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			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WAR DIARY - MARCH 1918.</u></p> <p><u>MAP REFERENCES.</u> - References to places throughout the Diary itself refers to the Palestine Exploration Map, Scale 1/250,000.</p> <p>References to Maps in Reports and Appendices refer to the Map Issue, Scale 1/63,360.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p>	<p>Appendix 10.</p> <p>Appendix 10.</p> <p>MAR 1918</p>



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MEJDEL (Palestine) (Aerodrome)			<p>The Unit was stationed at an Aerodrome 2 miles North East of the town of MEJDEL near the shores of the MEDITERRANEAN SEA throughout the month of MARCH 1918. This aerodrome is undulating, and is situated in a small ridge of hills which stand higher than the surrounding country, consequently it drains well, and on no occasion when weather was otherwise favourable was it impossible to carry out the work owing to having wet ground. The aerodrome and camp site is sandy - the surrounding flat country is a dark clay soil and very sticky.</p>	Appendix 10.																										
(Organisation of Flying Corps on Palestine Front)			<p>The following is the organisation of the Flying Corps on the Palestine Front during the month: No. 142 Squadron, R.A.F. started to form during the month and became part of the 40th (Army) Wing, R.A.F.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PALESTINE BRIGADE, R.A.F.</u></p> <table><thead><tr><th colspan="3">40th (Army) Wing, R.A.F.</th><th colspan="2">5th (Corps) Wing, R.A.F.</th></tr><tr><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th><th></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>No. 111 Squadron, R.A.F. (Scouts, -S.E.5's & Nieuports)</td><td>No. 142 Squadron, R.A.F. (Bombing -Martinsydes & B.E.12.A's)</td><td>No. 1 Squadron, A.F.C. (2 seaters - Bristol Fighters Strategical reconnaissance, Photography, etc.)</td><td>No. 14 Sqn. R.A.F. (Attached XX Corps R.E.8's)</td><td>No. 113 Sqn. R.A.F. (Attached XXI Corps R.E.8's)</td></tr></tbody></table>	40th (Army) Wing, R.A.F.			5th (Corps) Wing, R.A.F.							No. 111 Squadron, R.A.F. (Scouts, -S.E.5's & Nieuports)	No. 142 Squadron, R.A.F. (Bombing -Martinsydes & B.E.12.A's)	No. 1 Squadron, A.F.C. (2 seaters - Bristol Fighters Strategical reconnaissance, Photography, etc.)	No. 14 Sqn. R.A.F. (Attached XX Corps R.E.8's)	No. 113 Sqn. R.A.F. (Attached XXI Corps R.E.8's)												
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MEJDEL (PALESTINE)	1.3.18		<u>Machines:-</u> Serviceable 13, Unserviceable 3.	
		1000	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - Eastern Area - viz.- SHUNET NIMRIN - AMMAN - KISSAR - ES SALT.	APPENDIX
		to	(Pilot Lt. T. Taylor - Observer, Lieut. H. Fysh) <u>Escort</u> (Pilot Lt. G. C. Peters, Observer Lt. J. H. Traill)	2. No.
		1220	returned owing to engine failure.	A218
		1030	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - EL KERAK - KUTRANI.	Appendix
		to	(Pilot Lt. R. A. Austin, M.C. - Observer Lt. G. Finlay, escorted by Pilot, Lt. L. E. Taplin, Observer, Lt.	2. No.
		1310	R. T. Challinor)	A219
		1150	<u>PHOTOGRAPHIC RECONNAISSANCE</u> - Between SHUNET NIMRIN and ES SALT.	
		to	(Pilot, Lt. H. Fraser, Observer, Lt. A. Kirk)	
		1430		
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 18 hours 50 minutes.	Appendix
			<u>Number of plates exposed.</u> 19	11(1)
	2.3.18		<u>Machines:-</u> Serviceable 14, Unserviceable 1.	
		1010	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - Western Area - SINJIL - LUBBAN - NABLUS - TUL KERAM - KULUNSAWEH.	Appendix
		to	(Pilot, Lt. F. W. Haig, Observer, Lt. O. M. Lee escorted by Pilot, Lt. L. M. Potts, Observer, Lt. J. H. Traill)	2. No. A220
		1310		
		0925	<u>Photographic Reconnaissance</u> - Between RIVER JORDAN and ES SALT. - Three machines - Pilots, Lts. A. V. Tonkin,	
		to	C. N. Watt, and Capt. R. M. Smith, M.C. - Observers, Lts. R. T. Challinor, W. P. Cashman, M.C., and E. A. Mustard.	
		1225		
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 21 hours 55 minutes.	Appendix
			<u>Number of plates exposed</u> - 126	11 (2)

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MEJDEL (Palestine)	3.3.18	1000	<u>Machines</u> :- Serviceable 13, Unserviceable 2. <u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - SHUNET NIMRIN - ES SALT - AMMAN - KISSAR. (Pilot Capt. R.M. Smith, M.C., Observer, Lt.E.A. Mustard, escorted by Pilot. Lt.A.R. Brown, Observer Lieut.O.M. Lee)	Appendix 2.No.A221
		1245	<u>Photographs</u> .- Aspect photos No 245 (Tunnel and viaduct South of AMMAN) was taken on this reconnaissance	Appendix 6.
		0930	<u>Photographic Reconnaissance</u> - Area South of ANEBTA - Three machines - Pilots, Lieuts C.C. Cmaeron, to E.L. Spragg, and F.W. Lukis, Observers, Lieuts.A. Kirk, R.T. Challinor, and H. Fysh.)	
		1210	<u>Time flown during the day</u> . 18 hours 45 minutes. <u>Number of plates exposed</u> 104.	Appendix 11 (3)
	4.3.18	1000	<u>Machines</u> :- Serviceable 14, Unserviceable 1. <u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> KALKILIEH - TUL KERAM- NABLUS -HUWARRA. (Pilot Lieut.R.A. Austin, M.C., Observer, Lieut.G. Finlay, escorted by Pilot, Lieut. F.W. Haig, Observer, No.Aus/506, Cpl. Jensen, N.P.B.)	Appendix 2 No.A222
		1230		
		0930	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> -EL KERAK - KUTRANI. (Pilot Capt.R.M. Smith,M.C., Observer, Lieut.E.A. Mustard), while escorting bomb-raid.	Appendix2 No.A223
		1245	<u>Photos.-Aspect</u> . Numbers 252 and 253 of German Aerodrome and Railway Station at KUTRANI, and Bridge, over Wadi on KERAK - KUTRANI Road near EL LELLUN, respectively. Also No. 254 of KERAK Town .	Appendix 6 Do. Do.
		0900	<u>Bomb Raid</u> - Two machines on German Aerodrome at KUTRANI (Pilots, Lieuts.A.V. Tonkin and R. Burton,) escorted by two Bristol Fighters (Pilots, Capt. R.M. Smith, M.C., and Lieut -T.Taylor, Observers, to Lieut. E.A. Mustard and W.P. Cashman M.C.)	Appendix 3 (1)
		1245	<u>Time Flown during the day</u> 25 hours 35 minutes. <u>Number of Plates exposed</u> . 5 <u>Number of bombs dropped</u> 22 - 20 lbs (Coopers)	Appendix 11 (4)

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MEJDEL (Palestine)	5.3.18		Machines - Serviceable 15, Unserviceable Nil.	
		0900	Strategical Reconnaissance - HUWARA - YASUE - SELFIT ROAD and Area enclosed this road on the East and	Appendix 2. No. A224
		to	the TUL KERAM-KALKILIEH ROAD on the West.	
		1045	(Pilot Lieut. E.S. Headlam, Observer Lieut. E.B.S. Beaton; escorted by Pilot Lieut. C.N. Watt, Observer Capt. T.C. Macaulay.)	
		0700	Strategical Reconnaissance - KALAT EL HASA.	Appendix 2. No. A225
		to	(Pilot Lieut. G.C. Peters, Observer Lieut. J.H. Traill) while escorting bomb-raid.	
		1048		
		0905	Strategical Reconnaissance - Area GHORANIYA BRIDGE - SHUNET NIMRIN - ES SALT.	Appendix 2. No. A226
		to	(Pilot Lieut. K.A.R. Brown, Observer Lieut. Lieut. O.M. Lee) while on patrol (E.A.)	Appendix 6
		1140	Photos.-Aspect. Nos. G2193, and G2194 of ES SALT town and AMMAN Railway Station. (While on patrol)	
		0700	Bomb Raid. 3 machines on hostile troops at KALAT EL HASA. (Pilots Lieuts. L.B. Garson, A.J. Morgan, and	Appendix 3 (2)
		to	R.S. Adair) escorted by 1 Bristol Fighter (Pilot Lieut. G.C. Peters, Observer Lieut. J.H. Traill)	
		1048		
		0935	Combat in the Air - 5 D3 Albatross Scouts attacked our Strategical Reconnaissance (2 Bristol Fighters)	Appendix 5 (1 & 2)
			5 miles S.E. JALFULIE. The combat was indecisive.	
			Time flown during the day . 23 hours 45 minutes.	Appendix 11. (5)
			Number of Plates exposed 13	
			Number of bombs dropped 34 (20lb. Coopers)	
	6.3.18		Machines - Serviceable 13 Unserviceable 2	
		1055	Strategical Reconnaissance - NABLUS - TUL KERAM - KALKILIEH.	Appendix 2. No. A227
		to	(Pilot Lieut. H. Fraser, Observer Lieut. H. Fysh; escorted by Pilot Lieut. H. Blake, Observer Lieut. W.P. Cashman, M.C.	
		1225		
		0920	Photographic Reconnaissance - 2 machines - Area strip of country East from Kalkilieh to the BIREH -NABLUS	
		to	ROAD. (Pilots Lieuts. E.L. Spragg and C.C. Cameron; Observers Lieuts. Lieuts. R.T. Challinor and A. Kirk;	
		1125	escorted by Pilot Lieut. E.P. Kenny, gunner No. Aus/506, Cpl. Jensen, N.P.B.)	

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MEJDEL (Palestine)	6.3.18	1215 to 1440	Bomb Raid. - 3 machines. On troops and transport at SHUNET NIMRIN and ES SALT. (Pilots Lieuts. R. Burton, D. Dowling, and J. M. Walker escorted by Pilot Lieut. F. W. Haig, Observer Lieut. G. Finlay)	Appendix 3 (3)
			Time flown during the day 23 hours 27 minutes	Appendix 11 (6)
			Number of Plates exposed 33	
			Number of Bombs dropped 36 - 20lb. Coopers	
	7.3.18		Machines-serviceable 12, unserviceable 3	
		0900 to 1215	Strategical Reconnaissance - SHUNET NIMRIN - ES SALT - AMMAN - KISSIR. (Pilot Capt. R. M. Smith, M.C., Observer Lieut. E. A. Mustard; escorted by Pilot Lieut. C. N. Watt, Observer Lieut. E. B. S. Beaton.)	Appendix 2 No. A228
		1020 to 1300	Photographic Reconnaissance - 2 machines. Area West of KAKON to the sea. (Pilots Lieuts. F. Lukis and A. V. Tonkin, Observers Lieuts. A. Kirk and O. M. Lee; escorted by Pilot Capt. R. A. Austin M.C., Observer Lieut. G. Finlay.)	
			Time flown during the day 15 hours 30 minutes	Appendix 11 (7)
			Number of plates exposed 16	
	8.3.18		Machines - Serviceable 12, Unserviceable 3	
		1230 to 1445	Strategical Reconnaissance - SINJIL - NABLUS - TULKERAM - KALKILIEH. (Pilot Lieut. L. B. Carson, Observer Lieut. O. M. Lee; escorted by Pilot Lieut. L. M. Potts, Observer Lieut. J. H. Traill). No photographs owing to clouds.	Appendix 2 No. A229.
			Time flown during the day 6 hours 35 minutes.	Appendix 11 (8)

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MEJDEL (Palestine)	9.3.18.		Machines - Serviceable, 13, Unserviceable 2	
		0600	Strategical Reconnaissance - SHUNET NIMRIN - ES SALT - JISR ED DAMIE - NABLUS.	Appendix 2.No.A230
		to	(Pilot Capt.R.A.Austin M.C., Observer Lieut.G.Finlay; escorted by Pilot Lieut.A.R.Brown, Observer	
		0900	Lieut.O.M.Lee).	
		1100	Strategical Reconnaissance - Same area as above.	Appendix 2.No.A231
		to	(Pilot Lieut.E.S.Headlam, Observer Lieut.H.Fysh; escorted by Pilot Lieut.H.Fraser, Observer	
		1350	Lieut.J.H.Traill).	
			Photographs - Aspect No.319 of bombs bursting South of LUBBAN (taken by Lieut.A.Kirk during bomb raid).	Appendix 6.
		1350	Bomb Raid.- 3 machines on troops, transport and camps North of SINJIL on the BIREH-NABLUS Road.	Appendix 3 (4)
		to	(Pilots Lieuts.D.Dowling, R.S.Adair and J.M.Walker escorted by 2 Bristol Fighters - Pilots Lieuts.	
		1605	C.C.Cameron and G.C.Peters, Observers Lieuts.P.Cashman M.C. and A.Kirk).	
			Time flown during the day - 23 hours 20 minutes.	Appendix 11 (9)
			Number of plates exposed 5	
			Number of bombs dropped 29-20 lbs.	
	10.3.18		Machines - Serviceable 14, Unserviceable 1.	
		0600	Strategical Reconnaissance - SHUNET NIMRIN - ES SALT - JISR ED DAMIE - NABLUS.	Appendix 2.No.A232
		to	(Pilot Capt.S.W.Addison, Observer Lieut.H.Fysh escorted by Pilot Lieut.F.Lukis, Observer	
		0845	Lieut.E.B.S.Beaton).	

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MEJDEL (Palestine)	10.3.18		<p>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</p> <p><u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - Same area as above. (Pilot Capt. R.M.Smith, M.C., Observer Lieut. E.A. Mustard; escorted by Pilot Lieut. C.S.Paul, Observer Lieut. R.T.Challinor.</p> <p>The above reconnaissances in co-operation with our troops advancing as ^{side} the BIREH-NABLUS ROAD.</p> <p>1010 <u>Bomb Raid</u> - 3 machines on camps and troops at LUBBAN. to (Pilots Lieuts. J.M.Walker, R.Burton, and A.J. Morgan) escorted by 2 Bristol Fighters) Pilots 1215 Lieuts. E.L.Spragg and J.H.Butler, Observers Lieuts. A.Kirk and O.M.Lee)</p> <p>1450 <u>Bomb Raid</u> - 3 machines on troops and transport in vicinity of HUWARA. to (Pilots Lieuts. D.Dowling, L.B.Garson, R.S.Adair) escorted by 2 Bristol Fighters (Pilots Lieuts. 1640 H.Blake and L.M.Potts; Observers Lieut. J.H.Traill and Aus/506, Cpl. Jensen, N.P.B.)</p> <p>1100 <u>M.G. Attack on Troops and Transport</u> - On BIREH-NABLUS ROAD in vicinity of LUBBAN. 200 rounds by Lieut. A.Kirk whilst escorting bomb raid.</p> <p><u>Time flown during the day</u> - 33 hours 35 mns. <u>Number of Plates exposed</u> - 18 <u>Number of Bombs Dropped</u> - 69 - 20lb.</p>	<p>Appendix 2.No. A233</p> <p>Appendix 3 (5)</p> <p>Appendix 3 (6)</p> <p>Appendix 4 (1)</p> <p>Appendix 11 (10)</p>
	11.3.18		<p>Machines - Serviceable 14, Unserviceable 1.</p> <p>Clouds prevented any work being done on this day although three attempts were made to get reconnaissances done.</p> <p><u>Time flown during the day</u> - 8 hours 25 minutes.</p>	<p>Appendix 11 (11)</p>

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MEJDEL (Palestine)	12.3.18		Machines - Serviceable 14 Unserviceable 1.	
		1120 to 1400	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - KALKILIEH - TULKERAM - NABLUS - HAWARA. (Pilot Capt. R. M. Smith M.C., Observer Lieut. E. A. Mustard escorted by Pilot Lieut. C. S. Paul Observer No. Aus/506 Cpl. Jensen N.P.B.) (This machine was forced to land near WILHELMA with a broken oil pump - a mechanic and pump were sent out and he returned on 13th inst.). Further work was impossible owing to clouds. <u>Time flown during the day</u> - 8 hours 55 minutes.	Appendix 2. No. A234 A234. Appendix 11 (12)
	13.3.18		Machines - Serviceable 12 - Unserviceable 3.	
		1300 to 1500	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - MESSUDIEH - TULKERAM - KULUNSWIEH. (Pilot Lieut. L. M. Potts, Observer Lieut. E. B. S. Beaton escorted by Pilot Lieut. E. Kenny, Observer Lieut. J. H. Traill). Further work was impossible owing to clouds. <u>Time flown during the day</u> - 9 hours 50 minutes.	Appendix 2. No. A235 Appendix 11 (13)
	14.3.18		Machines - Serviceable 12 - Unserviceable 3.	
		1030 to 1330	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - MESSUDIEH - TULKERAM - KULUNSAWIEH. (Pilot Lieut. A. V. Tonkin, Observer Lieut. R. T. Challinor).	Appendix 2. No. A236
		1000 to 1320	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - SHUNET NIMRIN - ES SALT - DAMIE - NABLUS - HAWARA - SAWIEH. (Pilot Capt. R. M. Smith M.C., Observer Lieut. E. A. Mustard)	Appendix 2. No. A237

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MEJDEL (Palestine)	14.3.18	1120 to 1330	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - KAKON Defence System. Observations made by Lieut. O.M. Lee during photographic reconnaissance.	Appendix 2, No. A238
		1120 to 1330	<u>Photographic Reconnaissance</u> - KAKON Defence System. (Pilots Lieuts. C.N. Watt and E.S. Headlam, Observers Lieuts. O.M. Lee and A. Kirk).	
		1030 to 1240	<u>Bomb Raid</u> - 2 machines on Bridge over River JORDAN at JISR ED DAMIE (Pilots Lieuts. H.S.R. Maughan and A.J. Morgan escorted by Pilots Captains S.W. Addison and R.A. Austin M.C., Observers Lieuts. H. Fysh and G. Finlay)	Appendix 3. (7)
		1145	<u>Machine Gun attack on Troops and Camps</u> at JISR ED DAMIE 1000 rounds by Lieuts. H. Fysh and G. Finlay whilst escorting a Bomb Raid on JISR ED DAMIE.	Appendix 4 (2 & 3)
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 24 hours 45 minutes. <u>Number of Plates exposed</u> - 50 <u>Number of Bombs dropped</u> - 3 - 112 lbs.	Appendix 11 (14)
			Machines - Serviceable 12 - Unserviceable 3	
	15.3.18		Clouds and mist prevented any work being done on this day. <u>Time flown during the day</u> - 25 minutes	Appendix 11 (15)

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MEJDEL (Palestine)	16.3.18		Machines - Serviceable 12 - Unserviceable 3.	
		1100 to 1220	<u>Patrol</u> - Hostile Aircraft - over RAMLEH during the presence of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. (Pilot Lieut.G.C.Peters, Observer Lieut.J.H.Traill) No further work was possible owing to clouds.	
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 3 hours 35 minutes	Appendix 11 (16)
	17.3.18		Machines - Serviceable 13 - Unserviceable 5.	
			Three new Bristol Fighters (2 Mk.I Rolls Royce and 1 Mk.III Rolls Royce) Nos.C4840, B1223 and B1229 were received on this day. No work was possible owing to rain and clouds. <u>Time flown during the day</u> - 5 hours	Appendix 11 (17)
	18.3.18		Machines - Serviceable 16 - Unserviceable 2.	
		0830 to 1100	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - SHUNET NIMRIN - ES SALT - JISR ED DAMIE - ED FERWEH (Pilot Lieut.H.Blake, Observer Lieut.E.A.Mustard escorted by Pilot Lieut.E.L.Spragg, Observer Lieut. R.T.Challinor)	Appendix 2.No.A239
		1600 to 1800	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - Report on tracks from River JORDAN to ES SALT by Lieut.E.A.Mustard whilst on Photographic Reconnaissance.	Appendix 2.No.A240
		1215 to 1510	<u>Patrol</u> - Enemy Aircraft - TALAT ED DUMM to River JORDAN covering concentration of out troops in this area prior to operations in the direction of AMMAN. (Pilot Lieut.C.S.Paul, Observer Lieut.Dawson R.F.C.)	

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MEJDEL (Palestine)	18.3.18	1550 to 1755	<u>Patrol</u> - as above by (Pilot Lieut.E.S.Headlam, Observer Lieut.A.Kirk)	
		1510 to 1710	<u>Escort to Bomb Raid</u> - by 2 machines of No.142 Squadron, R.F.C. on Bridge over JORDAN at JISR ED DAMIE (Pilot Lieut.E.Kenny, Observer Lieut.E.B.S.Beaton)	
		1600	<u>M.G. attack on XXXX Camps and Cavalry</u> - at JISR ED DAMIE. 250 rounds by Escort Machine whilst escorting above Bomb Raid.	Appendix 4 (4)
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 20 hours 15 minutes.	Appendix 11 (18)
	19.3.18		Machines - Serviceable 17 - Unserviceable 2.	
			1 Bristol Fighter No.C4623 received on this date.	
		1010 to 1220	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - HUWARA - NABLUS - TULKERAM - HANUTA. (Pilot Lieut.T.Taylor, Observer Lieut.H.Fysh escorted by Pilot Lieut.H.S.R.Maughan, Observer Lieut. J.H.Traill)	Appendix 2.No.A241
			A reconnaissance of the area towards AMMAN was prevented by clouds.	
		0900 to 1230	<u>Bomb Raid</u> - 3 machines (also 3 from No.142 Squadron, R.F.C.) on aerodrome and railway station at KUTRANI, (Pilots Lieuts.F.W.Haig, A.W.Murphy and A.J.Morgan escorted by 2 Bristol Fighters (1)Pilot Lieut. A.V.Tonkin, Observer Lieut.Dawson R.F.C. (2) Pilot Capt.R.A.Austin M.C., Observer Lieut.O.M.Lee, the latter machine failed to return as also did 1 Martinsyde flown by Capt.E.G.Evans M.C. No.142 Squadron, R.F.C.)	Appendix 3 (8)
			It was afterwards learnt from a message from Capt.Evans (dropped by Hostile Aircraft) that he (Capt. Evans) had been forced to land near KERAK with engine trouble and that Capt.R.A.Austin M.C. and Lieut. O.M.Lee had landed to assist him but in so doing had broken 1 wheel and could not get off again. These officers were taken prisoners by the Turks.	MAR 1918



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MEJDEL (Palestine)	19.3.18			
		0710	Escort to Bomb Raid by 2 machines of No.142 Squadron, R.F.C. on Bridge over JORDAN at JISR ED DAMIE.	
		to	(Pilot Lieut.C.C.Cameron, Observer Lieut.A.Kirk)	
		0920		
		1340	Escort to Bomb Raid as above.	
		to	(Pilot Lieut.L.B.Garson, Observer No.506 Cpl.Jensen N.P.B.)	
		1550		
		1430	Search for missing machines - Area KUTRANI - KERAK.	Appendix
		to	(Pilots Capt.R.M.Smith M.C. and Lieut.C.N.Watt, Observers Lieuts.E.A.Mustard and R.T.Challinor)	2.No.A242
		1715		
		0820	Combat in the Air - 2 enemy machines (1 D3 Albatross Scout and 1 two-seater Rumpler) were attacked by Pilot Lieut.C.C.Cameron, Observer Lieut.A.Kirk whilst escorting Bomb Raid near Wadi AUJA. The combat was indecisive - enemy machines getting away in the clouds.	
			Time flown during the day - 35 hours 8 minutes	Appendix
			Number of Bombs dropped - 1 - 230 lbs	11 (19)
			22 - 20 "	
	20.3.18		Machines Serviceable 14 - Unserviceable 5.	
		0900	Strategical Reconnaissance - SHUNET NIMRIN - ES SALT - AMMAN - KISSIR - ED DAMIE.	Appendix
		to	(Pilot Capt.R.M.Smith M.C., Observer Lieut.E.A.Mustard escorted by Pilot Lieut.H.Fraser Observer	2.No.A243
		1150	Lieut.E.B.S.Beaton)	
		1000	Photographic Reconnaissance - KAKON Defence System.	
		to	(Pilots Capt.S.W.Addison and Lieut.F.Lukis, Observers Lieuts.H.Fysh and A.Kirk)	
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MEJDEL (Palestine)	20.3.18			
		0900	Bomb Raid - 2 machines on Bridge over River JORDAN at JISR ED DAMIE	Appendix 3 (9)
		to	(Pilots Kixxkx Lieut. F.W.Haig and Lieut. R.S. Adair escorted by Pilot Lieut. J.H.Butler, Observer	
		1115	Lieut. R.T. Challinor).	
		1455	Bomb Raid - 1 Machine on Bridge over River JORDAN at JISR ED DAMIE	Appendix 3 (9)
			(Pilot Lieut.F.W.Haig escorted by Lieut.C.S.Paul, Observer Lieut.R.T.Challinor)	
		1600	M.C. attack on camels and camps - at JISR ED DAMIE. 500 rounds by Escort Machine to above Bomb Raid.	Appendix 4 (5).
		0950	Search for missing machines - Area KERAK-BEERSHEBA.	
		to	(Pilot Lieut.L.M.Potts, Observer Lieut.J.H.Traill) (No result)	
		1250		Appendix 11 (20)
		0950	Time flown during the day - 26 hours 55 minutes	
			Number of plates exposed - 89	
			Number of Bombs dropped - 2 - 112 lbs. 2 - 230 "	
	21.3.18		Machines - Serviceable 12 - Unserviceable 6	
		1100	Strategical Reconnaissance - MEDEBA - KASTAL - AMMAN - ES SALT - ED DAMIE.	Appendix 2.No.A244
		to	(Pilot Capt.R.M.Smith M.C., Observer Lieut.E.A.Mustard)	
		1400	Photographs. Aspects Nos.388 - 407 of Caravan Routes from JORDAN to ES SALT - Railway Station at AMMAN - AMMAN Town - Road from ES SALT to AMMAN and Bridge over JORDAN at JISR ED DAMIE - Road from SHUNET NIMRIN to DAMIE.	MAR 1918
		1000	Photographic Reconnaissance - Various areas to complete maps on TULKERAM and NABLUS sheets of 1/40,000	
		to	Map series. (Pilots Lieuts.C.N.Watt and E.S.Headlam, Observers A.Kirk and E.B.S.Beaton)	
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MEJDEL (Palestine)	21.3.18			
		0850 to 1120	Bomb Raid - 3 machines on Bridge over JORDAN at JISR ED DAMIE. (Pilots Lieuts. R. Burton, J. K. Curwen-Walker and F. W. Haig escorted by 2 Bristol Fighters Pilots Lieuts. A. R. Brown and H. Blake, Observers Lieut. Repton, R. F. C. and Lieut. Dawson, R. F. C.)	Appendix 3 (10)
		1430 to 1700	Bomb Raid - 1 machine on same objective as above (Pilot Lieut. A. W. Murphy escorted by Pilot Lieut. C. C. Camerin, Observer Lieut. R. T. Challinor)	Appendix 3 (11)
			Time flown during the day - 37 hours 10 minutes Number of Plates exposed - 38 Number of Bombs dropped - 8 - 112 lbs.	Appendix 11 (21)
	22.3.18		Machines - Serviceable 13 - Unserviceable 6	
		0600 to 0930	Strategical Reconnaissance - MADEBA - KASTAL - AMMAN - ES SALT (Pilot Lieut. E. Lukis, Observer Lieut. E. B. S. Beaton)	Appendix 2. No. A245
		0705 to 1005	Strategical Reconnaissance - HUWARA - NABLUS - ED DAMIE - ES SALT (Pilot Capt. D. W. Rutherford, Observer Lieut. A. Kirk escorted by Pilot Lieut. J. Walker, Observer No. 506 Cpl. Jensen N. P. B.)	Appendix 2. No. A246
		1145 to 1445	Strategical Reconnaissance - MADEBA - AMMAN - SUWEILEH - ES SALT (Pilot Capt. R. M. Smith M. C., Observer Lieut. E. A. Mustard escorted by Lieut. H. Fraser Pilot Lieut. H. Fraser, Observer Lieut. J. H. Traill)	Appendix 2. No. A247
			Photographs. Aspects Nos. 513 and 515 of Towns of MADEBA and ES SALT taken by Lieut. E. A. Mustard on above reconnaissance.	Appendix 6
		1515 to 1745	Strategical Reconnaissance - ED DAMIE - ES SALT (Pilot Capt. S. W. Addison, Observer Lieut. H. Fysh escorted by Pilot Lieut. E. L. Spragg, Observer Lieut. R. T. Challinor)	Appendix 2. No. A248

