN (099.M.22.c) - ABUD (099.C.7.c) - West of JUFNA (099.M.16.a) - BIR EZ ZEIT (099.M.8.o) over the fields - UMM SUFFAH (099.D.17.c) along old Roman road - ABUD, is possible for wagons, the only bad part being a few hundred yards at TIBNEH (099.C.16.c)

(b) ABUD (099.C.7.c) - RANTIEH (085.P.27.d) via old Roman road and DEIR DAKLEH (085.V.33 a-b) - KULEH (085.U.31.a). Possible for wagons.

(c) TUL KERAM - DAMASCUS. Condition of road in January is reported to be as follows :-

TUL KERAM-MESSUDIYEH (098.D.35).	In parts, good. difficult for motor lorries in bad weather.
MESSUDIYEH-AFULE-JENIN.	Good.
AFULE-NAZARETH.	Bad; is metalled but reported impassable for motor lorries in wet weather.
NAZARETH-TIBERIAS,	Good.
TIBERIAS-Kh. ABU SHUSHEH (110.X.7.d)	In excellent condition.
KH. ABU SHUSHEH-JISR BENAT YAKUB (123.C.36)	in bad condition.
JISR BENAT YAKUB-EL KUNEITRA.	Very bad condition.
EL KUNEITRA-DAMASCUS.	Excellent condition.

(2) BRIDGES.

(d) New pontoon bridge across JORDAN, 100 yds N. of GHORANIYEH Bridge (127.Q.2), between cuttings in banks, reported lately. Bridge consists of seven pontoons.

(3) WATER.

(e) The following information has been obtained from P. of W.

ATTARA (099.K.21.a-b) One well, good water, supply only sufficient for 50 men daily. At 099.K. 15.d.3.2., cistern, 6 metres long, 4 metres broad. 1 Bn. watered here without making any difference to depth of water in cistern.

BIR EZ ZEIT (099.M.8.b) Fountain called AIN EL HAMAM. Water supply plentiful, quality good.

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Summary of Intelligence for 24 hours ending 0800 - 19/2/18.

1: PALESTINE FRONT.

A. LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Eastern Sector. Aerial reconnaissance 17/2/18.

At RUJM EL BAHR 11 rowing boats were observed on shore.

The trenches previously reported in 114.U.20.a-b. have been extended on each side by two bays. A line of small trenches connected by rifle pits are reported in 113.G.21.c. facing N.W., W. and S.W. A well constructed trench of 5 bays facing West and a 300 yard series of rifle pits in 113.G.13.b. and c. facing W. and S.W.

The RAS ET TAVEL (113.C.15) defences have been greatly improved; there appear to be 3 separate redoubts 40 to 50 yards apart each facing S.W., W. and N. The trenches in 113.C.2.d. have also been improved, and 20 dugouts are reported behind them.

300 yards of breastwork facing W. and N.W. in 113.A. 3.d. - A.4.b. and a trench 70 yards long at 113.A.3.a. Also a series of breastworks in 113.A.8.a, and B. (R.F.C.17/2/18).

Aerial reconnaissance 12/2/18.

200 yards of new trench are reported in 099.D.5.a. facing south-west.

An agent learnt from the supply officer at JERICHO that the total ration strength based on JERICHO was 3,500 on the 14th inst. This strength consists of the 26th and 53rd Divisions less their transport which would be rationed from East of JORDAN.

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Western Sector.

Four new lengths of trenches are reported between HABLEH (084.K.3.c) and KALKILIEH (084.H.25.a). (R.F.C. 18/2/18). (Ref. JILJULIEH 1/20,000).

B. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY 17/2/18.

Eastern Sector. The enemy showed unusual activity by night.

2: ARABIA.

H.E.F. area. On February 10th an Arab Force attacked the railway 5 kilometres S. of WADI EHTIL (10 miles S. of TEBUK). A train and two engines were severely damaged by means of an electric mine. 3 Turks were killed, including the Chief Engineer and 20 captured.

Maan Area. Four more machine guns taken at SEIL EL HESA (13 miles S. of KERAK) have been brought in. Thus, the whole number with which the Turkish force left KERAK, has been accounted for.

3: CONSTANTINOPLÉ.

A report states that twelve very long A.A. guns arrived at CONSTANTINOPLÉ on January 20th from Germany. More than half of these have been mounted in the vicinity of CONSTANTINOPLÉ.

4: IDENTIFICATIONS.

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
<u>19th Div.</u>				19th Div. has previously been reported in Coastal sector.
72nd Rgt.	Feb. 15th.	From NABLUS to relieve 16th Div.	Intelligent refugee.	
77th "	"		"	
<u>16th Div.</u>	"	Relieved & to reserve at MISKEH.	"	Probably relieved by 19th Div.

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Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
<u>20th Div.</u> 57th Regt.	Feb. 15th	To reserve near MISKEH.	Intelligent refugee	Probably to rejoin 19th Div.
63rd "	"	Relieved 57th Rgt.		
1/100 Rgt. 60th Div. 16th A.C.	" 14th.	CHARDAK District (S. side of DARDANELLES)	Prisoner.	Regt. formed at MENEMEN (12 miles N. of SMYRNA) last June. (Unconfirmed)

5: METEOROLOGICAL

Taken at G.H.Q. 0800 19/2/18.

Description.	Reading.	Difference from previous day.
TEMPER- ATURE.	6 a.m. today.	54° - 3°
	Max. for prev. day.	60° - 1°
	Min. for prev. night	52° + 2°
HUMIDITY.	95%	+ 14%
RAINFALL.	0	0
BAROMETER MOVEMENT during last 3 hours.	Falling at first, now rising, resultant rise + 0.008.	+ 0.024.

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1: PALESTINE FRONT.

A. LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Eastern Sector. Aerial reconnaissance.

At RUJM EL BAHR no boats were seen on the water, but 10 medium size boats, square at both ends, and 6 small boats apparently rowing boats, were observed on shore. (R.F.C. 16/2/18).

Western Sector. Aerial reconnaissance 17/2/18.

A new semi-circular trench in 070.N.6.d. and N. 12.b. facing south and south east.

Several new short lengths of trench are reported extending from the south of KALKILIEH (084.H.25.d) to KEFR SABA (084 B.35). Considerable fresh work has been done on trenches in 004.D.5.d. and D.1D (Ref. 1/20,000 JILJULIEH). Also new trench work in 085.U.25.e.

B: HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Eastern Sector. Slightly increased aerial activity in this sector.

2: ARABIA.

H.E.F. Area.

- (a) S.W. of MEDINA on the 6th inst. 15 Turks were killed and 12 captured by Arabs under Sherif Ali.
- (b) Prisoners taken in the Hejaz state that FAKHREDDIN Pasha, G.O.C. H.E.F. left MEDINA on 6th inst, For, SYRIA.
- (c) Since Feb. 6th, 9 deserters from MEDINA have surrendered to the Sherif's forces.

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3: METEOROLOGICAL.

(a) Summary for week ending Feb. 16th 1918 at 1800.

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Observations taken at G.H.Q.

1: TEMPERATURE.

Difference from previous weeks.

Mean of week.	53.	0.
Mean Maximum.	64.	+ 2.
Mean Minimum.	44.	- 4.
Highest recorded on 16th.	74.	+ 4.
Lowest recorded on 12th.	42.	- 2.

2: HUMIDITY.

Mean of week.	67.	- 5.
Highest recorded on 10th at 0800	92.	- 6.
Lowest recorded on 16th at 1400.	31.	+ 15.

3: WIND.

On the morning of the 10th this was "moderate" N.W. and on that day it varied from S.W. to N.E. Since then it has never been stronger than "very light" and was often calm. Direction 11th, 12th N. to E., 13th S. to W.S.W., 14th, 15th, 16th, N.W. to N.E.

4: RAINFALL.

For 24 hours ending 0800, 10th, 0.42", 11th, 0.13". Total for week 0.55" and for February up to date 2.69". Total at G.H.Q., (KERAB - SEJED - BIR SALAM) since Oct. 1st - 12.42". Averages at BORONA (vide I.D. 117)

Oct. to Feb. inclusive	22.43"
Feb. alone.	2.91"

(b) Taken at G.H.Q. 0800 - 13/2/18.

Description.		Reading.	Difference from previous day.
TEMPER- ATURE.	8 a.m. today.	56°	- 5°
	Max. for prev. day.	70°	- 4°
	Min. for prev night	50°	- 5°
HUMIDITY.		81%	+ 1%
RAINFALL.		-	-
BAROMETER MOVEMENT during last 3 hours.		Rising +0.024.	- 0.027.

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DAILY TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT.

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(1) ROUTES.

- (a) 114.P.9.a. - JERUSALEM, by a track along WADY EL MUDOVERAH to WADY ABU HINDI to 100.L.6.a. - ABU DIS (100.J.28.a), fit for pack animals only.
- (b) WADY EL AUWAJ (114.O.22.a) - 114.O.23.b. - KHAN EL AHMAR (114.O.5.a), reported possible for wheels.
- (c) ARSUF area. (170.V). Tracks in this area are marshy and appear unfit for wheeled traffic. The same applies to the majority of the ground in Square 034.S.

(2) BRIDGES
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- (d) - 034.H.25.a. A two-arched stone railway bridge over Wady.
034.W.18.c-d. A large two-arched railway bridge over Wady and 100 yds. east a road bridge over same Wady being rebuilt and converted into a five-arch bridge.
There are known to be 15 culverts on the main road from TUL KERAM to KALKILIEH (034.H.26).
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Summary of Intelligence for 24 hours ending 0800 17/2/18.

1: PALESTINE FRONT.

A. LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

(i) Eastern Sector. Aerial reconnaissance.

At TALAT ED DUMM a few new rifle pits are reported.

In 113.G.20.a. covered in M.G. emplacements are thought to exist.

Short lengths of trench are reported in 113 A.8 d. and A.1.b. facing W. and N.W. respectively. (E.F.C. 16/2/18).

(ii). It is reported by a prisoner that on the 10th inst. German and Turkish troops arrived at JERICHO in motor lorries from the East. These troops, which according to prisoner's statement, consisted of 600 Germans and 1200 Turks, camped east of JERICHO for 2 days, and then on the 12th half their number returned eastwards with the object, according to report, of moving to the KEPAK area; on the same date the remainder moved off in the direction of the DEAD SEA.

(iii) Refugees who arrived in our lines from MADEBA on the 6th inst. state that when they arrived near RAS FESHKAH (14½ miles East of BETHLEM) they were fired on by Turkish soldiers.

Western Sector. Priests from ABUD (099.C.7.c) state that a party of 5 Germans visit that place every 7 or 10 days from DEIR BALLUT (025.V.14.b). They also state that there is an infantry post at DEIR ABU MESHAL (025.X.30.b). (21st Corps 16/2/18).

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B. ENEMY CAMPS.

No considerable change has taken place since Feb. 2nd. In the Western area the camps at MISKEH have decreased to 150 T.S. In the Eastern area, only 30 T.S. were reported at JERICHO on 15/2.

East of JORDAN, a camp of 100 black shelters were reported on 11/2/18 in 127.C.16; this may be a Bedouin camp. The following aggregates of T.S. are reported in areas as stated:-

<u>Area.</u>	<u>2nd Feb.</u>	<u>15th Feb.</u>
Western.	2,148.	2,141.
Eastern.	2,096.	2,176.
East of Jordan.	614.	736.
Syria L. of C.	195.	195.
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	5,053.	5,248.
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C. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Western Sector. The enemy showed rather more than usual activity; 224 rounds 75 mm. shells were fired on our line from 070.V.21. to X.4.

2: MESOPOTAMIA.

During the past fortnight 137 deserters including 1 officer, came over to the British lines. (M.E.F. 15/2/18).

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3: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. 0800

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Description.		Reading.	Difference from previous day.
TEMPER- ATURE.	8 a.m. today.	61°	+ 9°
	Max. for prev. day.	74°	+ 9°
	Min. for prev. night.	55°	+ 10°
HUMIDITY.		80%	+ 3%
RAINFALL.		0	0.
BAROMETER MOVEMENT during last 3 hours.		Rising + 0.051.	+ 0.051.

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17/2/18.

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(1) BRIDGES.

- (a) GHORANIYEH Bridge. A square cutting on either bank is reported 100 yards up stream, giving the appearance of preparation for a new Bridge.
- (b) At 113.F.13.d. and 113.F.24.a. Report confirms destruction of these bridges; the former was previously reported as "partially destroyed".

(2) ROADS.

- (c) 084.C.5. - A.36. On this portion of the road are two traps for motor traffic, consisting of pits the width of the road, and about 30 to 40 ft. in length; covered with branch and gravel. They are situated about 200 metres in front of trenches.
- (d) TELL THORAH (096.T.27) - UMM EL FAHM (097.G.20.o) A new route for rail and road traffic is under construction between the above points; the hills near UMM EL FAHM command JENIN and AFULE. 200 metres of rails had been laid by the middle of December.

(3) RAILWAYS.

- (e) ALEXANDRETTA - TOPRAK (lat. 36° 35', long. 36° 7'). The line has been taken up as far as PAYAS (lat. 36° 45', long. 36° 8') and it is intended to remove it as far as ERZIN STN. (lat. 36° 6', long. 36° 50') the remainder being left as a branch line from TOPRAK on account of the wood available in the ERZIN district. (Ref:- ALEXANDRETTA 1/250,000).

(4) RIVERS.

- (f) Mouth of JEHAN IRMAK (lat. 36° 42', long. 35° 42') - MISSIS (lat. 36° 57', long. 35° 37'). It is reported that fairly large boats can go up the river in winter as far as the bridge at MISSIS. (Ref:- ALEXANDRETTA 1/250,000).

(5) WATER.

- (g) Ref. Map:- PALESTINE 1/63,360.
The following information has been obtained from the Makhtar of BEIT ELLO (099.F.6) with regard to the water supply in the neighbourhood of his village.

099.G.2.b. A well called AIN GAMMA.
 C.23.a.6.5. A well called AIN EZ ZERKA.
 C.36.d. Three springs in this vicinity, one being at C.29.b.3.7.
 Between AIN JANNATA (C.33.d.8.0) and AIN EZ ZERKA (stated to be at C.28.a.6.5) there are several springs with a combined yield four times greater than that of AIN EYUB (F.28.a) and if developed an even larger supply could be obtained.

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From NAHUNGU reconnaissances were repeatedly carried out of TCHIWATA and neighbourhood where there appeared to be several enemy camps. Bombs were dropped on several occasions which started fires. Photographs were taken and sketches made of the roads and tracks in the neighbourhood. A reconnaissance of the NANGOO area located our troops about 2 miles E. of the village where a new hospital and rifle pits were observed.

At KITANGARI a new camp was reported but no enemy position could be found there.

The following telegram has been received :-

"Work for the week ending 29-12-1917 consisted of Flying Instruction lectures and class on miscellaneous subjects."

The following was the distribution of the Royal Flying Corps in East Africa for the week ending 29-12-1917.

Headquarters & Aircraft Park .. DAR-ES-SALAAM.

'A', 'B' & 'C' Flights .. en route for DAR-ES-SALAAM.

C. Crothers

Cairo.

Captain, S.O.3.(I),
for G.O.C., Royal Flying Corps,
Middle East.

30-12-1917.

APPENDICES.

- Appendix "A" .. Resumes of Operations of the 5th and 40th Wings, R.F.C. (Palestine Brigade) PALESTINE for week ending November 22nd 1917 and outline map of PALESTINE.
- Appendix "B" .. Resume of Operations of 16th Wing, R.F.C. MACEDONIA for week ending November 23rd 1917 and outline map of MACEDONIA.
- Appendix "C" .. Resume of Operations of No. 26 (S.A.) Squadron R.F.C., EAST AFRICA for week ending 17th November 1917 and outline map of EAST AFRICA.

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Summary of Intelligence for 24 hours ending 0800 - 16/2/18.

1: PALESTINE FRONT.

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Eastern Sector. Air reconnaissance 15/2/18.

The gun position previously reported at 127.O.27.c. is now reported in 127.O.26. There is also a suspected battery position in 113.C.16. There are 4 small untraversed trenches on hill West of RAS ET TAWIL (113.C.15), five small disconnected trenches facing West between 113.A.16.d. and A.22.b. and two small trenches between 113.A.8.d. and A.15.a.

At ASKAR (098.V.5.b) 150 men were observed working in the quarries.

Western Sector. Two occupied gun pits on each side of wadi in 024.A.23.a are reported. Fresh work has been done North of KEFR SABA (024.E.29.c.) and also new work in 024.A.14.d. (ref. 1/20,000 ARSUF). A disconnected line of trenches is reported from 070.N.23.a. to N.24.b.

(B) HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Eastern Sector. 0830. Four H.A. flew over KH. EL MEIDAN (099.F.15.d.) towards RAM ALLAH (099.U.26.a-b) returning almost at once. 1350. One H.A. over DURAH (099.M.23) flying S.W.

Western Sector. 0840 - 0910 two Albatross fighters flew RAMLEH northwards while four or five Albatross 2-seaters patrolled MULEBBIS (024.F.17) - BEIT NABALA (025.W.31.d). One of the machines over RAMLEH had black squares on one wing, and iron cross on the other.

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2: ARABIA.

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Hejaz Area. On February 8th the Arabs again attacked the railway between BIR JEDID (125 miles N. of MEDINA) and TOWEIRA (18 miles S. of BIR JEDID) destroying 11 culverts and 7 miles of telegraph and railway line. The Turks lost 14 killed and 9 prisoners. On the 7th inst. the Arabs destroyed 3000 rails and 7 culverts in this area; on this occasion 20 Turks were killed and 30 taken prisoners.

3: WESTERN DESERT.

Sollum Section. It is reported that at MISRUTA (112 miles E.S.E. of TRIPOLI on the coast) there are 2 German officers and 4 soldiers, and wireless station; that small submarines (50 metres long), land a cargo of munitions every three weeks; and that NURI has announced the impending arrival by this means of an aeroplane and 2,000 bombs.

4: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. 0800 - 16/2/18.

Description.	Reading.	Difference from previous day.
TEMPER- ATURE.	8 a.m. 52° today.	- 2°
	Max. for 65° prev.day.	- 1°
	Min. for 45° prev.night.	- 2°
HUMIDITY.	77%	+ 5%
RAINFALL.	0	0
BAROMETER MOVEMENT during last 3 hours	Unchanged.	- .008.

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G.H.Q., E.E.F. 1st Echelon,
16/2/18.

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(1) RIVERS etc.

Reference:- JERUSALEM 1/250,000 Map.

- (a) RAS FESHMILA (Lat. $31^{\circ} 42'$, long. $35^{\circ} 27'$) -
AIN EL GHUWEIR (lat. $31^{\circ} 38'$, long $35^{\circ} 25'$).
There is marshy land between these two places
suitable for harbouring boats and a deep pool
where boats can anchor.
- (b) WADY EN NAR (100.L.16.d) was reported to be
in flood on the 12th, to a depth of from two
to three feet and eight feet in width.

(2) ROADS.

- (c) EL MEZEIRAH (085.P.30.b) - MEJDEL YABA
(085.U.1.a-c) shows signs of recent use by
wheeled traffic (nature of same unknown).
Track leading E. from EL MEZEIRAH is reported
as sandy and dry, apparently fit for wheels
and much used.
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ESTIMATED DISTRIBUTION OF ENEMY FORCES ON PALESTINE FRONT 15/2/18.

