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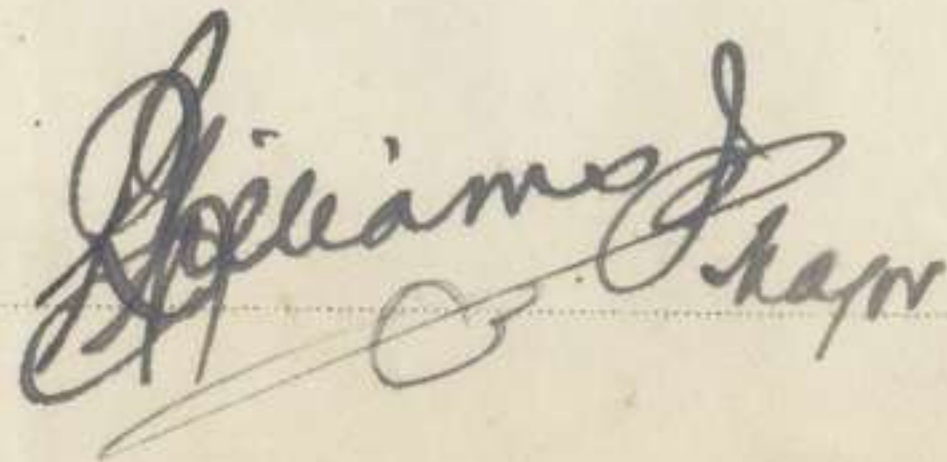
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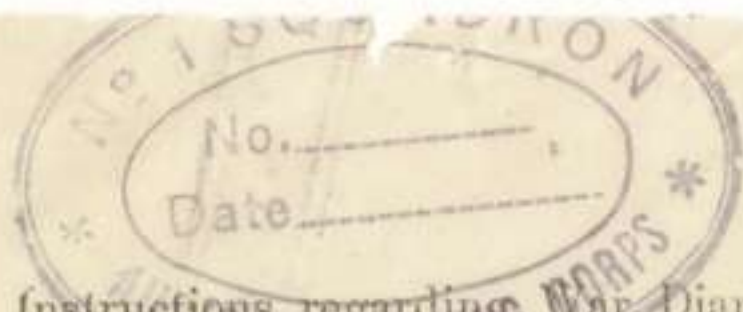
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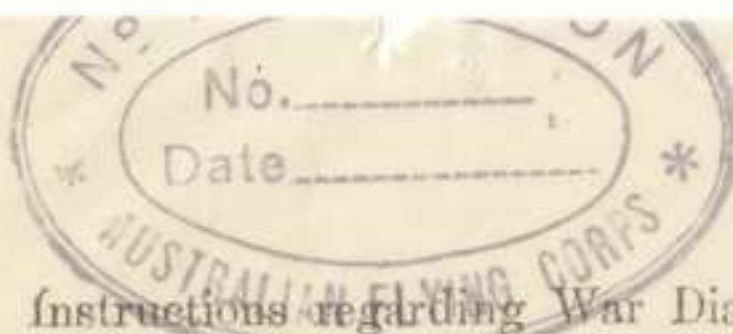
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			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WAR DIARY - APRIL 1918.</u></p> <p><u>MAP REFERENCES.</u> - References to places throughout the Diary itself refers to the Palestine Exploration Map, Scale 1/250,000</p> <p>Reference to Maps in Reports and Appendices 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 style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: right;">APR 1918</p>



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MEJDEL & RAMLEH (PALESTINE)			<p>The Unit was stationed at an Aerodrome 2 miles North East of MEJDEL during the greater portion of the month. On 26.4.18 the shifting of the Unit to a new Aerodrome 1½ miles East of the town of RAMLEH (between JAFFA and JERUSALEM) was completed.</p> <p>The Aerodrome is approximately 600 yards by 450 yards with its longest side running North and South - the prevailing winds are between the North and West. The ground is fairly level with a little slope away from the Hangars and camp towards the Aerodrome - it is a dark soil containing much clay which hardens and cracks a little in the warm weather - it is quite unsuitable for use in wet weather but rain is not expected at this season.</p>																																					
(Organisation of Flying Corps on Palestine Front.)			<p>The following is the organisation of the Flying Corps on the Palestine Front during the month:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PALESTINE BRIGADE R.A.F.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><u>(40th. (Army) Wing R.A.F.</u></td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;"><u>5th (Corps) Wing, R.A.F.</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">:</td> <td style="text-align: center;">:</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>No. 111 Squadron, R.A.F. (Scouts, -S.E.5's and Nieuports)</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>No. 142 Squadron R.A.F. (Bombing - Martinsydes & B.E.12.A's)</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>No. 1 Squadron A.F.C. (2 seaters - Bristol Fighters. Strategic reconnaissance, Photography etc.)</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>No. 14 Squadron R.A.F. (Attached XX Corps R.E.8's).</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p>No. 113 Squadron R.A.F. (Attached XXI Corps R.E.8's)</p> </td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<u>(40th. (Army) Wing R.A.F.</u>	<u>5th (Corps) Wing, R.A.F.</u>	:	:	<p>No. 111 Squadron, R.A.F. (Scouts, -S.E.5's and Nieuports)</p>	<p>No. 142 Squadron R.A.F. (Bombing - Martinsydes & B.E.12.A's)</p>	<p>No. 1 Squadron A.F.C. (2 seaters - Bristol Fighters. Strategic reconnaissance, Photography etc.)</p>	<p>No. 14 Squadron R.A.F. (Attached XX Corps R.E.8's).</p>	<p>No. 113 Squadron R.A.F. (Attached XXI Corps R.E.8's)</p>																												
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MEJDEL (PALESTINE)	1.4.18.		<p>Machines serviceable - 15 Unserviceable - 6.</p> <p>Clouds and rain prevented any work in the air on this day.</p> <p><u>Time flown during the day - 3 hours</u></p>	APPENDIX 11 (1)
	2.4.18.	<p>0900 to 1210</p> <p>1135 to 1420</p>	<p>Machines serviceable - 16 Unserviceable - 3.</p> <p>Three machines were struck off on 1.4.18. and 1 new Bristol Fighter (Mk.I) No.B1225 taken on charge. An attempt was made to do Strategical reconnaissance but failed owing to clouds.</p> <p><u>Patrol</u> Enemy Aircraft, over our troops in the JORDAN VALLEY. (Pilot Lieut.G.C.Peters, Observer Lieut.J.H.Traill).</p> <p><u>Patrol</u> As above. (Pilot Lieut.H.S.R.Maughan, Observer Lieut.E.B.S.Beaton).</p> <p><u>Time flown for the day - 13 hours 5 mins.</u></p>	APPENDIX 11 (2).
	3.4.18.	<p>0800 to 1100</p> <p>0930 to 1145</p>	<p>Machines serviceable - 17 Unserviceable 2.</p> <p><u>Strategical reconnaissance</u> DAMIE - ZERKA - AMMAN - MADEBA & (Pilot Capt. R.M.Smith, M.C., Observer Lieut.E.A.Mustard) escorted by Pilot Lieut.A.V.Tonkin, Observer Lieut.F.Hawley).</p> <p><u>Strategical reconnaissance</u> KULUNSAWIEH - TULKERAM - NABLUS - HUWARA. (Pilot Lieut.A.R.Brown, Observer Lieut.G.Finlay, escorted by Pilot Lieut.F.W.Haig, Observer Lieut.J.McElligott).</p>	APPENDIX 2.NoA268 APPENDIX 2.NoA269