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MEJDEL (Palestine)	22.3.18		<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 29 hours 30 minutes. <u>Number of Plates exposed</u> - 2	Appendix 11 (22)
	23.3.18		Machines - Serviceable 15, Unserviceable 4. Morning reconnaissances were prevented by clouds.	
		1320 to 1620	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - AMMAN - ES SALT - DAMIE - HUWARA (Pilot Lieut. A.V. Tonkin, Observer Lieut. R.T. Challinor escorted by Pilot Lieut. D. Dowling, Observer No. 506, Cpl. Jensen, N.P.B.)	Appendix 2.No. A250
		1335 to 1620	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - GHOR-EL-HADITE - KERAK - KASTAL - MADEBA (Pilot Lieut. H. Fraser, Observer Lieut. J.H. Traill, escorted by Pilot Lieut. G.C. Peters, Observer Lieut. Dawson, R.F.C.)	Appendix 2.No. A250
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> 20 hours.	Appendix 11 (23)
	24.3.18.		Machines - Serviceable 15, Unserviceable 4.	
		0610 to 0935	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - HUWARA - NABLUS - ED DAMIE - AMMAN (Pilot Capt. S.W. Addison Observer Lieut. H. Fysh, escorted by Pilot Lieut. F.W. Lukis, Observer Lieut. E.B.S. Beaton.	Appendix 2.No. A251
		0615 to 0900	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - KASR - RABBA - MADEBA - KASTAL - LEBAN (Pilot Lieut. A.R. Brown, Observer Lieut. A. Kirk; escorted by Pilot Lieut. F.W. Haig, Observer Lieut. R.T. Challinor).	Appendix 2.No. A252
		0615 to 0855	<u>Bomb Raid</u> - 1 machine (with machines from No. 142 Squadron, R.F.C.) on troops at SHUNET NIMRIN. (Pilot Lieut. A.J. Morgan) escorted by 2 Bristol Fighters (Pilots Capt. R.M. Smith, M.C., and Lieut. E. Kenny, Observers Lieuts. E.A. Mustard and J.H. Traill.)	Appendix 3 (12)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MEJDEL (Palestine)	24.3.18	0800	M.G. Attack on Troop Train - At LIBBEN (near LEBAN) 800 rounds by machines doing second reconnaissance as above. Time flown during the day - 23 hours Number of of Bombs dropped - 12 20lbs.	Appendix 4 (6) Appendix 11 (24)
	25.3.18		Machines - Serviceable 15, Unserviceable 5 One Bristol Fighter (Mark III Rolls-Royce) No.C4624 received. No work was possible during the day owing to clouds and rain. Time flown during the day - 1 hour 20 minutes.	Appendix 11 (25)
	26.3.18		Machines - Serviceable 13, Unserviceable 7.	
	0635 to 0935		Strategical Reconnaissance - HUWARA - NABLUS - KH. FERWEH - ED DAMIE (Pilot Lieut. G.C.Peters, Observer Lieut. J.H.Traill; escorted by Pilot Lieut. C.S.Paul, Observer Lieut. H.Letch M.C.)	Appendix 2.No.A253
	0615 to 0915		Strategical Reconnaissance - MADEBA - KASTAL. (Pilot Lieut. T.Taylor, Observer Lieut. E.B.S. Beaton, escorted by Pilot Lieut. C.N.Watt, Observer Lieut. R.A.Camm)	(Report missing)
	0800 to 1045		Bomb Raid - 1 machine (with machines from No.142 Squadron, R.F.C.) on BRIDGE over JORDAN River at JISR ED DAMIE. (Pilot Lieut. F.J.McGinness D.C.M., escorted by Pilots Lieut. H.Blake and Lieut. L.M.Potts, Observers Lieut. C.J.Vyner and Lieut. Dawson, R.F.C.) Time flown during the day - 29 hours 25 minutes. Number of Bombs dropped - 11 20lbs.	Appendix 3 (13) Appendix 11 (26)

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MEJDEL (Palestine)	27.3.18		Machines - Serviceable 11, Unserviceable 9.	
		0605 to 0910	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - HUWARA - NABLUS - DAMIE - AMMAN. (Pilot Lieut. E.S.Headlam Observer Lieut. A.Kirk, escorted by Pilot Lieut. D.Dowling, Observer Lieut.C.J.Vyner)	Appendix 2.No.A254
		0600 to 0845	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - EL YADUDE - AMMAN - ZERKA (Pilot Lieut. J.M.Walker, Observer Lieut. G.Finlay, escorted by Pilot Capt. D.W.Rutherford Observer Lieut. J.McElligott)	Appendix 2.No.A255
		1135 to 1455	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - KERAK - KUTRANI - KASTAL. (Pilot Capt. S.W.Addison Observer Lieut. H.Fysh, escorted by Pilot Lieut. F.W.Lukis, Observer Lieut. R.Camm)	Appendix 2.No.A256
		1250 to 1535	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - ES SAWIEH - NABLUS - DAMIE - AMMAN. (Pilot Lieut. R.W.Haig, Observer Lieut. J.H.Traill, escorted by Pilot Lieut. H.Blake, Observer Lieut. Repton, R.F.C.)	Appendix 2.No.A258
		1650 to 1850	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - DAMIE - MAFRAK - ZERKA - AMMAN. (Pilot Lieut. H.Fraser, Observer Lieut. E.B.S.Beaton; escorted by Pilot Lieut.H.S.R.Maughan, Observer Lieut. C.J.Vyner.)	Appendix 2.No.A258
		0805 to 1025	<u>Bomb Raid</u> - 1 machine (with machines from No.142 Squadron, R.F.C.) on troops and camps in Wadi FARAH near DAMIE. (Pilot Lieut. H.Brasor, escorted Pilots Capt.R.M.Smith M.C. and Lieut. G.C. Peters, Observers Lieut.E.W.Sutherland MC,DCM, and No.506, Cpl. Jensen, N.P.B.)	Appendix 3 (14)
		1520 to 1755	<u>Bomb Raid</u> - 1 machine (with machines from No.142 Squadron, R.F.C.) on troops and Rolling stock at KASTAL. (Pilot Lieut. S.A.Nunan, escorted by Pilot Lieut. C.S.Paul, Observer Lieut.W.P.Cashman, MC)	Appendix 3 (15)
		1435	<u>M.G. Attack on Cavalry</u> at S.W. of KUTRANI. 220 rounds fired by Lt.H.Fysh while on reconnaissance.	Appendix 4 (7)
			1 Bomb was also dropped here.	Appendix 3 (14)

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MEJDEL (Palestine)	27.3.18	1630	M.G. Attack on Cavalry. - at KASTAL 200 rounds fired by Lieut. W.P. Cashman M.C., whilst escorting bomb raid.	Appendix 4 (8)
		0710	Combat in the Air - Our reconnaissance machines near KISSAR attacked a hostile 2-seater (A.E.G.) and forced it to land. Information later from the Light Horse was to the effect that this machine was destroyed by the Germans.	Appendix 5 (5 & 6)
		0745	Combat in the air - Our reconnaissance at AMMAN attacked two enemy 2-seaters (A.E.G.) both of which landed at AMMAN	Appendix 5 (4)
			Time flown during the day - 48 hours 58 minutes	Appendix 11 (27)
			Number of bombs dropped - 13 - 20 lbs.	
	28.3.18		Machines serviceable 9, unserviceable 10	
		0610 to 0900	Strategical reconnaissance - HUWARRA - NABLUS - DAMIE - ZERKA - AMMAN. (Pilot Lieut. H. Fraser, Observer, Lieut. J.H. Traill, escorted by Pilot, Lieut. C.S. Paul Observer, Lieut. F. Hawley)	Appendix 2 (A.259)
		0620 to 0910	Strategical reconnaissance - KERAK - KUTRANI - ZIZR - KASTAL . (Pilot Lieut. T. Taylor, Observer, Lieut. R.T. Challinor)	Appendix 2 (A.260)
		1445 to 1750	Strategical reconnaissance DAMIE - ES SALT - ZERKA - AMMAN. (Pilot Lieut. F.W. Haig, Observer, Lieut. G. Finlay)	Appendix 2 (A.261)
		1600 to	Strategical reconnaissance. HUWARRA - NABLUS - BALATA - WADI el ABIAD. (Pilot Capt. R.M. Smith, M.C., Observer, Lieut. E.A. Mustard)	Appendix 2 (A.262)
			Time flown during the day. 24 hours 50 minutes	

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MEJDEL (Palestine)	29.3.18			
	0600 to 0830		<u>Machines</u> :- Serviceable 12, Unserviceable 7 <u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> . KALAT ed DABAA - ZIZR - KASTAL - AMMAN (Pilot, Lt. A.R. Brown, Observer, Lieut. E.B.S. Beaton, escorted by Pilot, Lieut. J.M. Walker, Observer Lieut. H. A. Letch, M.C.)	Appendix 2. No. A263
	0800 to 1130		<u>Strategical reconnaissance</u> . DAMIE - ZERKA - AMMAN (Pilot Capt. R.M. Smith, M.C. Observer Lieut. E.A. Mustard, escorted by Pilot, Lieut. H.S.R. Maughan, Observer, Lieut. F. Hawley)	Appendix 2 No. A264
	1245		<u>Bomb raid</u> - One machine (with machines of No. 142 Squadron, R.A.F.) on railway station at ZERKA (Pilot Lieut. E.C. Stooke, D.C.M., escorted by 2 Bristol Fighters, Pilots. Lieuts. G.C. Peters, and H ₂ Fraser, Observers, Lieut J.H. Traill, and No. Aus/506, Cpl. Jensen, N.P.B.)	Appendix 3. (16)
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> :- 28 hours 50 minutes.	Appendix 11 (29)
			<u>Number of bombs dropped</u> :- 2 - 112 lbs.	
	30.3.18			
	1500 to 1710		<u>Machines</u> :- Serviceable 15, Unserviceable 5 <u>Strategical reconnaissance</u> , DAMIE - ES SALT Road (Pilot, Lieut. H. Fraser, Observer, Lieut. J.H. Traill)	Appendix ZMK . 2 No. A266
			<u>Time flown during the day</u>	Appendix 11 (30)
	31.3.18			
	0615 to 0930		<u>Machines</u> :- Serviceable 14, Unserviceable 6 <u>Strategical reconnaissance</u> , DAMIE - ZERKA - AMMAN - KISSAR - KASTAL - ZIZR (Pilot, Lieut. A.R. Brown, Observer, Lieut. G. Finlay, escorted by Pilot, Lieut. A.V. Tonkin, Observer Lieut. H.A. Letch, M.C.)	Appendix 2 No. A 267

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MEJDEL (Palestine)	31.3.18	0805 to 1025	<u>Escort to Bomb Raid</u> (by No.142 Squadron, R.F.C.) (Pilot Lieut.T.Taylor, Observer Lieut.F.Hawley)	
		0955 to 1316	<u>Patrol</u> - for Hostile Aircraft over our troops in the vicinity of ES SALT. (Pilot Capt.R.M.Smith M.C., Observer Lieut.E.A.Mustard)	
		1305 to 1610	<u>Patrol</u> - as above by (Pilot Lieut.C.S.Paul, Observer No.506 Cpl. Jensen N.P.B.)	
		0814	<u>M.G. attack of troop train and cavalry at ZERKA.</u> - 550 rounds by machine doing reconnaissance.	Appendix 4 (9)
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 19 hours 16 minutes.	Appendix 11 (31)

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			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NOTES.</u></p> <p>-----</p> <p><u>Reports.</u> A copy of the Monthly Report of No.1 Squadron, A.F.C. for March together with a copy of the Weekly Resume of operations of 40th Wing, R.F.C. of which this unit is a part.</p> <p>Reports by Equipment Officers (Stores) and (Machine Guns) are attached.</p> <p><u>Correspondence.</u> Copies of correspondence in connection with the inspection of the unit by the G.O.C., A.I.F. (Egypt) in February are attached.</p> <p><u>Orderly Room cases.</u> There were only 2 Orderly Room cases during the month - these being two cases of men overstaying their leave through missing a train.</p> <p><u>Appendices.</u> It is not possible to supply complete appendices for the three copies of this diary.</p> <p><u>Photographs.</u> As most of the vertical photographs are of little interest except for map-making copies are not supplied - aspect photographs only being attached hereto.</p> <p><u>Clothing, Equipment, Transport etc.</u> The unit is well supplied in this direction, there being no difficulties in connection therewith.</p> <p><u>Intelligence.</u> Intelligence summaries received during the month are attached - see Appendix 8.</p>	<p>Appendix 1.</p> <p>Appendix 7.</p> <p>Appendix 9.</p>

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REPORT ON NO.1 SQUADRON, A.F.C.

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1. LOCATION. Throughout the month of March the Squadron has been stationed at MEJDEL.

2. OPERATIONS. The work of the Squadron for the month has consisted of Strategical Reconnaissance, Bombing, Photography, Escorts to same and Hostile Aircraft patrols. Several attacks were also made by machine gun fire on troops on the ground.

Weather prevented flying on 6 days during the month.

1. Strategical Reconnaissance

The areas reconnoitred were:-

	(a).	AMMAN - ES SALT - ZERKA.	(26)
Eastern	(b).	MADEBA - KUTRANI - KASTAL.	(8)
	(c).	DAMIE - WADI ZERKA - ES SALT	(4)
Western	(d).	NABLUS - TULKERAM - KALKILIEH	(10)

These areas were reconnoitred as shown opposite them - the Eastern area reconnaissances being in co-operation with our troops operating against the Hejaz Railway at AMMAN.

2. BOMBING.

Bomb raids during the month were carried out in conjunction with No.142 Squadron R.F.C.. No.1 Squadron A.F.C.usually supplied 1-3 machines with 2 escort machines.

Raids were carried out as follows:-

Date	Objective
4. 3. 18	Aerodrome KUTRANI.
5. 3. 18	Troops at TALET-EL-HASA.
6. 3. 18.	" " SHUNET NIMRIN.
9. 3. 18.	" " SINJIL, BIREH.
10. 3. 18	" " HAWARAH.
10. 3. 18	" " LUBBAN.
16. 3. 18.	Bridge at DAMIE.
19. 3. 18	Aerodrome at KUTRANI.
20. 3. 18	Bridge at DAMIE.
21. 3. 18.	" " 0945.
21. 3. 18	" " 1600.
24. 3. 18.	Troops at SHUNET NIMRIN.
26. 3. 18.	Bridge at DAMIE.
27. 3. 18.	Troops and Camps at DAMIE.
27. 3. 18.	Cavalry South West of KUTRANI
27. 3. 18	Rolling Stock at KASTRAL
29. 3. 18	" " ZERKA.

3. Photography.

There has been little demand for photography during the month and few suitable days.

Twenty three photographic reconnaissances were carried out and approximately 240 square miles of new country photographed.

4. Artillery Co-operation.

Throughout the month 15 Stations from this unit have been working with batteries of R.H.A., R.F.A., and R.G.A. on this front - an increase of one over last month.

Continuous H.A.warnings have been maintained.

3. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT.

The work of the Squadron has not been interferred with during the month by Hostile Aircraft. When met, enemy machines have either made off at once or did so at the first sign of attack by our machines.

Two 2 seater hostile machines were driven down in the Eastern area, the remains of one being found later by the Light Horse. There were other indicisive combats.

Near the end of the month enemy formations of 16 and 22 machines were reported.

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4. EQUIPMENT.

During the month a Flight of Bristol Fighter (Rolls Royce Mark III engines) has been received.

At 31.3.18 the equipment of the Squadron was as follows:-

6 Bristol Fighters (Mark III Rolls Royce.)
10 " " (Mark I " ")
1 Martinsyde (160 h.p. Beardmore.)
1 B.E.2.E. (not a service machine.)

The shortage of Bristol Fighters is due to one crash and one machine lost on a bomb raid on 19.3.18.

5. OFFICERS.

(a) Movements

The following Officers joined the unit during the month.

Pilots.

Capt. D.W. Rutherford	From Aircraft Depot
2/Lieut. H.S. Braim	" Training Group
" A.W. Murphy	" "
" J.T.T. Stevens	" "
" P.J. McGuinness, D.C.M.	" "
" S.A. Nunan	" "
" E.C. Stooke, D.C.M.	" "

The following Officers left the unit as shown:-

Lieut. L.E. Taplin - For Embarkation to England
Lieut. G.L.F. Rutledge - To Australia ex 14th. Australian General Hospital

(b) Transfers.

The following transfers took place:-

Lieut. L.W. Rogers (Pilot) Transferred to Light Horse
Lieut. E.B.S. Beaton (Observer attached) Transferred from 11th. A.L.H. Regiment.

(c) Promotions.

Lieut. R.A. Austin, M.C. to be Temporary Captain and Flight Commander - 1.2.'18.

6. CASUALTIES.

Capt. R.A. Austin, M.C.	-	Missing	-	19.3.'18.
Lieut. O.M. Lee	-	"	-	19.3.'18.
Lieut. L.B. Garson	-	Wounded (Aeroplane accident)	-	27.3.'18.
Lieut. C.le. B. Brown	-	Admitted to Hospital	-	30.3.'18.

7. HONORS & AWARDS ETC.

The following were awarded during the month:-

Order of the Nile - 4th. Class

Lieut. E.A. Mustard

Military Medals.

No. Aus/319 1/A.M. Ries W.E. - 2.3.'18.
No. Aus/607 2/A.M. Brown P. - 2.3.'18.

8. STATISTICS.

Number of hours flown for the Month	-	632
(25 days)		
" " Strategical reconnaissances	-	48
" " Photographic	-	23
" " Plates exposed	-	518
" " Prints produced	-	4560
" " Bomb Raids	-	17
" " Bombs dropped	-	280
		(7598 lbs)

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8. STATISTICS. (Contd.)

Number of attacks on troops on the ground	-	9
" " Rounds fired	-	3500
" " Hostile Aircraft Patrols	-	5

I attach copies of the "Weekly Resume of Operations of the 40th. Wing, Royal Flying Corps" of which this unit is a part, - portions marked by a blue mark in the margin were carried out by No. 1 Squadron A.F.C.

MAJOR,
Commanding No. 1 Squadron,
Australian Flying Corps.

IN THE FIELD.
1. 4. '18.

RESUME OF OPERATIONS OF THE 40TH WING, ROYAL FLYING CORPS.1.3.18 to 7.3.18.1. GENERAL.

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Weather conditions during the week were favourable for Reconnaissances and Photography. Enemy aircraft were encountered in increasing numbers. Altogether 10 Combats in the Air took place as a result of which, one enemy two-seater machine was brought down in our lines and both Pilot and Observer captured. Two more were shot down in enemy country. Details will be found under a separate heading.

2. RECONNAISSANCE.

THE WESTERN AREA. A very careful reconnaissance of the roads on either side of the BIREH-NABLUS Road was made on the 2nd. This has already been analyzed in the Daily Topographical Report of the 4th inst, para A and paras E to J of this report being taken from 40th Wing reports. In addition the enemy was reported as commencing a new road due East from 099 L 3A 20, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile having been already metalled and the road outlined for another $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. A metalled road was also reported as being constructed from the main road to ET TAIYIBEH (084 Y6). On the 6th the course of the principal road from the BIREH-NABLUS main road to the TEL EL ASEH district was reported on. Camps showed little change on the BIREH-NABLUS Road with an exception of an increase of 40 in the SAWIEH Area on the 2nd and an increase of 56 at NABLUS on the 6th. Between NABLUS and TULKERAM and TULKERAM and KALKILIEH, chiefly decreased were reported. On the 4th there was a decrease of 130 tents and shelters at TAIWIBEH and the camps at SRUWEIKEH (totalling 100 tents and shelters) had been removed. A decrease of 37 was also reported at ANEBTA. On the 6th there was a decrease of 60 at TULKERAM. No important troop movements were reported and transport movement was, if anything, below the normal. On the same day a detailed report on 9 railway bridges and culverts between NEBI TARI and KALKILIEH was made. Of these 5 have been destroyed.

JORDAN & DEAD SEA AREAS. The most important changes were :-

(1) A considerable reduction in the camps at AMMAN Station which numbered 40 bell tents on the 3rd as against 155 bell tents on the 1st, and (2) the disappearance of GHORANIYEH Bridge reported on the 7th and the removal of all camps between this bridge and SHUNET NIMRIN. The camps at ES SALT increased slightly numbering 35 bell tents at the end of the week, but the most of the few small camps between NIMRIN and ES SALT were removed. KERAK and KUTRANI were both visited on the 1st and 4th. On the 1st the citadel at KERAK was found evacuated, with a small camp in the wady South of the town. KUTRANI held 150 tents and shelters on the 1st and 80 tents and shelters on the 4th. A trench line has been constructed round the West and South of the town and the aerodrome now consists of seven hangars. On the 5th a boat bridge was seen at JISR ED DAMIE and a camp near this bridge on the East bank of the Jordan of 150 tents and shelters. On the 7th the boat bridge was still in position but there were only 32 tents in the neighbourhood, all on the East bank. On the 4th. machines which were bombing KALAT EL HASA on the Hejaz railway reported a light railway running into this station from the North West and a strong redoubt West of the station. Small bodies of cavalry have been seen throughout the whole of the Jordan Area, at ED DAMIE, ES SALT, AMMAN, NIMRIN and KUTRANI.

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The following rolling stock has been reported during the week:-

<u>KUTRANI</u>	1.3.18.	150	(Including 3 made up trains with engine facing South.)
<u>AMMAN</u>	1.3.18.	120	
	3.3.18.	40	(No engine).
	7.3.18.	60	(1 train of 8 proceeding S).
<u>KISSAR</u>	1.3.18.	5	(apparently 2 miles South a train of 10 R.S. moving N.)
	3.3.18.	4	
	7.3.18.	6	
<u>STATION IN</u>	2.3.18.	15	(1 engine).
<u>098.D.30</u>	4.3.18.	20	
	6.3.18.	25	
<u>STATION IN</u>	2.3.18.	6	
<u>098.H.31.</u>			
<u>MESSUDIEH</u>	2.3.18.	25	(1 engine)
	4.3.18.	40	
	6.3.18.	20	(at station.)
<u>JELAMEH</u>	2.3.18.	1	
<u>TULKERAM</u>	2.3.18.	30	
	4.3.18.	40	
	6.3.18.	60	(In station).
<u>KALKILIEH</u>	4.3.18.	8	
<u>KAKON</u>	4.3.18.	20	(Moving from Messudieh to Tulkeram).
<u>ANEETA</u>	4.3.18.	10	(pulled up just West side of village.)
	6.3.18.	7	
<u>KALAT EL HASA</u>	5.3.18.	5	

3. BOMBING.

On the 4th. two machines from No.1 Squadron A.F.C. and three machines from No.142 Squadron R.F.C. dropped 46-20lb. bombs on the aerodrome and station at KUTRANI. No direct hits were reported by pilots but the observer of an Escort machine reported a direct hit on the points North of the station. On the 5th. three machines from No.1 Squadron and two from No.142 Squadron dropped 46-20lb. bombs on railway station and camps at KALAT EL HASA obtaining 13 direct hits on camps and 2 on the reservoir.