Unit.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres.	M.Gs.	Automatic rifles.	Remarks.	
<u>(A) VII ARMY.</u>							
<u>1: XX A.C. AREA (DEAD SEA - RUMMON).</u>							
26th Div. (3 bns)						Detachment not exceeding one battalion based on KH. MIR (114.R.20.4) and patrols west to MARSABA (114.Q.29) and east to DEAD SEA.	
70th Regt.	NEBY MUSA ^{area} (114.U.3.c)						
70th "	KHAN HATHURAH ^{area} (113.G.13)						
59th "	JEBEL EKTEIF ^{area} (113.G.2)	1500	100	42	-		
53rd Div. (9 bns).							
130th Regt.	WADY FARAH ^{area} (113.C.30)						
52nd "	RAS ET TAVIL " (113.C.15)						
160th "	RUMMON ^{area} (113.A.7)	1900	50	43	6		
27th Div. (?6 bns)							Reported absorbed by other units of XX A.C. Requires confirmation.
67th Rgt. } 81st "	? E. OF JORDAN.	900	100	24	-		
48th Div. (5 bns).						1/151 Regt. with 24 M.Gs. reported on Syria L. of C. YARMUK Valley.	
150th Rgt. 2/151st " 6av. Sqn.	SHUNET NIMRIN. ES SALT.	1500	100	16	-		
	TOTAL - XX A.C.	6200	350	130	6		

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Unit.	Location.	Rifles	Sa, res	M.Gs.	Automa- tic rifles.	Remarks.
<u>2. III A.C. AREA (RUMMON - 099.A.31 approx).</u>						
<u>24th Div. (9 bns)</u>						
2nd Rgt.	RUMMON-ET TAIYIBEH area.					
143rd "	AIN YEBRUD (099.N.19) area.					
58th "	AIN YEBRUD (exclusive) - NABLUS ROAD.	1500	100	24	-	
<u>1st Div. (9 bns).</u>						
124th Rgt.	NABLUS ROAD-099.G.11 (approx).					
70th "	099.G.11-099.G.30 (approx)					
71st "	Reserve, ATTARA area.	2800	100	36	-	
<u>19th Div. (10 bns)</u>						
57th Rgt. (1 bn).	Reserve - NABLUS area.	3800	100	44	12	Reported moved to Western Sector, but still lacks confirmation.
72nd "						
77th "						
158th "						
<u>TOTAL - III A.C.</u>		8100	500	104	12	
<u>3. ARMY UNITS.</u>						
<u>3rd Cav. Div.</u>						
6th Cav. Rgt.	099.C.14 (Approx) - 085.7.14 (Approx).	100	1000	14	6	8½ Sqns, Cavalry, 1 Coy Camel Corps.
8th "						
701st & 702nd German Cav. Troops						
1 Coy Camel Corps						

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Unit.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres.	M.Gs.	Automatic Rifles.	Remarks.
-702nd German Inf. Bn.	? NABLUS.	400.	-	8	20.	
	TOTAL - ARMY UNITS.	500	1000.	22	26.	
	TOTAL - VII ARMY.	14,800.	1,650	256.	44.	
<u>B. VIII ARMY.</u>						
<u>7th Div.</u> (7 bns). 19th Regt. 20th " 21st "	MEJDEL YABA-KEFR KASIM. JILJULIEH. Reserve.	2000	100..	40.	-	
<u>20th Div.</u> (11 bns). Regts. 57 (2 bns) 61, 62, 63.	Vicinity of KEFR SABA.	3000.	100	62	-	57 reported at BIR ADAS; 61st refitting at TUL KERAM.
<u>16th Div.</u> (9 bns). Regts. 47, 48, 125.	TABSOR DEFENCES.	1500.	100	36.	6	
<u>54th Div.</u> (4 bns). Regts. 164, 165.	RESERVE.	1800	100	24	-	Reported under reorganisation; 164th reported absorbed by 7th Div. leaving cadre for reformation.

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Units.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres	M. Gs	Automa- tic Rifles.	Remarks.
3rd Div. (6 bns).						
Rgt.s. 51, 138, 161.	Reserve TUL KERAM area.	2700.	100.	40.	4	Reported to be undergoing reorganisation.
134th Regt. (3 bns)	UNLOCATED.	600.	-	14	-	ex 7th Div.
2nd Caucasus Cav. Bde. (12 Sqns).						
Rgt.s. 1, 9, 11.	MUSKEH.	-	1500.	12	-	Covering right flank. Apparently used dismounted in trenches by night.
701st German Inf. Bn.	SABIEH AREA.	400.	-	8	20.	Furnishes patrols only.
	TOTAL - VIII ARMY.	12,000	2,000.	236	30.	
	(G) N. PALESTINE & L. OF C.					
703rd German Inf. Bn. 703rd " Cav. troops.	HAIFA -- NAZARETH / GER.	400	50	8	20.	
8th Div. (9 bns).						
Rgt.s. 17, 23, 24,	UNCERTAIN.	? 3200	? 100	? 36.	?	The 8th Div. is probably moving from DEPAA to AMMAN-ES SALT area. Part possibly diverted to EL KUTRANI-KERAK area. No exact information regarding this div. is yet available.
- 1/151st Regt.	YARMUK VALLEY.	400.	-	4	-	
	TOTAL - N. PALESTINE & L. OF C.	4,000	150.	48	20.	

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Units.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres.	M.Gs.	Automatic rifles.	Remarks.
<u>48th Div. (3 bns).</u>	<u>(D) KUTRANI-KERAK AREA.</u>					
Composite Bn. 150 Rgt. 3/152 1/152.	KERAK AREA.	-	-	1	-	Remnants only. Casualties last week of January estimated at 800.
1 Bn. ? Regt.	KUTRANI.	250	-	-	-	
7th Cav. Regt.	KERAK area.	-	650	8	-	KERAK area.
	TOTAL - KUTRANI-KERAK area.	250	650	9	-	
<u>GRAND TOTALS.</u>				255		
(A) VII ARMY.		14,800	1650		44	56 Inf Bns. 15½ Cav. Sqns, 1 Coy Camelry.
(B) VIII ARMY.		12,000	2000	236	30	41 Inf. Bns, 17 Cav. Sqns.
(C) N. PALESTINE & L. OF C.		4,000	150	48	20.	10 Inf. Bns., 1½ Cav. Sqns.
(D) KUTRANI-KERAK area.		250	650	9	-	1 Inf. Bn. (extremely weak) 4 Cav. Sqns.
		31,050.	4450	548.	94.	108 Inf. Bns (of which 3 German) 37½ Cav. Sqns (of which 3 Troops Germans) 1 Camel Coy.

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Summary of Intelligence for 24 hours ending
at 0800 - 14th February 1918.

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1. PALESTINE FRONT.

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(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

Eastern Sector - Air reconnaissance (13/2/18). At JERICHO the camp has decreased, and there are now only 100 tents and shelters round the town. In square 113.K.31.a, 200 infantry were halted in column on road. In square 099.K.21.c, A.A. fire was experienced.

At RUJM EL BAHR 4 large boats were seen in the water, and 14 small boats on shore. The supplies previously reported here have now disappeared.

(B) HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY - 12.2.18.

Western Sector. Six hostile planes flying from RANTIEH direction, were engaged by A.A. fire at 1330 and flight formation was broken. Three machines reached RAMLEH, and the other three machines were probably those sighted over BEIT SIRA at 1340.

2. EAST OF THE JORDAN.

In each of the following squares 4 gun positions were located 127.P.17, 127.O.27.c, and 127.Q.2.b. In rear of the gun positions in 127.O.27.c, a trench 14 yards long had been dug.

At El KUTRANI, 300 infantry were seen scattered. An Aerodrome was also observed containing one two-seater, and one hangar 300 yards N.E. of the station.

In squares 127.P.U.R. and W. there were 700 Beduin tents.
(R.F.C. 13.2.18).

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3. ARABIA - HEJAZ.

Renewed Arab attacks on the railway in the vicinity of HEDIA (85 miles N. of MEDINA) took place about the 7th inst which resulted in the destroying of 3,000 rails and seven culverts. In addition 20 Turks were killed and 30 prisoners taken.

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4. ENEMY MINES.

Information has been received from an apparently reliable source that a minefield has been laid off BEIRUT, and that the mines can be fired from the Headquarters of the GERMAN Consul, in RAS BEIRUT.

5. METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. at 0800 - 14/2/18.

Description.	Reading.	Diff: from prev. day.
TEMPERATURE.	8 a.m. today	54°
	Max. for prev. day.	63°
	Min. for prev. night.	45°
		+ 1°
		+ 1°
		+ 2°
HUMIDITY.	73%	+ 12%
RAINFALL.	-	-
BAROMETER Movement during last 3 hours.	(rising slightly) 0.008	- 0.004

DAILY TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT attached.

General Staff (Intelligence).
G.H.Q. E.E.F.
14th February 1918.

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DAILY TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT.

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1. ROADS. (a) JERICHO - KHAN HATHURAH (113.G.13.b). A detailed report on the old and direct route states that the road bed is in good condition and with little difficulty could be made fit for loaded wagons going East. The descents are very steep, and it could only be used for empty wagons going West.

(b) NEBY MUSA (114.U.3.) - GHORANIYEH EDGE. Well defined track which appears to have been much used during wet weather; it continues in a south-westerly direction from NEBY MUSA.

(c) MEJDEL YABA (085.U.1) - KULAT RAS EL AIN (084.G.16), is fit for light wheels, except in wet weather near the latter place.

(d) UMM SUFFAH (099.D.17.c.) - BERUKIN (099.A.10.c) - via AIN EL KELBEH (099.D.8.a) - up the valley between KEFR AIN (099.A.30.a) and KUPAWA IBN ZEID (099.A.24). This route is better than via KEFR AIN as it avoids rough and stony piece of road, and is fit for pack transport.

(e) UMM SUFFAH (099.D.17.c) - NABLUS via AJUL (099.D.6.d.) - ARURA (099.B.29.c-d) - MEZRAH (099.B.23.c) - SELFIT (098.T.30.c.) - MERDA (098.Y.7.b) - JEMMAIN (098.W.32.a.) - URIF (098.W.10.) - ASIRET EL KIHLIYER (098.U.33) - EL ARAK (098.U.17.b) - RAFIDIA (098.M.29.d). This is a fairly good path for pack animals. Steep and rocky ascending to ARURA and SELFIT.

2. BRIDGES.(f) 084.W.18.c-d. New bridge over Wadi reported to be finished.

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Summary of Intelligence for 24 hours ending
at 0600 - 12th February 1918.

1. PALESTINE FRONT.

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

(1) ... Eastern Sector - Air reconnaissance 10/2/18. There were no signs of entrenchments in squares 127.C. and Q. nor any positions that appeared suitable for guns.

At RUJM EL BAHR 15 boats were in the water, 4 on shore. Short lengths of trench were located south and west of the village of NEBY MUSA.

In square 113.G.27 there are apparently 300 yards of sangers under construction facing S.W.

In square 099.K.26 south-west of ATTARA there are two trenches of about 5 bays each facing S.E. and S.W., and three circular redoubts consisting partly of sangers and partly of trenches were observed on the hill top S. of AJUL in squares 099.D.13.b., K.13.c. and E.19.b. In 099.K.20.c, a redoubt is apparently under construction. (R.F.C. 10/2/18).

(11).. EXTRACT FROM THE WEEKLY RESUME OF OPERATIONS - 40th WING. R.F.C. (1.2.8 to 7.2.18).

JERICHO-JORDAN area.

The camps at GHORANIYEH were reported diminished on the 3rd (200 Tents and Shelters as against 300). No other important changes were reported in camps. KARR EL MUJAHID was reconnoitred on the 3rd but no dumps were seen, and the road between this place and GHORANIYEH shows no sign of heavy traffic; it is reported as a good dry weather road but not metalled. As last week, very little transport movement was seen in the area, and this was entirely H.T. A few small bodies of cavalry, numbering between 20 and 30 were seen at various points between

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between TALAT ED DUMM and the JORDAN, the only infantry movement of any size being 150 infantry who were proceeding west on the TALAT ED DUMM-JERICHO road on the 1st.

ATTARA-SEBUSTEYH-RAMIN area.

NABLUS remains normal and no important changes of camps are reported.

Very little M.T. was reported on the roads; only 14 altogether being seen between ATTARA and NABLUS in two reconnaissances. On the other hand an unusual amount of H.T. was observed.

ANEPTA-TUL KERRAM-KALKILIEH area.

Camps at MISKEH were seen to have been largely increased, on the 2nd there were 400 Tents and Shelters around this place (an increase of 150) but after the bombing raid which took place on the 3rd, a portion of the MISKEH camp appears to have been moved to the FURDISIA-FERON-IRTAR area, an increase of 150 Tents and Shelters being reported there and a corresponding decrease at MISKEH.

The KAKON trenches are reported as being strengthened and communication trenches are being made back to the North.

Transport movement in the area consisted almost entirely of H.T. though quantities of motor transport continued to be seen parked both in this area and around NABLUS. (R.F.C. 5/2).

(iii) It is reported by a refugee that the JORDAN bridge has been mined. The mines will be fired from SHUNET NIMRIN.

(NOTE: This adds confirmation to a previous report which stated that the bridge had been mined).

(B) ARTILLERY ACTIVITY (Week-ending 9/2/18).

A study of the weeks enemy artillery activity shows that he has again been paying some attention to our salient N. of BEITIN; and that he has been slightly shelling the neighbourhoods of FEJJA and PIMPLE HILL; he has turned a *fair*

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Summary of Intelligence for 24 hours ending
at 0800)- 10th Feb. 1918.

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1. PALESTINE FRONT.

(A) ... LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

Western Sector - Air reconnaissance.

At 084.S.16.a, near KH. EZ ZERKIYEH, two gun pits were observed to be occupied and at 070.N.19 near BKT. SUBEILY there was new work on the trenches. (NOTE: These trenches run south from this point and face west). There is a little new work on the trenches N.W. of TABSOR and a T shaped trench north of the village of MEJDEL YARA (R.F.C. 10/2/18).

(B) ... IDENTIFICATIONS - Eastern Sector.

Unit	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
26th Div. 59th Rgt.	2-3/2/18	NEFY MUSA	2 deserters 59th Rgt & 1 deserter 26th Div.Hq.	These two regts relieved each other
76th :	"	KHAN HATHRU- RAH.		
53rd Div. 132nd Rgt	30/1/18	Left JERICHO and came into line in MUKH- MAS area.	4 deserters 3/132nd Rgt.	Rgt ex 41st Div. Ps. state 133rd Rgt on their right, 26th Div. on their left. Possi- bly this is the Rgt that was relieved by 136th Rgt on 4/2/18. Presence of 132nd Rgt requires confirmation.

2. METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. at 0800 - 10/2/18.

Description.	Reading.	Diff: from prev. day.
TEMPER- ATURE.	8 a.m. today	49° - 1°
	Max. for prev. day.	50° + 1°
	Min. for prev. night.	48° + 3°
HUMIDITY.	92%	- 2%
RAINFALL.	0.42"	+ 0.22"
BAROMETER Movement. Rising	0.071"	+ 0.051"

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Summary for week-ending Feb. 9th/18 at 1800

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1. TEMPERATURE.Differences from
previous week.

	Fah ^o	Fah ^o
Mean of week.	53	0
Mean maximum.	62	- 3
Mean minimum.	48	+ 2
Highest recorded on 3rd inst.	70	0
Lowest recorded on 8th inst.	44	+ 1

2. HUMIDITY.

	%	%
Mean of week.	72	+ 7
Highest recorded on 7/8th at 0800	98	+ 9
Lowest recorded on 6th at 1400.	16	+ 2

3. WIND.

This has been stronger than in recent weeks moderate (i.e. over 16 miles per hour) velocities have been recorded each day. The direction on the 3rd was E. and on subsequent days from S. to W.

4. RAINFALL.

Total at G.H.Q. (KELAB:SEJED:RAMLEH)
Oct. 1st/17 - Feb. 9th/18 = 11.87 ins.

Average SARONA Oct. 1st - Feb. 1st = 19.52"

" " Oct. 1st - Mar. 1st = 22.43"

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G.H.Q. E.E.F.
14th February, 1918.

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Summary of intelligence for 24 hours ending at
0800 - 11th February 1918.

1. PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

Western Sector.

Air reconnaissance.

A good deal of work has been done on the KAKON (084.U.10) system since last report. ^{4th div} The North-west portion has been extended and considerably improved. One large and one small piece of trench was observed in square 083.M.25.c., thence trenches run East to 083.M.26.d, and from 083.G.18.c. a trench runs to 083.G.24.b.

South of ET TAIYIBEH (084.Y.6) there is a semi-circular piece of trench running from 084.Y.11.c. to 084.Y.18.a. and another small semi-circular piece of trench in 084.Y.10.d. In 084.X.18.d. is a small triangular trench.

Near SUBEILY in squares 070.N.18.c. and N.18.a. are four gun-pits facing South connected by a trench and in 070.N.30.d.G.3. one gun pit has been dug and another commenced. South of TABSOR there is now a continuous trench between 084.C.6.b.30 and

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C.6.a.28. North-west of JILJULIEH a circular trench in 084.D.5.d.72 is connected with a redoubt in 084.D.11.b.37. North of MEJDEL YABA is a new breastwork and a small trench around the crest of a hill in 084.M.25.a.

2. ASIA MINOR.

A reliable report states that the Headquarters of the Vth Turkish Army is now being transferred from PANDERMA to SMYRNA.

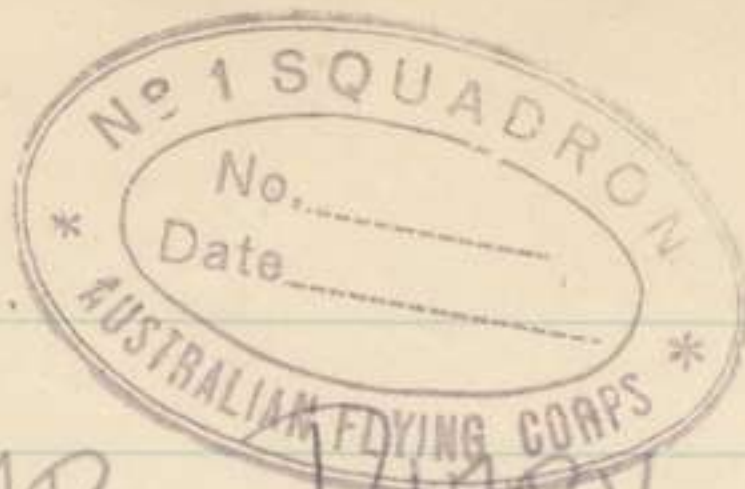
3. METEOROLOGICAL.

Description	Reading	Difference from previous day.
TEMPER- ATURE.	8 a.m. today	48°
	Maximum for previous day.	62°
	Minimum for previous night	43°
HUMIDITY	69%	- 25
RAINFALL	0.13 ins.	- 0.29 ins.
BAROMETER movement during last 3 hours	Rising + 0.043 ins.	- 0.028 ins.

General Staff (Intelligence),

G.H.Q., E.E.F.

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MAPS

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Summary of Intelligence for 24 hours ending at **FEB 1918**
0800 - 9th February 1918.

1. PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

Western Sector - Air reconnaissance. Between 070.N.13.d, near BKT¹ SUBEILY, and 070.V.10.e, near KH. EL MUNTAR, are six lengths of trench, facing west, on the east side of the road. (R.F.C. 3/2/18).

On the 5th inst a small party of the enemy was seen in RENTIS and enemy observers were seen in DEIR ABJ MESHAL (085-X.30.b), ABJD (099.C.7.c) and EL LUBBAN (085.V.33.d). (21st Corps 3/2/18).

2. EAST OF THE JORDAN.

Reference G.H.Q. Intelligence Summary dated the 5th inst, para 2 (b) more detailed information received shows that in the fight at SEIL EL HNSA the Turks lost 300 in killed alone, and that all their officers were either killed or captured.

3. ORGANIZATION.

Rations - The following is the translation of a report found amongst the papers of a P. of W.

To the Commandant 1/31st Regiment.

As yesterday the soldiers olive oil ration was not sent from the station to the store, I was compelled to use a six kg of Officers butter. To-day, I only received from the Supply Office broken wheat, lentils, salt and 45 kg of wood. I asked for meat, olive oil, as well as for butter to replace that which I had used yesterday, but I was refused. Some privileged people receive issues of butter and other rations. To-day also some units have received sugar, coffee, tobacco, but others have not received any. Although each soldier is entitled to receive 700 gr of wood, the quantity issued by the Supply Office varies from 250 to 300 gr. Today's issue was only 100 grammes. There are neither forests nor bushes in this region. How therefore is food to be cooked? Fatigue parties are sent to collect brushwood, and the training of the troops is delayed. After making several requests to the Officer i/c Supplies, I was driven away. If this state of things continues as at present I cannot be responsible. I therefore submit this report to you.
(Signed Licut. ABDULLALIF, Mess Officer, 4/31st Regt.)