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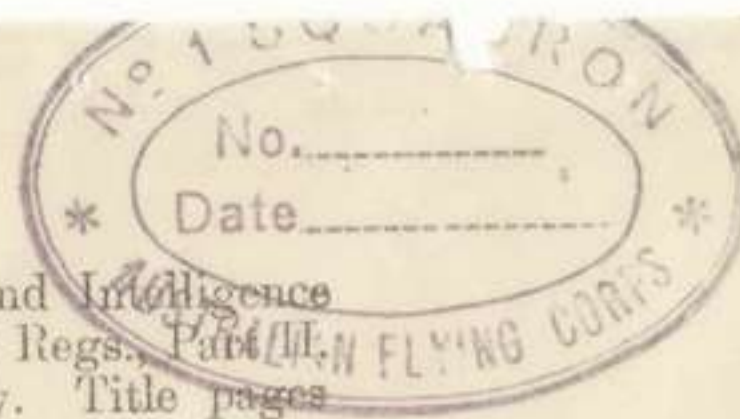
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
MEJDEL (PALESTINE).	3.4.18.	0730	<u>Escort to Bomb Raid</u> On Railway Station at AMMAM (by machines from R.A.F. Squadrons) - 2 Bristol Fighters (Pilots Capt.S.W.Addison and Lieut.Headlam, Observers Lieut.H.Fysh and Lieut.Dawson[R.A.F.]).		
		to 1035			
		1010	<u>Patrol</u> - Enemy Aircraft - over our troops in the JORDAN VALLEY.		
	to 1250	(Pilot Lieut.C.S.Paul, Observer Lieut/C.J.Vyner).			
	1300	<u>Patrol</u> as above.			
	to 1500	(Pilot Lieut.E.P.Kenny, Observer Lieut.R.T.Challinor.)			
		<u>Time flown during the day</u> 26 hours 10 mins.	APPENDIX 11 (3)		
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	4.4.18.		Machines serviceable 16 Unserviceable 3.		
	0800	<u>Stragetical reconnaissance</u> DAMIE - ZERKA - AMMAN - ES SALT.	APPENDIX 2 NoA270		
	to 1030	(Pilot Capt.D.W.Rutherford, Observer Lieut.C.J.Vyner, escorted by Pilot Lieut.H.Blake, Observer No.506 Cpl.Jensen N.P.B.).			
	0930	<u>Photographic reconnaissance</u> Over round MUGHALID.	APPENDIX 2 NoA270		
	to 1245	(Pilot Lieut.C.C.Cameron, Observer Lieut.A.Kirk, escorted by Pilot Lieut.C.N.Watt, Observer Lieut.E.B.S.Beaton.)			
0750	<u>Escort to Bomb Raid.</u> On Railway Station at AMMAN by machines of R.A.F. Squadrons.	APPENDIX 2 NoA270			
to 1020	(Pilots Lieut.E.P.Kenny and Lieut.H.S.R.Maughan, Observers Lieut.R.Camm and Lieut.Repton,(R.A.F.)).				
0835	<u>Patrol</u> Enemy Aircraft. Over our troops in the JORDAN VALLEY.	APPENDIX 2 NoA270			
to 1140	(Pilot Lieut.A.R.Brown, Observer Lieut.G.Finlay.)				

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MEJDEL (PALESTINE)	4.4.18.	1030 to 1340	<u>Patrol</u> As above. (Pilot Capt. R.M. Smith, M.C., Observer Lieut. E.A. Mustard). <u>Time flown during the day</u> - 27 hours 5 mins. <u>Number of plates exposed</u> - 67	APPENDIX 11 (4).
	5.4.18.	1100 to 1400	Machines serviceable 19 Unserviceable Nil. <u>Strategical reconnaissance</u> ZERKA - AMMAN - KISSIR - KASTAL - MADEBA. (Pilot Lieut. G.C. Peters, Observer Lieut. J.H. Traill, escorted by Pilot Lieut. C.S. Paul, Observer Lieut. H.A. Letch, MC.) <u>Photographs</u> - Aspects No. 586 of bridge North of AMMAN.	APPENDIX 2 NoA271 APPENDIX 6.
		0930 to 1220	<u>Escort to Bomb Raids</u> On Railway Station at AMMAN by machines of R.A.F. Squadrons. (Pilots Lieuts. J.M. Walker, F.W. Haig and S. Nunan, Observers Lieuts. F. Hawley, R.T. Challinor and J. McElligott)	
	1030 to 1330	<u>Patrol</u> Enemy Aircraft over our troops in JORDAN VALLEY. (Pilots Lieuts. A.W. Murphy and A.V. Tonkin, Observers Lieut. C.J. Vyner and No. 506 Cpl. Jensen N.P.B.) <u>Time flown during the day</u> - 26 hours 35 mins. <u>Number of plates exposed</u> - 1	APPENDIX 11 (5).	
	6.4.18.		Machines serviceable 18, Unserviceable 1.	
	1000 to 1230		<u>Strategical reconnaissance</u> NABLUS - BERKA - TULKERAM - KULUNSAWIEH. (Pilot Capt. R.M. Smith, MC. Observer Lieut. E.A. Mustard, escorted by Pilot Lieuts. C. Stooke, DCM, Observer Lieut. H.A. Letch, MC.)	APPENDIX 2 No. A272
	0830 to 1205		<u>Patrol</u> Enemy Aircraft over our troops in the JORDAN VALLEY. (Pilots Lieuts. S.A. Nunan and E.L. Spragg, Observers Lieuts. J. McElligott and C.J. Vyner).	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MEJDEL (Palestine)	6.4.18.		Further work was prevented owing to clouds. <u>Time flown during the day - 9 hours 45 minutes.</u>	Appendix 11 (6)

	7.4.18		Machines Serviceable 17 - Unserviceable 2.	
		1000 to 1300	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - MADEBA - ZIZE - KISSIR - AMMAN - DAMIE. (Pilot Lieut.A.V.Tonkin, Observer Lieut.E.B.S.Beaton escorted by Pilot Lieut.E.P.Kenny, Observer Lieut.Repton (R.A.F)).	Appendix 2.No.A273
		1345 to 1550	<u>Photographic Reconnaissance</u> - one small area near KALKILIEH and one East of TULKERAM. (Pilots Capt.S.W.Addison and Lieut.F.W.Lukis, Observers Lieuts.H.Fysh and A.Kirk).	
		1425 to 1705	<u>Escort to Bomb Raid</u> - on Railway Station at KASTAL by machines from R.A.F. Squadrons. (Pilots Capt.D.W.Rutherford, Lieuts.F.W.Haig and J.K.Curwen-Walker, Observers Lieuts J.McElligott and R.T.Challinor and Lieut.Dawson (R.A.F.)).	
			<u>Photographs</u> - Railway line from KISSIR to AMMAN by Pilot Lieut.F.W.Haig, Observer Lieut.R.T.Challinor whilst escorting the above Bomb Raid.	
			<u>Time flown during the day - 20 hours 51 minutes</u> <u>Number of Plates exposed - 22</u>	Appendix 11 (7)

	8.4.18		Machines Serviceable 17 - Unserviceable 2.	
		1035 to 1345	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - DAMIE - ES SALT - AMMAN - KASTAL - ZIZE - MADEBA. (Pilot Lieut.G.C.Peters, Observer Lieut.J.H.Traill escorted by Pilot Lieut.E.C.Stooke D.C.M., Observer Lieut.H.A.Letch M.C.)	Appendix 2.No.A274
			<u>Time flown during the day - 11 hours 5 minutes.</u>	Appendix 11 (8)

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MEJDEL (Palestine)	9.4.18		Machines Serviceable 19 - Unserviceable Nil.	
		0830 to 1135	Strategical Reconnaissance - DAMIE - ES SALT - AMMAN - KISSIR - MADEBA . (Pilot Lieut. A.R. Brown, Observer Lieut. G. Finlay escorted by Pilot Lieut. H. Blake, Observer Lieut. J. McElligott)	Appendix 2.No. A275
		1000 to 1240	Strategical Reconnaissance - HUWARA - NABLUS - JENIN - TULKERAM - KULUNSAWEH. (Pilot Capt. R.M. Smith M.C., Observer Lieut. E.A. Mustard escorted by Pilot Lieut. A.W. Murphy Observer Lieut. F.C. Hawley)	Appendix 2.No. A276
			Photographs - aspect Nos. 682, 683, 684 and 687 of Stations, trains, aerodromes and camps in enemy country.	Appendix 6
		0900 to 1215	Photographic Reconnaissance - between KALKILIEH and TULKERAM. (Pilots Capt. S.W. Addison and Lieuts. F. Lukis and P.J. McGuinness, Observers Lieuts H. Fysh, A. Kirk and R. Camm).	Appendix 11 (9)
		Time flown during the day - 24 hours 55 minutes. Number of plates exposed - 74		
	10.4.18		Machines Serviceable 18 - Unserviceable 1.	
		0740 to 1110	Strategical Reconnaissance - TEL EL ABRAD - ES SALT - AMMAN - KISSIR - ZIZR - MADEBA - SHUNET NIMRIN. (Pilot Lieut. F.W. Haig, Observer Lieut. R.T. Challinor escorted by Lieut. J.M. Walker, Observer Lieut. H.A. Letch M.C.)	Appendix 2.No. A278
		0800 to 1030	Strategical Reconnaissance - HUWARA - NABLUS - TULKERAM - KULUNSAWIEH. (Pilot Lieut. H.S.R. Maughan, Observer Lieut. E.B.S. Beaton escorted by Pilot Lieut. C.S. Paul, Observer Lieut. R. Camm).	Appendix 2.No. A277
		1145 to 1445	Patrol - enemy aircraft - over our troops in JORDAN VALLEY. (Pilots Lieuts. A.R. Brown and E.S. Headlam, Observers Lieuts. G. Finlay and H. Fysh)	