On the 6th. five machines from 40th. Wing, Nos.1 and 142 Squadrons were sent to bomb troops and transport on the GHORANIYEH, SHUNET NIMRIN ROAD. The targets were poor but a small body of infantry and some transport were found just East of NIMRIN. These were bombed with good results, one direct hit being obtained on the troops and transport and several within effective distance. The whole country between the bridge and NIMRIN being clear of camps machines went further afield and camps to the North East were bombed. 8 direct hits being obtained and several others within effective distance. One machine came down to 1500 feet and attacked troops with machine gun and scattered them.

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4. COMBATS IN THE AIR.

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On the 3rd. Capt. Peck, D.S.O., M.C., (No. 113 Sqn) flying an S.E.5a. whilst on patrol near RAMLEH, encountered two two-seater machines flying North. He overhauled them and forced one of them to turn towards our lines. He was joined at this point by Major Stent (No. 111 Sqn.) who got underneath the enemy machine and hit him in the engine, whereupon he went down towards his own lines. After a burst from Capt. Peck he turned back to our lines, and both our machines followed the enemy machine until he landed in a field S.E. of YEHNDIEH, the machine practically intact. Both Pilot and observer were taken prisoner. On the same day 2/Lieut R.J.P. Grebby and 2/Lieut T.L. Steele (M.C., (No. 111 Sqn.) flying NIEUPORT SCOUTS met and engaged a Rumpler two-seater which immediately dived for his own lines, at the same moment 6 D.3 Scouts dived on our two pilots from above. The whole Hostile formation was broken up, one machine being seen to go down alternately spinning and diving.

On the 5th. Major Stent on an S.E.5a met an enemy two-seater over LATRON and followed it to about 5 miles S. of TULKERAM, where the enemy after a burst from the S.E.5a went down steeply and landed in rough country turning on its nose.

On the same day 2/Lieut. T.L. Steele on a Nieuport met and engaged 4 D.E. Scouts one of which went down in a spin and was lost to sight but was subsequently reported to have landed 8 1/2 miles South East of JILJILIEH.

On the same day a BRISTOL FIGHTER reconnaissance machine (Pilot Lt. Headlam Observer Lt. Beaton) and its Escort machine, also a BRISTOL FIGHTER (Pilot Lt. C.N. Watt Observer Capt. Macqualey) met 5 H.A. Scouts about 2000 feet above them. Both BRISTOL FIGHTERS started to climb towards the enemy Lt. Beaton fired several bursts. Both machines got to the level of 1 E.A. and after receiving several bursts from both BRISTOL FIGHTERS he went down in a spin and the remainder of the formation dispersed.

On the 6th. 2/Lieut. H.E. Walker (No. 111 Sqn.) flying a NIEUPORT SCOUT dived on an enemy two-seater and followed him firing several bursts at him but lost him while changing drums.

On the same day Capt. R.M. Drummond D.S.O., M.C., in a NIEUPORT attacked an enemy two-seater and drove him down 6000 feet but lost him while changing drums.

5. PHOTOGRAPHY.

During the week the fine weather has enabled a great deal of photographic work to be carried out. On the 1st of the month photographs were taken which enabled two new maps of MUKHMAS and MUGHEIR to be completed. Photographs were also taken of the road from the GHORANIYEH Bridge to ES SALT. The JORDAN from the DEAD SEA to South of UMM ES SHERT and area between KALKILIEH and NABLUS and the railway between FENDAKUMIYEH and ANEBTA. Aspect photos were also taken of a few places of interest East of the JORDAN.

Number of reconnaissances	15
Number of negatives registered	316
Number of prints made	3920

6. HOURS FLOWN

	Hrs.	Mins.
No. 1 Squadron, A.F.C.	144	7
No. 111 Squadron, R.F.C.	100	10
No. 142 Squadron, R.F.C.	33	15
TOTAL -	277	32

8/3/18.

(Signed) A. Shekleton Lieut-Colonel
Commanding 40th Wing,
ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

RESUME OF OPERATIONS OF 40TH. WING, ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

8. 3. 1918 to 14. 3. 1918.

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1. GENERAL

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WEATHER

Reconnaissance and Photography were much interfered with by cloudy weather. On the 11th. no reconnaissance was possible and on the 12th. only a portion of the Western Area could be seen through the clouds.

2. RECONNAISSANCE

(by No. 1 Squadron, A.F.C.)

During the operations of the 9th. - 12th. the machines of the 40th. Wing were required to watch the country in the triangle NIMRIN-ES SALT-DAMIE, the area between DAMIE and NABLUS and the NABLUS-DAMIE Road as far South as SAWIEH. This reconnaissance, over 200 miles in length, was carried out twice on the 9th. and twice on the 10th, but unfortunately owing to weather conditions observation in the area was impossible during the three following days. Altogether 9 reconnaissances were made during the week.

THE EASTERN RECONNAISSANCE
INCLUDING NABLUS.

Very rapid changes in positions and numbers of camps were a feature of the reports. On the 8th. the camps at NABLUS numbered 60 tents and shelters a decrease of 98. On the same day four gun positions were reported in N27 North of the town. Between LUBBAN and HAWARA there were 160 horse transport, and 40 motor transport and 100 cavalry going South. Four gun positions were reported in Q98 Y6 central on a height, commanding the NABLUS-SAWIEH Road. There was an increase of 45 tents and shelters at LUBBAN this day.

On the 9th. ES SALT was normal. There were 50 tents and shelters East of the Jordan at ED DAMIE in the morning and only 4 in the afternoon, on the West bank. 5 gun positions were seen at ED DAMIE on this day, but these were reported unoccupied. 200 infantry and 6 horse transport were moving West on the ES SALT-DAMIE Road about 2 miles from ES SALT. The afternoon of the 9th. the main road from DAMIE to NABLUS was reconnoitred for the first time. It follows the line of the Wady Farah as far as KH FARWEH where it takes a right angled turn as shown on the map, towards NABLUS. It appears to be installed from NABLUS for a distance of about 8 miles. The Wady Farah is described as very full of vegetation with many pools of clear water. About half way between DAMIE and NABLUS 100 cavalry were moving North West, and there were 100 scattered cavalry South of the road a few miles further to the North West. Camps were seen along the Wady but they were difficult to locate owing to clouds. In the afternoon 300 infantry were reported moving North between LUBBAN and NABLUS. On the 10th. the total of tents and shelters at ES SALT had risen from 50 to 105. Observer reported this day that the road between NABLUS and DAMIE is doubled, the Northern branch taking approximately the line shown on the map and the Southern leaving the main road just West of ES SALT and rejoining it about 2 miles East of ED DAMIE. The bridge in M18. (Corrected co-ordinates of new composite map, N 2b) South of ES SALT was seen to be one large masonry span over a very deep wady water was seen running in the Wady Sha'bb. At DAMIE there were 14 tents and shelters in the morning, and a small field gun was firing at the machine. In the afternoon 60 bivouacs and 50 horses were seen just East of DAMIE which had not been

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there in the morning, there were 33 tents and shelters at DAMIE itself and about 300 infantry were seen moving into DAMIE from the East. On the same afternoon 200 cavalry were moving into ES SALT on the AMMAN road and just West of the Jordan near DAMIE 200 cavalry were moving South. This day the camps along the Wady Farah, between DAMIE and KH FERWEH, had evidently increased. It was not possible in every instance to check the mornings observations in the afternoon owing to a part of the area being hidden by clouds but, on the assumption but there was no shifting of camps between the two reconnaissances, there were 355 tents and shelters in this area (exclusive of DAMIE) and over 500 horses were seen. At NABLUS the same afternoon 500 infantry were seen halted near the barracks and 300 infantry were halted East of the road at SAWIEH. On the 14th. there was a decrease of 40 tents and shelters at ES SALT and the hospital which has been seen for some time to the South of the town has been removed. There were 42 tents and shelters at DAMIE and between DAMIE and KH FERWEH only 168 tents and shelters, a decrease of 187, 100 horses being observed in this area as against over 500 on the 10th. There was an increase of 20 tents and shelters at NABLUS this day, 100 cavalry were seen entering the town from the West and there were 300 cavalry in the town. Between HUWARA and NABLUS 300 infantry were moving North, and 300 cavalry apparently moving North.

AREA NABLUS
to Sea

(Exclusive) In the remaining area of reconnaissance the most important points brought out by reports were;

- (1). The following changes in camps;
SHUWEIKEH - A new camp of 20 on the 8th. which increased to 60 on the 12th.
TULKERAM - An increase of 70 on the 12th.
- (2). The presence of rolling stock on the TULKERAM-KAKON light railway, seen for the first time this week; on the 12th. there were 6 R.S. at TULKERAM siding. On the 13th. a train was seen moving South from KAKON.
- (3). Two gun positions $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles South of ANEBTA and two A.A. guns well dug in 300 yards North of MESSUDIEH Station.
- (4). A new line of short lengths of trench East of KULUNSAWEH from 084 R10 through 084.0 36 and 0 25.
- (5). Two new bridges over the river ISKENSERUN at 084 G 25 and two long trenches to the North of them in G 25 and G 19.

The following rolling stock was observed during the week;

BURKA	8.3.18	Nil	
ANEBTA	8.3.18	2	(1 mile west of, train of 18 R.S. going East.)
	13.3.18	6	
	14.3.18	5	
TULKERAM	8.3.18	13	
	12.3.18	50	(At station)
	12.3.18	6	(on narrow guage line at Tulkeram).
	13.3.18	40	
	14.3.18	25	(at station and a train of 12 entering from the East.)
KALKILIEH	12.3.18	1	
MESSUDIEH	8.3.18	16	
	13.3.18	50	
	14.3.18	45	(Including one train of 25 with engine.)
KAKON	13.3.18	12	(train of going South).
<u>STATION IN</u>	8.3.18.	15	
<u>D.30</u>	14.3.18	Nil	

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3. BOMBING.
(by No.1 and No.142 Squadrons.) MAR 1918

On the 9th. 6 machines dropped 53-20lb bombs on troops and camps on the NABLUS-BIREH Road North of LUBBAN, 6 direct hits were obtained on a party of 150 infantry, 3 direct hits on a dump which was set on fire and one direct on a lorry which caught fire.

On the 10th. two bomb raids took place on troops and transport on SINJIL-NABLUS Road. In the forenoon 4 machines dropped 42-20lb. bombs obtaining 6 direct hits on troops and transport and camps near LUBBAN. In the afternoon 4 machines bombed similar targets at HUWARA obtaining 8 direct hits, dropping 43-20lb. bombs.

On the 14th. a bomb raid of 4 machines was carried out on the bridge at JISR ED DAMIE. 6-112lb bombs and 2-20lb bombs were dropped. The bridge was not destroyed but a direct hit was obtained on the camp with a 112lb bomb and 1000 rounds machine gun fire were fired into troops and camp.

4. COMBATS IN THE AIR.

On the 9th. Lieut G.C.O'DONNELL (No.111 Squadron R.F.C.) flying an S.E.5a on patrol encountered an enemy two-seater North West of BIREH. Lieut O'DONNELL engaged and chased the enemy who was diving for home Northwards, but after the S.E.5a had fired 100 rounds the enemy was lost in the clouds.

On the 10th. 2/Lieut. A.L.FLEMING, M.C., (No.111 Sqdn. R.F.C.) on an S.E.5a saw 3 two-seater near JERUSALEM, one of which appeared to be about to attack the Balloon. Lieut. FLEMING immediately engaged him and drove him into a spin. After the E.A. had flattened out Lieut FLEMING put two more bursts into the E.A. when Lieut FLEMING gun stopped. Both machines were then below the level of the hills near BIREH. The E.A. passed through a cloud and was lost.

5. PHOTOGRAPHY.

Owing to the weather exposures were made on three days only. Photographs were taken between ES SALT and KEFR HUDA, which enabled the Survey Coy. R.E. to fix previous photographs of this area to a trig; point. Also the KAKON defences were again photographed. An attempt to fill in gaps between series of photographs around BIDIEH proved unsuccessful owing to the weather. Aspect photographs were taken of the bombing at EL LUBBAN.

No. of photographic reconnaissances	5
No. of negatives registered	84
No. of prints turned out	2157

6. HOURS FLOWN.

	Hrs.	Mins.
No.1 Squadron, A.F.C.	114	55
No.111 Squadron R.F.C.	90	35
No.142 Squadron, R.F.C.	17	25
Total:-	222	55

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No.848
15.3.1918.
40th.(Army) Wing.

(Signed) A.SHEKLETON, Lieut-Colonel
Commanding 40th.Wing.
ROYAL FLYING CORPS

RESUME OF OPERATIONS OF 40TH WING, ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

15-3-18 to 21-3-18.

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1. GENERAL

Stormy weather prevented all reconnaissance on the first three days of the week.

Two machines failed to return from a bomb raid on Kutrani on the 19th which was carried out under very adverse weather conditions. Machines sent out to search, could find no trace of the missing machines or Officers.

Machines of No. 111 Sqn, R.F.C. carried out 19 offensive and 25 Line patrols in the course of the week.

2. RECONNAISSANCE.
(by No. 1 Sqn, A.F.C.)

Six reconnaissances were carried out, but only one reconnaissance was made of the Western Area (on the 19th). On this occasion no unusual movements were seen and camps were normal. In the Eastern Area the camp at Es Salt showed increase (slight) on the 18th. There were 100 cavalry moving Southwards and between three and four hundred cavalry in the streets of the town. The country between Es Salt and Amman was hidden by clouds. Damie was normal, but there was an increase of about 60 T.S. in the camps neighbouring the Damie-Nablus Road to a distance of 10 miles from Damie, along and both sides of the Wady Farah. This day, the caravan track from the Jordan at Jis Jis to Es Salt was reported on.

On the 19th there were 120 tents and shelters at Kutrani (an increase of 40) and a cavalry camp of about 100 horses. In the afternoon there were 800 to 1000 cavalry and infantry on the Kutrani-Kerak Road apparently moving towards Kutrani. The number of hangars at the aerodrome had decreased to three. The citadel at Kerak is apparently again occupied. Two guns were firing from it.

On the 20th there was a decrease of over 40 bell tents at Es Salt.

On the other hand there was a new camp of 30 small bivouacs and the net decrease being about 18 tents and shelters. There were 80 cavalry moving South from Es Salt and 300 cavalry moving East at no great distance from the town. The reduction in tents at Es Salt was more than accounted for by a series of small camps along the Amman-Es Salt Road, amounting in all to 61 tents and shelters, principally bell tents. Amman was normal this day.

The camp at Jisr Ed Damie bridge was reported removed, doubtless owing to the repeated bombing attacks of our machines.

Main, Madaba and Kastal were visited on the 21st. At Kastal there were 15 bell tents, but otherwise no enemy camps were reported. A troop train of 18 R.S. was moving North near Kissir Station.

The following Rolling Stock was reported:-

<u>STATION IN</u>	<u>19.3.18</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>098.K31.</u>		
<u>MESSUDIEH.</u>	<u>19.3.18</u>	<u>80</u>
<u>TULKERAM.</u>	<u>19.3.18</u>	<u>60</u> (also 1 train of 17 carriages moving toward Anabta)

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<u>ANEBA.</u>	19.3.18	8
<u>KUTRANI.</u>	19.3.18	66 in the morning, of which 46 left Nthwards in 2 trains.
	19.3.18	35 in the afternoon.
<u>AMMAN.</u>	20.3.18	10
	21.3.18	12
<u>KASTAL.</u>	21.3.18	3
<u>LEBAN.</u>	20.3.18	Nil.
<u>KISSIR.</u>	20.3.18	Nil. Just South of, train of 18 going North apparently troop train.

3. BOMBING.

(by No.1 Sqn, A.F.C. & No.142 Sqn, R.F.C.)

OBJECTIVE

Seven unsuccessful attempts were made to destroy the JISR ED DAMIE bridge at Jiser Ed Damie. Details follow:-

BRIDGE

18.3.18. Two B.E.12a's from 142 Sqn, dropped 16-20lb. bombs. A direct hit was obtained but no important damage was done.

19.3.18. In the morning two B.E.12a's from 142 Sqn, dropped 2-112lb and 4-20lb. bombs from 1500 feet, and the same number in the afternoon from 1000 feet, but no direct hits were made. Observation difficult owing to clouds.

KUTRANI STATION

Four Martinsydes (3 from No. 1 Sqn., & 1 from No.142 Sqn) accompanied by two Bristol Fighters, bombed Kutrani from 2000 feet and under, dropping 1-230lb and 2-20lb bombs. The weather was very cloudy. The 230lb bomb was seen to drop near station buildings. 10 bombs were within effective distance from a train. Two trains (of 6 and 20 R.S.) left Northwards and one of 20 R.S. remained in the station. A Martinsyde and a Bristol Fighter failed to return. In the afternoon a search machine reported 3 trucks standing 1/2 mile North of station apparently burnt out and a large bomb crater just behind the line.

JISR ED DAMIE BRIDGE

20.3.18. Two Martinsydes in the morning and one in the afternoon dropped 2-112lb and 2-230lb bombs, one bomb falling within 5 yards of bridge.

21.3.18. In the morning 3 machines from No.1 Sqn, and 2 machines from No.142 Sqn, dropped 8-112lb and 4-20lb bombs from heights varying between 2000 feet and 200 feet, the nearest falling within 10 yards. In the afternoon 1 machine from No.1 Sqn, and 1 machine from No. 142 Sqn, dropped 3-112lb and 2-20lb bombs without effect.

Total number of bombs dropped during the week:-

<u>Weight.</u>	<u>Number.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
230 lbs.	3	
112 lbs.	17	
20 lbs.	52	3634 lbs.

4. COMBATS IN THE AIR.

One enemy machine was shot down during the week. Details follow:-

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On the 17th 2/Lieut .H.E.WALKER (No. 111 Sqn) piloting a Nieuport Scout observed two hostile two seaters 4000 feet above him near Bireh. He climbed towards them and engaged them, but after firing several bursts he was obliged to break off the combat owing to a bad double feed.

On the 19th, Capt. R.M.Drummond, D.S.O., M.C. and 2/Lieut.H.E. WALKER (both of No.111 Sqn) left Sarona aerodrome on an E.A. alarm and met an hostile two seater about 13000 feet over Ramleh. They climbed towards him and endeavored to prevent him turning back to his lines. Enemy observer opened fire at 600 yards range and turned towards Capt.DRUMMOND who gave him the contents of one drum at very close range, when he started diving vertically. Capt. DRUMMOND kept under his tail and continued firing until obliged to break off owing to a broken extractor. Lieut. WALKER, who was also following the enemy continued on his tail until forced to break off near Kejr Sabr owing to a jam. The enemy was afterwards reported by ground observers to have crashed on landing.

On the same day, a Bristol Fighter of No.1 Sqn, (Pilot Lieut. CAMERON, Observer Lieut.A.KIRK) met two enemy machines over the Jordan in very cloudy weather. Lieut. CAMERON flew towards them but the first escaped by diving vertically. The Bristol Fighter then engaged the second enemy machine, but after a few rounds from both pilot and observer the enemy disappeared into a cloud, whilst pilot of the Bristol Fighter was clearing a stoppage to his gun.

5. PHOTOGRAPHY

Weather generally throughout the week was unfavorable and exposures could only be made on two days. Gaps which existed in the

1/40,000 sheet of BIDLER were completed, and a considerable portion of the TELFIT was sheet was ~~sampled~~ filled. 20 aspects were taken along the ES-SALT-AMMAN Road, and the caravan route between MANDESI and ES-SALT and in addition the JISR ED DAMIE-NIMRIN Road and the WADY FARAH.

No. of Reconnaissances	5
No. of Negatives registered	126
No. of prints turned out	1711

3..CASUALTIES.

20.3.18	Capt. R.A.AUSTIN, M.C.	No.1 Squadron, A.F.C.(missing)
20.3.18	Lieut. O.M. LEE	" " (missing)
20.3.18	Capt. A.J.EVANS, M.C.	No. 142 Sqn., R.F.C.(missing)

7. HOURS FLOWN.

No.		Hrs.	Mns.
No.	1 Squadron, A.F.C.	126	33
No.	111 Squadron, R.F.C.	68	45
No.	142 Squadron, R.F.C.	23	05

Total :218 23

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(Signed) A. SHEKELTON, Lt. Col.,
Commanding No. 40 Wing, R.F.C.

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RESUME OF OPERATIONS OF 40TH. WING, ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

22.3.'18 to 28.3.'18.

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1. GENERAL.WEATHER

Stormy on the 24th. and 25th., on the latter date no flying was possible. On several days thick cloud banks interfered with observation.

2. RECONNAISSANCE
(by No. 1 Squadron, A.F.C.)

Eighteen reconnaissances were made during the week, but owing to the AMMAN operations, and the necessity of constant reconnaissance of the Eastern Area, no reconnaissance was made of the country West of the BIREH-NABLUS ROAD. The following is an analysis of the principal features in the daily reports of the Wing.

- 22.3.18 Morning (0795-1005), 300 infantry formed up near a camp in the Wadi Farah 12 miles N.W. of Jisr Ed Damie. 250 infantry in Wadi Farah moving E.S. 9 miles from Damie. Camps in Wadi Farah practically normal. At Es Salt 100 cavalry on lines and 300 infantry and 8 H.T. moving out of town South. 1143-1445. No movement at Madeha, at Kastal 22 R.S. including a train of 18 facing South. Amman station and village practically normal with the exception of a new camp of 200 cavalry North of the station and an aeroplane hangar on some level ground East of the Station, 100 cavalry on road between Amman and Es Salt. 150 cavalry halted in Es Salt. 1313-1745. Damie bridge temporarily out of order, 200 cavalry in extended order were moving South in 128 Bl & 2.
- 23.3.18. The Eastern Area was under clouds during the greater portion of the day. 1430-1620. A small force of cavalry and infantry seen at KERAK. No movement between Kerak and Madeba nor between Madeba and Kastal. 1320-1820. Amman normal. The Jisr Ed Damie bridge in good condition.
- 24.3.18. 0610-0938. Decreases reported at Yetna and Sawich and an increase Huwara. 400 infantry seen at Nablus. Slight increases reported in the Wadi Farah camps and 70 H.T. seen parked at various points. 280 infantry were moving in N.E. along the road in H.16 and 200 cavalry and 35 H.T. in K5 also moving N.W. At Es Salt there were 100 infantry North of the town and halted and 150 infantry and cavalry moving into Es Salt on the Amman road, and 200 infantry 3 miles S.E. of Es Salt marching N.W. No movement at Kastal, Madeba, Kasr Rabba, or Yadudo. At Leban station a train of 14 R.S. was seen moving N. and attacked by two of our machines with machine gun fire, 50 men jumped from the train and scattered and many casualties were observed.
- 26.3.18. 0635-0935. A slight decrease in the camps in the Wadi Farah.
- 27.3.18. 0605-9010. A large increase at Huwara. 200 cavalry were seen on the lines here, and 300 infantry apparently moving North, 150 cavalry moving N.E. from Balata. 500 cavalry at Nablus. The pontoon bridge Jisr Ed Damie removed., 150 cavalry seen in groups at Yadudo. Rolling stock at Amman station above the normal. 500 infantry at the station and a train entering from the South. At Abu Alanda, 200 cavalry were moving South on the West side of the railway. 1135-1535. 200 cavalry seen in the Citadel at Karak. A certain movement of transport West between Karak and Kutrani, and small movements of cavalry in both directions. Two miles S.W. of Kutrani, 500 cavalry were halted in three groups. A bomb was dropped into the middle of one group causing serious casualties and the troops were afterwards attacked with machine gun fire. At Kutrani there was a marked decrease in the camps since the 19th. and there were only 2 hangars left at the aerodrome.

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Between Kutrani and Jebel Es Suaka 400 cavalry moving North, 100 infantry South of Kalaat Ed Dabas and 50 cavalry North of the station moving North. 100 cavalry scattered 2 miles North of Kastal and a slight increase in the camp at Kastal. In the Wadi Farah at 112 T16, 250 infantry and 200 cavalry with transport moving towards Jisr Es Damie. At Amman a decrease of 20 tents since the morning. No movement to the North as far as Kalaat Ez Zerka. 1615-1850. No movement along the Jordan from Jisr Es Damie as far as Good Ford, but 2 guns firing at Damie. No movement at Mafrak or Kalaat Ez Zerka. 500 men at Amman station, 50 cavalry at Kissir. No movement at Kalaat Ed Dabbaa or Madeba.

28.3.18. 0610-0910. About 300 cavalry seen in Wadi Farah, and 35 horse transport moving along the Wadi Farah road towards Damie. At Zerka troops were seen detraining and one mile South a train was moving South. Very little movement seen At Amman. No cavalry at Karak. Camp at Kutrani normal, 200 infantry and 50 cavalry seen there. No movement between Kutrani and Kastal along the railway. 1445-1820. At Jisr Ed Damie 100 infantry just East of Jordan. No movement seen on the Damie Es Salt Road, no on roads radiating North from the Es Salt for 50 miles. A slight increase of rolling stock at Kalaat Ez Zerka since the morning. At Amman station 200 infantry beside a train on which the machine opened fire. 300 infantry on a ridge between the town and station. 400 infantry, 30 horse transport and 15 motor transport in the Wadi Farah 10 miles N.W. of Jisr Ed Damie moving S.E., 80 infantry 3 miles East of Jisr Ed Damie halted on road. 6 miles N.W. of Es Salt, 80 men with camp fires. No other troops between Damie and Es Salt on the road.

Reports were made on the Es Salt-Birma, Darb El Haj, Merak-Madeba, Madeba-Kastal, Kalaat Ez Zerka-N.W. roads, and on railway bridges and stations between Mafrak and Kalaat Ed Babaa.