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4. ARABIA.

Hail, the Headquarters of IBN RASHID, has at present no Turkish garrison. The Turkish Detachment which used to be there originally comprised 3 artillery officers and 100 gunners, with four BL Mountain guns. This detachment lost all four guns in an unsuccessful attempt to reach MEDINA when they were defeated by the Arabs en route; later the personnel were able to join the Turkish force at MEDAIN SALEH.

5. ASIA MINOR.

It is reported that the 7.5 cm light minen werfer destined for PALMESTINE arrived at SIRKEDJI (Terminus in CONSTANTINOPLE of the european railway) on 13/12/17.

NOTE: This type of Minenwerfer fires a H.E. projectile weighing 10 lbs, with a range of from 175 to 1,148 yards.

6. METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. at ESCO - 9/2/18.

Description.	Reading.	Diff: from prev.day.
TEMPER- ATURE.	6 a.m. today.	50° + 3°
	Max.for prev.day	55° - 0
	Min.for prev.night	45° + 1°
HUMIDITY.	94%	- 4%
RAINFALL.	0.2"	- 1.02
BAROMETER Movement	+ 0.02"	+ 0.03

General Staff. (Intelligence)
G.H.Q. E.E.F.
9th February 1918.

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DAILY TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT.

- (1) ROADS. (a) Both hills at either side of the JERUSALEM-JERICHO road at 114.U.2.d. are said to have been mined, the Turks intention being to block the road completely with lobris from both hills.
- (b) The road from SHENET NIMAIN to the JORDAN bridge is in bad condition; lorries pass over it with difficulty.
- (c) The track from RUMMON (113.A.7.a) to ET TAIY-INEB (113.S.19.a) and TURMUS AYA (099.J.33.a.) is used by pack convoys.
- (d) A road fit for heavy artillery is reported to have been made from SINJIL (099.J.33.a) to MIZRAH SH SHUKIYEH (099.L.22.a). This road is impassable in wet weather.
- (e) The BIR H - NABLUS road is t present in very bad condition and impassable for motor lorries 2 miles N. of KHAN LUBBAN (099.J.13.c).
- (f) 300 men are employed on repairing the main road S. of JININ (097.V.33.b).
- (2) BRIDGES (g) The bridge over the WADY ISEKAR (D.31.a.9.9.) (Ref: JILSLEIN, 1/20,000, 3rd edition) is single arched, built of rough stone about 9' wide, total length 36', is 8' above water, and has no parapet. The crown of the bridge is about 1' thick. The approaches are unprepared, but good. The bridge is capable of taking limbers.
- (h) The "New Bridge" shown at MAKHADDT HAJLA on the JAFFA-JERUSALEM road map, is an error. No bridge exists there.
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Summary of Intelligence for 24 hours ending
at 0800 - 8th February, 1918.

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1 ... EAST OF JORDAN.

(a) On the 28th Jan. the Arab forces captured EL MEZRAA (12 miles W.N.W. of KERAK) together with 60 prisoners; only a small number of Turkish troops escaped to KERAK. 1 launch and 6 native ships were destroyed.

(b) Further information shows that in the operations at SEIL EL HASA (15 miles S. of KERAK) on the 25th the Turks attacked the Arabs with a force of 3 battalions, 27 Machine-Guns and 1 battery. The Turks were completely defeated losing 300 prisoners including the Commander of the force, 2 Q.F. Mountain Guns, 25 machine guns, 600 rifles and 200 horses and mules. It is estimated that over 400 of the enemy were killed. (see Intelligence Summary dated 5th instant).

2 ... ARABIA - HEJAZ. On 31st January an enemy train en route to repair the railway line near HEDIA (30 miles N. of MEDINA) was successfully mined and two engines, the tender and three wagons, were completely wrecked.

3 ... METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. at 0800 - 8/2/18.

Description.	Reading.	Diff: from prev. day.
TEMPER- ATURE.	o a.m. today. 47°	+ 1°
	Max. for prev. day. 58°	- 5°
	Min. for prev. night. 44°	- 2°
HUMILITY.	96%	0
RAINFALL.	1.82"	+ 1.78"
BAROMETER Movement during last 3 hours.	Rising slightly 0.012"	+ 0.012"

DAILY TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT attached.

General Staff (Intelligence)
G.H.Q. E.E.F. 8/2/18.

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DAILY TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT

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1 ... WATER. The following information with regard to water has been extracted from the "SURVEY OF WESTERN PALESTINE, vol. 111," by Lieut H.H. KITCHENER and Lieut C.R. CONNER, R.E. published in 1882. (PALESTINE 1" scale, sheet 16).

AIN FARAH (113.F.2.c.). Perennial spring; abundant supply; excellent quality.

AIN WADY KEIT. (113.L.32.c.). Perennial spring; abundant supply and excellent quality. Standing water in the Wady during most of the year.

AIN ES SULTAN. (113.K.10.c.). Copious supply of good cool water, perennial, and flowing for a distance of over one mile in summer. Water discharges into a shallow reservoir 24' x 40'.

AIN DUK. AIN EN NUBLAMEH (113.H.25). Two good springs within a few yards of each other; water pure and cool; flows in a stream about a foot deep.

AIN HAJLAR (113.N.5.c.). Spring; well of stone about 6 FT. diameter. Dark blue colour, but fresh; and water forms a small stream to the JORDAN.

AIN FESHKHAH (114.W.23.a). AIN ET TANNUR (114.W.17.c.). On the border of the DEAD SEA. Water comes from beneath the cliffs into a pool, and runs over a shingly bed into the DEAD SEA. Copious perennial supply, but slightly brackish.

River Fords on the JORDAN, (in continuation of information given in Intelligence Summary dated 5/2/18). UMM ESH SHERT (127.F.2.a.a.). Cavalry and pack animals, including camels, can cross at all times of the year.

EL AUJA (113.J.12.a.). ditto.

EL MANDSI (127.C.19.a). ditto.

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ARTILLERY.

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(a) Estimate 15/2/18 (no change since 8/2/18).

Area.	75 & 77 mm. Fld.	75 & 77 mm. Min.	10.5 cm gun.	10.5 cm How.	15 cm gun.	15 cm How.
VII ARMY.	72	12	-	40	-	-
VIII ARMY.	30	-	-	4	-	4
UNLOCATED.	108	16	12	34	10	35.
TOTALS.	210	28	12	78	10	39.

Note. For details of above see estimate of enemy
artillery attached to G.H.Q. Intelligence
Summary No. 184 dated 26/1/18 and alterations
as shown in weekly
estimates.

(b) Up to 15/2/18 the following active batteries have been
located in the VIII Army Area.

9	7.5 cm. batteries	-	36 guns.
3	10.5 " gun batteries	-	12 "
3	10.5 " How. batteries	-	12 Hows.
4	15. " How	"	16 "

			76 guns. & Hows.

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amount of fire on to our front line N.E. of EL HARAM and in particular has engaged an O.P. north of EL HARAM. At the beginning of the week he appeared to be completing the registration of his own front line in the JILJULIEH-TABSOR area.

(C) ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Extremely little shown.

IDENTIFICATIONS.

Unit.	Date.	Position or Move.	Source.	Remarks.
(1) 20th Divn.		WESTERN Sector.		
63rd Regt.	7/2/18.	In reserve to 20th Division.	P.S. 2/63rd Regt.	First contact with this unit on this front.

(11) Indian prisoners who escaped from the Turks in MESOPOTAMIA confirm the departure from that Theatre to SYRIA of troops corresponding to the 46th Division and a Cavalry Brigade.

3. DARDANELLES Area.

About the 10th instant an aeroplane reconnaissance observed that the GOEBEN, the cruiser, was lying alongside the jetty on the south side of STENIA BAY, CONSTANTINOPLE.

4. MESOPOTAMIA - BAGHDAD Railway.

3 Indian prisoners who escaped from the Turks at TEL AWENAT (46 miles W.N.W. of MOSUL), report that on the 5th Jan. the railhead was still at TEL HELIF, and, that apparently no progress had been made in rail laying since November. The level of a second line is complete to NISIBIN, and is being continued to TEL AWENAT via DEMIR HAFU KHAN (35 miles N.W. of TEL AWENAT). At DEMIR HAFU KHAN a bridge has been constructed.

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5. METEOROLOGICAL

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Taken at G.H.Q. at 0800 12/2/18.

Description.		Reading.	Diff: from prev. day.
TEMPER- ATURE.	8 a.m. today.	50°	+ 2°
	Max. for prev. day.	60°	- 2°
	Min. for prev. night.	42°	- 1°
HUMIDITY.		68%	- 1%
RAINFALL.		0	- 0.13 ins.
BAROMETER Movement during last 3 hours.		rising + 0.016 ins	- 0.027

DAILY TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT attached.

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No. 201

G.H.Q. E.E.F.

12th February 1918.

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DAILY TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT

(1) ROADS.

(a) The track along the WADY ABU HINDI from 100.J.35.c. to 114.C.28.central, is fit for limbers. From this point to the WADY EL AUWAJ it develops into a footpath only.

(b) The track between TUL KERAM and SHUWEIKEH (084.V.20.1) is reported to be fit for horse transport.

(c) Ref: MAAN 1/500,000 Map.

In the middle of December cars made an inconclusive reconnaissance from AKAEA to 5 miles S. of AIN GHARANDEL (lat. $30^{\circ} 5'$, long. $35^{\circ} 10'$) where one broke down. The going was rough, but there was no trouble with sand.

(2) BRIDGES.

(1) The TURKS are reported to be building a bridge over the NAHR ISKANDERUNEH (083.F. and G.): but the point at which it is being built is not given.

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ESTIMATED DISTRIBUTION OF ENEMY FORCES ON PALESTINE FRONT 8/2/18.

Unit.	Location.	Rifles.	Sanres.	M.Gs.	Anti-ma- tial rifles.	Remarks.
<u>(A) VII ARMY.</u>						
1. <u>XX A.G. AREA (DEAD SEA .. RUMMON).</u>						
<u>26th Div. (8 bns)</u>						Force not exceeding one battalion based on KH MIRD (114.N.20.0) and patrols west to MAREABA (114.Q.20) and east to DEAD SEA.
78th Rgt.	NEDY MUSA area (114.U.3.c)	1900	100	42	-	
76th "	JEBEL BETHIF " (113.G.28)					
59th "	KHAN BARRAFRAH area (113.G.13)					
<u>53rd Div. (9 bns)</u>						
126th Rgt.	WADY FARAH area (113.C.35)	1900	50	48	6	
32nd "	RAC ET TAWIL " (113.C.15)					
163rd "	RUMMON area (113.A.7)					
<u>27th Div. (?6 bns)</u>						Reported absorbed by other units of XX A.G. Requires confirmation.
6th Regt. } 8th "	? E. OF JORDAN.	900	100	24	-	
<u>48th Div. (5 bns)</u>						Regimental machine gun coys. remain in 53rd Divisional Sector west of JORDAN.
150th Regt.	1 bn. at ES SALT.	1900	100	20	-	
151st " (2 bns)	Remainder at SHUBET					
Cav. Sqn.	NIMMIN.					
<u>TOTAL - XX A.G.</u>		6600	350	134.	6.	

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Unit.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres.	M.Gs.	Automatic rifles.	Remarks.
<u>2. III A.C. AREA - (RUMMON - 099.A.31 approx).</u>						
<u>24th Div. (9 bns)</u>						
2nd Rgt.	RUMMON-32 TAIYIPEH area.					
143rd "	AIN YEBRUD (099.N.19) area.					
58th "	AIN YEBRUD (exclusive) - NABLUS ROAD.	1500	100	24	-	
<u>1st Div. (9 bns).</u>						
124th Rgt.	NABLUS road-099.G.11 (approx).					
70th "	099.G.11-099.C.30 (approx).					
71st "	Reserve, ATTARA area.	2800	100	36	-	
<u>19th Div. (10 bns)</u>						
57th Rgt (1 bn).						
72nd "	Reserve - NABLUS area.	3800	100	44	12	Reported moved to Western Sector, but lacks confirmation.
77th "						
158th "						
<u>TOTAL - III A.C.</u>		8100.	300	104	12.	
<u>3. ARMY UNITS.</u>						
<u>5th Cav. Div.</u>						
(8½ Sqrs Cav. 1 Coy Camelry).						
6th Cav. Rgt.						
8th "						
701st & 792nd German Cav. Troops 1 Coy Camelry.	099.C.14 (Approx) - 085.V.14 (Approx).	100.	1000	14	6	

Unit.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres	M.Gs	Automatic Rifles	Remarks.
702nd German Inf. Bn.	† NABLUS.	400	-	3	20.	1st Coy Reported at JENIN 23/1/18 en route south.
	<u>TOTAL - ARMY UNITS.</u>	500	1000	22	26.	
	<u>TOTAL - VII ARMY.</u>	15,200.	1,650	260	44.	
	<u>B. VIII ARMY.</u>					Allotment of divisions to Army Corps cannot definitely be stated. XXII A.C. probably now consists of Divs. 3, 7, & 16 with 20 & 54 either attached or more probably formed into another Corps under VIII Army.
<u>7th Div. (7 bns).</u>						
19th Rgt.	MEJDEL YABA-KEFR KASIM.					
20th "	JILJULIEH.					
21st "	Reserve.	2000	100	40	-	
<u>20th Div. (11 bns).</u>						
Regts. 57 (2 bns) 61, 62, 63.	Vicinity of KEFR SARA	3000	100	62	-	57th reported at BIR ADAS; 61st refitting at TUL KERAM.
<u>16th Div. (9 bns).</u>						
Regts. 47, 48, 125.	TABSOR DEFENCES.	1500	100	36	6	
<u>54th Div. (4 bns).</u>						
Regts 164, 165.	RESERVE.	1300	100	24	-	Reported under reorganisation; 164th reported absorbed by 7th Div., leaving cadre for re- formation.

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Units.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres.	M.Gs.	Automatic rifles.	Remarks.
3rd Div (6 bns). Regts. 31, 138, 161.	Reserve, TUL KERAM area.	2700	100	40	4	Reported to be undergoing reorganisation.
134th Regt. (3 bns)	UNLOCATED.	600	-	14	-	ex 7th Div.
2nd Caucasus Cav. Brigade. (12 sqns). Regts. 1, 9, 11.	MISKEH.	-	1500	12	-	Covering right flank. Apparently used dismounted in trenches by night.
701st German Inf. Bn.	SABIEH AREA.	400	-	8	20.	Furnishes patrols only.
<u>TOTAL - VIII ARMY.</u>		12,000	2,000	236.	30.	
<u>C. N. PALESTINE & L. CF C.</u>						
703rd German Inf. Bn. 703rd " Cav. Troops	HAIFA-NAZARETH area.	400	50	8	20.	
8th Div. (9 bns). Regts. 17, 23, 24.		?3200	?100	?36	?	Probably moving from DERA' to AMMAN-ES SALT area. Part possibly diverted to EL KUTRANI-KERAK area. No exact information regarding this division is yet available.
<u>TOTAL - N. PALESTINE & L. CF C.</u>		3600	150	44	20.	

L. KUTRANI - KERAK AREA.

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Units.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres.	M.Gs.	Automatic rifles.	Remarks.
48th Div. (3 bns). 1st Rgt (1 bn). 1st " (2 ")	KERAK.	100	-	2	-	Turkish casualties at SEIL EL HESA action estimated at 700. Machine guns were previously underestimated, as 23 were captured by Arab forces.
7th Cav. Rgt.	E. OF JORDAN.	-	650	8	-	Reported marching on KERAK.
TOTAL - KUTRANI-KERAK area		100	650	10	-	
<u>GRAND TOTALS.</u>						
(A) VII ARMY.		15200	1650	260	44	57 Inf. Bns, 15½ Cav. Sqns, 1 Coy Camelry.
(B) VIII ARMY.		12000	2000	236	30	41 Inf. Bns, 17 Cav. Sqns.
(C) N. PALESTINE & L. OF C.		3600	150	44	20.	10 Inf. Bns, 1¼ Cav. Sqns.
(D) KUTRANI-KERAK area.		100	650	10	-	3 Inf. Bns (extremely weak), 4 Cav. Sqns.
		30,800	4450	550	94.	111 Inf. Bns (of which 3 German), 37½ Cav. Sqns (of which 3 Troops Germans) 1 Camel Coy.

CHANGES SINCE 1/2/18.

Decrease of 500 rifles allowed for in KUTRANI-KERAK area, on account of casualties to Turkish force SEIL EL HESA action of 25/1/18.

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ARTILLERY.

(a) Estimate 8/2/18 (no change since 1/2/18).

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Area.	7.5 cm. Fld.	7.5 cm. Mtn.	10.5 cm. gun.	10.5 cm. How.	15 cm. gun.	15 cm. How.	Remarks.
VII Army.	72 ^{II}	12	-	40	-	-	
VIII Army.	30	-	-	4	-	4	
UNLOCATED.	108	16	12	34	10.	35.	
TOTAL.	210	28	12	78	10	39	= 377.

(Note) κ
 + 24th F.A.R. = 16 guns
 - 26th " " = 9 "

(b) Up to 8/2/18 the following active batteries have been located in the VIII Army Area.

3 7.5 cm. batteries - 36 guns.
 1 10.5 " gun battery - 4 "
 3 10.5 " How. Batteries 12 Hows.
 5 15. cm How " 10 "

 62 guns.

In addition the following are known to be active but have not yet been accurately located.

1 7.5 cm battery 4 guns.
 2 10.5 " gun batteries 8 "
 1 10.5 " How Battery 4 Hows.

 16 guns.

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at 0800 - 7th February 1918.

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1. PALESTINE FRONT.

A ... LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

Western Sector. Aerial reconnaissance. Considerable movement of horses and men was observed on the north bank of the NAHR EL FALIK, also many tents and shelters. There is now work on the defences in square 084.A.3.d about 15 yards of trench with two fire bays added on the north-west. (R.F.C. 6/2/18).

B ... SUMMARY OF AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE DURING THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

Throughout January traffic on the DEAD SEA continued. During the last week there was a certain amount of movement from the JORDAN bridge towards JERICHO. Towards the end of the month a marked decrease of motor transport on the roads took place, but there were a large number of motor vehicles at the parks and refilling points near NABLUS and RAMIN (098.D.20). The horse transport parks on the NABLUS - BIREH road and at TUL KERAM increased. There was a large increase of camps behind the TALSOR Defences. The chief centres of railway activity were at TUL KERAM and MESSUDIEH station, (098.D.35.a). (R.F.C. 3/2/18).

C ... AERIAL ACTIVITY 5/2/18. Nil.

D ... ARTILLERY ACTIVITY 5/2/18. Normal.

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3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
<u>26th Div.</u>		<u>EASTERN SECTOR.</u>		
59th Rgt.	5/2/18	114.0.21.	Ps. 59th Rgt.	Normal.
<u>53rd Div.</u>				
136th Rgt.	"	RAS ET TAWIL.	Ps. 2/136th Rgt.	Relieved another unit (No. unknown) on afternoon of 4/2/18.
		<u>WESTERN SECTOR.</u>		
<u>7th Div.</u>				
19th Rgt.	4/2/18	S.E. of JILJULIEH.	Ps. 3/20th Rgt.	Last report- ed MEJIEL YADA - KEFR KASIM (nor- mal).
20th Rgt.	"	084.D.18-L.11 (1/20,000 map) sheet K.7).	"	
21st Rgt.	"	Reserve.	"	Relieved 2/2/18.
<u>19th Div.</u>				
57th Rgt.	"	W. of JILJULIEH. (?BIR ALAS area).	"	Relieved 21st Rgt 2/2 Presence of this Div. in Western Sec. requires confirmation. Probably these are the 2 bns of 57th Rgt attached 20th Divn.
<u>GERMANS.</u>				
300th Flight	29/1/18	JENIN.	GERMAN avi- ator 304th Flight.	Entirely scouts. O.C. Capt FELMY (the younger).
304th	"	AFULEH.	"	Entirely 2- seaters for strategical reconnaissance. O.C. Capt WALZ. Bavarian Unit.

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3. ORGANIZATION.