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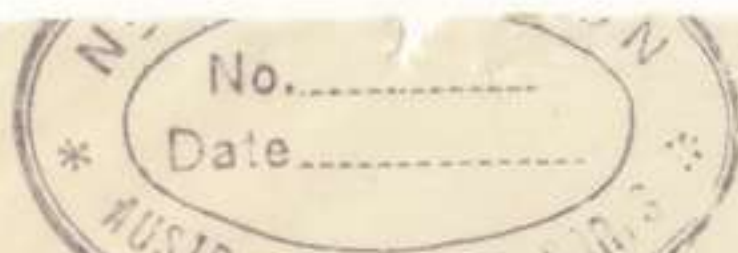
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MEJDEL (Palestine)	10.4.18	1335 to 1635	<p><u>Patrol</u> - as above (Pilots Lieuts.A.V.Tonkin and G.C.Peters, Observers Lieuts.H.B.Fletcher and J.H.Traill).</p> <p><u>Time flown during the day</u> - 28 hours.</p>	Appendix 11 (10).
----- Machines Serviceable 19 - Unserviceable Nil.				
	11.4.18	1000 to 1200	<p><u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - TULKERAM - NABLUS - HUWARA - ES SAWIEH. (Pilot Capt.R.M.Smith M.C., Observer Lieut.E.A.Mustard escorted by Pilot Lieut.A.V.Tonkin, Observer Lieut.F.Hawley).</p>	Appendix 2.No.A279
		0930 to 1145	<p><u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - DAMIE - ES SALT. (Pilot Lieut.C.C.Cameron, Observer Lieut.A.Kirk escorted by Pilot Lieut.F.W.Lukis, Observer Lieut.E.B.S.Beaton).</p>	Appendix 2.No.A280
		1320 to 1610	<p><u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - DAMIE - ES SALT - AMMAN - KISSIR - SHUNET NIMRIN. (Pilot Capt.D.W.Rutherford, Observer Lieut.R.T.Challinor escorted by Pilot Lieut.S.A.Nunan, Observer Lieut.H.A.Letch M.C.)</p>	Appendix 2.No.A281
		0905 to 1210	<p><u>Patrol</u> - enemy aircraft - in the neighbourhood of JILJULIEH. (Pilots Lieuts.E.C.Stooke D.C.M. and E.P.Kenny, Observers Lieut.R.Camm and Lieut.Repton (R.A.F.)).</p>	
		1230 to 1535	<p><u>Patrol</u> - as above. (Pilots Capt.S.W.Addison and Lieut.E.L.Spragg, Observers Lieuts.H.Fysh and C.J.Vyner).</p> <p><u>Time flown during the day</u> - 28 hours 40 minutes.</p>	Appendix 11 (11)
----- Machines Serviceable 16 - Unserviceable 4.				
	12.4.18		<p>One new Bristol Fighter (Mk.I Rolls Royce) No.B1199 received.</p>	

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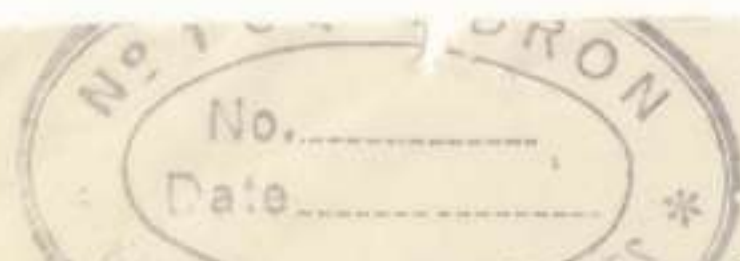
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MEJDEL (PALESTINE)		0825 to 1125	<u>Strategical reconnaissance</u> - SHUNET NIMRIN - AMMAN - ES SALT & DAMIE. (Pilot Lieut.F.W.Haig, Observer Lieut.R.T.Challinor, escorted by Pilot Lieut.D.Dowling, Observer Lieut.F.Hawley.)	APPENDIX 2 No.A282
		1000 to 1230	<u>Strategical reconnaissance</u> - HUWARA - NABLUS - TALKERAM - KILLUNSAWEH. (Pilot Lieut.G.C.Peters, Observer Lieut.J.H.Traill, escorted by Pilot Lieut.R.S.Adair, Observer Lieut.R.Camm.) Clouds prevented photographic reconnaissance.	APPENDIX 2 No.A283
		0940 to 1235	<u>Patrol</u> Enemy Aircraft - in vicinity of JILJULIEH. (Pilots Lieut.A.R.Brown and Lieut.F.W.F.Lukis, Onservers Lieut.G.Finlay and H.Fysh).	
		1130 to 1430	<u>Patrol</u> as above. (Pilots Capt.R.M.Smith, M.C., and Lieut.C.S.Paul, Observers Lieut.E.A.Mustard and Lieut.Repton (R.A.F.)) <u>Time flown during the day</u> - 32 hours 15 minutes	APPENDIX 11.(12).
			----- <u>Machines serviceable.</u> 16 <u>unserviceable</u> 3.	
	13.4.18.			
		1155 to 1450	<u>Strategical reconnaissance</u> - DAMIE - ES SALT - AMMAN - KESTAL. (Pilot Lieut.E.L.Spragg, Observer Lieut.W.A.Kirk, escorted by Pilot Lieut.D.W.Butherford, Observer Lieut.H.A.Letch, M.C.).	APPENDIX 2 No.A284
		0900 to 1140	<u>Strategical reconnaissance.</u> - HUWARA - NABLUS - TALKERAM - KAKON - KILLUNSAWEH. (Pilot Lieut.H.S.R.Maughan, Observer Lieut.G.Finlay, escorted by Pilot Lieut.R.Burton, Observer Lieut.H.B.Fletcher.)	APPENDIX 2 NoA285
		1130 to 1430	<u>Patrol</u> - enemy aircraft - over vicinity JILJULIEH. (Pilots Lieuts.A.W.Murphy and A.V.Tenkin, observers Lieut.J.McElligott and Lieut.F.Hawley.)	
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> 23 hours	APPENDIX 11.(13)

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MEJDEL (PALESTINE)	14.4.18.		<u>Machines serviceable</u> 15 <u>Unserviceable</u> 4		
		0800 to 1000	<u>Strategical reconnaissance</u> - HUWARA - NABLUS - TULKERAM - KULUNSAWEH. (Pilot Capt.R.M.Smith, M.C. Observer Lieut.E.A.Mustard, escorted by Pilot Lieut.E.Stooke, Observer Lieut.R.Camm).	APPENDIX 2 NoA286	
		1030 to 1330	<u>Strategical reconnaissance</u> - KUHANI - ZIZA - KASTAL - AMMAN - (Pilot Lieut.A.R.Brown, Observer Lieut.G.Finlay, escorted by Pilot Lieut.C.C.Cameron, Observer Lieut.J.McElligott).	APPENDIX 2 NoA287	
		0955 to 1245	<u>Photographic reconnaissance</u> - NABLUS - TULKERAM areas. (Pilots Lieuts.E.S.Headlam and A.J.Morgan, Observers Lieuts.E.B.S.Beaton and C.J.Vyner).		
		1145 to 1430	<u>Patrol</u> - enemy aircraft - JILJULIEH Area. (Pilots Lieuts.J.M.Walker and L.B.Garson, Observers Lieuts H.B.Fletcher and No.506 Cpl.Jensen N.P.B.)		
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 24 hours 40 mins. <u>Number of plates exposed</u> - 9	APPENDIX 11 (14).	
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			15.4.18	<u>Machines serviceable</u> 15 <u>Unserviceable.</u> 4	
			1000 to 1230	<u>Strategical reconnaissance</u> - JISSIR - ED DAMIE - ES SALT - AMMAN. (Pilot Lieut.E.L.Spragg, Observer Lieut.C.J.Vyner, escorted by Pilot Lieut.H.A.Blake, Observer Lieut.J.McElligott.)	APPENDIX 2 NoA288
			0940 to 1220	<u>Strategical reconnaissance</u> - HUWARA - NABLUS - TULKERAM - KAKON AREA - KULUNSAWIEH. (Pilot Lieut.E.C.Peters, Observer Lieut.J.H.Traill, escorted by Pilot Lieut.R.S.Adair, Observer Lieut.R.A.Camm.)	APPENDIX 2 No.A289
	1020 to 1320	<u>Photographic reconnaissance</u> - RAMIN - ANEBTA - ATTARA AREAS. (Pilots Capt.S.W.Addison & Lieut.F.Lukis, Observers Lieuts.H.Fysh and E.B.S.Beaton)			