The following Rolling Stock was observed during the week:-

KASTAL.	22.3.18.	Nil	(At 0800).
	23.3.18	22	(Including a made up train of 18 with engine facing South at 1300).
	27.3.18.	8	(No engine.)
	28.3.18.	6	
AMMAN	22.3.18.	50	(Including 2 made up trains facing N. with steam up). at 0900.
	22.3.18.	40	(1 Engine). at 1315 .
	23.3.18.	30	
	24.3.18.	40	
	27.3.18.	100	(4 made up trains, 1 with, train of 25 R.S. entering from N) at 0700
	27.3.18.	50	(mostly long covered closed carriages no engine), at 1330.
	28.3.18.	40	(Mostly closed carrages, no engine) at 0800.
	28.3.18.	70	at 1630.
KISSIR.	27.3.18.	Nil	
	27.3.18.	Nil	
KALAAT EZ ZERKA	27.3.18.	2	(1 engine.)
	27.3.18.	Nil	
	28.3.18.	15	(Of which 10 closed carriages and 5 open with engine facing S. with Steam up) at 0705
	28.3.18.	60	(2 trains, 1 of 10 the other of 50, latter with engine facing N.) at 1615.
KUTRANI.	27.3.18.	40	(1 mile N. of station, a train of 28 R.S. Stationary and facing N.)
	28.3.18.	26	No Engine.

KALAAAT ED DABAA	27.3.18.	3	at 1330.
	27.3.18.	Nil	at 1730
EL MAFRAK	27.3.18.	10	
ZIZA	28.3.18.	3	

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3. BOMBING.

On the 24th., 2 B.E.12A's and 1 Martinsyde from No.142 sqdn. and 1 Martinsyde from No.1 Squadron dropped 40-20lb bombs on troops, transport and Camps at NIMRIN and on the NIMRIN -ES SALT Road. 4 direct hits were obtained on tents and shelter and the majority of the remainder were well among the troops and camps. KK.

On the 26th. a further attempt was made to destroy the JISR ED DAMIE Bridge. One Martinsyde from No.1 Squadron and 1 Martinsyde and 2 B.E.12.A's from No.142 Squadron dropped 4-112lb. and 15-20lb. bombs from 3500 but no direct hits were registered though several fell in close proximity.

On the 27th. a raid of 1 Martinsyde and 2 B.E.12A's from No.142 Squadron and 1 Martinsyde from No.1 Squadron was sent out against the bridge at Damie but finding this removed machines dropped their bombs on troops and camps in the neighbourhood. 4-112lb bombs and 15-20lb bombs were dropped. Six direct hits being obtained on tents and 3 amongst troops. In the afternoon one ~~Martinsyde~~ Martinsyde from No.1 Squadron and 1 Martinsyde and 1 B.E.12.A from No.142 Sqdn. attacked KASTAL Station and the troops in the neighbourhood. 4 direct hits were obtained on a building and 1 on a Camp. A Reconnaissance machine carrying one bomb made a direct hit on a body of cavalry S.W. of KUTRANI and attacked it with machine gun fire,

Total bombs dropped; -

<u>Weight</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total.</u>
20lb.	71	
112lb.	8	
		2316 lbs.

4. COMBATS.

During the week 5 enemy machines were undoubtedly destroyed and 2 went down apparently out of control. Enemy Aircraft were exceptionally active. Details follow:-

On the 21st. 2/Lieut.R.J.P.GREBBY (No.111 Sqdn.) flying a Nieuport on patrol, engaged an enemy 2 seater from below, but owing to a jam, had to break off the fight, after rectifying he was unable to overtake the enemy who was diving for his aerodrome. (Supplementary to last weeks report).

On the 22nd., Capt.DEACON (No.111 Sqdn) while on patrol in an S.E.5a saw an enemy 2 seater about 4000 feet below him. He went down and fired a burst on the enemy's tail until stopped by a miss-fire. While rectifying he saw another enemy machine diving on his tail, he turned and engaged him with his top gun but at this point his radiator burst and Capt. DEACON was forced to land at JERICHO.

On the 23rd. Capt.PECK, D.S.O., M.C., (No.111 Sqdn.) in an S.E.5a engaged 2 two-seater's and 3 scouts over the JERUSALEM-JERICHO Road. Meeting one scout nose on he opened with both guns and the enemy turned over and went down on his back entirely out of control. Getting on ~~the~~ to the tail of a 2nd. scout he sent him down in similar fashion to the first. He then turned on to a 2 seater which was going home at such a pace that his Observer was unable to fire.

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Getting on his tail he opened at close range and the engine of the E.A. began to give out clouds of smoke and went down in a flat spin disappearing into a cloud.

On the 26th. 2/Lieut H.E.WALKER (No.111 Sqn.) took off on an E.A. Alarm and met a hostile two-seater. He fired one burst from below and the enemy thereupon dived towards KALKILIEH. In spite of repeated stoppages Lieut WALKER followed the enemy down to 2000 feet over TAIYIBEH, when he had to turn away owing to a hard extraction. After rectifying Lieut WALKER was unable to find the enemy who was last seen 1000 feet from the ground.

On the 27th. a Bristol Fighter of No.1 Sqn. on Reconnaissance (Lieut E.S.HEADLAM, Pilot - Lieut W.A.KIRK Observer). dived on an enemy two-seater 2000 feet below them firing a burst from 500 feet when the E.A. went down and landed. Lieut.KIRK then saw another two-seater machine approaching. Lieut HEADLAM turned towards it and dived from 700 feet both Pilot and Observer firing at it. The E.A. landed. Our machine then attacked the E.A. on the ground and drove off a party of mechanics. Neither Pilot nor Observer were seen to leave the machine.

On the same day an E.A. was encountered over KISSIR by a Reconnaissance machine (Pilot Lieut J.WALKER, Observer Lieut G. FINLAY) and his escort (Pilot Capt.D.W.RUTHERFORD, Observer 2/Lieut J.McMELLIGOTT), both of No.1 Sqn, met an enemy two-seater over KISSIR. Capt RUTHERFORD dived and fired 3 bursts and then swung out to avoid a collision. The Reconnaissance machine then dived on his tail and followed the enemy down. He landed at KISSIR and was then attacked by escort machine from 500 feet. The occupants jumped out of the machine and one of them was hit before he had run a few yards.

On the same day Capt. PECK D.S.O., M.C. (No.111 Sqn.) in an S.E.5a sighted and chased an enemy two-seater 10 miles E. of AMMAN, when he got on his tail. Capt PECK was firing with both guns when his top gun slipped its catch and hit him on the head, forcing him to pull out.

On the 28th. Major F.W.STENT, M.C., (No.111 Sqn.) in an S.E.5a gave chase to an enemy two-seater and opened fire from below. In spite of his third drum coming off and damaging his tail plane and his Vickers Gun jamming after the first 100 rounds, Major STENT by standing on the rudder bar managed to get off a third drum from his top gun into enemy who was now diving below him. The enemy thereupon dived very steeply and hit the ground N.E. of JISR ED DAMIS.

On the same day Lieut G.C.O'DONNELL (No.111 Sqn.) in an S.E.5a engaged a formation of 5 scouts and 2 two-seaters. Climbing up to them from below. He waited his opportunity and finding a two seater isolated dived on him and fired a full drum from 50 feet. The enemy went into a glide, his engine smoking. Lieut O'DONNELL caught him and gave him a 100 rounds with his Vickers, when the enemy went into a still steeper glide but owing to darkness coming on Lieut O'DONNELL could not ascertain his fate.

Details of a combat on the 27th. in which Capt.DRUMMOND D.S.O, M.C. and Lieut WALKER (No.111 Sqn.) engaged 5 enemy machine are not yet to hand. In this combat One Enemy machine was seen to crash and one went down out of control.

Capt.DRUMMOND had to land 4 times in the enemy's lines.

5. PHOTOGRAPHY.

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No photographic reconnaissances were made, as all machines were busily engaged during operations.

No. of prints turned out

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6. HOURS FLOWN.

	<u>Hrs.</u>	<u>Mins.</u>
No.1 Squadron, A.F.C.	166	18
No.111 Squadron R.F.C.	71	10
No.142 Squadron R.F.C.	33	30
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Total	270	58
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Commanding 40th.Wing,
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Appendix - 2
(Reconnaissance Reports)

ORIGINAL
(FURTHER COPIES UNOBTAINABLE.)

No. A. 218.

Date. 1/3/18.

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Pilot. Lt. Taylor.

Started. 1000

Observer. Lt. Fysh.

Landed. 1220.

Reported to :- 20th Corps.

Duty :- Strategic,

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No movement seen in Wadi EL AIYA nor on N and S road from JERACHO. A well used track runs down the WADI EL AIYA to its confluence with the Jordan. There is a sand bank in the middle of the Jordan at this and evidently a ford as the track leads on the other side in a S.E. direction. Just E of this 4 bell tents in 127 O 7.

GHORANIYEH CAMPS. Total of 90 T.S. (increase of 22).
Two circular trenches in 127 O 33. Trench from O 19b to O 20 c, confirmed.

SHUNET NIMRIN CAMPS. 350 T.S. Normal.
Extending, roughly, both sides of the road from O 30 to U 13 and including what appears to be a Head Qrs camp in U 13d of 2 marquees, 2 E.Ps, and 20 B.T, well laid out with made paths between the tents.
G 21 a scattered camp of 100 T.S. (new)
Camp reported in U26 and 31 no longer visible (decrease of 100T)
No signs of work on the trench system.

The trench system between U 19 and W 8 does not appear to have been worked and the trenches have fallen in after the rain.

A well used track leaves the main road at 127 P 13d, running N.E. along the WADI SIR. It does not appear fit for wheeled traffic in the hills N of UMM EL MEDARIS but along the WADI SIR is good.

KUSR (142 Y9), 5 H.T. on the road moving E., 50 camels in the village.
1 mile E, 9 H.T. moving E.

AMMAN. At town, 20 B.T., and 2 marquees., On road from AMMAN station 11 H.T. moving W.

AMMAN STATION. 120 R.S. of which about 70 were closed carriages and the rest loaded open trucks., 18 dumps on the West side of station., 75 bell tents scattered round station and 80 shelters. 140 infantry scattered in station. No transport seen at station. No aerodrome seen but country E of station is very suitable for landing grounds.
There is a railway viaduct ~~(between)~~ S of station and a tunnel just S of this. Three bell tents at north entrance of tunnel.

KISSIR STATION. 5 R.S. and apparently two miles S a train of ten R.S. moving N.

AMMAN-ES SALT ROAD. Course of road appears roughly as described in Intelligence (Topographical Report of 26/2/18). and not as shown on map. Road appears metalled throughout but does appear quite so good as it approaches ES SALT.
Between 142 W 13 (approximately) and W 20 there are about 90 workmen repairing the road and 2 B.T. and 20 black shelters in W 20.

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Between W 30 and AMMAN 32 H.T., moving towards Amman.
In R. 5 (approx) a camp of 15 H.T. Between this point and
ES SALT 43 H.T., majority moving towards Amman.

ES SALT. To S of town a camp of 40 bell tents (new).
In 127 L 13 a hospital of 27 large shelters and
1 marquee (new)
In L 25. a camp of five bell tents (new).
In L 32. 12 H.T. moving N.
In W 2. 8 H.T. and 30 black shelters.
* 12. 21 H.T. (new), 9 H.T. moving S.
M. 26. a camp of 30 H.T.

The road southwards from ES SALT is not good as far as
L 25, from that point it appears to be a very well
engineered road.

No. A. 219.

Date. 1/3/18.

Pilot. Lt. Austin.

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Started. 1030

Observer. Lt. Finlay.

Landed. 1310.

Duty:- Strategic.

Reported to :-

EL KERAK.

30 T.S. in wadi S of town, 80 cavalry on road E of town., machine fired on by field gun. Citadel appears deserted.

South of road from Point Costigan to Kerak groups of Bedouin shelters. From EL of EL KATATIYAT along wadi for 5 miles E groups of Bedouin shelters every $\frac{1}{2}$ mile (40 a group).

Road between point 2310 South of EL LUJJUN east to point 2790 only track marks seen remainder of road between EL KERAK and KUTRANI looks good.

Bedouin camp of 250 shelters 3 miles south east of EL MIKHEZ.

At point 2310, 80 cavalry scattered and 2 M.T.
At point 2790, 200 cavalry moving E in groups.

KUTRANI.

150 T.S., 14 large dumps, 150 R.S. including 3 made up trains with engines facing N.
1 left on approach of machine.
South West of station 7 gun positions about 200 yards out from station.

Aerodrome, 6 hangars, 8 marquees, 4 E.Ps, 16 T.S.
2 two-seaters one of which looks exceptionally large.

No sign of movement to South West., railway was ~~followed~~ followed S for 15 miles then machine came across country to KERAK. No movement observed.

No. A 220.

Date. 2/3/18.

Pilot. Lt. Haig.

Observer. Lt. Lee.

Started. 1010.

Landed. 1310.

Duty :- Strategic.

Reported to :- 21st and Des Corps.

Reference(J10, J11, H10, and H11, 1/20,000 within limits of those sheets, otherwise 1" to mile.).

Group 3.

The roads running East from the main BIRAH-NABLUS road show little signs of use, except those running to camps a short distance East of road. There is water running in the Wadi El Jib from 099 K 2 westwards. No water East of this point, and the bed of the wadi is used/ as a road which connects with JILJILA, leaving the bed at K3, and with the main metalled road in K25.

SINJIL Area.

Three of the gun positions shown in 099 K5a 8 9 are occupied and a camp of 20 T.S. near these. The road from OBWEIN past these positions to SINJIL shows signs of much use, not good but used by wheeled traffic. Total T.S. for area 80 and 6 marquees.

Details: 20 new gun positions.
30 near old camp north west of village.
20 T.S. in L2 and probably more on reverse slopes under trees.
10 T.S. at TURMUS AYA.

099 L3 A20.

From this point a new metal road is being made. It runs roughly East and has been metalled for 1/2 mile and outlined for a further 1/2 mile. Large gang at work.

SALWAD. Area.

Impossible to count camps owing to cloud. Just north of village a large well, full to the top with water. No anti aircraft fire south of LUBBAN.

LUBBAN Area.

Total T.S. 110 and 6 marquees.

Details: J2 20
Khan Lubban 40
Lubban 50
3 horse lines of 40 horses each a little west of Lubban, (new), 36 H.T., 20 M.T.
50 cavalry on road at Khan Lubban stationary.
J20. 40 men working on road with 6 H.T. near them.

Es SAWIEH Area.

Total for area, 100 T.S. 8 marquees.
80 of these are a new camp of very large white shelters, (Net increase for area 40)

Details: 80 in Y30a, remainder both sides of road.
Road from SAWIEH to TELFIT is being considerably used. There are 5 B.T. in Z 29, and possibility of considerable concealment among trees.

YETMA Area.

80 T.S. (increase of 15).

Details: 40 in Z15a.
20 in Z3 scattered.
one line of M.T. and about 20 horses picketed.

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The road is being repaired from Z2 to X 32, altogether about 400 men and 20 H.T. seen along this stretch of road (see Daily Topographical Report of 27/2/18).

HUWARA Area. Reference above mentioned report. There are two roads running from HUWARA, one of them is as shown on the 1" to mile map running to YASUF and beyond. It runs over smooth open country and is fit for wheeled traffic as far as the tombs east of ISKAKA. From this point north for 2 miles it is gravelled or metalled and a party is at work at YASUF. Three H.T. going into YASUF from north. The other road runs from HUWARA in direction of MARDA, no metal on this road but in W 29 and 35 it appears as though it is being formed or perhaps prepared for metalling. Road much cut up by traffic which is recent. Nature of country very soft.

Total for area: 50 T.S. and 6 marquees.
The three lines are occupied (about 100 horses), 20 M.T. parked West of road.

AWERTAH. 7 T.S.
X 22d a large white building with 4 H.T. beside it. The road from this place to KUZAH is much used.

Transport seen on roads in group as follows:
Between NABLUS and SINJIL 45 M.T., 30 of which were going south, 25 H.T. moving in either direction.

Group 2. Reference Topographical Report of 27/2/18. Two tracks lead from NABLUS to top of JEBEL TOR. No signs of a metalled or formed road and no signs of work being done. In U6 or 12 one new gun position, circular and small, apparently unoccupied.

BALATA. Normal.

Between NABLUS and RAMIN there appears to be a slight decrease in bell tents. 40 M.T. were seen in NABLUS. Slight scattered infantry and cavalry movement to east of town. 8 H.T. going northwest from town. Large party of men working on the quarries to the north of the town. M.T. at refilling points between NABLUS and D30 normal, 7 H.T. and 4 M.T. going towards NABLUS.

Station in D30. 15 R.S. and one engine, 35 M.T. and 15 H.T. drawn up on South West side of railway station. Dumps appear to have increased.

Station in D23. 25 R.S. one engine, 20 H.T. camp appears to have decreased.

Station in H31. 3 R.S. and large stacks of wood on north side of line. Road is not yet completely metalled between D33 and D19, there are stacks of metal all along at the sides of road in the unfinished portion.

Roads from ANESTIA to KALKILISH via TULKERAM is now all metalled and is excellent except 200 yards in O34 V36 and 1/2 mile in O34 H9 to H14. Gangs working at both spots. Metalled road runs to KALKILISH village, not KALKILISH station.

ANESTIA. 30 M.T. parked, 20 H.T. parked., 6 marquees and 15 T.S., considerable decrease.

SHUWEIKH. 50 horses on lines.

YEMMA, (O33 H26) 20 B.T., 6 H.T. on road going North and about 1 mile

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further north three more H.T. going north., $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north of ZEITA three more H.T. going N. Road between ZEITA and TULKERAM is a good unmetalled road and much used. A party of men working on this road at WADI ESH - SHAMY.

JELAMEH. 1 H.S.

KAKON Trenches, A rectangular shaped trench, not previously reported, U 12d and V 7c with a short communication trench at back, No other changes.

NAHR ISKENDERUN is flowing from U7 to sea.

TULKERAM Area. 30 R.S., 20 H. T. Ammunition dumps slightly decreased. 100 H.T. parked in and around village, 100 horses on lines or picketed.

IRTAH Area. Normal, 20 H.T. going south.

TAIYIEH Area, A metal road is being made into village from main road., 4 H.T. going into village from West.

KULUNSAWIEH Area. 50 cavalry scattered to north of village., area normal.

DEIR ASFIN Area. A small new camp of 3 marquees and 3 bell tents. Part of area invisible owing to clouds.

Total transport between KALKILIEH and TULKERAM 80 H.T., 60% going S.

Photographic reconnaissance having reported yesterday a large camp near 113 P32, this area was searched but the camp could not be found owing to clouds.

No. A. 221.

Date, 3/3/18.

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Pilot. Capt. Smith. M.C.

Started, 1000

Observer. Lt. Mustard.

Landed. 1245

Duty :- Strategical.

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Reported to :- 21st and DEs Corps.

Reference 1" to Mile.

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GHORANIYEH BRIDGE., patrol of 50 cavalry at bridge, 30 R.S.
(reduction of 60).

SHUNEF MINRIN CAMPS. 370 T.S. (increase of 20) and 28 dumps of which
8 are fodder.

The Headquarters camp in U 13d and the camp to the
south of it would make good bomb target.

No A.A. fire at this point.

Camp of 100 T.S. in 127 G21 has been removed.

NIMRIN-ES SALT road, Movement: 30 cavalry and 4 H.T. moving north
towards ES SALT. 8 H.T. and 20 H.T., 40 infantry
and 40 cavalry moving south towards Nimrin.
127 M28 camp of 10 B.T. (decrease of 20) and a
party of 20 working on road.
127 M12d 20B.T. normal and a few shelters near
the bridge., 2 H.T. and 20 cavalry halted just
north of bridge.
L25, a camp of 5 bell tents.
Hospital reported in L13a is confirmed. Correct
location is more probably L19. 4 square pits to
the West of this hospital, 4 H.T. and 3 H.T. halted
on road near hospital.

ES SALT. 55 bell tents., 40 H.T. and 12 M.T. parked on East
side of town., 4 H.T. going north in J25. The north
road is not a very good one but appears fit for
wheeled traffic. Very little movement seen in
the town.

ES SALT-AMMAN ROAD. Movement: 15 H.T., 20 cavalry and 2 M.T. moving
towards AMMAN (4 of the H.T. had 8 horse teams),
20 H.T., 200 infantry and 4 M.T. moving towards
ES SALT., M.T. were moving at a rapid pace

Between a village through which the road runs about ^{half way} ~~half~~
~~way~~ from ES SALT to AMMAN ^{sp} and AMMAN 3 small camps scattered
tattalling 20 B.T. and 20 brown shelters.

AMMAN. 20 B.T. at town (normal). 50 cavalry scattered to
south of town, 30 horses on lines in town. 10 H.T.
moving from station to town. The town is on the
north side of the wady and road from station is
carried over a bridge.

AMMAN station. 40 R.S., no engine., 40 T.S. (decrease of 115) The
old camp sites all plainly visible, 40 H.T. parked,
6 large dumps of wooden cases. Very slight movement
round station. The place appeared comparatively
deserted. The bell tents seen at entrance of tunnel
confirmed. The tunnel and viaduct are not more than
about 500 yards apart. Another viaduct to the
north of the station (7 arches).

KISSAR. 4 R.S. no movement observed.

No. A. 222.

Date. 4/3/18.

Pilot. Lt. Austin.

Started. 1000.

Observer. Lt. Finlay.

Landed. 1230.

Duty :- Strategic.

Reported to :- 21st Corps and Des Corps.

KALKILIEH. 8 R.S.

Group 3.

KALKILIEH-TULKERAM Road. Movement 12 H.T. going South., 9 H.T. going West.

HANUTAH Area. No camps.

JELAMEH Area. Hospital of 10 E.Ps, 20 M.T., 2 horse lines
20 H.T. parked and 6 H.T. entering from main road.
No other camps in area.

DEIR ASFIN Area. No camps. (decrease of 170 T.S.).

ET TAIKIEH Area. 6 marquees. 100 T.S. (of which 80% bell tents).
one horse line, 20 H.T. parked.
Decrease of 130 T.S.

KULUNSAWEH Area. 30 T.S. (normal).

FERON Area. 2 marquees, 50 T.S. (practically normal).
There is a net work of trenches round the South and West of the town on a high hill.

TULKERAM Area. 40 R.S., 30 dumps (slight decrease), 150 T.S.
mostly bell tents increase of 64, 50 H.T. parked and 4 horse lines, 10 H.T. going East.

DENNABEH Area. 50 T.S. (increase of 12) and 100 H.T. parked and 6 horse lines.

SHUWEIKEH Area. No camps. (decrease of 190 T.S.).

BIR EL ASBM Area. The siding is in the North East corner of this area, 20 T.S. (normal) near this siding and 30 ammunition dumps.

KAKON Area. 20 T.S. (Normal).
No fresh work on Kakon trenches. A train of 20 R.S. moving from D23 to TULKERAM.

KH ZAHARAN Area. 10 marquees and 8 tents just South of KH ABU KEMEISH

Group 2.

ANEETA Area. 8 marquees, 10 T.S. decrease of 57 since 26.2.18., practically unchanged since 2.2.18., 28 M.T. parked on South of road., 10 R.S. pulled up just West of village and no horse lines.

RAMIN Area. Impression of general decrease.

Stn in D23. 40 R.S., a marked decrease of dumps.

EN NAKURAH Area. Stn in D30, 20 R.S. and a marked decrease in T.S.

At refilling stations between NABLUS and D23 40 M.T.

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parked.

NABLUS .

80 M.T. parked. There appears to be an important refilling point just to North East of town.

Just East of Nablus on road 100 infantry scattered on both sides. Barrack square appeared to be full of troops.

DEIR ASFIN, RAFIDIA, BALATA, RUJIB/ and NABLUS Areas appear normal.

Road from BALATA to YEFMA appears very much cut up. Transport are using their own tracks by the side of the main road.

Group 1.

HUWARAH.

4 M.T. going North and 7 going South., camp normal but no horses seen on lines.

YEFMA.)

Normal.

SAWIEH.)

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LUBBAN.)

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No. A. 223.

E 33/53
March 1918.
Date. 4/5/18.

Pilot. Capt. Smith.

Started. 0930.

Observer. Lt. Mustard.

Landed. 1245.

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :-

EL KERAK.

Slight movement in town. Citadel no movement.

No movement observed between here and KUTRANI.

EL. KUTRANI.

40 R.S. in station., 80 T.S. About 1000 yards of well made trench round West and South side of station, includes reservoir.

Aeradrome.

7 hangars, 3 machines ~~LAXING~~ taxi-ing about. One bomb appeared to be a direct hit on points North end off station.

Practically no movement observed throughout the raid.

No.A. 224.

Date. 5/3/18.

Pilot. Lt. Headlam.

E 33/54
March 1918
Started. 0900

Observer. Lt. Beaton.

Landed. 1045

Duty :- Strategic.

Reported to :-

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HUWARA-YASUF-SELFIT Road.

The HUWARA-YASUF Road is as described in report No. 220. It continues South as far as 098Y28, from there it turns West to SELFIT and is fit for wheeled traffic as far as SELFIT. No movement observed. From SELFIT a track runs towards BERUKIN, not much used. A good track from HUWARA to JEMAIN, which has been used by wheeled traffic. It runs about 2 miles South West from JEMAIN where it seems to lose itself in a patch of cultivation.

A plain track, which does not appear used by wheeled traffic runs from SELFIT to JEMAIN. Except for small tracks from one village to another no other roads observed.

No camps observed throughout the whole area between the BIRSH-NABLUS and KALKILIEH-TULKERAM Roads.

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No. 225.

Date. 5/3/18.

Pilot. Lt. Peters.

Started. 0900

Observer. Lt. Traill.

Landed. 1048.

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :-

Ref: 1/250,000 Jerusalem Sheet.

KALAT EL HASA.

5 R.S., only two small station buildings.

A branch^(light railway)line from the North West joins the main line at this point.

West of station $\frac{1}{2}$ mile a strong redoubt on a round hill with a depression in its centre, 4 bell tents and a marquee in the depression and 15 shelters.

The trenches face South West. A reservoir about 20 feet square between two buildings at station- same type as at KUTRANI., at station 4 bell tents and 20 shelters. About 40 cavalry about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile South West of station scattering in all directions.