Man-Power. About 130 bakers from the 7th and 54th Divisional Bakeries at KILKILIEH were drafted during the last week in January to the 19th Regiment; prisoners who gave this information were among this party. This draft has since been under training. One prisoner states he was given 120 rounds S.A.A. but threw them all away except for 20, as he did not know what to do with them. (21st Corps: 5/2/18).

4. METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. at 0800 - 7/2/18.

Description.		Reading.	Diff: from prev. day.
TEMPER.	8 a.m. today.	46°	- 7°
	Max. for prev. day.	63°	+ 1°
ATMOS.	Min. for prev. night.	46°	- 1°
HUMIDITY.		90%	+ 11%
RAINFALL.		0.04"	- 0.02"
BAROMETER Movement during last 3 hours.		0.00	- 0.024

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7th February, 1918.

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1. ROADS.

(a) ~~JERUSALEM-JERICHO~~ road. At points 113.F.24. & F.18.d., where bridges have been blown up, wheeled traffic could probably get round, except after rain, although in both cases wadis appear considerably below the road. The difficulty would probably not be more than that caused by the blown up bridge at KULONIEH.

(b) The track from JEMMALAH (099.f.9.b.) to DEIR ABB MESHAL (065.X.30.b.) as far as 099.F.2.a.9.9. is suitable for wheeled traffic.

(c) The road from TUL KERAM to KALKILIEH appears to be good to within one mile of the latter place. There are heaps of metal along this stretch and drains are dug as though for repair shortly.

(d) JENIN to EL FULL road. It is reported that the road JENIN (097.V.35.b), JILAMEH (097.N.30.b), ZERIN (111.Q.25.d), EL FULL (097.J.29.d) is now principally used by motor transport and that the road through MUKIBILIEH (097.N.23.c) is used by horse-drawn vehicles, but is also fit for motor traffic.

(e) With reference to Int.Summ.d/d 3/2/16, an alternative route from IRBID to BEISAN has been reported, which is said to have been constructed three years ago by JEMAL PASHA and to be fit for motor lorries. It runs as follows:- IRBID, N.W. to EL RARIEA, S. to ZERDA, to KEFR YUBA, to DEIR ES SANE, to ET TAIYINEH, N.W. to SAMMA, S.W. to MENDA, to TEL EL ARBAIN, to the bridge at JISR ESH SHEIKH HUSSEIN and th n to BEISAN, (Ref: HAIFA 1/250,000).

(f) A new road from DAMASCUS to BEIRUT is reported to run as follows:-
(Ref: 1/250,000 BEIRUT).

From DAMASCUS it follows the railway line through EL HAME, EL JEDEIDE, DEIR KANUN, ZEBDANI, SERGHAYA to RAYAK. Thence along the track shown S. of railway to ZAHLE and on the SHTORA following marked road to DEIR EL BEIFAR, AIN SOFAR and ALIYE. Thence along a new road running beside a wadi to join the marked road just S. of 2nd A. in BAA'DA. Thence to BEIRUT via HAZMIE.

2. BRIDGES.

(g). The following bridges are reported:-
3 kms. E. of TUL KERAM, one with two arches.
at ANESTA (096.C.5.c) " " four "
at SEBUSTIEH " " two "

3/. River

(h) The following dimensions are given for various points on the river

	<u>water</u> <u>width.</u>	<u>Depth</u>	<u>Banks</u>	<u>Bed</u>
UMM ESH SHEET (127.F.2.a)	45 ms.	.80-1.00 ms.	stone.	boulders
EL MANDESI (127.O.19.a)	50 "	1.00-1.25 "	solid earth	sand.
KUSR EL YEHUD (127.Q.32,33)	30 "	1.50 "	sand	sand.
MAKHADET HAJLA (127.S.9.a)	20 "	1.00-1.25 "	solid earth.	sand.

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Summary of Intelligence for 24 hours ending
at 0600 - 6th February 1918.

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1 ... PALESTINE FRONT.

Occasional intermittent fire on the SH. ALDALLAH salient,
N. of BEITUN, and in neighbourhood of EL-JELIE and ARSUF.

2 ... ORGANIZATION.

Railways - It is reliably reported that the standard
(broad) gauge line is now completed through to TAURUS, and
that through trains now run between HAIDAR PASHA and ALEPPO.

3 ... ARABIA - HEJAZ.

In recent operations N. of EL TAFILÉ, a strong Turkish
detachment, which included three battalions, attacked the
Arab force which was operating in that area. This attack
was completely repulsed, heavy casualties being inflicted
on the enemy of whom over 400 were killed and 300 taken
prisoner; 2 mountain guns captured, also 16 machine guns,
300 rifles, and 200 horses and mules.

4 ... ASIA MINOR.

Part of the 47th Division is reported to be still in
the SMYRNA area.

5 ... TURKISH PRESS.

Official Communique 2/2/18:-

"Our attacking units penetrated two British positions
on the line EL BIREH - East of JERUSALEM. The enemy
suffered heavy losses. We captured some rifles and
war material.

Elsewhere there is no change in the situation."

NOTE:- Our total casualties suffered during these "attacks"
were 3.

6 ... OTHER THEATRES .. WESTERN FRONT.

Effect of British counter-battery work in the ARRAS Battle:- The following extracts are taken from a captured GERMAN order, describing the German experiences of the first day's fighting in the ARRAS battle:-

(a) "The enemy's counter-battery work was doubtless carried out with considerable success, and was also continued during the bombardment immediately prior to the assault. In one division only 9 out of 24 light field howitzers were left in action."

(b) "Gas shelling was most effective against our horses; the breakdown in ammunition supply must, in many cases, be attributed to this fact. For the same reason, efforts to withdraw batteries at the right time were frequently unsuccessful."

7 ... METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. at 0300 - 6/2/18

Description.		Reading.	Diff: from prev. day.
TEMPER- ATURE.	8 a.m. to-day.	53°	+ 1°
	Max. for prev. day.	62°	- 5°
	Min. for prev. night.	47°	- 2°
HUMIDITY.		87%	- 6%
RAINFALL.		0.00"	+ 0.04"
BAROMETER Movement during last 3 hours.		Rising 0.024 ins	- 0.015 ins.

DAILY TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT attached.

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G.H.Q. E.E.F.
6th February. 1918.

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Summary of Intelligence for 24 hours ending
at 0600 - 5th February 1918.

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1. PALESTINE FRONT.

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

Western Sector. Air reconnaissance 4th inst. No unusual movement or concentration in this sector. The trenches east of RUMMON village (113.A.7.a) appear to have extended slightly southwards. West of ET TAIYILAH a trench in square 113.N.24.B faces south-west. (R.F.C. 4/2/18).

Early in the afternoon of the 4th inst a body of Turks, estimated at two Companies, were observed to be occupying dead ground E. of KEFR NATA (099.V.23.c); they were accompanied by pack transport. A later report states that the above were no longer visible. (20th Corps: 4/2/18).

Western Sector. Air reconnaissance 4th inst. No unusual movement or concentration observed in this sector. 250 Tents and Shelters were counted at MISKEH which shows a decrease of 150. In the IRTA-FURDISIA-FERON-ET TAIYILAH area there is an increase of 150 tents and shelters. (R.F.C. 4/2). On the afternoon of the 3rd inst a patrol which visited country N.W. of RENTIS, in squares 005.U.30 and 36, found no signs of the enemy, but on the morning of the 4th inst there was unusual enemy movement about RENTIS and also EE LUBBAN (21st Corps: 4/2/18).

(B) HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY - Feb. 3rd.

Eastern Sector. One hostile 'plane seen 5,000 yards east of SUR BAHIR (100.K.12) at 1015, flying W. One hostile 'plane over JEBA flying west at 1035 was turned back by A.A. fire.

Western Sector, - Feb. 4th. One hostile 'plane reconnoitred our line MULEBLIS to ARSUF between 0650 and 0710 at from 7000 to 10,000 feet.

(C) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY - Feb. 3rd.

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Eastern Sector. 113.F.22.d was slightly shelled. C99.N.27.c was registered; and 33 75 mm shells were fired on C99.N.25.c. Western Sector. (morning). 28 rounds 75 mm registration on C64.A.32.c, 18 rounds H.E. registration in trenches S.W. of TABSOR.

(afternoon). Enemy scattered one of his own working parties with shrapnel S.W. of TABSOR. Enemy registered C70.V.16.b, with 77 mm and C70.V.22.d, with 4.2" howitzers.

2. ORGANIZATION.PASHA II Units.

701st GERMAN Field Art. Abteilung (from a prisoner of 1st battery)

1 battery 4/7.7 cm (1916 pattern) field guns.
2 batts: 4 each 10.5 cm (1916 pattern) field howitzers.

1 Light Ammunition Column
(Also supplies S.A.A. to Infantry units).

400 H.E. shells with 1st battery; no gas shells.

2 Bergmann machine guns per battery.

701st Infantry Gun Section.

Consists of 2 old pattern (1896) 7.5 cm field guns, is an artillery unit attached to the 701st Inf. Battn.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. at 0800 - 5/2/18.

Description.		Reading.	Diff: from prev. day.
TEMPERATURE.	8 a.m. today	52°	- 3°
	Max. for prev. day	67°	- 3°
	Min for prev. night	49°	+ 1°
HUMIDITY.		53%	+ 2%
RAINFALL.		0.02"	+ 0.02"
BAROMETER Movement during last 3 hours.		Rising. * 0.039"	0

DAILY TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT attached.

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DAILY TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT.

1. WATER. The following information has been obtained from P. of W..

(i) ...C84.X.1 approx. East of the railway a well with hand pump; main source of supply for troops in TUL KERAM area. Good water.

(ii)...KALKILIEH (C84.H.25). Well with motor pump. Water is pumped into a reservoir and is of good quality.

(iii)..JENIN (C97.V.35). Fountain near the mosque.

2. ROADS.

The SAFED-ACRE road stated in the Intelligence Summary dated 22/1/18, as being unfit for wheeled traffic, has since been reported on as having been recently reconstructed by the Turks as a motor road. Its course is as follows:-

SAFED (109.K.35) to AIN EZ ZEITUN (109.K.26.d) along WABI MEIRON south to KEFR ANAN (110.P.3.b) to ER RAMEH (109.P.22.b) to MEJD EL KERUM (C96.H.6.c) to EL BERWEH (C96.B.22.a-b) to ACRE. It is mountainous between SAFED and ER RAMEH, but is said to be well engineered on the sides of the hills.

ACRE-TIBERIAS road reported as passable for horse-drawn wheeled traffic throughout; but course of road not given.

With reference to report on JERICHO - KASR MUJAHID (JERUSALEM 1/250,000, Q.2) road given in the Intelligence Summary dated 30/1/18, the R.F.C. now report that it appears to be good in dry weather; but that it does not appear to be metalled and has not been cut up by heavy use.

3. RAILWAYS.

Deserters confirm that the railway line SEBUSTIER - NABLUS has been taken up. (21st Corps: 2/2/18).

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Summary of Intelligence for 24 hours ending **FEB 1918**
at 0800 - 4th February 1918.

1. PALESTINE FRONT.

A. LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

Eastern Sector.

(a) Aerial reconnaissance 3rd inst. No unusual movement or concentration was reported in this sector.

The enemy continues to improve his defences, and trench work was reported in 113.G.25.b., G.19.d., G.13.d., F.11 Central, C.20.b., on RAS ET TAWIL (113.C.15.a.), in 113.A.12., A.6.c., A.4.a. and b., and S.28.d; also west of SELWAD in 099.L.32.a (R.F.C. 3/2/18).

(b) Deserters report that the NABLUS - RAFIDIA (099.M.2⁹.d) telegraph line consists of two wires on wooden poles. They believe it continues and follows the road (Note. - Probably via FUNDUK) to KALKILIEH (024.H.25, 26). (21st Corps 2/2/18).

Western Sector.

(c) Aerial reconnaissance 3rd inst. No unusual movement or concentration was reported in this sector. (R.F.C. 3/2/18).

B. ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY FOR WEEK ENDING 2/2/18.

Eastern Sector. 200 shrapnel and H.E. from 77 mm. guns fell in 099.M.27 and 28 between 1030 and 1300 on 30/1/18.

Otherwise normal.

Western Sector. During the week the enemy carried out extensive registration of his trenches between JILJULIEH and TABSOR, and of certain points in front of his own line between TABSOR and the Sea. Otherwise normal.

(7) SUMMARY OF HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY FOR WEEK ENDING 2/2/18.

The enemy showed particular activity on the 29th. Two of his machines, on reconnaissance from JULIS, were engaged by an S.E.-5 on that day over RAMIEH and one was brought down, the other escaping in the clouds. Otherwise

normal.

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F. DISTRIBUTION OF ENEMY CAMPS.

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	<u>T.S.</u>	<u>T.S.</u>	
	<u>23rd Jan.</u>	<u>2nd Feb.</u>	
Western Sector	1,863.	2,146	+ 285
Eastern Sector	2,224.	2,096	- 128
East of the Jordan..	590.	614	+ 24
Syria L. of C. (in proximity to Palestine Front.)	195	195	
	<u>4,872.</u>	<u>5,053.</u>	<u>+ 181.</u>

In the Western area, 400 T.S. are reported at MISKEH (C84.B.3.d) an increase of 300 T.S. since the 21st Jan.

In the Eastern Area, a decrease of 150 T.S. was reported at JERICHO since 26th Jany.

2.. EAST OF JORDAN.

(a) A refugee who left AMMAN 30/1/18 states that on the 28th ult. 1600 troops in the town moved to a camp 1/2 mile west of the railway station. 4 regiments (? Battalions) left on the 14th for ET TAFILE to oppose the Arab forces; an officer and 4 men returned later, and stated that the Turkish forces had been destroyed, and that the Arabs had reached SEIL EL HESA (Jerusalem 1/250,000, Q.12).

Refugee confirmed movement of cavalry from JERICHO area towards EL KUTRANI (see Intelligence Summary 192 dated 3/2/18 para. 3, c), he reports that the Turks are arming the Circassian colonists in the AMMAN district. ES SALT garrison he estimates at 1 battalion.

3.. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

(a) Jewish Colonies. The following are the positions of Jewish Colonies not shown on the 1" map.

- ZERKAS.....083.K.13.a.1.8.
- BEDTS083.E.30.c.2.2.
- SHEFEIA.....083.W.8.a. and c.
- UMM EL JEMAL.....083.W.5.c.3.9.
- ZIMMARIN.....083.R.17.d.18.c. and 24.a.
- EI HUDEIRA.....083.D.14.b.and d. and 15.a. & c.

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TOPOGRAPHICAL. (contd)

(b) Roads. A report has been received that the road from DERRA to BEISAN, reported as being metalled in the Intelligence Summary, dated 26/1/18, is only metalled between DERRA and IRBID. The remainder of the road is said to be under construction. A metalled road is reported between NABLUS and the JORDAN valley; but so far no details of its route have been received.

(c) Aerial reconnaissance on the 3rd reports that the bridges at 113.F.24.a, and F.18.d on the JERUSALEM-JERICHO road have been blown up. (R.F.C. 3/2/18).

4 ... SUPPLIES.

An Arab supply officer deserter from the 26th A.C. Supply Column at SHUNET NIMRIN gives the following details of 26th Army Corps supplies:-

The corps is supplied from the depot at JERICHO, which holds a reserve of 3 days rations. The JERICHO depot is refilled from SHUNET NIMRIN, which has a reserve of 3 tons of wheat, 3 tons barley, 14 tons raisins, 17 tins sesame oil, 5 tins olive oil, 20 cows and 33 goats. The 26th Divisional Bakery at SHUNET NIMRIN supplies bread for the whole corps, obtaining part of its flour from MADEBA, and part by rail to AMMAN, from DAMASCUS.

The Main Supply Depot is at MADEBA, where there are two months rations. There are also Ammunition and Supply Depots at ES SALT and AMMAN.

Transport is carried out by (a) 20 motor lorries of 703rd (GERMAN) Motor Lorry Column at SHUNET NIMRIN (b) the ES SALT Camel Transport Corps of 300 camels (c) Native Contractors, supplying their own animals (mainly donkeys). Pack transport is employed between AMMAN and ES SALT.

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5 ... AERONAUTICS.

(a) A refugee who left AMMAN on 30/1/18 reports that an aerodrome is being constructed there 1/4 mile S.E. of the station.

(b) On the 3rd, 1850 lbs of bombs were successfully dropped on troops and camps in the MISKEH area. 47 direct hits were obtained, and 1250 rounds were fired with machine guns from a low height with good effect. (R.F.C. 3/2/18).

6 ... ARAB OPERATIONS.

On 23th January Arab forces attacked Turkish troops marching from KERAK on ET TAFIL at SEIL EL HESA (JERUSALEM 1/250,000 Q.12). Severe fighting ensued, and many Turks were killed and taken prisoners also one mountain gun and seven machine guns were captured. The Turks are retreating in disorder on KERAK, vigorously pursued by the Arab troops. (cf para 2).

7 ... METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. at 0000 - 4/2/18.

Description.		Reading.	Diff: from prev. day.
TEMPER- ATURE.	3 a.m. to-day.	55°	-3°
	Max. for prev. day.	70°	-1°
	Min. for prev. night	40°	-7°
HUMIDITY.		67%	+20%
RAINFALL.		0	0
BAROMETER Movement during last 3 hours.		0.035"	+0.023"

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ending at 0800 - 3rd Feb. 1918.

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PALESTINE FRONT.

1.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Eastern Sector. Air reconnaissance. No unusual movement or concentration was observed in this sector. (R.F.C. 2/2).

Western Sector. Air reconnaissance. In the afternoon a body of cavalry, strength from 200-300, was observed at about 084.B.10.b on the road leading from MISKEH to KALKILIEH; in the vicinity of the former place in squares 084.B.3.4.9, 10 and 11, there is a large well-laid out camp of 400 tents and shelters. Considerable work was observed on the trenches south of TABSOR in square 084.C.6.a.

East of JILJULIEH there is fresh work on a trench in 084.

K.14.central. No unusual movement or concentration was observed in this sector. (R.F.C. 2/2).

A prisoner from the 19th regiment captured on the 25th states that his regiment was holding 2 kilometres of front with its right flank resting on MEJDEL YABA. By day his regiment used to hold a line in the hills where a practically continuous line of breastworks has been made; these are built of stone with earth in front, the only gaps being where there are wadis. By night outposts are sent to the plain; his company provided 4 posts, each of from 4 to 6 men. There are posts along the railway at intervals of 150 metres, the most southerly one being at RAS EL AIN Station. Constant touch is kept between the posts, which are not dug in. (21st Corps: 31/1/18).

A patrol which visited KULEH (085.U.31) on the afternoon of the 1st inst, reports that no enemy were seen. (21st Corps: 2/2/18).

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DERAA. It is reported that the garrison of DERAA consists of:-

100 Foot Gendarmerie.
50 Mounted "
500 Druses who are armed and mounted on horses.

There is an aerodrome, containing at the most 5 aeroplanes, about 3/4 mile N.E. of the railway station and a fair-sized supply and ammunition depot lies about 3/4 mile W. of the same point. It is stated that not more than 5-6 trains daily arrive at DERAA from DAMASCUS, BEISAN and the HEJAZ.

BEISAN. It is reported that the military post at BEISAN is only a small one.

3 ... IDENTIFICATIONS.

Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
<u>TURKS</u>				
19th Div. 4th Cav. Rgt	1/2/18	Divl. Cav. to 19th Division.	Ps. 4/4th Cav. Rgt.	4th Squad. only.
48th Div. 150th Rgt less 1 Bn & 1 Coy.	2/2/18	127.P.21.b.	Arab Officer deserter.	
1 Bn and 1 Coy.	"	ES SALT.	"	
<u>GERMANS</u>				
701st Field Art. Abteilung	"	270.N.18.b.	Ps. 701st F.A.A.	1st batt: six 7.7 cm 1910 pattern field guns in action: arrived 1/2/17. 2nd & 3rd batts: following, each 4/10.5 cm hows.
702nd Inf. Bn.	End of Jan'y.	JENIN.	"	

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(b) It is reported by an agent that at KH. RUMMAMANEH (113.A.13, d) is a regiment of the 53rd division and 6 AUSTRIAN guns, and that another regiment of the same division is on and east of RAS ET TAWIL (113.C.13.a).