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MEJDEL (PALESTINE)	15.4.18.	1130	<u>Patrol - JILJULIEH AREA.</u> (Pilots Lieuts.E.P.Kenny and H.S.Braim, Observers Lieuts.F.Hawley and H.A.Letch, M.C.).	
		to 1430		
		1150	<u>Combat in the Air.</u> Three D3.Albatros Scouts were attacked by our Strategical reconnaissance machines 2 miles S.E. of KALKILIEH. Combat was decisive and we claim 2 machines. <u>Time flown during the day - 24 hours 15 mins.</u> <u>Number of plates exposed - 44.</u>	APPENDIX 5 Nos1&2 APPENDIX 11 (15).
	16.4.18		Machines Serviceable 16 - Unserviceable 3.	
		0830	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance - JISSIR - ED DAMIE - KASTAL - AMMAN - ES SALT - ZIZR - MADEBA.</u> (Pilot Lieut.A.R.Brown, Observer Lieut.G.Finlay escorted by Pilot Lieut.S.A.Nunan, Observer Lieut.H.B.Fletcher)	Appendix 2.No.A290
		1130	<u>Patrol - enemy aircraft - JILJULIEH area</u> (Pilot Lieuts.H.S.R.Maughan and R.Burton, Observers Lieut.Repton (R.A.F.) and No.506 Cpl. Jensen N.P.B.)	
		to 1425	<u>Time flown during the day - 13 hours 10 minutes</u>	Appendix 11 (16)
	17.4.18		Machines Serviceable 15 - Unserviceable 4.	
		0900	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance - HUWARA - NABLUS - TUEKERAM - KAKON - IRTAH.</u> (Pilot Capt.R.M.Smith M.C., Observer Lieut.E.A.Mustard escorted by Pilot Lieut.A.V.Tonkin, Observer Lieut.F.Hawley)	Appendix 2.NoA291
		to 1100	<u>Time flown during the day - 4 hours 50 minutes.</u>	Appendix 11 (17)

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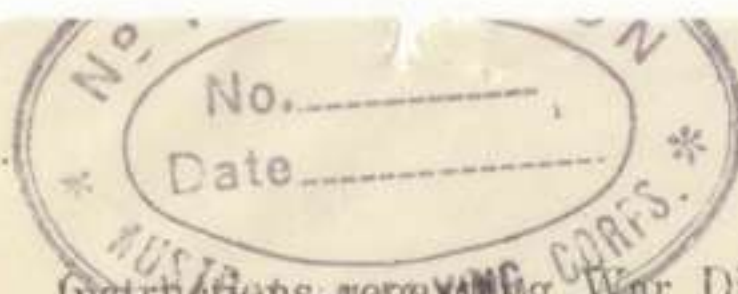
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MEJDEL (Palestine)	18.4.18		Machines Serviceable 14 - Unserviceable 5.	
		0655 to 1020	Strategical Reconnaissance - JISSIR - ED DAMIE - SHUNET NIMRIN - (Pilot Lieut. F. W. Haig, Observer Lieut. R. T. Challinor escorted by Pilot Capt. D. W. Rutherford, Observer Lieut. Repton (R.A.F.)).	Appendix 2. No. A292
		1100 to 1220	Strategical Reconnaissance - TULKERAM - NABLUS - HUWARA (Pilot Lieut. C. S. Paul, Observer Lieut. A. Kirk escorted by Lieut. A. W. Murphy, Observer Lieut. R. Camm)	Appendix 2. No. A293
		1400 to 1710	Strategical Reconnaissance - JISSIR - ED DAMIE - ES SALT - SHUNET NIMRIN. (Pilot Lieut. E. P. Kenny, Observer Lieut. J. H. Traill escorted by Pilot Lieut. R. S. Adair, Observer Lieut. H. A. Letch M.C.)	Appendix 2. No. A294
			Time flown during the day - 20 hours 40 minutes	Appendix 11 (18)
	19.4.18		Machines Serviceable 15 - Unserviceable 4.	
			"B" Flight and portion of Headquarters (mostly Stores etc.) and 1 Bessoneau Hangar were shifted to a new aerodrome about 1½ miles East of Ramleh today by train.	
		0700 to 1015	Strategical Reconnaissance - JISSIR - ED DAMIE - AMMAN - ES SALT - SHUNET NIMRIN. (Pilot Lieut. G. C. Peters, Observer Lieut. J. H. Traill escorted by Pilot Lieut. H. S. Braim, Observer Lieut. R. Camm).	Appendix 2. No. A295
		1400 to 1700	Strategical Reconnaissance - JISSIR - ED DAMIE - AMMAN - ES SALT - SHUNET NIMRIN. (Pilot Lieut. E. L. Spragg, Observer Lieut. C. J. Vyner escorted by Pilot Lieut. L. B. Garson, Observer Lieut. J. McElligott)	Appendix 2. No. A296
		0910	Machine Gun attack on aeroplane and hangar - 400 rounds were fired by Observer Lieut. J. H. Traill whilst on Strategical Reconnaissance.	Appendix 4. No. 1

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MEJDEL (Palestine)	19.4.18.		<u>Time flown during the day - 17 hours 55 minutes.</u>	Appendix 11 (19)
	20.4.18		Machines Serviceable 15 - Unserviceable 2.	
	0800 to 1000		<u>Strategical Reconnaissance - HUWARA - NABLUS - TULKERAM - KAKON - IRTAH</u> (Pilot Capt. R.M. Smith M.C., Observer Lieut. E.A. Mustard escorted by Pilot Lieut. E.C. Stooke D.C.M., Observer Lieut. R. Camm)	Appendix 2.No. A297
	0945 to 1230		<u>Strategical Reconnaissance - JISSIR - ED DAMIE - ES SALT - AMMAN - SHUNET NIMRIN.</u> (Pilot Lieut. H.S.R. Maughan, Observer Lieut. G. Finlay escorted by Pilot Lieut. R. Burton, Observer Lieut. F. Hawley)	Appendix 2.No. A298
	0900 to 1205		<u>Photographic Reconnaissance - Areas - Caravan routes East of JORDAN, and ES SALT-AMMAN Road.</u> (Pilots Lieut. F.W.F. Lukis and Lieut. E.S. Headlam, and Lieut. C.C. Cameron, Observers Lieuts. H. Fysh, A. Kirk and E.B.S. Beaton)	
	1500 to 1720		<u>Photographic Reconnaissance - Areas as above.</u> (Pilots Lieuts. F.W. Haig, A.J. Morgan and P.J. McGuinness D.C.M., Observers Lieuts. W.A. Kirk, E.B.S. Beaton and H. Fysh)	
			<u>Time flown during the day - 30 hours 15 minutes</u> <u>Number of Plates exposed - 52</u> <u>Number of Films exposed - 68</u>	Appendix 11 (20)
	21.4.18		Machines Serviceable 14 - Unserviceable 3.	
	0800 to 1050		<u>Strategical Reconnaissance - ES SALT - AMMAN - SHUNET NIMRIN</u> (Pilot Lieut. E.P. Kenny, Observer Lieut. J.H. Traill escorted by Pilot Lieut. R.S. Adair, Observer Lieut. R. Camm) One Bessoneau Hangar was taken down and sent to RAMLEH today.	Appendix 2.No. A299
			<u>Time flown during the day - 6 hours 50 minutes</u>	Appendix 11 (21)