East of station three separate trench systems. These appear newly dug and not completed.

They face South and South East. Were fired on by Field guns, but could not locate these.

About 5 miles South of the ^Railway in

EL GHORAB~~IAH~~ 40 Bedouin shelters. A culvert crosses a wady about 3 miles South of station.

The SEIL FEIFE is not now in flood. Observer could see no water in the bed.

No. A. 228.

633/56

Date. 5/3/18

March 1918.

Pilot. Lt. A. R. Brown.

Started. 1030.

Observer. Lt. O. Lee.

Landed. 1130.

Duty :-

Photos

Reported to :-

About 12 miles North of GHORANIYEH Bridge over Jordan what appears to be a new bridge in building or a pontoon. At present there is a large boat, or ferry being used for crossing river.

Camp of 130 T.S. on the East side of river close to above bridge also 3 large sheds and 3 dumps (small). Quite a number of Field guns firing at machine at this point.

From above crossing there are two roads running the hills to ES SALT, but neither appear suitable for wheeled traffic, 100 cavalry were seen about 1½ miles West of ES SALT going East.

ES SALT. 2 miles North East on road to AMMAN 3 guns and 3 limbers, with 3 horses or mules in each, also 150 cavalry, 40 H.T., all going in direction of AMMAN.

SHUNET NIMRIN Camps now only about 40 T.S., 2 marquees, 3 dumps.

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No. A. 227.

633/57
March 1918.
Date. 3/3/18.

Pilot. Lt. Frazer.
Observer. Lt. Fysh.

Started. 1055
Landed. 1225.

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :- 21st Corps and Des Corps.

MEZRAH ESH SHARKIYEH. (099 L 22b) 4 gun positions occupied.
In the plantation North East of the village 40 B.T.
an unmetalled well defined road leaves the main road
at 099 L3d and zigzags over the high country leading
South just to East of MEZRAH ESH SHARKIYEH (not
passing through village) thence it leads slightly
to the East of the trenches at TEL EL ASUR.
This appears to be the chief and most used road for
the supply of the country East of the main road
in this neighbourhood.

SALWAD SINJIL LUBBAN Areas Normal.

TURMUS AYA. 40 horses on lines. A small casualty clearing
station at Sinjil consisting of 1 marquee (new).

LUBBAN Area. 15 M.T. parked, and 18 M.T. and 20 H.T. moving South
from village. Hospital still in position

SAWIEH Area. Normal. Just North of village a hospital among the
trees. Between Sawieh and Huwara 18 M.T. moving
North.

HUWARA Area. Normal. At Huwara 18 M.T. parked and 100 cavalry
scattered to East of road.
Between Huwara and Nablus 32 H.T. and 8 M.T. moving
South.

NABLUS Area. 10 marquees, 38 B.T. and 80 shelters (increase of 58)
Most of the camps are South East of the town.,
40 M.T. parked in town.
Between Nablus and Deir sheraf 20 H.T. moving South,
10 M.T. moving North.

Stn in D30. 25 R.S., 50 M.T. parked and 50 H.T. drawn up to
West of station.

MESSUDIEH Stn. 20 R.S. at the station. Dumps at the siding are
very large and some are covered with black tarpaulin.

Camps in all the areas with the exception of Nablus in
Group 2 appear normal.

ANEETA Area. 7 R.S.

Group 3, counted in detail.

KH ZAHARAN Area. Normal.

DENNABEH Area. 30 T.S. (decrease of 20). 6 horse lines as reported,
and 40 H.T. parked.

SHUWEIKEH Area. No camps.

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BIR EL ASEMM, & KAKON Areas. Normal.

TULKERAM Area. 90 T.S. (decrease of 60), the large majority are bell tents, 60 H.S. in station and 45 H.T. parked. A two-seater machine seen on ground at aerodrome.

FERON Area. 45 T.S. (practically normal).

ET TALIBEH Area. 100 T.S. (practically normal).

KULUNSAWEH Area. 30 T.S. (normal).

DEIR ASFIN Area. 170 T.S. this includes a new camp which appears to be a Headquarters camp in 084 W 32 and consists of 3 marquees, 4 E.Ps, and 8 B.Ts.

Between Tulkeram and Kalkilieh on road a total of 60 H.T. majority moving South. Gangs seen at work on the short metalled part off road in 084 H 8 and 9.

JELAMEH Area. Normal. Hospital only.

HANUTAH Area. No camps.

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Report on Bridges Nos 1 to 7.

No. 1. The wady is not deep. Bridge of 6 arches 30 feet high but deviation easy to construct-destroyed-one pier standing

No. 2. About 25 feet high 3 arches, deviation easy- destroyed-broken arches standing.

No. 3 & No. 4. These two are merely small culverts and quite unimportant. Not destroyed.

No. 4a. A slightly larger culvert. Destroyed.

Between 4a and 5 there are two small culverts, unimportant and not destroyed.

No. 5. A small bridge not so large as No. 2. height 20 feet approx)

No. 5a. A very small bridge -probably one arch and very low-deviation easy. Not destroyed.

No. 6. Not destroyed- only a large culvert.

No. 7. A bridge of 4 small arches about 30 feet high deviation would be easy if water not running in wady. Not destroyed.

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Pilot : Capt. Ross Smith

Observer : Lieut. Mustard.

Reported to :- 20th Corps and Desert Corps.

Ref : 1" to mile. AJLUN and AMMAN sheets.



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March 1918.
Date. 7.3.18.

Started 0900.

Landed 1215.

GHORANIYEH Bridge. Has been removed - no trace of ruins or broken piers can be seen. A large fire burning on the W. bank.

SHUNET NIMRIN. 1 bell tent and 15 shelters just N. of bridge in Pl6. Bridge is a two arched Bridge.

Pl8. 12 bell tents and 10 shelters, 10 cavalry scattered on road.

127M27 25 camels and 10 H.T. moving N.

M18 1 H.T. and 1 M.T. moving S. A camp of 1 bell tent and 8 Bedouin shelters. Small camps near road between the bridge at M18 and L13 all removed.

L19 Hospital consists of 20 bell tents, 6 E.P's and 1 large marquee. 20 cavalry on road scattered at this point.

L25 60 cavalry moving N.

L13 A camp of 18 bell tents.

ES SALT. 60 bell tents, 15 of which are in the town, the rest being half a mile S. on the NIMRIN road. (Practically normal) 17 M.T. parked in town, also 16 H.T. 40 cavalry halted in town. Considerable movement, apparently of civil population, in town. 1 H.T. and 1 M.T. moving S. from town towards AMMAN. Easterly movement off the AMMAN-ES SALT road: 17 M.T., 20 cavalry, and 20 infantry. Westward movement : 4 M.T., 3 H.T., and 50 cavalry. 150 cavalry scattered on road 2 miles N. of AMMAN. Halted : 2 M.T. on road one mile W. of AMMAN. East of a village not marked on the map, near the road about $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 miles from AMMAN, 3 small camps, numbering in all 18 bell tents and 25 shelters. 20 camels scattered near one of these camps.

AMMAN At the town 13 bell tents, 10 shelters, 1 E.P. (practically normal); an M.T. park consisting of two marquees, 1 green covered dump and 8 M.T. 50 cavalry entering town from S.W. On road between station and village 2 M.T. and 2 H.T. and 30 cavalry moving in both directions. The Station - 45 bell tents, 2 E.P's, 8 very large black shelters (a very slight increase) 12 dumps, 60 rolling stock, 50 % of which were closed carriages. Open trucks appeared to be loaded with cases. A train of 8 R.S. proceeding S

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KISSIR Station.

6 R.S.

On a road running due N. from AMMAN 2 H.T. moving S.

On the ES SALT-AMMAN road there are two places where the road is doubled, making a loop about 3 miles long in each case. Both the loop and the main road are in use in each case. The doubling occurs at a point about 6 miles from ES SALT before reaching the unnamed village and again beyond the village at a point about 6 miles from AMMAN.

ES SALT - BIRMA road is good enough for wheeled traffic, with some steep grades in it.

There is a road which runs from ES SALT to the JORDAN at about A13. This road and the ES SALT - JISR ED DAMIEH road are both used ~~for~~ by wheeled traffic. A road runs N. from Shunet Nimrin. Point of juncture of this road with JISR ED DAMIEH - ES SALT road not located with certainty. Probably about 126 S 15. This road is also used by H.T. 10 H.T. observed moving N. about 8 miles N. of SHUNET NIMRIN.

JISR ED DAMIE.

This appears to be the spot mentioned in report No. 226 as the site of a pontoon bridge. The bridge is made of 5 boats; 14 bell tents just W. of JORDAN, 80 cavalry halted at this point. One mile E. of river at the foot of hills 18 bell tents and 20 shelters - 5 flat topped buildings which may be the Ruins marked on the map, or sheds. 2 H.T. moving W. on road about two miles E. of bridge. Water in the JORDAN appears to be falling - sand dunes plainly visible in bed and back waters drying up.

The road running N.W. from ED DAMIE up to the WADI EL JOSELEH is very clearly defined. 113 J18, 150 Bedouin shelters.

Pilot. Lieut. Garson.

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March 1918
 Started. 1230

Observer. Lieut. Lee.

Landed. 1445.

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :- 21st Corps and Des Corps.

Group 1.

- SALWAD Area.** 45 T.S. N.E. of Mezrah Esh Sharkiyeh, and 50 T.S. in Salwad area proper, Hospital L 200 of 15 T.S.
- SINJIL AREA.** 4 H.T. going from Turmus Aya to Mezrah Esh Sharkiyeh, 35 T.S. in Area, 10 M.T. on roadside.
- LUBBAN AREA.** A new camp of 100 T.S. at KH ER RAFID in J 15d and J 22a and b. Total camps in area 145 T.S. (increase of 45)
- Between Lubban and Huwara 160 H.T. going South, also 40 M.T. and 100 Cavalry.
- ES SAWIEH AREA.** 20 M.T. and 20 H.T. parked, Camps normal. 6 H.T. going N. Hospital confirmed.
- YETMA AREA.** Normal.
- HUWARA AREA.** A new camp in X 8b, probably a refilling station consisting of two marquees, 4 bell tents; 60 cavalry halted between camp and road, 6 H.T. going N, 100 horses on lines, 5 bell tents near the white building, X22. In crease of 11 for area.

Group 2. Counted in detail.

- RUJIB AREA.** Only 2 tents, 12 M.T. going N. An alternative to main road is being used leaving main road at the South of SAHEL MUKHNAE and going through X9a & c, X 15a & c, X20b & c where it rejoins main road.
- BALATA AREA.** 8 tents.
- NABLUS AREA.** 60 T.S. and 9 marquees (decrease of 59) 2 M.T. parks in town (7 in one and 10 in the other). One refilling station in Nablus, practically no movement in and throughout the town. Approximately in N 27 four gun positions (new).
- TULLUZA AREA.** In 098 L30 approximately a camp of 15 bell tents.
- RAFIDIA AREA.** 30 T.S. at refilling station, 2 M.T. and 2 marquees. Two M.T. going N.W. 3 H.T. going S.E. Increase for area 30 T.S. Camp is scattered and in the wood East of the village.
- DEIR SHERAF AREA.** The two refilling stations are gone and there are no camps in area, Decrease of 22.
- EN NAKURAH Area.** 30 T.S. at station in D30, also 9 marquees of which 2 are at refilling stations., 15 R.S., 20 H.T. 100 cavalry scattered to S.W. of station, about 200 infantry moving S.E. from station. Decrease for area 14 tents.

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RAMIN AREA.

16 R.S. at Messudieh station, 50 T.S. including hospital (normal), A slight decrease in size of dumps, at Messudieh (also at D30), West of station 50 cavalry scattered and halted, 300 yards N of Messudieh station, 2 A.A. guns well dug in plainly visible to machine and both firing.

BURKA AREA.

No. R.S., 3 B.T. at station, no other camps in area, Decrease of 7 B.T.

ATTARA AREA.

Small new camp of 15 T.S. in D19 in scrub in wady. Increase of 15 T.S. for area.

BEIT SELLUM 098 G23, 6 large sheds and 2 green covered dumps.

ANEHTA AREA.

2 R.S. at station, 15 M.T., 10 H.T., 15 T.S. and 6 marquees (practically normal). 1 mile west of Anehta 1 train of 18 R.S. going E. 1 1/2 miles South of on the top of a hill three gun positions being made.

Group 3.

SHUWEIKEH AREA. 15 B.T. and 5 shelters (increase of 20).

KAKON & TULKERAM AREAS. Normal. 13 R.S. at Tulkeram, 20 H.T. in station and a large working party of infantry on South end of station, 120 H.T. and 30 to 40 M.T. parked in village, 4 horse lines holding approximately 180 horses.

DENNABEH & KH ZAHARAN AREAS. Normal.

At Dennabeh 4 horse lines and 120 horses.

ET TAIYIBEH AREA. There appears to be an increase at Taiyibeh,

KULUNSAWIEH AREA. Normal, Hospital opposite ~~ET TAIYIBEH~~ in Y4 normal

~~ET TAIYIBEH~~ Normal.

DEIR ASFIN AREA. Report of 6/3/18 confirmed.

JELAMEH AREA. Normal.

HANUTAH AREA. A new hospital in H4, also a scattered camp of 15 B.T. (new).

Traffic on KALKILIEH - TULKERAM Road 17 H.T. 4 M.T. and 2 light cars going North, 25 H.T. 2 very small parties of cavalry going South.

No. A. 230.

Pilot, Lt. Austin.

Observer, Lt. Finlay.

Duty :- Strategic.

Reported to :- 20th Corps and Les Corps.



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Date. 9/3/18.

March 1918.

Started. 0600

Landed. 9000

SHUNET NIMRIN

No movement, 2 bell tents.

SHUNET NIMRIN-ES SALT ROAD. No movement seen, a large part of road obscured by clouds.

ES SALT

44 bell tents but Eastern portion of town obscured by cloud.

ES SALT-JISR ED DAMIE ROAD. No movement observed, observation good on this road.

JISR ED DAMIE.

5 gun positions, 4 in the high country approximately 183 S7b, S8a, S7d, and S8c and the other on low ground (Western side of high hills) near some native buildings in S7a. Anti-Aircraft fire experienced here. Total camps near ford both sides of Jordan 50 T.S. (increase of 18) 10 H.T. - parked alongside foothills.

About 112 L14 on Damie-Nablus Road 9 T.S.

" " L 7 100 cavalry halted on road.

K 8a two camps in all of 50 T.S., 24 H.T. and a horse line of 20 horses alongside road.

BEIT DEJAN.

40 white H.T. and 2 horse lines of 40 horses each and 10 T.S.

DEIR EL HATI~~B~~.

50 cavalry going West, 12 B.T., 14 M.T. halted

BALATA.

6 M.T. entering from North East.

NABLUS ARRA, and whole district from NABLUS to SAVIEH under cloud.

At TURMUS AYA there were cavalry halted just West of the village.

No. A. 231.



Date 9/3/18.

Pilot. Lt. Headlam.

Observer. Lt. Fysh.

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :- 20th Corps and Des Corps.

Started. 1100

Landed. 1350

March 1918.

SHUNET NIMRIN.

8 T.S. to North., XX

127 M18.

At bridge 1 bell tent and 20 black shelters, Hospital in L13 still in position. It consists of 2 marquees 15 T.S. and 10 black shelters.

Only movement observed between Shunet Nimrin and Es Salt was 2 H.T. going North.

ES SALT.

38 B.T. to South of town and 22 B.T. to the North. (Normal). In an open space to the South of the town 35 small dumps and 150 infantry scattered.

ES SALT-AMMAN ROAD.

Movement observed: 20 Horse transport moving E.- 1 1/2 miles of town.

ES SALT-DAMIE ROAD. In 127 M34,

200 infantry and 3 H.T. moving W.

JISR ED DAMIE.

Gun positions confirmed. They did not appear occupied. 4 bell tents just to the West of the bridge. No Anti-aircraft fire experienced and no movement seen.

JISR ED DAMIE to NABLUS: Observation bad owing to clouds, but observer is inclined to place the camps reported in L14 & K6 this morning as on the main road South of the Wady El Jozeleh in L and K.

The main road (and only good road) follows the Wady - El Jozeleh or Wadi Farah ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ and turns into Sheekem from the North East as shown on the map. This is the only road suitable for wheeled traffic. It appears to be metalled from Nablus as far as 112 T15.

Many pools of clear water in the Wady Farah and much green vegetation.

On the road in 112 H13 100 cavalry and 3 H.T. moving West.

112 T15, 30 H.T. moving West.

112 S6, 100 cavalry scattered South of road & 2 H.T.

KH FERWEH. (112 S1) about 40 T.S. seen through clouds.

NABLUS.

No movement observed.

No work has been done on the trench line in V16, 17, and 18 which ~~appears neglected~~.

Between Nablus and Huwara 5 large M.T. moving South.

HUWARA.

New camp reported yesterday confirmed, old camp normal, 150 cavalry round new camp.

098 Y6 central.

Four gun positions on a height commanding the main road. These positions are occupied, 6 bell tents near them.

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Plies. 10. Hoshim.
Observer. 10. Hoshim.
Duty: - Observational.
Reported to: - 20th Corps and 2nd Corps.

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SHORT WINTER.
127 NIS.
At bridge 1 ball tent and 20 black shelters.
Hospital in his still in position. It consists of
2 marines 10 T.S. and 10 black shelters.

Only movement observed between Short Winter
and 100 NIS was 2 H.T. going North.

20 N.T. to South of town and 20 N.T. to the
North. (Normal). In an open space to the South of
the town 20 small camps and 100 infantry scattered.

Movement observed: 20 Horse transport moving E.-
if miles of town.

20 NIS-DANIEL ROAD. In 127 NIS, 200 infantry and 2 H.T. moving W.

20 NIS-DANIEL ROAD. In 127 NIS, 200 infantry and 2 H.T. moving W.
Gun positions confirmed. They did not appear
occupied. A ball tent just to the West of the bridge.
No anti-aircraft fire experienced and no movement seen.

20 NIS-DANIEL ROAD. In 127 NIS, 200 infantry and 2 H.T. moving W.
Observation had owing to clouds, but observer
is inclined to place the camps reported in 10-10 NIS
this morning as on the main road south of the Wady H.
Jocelyn in 10-10 NIS.
The main road (and only road) follows the Wady -
El Jocelyn of Wady H. and turns into the North East as shown
on the map. This is the only road suitable for
wheeled traffic. It appears to be metalled from
Nabul as far as 112 NIS.

Many pools of clear water in the Wady H. and much
green vegetation.

On the road in 112 NIS 100 cavalry and 2 H.T. moving
West.
112 NIS, 20 H.T. moving West.
112 NIS, 100 cavalry scattered south of road & 2 H.T.

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20 NIS-DANIEL ROAD. In 127 NIS, 200 infantry and 2 H.T. moving W.

No. A232.



Date. 10-3-18.

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March 1918.

Pilot: Capt. Addison.

Started: 0600.

Observer: Lt. Fysh.

Landed: 0845.

Reported to: 20th Corps and Desert Corps.
Ajlun & Amman Sheets: 1" to mile.

SHUNET NIMRIN

Eight bell tents.
There is a stone bridge of three arches at 127 P 13d, undamaged.
Bridge in W18 is over a deep Wadi and is one very large span.
Hospital in L13 still in position.

ES SALT

A new camp of 50 shelters to the N. of the town - other camps normal - an increase of 50.
No movement observed on the AMMAN Road.

ES SALT - DANIE road. There are two road from ES SALT to DANIE, both rough and steep. The Northern one is roughly as shown on the map. The Southern one branches off just N. of ES SALT and leads through H32 and B15, rejoining the road in B1b.

127 H 27

12 bell tents and 6 shelters (new).

127 H 25

3 bell tents (new).

JISR ED DANIE

On the East side of the bridge 10 T.S. (new) and one horse line of 30 cavalry; one W. side 4 bell tents.
Machine was fired on by one small field gun. The gun positions reported yesterday are not occupied.

Scattered in 112 N 7 and 13, 30 bell tents and 10 horse lines of 30 each (new).

W112 L 28

20 T.S. and two horse lines of 25 each (new).

Scattered in K11, 17 and 23, 60 bell tents and three horse lines of 25 each.

The above are the only camps along the road in L and K.

H15 and H32 on the road, 52 white topped HT moving N.

112 Y 19c

At the ~~cross~~ cross roads 12 large shelters.

T16a

By the road 4 bell tents, 20 HT moving S. at this point on road.

112 T8

Alongside road 35 TS and 40 HT parked; no horse lines seen but opportunities for concealment in trees, which are thick at this point.

S6

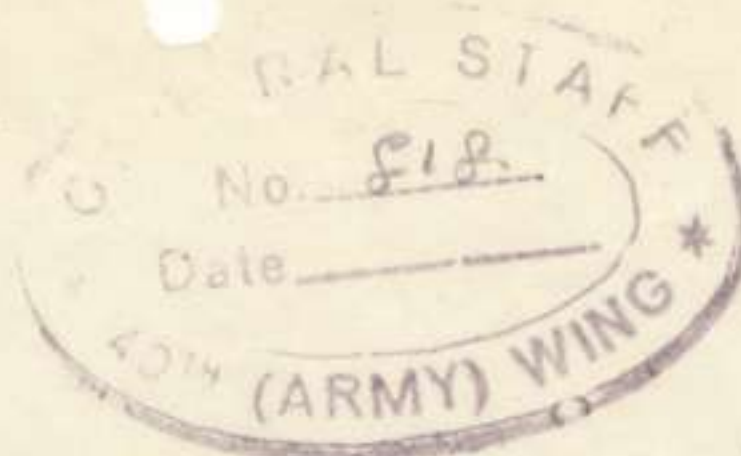
Alongside road 7 shelters.
On road at this point 5 HT moving S.

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112 S 1. KH. FERWEH. 17 bell tents and 30 brown shelters.
Between KH. FERWEH and NABLUS 28 HT moving S.
NABLUS. Camps normal - very little movement.
About 1 mile S. of NABLUS 18 HT and one
large MT moving S.
HUWARA. Camp normal and no movement.
O 98 X33 and X34 A ~~small~~^{new} camp of 12 bell tents.
YETMA 25 TS near village (new) remaining camps
normal.
SAWIEH area. There appears to be a decrease.
On the road in X26 and X32: 40 HT stationary.

No. A. 233



633/69
Amuly 1918.
Date. 10/3/18,

Pilot. Capt. Ross Smith.

Started. 1100

Observer. Lt. Mustard.

Landed 1400

Duty :- Strategic.

Reported to :- 20th Corps and Des Corps.

SHUNET NIMRIN.

8 B.T. and 10 shelters.

Water is running in the Wady Nimrin and the Wady Shaib.

There appears to be a spring at the foot of (South West slope) of El Haud.

TEL EL MUSTA.

5 shelters on the summit.

127 M18.

Camp of 4 bell tents and 15 shelters on both sides of Wady.

The roadway on the bridge is in a very bad state of repair.

Hospital in L13 diminished- only 6 bell tents, and 1 marquee., 2 H.T. and 20 cavalry moving South at this point and 1 M.T. and 3 H.T. moving North.

ES SALT.

Camps apparently as reported, but town partially obscured by cloud.

Just South of town 40 cavalry and 3 H.T. halted on the road. 250 cavalry moving into town on Amman road.

JISR ED DAMIE. 128 S9.

300 infantry with 20 pack animals moving West. 50 bivouac shelters and 50 horses picketed in about S14.

112 M18. 200 cavalry moving South on West side of Jordan.

M18. on West bank near bridge 3 bell tents and 30 shelters.

112 L28. Camp of 20 T.S. confirmed. Horse lines were unoccupied.

Camp in W7 and 13, not visible owing to clouds.

L28. at point 620. A hospital of 4 E.P.'s.

Camp in L11, 17 and 23, obscured by clouds.

112 H2. 50 H.T. parked. Horses appeared to be tied to waggons.

112 Y19c. 20 large shelters.

112 T18a. 4 bell tents, 8 H.T. moving South East.

T8. Camp of 30 T.S. confirmed, 20 H.T. parked.

S3. 4 bell tents and 20 shelters, 50 horses on a line.

S12. A bell tent and 30 shelters and 50 horses.

KH FERWEH.

Camp of 17 tents and 30 shelters confirmed.

NABLUS.

5 M.T. moving East into town and 37 M.T.

parked in the town. 500 infantry halted on road opposite barracks. Camps normal.

12 M.T. moving South, towards Huwara., 22 M.T. halted at Huwara.

HUWARA.

35 T.S., ^{de} increase of 32.

X9c. A dump apparently ammunition.

X23. 6 M.T. and 20 H.T. halted off road.

X32. 10 M.T. moving South.

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Z2. 10 H.T. and 8 M.T. halted off road.
Z14. 7 M.T. parked at a camp at Yetma.

ES SAWIEH. 4 M.T. halted at hospital.

Between LUBSAN and KH LUBSAN 13 H.T. and 10 H.T. moving North.

098 Z23. 300 infantry halted on East side of road.

South of LUBSAN about 150 infantry in small parties
scattered along road.

633/71
March 1918.
Date. 12/3/18.

Pilot. Capt. Ross Smith.
Observer. Lt. Mustard.

Started. 1120
Landed. 1400

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :- Des Corps & 21st Corps with request to repeat to 20th Corps.

KALKILISH. 1 R.S.

HANUTAH. Normal, also 1 large marquee and a green dump.

DEIR ASFIN AREA. Normal. Headquarters camp reported on the 6th confirmed.

JELAMEH AREA. Normal. No new work on trenches. Two H.T. moving South.

TAIYIBEH, KULUNSAWEH, PERON AREAS under cloud.

TULKERAM AREA. 180 T.S. including two new camps to West of railway line, one of 14 bell tents and another of 20 bell tents. Majority of camps in and around village (increase of 70 for area).
8 green covered in the streets of the village.
50 R.S. at station. Transport parks nearly empty.
3 M.T. moving into village from South.