(c) An officer deserter states that the 600 cavalry which were based on JERICHO left there on the 26th January for MADEBA and KERAK.

Two refugees from JERICHO confirm this and state that they were accompanied by 20 mule mountain-guns.

NOTE: This probably refers to the 7th Cav. Regt, and, while the number of guns appears exaggerated, the departure of this regiment for KERAK is likely to have taken place in view of the present situation in that region.

4 ... ORGANIZATION.

Strengths. The following is an extract from the 27th Divisional Orders dated 28/11/17.-

"I have learnt from inquiries that while some units are up to strength, their combatants in the field are less than they ought to be. For example, while the average strength of the 1/163rd Regiment is 300, it has only 220 combatants on the front. As the strength of units is very low, 90 unarmed men are too many for one battalion to bear on its strength".

5 ... METEOROLOGICAL.

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Taken at G.H.Q. at 0800 - 3/2/18.

Description.		Reading.	Diff: from prev. day
TEMPER- ATURE.	8 a.m. today.	58°	- 1°
	Max. for prev. day.	71°	+ 1°
	Min. for prev. night	55°	+ 1°
HUMIDITY.		38%	- 3%
RAINFALL.		0	0
BAROMETER Movement during last 3 hours.		Rising 0.016"	0

Summary for week-ending 2/2/18 at 18001. TEMPERATURE.Differences from
previous weeks.

	Fah °	Fah °
Mean of week.	53	0
Mean maximum.	65	- 5
Mean minimum.	46	+ 2
Highest recorded on Feb. 2nd.	70	- 3
Lowest recorded on Jan. 29th.	43	0
2. <u>HUMIDITY.</u>	%	%
Mean of week.	65	+ 6
Highest recorded on { Jan. 27 at 2000.		
{ : 28 at 0800	89	- 1
Lowest recorded on Jan. 30th at 1400.	14	- 5

3. WIND. Calm, or very light till evening of 1st Feb.
Directions - 27-28, S. to SSE. 29th, W. 30th, variable.
Jan. 31-Feb. 2, NNE to E. Average velocity for night 1/2nd
Feb - 12 miles per hour, and for morning of 2nd, 16 miles
per hour, gusts being very much greater.

4. RAINFALL. Jan. 28th - 0.87": Jan. 29th 1.03" - total for
Total Jan. 1918 5.77" week 1.90".
Average Jan. (SARONA) 7.52"
Total Oct. 1/17-Jan. 31/18' 2.73" (Kolab, Sejed, Ramleh)
Average Oct. 1-Jan. 31 (SARONA) 19.52"
" February " 2.91"

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ESTIMATED DISTRIBUTION OF ENEMY FORCES ON PALESTINE FRONT 1/2/18.
A. VII Army.

Unit.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres.	M.Gs.	Automatic rifles.	Remarks.
1. XX A.C. Area	(DEAD SEA-RUMMON).					Force not exceeding one Bn. based on KH. MIRD (114.R.20.b) and patrols west to MARSABA, and east to DEAD SEA. (114 Q 29)
26th Div. (3 bns)						
70th Regt.	NEBY MUSA (114.U.3.c)					
76th " (2 bns)	JEBEL EKTEIF (113.G.28)	1900	100	42	-	
50th " (2 bns)	KHAN BATHRURAH (113.G.13)					
53rd Div. (9 bns)						
136th Regt.	WADI FARAH (113.C.35)					
32nd "	RAS MT TAIL (113.C.15)	1900	50	48	6	
163rd "	RUMMON SECTOR (113.A.7)					
27th Div. (?6 bns)						
67th Regt.)	? E. OF JORDAN.	900	100	24	-	Reported absorbed by other units of XX A.C. Requires confirmation.
81st Regt.)						
48th Div. (5 bns)						
150th Regt.	E. of MUKIMAS (099.X.5)	1900	100	20	-	3/151st reported withdrawn east of JORDAN.
151st " (2 bns)						
Cav. Sqn.						
	TOTAL XX A.C.	6600	350	134	6	

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Unit.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres	M.Gs	Automa- tic rifles	Remarks.
2. III ^{III} A.S. Area (RUMMON - 099.A.31 approx).						
<u>24th Div.</u> (9 bns)						
2nd Regt.	RUMMON - ET TAIYIBEH.					
58th "	AIN YERRUD (099.M.15) area.					
143rd "	AIN YEBRUD (exclusive) - NABLUS road.	1500	100	24	-	
<u>1st Div.</u> (9 bns).						
124th Regt.	NABLUS road - 099.G.11.					
79th "	099.G.11 - 099.C.30.	2800	100	36	-	
71st "	Reserve, ATTARA.					
<u>19th Div.</u> (10 bns)						
57th Rgt. (1 bn)	Reserve, NABLUS area.	3800	100	44	12	
72nd "						
77th "						
150th "						
	<u>TOTAL III A.C.</u>	(100)	300	104	12.	
<u>ARMY UNITS.</u>						
<u>3rd Cav Div.</u> (8 $\frac{1}{2}$ sqns Cav. 1 Coy camels).						
6th Cav. Regt.	099.C.14 - 085.V.14.	100	1000	14	6	No contact with 27th Cav. Regt. for a long time. Divisional Sqns are known to have dwindled con- siderably, and it is possible that this regiment may have been re-distributed as divisional cavalry.
2th "						
7th & 8th						
1 Coy Cavalry.						
701st & 72nd German Cav. Troops. 1 Coy Camelry.)						

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Unit.	Location.	Rifles	Sabres	M.Gs.	Automatic Rifles.	Remarks.
^{702nd} German Inf Bn.	? NAELUS.	400	-	8	20	
	<u>TOTAL ARMY UNITS.</u>	500	1000	22	26	
	<u>TOTAL VII ARMY.</u>	15,200	1650.	260	44	
<u>B. VIII ARMY.</u>						
<u>64th Div.</u> (4 bns). Regts. 164, 165.	RENTIS - MEJDEL YABA.	1500	100	24	-	Allotment of divns to army corps cannot definitely be stated; 22nd A.C. probably now consists of Divns. 3, 7, 13 with 20 & 54 either attached or formed into a corps under VIII Army. 19th Regt. reported rejoined 7th Division.
<u>7th Div.</u> (7 bns). Regts. 19, 20, 21.	DEIR DALLUT - Railway.	2000	100	40	-	
<u>20th Div.</u> (11 bns). Regts. 57 (2 bns) 61, 62, 63.	Vicinity of KEFR SABA.	3000	100	62	-	61st refitting at TUL KERAM.
<u>10th Div.</u> (8 bns) Regts. 47, 48, 125.	TABSOR DEFENCES.	1500	100	36	6	
<u>3rd Div.</u> (6 bns). Regts. 31, 139, 161.	In reserve TUL KERAM area	2700	100	40	4	

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Unit.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres.	MGs.	Automatic rifles.	Remarks.
134th Regt.	?	600	-	14	-	
<u>2nd Caucasus (12 sqns)</u> <u>Cav. Bde.</u>						
Regts. 1.9.11.	MISKEH.	-	1500	12	-	Apparently used dismounted in trenches by night.
701st German Inf. Bn.	SABIEH area.	400	-	8	20.	Furnishes patrols only.
	<u>TOTAL VIII ARMY.</u>	12000	2000	236	30.	
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<u>PALESTINE & L. CF C.</u>						
3rd German Inf. Bn. 3rd " Cav. Troop.	HAIFA - NAZARETH area.	400	50	8	20.	
4th Div. (9 bns) Regts. 17, 23, 24.		? 3200	? 100	? 36	? -	Probably moving from DERAA to AMMAN - ES SALT area. Part possibly diverted to EL KUTRANI area.
	<u>TOTAL N. PALESTINE L.</u> <u>CF C.</u>	3600.	150	44	20.	

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Unit.	Location.	Rifles.	Sabres.	M.Gs.	Automatic Rifles.	Remarks.
<u>(D) KERAK - KUTRANI AREA.</u>						
46th Div. (3 bns).	E. OF JORDAN.	900	-	19	-	Engaged with Arab forces. 2/152 in HEJAZ. No contact for a considerable time. Agent reports it withdrawn east of JORDAN.
152nd Rgt. (1 bn).						
132nd " (2 bns)						
7th Cav. Regt.						
		900	650	18	-	
<u>GRAND TOTALS.</u>						
(A) VII ARMY.		15200	1650	260	44	57 Inf. Bns, 15½ Cav. Sqns. 1 Camel Coy.
(B) VIII ARMY.		12000	2000	236	30	38 Inf. Bns, 17 Cav. Sqns.
(C) N. PALESTINE & L. OF C.		3600	150	44	20	10 Inf. Bns, 1½ Cav. Sqns.
(D) KERAK - KUTRANI		900	650	18	-	3 Inf. Bns, 4 Cav. Sqns.
		31,700	4,450.	558	94.	108 Inf. Bns, 37¾ Cav. Sqns, 1 Camel Coy.

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Summary of Intelligence for 24 hours ending at
0800 - 2nd February 1918.

1.

PALESTINE FRONT

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

Eastern Sector. Air reconnaissance. Just north of NEBY MUSA are horse lines for about 40 horses, and just west of the place are 4 short lengths of trench. NOTE: The horse lines probably belong to the battalion which was reported to have arrived at KH. MIND (114.R.20.b) on the 29th January.

Off RUJM EL BAHR there were 3 boats at anchor. There appears to be an increase in the supplies here as 40 small mounds, covered with brushwood, were counted as compared with 12 on the 30th of January.

In the morning 250 infantry were observed in JERICHO and a Headquarters camp located on the slopes of JEBEL KURUNTUL (113.K.9.b). (NOTE: most probably H.Q. 53rd Division).

On the TALAT ED DUMM - JERICHO road were some 250 infantry moving west and 50 cavalry stationary.

Near RAS ET TAWIL in each of squares 113.C.3.a, C.11.a and D.14.a, is a well constructed trench 150 yards long and short lengths of trench were located east of RUMMON in squares 113.A.4.b, S.12.d, S.12.b and S.30.b.

In the vicinity of SEELMAD (099.L.32.b) are trenches and breastworks located as follows - 099.L.32.c, L.33.b, L.34.a, M.6.b, K.34.d, from K.33.a to b, K.23.a to d, D.30.a-d and D.23.a-d. These trenches and breastworks appear to be well constructed; this morning no movement was observed in any of them.

No unusual movement or concentration observed in this area.

(R.F.C. 1/2/18).

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LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS (contd)

Western Sector. Air reconnaissance -- North-west of JILJULIEH the redoubt in C84.D.11.b is now connected with the trench in C84.D.11.c by a communication trench passing through C84.D.11. central. No unusual movement or concentration was observed in this area. (R.F.C. 1/2/13).

2. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

(1) Water. Ref: PALESTINE 1" to 1 mile.

Square C85.

DEIR ABU MESHAL (X.30). Spring -- rather poor.
SHEBTIN (Z.11.a). Well, plentiful in winter.

Square C99.

BEIT RIMA (A.34.c), DEIR GHUSSANEEH (A.25.a) Wells.
These two villages are supplied in summer by AIN EZ ZERKA (C99.C.1).

KURAWA IBN ZEID (A.24.b). Many springs, one very strong.
KEFR AIN (A.30.a) Wells, very soon exhausted.
DEIR ES SUDAN (B.33). One fairly good spring.
AIN NAFA (B.23.b). Very strong spring. Supplies MEZRAH (D.25.c) and ARTRA (B.25).
ABUD (C.7.c). Spring and rain water well. Also reported several small springs.
AIN EZ ZERKA (C.1.a-b). Large spring: works a mill.
WADI EZ ZERKA (C.28). Several good springs. Supply DEIR ABU MESHAL.
WADI ARTABEEH (C.26).
AIN JANNATA (C.33.d). Very good supply -- somewhat inaccessible.
C.31.c.21. Spring 200 g.p.h.
C.31.b.32. Spring, well 3' x 4' x 18" water.
KUBAR (D.28). Fairly strong spring.
AJUL (D.6). Supplied from very strong spring K.25.b.
AIN EL KELEBH (D.8.a). Abundant, used for irrigation.
BEIT ELLI (F.6.a). Four springs, total about 500 g.p.h.
F.17.c Small springs, maximum 250 g.p.h.
AIN EL JOZ (F.22.d). Small springs about 200 g.p.h.
AIN EYUD (F.27.b). Moderate spring; variable; maximum 500 g.p.h.
F.10.a approx. Running water in Wadi; turns a mill.
AIN UM TUKH (G.9, central). Spring; moderate; diminishes in summer.
JILJILIA (K.5.a). Wells and moderate spring.
AIN ES SAKY (M.7.a). Strong spring of good water flowing into basin about 20' deep and 15' in diameter. Supply unlimited.
AIN EL MEZRAB (M.5.d). Moderate spring, said to be sufficient for 100 camels.
M.24.d. Spring; plentiful, used for irrigation.
DURAH (M.23.b) Strongest spring and best water in neighbourhood. Water flows from a rock and fills daily four ponds about 30' in diameter and 6' to 5' deep. These ponds are run off every day for irrigation.

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ARTILLERY.

1: Estimated on 24/1/18 (by units).

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Area.	7.5 cm. Fld.	7.5 cm Mtn.	10.5 cm Gun.	10.5 cm. How.	15 cm Gun.	15 cm. How.	Remarks.
VII Army.	65	12	-	40	-	-	
VIII Army.	30	-	-	4	-	4	
Unlocated.	108	16	12	34	10.	35.	
TOTAL.	203	28	12	78	10	39	= 370.

To VII Army, add, 24th F.A. Rgt., 2 bns, + 16 7.5cm. Fld
guns, deduct, 26th F.A. Rgt. (only 3 guns left) - 9 7.5 cm Fld
guns =

+ 7.
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Estimate on 1/2/18.

Area.	7.5 cm Fld.	7.5 cm Mtn.	10.5 cm Guns	10.5 cm. How.	15. cm. Gun.	15 cm. How.	Remarks.
VII Army.	72	12	-	40	-	-	
VIII Army.	30	-	-	4	-	4	
Unlocated.	108	16	12	34	10	35.	
TOTAL.	210	28	12	78	10	39	= 377.

Deduct guns captured and not allowed
for in above.

Guns damaged and destroyed 1/11/17-
1/2/18 (estimate)

41.

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Add Artillery 3th & 48th Divisions

108.
28 (20 fld
8 Mtn).

80.

Estimated total - 1/2/18 297 guns.

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and keeping themselves entirely concealed. During the night they may move about freely and may take up a position on top of a tree or some other elevated position for the purposes of observation. The duty of a sentry is to observe all enemy movements and to take note of any whistling, chattering, or lights. In the case of a surprise attack a few rounds should be fired and then the sentries must fall back as rapidly as possible. (Captured document).

(b) Supplies - A deserter states that the enemy are using wood and bitumen (a combustible mineral substance) as fuel on the HEJAZ Railway. The bitumen is quarried near MEZERIB, (8½ miles N.W. of DERA) and at TEL ES SHEHAB (5 miles W. of MEZERIB). A large quantity of the bitumen is stacked near DERA Station.

5. METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. at 0800 - 1/2/1918.

Description.	Reading.	Diff: from prev. day.
TEMPER- ATURE.	8 a.m. today. 54°	+ 3°
	Max. for prev. day. 67°	- 2°
	Min. for prev. night 46°	+ 1°
HUMIDITY.	53%	- 19%
RAINFALL.	0	0
BAROMETER Movement during last 3 hours	Rising at first now falling Total + 0.012	- 0.012"

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TOPOGRAPHICAL (contd).Water.Square 099.K.

ATTARA (21.a. and b.) 2 springs irrigate gardens. More water than at AIN BIRAH.
 AIN DARAH (25.b) Very large springs; sufficient for an army.
 AIN EZ ZUBEIYEH (28.c) One spring.
 AIN ES SAKY (33.a) Many small springs, sufficient to water 30 donums of gardens (about 7 acres).

Square 099.M.

AIN SINIA (5.d) Four good-sized springs; also plenty of flowing water in rock bed of wadi during the winter, suitable for watering horses.

Square 099.L.

SELWAD (32.b) AIN EL ARUTH, small spring; villagers depend on cisterns also.
 MEZRAH ESH SHERKIYEH (22.a) Small spring, sufficient for from 50 to 100 horses; cisterns also.
 113.F.6. A perennial spring in W. FARAH. The water from this is conducted along an aqueduct to 113.G.5. approx., where it disappears. (P. of W.).

Ref: SYRIA, 1/250,000, JERUSALEM sheet.

(2) Roads & TRACKS. Three monks and a lay Clerk from the Monastery at KURUNTUL (113.K.8.B.) report:-

(a) The road from ET TAIYIBEH (113.S.19.a) to JERICHO is a good pack track, but is not fit for wheels.

(b) Road from JERICHO due north through TELL ES SULTAN (113.K.10.c) and MEIDAN EL ABD (113.H.18) requires slight repairs near TELL ES SULTAN; but is otherwise fit for motor traffic.

A prisoner of war reports that the last mentioned road has been newly metalled by the Turks and that he saw three motor lorries on it.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Reference Intelligence Summary of the 30th ult., para 3. AERONAUTICS, the machine which was brought down on the 29th ult, is shown by documents found on the pilot to have belonged to the 304th Flight. This is a BAVARIAN Flight which arrived at RAYAK, en route for PALESTINE on the 1st October, 1917.

4. ORGANIZATION.

(a) Training - Outpost duties. Men on outpost duty during the day must perform their duties lying down

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a destructive fire, in which some 200 rounds of H.E. and shrapnel were expended, being directed on that locality. Between SURDAH and JUFNA there was intermittent shelling with 7.7 cm and a few registration rounds of 10 cm shell. (20th Corps: 31/1/18).

2. TOPOGRAPHICAL.(1) Water. Ref: PALESTINE 1" to one mile.Square 099.C.

ABUD (7.c.) small spring; plentiful supply.
AIN TIBNEH (16.c.) small spring; poor quality water, useless for the army.

AIN W. REIYA (18.c.) 3 springs, with cement pool for overflow. Sufficient for approximately 400 horses daily.

DEIR ABU MESHAL (085.X.30.b) Water from W. ARTABBETH, (099.C.26-31) in large quantities.

AIN JANNATA (33.d) large spring, more plentiful than AIN BIREH.

Square 099.B.

AIN EL FOKA (33.c) Small spring and pools irrigating small gardens. Sufficient for approximately 200 horses daily. Supplies DEIR ES SUDAN.

Square 099.D.

AIN EL KELBEH (8.a) Same as AIN EL FOKA.
UMM SUFFAH (17.c.) 2 springs, combined flow more plentiful than AIN BIREH.

JIBIA (22.c) Small spring. (one).
KUBAR (28.c) AIN EL SHARKEYEH (not on map) medium size. *ain:el* KUBBEH (34.b) small spring.

Square 099.F.

BEIT ELLO (5-6) Water plentiful.
DEIR AMMAR (10.d). One well supplying also JEMMALAH, (9.b). The combined consumption of both these villages is said to have no effect upon the depth of the water in the well.

AIN EL JOZ (22.d) A small spring which waters a small garden.

Square 099.G.

AIN EZ ZERKA (2.b) Sufficient water for an army.

MEZEIRAT EL KIBLIYEH (21.a. and b.). Spring east of the village medium size in winter, small in summer.

AIN HARASHEH (22.d) One well to east, BIR EL ALAK = well of the leaches.

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1.

PALASTINE FRONT.

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

(A) Eastern Sector. In the morning 50 infantry were seen, to be approaching NEBI MUSA (114.U.3.c) from the south-west.

North of BIRRH, at JUFNA and in square 099.M.11.b, the road bridges have been destroyed. No unusual movement or concentration was observed in this sector. (R.F.C. 31/1/18)

Western Sector. At JILJULIEH a new trench, from the communication trench in 084.D.11.A.40, extends to 084.D.11.a.21 and in squares 084.N.17.b and N.18.c there are two separate lengths of trench each 75 yards in length. In 084.K.14 central is a trench 500 yards long facing S.E.