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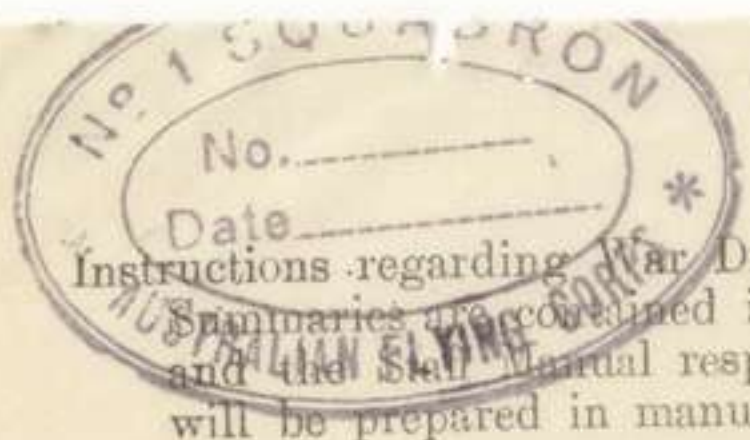
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MEJDEL (Palestine)	22.4.18		<p>Machines Serviceable 16 - Unserviceable 2.</p> <p>"A" Flight was shifted to RAMLEH today by train.</p> <p>0900 <u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - HUWARA - NABLUS - TULKERAM - KAKON - FERON areas. to (Pilot Lieut.A.V.Tonkin, Observer Lieut.C.J.Vyner escorted by Pilot Lieut.C.S.Paul, Observer Lieut.F.Hawley). 1100</p> <p>1050 <u>Photographic Reconnaissance</u> - ES SALT-AMMAN Road. to (Pilots Capt.S.W.Addison, and Lieut.E.S.Headlam, Observers Lieuts.H.Fysh and A.Kirk) 1340</p> <p>One Bristol Fighter (Mk.III Rolls Royce) No.B1276 received.</p> <p><u>Time flown during the day</u> - 13 hours 40 minutes. <u>Number of plates exposed</u> - 116.</p>	<p>Appendix 2.No.A300</p> <p>Appendix 11 (22)</p>
	23.4.18		<p>Machines Serviceable 17 - Unserviceable 1.</p> <p>Headquarters of the Squadron was shifted to RAMLEH today by train leaving "C" Flight only at MEJDEL.</p> <p>1200 <u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - DAMIE - ES SALT - AMMAN - KISSIR. to (Pilot Lieut.G.C.Peters, Observer Lieut.E.A.Mustard escorted by Pilot Lieut.R.Burton, Observer Lieut.R.Camm) 1500</p> <p>1430 <u>Photographic Reconnaissance</u> - ES SALT-AMMAN areas. to (Pilots Lieuts.C.C.Cameron and F.W.Lukis, Observers Lieuts.H.Fysh and E.B.S.Beaton) 1700</p> <p><u>Time flown during the day</u> - 13 hours 25 minutes <u>Number of plates exposed</u> - 90</p>	<p>Appendix 2.No.A301</p> <p>Appendix 11 (23)</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAMLEH (Palestine)	24.4.18		Machines Serviceable 12 - Unserviceable 6.	
		0850 to 1145	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - TEL EL ABEID - AMMAN - KISSIR - KASTAL - MADEBA - SHUNET NIMRIN (Pilot Lieut.H.S.R.Maughan, Observer Lieut.J.H.Traill escorted by Lieut.R.Burton, Observer Lieut.R.Camm)	Appendix 2.No.A302
		0530 to 0835	<u>Pigeon dropping on EL TAFIL</u> (Pilot Lieut.F.W.Haig, Observer Lieut.R.T.Challinor)	
	1100 to 1345	<u>Photographic Reconnaissance</u> - Area AMMAN-ES SALT. (Pilots Capt.S.W.Addison and Lieut.E.S.Headlam, Observers Lieuts.H.Fysh and E.B.S.Beaton)	Appendix 11 (24)	
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 19 hours 5 minutes	
	25.4.18		Machines Serviceable 16 - Unserviceable 2.	
		1230 to 1515	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - HUWARA - NABLUS - TULKERAM - KAKON - FERON (Pilot Lieut.A.R.Brown, Observer Lieut.G.Finlay escorted by Pilot Lieut.J.Walker, Observer Lieut.H.A.Letch M.C.)	Appendix 2.No.A303
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 7 hours	Appendix 11 (25)
	26.4.18		Machines Serviceable 16 - Unserviceable 2.	
			"C" Flight shifted from MEJDEL to RAMLEH today thus completing the move of the whole unit. 1 Bessoneau Hangar was left behind and handed over to No.142 Squadron, R.A.F.	
		1330 to 1630	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - KULUNSAWIEH - KAKON - TULKERAM - NABLUS - HUWARA (Pilot Lieut.F.Lukis, Observer Lieut.A.Kirk escorted by Pilot Lieut.J.McGuinness D.C.M., Observer Lieut.H.B.Fletcher)	Appendix 2.No.A304

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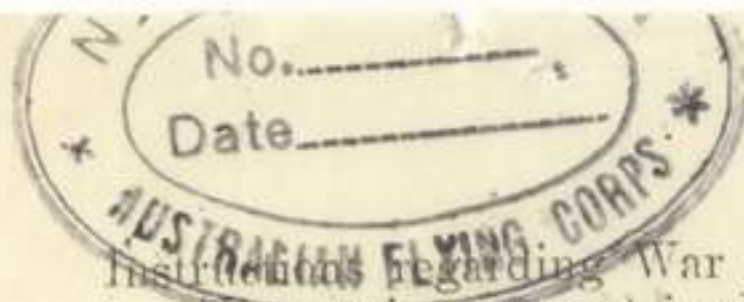
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RAMLEH (Palestine)	26.4.18	1410 to 1640	<p><u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - JISSIR - ED DAMIE - ES SALT - AMMAN - MADEBA (Pilot Lieut.E.L.Spragg, Observer Lieut.C.J.Vyner escorted by Pilot Capt.D.W.Rutherford, Observer Lieut.J.McElligott)</p> <p><u>Time flown during the day</u> - 15 hours 55 minutes.</p>	<p>Appendix 2.No.A305</p> <p>Appendix 11 (26)</p>

	27.4.18		Machines Serviceable 15 - Unserviceable 3.	
		0800 to 1100	<p><u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - MADEBA - KASTAL - AMMAN - ES SALT (Pilot Capt.R.M.Smith M.C., Observer Lieut.E.A.Mustard escorted by Pilot Lieut.A.W.Murphy, Observer Lieut.R.Camm)</p>	Appendix 2.No.A306
		1015 to 1340	<p><u>Patrol</u> - enemy aircraft - JERICHO area. (Pilots Lieuts.L.B.Garson and F.Haig, Observers Lieuts.R.T.Challinor and J.McElligott)</p>	
		1245 to 1545	<p><u>Patrol</u> - enemy aircraft - JERICHO area. (Pilots Capt.S.W.Addison and Lieut.C.C.Cameron, Observers Lieuts.E.Fysh and H.B.Fletcher)</p> <p>One Bristol Fighter (Mk.I Rolls Royce) No.B1205 received.</p>	
			<p><u>Time flown during the day</u> - 22 hours 55 minutes.</p>	Appendix 11 (27)

	28.4.18		Machines Serviceable 14 - Unserviceable 4.	
		1100 to 1300	<p><u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - HUWARA - NABLUS - TULKERAM - KAKON - IRTAH (Pilot Lieut.E.P.Kenny, Observer Lieut.F.Hawley escorted by Pilot Lieut.E.C.Stooke D.C.M., Observer Lieut.H.B.Fletcher)</p>	Appendix 2.No.A308

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RAMLEH (Palestine)	28.4.18	0800 to 1030	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - JISSIR - ED DAMIE - ES SALT - AMMAN - KISSIR - KASTAL - MADEBA (Pilot Lieut.S.A.Nunan, Observer Lieut.C.J.Vyner es-corted by Pilot Lieut.J.M.Walker, Observer Lieut.H.A.Letch M.C.)	Appendix 2.No.A307
		1025 to 1330	<u>Patrol</u> - enemy aircraft - JERICHO area. (Pilots Lieuts.C.N.Watt and A.J.Morgan, Observers Lieut.R.A.Camm and No.506 Cpl. Jensen N.P.B.)	
		1245 to 1615	<u>Patrol</u> - enemy aircraft - JERICHO area. (Pilots Lieuts.A.R.Brown and D.Dowling, Observers Lieuts.G.Finlay and Dawson (R.A.F.)).	
		1145	<u>Combat in the Air</u> - Four D5 Scouts attacked our reconnaissance (2 Bristol Fighters) near NABLUS. Combat decisive, we claim one machine.	Appendix 5 Nos.3 & 4
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 25 hours 5 minutes.	Appendix 11 (28)
	29.4.18		Machines Serviceable 16 - Unserviceable 1.	
		1100 to 1300	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - HUWARA - NABLUS - JENIN - TULKERAM - KAKON - KULUNSAWIEH (Pilot Capt.R.M.Smith M.C., Observer Lieut.E.A.Mustard escorted by Lieut.A.V.Tonkin, Observer Lieut.R.Camm)	Appendix 2.No.309
		1400 to 1710	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - JISSIR ED DAMIE - ES SALT - AMMAN - KASTAL - MADEBA (Pilot Lieut.F.Haig, Observer Lieut.R.T.Challinor escorted by Pilot Capt.D.W.Rutherford, Observer Lieut.J.McElligott)	Appendix 2.No.A310
			<u>Photographs</u> - aspect - Basin 6 miles N.E. of ES SALT Nos.AINN 1115, 1116, 1117, 1118 and 1120 taken by Lieut.R.T.Challinor whilst on Strategical Reconnaissance.	Appendix 6