KAKON. *6RS on narrow gauge line (Kakon line)*
Signs of new work on the trenches in 083 M25 and M26 but could not locate accurately owing to clouds.
The siding is in U17, 20 to 30 dumps at siding.

SHUWEIKH AREA. 80 T.S. - most of them long khaki coloured shelters.
22 H.T. and M.T. parked.

DENNABEH AREA. Normal.

KH KAHRAH AREA. 4 long white shelters seen, part of area obscured by cloud. 4 M.T. on road halted.

ANBETA AREA. Invisible.

RAMIN AREA. Camps invisible., about 30 R.S. at Messudieh and station in D30., About 20 M.T. halted at the two stations.

NABLUS AREA. 80 T.S. (increase of 20). 20 M.T. halted at West end of town., 300 cavalry and 100 infantry scattered just North of barracks, also 70 H.T. parked.
500 infantry and 10 M.T. moving South from Balata to Huwara.

BALATA AREA. Camp of 50 white shelters (new), between Balata and Askar to East of road.

HUWARA AREA. 20 M.T. stationary, on road. 100 infantry scattered. Total for area 40 T.S. (Normal). 4 M.T. moving South.

SAWIEH. The hospital consists of 20 tents and R.P.'s. Area obscured but camps appear to have decreased.

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Special report on Bridges.

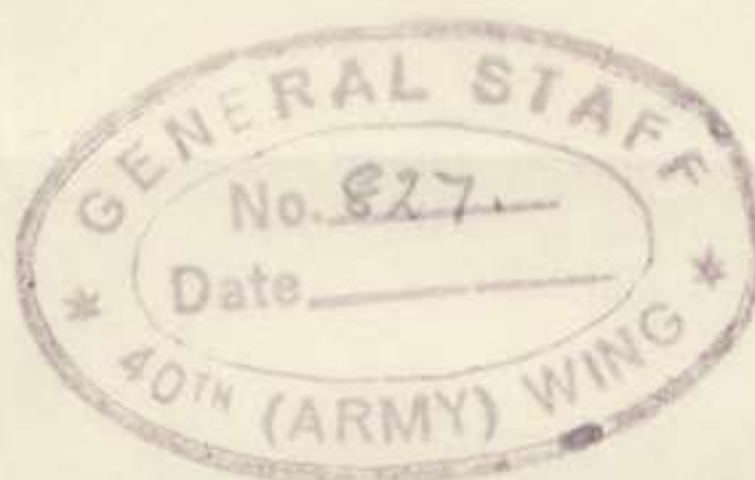
8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 are only culverts. None of them are destroyed.
14 appears to be a bridge on wooden piles, the wady is not deep here.
15 and 15 are culverts.
There are two apparently wooden culverts between 15 and 16.

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Both the bridges on the photo marked 16 are culverts.
Above observations were made under unfavourable conditions for
observing and will be confirmed on the next reconnaissance.

Sleepers can be seen on the track North from Kakon and the
small camp is still in position at Jelameh.



NO.A.235.

833/73
March 1918
Date. 13/3/18.

Pilot. Lt.Potts.

Started. 1300

Observer. Lt.Beaton.

Landed. 1500

Duty :- Strategic.

Reported to :- Des Corps and 21st Corps.

A new camp in front of KAKON trenches of 10 tents about
3 miles West of KAKON.

A train of 12 R.S. going South from KAKON.

Another camp of 7 E.P's midway between TAIYIBEH and
KALKILIEH two miles East of the line.

MESSUDIEH. 50 R.S.

ANEETA. 6 R.S.

TULMERAM. 40 R.S.

KULUNSAWIEH. 3 horse lines and 20 T.S.

Observation was extremely difficult and the ground only
seen in patches through the clouds.

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No. A. 233.

E.33/74

Date. 14/3/18

March 1918

Pilot. Lt. Tonkin.

Started 1030

Observer. Lt. Challoner.

Landed 1330

Duty :- Strategic.

Reported to :- Des Corps and 21st Corps.

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HANUTAH AREA. 1 marquee, 8 bell tents and 2 dumps. No hospital now in area.

DEIR ASFIN AREA. Camp normal. Headquarters camp still in position.

JELAMEH AREA. 7 H.T., and 100 cavalry scattered along road between Y3 and Y28. No definite direction, Camp normal.

TAIYIBEH AREA. Normal. 1 horse line (empty).

KULUNSAWEH. 4 sheds and 30 T.S. to North of village, decrease of 10.

FERON. Normal.

TULKERAM 25 R.S. at station and a train of 12 entering from the East., 40 transport parked in town, camps normal, 3 large dumps to North West of town. Dumps round station normal.

BIR EL ASSEM. 15 shelters (decrease of 5)

KAKON. No camps, decrease of 20.

SHUWEIKEN. No tents or shelters seen (decrease of 60) and transport reported on 12th not visible.

DENNABEH AREA. Normal., V36 6 M.T. going West.

ANEETA AREA. 30 M.T. parked, camp normal., 5 R.S. on siding (3 marquees and 15 T.S.).

RAMIN AREA. 45 R.S. at Messudieh including one train of 26 with an engine facing East. (steam up)., Two large dumps to North of station., 2 A.A. guns already reported seen to North of station. Total for area 60 T.S. increase of 30.

BURKA AREA. No tents seen.

098 H12. 30 M.T. in column halted.

EN NAKURAH AREA. Station in D30 no R.S. seen, camp normal

RUSEIN. 6 sheds and 2 green dumps, *confirmed.*
(G241) ~~Confirmed.~~

DEIR SHERAF & RAFIDIA apparently normal.

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Report on Bridges.

Railway bridge No. 15a appears to be on wooden piles or trestle. The wady is not very deep or broad.

March 1918.

Pilot. Capt. Smith. M.C.

Started 1000

Observer. Lt. Mustard.

Landed 1320

Duty- Strategical.

Reported to:- Des Corps and 20th Corps.

SHUNET NIMRIN. 4 B.T. and 20 shelters.

EL HAUD. 2 bell tents on top of hill, water is still running in the wady Chaib. The road crosses the wady by a culvert in M27c
 Camp at M13 normal.
 Hospital in L13 removed.

ES SALT. 70 T.S. a decrease of 40 T.S. Considerable movement in the town. 20 H.T. and 5 M.T. parked., 50 infantry halted on road at South end of town. 2 M.T. moving towards Amman.

Between Es Salt and Damie no movement observed. 200 Bedouin shelters between the two places scattered. The country between Es Salt and Jordan is very rugged and the gullies are very steep.

JISR ED DAMIE. 12 B.T. 1 E.P. 30 shelters and 4 dumps E. of Jordan (decrease of 17) no movement seen in these camps. Camp on West bank normal.

112 N7&13. Camp of 80 B.T. reported 10/3/18 has gone.
 N20. 14 B.T. and 1 horse line (new)

Camp in L28 still in position, horses not seen. Hospital at point 320 confirmed, it consists of 3 E.P.'s 3 bell tents and 10 shelters.
 Camp of 60 B.T. in 112 Kil, 17 and 23 reported 10/3/18 removed.

K12. 6 B.T. and 20 T.S. (new). At this point 1 H.T. going West. No other movement seen between Damie and Nablus.

Y19c. 2 bell tents and 25 shelters (increase of 7 T.S.) and 20 horses on lines.

112 T10& T16. 20 B.T. and 40 shelters (new)

T2& T8. 1 E.P. 20 shelters and 6 B.T. (practically normal). H.T. no longer parked here.

S12. Camp of 30 Shelters and 50 horses removed.

S6. 5 B.T. and 30 shelters (increase of 28).

KH FERWEH. Camp of 17 B.T. and 30 shelters removed.

NABLUS AREA. 7 M.T. moving West from the town, 100 M.T. parked in the various M.T. parks, 100 cavalry entering town from West, 40 H.T. in town moving East., 500 cavalry in town, 40 H.T. parked opposite barracks. T.S. 100 (increase of 20) Considerable movement in town.

BALATA AREA. 30 shelters and 20 infantry scattered near shelters- decrease of 20.

Between HUWARA & NABLUS on road 7 M.T. and 15 H.T. moving North, 300 infantry scattered moving North., 200 cavalry scattered apparently moving North, 3 M.T. moving South and 3 M.T. halted.
 The line of trenches in V18, 17 and 19 appear quite neglected.

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HUWARA AREA.

39 T.S. (decrease of 8) 40 H.T. parked and 2 horse lines.

YETMA AREA.

60 T.S.

SAWIEH AREA.

100 T.S. and 2 marquees (this includes the hospital decrease of 30 marquees, 40 H.T. parked.

4 hospital strips in the area.

10 M.T. halted on road.

No. A.238.

E 33/77
March 1918
Date 14/3/18.

Pilot. Lt. Watt

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Observer Lt. LEE.

Duty:- Photographic Reconnaissance.

Time of Observation, 1230.

New short lengths of trench running from (084) R 10 to 038
and 027.

083 approximately 025 two new bridges over the river also a
NOT the river in 025
new long piece of trench and 20 tent shelters.

019. Another new long piece of trench .

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633/78

Date. 19/3/18.

Pilot. Lt. Blake.

Started. 0930

Observer. Lt. Mustard.

Landed. 1100

Duty :- Strategic.

Reported to :- 20th Corps and Des Corps.

Reference ES salt composite and 1" map generally.

SHUNET NIMRIN. 40 T.S. (increase of 16)

127 U7. 3 bell tents new.

U3a. 3 bell tents and 5 shelters.

Bridge at N2. (old co-ordinate M18) Camp normal.

Movement seen between SALT and NIMRIN 1 H.T. moving North and 1 H.T. moving South.

North of bridge in N2 and Eastwards country entirely obscured by clouds.

ES SALT. Seen through gaps in clouds, 100 cavalry moving South in direction of NIMRIN, 300 to 400 cavalry in the streets at South end of town.

Country not being visible to East, machine reconnoitred ED DAMIE.

ED DAMIE. 40 T.S. and 1 B.P. (normal), 6 dumps. Camp West of bridge normal. (3 B.T. and 10 shelters).

112 L34. Camp of 20 T.S. (new).

L23. Camp normal., horses lines occupied, (about 30). 20 camels moving North West on road.

L27. 20 B.T. in wady (new)

L25a. Camp of 5 bell tents and 20 H.T. parked (new).

Point 320. Hospital still in position.

N20. Camp still in position.

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No.A.241.

Date. 19/3/18.

March 1918.

Pilot. Lt. Taylor.

Started. 1010.

Observer. Lt. Fysh.

Landed. 1220

Duty :- Strategical.

E 33/79

Reported to:- 21st Corps and Des Corps.

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SAWIEH AREA. under clouds. ✓

YETMA AREA. 90 T.S. (practically normal). ✓

HUWARA AREA. Normal, Hospital of 8 marquees to South of village., 30 H.T. parked and 50 horses in small groups. ✓

The HUWARA-YASUF Road is well used.

Between HUWARA and NABLUS 14 M.T. moving South. ✓

NABLUS AREA. 100 T.S. (normal) 50 H.T. parked, 100 horses observed in groups South of town, 40 M.T. parked., Very severe A.A. fire just South of Nablus. ✓

BALATA & RUJIB AREAS, Normal.

RAFTIDIA AREA. Normal.

DEIR SHERAF AREA. 2 marquees and 4 bell tents, (increase of 6).

EN NAKURAH AREA. 40 T.S. including 12 marquees (practically normal) 20 M.T. parked at refilling point South of station in K31 (N.B. these are the corrected co-ordinates for the station formerly reported in D30).
Station in K31 10 R.S., 30 H.T. to West of station.

RAMIN AREA. Station in D23, 80 R.S., T.S. normal.

BURKA AREA. 3 B.T. near FENDAKUMIYEH.

ATTARA AREA. Normal.

ANEFTA AREA. 8 covered carriages on siding, 50 H.T. parked, 9 marquees and 15 B.T.'s (practically normal)

KH ZAHARAN AREA. 098 ci, 2, and 3, 70 H.T. moving East, nom T.S., (decrease of 18).

DENNABEH AREA. 40 T.S. (increase of 10), 40 H.T. parked, 120 horses on lines.

SHUWEIKEH AREA. 60 T.S. seen (normal), 20 H.T. parked, 50 horses picketed.

KAKON & BIR EL ASEM AREAS. Obscured by clouds.

TULKERAM AREA. 60 R.S., 1 train of 17 carriages moving towards ANEFTA., 130 T.B. (normal), 100 H.T. parked.

FERON AREA. Normal (50 T.S.)

TAIYIBEH AREA. 150 T.S. (increase of 50) 40 H.T. parked, 2 horse lines of 40 each.

No. A. 240

E 33/80

Date. 18/3/18.

March 1918.

Pilot. Lt. Lukis.

Started. 1800

Observer. Lt. Mustard.

Landed. 1800

Report by Photographic Reconnaissance.

Report on tracks from Jordan to Es Salt.
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The tracks from the Jordan from 127 013 and from Ghoraniyeh lead into a wady, which is possibly the Wady Meidan, but appears to run a little South of the course of this wady as shown on the map. The definite bed of this wady from the North East peters out about 8000 yards East of the Jordan. It is at this point that a single track enters it. This follows the course of the wady for about 4 miles and then turns up North to ES SALT, keeping parallel to main road, it was lost owing to clouds before reaching SALT. In places this track is clearly defined in others not so clearly, it appears unsuitable for heavy transport, but has probably been used by light wheeled transport. A branch road goes off from this track and joins the main road at a point 2 to 3 miles South of ES SALT.

ES SALT Camp normal, 10 H.T. parked., 12 H.T. halted South of town., 200 cavalry halted on road to AMMAN about J27.

Much movement in town., 12 B.T. (new) on road to AMMAN four miles from ES SALT.

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March 1918.

KULUNSAWEH. AREA.	Normal.
DEIR ASFIN AREA.	160 including Hd Qrs Camp (practically normal).
JELAMEH AREA.	Hospital normal. (10 E.P's, 20 B.T). West of Hospital a new camp of 20 T.S..
HANUTAH AREA.	50 B.T. and 4 sheds (new).

Report on Bridges,
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The bridge in 034 Y 15b (Bridge 10a) is under repair, a gang of 20 men seen and 1 bell tent near it. The bridge is a low one and small, appears to be on piles.

No. A.242.

Date. 19/3/18.

Pilot. Capt. Smith.

Observer. Lt. Mustara.

E 33/82
March 1918.
Started. 1430

Landed. 1715.

Duty :- (Looking for missing machines).

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KUTRANI Stn. 35 R.S., 100 men scattered, 120 T.S., Cavalry camp
3 horse lines 100 horses.

$\frac{1}{2}$ mile north 3 R.S. burnt., 230lb bomb crater 5 yards from line
north end of station.

1 mile north a four arched bridge masonry.

Just south a 5 arched bridge masonry.

Aerodrome. 3 hangars, 3 marquees, 1-2 seater, 7 small dumps.

20 cavalry moving north on west of line from station

KERAK-KUTRANI Road. 10 miles^E of Kerak, 800- 1000 mixed troops
(infantry, cavalry, camels). Camels going East.
remainder halted.

KERAK. Considerable movement in town, 2 guns firing from citadel.

$\frac{1}{2}$ mile south, 8 small pieces of trench.

Road running south looks very much used, probably by wheeled
transport, has telegraph wires along it. Wires also along road
MADEBA to KERAK, this also well used.

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No.A. 243.

Date. 20/3/18.

Pilot. Capt. Smith.

Observer. Lt. Mustard.

E 33/83
Started 0900

March 1918.
Landed. 1150

Duty :- Strategic.

Reported to :- 20th Corps and Des Corps.

SHUNET NIMRIN.

36 T.S. including a camp of 6 T.S. about 2 miles West (practically normal). 20 cavalry scattered.

EL HAUD.

Small camp removed.

127 U7.

3 B.T. (normal) and 20 men.

N. 2.

Camp at bridge normal.

L. 14.

3 bell tents new.

Movement Nimrin-Salt road, 2 M.T. and 80 cavalry moving South and 1 M.T. moving North.

ES SALT.

16 H.T. parked in South end of town, 30 cavalry scattered., 22 B.T. 2 marquees and 30 small shelters. A marked decrease in bell tents, the small shelters are mostly new., North East end of town 6 H.T. parked 80 horses on three lines and 2 green dumps, 10 camels moving North from town.

Above references to Es Salt-Amman composite map.

ES SALT-AMMAN Road. Movement 300 cavalry, (2 miles from Es Salt)

4 H.T., 3 M.T. and 20 men moving West at various points., 3 H.T. and 6 M.T. moving East,

Halted at various points on road, 70 cavalry, 6 H.T. and 1 M.T.

At the first village on the road from Salt to Amman camp of 6 B.T. (new), between this village and Es Salt 3 small camps, one of 11 bell tents, one of 14 bell tents, and one of two bell tents and 7 shelters (new).

At the second village (? SUWEILEH) 2 E.P.'s, 1 marquee 10 dumps. Slight scattered movement around the houses. 10 H.T. parked. Between this village and Amman 3 camps, one of 1 marquee and 1 green dump, one of 4 large shelters and 6 H.T. parked, and 1 of 15 B.T. (all new), 8 H.T. parked on roadside between village and Amman, horses scattered and apparently grazing. Two limbered waggon halted (without horses) Slight scattered movement in both directions one mile West of Amman.

AMMAN.

8 H.T. parked South West end of town, 1 M.T. moving East through town, 20 cavalry scattered in streets, Another park of 10 H.T. in centre of town, 14 B.T. (24 T.S. on 7/3/18), M.T. park of 2 marquees and 1 green dump (normal) 10 M.T. in park.

Between town and station 4 H.T. moving in both directions.

Station, 10 R.S., 60 T.S. which includes 15 E.P.'s and 1 large marquee with two large white crosses. Majority of remainder bell tents, (Total camp at station on 7/3/18, 55 T.S.)

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March 1918.

30 H.T. parked., much timber and many rails in dumps at the station.
Very little movement seen.

JISR ED DAMIE.

East of Jordan 40 T.S. and 1 E.P. reported 18/3/18 have been removed. Sheds reported do not appear to be military, they are mud flat-topped buildings.

West of Jordan, 3 bell tents and 10 shelters at bridge have been removed.

The camps in squares 112 L, K and N, which numbered 98 on 18/3/18 now number 68., 10 H.T. and 40 horses at the camp at point 620, Red crescent strip is now removed.

113 U7. & 14. On the SIDD HARIZ ridge 60 T.S. (40 of which are bell tents) hospital of 10 B.T. in US.

Along the Wady Fusail camps normal.

Reference report on caravan route in report A.240, this route is as described in the report but small branch track to main road is very unimportant. The caravan route enters Salt from the South West in J 31

(ES SALT composite map.)

No. &: 244.

Date. 21/3/18.

*E 33/85
March 1918.*

Pilot. Capt. Ross. Smith.

Started 1100

Observer. Lt. Mustard.

Landed 1400

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Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :- 20th Corps and Des Corps.

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MAIN. (128 N)

Is situated on the plateau. No enemy observed.

MABEBA.

Situated on the plateau. Two European buildings with red tiled roofs in North East end of town. 30 Bedouin shelters here., 2 tracks leave Ghoraniyeh, one leading to Main and the other to Madeba, both appear quite unsuitable for wheeled traffic. Good broad tracks radiate from Madeba to the North East, East (to Kastal) and South. Have been used by a fair amount of traffic.

KASTAL.

At village a large reservoir (North East corner) At station (about one third mile from village) 3 red tiled buildings 2 water towers. A five arched bridge one mile North of station. 3 R.S., 15 B.T., 50 men scattered round station. Road running parallel with railway on the west side is a good track. Telegraph line beside railway line. Country East of railway in vicinity of Kastal is not much cultivated, appears to be all grass country. West of railway the land is ploughed.

LEBAN Stn.

No R.S., no tents, no movement observed, 3 buildings, a large culvert just South of station. A large number of small culverts between Kissir and Kastal.

ES SALBUD.

There is what appears to be a deserted camp site to the West of the village. Just South of Kissir Station a train of 18 R.S. going North, apparently a troop train as men were sitting on the roofs of the carriages.

KISSIR.

No R.S. and no movement observed.

AMMAN.TOWN.

26 H.T. parked in the town. T.S. normal., 14 M.T. at the park., a fair amount of movement in the town. Station 12 R.S. camp normal., a tent hangar just South of station., 5 M.T. and 4 big dumps near it and 2 large marquees, not an aerodrome.

AMMAN-ES SALT, Road. Movement:- 6 H.T., 50 cavalry and 6 camels moving East. 50 H.T. and 1 M.T. moving West., 18 H.T. and 50 cavalry halted at various points. Camps between Amman and Suweileh (?) amount to 18 B.T., 7 shelters, 1 marquee and 1 green dump, (practically normal).

?SUWEILEH.

(See photo A1.NN.396) camp normal., 2 M.T. at dumps which are only small ones. Village to West of Suweileh South of road (see photo A1.NN.397) camp normal. Cuttings for phosphates mentioned in report on Routes East of Jordan; plainly, visible both sides of road (see photo A1.NN.398), a camp of 21 bell-tents near here. Road being repaired in neighbourhood. One mile of new metal on the road. Total camps between village and Es Salt show an increase of 7 T.S., 20 H.T. parked and 2 sheds between the village and Es Salt (new).

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E 33/86
March 1918.

ES SALT.

20 cavalry moving towards Amman. 4 H.T. entering town from direction of Amman., 20 H.T. parked at entrance to town., 30 T.S. (of which 20 are bell tents) decrease of 24 T.S., 50 cavalry in town, considerable movement in streets amounting to about 500 people., 10 H.T. parked in North end of town., 5 horsemen between Es Salt and Damie moving West.

DAMIE.

No camps, bridge intact.

Camps in L, K and N show decrease of 7. Hospital sheet again out at point 620.

Wady Fusail and Sidd Hariz, camps normal., Hospital in U 8 decreased to 11 tents from 20 tents.

V.7

No.A.245.

Date. 22/3/18.

Pilot. Lt. Lukis.

Observer. Lt. Beaton.

E 33/87
Started. 0600
March 1918.
Landed 0930

Duty :- Strategic.

Reported to :- 60th Div and Anzac Mounted Div at Talat Ed Dumm

between Ras Dale and Madeba about 100 Bedouin shelters, no troops seen.

There is water running in the Seil El Hammam as far as the machine went (1.5. to 15 miles from mouth.

between the ford at point 1420 and Madeba 2 two wheeled carts with one horse each seen moving North. The Seil Hammam becomes a deep gorge from a point about 8 miles of the sea, as far as the sea. The country for the 10 miles from the sea is very rugged after which there is a smooth cultivated plateau. Cultivation extends almost to railway. East of railway there is grass country.

MADEBA. Bedouin shelters seen yesterday not observed, otherwise yesterdays report confirmed both as to town and roads. A reservoir on the western side of the town.

MATA ET TERKONANIE (143.0.31) 100 men just South of village.

On road between Madeba and El Kastal, 1 H.T.

EL KASTAL. Camps normal. No R.S.

There are 3 stations between Amman and El Kastal, third 13 cannot be placed owing to inaccuracy of map, but may be in 142 L¹², but a good road leads from it to Es Salbud. Two other tracks run North from this station, one alongside line and the other straight to Amman village. Railway seems closer to road than shown in map.

One mile South of Amman tunnel, a big culvert.

AMMAN Stn. T.S. Normal, 50 R.S. including 2 made up trains facing North with steam up.

AMMAN Village. T.S. Normal., small M.T. and H.T. park of about 3 H.T. and 10 M.T.

Between Amman and First village, 3 small camps have disappeared (total 25 T.S.)

In second village from Amman camps reduced to 1 marquee, 1 shed, 3 dumps. Between here and Es Salt, 20 H.T., 2 E.P.'s.

Movement on whole road, 2 H.T. 10 H.T. going both ways. 2 miles West of Amman, 100 infantry halted.

ES SALT. 10 H.T.

No. A. 216.

Date. 22/3/18.

E33/88

Pilot. Capt. Rutherford.

Started. 0705

Observer. Lt. Kirk.

Landed. 1005.

March 1918.

Duty :- Strategic.

Reported to :-

LUBBAN Area.

5 hospital strips in area.

Between Lubban and Huwara no movement observed.

HUWARA

10 M.T. South of, stationary, 3 M.T. parked.

30 M.T. between Huwara and Balata mostly moving North.

BALATA Area.

40 T.S. (increase of 10). This includes 4 tents and 2 large dumps on side of the track running from Balata West of Askar.

NABLUS Area.

150 cavalry North of barracks, 64 M.T., 92 T.S. in area, (practically normal)

Nablus-Damie Road via Wady Farah.

Between 112 S2 and 112 H36, 146 T.S. (119 T.S. on 14/3/18), 300 infantry formed up opposite one of the camps on the road.

112 Y1. 30 Bedouin shelters

112 H2. (approximately), 250 infantry moving S.E.

Squares K, L and N. 50 T.S. (decrease of 11), hospital at point 620 still in position. No gun fire, 30 Bedouin shelters N.E. of bridge, 30 Bedouin shelters 2 1/2 miles E. of bridge, no movement observed on roads radiating N, S and E. from Damie as far as Es Salt

ES SALT.

13 bell tents (decrease of 12), 100 cavalry on lines, 3 M.T., 20 cavalry moving towards Amman. 300 infantry and 3 M.T. moving out of town on road S-destination uncertain as road fork had not been reached. Infantry halted and took cover in houses. There appears to be an emplacement for one gun in J 26d 05 facing W.

No. A247.

Date. 22/3/18.

E33/89

Pilot. Capt. Ross. Smith.

Started. 1145

Observer. Lieut. Mustard.

Landed. 1445.

Duty :- Strategic.

Reported to :- Anzac Mounted and 80th Div, at Talat Ed Dumm
and 20th Corps, at Jerusalem.

RAS DALE-MADEBA.

No movement observed. A track leads ^{to} ~~from~~ Madeba from Ras Dale. A telegraph line ^{entirely Madeba} from the South. Very slight movement in town, probable of natives, 5 camels moving E. 5 horses or donkeys entering town from South

KASTAL.