Close to TABSOR, at 084.A.23.b.47 and A.23.b.33, there is fresh work and to the N.W. from 084.A.8 central to 084.A.21 central, are 8 short lengths of trench. In square 084.S.19.d there is a semi-circular trench facing S.W.

In 084.Y.11 a new railway bridge is under construction. West of ET TIRRH, from point 084.T.28. to 084.S.28, the trenches are being worked on and made into a system of defences.

At ET TAIYIBEH (084.Y.6.b) there was a good deal of Infantry and Horse transport movement on the west side of the village where there appears to be a Headquarters.

(B) ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Eastern Sector. On the 30th inst between 1030 and 1300 the enemy showed unusual activity near SURDAH (099.M.27.a)

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ORGANIZATION - Man-Power - (contd).

been employed as an army baker at that place for over two years. All the young men employed there as bakers, some twenty in all, were sent with this draft.

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When returning from a patrol, at about hours 1540 on the 29th inst, one of our single-seater scouts encountered two hostile machines over the RALLEH area. The pilot of the British machine attacked one of the enemy machines, a two-seater, and having forced this to land turned to attack the second, but this escaped by diving into the clouds. The enemy machine forced to land came down about 2 miles W. of JUNCTION Station. The pilot of this machine was wounded and the Observer killed. (R.F.C. 29/1/18).

7 ... METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.C. at 0800 - 30/1/18.

Description.		Reading.	Diff: from previous day.
TEMPER- ATURE.	8 a.m. today.	52°	+ 4°
	Max. for prev. day.	66°	+ 9°
	Min. for prev. night	47°	+ 4°
HUMIDITY.		61%	- 5%
RAINFALL.		0	- 1.03"
BAROMETER movement during last 3 hours.		Rising 0.043"	- 0.020"

(B) IDENTIFICATIONS (contd).

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On the 27th deserters reported that the 79th Rgt was then in line with the 53rd Division, and also that the 3/151st Rgt has been withdrawn east of JORDAN.

The reformation of the 79th Rgt. and the move of the 3/151st Rgt. require confirmation, though the latter is quite possible in view of recent Arab successes in the TAFIL (Q.14-15, JERUSALEM Sheet 1/250,000) area.

5. ORGANIZATION.

Discipline. A deserter from a BULGARIAN Rgt taken on the MONASTIR Front states that on account of a fight between the 177th Turkish Rgt. and Bulgarian troops the former was disarmed and sent to ASIA MINOR. (Intelligence MUDROS 12/1/18).

(a) Transport. Reports from two independent sources state that munitions are largely transported from RAYAK to MOALLAKA by train, thence on to DAMASCUS by motor lorry. Hitherto all fit troops and as many stores as possible have been transported direct from RAYAK to DAMASCUS by road, to avoid the steep gradients on the railway. This new procedure necessitates (i) transference from normal gauge (4'8½") to 105 cm gauge (3'5½") at RAYAK (ii) transference to lorries at MOALLAKA (iii) reloading on railway at DAMASCUS.

(b) Troops and depots in the TIBERIAS area are supplied from railhead at SEMAKH. In dry weather motor lorries from the park at TIBERIAS are used. In wet weather transport is done by water by means of two barges, each carrying 12 tons, and one steam tug, capable of carrying 12-14 tons. The GERMANS are constructing another barge which is to be worked by a petrol engine. Wood fuel is used by the tug, no coal being available.

Manpower. A deserter from the 76th Rgt. who came from DAMASCUS with a draft of 200 men for the 26th Division, had

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1. PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

Eastern Sector. On the 29th inst some 600 infantry were observed in JERICHO. On the crest of Hill 2600 in square 099.L.31.a, are some new trenches facing south; no bivouacs were seen in rear of these trenches.

At DEIR SHERAF (098.L.7.c) there appears to be a new refilling point to the west of the town. No unusual movement or concentration was observed in this sector. (R.F.C. 29/1/18).

Western Sector. At ANEBTA (098.O.5.c) are two large yellow mounds with some horse transport parked near. To the south there is new work on the trenches in squares 084.K.13.d and K.14.c. No unusual movement or concentration was observed in this sector. (R.F.C. 29/1/18).

2. EAST OF JORDAN.

(a) In square 127.O.21 (approximately) a trench about 75 yds long running east and west was observed. (R.F.C. 29/1/18).

(b) From native sources it is reported that there is an increase of troops in the AMMAN area and also that work is in progress on the trenches in the SHUNET NIBRIN area, north of the main road. NOTE: This confirms previous reports.

3. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

(1) ... Water. In the mountains between LUDD - TUL KERAM - NABLUS railway, and NABLUS - JERUSALEM road, there are a good many wells in the native villages. These wells are about 100' deep and are worked by saqias. North and west of the TUL KERAM - JENIN section of the railway, the villages seem to depend more on cisterns; while further north, where the ZIMMARIN - NAZARETH road goes through the mountains, there are a number of springs and plenty of water in the valley.

2.
TOPOGRAPHICAL (contd).

Particulars of WELLS & SPRINGS.

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KEFR SABA (Jew.Col.) 084.B.29.c. 1 Well 3 h.p. Hornsby 2-throw Pump.
do (Native) do 1 " Saqia.
NEBI YEMIN 084.B.36.c. Wells 3 h.p. Hornsby's & pumps
KEFR ZIBAD 084.Z.30. 1 Well 100' about.
KEFR SUR 084.Z.18. 1 " Saqia "
KEFR LAKIF 098.O.26.d. 1 " do
SH. MASUD 084.Y.10.b. 1 " do 150' about.
SH. MESBERRAJ 084.Y.24. 1 " do 100' "
KALKILIEH 084.H.25.d. 4 Wells Two 3 h.p., one 5 h.p. One 6 h.p. Hornsby's working pumps.
HUDEIRA 083.C.23 About 25 pumping plants up to 25 h.p. (all Hornsby's).
BIRKET ATA 083.D.25.c. 4 pumps for irrigation; one 5 h.p., one 7½ h.p., one 17½ h.p. and one 35 h.p. Hornsby's.
ZIMMARIN 083.R.24.b. 2 Wells 25 h.p. 3-throw Pump, 3½" plungers. 35 h.p. 3-throw Pump, 6" plungers.
TANTURAH (Glass factory) 083.P.26.a. Water along coast at a few feet by breaking through the rock. Native Wells get flooded by sea during storms.
ARRABEH 097.Y.1. Supplied by cisterns.
ANZA 098.H.3.d. Supplied by springs.
GERMAN Farm with a Pump between ARRABEH and MERKEH.
SHUFEH 098.O.25.d. Supplied by cisterns.
KUZAH 098.X.19.d. Supplied by springs.
ATHLIT 082.D.27. Native Wells (shallow).
SHEFEIA 083.W.14. Depends on spring.
UMM EL JEMAL (Jew.Col) 083.W.5.c. Good wells.
The WADI EL FUWAR has water in it all the year.
NAHR EL ISKANDERUNEH, which has water always up to JISR EL MAKTABEH.
RAS TANEL 113.U.15.a. area Large number of cisterns.
113.B.20.d. A Well with good water.
KHUBBET RUMMANEH 113.A.16.d. Cistern.

4. IDENTIFICATIONS.				
(A) Unit.	Date.	Position or move.	Source.	Remarks.
GERMANS. 505th M/T Pk.	26/1/18	TIBERIAS.	Turkish deserter this unit.	Pasha I unit. Railhead for this area is SEMAKH whence lorries transport stores & supplies to TIBERIAS.
218th Field Hospital.	25/12/17	Arr. RAYAK & went to ZAHLE	Agent.	} Probably Pasha II units.
219th do	27/12/17	Left RAYAK for DAMASCUS.	"	
4th Bn. 50th (Austrian) Infantry Regt	20/1/18	Left Italian front for PALESTINE.	Report per War Office.	

8 ... MESOPOTAMIA.

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GAS. On the Mesopotamian Front the Turks have never used gas shells or poisonous gas, and it is not thought that either are in possession of the enemy in that theatre. Certain gas cylinders found in BAGDAD at the time of capture contained only gas suitable for flame projectors of which the Turks there had two; these two, which were captured, had not been used. (I.E.F. "D" 28/1/18).

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1.

PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

*Eastern Sector.

(a) Aerial reconnaissance reports on the 30th an unusually large number of boats seen at RUJM EL BAHR (114.V.17), there being 10 large boats on the water and 10 small ones on shore. In 113.L.15, 300 cavalry were halted. (R.F.C. 30/1/18).

(b) Natives report that about the 20th troops estimated at one Battalion arrived at KH.MIRD (114.R.20.b). There are outposts at 114.R.26.b, R.13.b. and R.9.a. and patrols proceeded as far west as MARSABA (114.Q.29) and as far east as DEAD SEA.

(c) Monks from the JEBEL KURUNTUL (113.k.6) and ET TAIYIEH (113.S.19) monasteries who came into our lines on the 28th state that the 24th division was relieved in the TAIYIEH - RUMMON (113.A.7) area about the 21st. One states that the 24th and 53rd Divisions are changing places, but another alleges that the relieving troops are from a division newly arrived from the CAUCASUS front. All agree that rations are now supplied to these troops from JERICHO.

The headquarters of the 53rd Division is near the Monastery on JEBEL KURUNTUL. (20th Corps: 29/1/18).

It is probable that a relief has taken place in this sector.

(2) A native of TAIYIEH (113.S.19) reports that the village and that of KEFR MALIK (113.Q.31) have been evacuated by the enemy. He states that there is a wireless Station at TELL ASUR (099.L.34).

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(c) Aerial reconnaissance on the 30th reports considerable new work on the trenches south and south-west of SADIH (1/20,000 map, JILJULIEH sheet, square B.32). There were new trenches from 004.A.29.b.36 to A.29.a.28; and fresh work in 004.C.5, C.4, and A.33. (R.F.C. 30/1/18).

2. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

(1) Roads (a). SAMAKH - TIBERIAS - NAZARETH - JERUSALEM Rd. The SAMAKH - TIBERIAS road can only be used in dry weather. In wet weather the transport is done by water (two barges and a steam tug).

TIBERIAS - NAZARETH road can be used in all weathers, except the last two kilos. before NAZARETH, which become impassable in wet weather.

NAZARETH - NABLUS road can be used in all weathers.

NABLUS - JERUSALEM road can only be used in wet weather with great difficulty. It becomes very greasy and muddy and lorries cannot climb the steep parts. 6 kilos. S. of NABLUS the road is quite impassable in wet weather. All the natives of the district have been forced to work on the road.

The above information was obtained from a deserter, who belonged to an M.T. Coy, and should be fairly reliable.

(b). The following tracks are said to be capable of being made fit for wheeled traffic without much labour:-

(1) BERUKIN (099.A.10.c) to SERTA (096.S.15.a) to BIDIEH (096.S.7.a-b) to SINIRIEH (004.L.34.central). From here to KH. KEFR THILTH (004.L.16.central) is the most difficult part of the track, where the ascent across WADY KANAH is very steep. Then to AZZUN (004.J.35.c). From here onwards the country becomes more undulating and less rocky. Only occasional levelling would be required. Through KEFR LUKIF (098.C.26.d) to KURYET HAJJA (096.P.13.a) to the S.E. of KEFR KADDUM (096.P.2.a) to KUSSEIN (096.G.24.a) and crossing to JAFFA-NABLUS road to DEIR SHARAF (096.X.7.c) along the new wagon road to SLBUSTIEH.

(2) BERUKIN (099.A.10.b) to KH. El FAKHAKHIR (096.S.26.central) and along WADI AUWAD to HARIS (096.T.3.b) to KEFR HARIS (096.T.3 & 4) to DEIR LSTIA (096.R.32.a) to JINSAFUT (096.P.31.a) to El FUNDUK (096.P.13.d) thence along JAFFA-NABLUS road to KURYET JIT (096.P.10.b) to KUSSEIN (096.G.24.a).

Of the above two tracks, the second would be easier to level and it avoids the bad pass across WADI KANAH.

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(c) ALZRAH LSH SHARKIYAH (099.L.22.a) to main road - well defined and suitable for wheels.
TURMUS AYA (099.J.35.c) to main road at J.33.b. and d - two tracks well worn by wheeled traffic (R.F.C. 29/1/18).

(d) The track from KURUNTUL (113.K.8.b) via WADY MAKUK, across WADY ASA to RUMMUN (113.A.7.a) to LT TAIYIBAH (113.S.19.a) to DAR J. RIF (113.S.7.c) to SALLAD (099.L.32.b) is reported as good and could possibly be made fit for wheels.

rack
A good track is reported from J. RUSALIM through SILWAN (100.J.19.a) down WADY EN NAF, through KH. DLIR IBN OHLID (100.L.23.central), LI MUNTAR (114.Q.12.a), JEBEL JOFLT SHARIF (114.P.31.b) to old road (114.P.9.a) westwards to LI MISKA (114.O.5.a) (20th Corps).

(e) There is a report that all Supply Depots were moved from AMMAN to KABR MUJAHID (JERUSALEM, 1/250,000, Q.2.) by motor lorry and that there is a regular Motor Lorry Service between the latter place and JERICHO. This would mean that there is a through road from AMMAN to JERICHO via KABR MUJAHID. This report requires confirmation. (P. of W.).

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

A deserter from the 19th Rgt on the 20th inst, states that the 54th Division has been disbanded and absorbed by the 7th Division. The latter is now said to consist of 19th 20th and 21st Regiments, each 1500 to 2000 strong. The 19th Rgt is in line near ALJDEL YABA (005.U.1). (21st Corps: 30/1/18).

Another deserter previously reported that the 19th Rgt was going to ^{re}join the 7th Division.

The above reports require confirmation.

4. CAUCASUS FRONT.

It is stated by natives of DIARBEKR that the whole force in that district with the exception of 2 battalions, left for ALEPPO late in December. This force possibly included the 11th and 6th Divisions. The 12th Division was also possibly in this force, but this is not so likely.

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5.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. at 0800 - 31/1/18 FEB 1918

Description.		Reading.	Diff: from prev. day
TEMPER- ATURE	6 a.m. today.	51°	- 1°
	Max. for prev. day	60°	+ 3°
	Min. for prev. night	45°	- 2°
HUMIDITY.		72%	- 0%
RAINFALL.		0	0
BAROMETER Movement during last 3 hours.		Rising 0.024 ins	- 0.019

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2. Up to 1/2/18 the following active batteries have been located in the VIII Army area:-

8	7.5 cm batteries	-	32	guns.
2	10.5 cm gun batteries	-	8	"
3	10.5 cm How. Batteries	-	12	Howitzers.
4	15 cm How. batteries	-	8	"

			60	Guns.

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JUFNA (M.18.a) Big spring in middle of town; will water 600-700 camels.

BIR EZ ZEIT (M.8.b). Spring and pool 40 sq metres, always full.

ABU KUSH (M.19.a). Poor spring.

AIN YEBRUD (N.19.a). Two cisterns and one well, normally enough for about 1,000 inhabitants. Good spring.

N.21.c. Spring. Water plentiful, but diminishes towards late summer.

NOTE: Where gallons per hour are given in the above list the source is R.E. patrols. Otherwise the information has been collated from European residents and native informants believed reliable.

(2) DEAD SEA COAST.

The peninsula and island of RUJM EL BAHR (114.V.17.b) no longer exist, having been crossed by a rise in water level.

The GHOR at the south end of the DEAD SEA is almost impassable for animals in the winter, owing to the extreme slipperiness of the surface. A detour is necessary round the southern edge of the GHOR.

The greater part of the eastern coast of the DEAD SEA is impassable. The mountains of MOAB fall very steeply into the water and there are long stretches of cliff.

Part of the west coast of EL LISAN (JERUSALEM 1/250,000 0.9) is also very precipitous and unapproachable from the water.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS. A deserter from the 19th Regt. states that the artillery near MEJDEL YABA, consists of a GERMAN artillery battalion, the H.Q. of which is in the village. (21st Corps: 31/1/18).

NOTE:- An artillery battalion would normally consist of three 4-gun batteries - two of 7.7 cm field guns and one of 10.5 cm field howitzers.

4. ORGANIZATION.

Passwords - Captured enemy orders show that in a detachment of the 24th Division a password was in use which changed at 1700 daily. Two words given are "TOP ISHARETI TUFEK" (signal gun) and "ISTAMBUL" (CONSTANTINOPLE).

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The following are extracts from captured enemy orders:-

1st bn: 2nd Rgt 11/12/17:- "The negligence and inaptitude amongst soldiers is obvious and attention of officers is drawn to this fact.

Desertion is increasing and stringent measures must be taken to check it.

Having regard to our serious position, every order must be carefully applied".

Detachment (? of 24th Division).

Orders- undated.- "Desertion is increasing in the battalions. This must be stopped and all suspicious men kept under surveillance by the N.C.O.'s.

6. ...METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. at 0800 - 2/2/18.

Description.		Reading.	Diff: from prev. day.
TEMPER- ATURE.	8 a.m. today.	53°	+ 5°
	Max. for prev. day	70°	+ 3°
	Min. for prev. night.	54°	+ 8°
HUMIDITY.		41%	- 12%
RAINFALL.		0	0
BAROMETER Movement during last 3 hours.		Rising 0.016"	0.004"

CORRIGENDA .

On map showing enemy disposition in TURKEY, issued with Intelligence Summary No: 109 of 1/2/18, the following corrections should be made:-

- (a) Under H.E.F. delete 58th Regt., and bracket 42nd and 55th Regts together as 58th Division.
- (b) Under "Troops on Palestine Front", delete the word "independent".

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SUMMARY OF WORK

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No. 67 Squadron, AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.
FEB 1918

DATE 1st February 1918.

TYPE	Pilot.	Observer	Duty	Hour of		Duration		Remarks.
				Departure.	Return	Hrs.	Mins.	
B.F. B1128	Lt. Spragg	Lt. Fletcher	Escort.	0900	1110	2	10	
" B1148	" Butler	Col. Berton	"	1310	1525	2	15	
M ^o SYDE A3946	" A. Brown	-	Photography	1255	1510	2	15	
" 1600	" L. Taplin	-	"	1257	1512	2	15	
B.F. B1129	Lt. Brown	Lt. Cashman	Reconnaissance	0850	1120	2	30	
" "	Lt. Tonkin	A/M Jensen	Escort	1350	1530	1	40	
M ^o SYDE 3945	Lt. Maughan	-	Photography	1215	1510	2	55	
B.F. A7200	Lt. Tonkin	A/M Jensen	Escort Duty	1230	1340		35	3 landings. Gun Trouble.
" "	Lt. Brown	Lt. Sutherland	Special Duty	1500	1505		5	Landed. Engine Trouble
" B1147	do.	A/M Blair	Test	1700	1710		10	
BE12A A6329	Lt. Paul	-	Practice	1015	1045		30	
" "	"	-	"	1125	1155		30	
BE2E 6826	"	-	To 111 Sqn. R.F.C.	0830	0835		5	
M ^o SYDE A3955	Lt. Kenny	-	Photography	1300	1510	2	10	
" A3944	Lt. Peters	-	do.	1300	1510	2	10	
B.F. A7194	Lt. Fraser	Lt. Finlay	Escort	1305	1505	2	0	
SUPPLEMENTARY 31.1.'18.								
B.F. B1146	Cpt. Deacon	Lt. Steele	Kantara to Jalis	1300	1435	1	35	
" "	Lt. Fraser	Cpl. Tucker	From 111 Sqn. R.F.C.	1700	1705		5	
BE2E 6826	Lt. Haig	Cpl. Smith	From Mejdal to Jaffe & return	1620	1800	1	40	
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No 67 Squadron, AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

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DATE 2nd February 1918.