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RAMLEH (Palestine)	29.4.18	1020 to 1320	<u>Patrol</u> - enemy aircraft - JERICHO area. (Pilots Lieuts.F.Lukis and P.J.McGuinness D.C.M., Observers Lieuts.H.B.Fletcher and E.B.S.Beaton)	Appendix 11 (29)
		1245 to 1610	<u>Patrol</u> - enemy aircraft - JERICHO area. (Pilots Lieuts.E.L.Spragg and J.K.Curwen-Walker, Observers Lieut.C.J.Vyner and No.506 Cpl. Jensen N.P.B.)	
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 26 hours 5 minutes.	
	30.4.18		Machines Serviceable 16 - Unserviceable 1.	
		0800 to 1015	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - HUWARA - NABLUS - TULKERAM - KAKON - KULUNSAWIEH (Pilot Lieut.E.C.Stooke D.C.M., Observer Lieut.H.B.Fletcher escorted by Pilot Lieut.A.W.Murphy, Observer Lieut.F.Hawley)	Appendix 2.No.A311
		1015 to 1745	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - JISSR ED DAMIE - ES SALT - AMMAN - KASTAL - MADEBA (Pilot Lieut.A.R.Brown, Observer Lieut.G.Finlay escorted by Pilot Lieut.S.A.Nunan, Observer Lieut.H.A.Letch M.C.)	Appendix 2.No.312
		1500 to 1745	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - JISSR ED DAMIE - ES SALT - AMMAN - KASTAL - MADEBA (Pilot Lieut.C.C.Cameron, Observer Lieut.C.J.Vyner)	Appendix 2.No.313
		1020 to 1320	<u>Patrol</u> - enemy aircraft - JERICHO area. (Pilots Capt.S.W.Addison and Lieut.E.S.Headlam, Observers Lieuts.H.Fysh and E.B.S.Beaton)	
		1240 to 1555	<u>Patrol</u> - enemy aircraft - JERICHO area. (Pilots Lieuts.J.M.Walker and H.Blake, Observers Lieuts.J.McElligott and Dawson (R.A.F.)).	
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 26 hours 40 minutes	Appendix 11 (30)

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			<u>NOTES.</u>	
			<p><u>Reports.</u> A copy of the Monthly Report of No. 1 Squadron, A.F.C. for ^{April} March together with a copy of the Weekly Resume of operations of 40th Wing, R.A.F. of which this unit is a part, is attached</p> <p>Reports by Equipment Officers (Stores and Machine Guns) are attached.</p>	<p>Appendix 1</p> <p>Appendix 1</p>
			<p><u>Orderly Room cases.</u> There have been 15 Orderly Room cases during the month which is particularly high and is chiefly caused through the unit moving to an aerodrome near a town and men absenting themselves at night to visit that town.</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>	

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APPENDIX ~ 1

(Monthly Report)

ORIGINAL

Report on No.1 Squadron, A.F.C.
for
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1. LOCATION. Near the end of the month the Squadron was transferred from MEJDEL to a new aerodrome about 1 mile East of RAMLE.

2. OPERATIONS. The work of the Squadron for the month has consisted of Strategical Reconnaissance, Photography, Escorts to same, and Enemy Aircraft Patrols; as well as one attack of 420 rounds of machine gun fire on troops on the ground. Weather prevented flying on two days during the month viz: 1st and 8th.

1. STRATEGICAL RECONNAISSANCE.

The areas reconnoitred were:-

	(a)	DAMIE-ES SALT-AMMAN-SHUNET NIMRIN	-	23
EASTERN	(b)	AMMAN-KISSIR	... ..	3
	(c)	DAMIE-ZERKA-AMMAN	... ..	3
WESTERN	(d)	NABLUS-TULKERAM-KAKON	... ..	18

2. PHOTOGRAPHY.

Twenty-three photographic reconnaissances were carried out and approximately 230 sq. miles of country photographed. Most of this work was for mapping purposes and to enable maps for coming operations to be completed and issued.

3. ARTILLERY CO-OPERATION.

During the month 14 stations from this unit have been working with batteries of R.H.A., R.F.A., and R.G.A. on this front. 24 operators being so employed.

Continuous watches have been maintained during the hours of daylight for the reception of enemy aircraft warnings from A.A. sections on the front. The scouts squadron being informed in this way.

3. ENEMY AIRCRAFT.

Enemy aircraft has not seriously interfered with the work of the Squadron during the month. When met they have been attacked and dealt with and in no case have they prevented work being properly carried out. Several combats have taken place - on 15-4-18 Lieut. Peters Pilot and Lieut. Traill Observer, and Lieut. Adair Pilot and Lieut. Camm Observer each claim one hostile machine; and on 28-4-18 Lieut. Kenny Pilot and Lieut. Hawley Observer claim two machines.

4. EQUIPMENT.

During the month the last Martinsyde has been transferred from the unit.

At 30-4-18 the Squadron was equipped with :-
1 Flight BRISTOL FIGHTERS (Mk. III ROLLS ROYCE)
2 Flights - do - (Mk. I ROLLS ROYCE)
1 B.E.2.E. (Not a service machine)

5. OFFICERS.

(a) MOVEMENTS.

The following officers joined the unit during the month :-

PILOTS

2/Lieut. G.V. Oxenham from Training Group.

OBSERVERS.

Lieut. M.D. Lees	from	1st Batt. I.C.C.
" F.C. Conrick	"	3rd " "
" W.H. Lilly	"	3rd A.M.G. Squadron.
2/Lt. A.V. McCann	"	4th A.L.H. Regiment

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5. OFFICERS (Cont).

The following officers left the unit during the month :-

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PILOTS.

Lieut. L.M.Potts	to	No.14 A.G.Hospital.
" J.H.Butler	"	"
" H.L.Fraser	"	"
2/Lt. P.J.Sims	"	Moascar for embarkation to England.
" J.Keane	"	- do -
" S.W.Robinson	"	Training Group for further instruction.
" J.T.T.Stevens	"	- do -

OBSERVERS.

Lieut. W.P.Cashman M.C. Returned to unit I.C.C.

(b) PROMOTIONS.

No. Aus/332 F/Sgt Johnston H. to be 2/Lt. and E.O. Class III (Wireless).

6. CASUALTIES.

Captain R.A.Austin M.C.	)	Previously reported missing, now
Lieut. O.M.Lee	)	reported Prisoners of War in the hands of the Turks.

Lieut. J.H. Traill, 4th Sig. Troop (Observer) - Wounded, remaining at duty (aeroplane accident).

7. STATISTICS.

Number of hours flown for the month	...	...	...	594
" " strategical reconnaissances	...	...	...	47
" " photographic	...	...	...	23
" " plates exposed	...	...	...	609
" " prints produced	...	...	...	5397
" " attacks on troops on ground	.	...	...	1
" " rounds fired	...	...	...	420
" " enemy aircraft patrols	...	...	...	27

I attach copies of the "Weekly Resume" of operations of the 40th Wing, R.A.F. 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.

William
 MAJOR.
 Commanding No.1 Squadron,
 AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

RESUME OF OPERATIONS OF 40TH, ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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19.4.18 to 25.4.18.

1. GENERAL.

Weather was fine generally but clouds and haze prevented photography on two days and on another day photographic machines encountered a gale over the area to be photographed. In spite of these drawbacks the programme allotted to this Wing during the week was accomplished. This consisted in several important series in the area East of Jordan.

No.1 Squadron, made 9 Strategic and 11 Photographic reconnaissances.

No.111 Squadron, made 40 Offensive and 1 Line Patrol and was engaged in 3 combats, 1 indecisive, 1 in which the enemy observer was shot dead and the enemy machine went down in a steep dive to his aerodrome, and 1 in which a S.E.5a was attacked by 4 Scouts from above whilst engaging a fifth and was brought down without injury to the pilot in our lines owing to a shot in the petrol tank which necessitated shutting off the engine to prevent the machine catching fire. 1 of our Nieuports failed to return on the 22nd.

An R.E.8 of No.142 Squadron failed to return from a practice flight on the 25th.

On the 19th "B" Flight of No.1 Squadron moved from Mejdal to Ramleh.

On the 24th "A" Flight and Headquarters also moved to Ramleh.

"C" Flight of No.1 Squadron was being moved at the end of the week.

2. RECONNAISSANCE.

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

THE NORTHERN AREA.

There were marked fluctuations at three camps during the week, as will be seen from the following table of increases or decreases :-

NABLUS.	19.4.18	22
	22.4.18	56
	25.4.18	41
RAMIN.	22.4.18	28
	25.4.18	58
TUL KERAM	19.4.18	30
	22.4.18	16
	25.4.18	49

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until the 25th, however changes in the remainder of the area were inconsiderable, but the reconnaissance of that date disclosed a very general redistribution and increase which may be analyzed as follows :-

Between YETMA & NABLUS (exclusive), although a certain shifting of camp sites was reported, the total of tents and shelters seen on either side of the road (for a distance of 3000-4000 yards) remained practically stationary. From NABLUS to ANEBTA there was a net increase of about 60, in spite of the decrease at NABLUS referred to above. At TULKERAM there was an increase of about 50; there was an increase of 22 in the camps around the KAKON system of defences and of 160 in the camps along the TULKERAM-KALKILIEH Road as far as the limits of Strategical reconnaissance. The camps in the ARAB EN NEFEIAT Area (that is from O84 Q14 - O84 R20) which had shown a very slight decrease on the 20th, were unchanged on this day. No troop movements of importance were reported during the week. A second hangar has now been erected at the TULKERAM Aerodrome. Three machines (two two-seaters and a Scout) were seen there on one occasion.

THE EASTERN AREA.