22 R.S. including a made up train of 18 with engine facing South. T.S. at station normal. No movement in station. One mile North at the bridge, a camp of 1 B.T. and 4 shelters. A natural reservoir about 100 yards in diameter near EL YAJUDE (142 K16).

Between KISSIA & AMMAN on the road West of railway line, 26 cavalry moving North.

AMMAN.

At town, 30 men moving South from town, 15 M.T. in the park. T.S. normal, 10 H.T. parked.
At station 40 R.S., 1 engine. T.S. at station number 80 (increase of 20). 300 yards N. of station cavalry camp of 7 B.T. and 40 bivouacs (new), 6 horse lines and about 200 horses on the lines. A tent hangar 500 yards E. of station on level ground. No machines seen and no tents., 5 M.T. at the hangar (near the station yard) reported yesterday., 30 H.T. parked on the road between the station and the town, 1 M.T. going towards the station and 3 H.T. going towards the town., 20 cavalry scattered.

AMMAN-ES SALT Rd. 2 M.T. and 1 H.T., 40 men and 8 camels moving E, halted on road 100 cavalry, 20 men, 14 H.T., 6 H.F. and 8 M.T. moving W.

Camps between AMMAN & SUWEILEH. Total T.S. 25 B.T. and 6 shelters.

SUWEILEH.

3 B.T. and 2 shelters (new) and 1 marquee and 50 men scattered round.

At second village, camp of 5 bell tents removed.

Between second village and Salt, 35 B.T. and 3 shelters these tents evidently belong to Labour Corps Camps, as they appear to be moved about in correspondence with the repairs on the road. Much metal on roadside near these camps, and stone had been quarried in the hills North of the road.

ES SALT.

10 H.T. parked in South end of town., 5 M.T. and 3 H.T. in North end of town, 18 B.T. and 1 marquee, 150 cavalry halted at South end of town. Slight movement in town.

No.A.248

Date. 22/3/18

E 33/90

Pilot. Capt. Addison.

Started 1515

Observer. Lt. Fysh.

March 1918

Landed 1745

Duty :- Strategic.

Reported to:- Anzac Mounted ~~34~~ 60th Div and 20th Corps.

Observation impossible owing to clouds on the Bireh-Nablus Road, and from Nablus to Jisr Ed Damie bridge.

Camps to West of Bridge appear normal.

112 N4c. 4 gun positions.

112 L35d. 2 gun positions.

JISR ED DAMIE Bridge a block of 2 pontoons on the Western side of the bridge is down stream of the remainder of the bridge only connected by the corner with the neighbouring pontoon. It has not swung into the stream but touches the bank along its Western extremity. Bridge is useless for traffic in its present condition. A camp of 20 T.S. on the East side.

126 37 & 8. Several small pieces of trench facing South.

123 51 & 2. 200 cavalry in line moving South, Observation difficult here.

No movement observed between Jisr Ed Damie and Es Salt.

ES SALT. Camp normal. Observation difficult.

Entering Es Salt on Amman road 200 infantry, 30 H.T. and 150 cavalry at the trot, 400 infantry halted drawn up in column of route in the streets of the town, 40 to 50 H.T. in the town, 5 H.T. entering from South.

Observer adds that his pilot saw 3 enemy machines (apparently two-seaters) on the ground in 126 327 which left the ground as our machines passed over Jisr Ed Damie.

No. A. 250.

Date. 23/3/18

E 33/91

Pilot. Lt. Tonkin.

Started. 1320

Observer. Lt. Challinor.

March 1918.
Landed. 1320.

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to:- 20th Corps (with copies for Anzac Mounted and 60th Division, machine unable to drop messages ~~owing to~~ at Talat Ed Dumm owing to engine difficulties) Observation much interrupted throughout.

AMMAN Stn,

30 R.S. 65 T.S. (decrease of 15), A hangar and 4 sheds seen near spot reported in A. 244., 4 T.S. *S of Amman* near viaduct., 100 men on the embankment North of the tunnel. About 1 mile South East of Amman station a white T was put out as the machine passed.

Amman Village. 150 Infantry halted in main street and 23 T.S. at village., 40 men on road 1 mile West., 1 car and 1 M.T. approaching Amman from direction of Es Salt.

(?) SUWEILEH. 1 M.T. halted, observation very bad. 4 H.T. approaching from West. Small camps amounting to 37 T.S. seen ~~between~~ through clouds between Suweileh and Es Salt.

Between Suweileh and Es Salt 2 M.T. going East and 1 West.

ES SALT. Invisible.

DAMIE.

The bridge is in good condition. No camps at bridge (a decrease of 20 T.S.).

In square 112 K, L and N, 70 T.S. (an increase of 20) 6 H.T. moving towards the bridge.

Between 112 S2 and 112 H36, 164 T.S. (increase of 13).

BALATA Area. 20 transport parked. Camp normal (observation very bad).

HUWARA Area. 38 T.S. normal., 9 M.T. parked.

SAWIEH-NABLUS Road. 12 M.T. going North. Observation much interrupted on this road.

No A.249.

E 33/92

Date 23/3/18

March 1918

Pilot Lt. Fraser.

Started 1435

Observer Lt. Traill

Landed 1620

Duty :- Strategic.

Reported to :- Anzac Division with request to repeat to 30th Division (dropped at Talat Ed Duma but no strips seen) and on ~~20th Corps.~~

GHOR EL HADITE: Scrub burning near the sea shore, 4 camels moving towards Ghor El Hadite along the track from Kerak. A few Bedouin shelters near the shore. No boats seen.

KERAK. One field gun firing from the citadel., Camp of 6 B.T. and 10 shelters (new) about the middle of the town. Two horse lines at this camp (80 horses) movement of about 50 infantry seen in the town.

KERAK-MADEBA Road, is only a track in places and appears to be quite impassable for wheeled traffic. Country only partially cultivated between Kerak and Madeba. A mile South of where the road crosses Seil El-Majeb about 50 Bedouin shelters. Many pools of clear water in the Seil EL Majeb. Many flocks grazing both sides of road.

Between LIBB & MADEBA the road improves.

KASTAL. Normal. No movement on road between Kastal and Madeba.

MADEBA. No movement and no enemy observed. Previous reports confirmed.

No.A.251.

Date. 24/3/18.

E 33/93

Pilot. Capt. Addison.

Started 0610

Observer. Lt. Rysh.

Landed. 0935

Duty :- Strategic.

Reported to:- 60th Div and Anzac Mounted Div, at Talat Ed Dumm.
20th Corps not reported to owing to heavy clouds.

SAWIEH Area. 30 T.S. (decrease of 70).

YETMA Area. 40 T.S. Three red crescents at different points along road but no tents near them (decrease of 50).

Just North of YASUF a camp of 30 T.S. (new).

HUWARA Area. 107 B.T. (increase of 62).

Details:- A camp of 30 B.T. in X2 and 12 marquees and 15 B.T. at Huwara, 10 M.T. parked.

Between Huwara and Nablus 25 M.T. moving North.

RUJIB Area. No camps. Normal.

BALATA Area. 20 bell tents seen, observation difficult.

NABLUS. 100 T.S. (normal), 400 infantry halted in space to East of town., 30 H.T. parked., 40 M.T. parked., 40 horses observed on lines.

098 H29. 20 H.T. parked.(white topped):

KH FERWEH. 12 B.T.

Area 112 S2 to H36, 130 T.S. increase of 16, 200 cavalry near a camp in F3, 70 H.T. parked at various points., 230 infantry moving North West along the road, in H15 in column of route.

Area K,L and N. 91 T.S. (increase of 21), 200 cavalry and 35 H.T. also moving North West in K5.
50 horses on lines near camp in L29.

Country South West of Damie not observed owing to clouds.

JISR ED DAMIE. Bridge in good condition, camp of 20 T.S. on East bank again erected

Damie Bridge to Es Salt. No movement seen, the whole ^{road} was visible.

ES SALT. Camps normal (18 B.T.), 100 infantry halted to North of town., 150 cavalry and infantry halted on the Amman road about one mile out from Es Salt., also 10 H.T. all moving towards Es Salt.

At a large village approximately in L12, 200 infantry entering on a road from the South East.

Road between Es Salt and Amman difficult to observe owing to clouds but no movement was seen.

AMMAN Strn. 40 R.S., 90 T.S. (increase of 25), no machines seen near the hangars to E. of station reported in A.247.

Village:- 35 B.T. (increase of 12), 6 M.T. parked.

Moving out of Amman on the Es Salt road 4 M.T. and 14 H.T.

No.A.252.

Date. 24/3/18.

E33/94

Pilot. Lt.A.R.Brown.

Started 0615

Observer. Lt. Kirk.

Landed 0900

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :- Telephoned message to 20th Corps from Jericho,
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KASR RABBA 129 V36.

No movement observed on road leading South to Kerak.
A patrol of 6 mounted men at Kasr Rabba, Report A.249
confirmed as to road between Kerak and Seil El Majeb.

143 B7. 30 Bedouin shelters and about 2000 sheep.

143 A4. 40 Bedouin shelters.

MADEBA. 10 small shelters in North East corner of town (new) and
50 cattle leaving town South. No other movement.

KASTAL. A small square redoubt East of station, 14 bell tents,
50 men standing beside station buildings and 1 bell tent
beside a bridge to the North.(normal.)

LEBAN Stn. A train of 14 R.S., 5 closed trucks and 9 open covered
with tarpaulin moving rapidly North, 5 trucks had
apparently just been uncoupled as they were on main line
South of train., machine attacked train which stopped and
50 men jumped off which were attacked by both machines
from a low altitude. Over 700 rounds were fired into the
train and the troops, causing many casualties. Enemy
brought machine gun into action before the Bedouins=joined
~~in-the-action-firing-with-black-powder~~ machines left.
Bedouins joined in the action firing with black powder.
There is a trench East of Leban station.

EL YADUDE. 10 shelters and 15 Bedouin shelters.

Observation after this point impossible.

V.7

No.A.253.

Date, 28/3/18.

E33/95

Pilot.Lt.Peters.

Started. 0635.

Observer. Lt.Traill.

Landed. 0935.

Duty:- Strategic.

Reported to :- Messages dropped on 40th Division at Nimrin and at 20th Corps with request to communicate to Anzac Mtd.

SAVIAH Area. 35 T.S. (practically normal).

YETMA Area. 40 T.S. Normal.

HUWARA Area. 60 T.S. (decrease of 47).

BALATA Area. 40 T.S. Normal.

RUJIB Area. NO camps.

Movement seen on Hubban-Nablus road:-

26 M.T. moving North level with KUZAN, 12 M.T. moving South, no H.T. seen.

NABLUS Area. 100 T.S. normal., no movement seen., 30 M.T. parked.

KH FERWEH. 12 B.T. and 20 shelters (increase of 20 shelters).

112 S2.to H36. 140 T.S. (decrease of 40 T.S.), no cavalry seen.

Square K,L and N. 70 T.S. (decrease of 21 T.S.), the hospital at point 820 is removed., 200 infantry on the road at L13 stationary without transport and straggling.

JISR ED DAMIE. The bridge is in good condition. Two field guns fired on machine here. The camp of 20 T.S. on East bank was not observed. No transport was seen on the whole road from Nablus to Jisr Ed Damie via Kh.Ferweh.

DAMIE-ES SALT Road. No movement seen to within 4 miles of Es Salt, after this point observation Eastwards became impossible.

Telephoned to Captain Birch by Captain Macaulay.

No.A.254.

Date. 27/3/18.

Pilot. Lt.Headlam.

Observer. Lt.Kirk.

Started 0905.
Landed. 0910

E33/96

March 1918.

Duty :- Strategic.

Reported to :- 60th Division and 20th Corps.

Between Telfit and Sawieh in 093 228, a hospital of 30 T.S.

TELFIT. 30 to 40 shelters.

HUWARA Area. 160 T.S. increase of 100, 6 M.T. opposite Huwara and 200 cavalry on lines., 22 M.T. and 300 infantry apparently moving North between Huwara and Balata.

RUJIB Area. No camps observed.

BALATA. 20 bell tents (decrease of 20), 130 cavalry and infantry scattered round Balata., 150 cavalry moving up road past Askar from Balata.

NABLUS. 500 cavalry, 10 M.T. Camps normal.

Trenches in 093 U5 and 6 are being kept in good condition.

KH FERWEH. Camp normal.

WADI FARAH. Camps from S2 to H36- reduction of 10 T.S. (mostly EP's) Camps in K,L and N inclusive of bridge site normal. There is an increase at the bridge site on the West bank and a corresponding decrease further West.

JISR ED DAMIE Bridge. Pontoon removed.

No movement seen West of Jordan on roads and tracks radiating N.W., W, and South from Jisr Ed Damie. There appears to be movement on the North road in Square L22, but owing to deep shadows in the Wadi it was difficult to distinguish its nature.

In L15, many Bedouins with sheep grazing.

No camp East of the Jordan at bridge site.

DAMIE-ES SALT Road. No movement, and no movement to North of this road for a distance of about 10 miles.

157 CG. On the road North East of Amman, a column of 23 transport including 5 M.T. stationary.

AMMAN Stn. Report No.A.255 confirmed.

Reconnaissance interrupted by Combat in the Air at this point, but no movement was observed on the railway North for a distance of a few miles.

Telephoned by Capt.Macaulay to Capt.Thomas.

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No.A.255.

F 33/94.
March 1918.
Date. 27/3/18

Pilot. Lt.Walker

Started 0600

Observer. Lt.Finlay.

Landed. 0945.

Duty :- Strategic.

Reported to :- 60th Division and 20th Corps.

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EL YADUDE. 10 white H.T. parked., 30 shelters, 150 cavalry in groups. Road to Amman looks good and fit for wheeled transport.

EL LIBBEN. No movement observed.

AMMAN Stn. 100 R.S., 4 made up trains, one with engine facing North., 70 B.T., 7 marquees, 1 hangar, 500 infantry round station. 11 H.T. entering station from West.
A train of 25 RS entering station from N.

AMMAN Town. West of town, 2 marquees, 4 T.S., 100 infantry scattered North of town, 18 T.S., 50 infantry.
2 miles North West, 150 infantry scattered.

ABU ALANDA. 200 cavalry going South on West side of railway.

KALAAAT ES ZENKA. 8 R.S., 30 dugouts, one engine.
North and South road East of railway is only a track.
No movement observed from North and South between Amman and Es Salt.

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Telephoned by Lieut.Colonel Shekleton to Capt.Thomas.

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F 33/97

No. A. 253.

Date. 27/3/18

E 33/98

Pilot. Capt. Addison,

Observer. Lt. Sysh.

Started 1135
March 1918.
Landed 1455

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :-

Between Ghor El Hadite and Kerak, 32 wheeled carts and 70 men moving towards Kerak about 3 miles from Ghor El Hadite.

KERAK. No camps, 300 cavalry in the citadel and 100 people on foot seen in the town. A small field gun fired at the machine. A line of trenches facing South runs along the heights Eastwards from Kerak for about 1 1/2 miles.

Between Kerak and Kutrani 40 A.T. going West and small parties of cavalry amounting in all to 50 moving in both directions. About 2 miles South West of Kutrani and just North of the Kerak-Kutrani road, 500 cavalry halted in three large groups. A bomb was dropped on these which made a direct hit on one of these groups.

KUTRANI. 30 T.S., a decrease of 20, 40 R.S. and 1 mile N of station a train of 23 R.S. stationary and facing North. Aerodrome. 2 hangars (decrease of one) one machine on ground, 35 T.S. (new) to the East of the hangars.

From Kutrani to Jebel Es Suaka, 400 cavalry in small detachments moving North.

KALAT ED DABAA. 3 R.S., 100 infantry stationary to South, 50 cavalry moving North just to North of station. Two miles South East of Kastal near a large bridge, 3 T.S. and a small redoubt to the East of the railway.

KASTAL. 20 B.T. increase of 3., 3 R.S. but no engine.

On the Ladde road about 2 miles North of Kastal, 100 cavalry scattered.

No other movement observed North as far as LIBBEN nor on the return journey between Libben and Shumet Nimrin.

Telephoned to Capt. Thomas by Capt. Macaulay.

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No.A.257

Date.27/3/18.

Pilot.Lt. Haig.

Observer. Lt. Traill.

E 33/99
Started. 1250

March 1918
Landed. 1535.
(at Jericho)

Duty:- Strategical.

Reported to:- 60th Div by message and to 20th Corps by
telephone.

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ES SAWIEH to NABLUS. Observation very difficult owing to clouds.

30 M.T. seen on road of which about 15 going North
at Yetma and the rest either stationary or going
South, 7 M.T. seen parked at Huwara.

15 H.T. seen at Balata going towards Nablus.

NABLUS. Appeared normal through clouds.

112 T16. Came down below clouds, at this point 350 infantry
in column and 200 cavalry and 10 H.T. moving towards Damie.

JISR ED DAMIE. Camps normal.

AMMAN. Only 5 E.T. seen in town.

At station about 50 tents, all marquees removed.
Decrease of 20 tents since this morning.

50 R.S. mostly long closed carriages, no engine.
No movement observed on railway as far North as
Kalat Ez Zerka.

Telephoned by Capt.Macaulay to Capt.Birch.

10/33/101
No. A. 258.

E 33/100
Date. 27/3/18.

Pilot. Lt. Fraser.

Started. 1815.

Observer. Lt. Beaton.

Landed. 1850.

Duty :- Strategic.

Reported to:- 80th Division. Not to Corps owing to lateness.

JISR ED DAMIE. No movement observed, but fired on by 2 field guns.

Road marked along Nahr Es Zerka probably only fit for light transport.

Point marked good ford 7 miles North of Jiser Ed Damie shows no sign of use.

No movement observed along road^N from Jiser Ed Damie.

Road running East and West just North of Nahr Es-Zerka cannot be seen.

Road from Es Salt due North to Birma being used and looks fit for light wheeled transport. Branch road leaves this road just South of wadi goes due East, crosses wadi about 4 miles East of junction then follows North bank of wadi to Tel El Emrame thence down to Kalaat Ez-Zerka. No movement observed along these roads.

EL MAFRAK.

10 R.S. Station not quite as big as Amman, two archings. Between here and Khirb Es Samra, one stone five arched bridge, Just South of Khirb Es Samra, a nine arched bridge, alongside this bridge, 2 B.T. and a small redoubt.

KALAAT ES ZERKA. No.R.S., 4 arched bridge five miles North.

Between here and Amman 2 bridges.

An unmarked good road exists between Khirb Es Samra and Kalaat Aby Lahsein.

Road East of line between Kalaat Es Zerka and Amman does not appear to be used.

AMMAN Stn.

60 R.S., 600 men 26 B.T., camp looked as though it was being removed.

P. T. O.

E33/100

Date 27/3/18

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KISSIR Stn.

No R.S., only 50 cavalry seen.

KASTAL.

14 B.T. No R.S.

KALAT ED DABAA.

No R.S. Just North over wadis 2 bridges, 2 B.T.

Reported to: 800th Division. Not to Corps owing to lateness.

From here to Madaba no movement observed.

to not likely to be observed. No movement observed but fired on by 2 field guns.

Road marked along wadi. Capt. Birch.

Light transport.

Point marked good ford 7 miles North of Jir Ed

Damir shows no sign of use.

No movement observed along road from Jir Ed Damir.

Road running East and West just North of Hahr Es-

Zerka cannot be seen.

Road from Es Salt due North to Birra being used

and Jarka for light wheeled transport. Branch road

leaves this road just South of wadi goes due East, crosses

wadi about 4 miles East of junction then follows North

bank of wadi to Tel El Kharra thence down to Kalat Ez-

Zerka. No movement observed along these roads.

10 R.S. Station not quite as big as Amman, two

arches. Between here and Khirp Es Samra, one stone

five arched bridge, just South of Khirp Es Samra, a nine

arched bridge, alongside this bridge, 2 B.T. and a small

redundant.

KALAT ES ZERKA. No R.S., 4 arched bridge five miles North.

Between here and Amman 2 bridges.

An unmarked good road exists between Khirp Es Samra and

Kalat Aby Lahasin.

Road East of line between Kalat Es Zerka and

Amman does not appear to be used.

60 R.S., 800 men 28 B.T., camp looked as though it

was being removed.

P. T. O.

No.A.259.

Date.28/3/18.

E33/102

Pilot.Lt.Fraser.

Observer.Lt.Traill.

Started. 0610

March 1918.

Landed. 0800.

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to:- 60th Div, and 20th Corps.

SAWIEH Area. Hospital at 098 Z28 confirmed, another hospital in 098 Z22c, Remaining camps in area amount to 2 bell tents and 15 shelters.

YETMA Area. Normal.

HUWARA Area. Normal, 300 cavalry on lines and about 25 M.T. either parked or stationary on road.

In 098 X9. 50 cavalry moving North in column.

RUJIB Area. No camps.

BALATA Area. 36 T.S. (mostly bell tents) increase of 16

SAWIEH-NABLUS Road, following movement observed :- 25 M.T. going in both directions.

NABLUS Area. A new camp of 2 marquees and 10 B.T. to North of town- otherwise camps normal. 7 M.T. moving North West on Ramin road., 250 horses on lines, 30 M.T. parked, no movement of troops in the town.

KH FERWEH. One bell tent and 10 shelters (decrease of 21).

Area.112 S2-H36. Camps normal, about 100 cavalry on lines at T8. About 200 horses on lines at T23. 25 H.T. moving towards Damie in H9., 7 H.T. going towards Damie in K18.

Area in K,L & N. Normal except for an increase in hospital which is now 7 marquees, 15 B.T., and 10 shelters.

Flew on a course just North of Damie-Es Salt-Amman Road to Zerka. No enemy movement observed between these places.

ZERKA. A train of 15 R.S. of which 10 closed carriages and 5 open with engine facing South with steam up. Troops were seen in the open trucks. Another train (of 10 R.S.) was moving South, one mile South of Zerka. There appears to be a good deal of clear water in the Wadi Zerka and Wadi Amman.

AMMAN Stn. 40 R.S. mostly closed carriages, no engine. About 30 T.S. About 15 H.T. moving in both directions between town and station. Very little movement either at town or station. 100 mounted troops seen in the Wadi in W36, uncertain whether our own or enemy.

Telephoned by Capt.Macaulay to Capt.Birch.

No.A.260.

Date. 28/3/18.

117 Pilot.Lt.Taylor.

Started. 0620.

Observer.Lt.Challinor.

Landed. 0910.

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :- 20th Corps.

E 33/103
March 1918.

EL KERAK. No horses on lines, only 4 tents seen in town.
Fired at by field guns.

KUTRANI. 30 cavalry 1 mile West., nothing seen on road
between here and Kerak.
26 R.S. (no engine), 70 tents, 200 infantry,
50 cavalry scattered to East.
Nothing seen on road or rail as far as Kalat Ed -
Dabaa where there are 2 R.S.

XIZA. 4 T.S., 3 R.S.

EL KASTAL. 3 R.S., 10 tents, 30 men (probably working party
on line).
Nothing seen between Kastal and 10 miles North of
Madeba except Bedouins and big flocks of sheep.

Telephoned by Lieut.Colonel Shekleton to
Capt.Birch.

No.A.261.

Date. 28/3/18.

Pilot.Lt.Haig.

Started 1445

Observer.Lt.Finlay.

Landed. 1750

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to- 60th Division and 20th Corps.

E 33/104
March 1918

JISR ED DAMIE. Crossing, No bridge, one small boat on West bank. No T.S. in hills just East of river., 20 T.S. 100 infantry and 3 white H.T. near roas.

ES SALT Road. 3 H.T. going East., nothing else seen, machine at 3000 feet, observer had glasses. Observer received orders from 60th Division but was not asked to look as far ~~as~~ South as Wadi El Abiad. Roads leading North from Es Salt for 15 miles , no movement observed.

KALAAAT ES ZERKA. 60 R.S. in two trains, one of 10 R.S., other 50 R.S., latter had engine facing North. No movement observed round station. From here a good *road* runs due East. Observer thinks it eventually goes North.

Bridge N.of AMMAN, reported by tactical machine confirmed.

AMMAN Stn. 70 R.S. Machine opened fire on troops entraining, 200 infantry alongside R.S. 200 infantry South of station just below a low ridge., 300 infantry along a ridge between town and station.

Telephoned by Lieut.Colonel Shekleton to Capt.Birch..

No.A.262.

Date. 28/3/18.

Pilot. Capt.Smith.

Started. 1600

Observer. Lt.Mustard.

Landed. 1850

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :- 60th Division.

E 33/105
March 1918.

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HUWARA. Slight scattered infantry, 14 M.T. parked.
No cavalry seen.

NABLUS-HUWARA Road. 15 H.T. and 15 M.T. moving South., 10 M.T.
halted. 1 M.T. on fire.

NABLUS. 100 men in town, 50 M.T. parked, 3 miles North
10 M.T. parked.

BALATA. 40 horses on lines.

Camps down Nablus-Ed Damie Road normal.

10 miles North West of Damie, 400 infantry, 30 H.T.

13 M.T. moving South East.

4 miles North West of Damie, 30 H.T. halted, 50 infantry
scattered.

3 miles East of old bridge, 80 infantry halted on road.

No troops seen on road between Es Salt and Damie as far
as a point 6 miles North West of Es Salt, where are 80
men and 2 fires believed to be our own troops.

WADI EL ABIAD. No movement observed, but getting dark.

Telephoned by Capt.Macaulay to Capt.Birch.

No.A.263.

Date. 29/3/18.

Pilot. Lt. A.R.Brown.

Started. 0600

Observer. Lt.Beaton.

Landed. 0830

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :- 80th Division and 20th Corps.

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In the country between Dead Sea and Kakat Ed Dabaa only
Bedouin movement observed.

KALAT ED DABAA. 12 R.S. no engine seen., 250 troops seen in
and around station, These scattered on approach
of machine., 9 B.T. at station and small redoubt
East of the line.