TYPE	Pilot.	Observer	Duty	Hour of		Duration		Remarks.
				Departure.	Return	Hrs.	Mins	
B.F.	B1149	Lt. Taplin	-	1110	1305	1	55	
"	B1148	Lt. Haig	Lt. Kirk	1305	1645	3	40	
M ^c SYDE	A3945	Lt. Morgan	-	0930	1010		40	
"	"	Lt. Taylor	-	1040	1100		20	
B.F.	B1129	Lt. Brown	Lt. Traill	1015	1230	2	15	
"	A7200	Lt. Watt	Lt. Weir	0945	1015		30	
BE2E	6826	Lt. Sims	A/M Wellings	0840	0920		40	
"	"	"	"	0930	1010		40	
"	"	Lt. Curwen-Walker	-	1620	1645		25	
B.F.	B1150	Lt. Fraser	Lt. Finlay	1025	1225	2	0	
"	B1146	Lt. L. Potts	Lt. Hawley	1500	1520		20	
M ^c SYDE	A3955	Lt. Paul	-	1450	1525		35	
						14	0	
SUPPLEMENTARY 1. 2. '18.								
RE.8	A4405	Lt. Cameron	Lt. Kirk	1210	1515	3	5	
BE2E	6826	Lt. Paul	Lt. Hawley	1700	1710		10	
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DATE: 3rd February, 1918...

TYPE	Pilot.	Observer	Duty	Hour of		Duration		Remarks.
				Departure.	Return	Hrs.	Mins	
Mart.	A1600	Lt. Garson	Bomb Raid (Returned)	1128	1145		17 ✓	
"	A3946	" Tonkin	" "	1130	1310	1	40 ✓	
R.E.S.	A4405	" Cameron	Reconnaissance (Strat).	1145	1355	2	10 ✓	
B.F.	B1148	" Taplin	Escort.	1147	1337	1	50 ✓	
"	B1128	" Spragg	Test.	1150	1250	1	- ✓	
"	"	" A. Brown	"	1325	1455	1	30 ✓	
Mart.	A3945	Lt. Watt	Bomb Raid.	1130	1310	1	40 ✓	
B.F.	A7200	Lt. A. Brown	"	1140	1320	1	40 ✓	
"	B1129	Lt. C. Brown	"	1140	1320	1	40 ✓	
"	B1147	Lt. C. Brown	Test	1415	1445		30 ✓	
RE.8	4408	Lt. Taylor	"	1340	1420		40 ✓	
M ^c SYDE	A3944	Lt. Sims	Bomb Raid	1130	1310	1	40 ✓	
"	A3955	Lt. Peters	"	1130	1310	1	40 ✓	
B.F.	A7194	Lt. Potts	Escort Photography	1155	1300	1	5 ✓	
"	B1146	Lt. Fraser	Photography	1155	1300	1	5 ✓	
RE2E	6826	Lt. Paul	To Drop Message	1145	1230		50 ✓	
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No 67 Squadron, AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS. FEB 1918

DATE: February 4th, 1918.

TYPE	Pilot.	Observer	Duty	Hour of		Duration		Remarks.
				Departure.	Return	Hrs.	Mins	
B.F. 1148	Lt. Spragg	Sgt. Thomas	Test	0810	0840		30	
" "	Lt. Spragg	Lt. Beaton	Reconnaissance (Strat)	1010	1220	2	10	
Mart 3946	Lt. Tonkin		Bomb Raid	1010	1130	1	20	"A" Flt 6 52
" 1600	Lt. Garson		do	1008	1130	1	22	
B.F. 1128	Lt. Austin	Lt. Finlay	Escort Duty.	1015	1145	1	30	
B.F. 7200	Lt. Haig		Escort Duty	1035	1155	1	20	
" 1129	Lt. C. Brown	Lt. Cashman	Reconnaissance (Strat)	1015	1230	2	15	
Mart 3945	Lt. Watt		Bomb Raid	1005	1145	1	40	"B" Flt 7 25
B.F. 1147	Lt. Cameron	Cpl. Stocker	Test	1645	1710		25	
BE12 6328	Lt. Taylor		Bomb Raid	1005	1115	1	45	
BE2E 6826	Lt. Curwen-Walker		Practice	1050	1125		35	
" "	Lt. Headlam	Capt. Macaulay	To Ramleh	1215	1245		30	
" "	do	do	To Julie	1505	1545		40	
Mart 3944	Lt. Maughan		Bomb Raid	1010	1150	1	40	"C" Flt 10 5
" 3955	Lt. Paul		do	1010	1150	1	40	
B.F. 1146	Lt. Frazer	Cpl. Tucker	Test	0830	0900		30	
" "	do	Lt. Kirk	Photography	1140	1415	2	35	
" 7194	Lt. Kenny	Lt. Challinor	Photography (Engine Failure)	1145	1155		10	
" "	do	do	Photography	1200	1345	1	45	
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TYPE	Pilot.	Observer	Duty	Hour of		Duration		Remarks.
				Departure.	Return	Hrs.	Mins	
B.F.	B1149 Lt. Spragg	A/M Simpson	Test	1610	1655		45	"A" Flight
"	B1147 Lt. Brown	Sgt. Beard	"	1445	1505		20	"B" "
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DATE... February 6th 1918.

TYPE	Pilot.	Observer	Duty	Hour of		Duration		Remarks
				Departure.	Return	Hrs.	Mins	
BE12 6323	Lt. Carscon		Practice	1525	1625	1	0	
" 575	Lt. Blake		"	1525	1545		20	
Mart 1600	Lt. Taylor		"	1526	1630	1	4	
" 3946	Lt. Headlam		"	1527	1627	1	0	
BE12 575	Lt. Austin		Test	1550	1600		10	"A" Flt 5 4
B.F. 1149	Lt. Taplin	Lt. Lee	Reconnaissance (Strat)					
			Forced Landing	0940	1040	1	0	
" "	do	do	Junction Stn to Julis	1625	1655		30	
BE12 6328	Lt. C. Walker		Practice	0947	1037		50	
Mart 3945	Lt. Lukis		"	0945	1000		15	
" "	Lt. Headlam		"	0855	0925		30	
" "	Lt. Lukis		"	1430	1455		25	"B" Flt 8 15
" "	do		"	1525	1630	1	5	
BE12 6328	Lt. C. Walker		"	1430	1630	2	0	
B.F. 1147	Lt. Watt	A/M. Mochrie	"	0955	1045		50	
" "	Lt. Cameron	A/M. Watts	"	1530	1530	1	0	
" 1124	Lt. C. Brown	Lt. Traill	To Jaffa	0940	1030		50	
" "	do	do	From Jaffa	1205	1235		30	
BE2E 6826	Lt. Dowling	Lt. Weir	Practice	0850	0920		30	
Mart 3944	Lt. Sims		"	1435	1455		20	
" "	Lt. Maughan		"	1525	1625	1	0	"A" Flt 3 50
" 3955	Lt. Paul		"	1525	1625	1	0	
BE12 6329	Lt. Dowling		"	1525	1625	1	0	
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DATE: FEBRUARY 7th 1918

TYPE	Pilot.	Observer	Duty	Hour of		Duration		Remarks.
				Departure.	Return	Hrs	Min	
			N I L					"A" FLT NIL
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SUPPLEMENTARY. 6/2/1918.								
BEZE 6826	Lt. Tonkin	A/M. Grier	To Ramleh	1430	1505		35	
" "	do	do	To Julis	1635	1715		40	
B.F. 7194	Lt. L.M. Potts	Lt. Traill	Reconnaissance (Strat) (Gun Failure)	1535	1550		15	"C" FLT 3 10
" "	do	do	Reconnaissance (Strat)	1600	1740	1	40	

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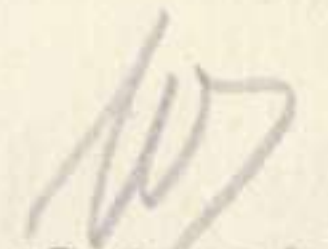
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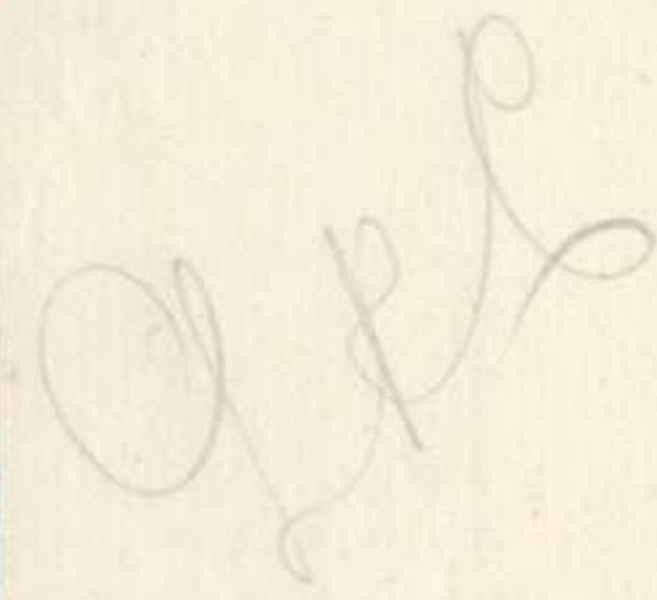
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TYPE	Pilot.	Observer	Duty	Hour of Departure.	Hour of Return	Duration Hrs. Mins.	Remarks.
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DATE: FEBRUARY 9th 1918.

TYPE	Pilot.	Observer	Duty	Hour of Departure. Return		Duration Hrs. Mins		Remarks.
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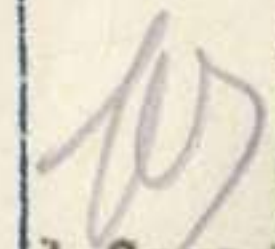
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DATE: FEBRUARY 10th 1918.

TYPE	Pilot.	Observer	Duty	Hour of		Duration		Remarks.
				Departure.	Return	Hrs.	Mins.	
B.F. 1148	Lt. Spragg	Lt. Vyner	Escort Duty	1250	1455	2	5	"A" Flt 4 25
" 1128	Lt. Austin	Lt. Finlay	Reconnaissance (Strat)	1250	1510	2	20	
B.F. 1147	Lt. Cameron	Lt. Fletcher	Reconnaissance (Strat) (not completed)	1510	1630	1	20	"B" Flt 1 20
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DATE...11th. February 1918.

No. 67 Squadron, AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

TYPE	Pilot.	Observer	Duty	Hour of		Duration		Remarks.
				Departure.	Return	Hrs.	Mins	
M ^o SYDE A3946	Lt. Tonkin	-	Photography ✓	0950	1150	2	0	
B.FTR. B1128	Lt. Austin	Lt. Finlay	Escort	0940	1150	1	50	
M ^o SYDE A1600	Lt. Taplin	-	Photography ✓	1000	1150	1	50	
B.FTR. B1149	Lt. Haig	Lt. Traill	Reconnaissance (Wash out)	0900	0910		10	
"	Lt. Spragg	Sgt. Kilburn	Test	1000	1130	1	25	
M ^o SYDE A1600	Lt. Taplin	-	Photography	1330	1610	2	40	
B.FTR. B1148	Lt. Spragg	Lt. Vyner	Escort	1400	1610	2	10	
BE12A A 575	Lt. Blake	-	Practice	1425	1510		45	
BE12A A6328	Lt. Morgan	-	Test	1040	1130		50	
B.FTR. A7200	Lt. Kenny	Lt. Challiner	Escort	1015	1045		30	
" B1147	Lt. Cameron	Lt. Cashman	Reconnaissance Strat.	1040	1220	1	40	
" "	Lt. Cameron	Lt. Cashman	do. do.	0900	0925		25	
M ^o SYDE A3945	Lt. Watt	-	Photography	0955	1205	2	10	
" "	Lt. Watt	-	do.	1340	1535	1	55	
BE2E 6826	Lt. Haig	Cpt. Macaulay	To Belah	1330	1400		30	
" "	Cpt. Smith	Lt. Mustard	To Julia	1530	1600		30	
BE12A A6329	Lt. Keane	-	Practice	1515	1535		20	
M ^o SYDE A3955	Lt. Maughan	-	Photography	0940	1150	2	10	
" "	Lt. Maughan	-	do.	1345	1610	2	25	
" A3944	Lt. Paul	-	do.	0930	1135	2	5	
B.FTR. B1146	Lt. Fraser	Lt. Kirk	Photography & Reconnaissance (Gun Failure)	1005	1015		10	
" "	Lt. Fraser	Lt. Kirk	Photography & Reconnaissance	1030	1305	2	35	
" A7194	Lt. Potts	A/M Jensen	Escort	1035	1240	2	5	
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No 67 Squadron, AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

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DATE FEBRUARY 12th 1918.

TYPE	Pilot.	Observer	Duty	Hour of		Duration		Remarks.
				Departure.	Return	Hrs.	Mins	
Mart 1600	Lt. Tonkin	Lt. Lee	Bomb Raid	0955	1325	3	30	"A" Flt 7 10
" 3946	Lt. Spragg		Test	0910	1015	1	5	
B.F. 1149	Lt. Taplin		Reconnaissance (Strat)	1055	1330	2	35	
B.F. 7200	Capt. Addison	Sergt. Custance	Test	1030	1045	3	15	"B" Flt 7 0
BE12 6328	Lt. C. Walker		Bomb Raid	1005	1325	3	20	
Mart 3945	Lt. Headlam		do	0955	1320	3	25	
BE2E 6826	Lt. Taylor	Sergt. Baird	To Junction Stn (Engine Failure)	0715	0725		10	
B.FTR. B1146	Lt. Fraser	Lt. Kirk	Escort & Reconnaissance	1015	1325	3	10	
" A7194	Lt. Potts		Bombing Escort	1015	1315	3	0	
M' SYDEA3944	Lt. Paul	Lt. Mustard	Bombing	1000	1320	3	20	
B.FTR. B1150	Cpt. Smith		Reconnaissance	1100	1245	1	45	
M' SYDEA3955	Lt. Lukis		Bombing (engine trouble, forced landing)	1000	1015		15	
" "	Lt. Lukis	-	To Julis	1410	1415		5	
				<u>SUPPLEMENTARY 11.2.'18.</u>				
BE2E 6826	Lt. Cameron	Lt. Cashman	To Belah	1630	1700		30	
" 6826	Cpt. Addison		Lt. Fysh	To Julis	1715	1745		
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No 1 Squadron, AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

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DATE: FEBRUARY 13th 1918.

TYPE	Pilot	Observer	Duty	Hour of		Duration		Remarks	
				Departure	Return	Hrs	Mins		
BE12 6323	Lt. Garson	Lt. Finlay	Test	0910	0922		12		
" 575	Lt. Taplin		"	0930	0955		25		
B.F. 1149	Lt. Austin		Escort	1000	1220	2	20		
Mart 1600	Lt. Taylor		Bomb Raid (Wash Out)	1050	1155	1	5		
BE12 6323	Lt. Blake		" " " "	1100	1300	1	0	"A" Flt 8 22	
" "	Lt. Taplin		Search for Martinsyde	1325	1355		30		
" 575	Lt. Blake		Practice	1420	1510		50		
Mart 3946	Lt. Tonkin		Test	1430	1605	1	35		
B.F. 1128	Lt. Austin		A/M. Keritz Cpl. Smith	"	1545	1555		10	
" 1148	Lt. Spragg			"	1700	1715		15	
Mart 3945	Lt. Lukis	Lt. Fysh	Bomb Raid	1055	1400	3	5		
BE12 6328	Lt. Dowling		" "	1105	1205	1	0	"B" Flt 7 15	
" "	Lt. Taylor		Special duty	1335	1405		30		
B.F. 7200	Capt. Addison		Escort Duty	1115	1355	2	40		
B.F. 7194	Lt. Peters	Lt. Challiner Lt. Traill Cpl. Bennett	Escort duty	1000	1210	2	10		
" 1146	Capt. Smith		Escort (Bombing)	1110	1400	2	50	"C" Flt 8 40	
" 1150	do		Test	1600	1620		20		
Mart 3944	Lt. Sims		Bomb Raid	1050	1350	3	0		
BE2E 6826	Capt. Smith		Test	1650	1710		20		
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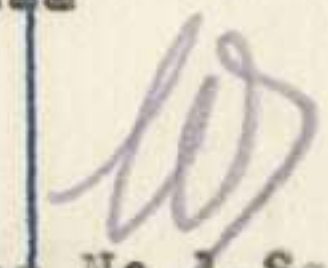

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DATE: FEBRUARY 18th 1918

TYPE	Pilot.	Observer	Duty	Hour of		Duration		Remarks.
				Departure.	Return	Hrs	Mins	
SUPPLEMENTARY. 12.2.18.								
BE12 6323	Lt. Garson		Bomb Raid landed at Beersheeba	0950	1305	3	15 ✓	"A" FLT 4 35
" "	do		Beersheeba to Mejdol	1635	1710		35 ✓	
" 575	Lt. Taplin		To Junction Stn landed 5 mins	1645	1720		40 ✓	
B.F. 1148	Lt. Austin	Cpl. Smith	Julis to Mejdol	0945	0950		5 ✓	
B.F. 1147	Lt. Kenny	Lt. Traill	Photography & Escort	-	-	1	30 ✓	landed at Jnct Stn "B" FLT 1 50
" "	do	do	Junction to Mejdol	1700	1720		20 ✓	
BE12 6329	Lt. Austin		To Beersheeba	1520	1550		30 ✓	"C" FLT 1 0
" "	do		Beersheeba to Mejdol	1645	1715		30 ✓	
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Date 14th February 1918

Type	Pilot	Observer	Duty	Hour of—		DURATION		Remarks
				Departure	Return	Hrs.	Mins.	
M ^o SYDE A1600	Lt. Taplin	-	Photography	1000	1140	1	40 ✓	
B.FTR. B1148	Lt. Spragg	Lt. Vyner	Reconnaissance Strat.	1025	1225	2	0 ✓	
M ^o SYDE A3946	Lt. Tonkin	-	Photography	1010	1140	1	30 ✓	
" A1600	Lt. Spragg	-	do.	1530	1630	1	0 ✓	
BE12A A 575	Lt. Rogers	-	do.	1530	1545		15 ✓	
" A6323	Lt. Taplin	-	do.	1530	1630	1	0 ✓	
M ^o SYDE A3946	Lt. Tonkin	-	do.	1530	1630	1	0 ✓	
B.FTR. B1128	Lt. Austin	Lt. Finlay	do.	1530	1620		50 ✓	
B.FTR. A7200	Cpt. Addison	Sgt. Reilly	Test	1025	1045		20 ✓	
" B1147	Lt. Watt	A/M Jensen	Reconnaissance Strat.	1030	1225	1	55 ✓	
M ^o SYDE A3945	Lt. Headlam	-	Photography	1000	1135	1	35 ✓	
" "	Lieut. Watt	-	do.	1535	1630		55 ✓	
" "	Lt. Dowling	-	Practice	1445	1500		15 ✓	
B.FTR A7200	Cpt. Addison	Lt. Fysh	Formation Flying	1525	1625	1	0 ✓	
" A7200	Lt. Taylor	A/M Eleranto	Practice	1645	1700		15 ✓	
BE12A A6328	do.	-	"	1105	1210	1	5 ✓	
" "	do.	-	Formation Flying	1530	1635	1	5 ✓	
M ^o SYDE A3944	Lt. Paul	-	Photography	0955	1135	1	40 ✓	
" do.	Lt. Peters	-	Formation Flying	1530	1600		30 ✓	
B.FTR B1146	Cpt. Smith	Lt. Mustard	Escort (Gun failure)	1010	1020		10 ✓	
" "	do.	do.	Escort	1035	1145	1	10 ✓	
" A7194	Lt. Potts	Lt. Traill	do.	1010	1145	1	35 ✓	
" "	do.	do.	Formation Flying	1530	1630	1	0 ✓	
" B1150	Cpt. Smith	Cpt. Hawley	do.	1540	1630		50 ✓	
BE2E 6826	Lt. Keane	-	Test	1545	1620		35 ✓	
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FEB 1918

Date February 15th 1918.