In the Eastern area the principle change seen has been the removal of several camps from the lower WADI FARAH Area (Squares K, L and N, 112) the total camps in which numbered at the end of the week 47 as against 94 at the end of the previous week. No important troop movements were recorded. On the morning of the 19th, a machine on the ground at AMMAN aerodrome was attacked by the reconnaissance machine with machine gun fire. On the same day a second hangar was reported on this aerodrome. A large ferry punt has been seen at the JISR ED DAMIE ford.

The following Rolling Stock was observed during the week :-

<u>AMMAN.</u>	19.4.18	50	
	19.4.18	21	
	20.4.18	40	(1 made up train, no engine)
	21.4.18	30	
	23.4.18	18	
	24.4.18	40	
<u>STATION IN</u>	20.4.18	16	
<u>O98 M1.</u>	22.4.18	12	
	25.4.18	30	
<u>MESSUDIEH</u>	20.4.18	33	(including a hospital train of 20 with engine facing AFULEH, with steam up).
	22.4.18	20	
	25.4.18	40	
<u>STATION IN</u>	20.4.18	20	(train of, with engine on N. end).
<u>O98 B30.</u>	25.4.18	8	
<u>ANEBTA</u>	20.4.18	6	
	22.4.18	2	
<u>TULKERAM</u>	20.4.18	40	
	22.4.18	16	
	25.4.18	30	(2 engines separate)
<u>KAKON SIDING</u>	20.4.18	5	
	25.4.18	8	
<u>STATION IN</u>	22.4.18	8	
<u>O84 Y27.</u>	25.4.18	20	
<u>KISSIR</u>	23.4.18	18	
<u>LIBBEN</u>	24.4.18	13	(with engine facing N.)

<u>KASTAL</u>	24.4.18	24	(half of which were open trucks, and appeared empty).
<u>JELAMEH</u>	25.4.18	12	(train of, going S.)

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3. BOMBING.

Nil.

4. COMBATS IN THE AIR.

On the 21st Capt. BOTT M.C. (No. 111 Sqn) flying a Nieuport saw two enemy scouts about 2000 feet above his own level (8000 feet). He made for them and found himself in a heavy barrage of A.A. shells. They ceased suddenly and he saw one of the enemy craft diving on him. Capt. BOTT swerved and then took up a position under the enemy machine and fired his two Lewis guns vertically upwards. Owing to a double stoppage he was obliged to pull out and was again subjected to a very heavy Anti Aircraft fire, in which he lost sight of both enemy machines.

On the 22nd Lt. GLEDHILL (No. 111 Sqn) attacked an enemy two-seater over MULEBBIS diving on him from the front and firing with his Vickers. He then fired with the Lewis but on this jamming climbed above and used the Vickers once more. The enemy observer, after a few bursts, ceased fire and was seen hanging over the side of the machine. The E.A. now went down in a dive followed by Lt. GLEDHILL, who however had to break off about 7000 feet over TULKERAM on his Vickers gun jamming.

On the 25th Capt. E.C.F. FERREIRA (No. 111 Sqn) when over BIDIEH saw an enemy scout about 2 miles away over the enemy lines. He made for it and dived on its tail. Whilst diving he was attacked from above by 4 other enemy scouts. A shot penetrated his petrol tank and he put his nose down followed by the E.A. which he was unable to shake off, though he dived through a cloud. He switched on his emergency tank, but, as his engine was boiling, decided to switch off the avoid a fire, the whole machine being soaked in petrol. Capt. FERREIRA landed near KHURBETHA IBN HARITH.

5. PHOTOGRAPHY

The following areas were photographed :-

ES SALT-AMMAN Road and the Railway N. & S. through AMMAN. JORDAN to SHUNET NIMRIN Road, ES SALT-JISR ED DAMIE Road, SHUNET NIMRIN-JISR ED DAMIE Road. Also the Northern and Southern Caravan routes from JORDAN BRIDGE-ES SALT, JISR ED DAMIE-ES SALT.

No of photographic reconnaissances	10
No of negatives registered	350
No of prints made	3492.

6. CASUALTIES.

22.4.18 Capt. A.J. BOTT M.C. (No. 111 Sqn) Failed to return from patrol.
 25.4.18 Major E.R. McGregor-TURNBALL (No. 142 Sqn) Failed to return from test flight.
 25.4.18 Lt. C.T. REPTON (NO. 142 Sqn) Failed to return from test flight.

7. HOURS FLOWN.

		Hrs.	Mins.
No. 1 Squadron, A.F.C.	123	30
" 111 " R.A.F.	43	35
" 142 " "	13	15
TOTAL =		182	20

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(Signed) A. Shekleton Lieut. Col.
 Commanding 40th Wing,
 ROYAL AIR FORCE.

RESUME OF OPERATIONS OF 40TH WING, ROYAL AIR FORCE.12.4.18 to 18.4.18.633/27
- APR 19181. GENERAL.

Weather was fine generally but on two occasions clouds seriously interfered with the work of our machines.

During the week No.111 Squadron (H.Q. and 3 Flights) was moved from the aerodrome in O85 A 170 to the aerodrome in O85 B19. The move was completed on the 18th and on the same day No.142 Squadron moved up from MEJDEL to the camp and aerodrome in O85 A17c.

No.1 Squadron made 13 strategical and 3 photographic reconnaissances and carried out 8 offensive patrols. It was engaged in two combats in the air and accounted for two enemy machines.

No.111 Squadron carried out 49 offensive and five line patrols. It was engaged in 9 combats in the air and accounted for four enemy machines. @@

2. RECONNAISSANCES
(By No.1 Squadron, A.F.C)

THE NORTHERN AREA.

In the Northern area of reconnaissances no important movements of troops were reported. The TUL KERAM landing ground has again been taken into use by the enemy Flying Corps. The hangar has been re-erected there on the 12th and on the 13th a two-seater machine and two scouts were seen on the ground. The most notable change in the disposition of enemy camps has been the appearance of a large camp of nearly 200 tents and shelters in O84 Q and R, the area covered corresponding roughly to the words ARAE EL NEFELAT on the one inch to the mile map of PALESTINE, and 160 horses on lines have been seen at MUKHALID, 2½ miles to the North West. A camp of 40 tents and shelters has sprung up behind the KAKON line in square O83 G. With the exception of the above changes and a slight increase in the KULUNSAWIEH area, camps are practically stationary, though there is a very slight general diminution between NABLUS and TUL KERAM, a tendency which has been in evidence for some time. A series of 6 short lengths of trench was reported on the 18th between SHUWEIKEH and the main NABLUS-TUL KERAM ROAD.

THE EASTERN AREA.

On the 12th there were 200/300 troops seen in the camps near SHUNET NIMRIN. On the 13th there were 170 infantry with four horse transport stationary on the ES SALT-NIMRIN ROAD just South of ES SALT. On the 14th a reconnaissance along the railway line from KUTRANI to AMMAN station showed remarkably little movement. Not a single camp was seen at any of the intermediate stations between KUTRANI and AMMAN. At KUTRANI there were only 6 bell tents and the camp of 50 tents and shelters reported at EZ ZOBAYER on the 9th has been removed. Between Cape KOSTIGAN and KERAK and between KERAK and KUTRANI no movement was reported. The landing ground at AMMAN was in use on the 15th. The hangar was again in position and the tail of a machine was seen protruding from it.

On the 16th a small Headquarters camp was observed in 112 N3 S.W. of JISR ED DAMIEH. There was an increase in the camps at ES SALT on this day which amounted to 48 tents and shelters as against 11 on the previous day, but by the 18th they had again dropped to an insignificant figure. A few scattered camps were seen on the line KASTAL-MADEBA-RUJM EL SENAT on the 16th and a very large Bedouin

@@ Last week owing to an error a combat which took place on the 12th was included among the combats of the period, so that the correct figures for No.111 Squadron during the period 5.4.18 to 11.4.18 were 10 engagements and 3 enemy machines accounted for, and not as given.