ZIZA Stn. No T.S. and no R.S.

EL KASTAL. No T.S. no R.S. (decrease of 10 tents).

EL YADUDE. 50 men South of town in no particular
formation.

AMMAN. 60-70 R.S. and 1 engine with steam up facing
North., 32 T.S. in and around station, nearly
all bell tents, 75 cavalry watering about
300 yards South West of station. Slight
scattered movement at station and movement
of about 10 transport and 30 to 40 infantry
moving in both directions between station
and village.

Large bridge South of Amman intact. Small
bridge to South of it appears to have
been damaged. First bridge North of Amman
intact.

Telephoned by Capt.Macaulay to General
Borton.

V.J.

Pilot. Capt. Ross Smith.

Started. 0800

Observer. Lt Mustard.

Landed. 1130.

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :- Messages on 60th Div and 20th Corps.

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JISR ED DAMIE.

Camps West of the Jordan appear normal.
6 unoccupied horse lines at El Makhruk.
East of the Jordan 17 T.S. and 20 infantry.
~~No movement observed~~

Flew due East from Jisr Ed Damie to railway,

No movement observed on Es Salt-Birma road,
For a distance of 10 miles East of this road
the country is very rugged with small tracks
only. From the railway S.W. of Kalat Ez Zerka
a track follows the Wadi El Hammam. This
runs West for about 10 miles and from there
appears to turn Southwards to Suweileh.
No movement observed on any of the tracks
between Damie and Zerka.

KALAAT EZ ZERKA.

60 R.S. some of which are hospital cars.
One engine in station., 2 B.T., 500 cavalry
halted at station, 200 men scattered between
station and village. Two good roads run North
from Zerka, one follows the railway line and
the other the Wadi.
Plenty of water in the Wadi Zerka.
A four arched bridge two miles N. of the station.
A five arched bridge 3 miles South (very high)
and a six arched bridge (low) 4 miles South.
One bell tent at two short lengths of trench
at the six arched bridge.

About 4 miles North of Amman what appears to be
a break in the line at a culvert, just South of
this 6 R.S. with an engine facing North.

AMMAN.

Two miles North of station a camp of 40 shelters
on the bank of wadi and 2 H.T. on the road halted,
40 R.S. (detailed count) of which 6 are red
crescent cars.
120 cavalry halted East of the station, 40 T.S.,
600 men scattered in and around station,
400 horses and cattle grazing just South of
station. 1 mile N.W. of station 800 horses or
cavalry and 1 mile N.N.W. of station 300 cavalry
halted. These horses are in groups of 20, and the
cavalry dismounted appear to be holding a line
from about X26 to Y6a. 500 yards due West of
village a trench line runs from the road due
South to wadi. These trenches also appear to be
held by cavalry as 200 horses were seen behind
them.
Three gun positions behind this trench line just
South of road.
6 H.T. and 6 M.T. in the village and 1000 yards
due South of Amman village about 500 yards of
roughly made trench also occupied. Just East of
station about 500 yards of trench on the high

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ground commanding the station. No movement seen in the town. In X32 what appeared to be four gun positions.

10 cavalry seen moving South West in 142 V20 (approximately)

Telephoned by Capt. Macaulay to Capt. Birch.

No.A.266.

Ref:- 1st to Mile.

Date 30/3/18

Pilot. Lt. Fraser.

Started 1500

Observer. Lt. Traill.

Landed. 1710

Messages dropped at Jericho aerodrome with
request to communicate with 60th Div and 20th Corps

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JISR ED DAMIE . 112 L22d New camp of 15 shelters,
otherwise 112 K, L, N normal. No movement
on road for 3 miles West of Damie.

DAMIE-ES SALT Road. No movement on Damie-Es Salt road.
Observation impossible North and East of
Es Salt;

New camp of 5 B.T. and 20 shelters
about 5 miles South East of Damie in
W. ISHKARARA about at last A. (1/250,000)

Telephoned by Capt. Macaulay to Capt.-
Birch.

No.A.265.

Date. 29/3/18.

Pilot. Lt. Fraser.

Observer. Lt. Traill.

Observation from about 1400 feet.

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MAFRAK. 2 station buildings. A reservoir 40 feet sq
square 200 yards West of station.
A water tower at station.
Train of 15 R.S. left South closed.

KHIRB ES SAMRA. 20 R.S. and engine facing South,
15 open trucks stationary. 3 B.T. and
1 marquee.

6 miles North of Es Salt, no movement
observed.

Field guns at Damie.

Telephoned by Lieut. Colonel Shekleton
to General Borton.

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No.A. 268.

Date. 31/3/18.

Pilot. Lt.A.R.Brown.

Started. 0815.

Observer. Lt. Finlay.

Landed. 0930.

Duty:- Strategical.

Reported to :- Messages dropped at 60th Div, and 20th Corps.

113 V18 & 20. 16 T.S.

V9. 5 gun positions.

JISR ED DAMIE.

West of river, 6 T.S.. Old camp of 16 T.S. South of old bridge is gone., otherwise camps in Squares K,L, and N appear normal. East of the river, 40 T.S. and 1 E.P. (slight-increase). Gun positions are empty and no gun fire experienced here. Two shots were fired at machine at V14 (Field guns). No boat seen at Jisr Ed Damie.

JISR ED DAMIE-ES SALT Road. No movement.

Roads leading out Es Salt northwards only appear suitable for light wheeled traffic. The one leading to Rumman appears the better of the two. Between Rumman and Kalaat Ez Zerka no good roads were seen leading north.

KALAAT EZ ZERKA.

120 R.S. all closed carriages in 3 made up trains, two with engines and with steam up facing north. Around the station 500 infantry. We came down and machine gunned them from 2000 feet, causing several casualties and scattering them.

Between Kalaat Ez Zerka and Amman on the East side of the railway, several wheeled tracks (new) running to Amman station.

AMMAN Stn.

1 mile north, 2 E.P.'s, 10 T.S. and 200 cavalry grazing.

At station 44 T.S., 48 R.S. 1 engine and evidently more R.S. in sheds.

Between Amman Stn and the town behind a ridge on the north of the road about 2000 cavalry. This appears to be their main position, and about 200 cavalry on horse lines on the heights south east of Amman.

The bridge to the north of Amman has not been repaired. The large bridge to the south is intact.

KISSIR Stn, KASTAL Stn, LEBAN Stn, appear quite deserted.

ES YADUDE is also unoccupied by enemy troops.

Between Kastal and Ziza, 4 3 arched bridges

ZIZA.

Invisible owing to rain storms.

Telephoned by Capt. Macaulay to Capt. Birch.

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(Bombing Reports)

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Report on Bomb Dropping.

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No. 1 Squadron, ^{Australian} Royal Flying Corps.

Date 4th March 1918.

Objective and time of attack.	Type of aeroplane	Pilot	No. and description of bombs dropped	Height at which dropped	Effects actually observed	Results pilot thinks he obtained.	Action of enemy	Remarks
Aerodrome EL KUTRANI Time 1100	M ^r Syde	Lieut. Tonkin	12 - 20 lb Coopers	3500'	4 50 yds short. 4 100 " over. 3 20 " from station. 1 unobserved.			
- do -	M ^r Syde.	Lieut. Burton	12 - 20 lb Coopers	5500'	1 100 yds from hangar. 2 10 yds from reservoir. 3 80 yds from hangar. 4 wide.			2 failed to release.

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for MAJOR.
Commanding No. 1 Squadron.
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A.P. & S.D., Alex./No. 373/24: 2: 17/2000 (3515/7) W. M. & Co.

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No. 1 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps.

Date 5.3.18

Objective and time of attack,	Type of aeroplane	Pilot	No. and description of bombs dropped	Height at which dropped	Effects actually observed	Results pilot thinks he obtained.	Action of enemy	Remarks
Troops and Cavalry TALET-EL-BASA 0900	H'BYDE	Lt. Morgan	12 20-lb. Cooper	3,000'	4 fell 50yds. or-anches 2 direct hits on camp 4 50yds. redoubt 2 unobserved	Good	Field Guns	
do.	do.	Lt. Carson	12-20 lb. Cooper	3000'	2 Direct hits on water basin 2-20 yds from do. do. 4 Direct hits on redoubt 2 Wide	Good	do.	2 failed to release
do.	do.	Lt. Adair	12-20 lb. Cooper	3000'	2-30 yds. of camp 2 direct hits on camp 1 60 yds. from station 3 25 yds. of trenches 3 Wide 1 Direct hit on trenches.			

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CAPT,
for MAJOR,
Commanding No. 1 Squadron,
Australian Flying Corps.

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Date 6th March '18.

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No. 1 Squadron, ^{AUSTRALIAN} Royal Flying Corps.

Date 9th March 1918.

Objective and time of attack	Type of aeroplane	Pilot	No. and description of bombs dropped	Height at which dropped	Effects actually observed	Results pilot thinks he obtained	Action of enemy	Remarks
Troops, Transport & Camps N. of SIMAIL on SIREN-HANLUS ROAD. Time - 1600	M'BYDE.	Lieut. Dowling.	12 - 20 lb Coopers & Hales.	7000'	1 failed to explode. 3 B.M. in camps. 2 50 yds from camps. 1 100 " " " 3 unobserved.	Fair.	A.A.	
- do -	M'BYDE.	Lieut. Aguir.	12 - 20 lb Coopers.	7000'	3 B.M. on dumps. 2 75 yds from camps. 7 in and amongst tents.	Good.	A.A.	Dump set on fire - either ammunition or petrol.
- do -	M'BYDE.	Lieut. J. Walker	8 - 20 lb Coopers.	7000'	4 amongst troops. 1 on camp.	Good.	A.A.	

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No. 1 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps.

Date 10th March 1918.

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Objective and time of attack	Type of aeroplane	Pilot	No. and description of bombs dropped	Height at which dropped	Effects actually observed	Results pilot thinks he obtained	Action of enemy	Remarks
Troops & Transport Camps on BIRRH-NABLUH Road in vicinity of HAWARAH. Time - 1530	M'SYDE.	Lieut. Dowling	12 - 20 lb Hales.	6500'	2 amongst troops. 4 within 100 yds of troops. 3 unobserved. 1 wide. 2 100 yds from transport.	Fair.	A.A.	
- do -	M'SYDE.	Lieut. Carson.	12 - 20 lb Bombs. (4 Coopers) (8 Hales)	6500'	1 D.H. on M.T. 3 within 20 yds of M.T. 4 amongst shelters. 2 50 yds from camp. 2 wide.	Good.	A.A.	
- do -	M'SYDE.	Lieut. Admir	11 - 20 lb Hales.	6500'	3 within 50 yds of transport. 4 within 25 yds of camp. 4 failed to explode.	Fair.	A.A.	

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No. 1 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps.

Date 30.2.'18.

Objective and time of attack	Type of aeroplane	Pilot	No. and description of bombs dropped	Height at which dropped	Effects actually observed	Results pilot thinks he obtained	Action of enemy	Remarks
1000 Jear ed Damie Bridge	Mart.	Lt. Haig	1 - 230lb. R.L.	1000'	5 yard NE. of Bridge	Machine & Mountain Gun Fire		
1000 Jear ed Damie Bridge	Mart.	Lt. Adair	2 - 100lb. R.L.	2500'	1 20yds. N. of Bridge 1 50yds. S. of Bridge	do.		
1600 Jear ed Damie Bridge	Mart.	Lt. Haig	1 - 230lb. R.L.	1000'	40yds. East of Bridge.	do.		

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No. 1 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps.

Date 28th. March 1918.

Objective and time of attack	Type of aeroplane	Pilot	No. and description of bombs dropped	Height at which dropped	Effects actually observed	Results pilot thinks he obtained	Action of enemy	Remarks
BRIDGE AT DAMIE 0845	H. 5132	Lt. McGuinness	12-20lb. Hales	4500'	2-unobserved 1-50 yds. from bridge 2-50 yds. W. of bridge 3 within radius of 200 yds.	Fair	Field gun fire	1 failed to release

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Report on Bomb Dropping

No. 1 Squadron, ^{AUSTRALIAN} Royal Flying Corps.

Date 27th. March 1918. ¹⁴ E33/125

Objective and time of attack	Type of aeroplane	Pilot	No. and description of bombs dropped	Height at which dropped	Effects actually observed	Results pilot thinks he obtained	Action of enemy	Remarks
TROOPS AND CAMP ON ROAD N.W. of DAMIE 0915	H' SYDE	Lt. Braim	12-20 lb. Hales	2500'	1 direct hit on camp. 1 Direct hit on troops on road. 2 unobserved 3 wide	Very Good	Field Gun	Two tents set on fire
CAVALRY S.W. OF KUTRANI 1435	Bristol Fighter	Capt. Addison	1-20lb. Hales	4000'	1 Direct hit on troops	Very good	M.G. Fire	Horsemen scattered for a considerable distance when bomb burst in their midst.

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(Reports on M.G. attacks on troops
on the ground)

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REPORT ON ATTACK ON TROOPS BY AIRCRAFT.

Squadron... *1. A.F.C.*

Date... *10/3/18*

Time... *11.00.*

Type of Machine... *Bristol Fighter*

Pilot... *Lieut Spragg*

Observer... *Lieut Kirk*

Location and map reference... *E. L. Lubban & Es. SAWIEH*

1 1/2 mile. Palestine

Nature of Target... *troops & transport on road.*

Rounds fired... *200*

Type of gun... *Lewis.*

Observations... *Effect good.*

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REPORT ON ATTACK ON TROOPS BY AIRCRAFT.

Squadron... *12 A.F.C.*

Date... *18. 3. 18.*

Time... *16.00*

Type of machine... *Bristol Fighter*

Pilot... *Lieut E. P. Kearney*

Observer... *Lieut E. B. S. Beaton*

Location and Map reference... *Pantoon Bridge*

JISR EL DAMIE.

Nature of Target... *Camps & cavalry*

Rounds fired... *250*

Type of gun... *Vickers & Lewis*

Observations... *Effect Good.*

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REPORT ON ATTACK ON TROOPS BY AIRCRAFT.

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Squadron.....No. 1 Sqn. A.F.C.....

Date...14/3/18.....

Time...11.45.....

Type of Machine...B.F.....

Pilot...Capt. Addison.....

Observer...Lt. Fyfe.....

Location and map reference...Porton bridge at Darnie.....

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Nature of Target...Cavalry and camps.....

Rounds fired...500.....

Type of gun...Lewis double guns.....

Observations...Groups of cavalry on E side of Jordan
were scattered, camps on E side and
camps on high ground to the W of bridge
were fired on bullets observed flying amongst tents.

Height 2500 to 3500 ft.

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REPORT ON ATTACK ON TROOPS BY AIRCRAFT.

Squadron.....

Date.....

Time.....

Type of machine.....

Pilot.....

Observer.....

Location and Map reference.....

Nature of Target.....

Rounds fired.....

Type of gun.....

Observations.....

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REPORT ON ATTACK ON TROOPS BY AIRCRAFT.

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Squadron.....*No 1 A F C*.....

Date.....*20.3.18*.....

Time.....*16.00*.....

Type of Machine.....*Bristol Fighter*.....

Pilot.....*Lieut. Paul*.....

Observer.....*Lieut. Challinor*.....

Location and map reference.....*112 N. 18. - Jerr ed. Darnie*.....

Nature of Target.....*10 Camels & small camp*.....

Rounds fired.....*300*.....

Type of gun.....*Lewis*.....

Observations.....*Camels dispersed*.....

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REPORT ON ATTACK ON TROOPS BY AIRCRAFT.

Squadron.....*No 1 A F C*.....

Date.....*20.3.18*.....

Time.....*16.00*.....

Type of Machine.....*Bristol Fighter*.....

Pilot.....*Lieut. Paul*.....

Observer.....*Lieut. Challinor*.....

Location and Map reference.....*Jerr ed. Darnie*.....

Nature of Target.....*Camels camp*.....

Rounds fired.....*200*.....

Type of gun.....*Pickers*.....

Observations.....*Camels dispersed*.....

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REPORT ON ATTACK ON TROOPS BY AIRCRAFT.

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Squadron.....No 1 Australian Flying Corps
 Date.....24-3-1918
 Time.....0800
 Type of Machine.....Bristol Fighter
 Pilot.....Lt Brown
 Observer.....Lt Link
 Location and map reference.....LIBBEN
 Nature of Target.....Troop Train (loaded)
 Rounds fired.....550
 Type of gun.....1 Vickers 1 Lewis
 Observations.....Train stopped on being attacked at
 80 yards range & troops fled.
 Firing very accurate
 casualties observed

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REPORT ON ATTACK ON TROOPS BY AIRCRAFT.

Squadron.....No 1 Aust Flying Corps
 Date.....24-3-1918
 Time.....0800
 Type of machine.....Bristol F
 Pilot.....Lt Hair
 Observer....." Chalmers
 Location and Map reference.....LIBBEN Sq 142 L 15 D.
 Nature of Target.....loaded Troop Train
 Rounds fired.....250
 Type of gun.....1 Vickers 1 Lewis
 Observations.....Train stopped & troops fled
 panic stricken, several casualties
 observed, laying on ground

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REPORT ON ATTACK ON TROOPS BY AIRCRAFT.

Squadron No.1 Squadron, AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.
Date 27.3.18.
Time 1630.
Type of Machine BRISTOL FIGHTER.
Height. 1500 feet.
Pilot Lt. Paul.
Observer Lt. Cashman.
Location and map reference KASTRAL
Nature of target Cavalry, 300 in all and 20 bell tents.
Rounds fired 200
Type of Gun 2 Lewis
Observations Scattered the cavalry and then fired 50 rounds in camp.

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REPORT ON ATTACK ON TROOPS BY AIRCRAFT.

Squadron, No.1 Squadron, Australian Flying Corps.
Date 27th. March 1918.
Time 1435
Type of machine Bristol Fighter
Pilot Capt. S.W. Addison
Observer Lieut. H. Fysh
Location and map reference. S.W. of KUTRANI
Nature of target Cavalry about (5000)
Rounds fired 220
Type of gun 2 Lewis Guns
Observations. Considerable damage done to enemy both by bomb and machine gun fire. Horsemen scattered for a considerable distance.
Height 2500 feet.

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REPORT ON ATTACK ON TROOPS BY AIRCRAFT.

Squadron No.1 Squadron, AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.
Date 31.3.18.
Type of Machine BRISTOL FIGHTER
Pilot Lieut.A.R.Brown
Observer Lieut.Finlay
Location and map reference ZERKA
Nature of Target Troop train and Infantry.
Height 2000 feet.
Rounds fired 450.
Type of Gun 1 Vickers 2 Lewis.
Observations Severe casualties inflicted.
Time 0814

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REPORT ON ATTACK ON TROOPS BY AIRCRAFT.

Squadron No.1 Squadron, AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.
Date 31.3.18.
Time 0814
Type of Machine BRISTOL FIGHTER
Pilot Lieut.Tonkin
Observer Lieut.Letch
Location and map reference Railway Station ZERKA.
Nature of Target Troops in train and Cavalry.
Height 1500 feet.
Rounds fired 100.
Type of Gun 1 Vickers 1 Lewis.
Observations Cavalry scattered.

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(Combats in the Air.)

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Combats in the Air.

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Squadron: No.1 Squadron, A.F.C.

Date: 5.3.18

Type and No. of Aeroplane: BRISTOL FIGHTER A.7198

Time: 0935 to 1000

Armament: 1 Vickers 1 Lewis

Duty: Reconnaissance

Pilot: Lieut.E.Headlam

Height: 10,500⁰

Observer: Lieut.Beaton

Locality: 5 miles S.E. JILJULIE.

Remarks on Hostile machine:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

5 H.A. - Apparently D.8 Albatross Scouts.

Narrative.

Observed 5 H.A. approaching from the sea just as we were crossing the lines about 2000 feet above us. Opened up and started to climb up to them. My observer opened fire at about 1000 feet, H.A. continued to circle above and tried for position in the sun. Observer continued to fire doing good shooting as I could see his tracers going very close to H.A. Had bt this time got on the level of one H.A. and got two good bursts into it. H.A. spun and then went into a vertical nose dive, I then lost sight of this machine. Soon after my observer's gun jammed and also my own Vickers. H.A. fired a white light and went for their own lines.

(Signed) E.Headlam Lieut.
Pilot.

Combats in the Air.

E 33/137A.
March 1918

Squadron: No. 1 Squadron A.F.C.

Date: 5.3.18

Type and No. of Aeroplane: BRISTOL FIGHTER A.7200

Time: 0935

Armament: 2 Lewis 1 Vickers

Duty: Escort to
Reconnaissance.

Pilot: Lieut. C.N. Watt

Height: 10,000'

Observer: Capt. Macauley

Locality: S.E. JILJULIE.

Remarks on Hostile machine:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

5 H.A. - Scouts.

Narrative.

The H.A. was observed flying East 2000 feet above us, soon after crossing the line my observer covered them while the reconnaissance machine and I climbed for positions. The H.A. turned several times during which we had gained the height of one H.A. machine. I fired several bursts into him from front gun, the H.A. went down in a spin but I did not follow him down; he seemed out of control as far as we could observe. The other four machines still kept their height and went N.E. out of sight after firing white light.

Damage to my machine - Nil.

(Signed) C.N. Watt Lieut.
Pilot.

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COMBATS IN THE AIR.

Squadron: No. 1 Squadron, Australian Flying Corps.

Date: 19th. March 1918.

Type and No. of Aeroplane: Bristol Fighter B.1147

Time: 0820

Armament: Vickers forward, 1 Lewis Gun

Duty: Escort to Bomb
Raid.

Pilot: Lieut. G. Cameron

Height: 4500 feet

Observer: Lieut. A. Kirk

Locality: WADI AUJA, JORDAN VALLEY

Remarks on Hostile Machine:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

2 Hostile Machines - 1 Scout and 1 two-seater.

Narrative.

While returning from JISR ED DAWIE I saw 2 machines flying N.E. from direction of JERICHO. I flew towards them climbing and saw a single seater put himself into a vertical dive and then make off up the JORDAN VALLEY. I then confined my attention to the other machine which was a two-seater, while getting into position on his tail my observer got a burst of 20 rounds into him. I then dived and opened fire; after 3 rounds my gun stopped firing, the back cover having sprung open. I turned and allowed my Observer to fire while clearing the stoppage, but E.A. escaped into a cloud and was not seen again. E.A. did not fire.

(Signed) G.C. CAMERON, Lieut.
Pilot.

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COMBATS IN THE AIR.

Squadron: **No. 1 Sqn., AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.**

Type and No. of Aeroplane: **BRISTOL FIGHTER.**

Armament: **1 Vickers, 1 Lewis.**

Pilot: **Lieut. E. S. Headlam.**

Observer: **Lieut. W. A. Kirk.**

Locality: **AMMAN.**

Date: **27.3.18.**

Time: **0745**

Duty: **Reconnaissance.**

Height: **7000 feet.**

Remarks on Hostile Machine:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

2 two-seaters. A.E.G.

1 gun firing forward.

1 gun firing back over tail.

— Narrative. —

On arriving at AMMAN I observed 1 two-seater H.A. flying N.E. about 2000 feet below me, I immediately dived down towards him and when about 500 feet away fired a short burst; the H.A. then landed. My observer saw another H.A. approaching from direction of DEAD SEA. I turned towards this machine and when about 700 feet away dived and fired a burst of about 40 rounds. H.A. started to fly round in circles. I came low down and my observer opened fire and fired a drum, H.A. landed. I then came down to about 1000 feet and my observer fired at machine on ground. A party of 6 men came to pilot's assistance but were driven off by my observer's fire, tracer bullets could be clearly seen striking the machine. Neither pilot nor observer were seen to leave the machine.

(Signed) E. S. Headlam, LIEUT.
Pilot.

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COMBATS IN THE AIR.

March 1918. E 33/140

Squadron: No. 1 Squadron, Australian Flying Corps

Date: 27. 3. '18.

Type and No. of Aeroplane: Bristol Fighter

Time: 0720

Armament: 1 Vickers, 2 Lewis

Duty: Reconnaissance

Pilot: Lieut. J. Walker

Height: 8000 feet.

Observer: Lieut. G. Finlay

Locality: KISSIR

Remarks on Hostile Machine:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

SRM One - 2 seater A.E.G.

Narrative.

Approaching KISSIR I noticed one H.A. on my right and on my level, my Escort engaged him, and he turned towards me, the Escort dived and later pulled out, I turned and dived on his tail and fired a burst of 50 rounds, by this time the H.A. had his nose well down and I followed him down; no fire was returned from rear cockpit of the H.A., at this stage I was obliged to seem to miss his tail, I then broke off the fight.

The Hun machine landed and smoke was issuing from his exhausts.

Rounds fired - 200 rounds.

Damage to machine - Nil.

(Signed) J. M. WALKER.....Lieut.
Pilot.

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COMBATS IN THE AIR.

E33/141
March 1918.

Squadron: No. 1 Sqn., AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

Date: 27.3.18.

Type and No of Aeroplane: BRISTOL FIGHTER.

Time: 0710

Armament: 1 Vickers, 1 Lewis.

Duty: Escort to Reco.

Pilot: Captain D.W. Rutherford.

Height: 8000 feet.

Observer: S/Lt. J. McElligott.

Locality: KISSIR.

Remarks on Hostile Machine:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

Two-seater A.E.C. 1 gun firing over tail.

1 Gun firing forward

Narrative.

Whilst escorting AMMAN reconnaissance I observed one H.A. two-seater below me, I immediately dived on his tail and fired 3 bursts at point blank range. I then swung out to the left to avoid hitting him and the reconnaissance machine then dived and the H.A. went straight down and landed. As he landed two men rushed out from building. I opened fire on machine from 500 feet and they returned to the building and two people jumped from machine, one only going a few yards before falling. My observer then opened fire upon machine with good effect. When I flew away one of the occupants of the machine was still laying in the field near the machine.

Rounds fired 320.

Damage to machine - nil.

(Signed) D.W. Rutherford CAPTAIN.
Pilot.