Type	Pilot	Observer	Duty	Hour of—		DURATION		Remarks
				Departure	Return	Hrs.	Mins.	
Mart 1600	Lt. Taplin		Photography	0815	1120	3	5	
" 3946	Lt. Lukis		Photography (Wash Out)	0815	0835		20	
B.F. 1148	Lt. Spragg	A/G. Jensen	Escort	0900	1040	1	40	
" 1128	Lt. Austin	Lt. Lee	Reconnaissance (Strat)	0900	1115	2	15	
Mart 1600	Lt. Taplin		Photography	1455	1610	1	15	
B.F. 1148	Lt. Spragg	Lt. Mulford	do	1455	1550		55	"A" Flt 13 30
BE12 6323	Lt. Blake		do	1450	1620	1	30	
B.F. 1149	Lt. Austin	Lt. Finlay	do	1450	1605	1	15	
BE12 575	Lt. Rogers		do	1450	1555	1	5	
B.F. 1128	Lt. Austin	A/M. Durbridge	Test	1630	1640		10	
B.F. 7200	Capt. Addison	Lt. Fysh	Escort Duty	0925	1140	2	15	
Mart 3945	Lt. Headlam		Photography	0815	1020	2	5	
" "	Lt. Lukis		Special duty	1450	1605	1	15	
" "	Lt. Dowling		Practice	1620	1640		20	
B.F. 7200	Lt. Watt	Lt. Traill	Reconnaissance (Strat)	0930	1130	2	0	"B" Flt 10 50
" "	Capt. Addison	Lt. Sutherland	Special Duty	1450	1630	1	40	
" "	Lt. Headlam	A/M. Baker	Practice	1655	1700		15	
BE12 6328	Lt. Morgan		Test	1455	1535		40	
" "	do		Special duty	1650	1710		20	
B.F. 1150	Capt. Smith	Lt. Mustard	Escort	0835	1130	2	55	
" 7194	Lt. L. Potts	Lt. Challiner	"	0835	1110	2	35	
" "	do	A/M. Luxton	Formation Flying	1445	1600	1	15	"C" Flt 10 25
" 1150	Capt. Smith	Capt. Hurley	" "	1505	1620	1	15	
" 1146	Capt. Deacon	Lt. Kirk	Escort	1325	1405		40	
Mart 3944	Lt. Paul		Photography	0810	0955	1	45	
						34	45	
			<u>S U P P L E M E N T A R Y 13.2.18</u>					
BE12 6329	Lt. Frazer		To Menshiyeh	1315	1350		35	
Mart 3955	Lt. Maughan		Bombing Forced landing	1050	1130		40	
						1	15	"C" Flt

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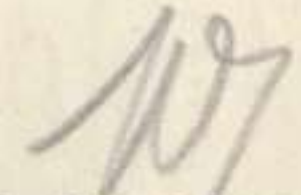
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FEB 1918

Date February 16th 1918

Type	Pilot	Observer	Duty	Hour of—		DURATION		Remarks	
				Departure	Return	HRS.	MINS.		
B.F. 1128	Lt. Austin	Lt. Finlay	Reconnaissance (Strat)	0940	1145	2	5 ✓		
Mart 1600	Lt. Taplin		Photography	0955	1330	3	35 ✓		
" 3946	Lt. Lukis		Photography (Wash Out)	0955	1055	1	0 ✓		
B.F. 1148	Lt. Spragg	Lt. Vyner	Escort Duty	1025	1320	2	55 ✓		
BE12 6323	Capt. Long		Practice	1125	1155		30 ✓	"A" Flt 12 0	
" "	Capt. Palmer		"	1540	1620		40 ✓		
" 575	Capt. Cave		"	1100	1200	1	0 ✓		
" "	Capt. Hall		"	1600	1615		15 ✓		
B.F. 7200	Lt. Taylor	A/M. Sims	Practice	1010	1040		30 ✓		
BE12 6328	Lt. Garland		"	1110	1205		55 ✓		
" "	Lt. Huntley		"	1555	1630		35 ✓	"B" Flt 7 10	
B.F. 1147	Lt. Watts	Lt. Traill	Reconnaissance (Strat)	0930	1150	2	20 ✓		
Mart 3945	Lt. Headlam		Photography	0950	1240	2	50 ✓		
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BE12 6329	Lt. Frazer		Menshiyeh to Julis	0705	0730		25 ✓		
B.F. 1146	Capt. Deacon	Lt. Kirk	Escort Duty	0930	1215	2	45 ✓		
" 7194	Lt. Peters	A/G. Jensen	" "	1005	1235	2	30 ✓		
" 1150	Capt. Smith	Capt. Hurley	Photography	1130	1420	2	50 ✓	"C" Flt 10 40	
BE2E 6826	Lt. Paul	Lt. Challiner	To Palestine Bgs H.Qrs & Rtn	0930	1045	1	15 ✓		
" "	Lt. Frazer		To Menshiyeh	1135	1155		20 ✓		
" "	do		To Julis	1500	1515		15 ✓		
" "	Capt. Evans		Practice	1620	1640		20 ✓		
						29	50		


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Date 17th. Feb. 1918.

Type	Pilot	Observer	Duty	Hour of—		DURATION		Remarks
				Departure	Return	Hrs.	Mins.	
B.FTR. B1128	Lt. Austin	Lt. Lee	Reconnaissance Strat.	0930	1150	2	20	} 7 - 35
" B1149	Lt. Spragg	Lt. Challinor	Escort	0930	1150	2	20	
BE12A A6323	Lt. Taplin	-	Photography	1035	1200	1	25	
M'SYDE A1600	Lt. Lukis	-	do.	1055	1225	1	30	
M'SYDE A3945	Lt. Headlam	-	Photography	1040	1200	1	20	} 5 - 35
B.FTR. A7200	Cpt. Addison	Lt. Fysh	Reconnaissance Strat.	0940	1140	2	0	
" B1147	Lt. Taylor	A/M Jensen	Escort	0930	1145	2	15	
BE2E 6826	Lt. Paul	Lt. Challinor	To Desert Corps Hd. Qrs & Return	1105	1215	1	10	} 8 - 20
" "	Lt. Fraser	-	To Arak-el-Menshiyeh	1400	1415		15	
" "	do.	-	To Julis	1525	1550		25	
B.FTR. B1146	Lt. Peters	Lt. Mustard	Escort	1115	1220	1	5	} 4 - 30
" A7194	Lt. Potts	Lt. Traill	do.	1105	1215	1	10	
BE12A A6329	Cpt. Smith	-	Test	1515	1540		25	
						17	40	

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Date 18th February 1918

Type	Pilot	Observer	Duty	Hour of—		DURATION. Hrs. Mins.	Remarks
				Departure	Return		
B.F. B1148	Lt. Spragg	A/M Soames	Test.	0845	0905	2 } 2.55	
Mart. A3946	" Gardon		"	0900	0925		
B.F. B1148	" Austin	Lt. Finlay	Reconnaissance (Strat)	0920	1130		
B.F. A7200	Lt. Taylor	A/M Eloranto	Test.	1145	1205	2 } 3.55	
" "	" Headlam	" Reeman	Practice.	1500	1525		
" B1147	" Watt	Lt. Challinor	Reconnaissance (Strat)	0915	1125		
Mart. A3945	" Morgan		Practice	1430	1515		
" "	" Walker		"	1515	1530		
B.F. A7194	Lt. Potts	Lt. Kirk	Photography	1000	1215	2 } 5.45	
" B1150	Capt. Smith	" Mustard	"	1000	1220		
BE12. A6329	"		Test.	1450	1515	2 } 15.15	
Mart. A3955	Lt. Fraser		Menshiye to Julis.	0950	1005		
BE2E. 6826	" "	Lt. Paul	To Menshiye	0835	0850		
" "	" Paul	Cpl. Chadwick	To Julis	0945	1000		

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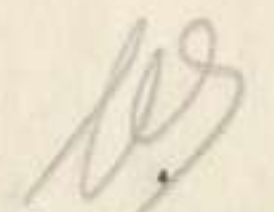
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Type	Pilot	Observer	Duty	Hour of—		DURATION. Hrs. Mins.	Remarks
				Departure	Return		
						"A" Flt	Nil
Mart 3945	Lt. C. Walker		Practice	1515	1545	30 ✓	
B.F. 1147	Lt. Taylor	Lt. Traill	Escort	0610	0820	2 10 ✓	
" 7200	Capt. Addison	Lt. Fysh	Reconnaissance (Strat)	0615	0835	2 20 ✓	
" "	Lt. Headlam	A/M. Reeman	Practice	1505	1540	35 ✓	"B" Flt 6 20
" "	Lt. Lukis	A/M. Muley	"	1630	1655	25 ✓	
" 7198	Capt. Addison	Cpl. Bond	Test	1625	1645	20 ✓	
B.F. 1146	Lt. Frazer	Lt. Mustard	Wireless Test	0910	0920	10 ✓	
" "	do	do	Reconnaissance (Strat)	1115	1400	2 45 ✓	
" 1150	Lt. Peters	Lt. Challiner	Reconnaissance (Strat)	1110	1345	2 35 ✓	
" 7194	Lt. L. Potts	Sgt. Jones	Test	1500	1520	20 ✓	"C" Flt 6 50
BE2E 6826	Lt. Blake		Practice	1415	1500	45 ✓	
Mart 3955	Capt. Smith		Test	1130	1145	15 ✓	
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BE2E 6826	Major. Williams	A/M. Wellings	To Ramleh	1105	1135	30	
" "	do	do	To Julis	1630	1700	30	"C" Flt 1 0


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Date 20.2.18. 19

Type	Pilot	Observer	Duty	Hour of—		DURATION		Remarks	
				Departure	Return	Hrs.	Mins.		
B.F. B1148	Lt. Spragg	Lt. Vyner	Reconnaissance	Strat.	1112	1358	2	46 ✓	
" B1128	Lt. Taplin	Lt. Lee	do.	do.	1120	1400	2	40 ✓	
" B1149	Lt. A. Brown	Sgt. Thomas	Test		1530	1545		15 ✓	
BE12A A6323	Lt. Blake	-	Bomb Raid		1415	1700	2	45 ✓	
" SYDEA1600	Lt. Lukis	-	do.		1416	1700	2	44 ✓	
" SYDEA8945	Lt. Walker	-	do.						
B.F. A7200	Cpt. Addison	Lt. Fysh	Escort		1420	1705	2	35 ✓	
B.F. B1150	Lt. Potts	Lt. Traill	Reconnaissance	Strat.	0615	0900	2	45 ✓	
" B1146	Cpt. Smith	Lt. Mustard	do.	do.	0605	0900	2	55 ✓	
" A7192	Lt. Fraser	A/M Woodgate	From No. 111 Sqn.		1100	1110		10 ✓	
BE2E 6826	Cpt. Smith	-	To Khurbet Duran		1035	1055		20 ✓	
" "	do.	Col. Burton	To Julis		1110	1130		20 ✓	
							<u>20</u>	<u>25</u>	

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Date 21st. February 1918

Type	Pilot	Observer	Duty	Hour of—		DURATION		Remarks
				Departure	Return	Hrs.	Mins.	
B.FTR. B1148	Lt. Spragg	Lt. Vyner	Test	1050	1110	20	✓	
M ^o SYDE A1600	Lt. Blake	-	Practice	1005	1020	15	✓	
" "	Lt. Austin	-	Test	1200	1215	15	✓	
B.FTR B1149	Lt. A. Brown	A/M. Bawden	"	1525	1540	15	✓	1.35
" A7196	Lt. Spragg	A.M. Grier	"	1555	1625	30	✓	
M ^o SYDE A3945	Lt. Morgan	-	Practice	1330	1350	20	✓	
" "	Lt. Walker	-	"	1425	1510	45	✓	
" "	Lt. Morgan	-	"	1530	1600	30	✓	
" "	Lt. Robinson	-	"	1615	1630	15	✓	2.40
B.FTR. A7198	Lt. Taylor	A/M Schacht	Gun Test	1620	1640	20	✓	
" A7200	Cpt. Addison	" Duckett	Practice	1550	1605	15	✓	
BE12A A6328	Lt. Baker	-	Test	1107	1122	15	✓	
BE12A A6329	Cpt. Smith	-	Test	1145	1215	30	✓	
" "	Lt. Burton	-	Practice	1415	1440	25	✓	2.10
" "	Lt. Adair	-	"	1440	1500	20	✓	
" "	Lt. Robinson	-	"	1500	1520	20	✓	
" "	Lt. Walker	-	"	1525	1600	35	✓	
<u>SUPPLEMENTARY 20.2.'18.</u>						6	25	
M ^o SYDE A3945	Lt. Walker	-	Bomb Raid	1410	1735	3	5 ✓	Landed for 20 minutes.
BE12A A6328	Lt. Dowling	-	do.	1410	1740	3	30 ✓	
B.FTR. B1147	Lt. Headlam	Lt. Challiner	Escort	1420	1735	3	15 ✓	
BE12A A6329	Lt. Morgan	-	Bomb Raid	1415	1745	3	30 ✓	
M ^o SYDE A3955	Lt. Paul	-	do.	1415	1730	3	15 ✓	
						16	35	

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Date 22nd February, 1918

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Type	Pilot	Observer	Duty	Hour of—		DURATION		Remarks
				Departure	Return	Hrs.	Mins.	
BE12A 6329	Capt. Smith	Nil.	Test	0950	1015		25	
FE2B 7194	Lt. Potts, L.	A/M Gillett	"	0955	1015		20	
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Type	Pilot	Observer	Duty	Hour of—		DURATION		Remarks
				Departure	Return	Hrs.	Mns.	
MART. 1600	Lt. Blake	-	Test	0855	0910	15 ✓		
" "	Lt. J.M.Walker	-	Practice	0930	0955	25 ✓		"A" Flight - 1 0
B.Ftr. 7196	Lt. Taplin	A.M. Grier	Test	1640	1700	20 ✓		
B.Ftr. 1147	Lt. Cameron	A.M. Pask	Practice	1545	1600	15 ✓		
" " "	Lt. Lukis	" Loveday	"	1610	1635	25 ✓		"B" Flight - 40
BE12a 6329	Lt. Fraser	-	Test	1600	1625	25 ✓		
B.Ftr. 1146	Major Williams	-	To Khirbet Duran	1605	1625	20 ✓		"C" Flight - 1 5
" "	" "	-	To Julis	1645	1705	20 ✓		

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Date 24th February 1918.

Type	Pilot	Observer	Duty	Hour of—		DURATION		Remarks		
				Departure	Return	Hrs.	Mins.			
B.FTR. B1149	Lt. A. Brown	Lt. Lee	Reconnaissance	Strat.	1340	1550	2	10 ✓	"A" Flight	
" B1148	Lt. E. L. Spragg	Lt. Vyner	Escort		1340	1550	2	10 ✓		
									Nil "B" Flight	
B.FTR. B1150	Cpt. Smith	Lt. Mustard	Reconnaissance (Engine Trouble)		1350	1400		10 ✓		
" A7194	"	"	do.	Strat.	1415	1645	2	30 ✓	"C" "	
M ^c SYDE A3955	Lt. Potts	-	Test		1615	1625		10 ✓		
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Date 25.2.18 19.....

Type	Pilot	Observer	Duty	Hour of—		DURATION		Remarks
				Departure	Return	Hrs.	Mns.	
B.F. 1128	Lt. Austin	Lt. Finlay	Reconnaissance (Strat.)	0800	1020	2	20 ✓	
" 1109	Lt. Taplin	Lt. Challinor	Escort Duty	0805	1015	2	10 ✓	
Mart. 1600	Lt. Haig	-	Bomb Raid	1035	1430	3	55 ✓	
" "	Lt. Blake	-	Practice	1520	1540		20 ✓	"A" Flight 9 40
" "	Lt. J.M. Walker	-	"	1540	1550		10 ✓	
B.F. 1148	Lt. Spragg	Cpl. Smith	Test	1450	1520		30 ✓	
Mart. 1600	Lt. J.M. Walker	→	Practice	1645	1700		15 ✓	
Mart. 3945	Lt. Dowling	-	Test	0815	0830		15 ✓	
" "	"	-	Bomb Raid	1035	1400	3	25 ✓	
B.F. 7198	Lt. Taylor	Lt. Cashman	Escort Duty	1100	1410	3	10 ✓	"B" Flight 10 40
" "	Lt. Lukis	A.M. Davern	Practice	1545	1615		30 ✓	
" 1147	Lt. Cameron	Lt. Kirk	Escort & Photography	1055	1415	3	20 ✓	
B.F. 1150	Capt. Smith	Capt. Hurley	Photography	1100	1410	3	10 ✓	
" "	"	Cpl. Bennet	Test	0855	0905		10 ✓	"C" Flight 3 20
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			SUPPLEMENTARY 20.2.18					
Mart. 3946	Lt. Garson	-	Bomb Raid	1417	1600	1	43 ✓	
			SUPPLEMENTARY 24.2.18					
F.B. 7198	Mjr. Williams	-	Special Duty	1535	1710	1	35 ✓	
" 7200	Capt. Addison	-	"	1540	1710	1	30 ✓	
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Major,
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Date: 26th. February 1918

Type	Pilot	Observer	Duty	Hour of—		DURATION		Remarks
				Departure	Return	Hrs.	Mins.	
B.FTR.B1149	Lt.A.R.Brown	Lt.Finlay	Reconnaissance Strat.	1445	1650	2	5 ✓	
B.FTR.B1147	Lt.Cameron	Cpl.Oldfield	Test	1540	1605		25 ✓	
M ^o SYDE A3955	Cpt.Smith	-	Test	0950	1010		20 ✓	
B.FTR. A7194	Lt.Potts	A/M Jensen	Escort	1440	1645	2	5 ✓	
<u>SUPPLEMENTARY 25.2.'18.</u>								
B.FTR.A7192	Lt.Peters	A/M Cameron	Test	1725	1740		15. ✓	

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Type	Pilot	Observer	Duty	Hour of—		DURATION		Remarks
				Departure	Return	Hrs.	Mns.	
F2B 1150	Capt. Smith	Cpl. Bennett	To Jaffa and return	1535	1635	1	0	"C" Flight 1 0 "A" Flight &) "B" Flight) Nil.
					Total	1	0	

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 Captain,
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Date 28.2.18 19 . .

Type	Pilot	Observer	Duty	Hour of—		DURATION		Remarks
				Departure	Return	Hrs.	Mns.	
MART. 1600	Lt. Blake	-	Practice	0940	1100	1	20 ✓	
" "	Lt. J.M. Walker	-	"	1105	1145		40 ✓	"A" Flight 3 50
F2B. 1148	Lt. Spragg	Lt. Challinor	Reconnaissance (Strat.)	1100	1250	1	50 ✓	
F2B 1147	Lt. Cameron	Lt. Kirk	Photo. Reconnaissance	0955	1145	1	50 ✓	
" "	"	"	"	1420	1645	2	25 ✓	
" 7198	Lt. Lukis	Lt. Fysh	Reconnaissance (Strat.)	1000	1200	2	0 ✓	
MART. 3945	Lt. Morgan	-	Practice	1455	1530		35 ✓	"B" Flight 7 40
" "	Lt. Dowling	-	"	1530	1545		15 ✓	
" "	Lt. Robinson	-	"	1545	1620		35 ✓	
MART. 3955	Lt. Paul	-	Practice	0945	1010		25 ✓	
" "	Lt. Adair	-	"	1015	1105		50 ✓	
" "	"	-	"	1405	1420		15 ✓	
" "	Lt. Burton	-	"	1110	1130		20 ✓	
" "	"	-	"	1505	1545		40 ✓	
F2B 7194	Lt. Kenny	Lt. Mustard	Photography	0955	1130	1	35 ✓	
" 1150	"	"	"	1435	1630	1	55 ✓	"C" Flight 11 5
" "	Capt. Smith	Capt. Hurley	"	0930	1130	2	0 ✓	
" 1146	Lt. Fraser	Lt. Traill	From Jaffa	0830	0905		35 ✓	
" "	"	A.M. Juckham	Test	1555	1620		25 ✓	
" 7194	Capt. Smith	" Luxton	"	1420	1445		25 ✓	
" 7192	Lt. Peters	Sgt. Horscroft	"	1500	1530		30 ✓	
B.E.2E6826	Lt. Adair	A.M. Wellings	"	0830	0835		15 ✓	
" "	Lt. Taylor	Lt. Sutherland	To Khurbet Duran	0950	1010		20 ✓	
" "	"	"	To Mejdal	1110	1145		35 ✓	
						22	35	
			<u>Supplementary</u>	<u>24.2.18</u>				
F2B 1146	Lt. Fraser	Lt. Traill	Reconnaissance (Forced Landing at Jaffa)	1410	1630	2	10	

S.W.A.
for Major,
Commanding No. 1 Squadron, A.F.C. Captain