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encampment East of KASTAL with large flocks of sheep of which some were being driven to the station. The only development reported in the last two days in the week was an increase of 40 tents and shelters at SHUNET MIMRIN on the 18th, the camps amounting to 110 tents and shelters as against 70 on the 16th. The following rolling stock was observed during the week :-

<u>KAKON SIDING</u>	17.4.18	8	
<u>STATION IN</u>			
<u>098 ML</u>	12.4.18	14	
	13.4.18	15	
	14.4.18	16	
	17.4.18	12	
<u>MESSUDIEN</u>			
<u>STATION</u>	12.4.18	19	In 1 train with engine facing N.
	13.4.18	8	
	14.4.18	30	
	15.4.18	16	
	17.4.18	24	
	18.4.18	20	
<u>TUL KERAM</u>	18.4.18	45	Including a train of 15 with engine on S. side of loop line.
	13.4.18	30	
	14.4.18	29	
	15.4.18	20	A train of 16 had just left the station going S.
	17.4.18	30	
	18.4.18	31	And 1 engine.
<u>SIDING IN</u>			
<u>084 Y27c</u>	12.4.18	13	
	13.4.18	8	
	14.4.18	14	Train with engine at N. end.
	15.4.18	10	Train with engine facing S.
	17.4.18	4	
<u>AMMAN</u>	13.4.18	33/36	Apparently others in shed.
	14.4.18	50	In 3 trains with 1 engine facing S.
	15.4.18	27	
	16.4.18	30	
<u>KASTAL</u>	13.4.18	16	
	14.4.18	20	
	16.4.18	18	
<u>LEBAN</u>	14.4.18	1	
	16.4.18	3	
<u>LIBBEN.</u>	13.4.18	2	
<u>KISSIR</u>	18.4.18	1	
<u>ANEETA</u>	14.4.18	7	
<u>STATION IN</u>			
<u>098 B3c</u>	14.4.18	12	
<u>KUTRANI</u>	14.4.18	12	
<u>JEBEL EZ SUAKA</u>	14.4.18	2	
<u>KHAN EZ ZEBIB</u>	14.4.18	Nil.	
<u>KAJAAT EL LABAA</u>	14.4.18	4	
<u>ZIZA</u>	14.4.18	14	Apparently loaded trucks.
	16.4.18	12	

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3. BOMBING.

No bombing was carried out during the week.

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4. COMBATS IN THE AIR.

For a successful combat in which Lt. Fleming was amagg engaged on the 12th inst. and in which 2 enemy machines were driven down out of control, see last week's report, in which it was included in error.

13.4.18. On the 13th 2/Lt. Gledhill No. 111 Squadron, in a NIEUPORT Scout met 3 E.A. scouts in the neighbourhood of DEIR BALLUT, of which 1 was above and 2 below him. Top one dived on him, Lt. Gledhill turned and followed him until he got down to the level of the other two who turned and attacked him. Lt. Gledhill climbed and then attacked the rearmost, diving on him. The other two E.A. again attacked him, he again climbed above them and repeated this manoeuvre, carrying it out altogether four times. By this time all four machines were over NAELUS. The enemy machines put their noses down, Lt. Gledhill followed them down to 5000 feet and then returned to his aerodrome.

14.4.18. On the 14th Capt. Bott M.C. No. 111 Squadron was patrolling at 11,000 feet in a NIEUPORT Scout over the sea North of ARSUF when he saw an enemy machine below him climbing. Capt. Bott keeping the sun at his back glided towards it and at 6000 feet saw that it was an enemy two-seater and dived. The enemy dived away from him and Capt. Bott followed, firing continuously and driving the enemy steadily down, until finally it landed in a field in enemy country.

18.4.18. On the 18th Major Stent M.C. and Lt. R.F. Palmer (both of No. 111 Squadron) engaged a large enemy two-seater. Major Stent, who was the first to sight the enemy, placed himself under his tail and opened a steady fire from his Lewis at very close range, until after 60 rounds it jammed, thereupon Major Stent fired several bursts with the Vickers but was obliged to pull out owing to this gun also jamming. The E.A. machine was now diving steeply and at this point Lt. Palmer took up the running and dived on him from the starboard side and then came in behind his tail and gave him a further burst but was obliged to abandon the fight owing to a jamb.

On the same day 2 BRISTOL FIGHTERS, (escort and reconnaissance machines of No. 1 Squadron) whilst flying Southwards from TUL KERAM, met and engaged 3 Dill Albatross Scouts. Each of our machines engaged a separate E.A. Lt. Camm (Observer to Lt. Adair) first observed the enemy and Lt. Adair warned the reconnaissance with a Very's light. Lt. Adair then closed and dived on the centre machine, firing about 100 rounds at close range. The enemy dived steeply followed by Lt. Adair still firing, and the enemy finally landed in rough country about 1 mile East of KALKILIEH, and this machine appeared to be tilted on the left wing tip. Lt. Peters meanwhile had dived on the tail of another machine and fired a burst at 75 yards range; the enemy went into a steep dive but Lt. Peters, diving at a terrific speed, overhauled him and gave him another burst at 30 yards, whereupon the E.A. went down in a vertical nose dive and was last seen among the gullies close to the ground. Lt. Peters then dived on a second machine firing bursts at 100 yards and later at 30 yards but was obliged to pull out owing to a stoppage with the Vickers, and so lost him. This machine appears to have turned back towards TUL KERAM as Lt. Adair who had turned North met a Scout flying in that direction and dived on him. The enemy spun and was lost to sight.

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On the same day Capt. BOTT, flying a Nieuport Scout, saw an E.A. 2-Seater at 4000'. He dived at the enemy from 6000' and gave him a burst at 100 yards range. The enemy dived steeply and Capt. BOTT, following, overshot him at 1000' and then had to return to our lines owing to engine trouble, but on looking back he saw the enemy machine which he had been fighting, on the ground.

On the 16th Capt. F.M. HICKS, and 2/Lieut. H.E.B. GREBBY (both of No. 111 Squadron) flying Nieuports, chased five E.A.s as far as JENIN. After a short engagement the E.A. went down and landed.

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

During the past week photographic reconnaissances were carried out on three days. Areas photographed were N. of SHUWEIKH to S. of AJJEH, E. of IRTAH to FURDISIA, ANEBTA, to ATTARA, NAKURAM TO TAIYISEN, 084 S18 to 084 U31 and from 084 xs Y27 to NABLUS.

No. of Photographic reconnaissances	3.
No. of Negatives registered	53.
No. of prints turned out	919.

6. CASUALTIES.

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7. HOURS FLOWN.

	Hrs.	Mns.
No. 1 Squadron, A.F.C.	132	30
No. 111 Squadron, R.A.F.	81	35
No. 142 Squadron, "	23	20
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	237	25
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(Signed) A. SHEKELTON, Lt.Col.,
Commanding 40th Wing,
ROYAL AIR FORCE.

19.4.18

RESUME OF OPERATIONS OF 40TH WING, ROYAL AIR FORCE.5.4.18 to 11.4.18.633/3/
- APR 19184. GENERAL.

Weather was fine throughout the week. No. 1 Squadron made 13 Strategic and 4 Photographic reconnaissances, and carried out 12 Offensive Patrols.

No. 111 Squadron carried out 12 Line and 62 Offensive patrols and was engaged in 11 combats in the air in the course of which five enemy machines were accounted for.

No. 142 Squadron made 2 Bomb Raids.

On the 10.4.18 40th Wing Head Quarters were moved from Julis to Ramleh.

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

The following were the most important points brought out by reconnaissance.

On the 7th a hanger was seen once more at TULKERAM. There was a decrease of 90 tents and shelters in the TAIYIBEH area this day. A trolley was seen moving on the rails between JELAMEH and KAKON. This was the first evidence that the goods railway West of KAKON is in use. On the 7th the enemy were still repairing their railway in the neighbourhood of KISSIR, but either by the 8th or the 9th this railway would appear to have been once again in working order and it was definitely pronounced so on the 10th. On the 9th JENIN aerodrome was visited. It showed a very marked increase since it was last visited on the 31st January. There are now 17 hangars on the 2 aerodromes and 10 machines were seen on the ground. On the same day 400 cavalry were seen at ~~ok~~ in the neighbourhood of ES SALT where very little movement had been reported since the last operations. On the 10th there were 600 cavalry on the road East of ES SALT. On the 11th the benches in Q88V15, 16 N 17 were seen to have been cleared out and put in order. New trench work was also reported this day at Q84 U21 and 22, South of KAKON. Reconnaissance in the forenoon of JISR ED DAMIE and ES SALT reported no movement on the road between DAMIE and ES SALT, 300 cavalry leaving ES SALT on the South road, 150 infantry North of SHUNET NIMRIN and 20 transport with cavalry escort approaching NIMRIN.

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The following Rolling Stock was observed during the week:-

<u>KALAAAT EZ ZURKA.</u>	5.4.18.	15	(with engine attached facing N.)
	7.4.18	17	(train of, facing S. with engine)
<u>AMMAN.</u>	5.4.18	30	(no engine seen.)
	7.4.18	50-60	(2 engines, 1 on a made-up train facing N.)
	8.4.18	60	(including 8 engines entering engine shed. 1 train of 8 RS approaching tunnel to the S.)
	9.4.18	42	(no engine)
	11.4.18	75	(1 engine. Train of 20 RS)
<u>KISSIR.</u>	5.4.18	Nil.	(2½ miles S. of, 7 RS and 1 engine stationary facing S. 3 were flat trucks and four closed carriages.)
	7.4.18	5	(train of, with engine, facing S.)
	8.4.18	9	(with engine facing N.)
	9.4.18	20	(in 2 trains with engines facing S. closed carriages).
	11.4.18	2	
<u>LEBANSTEN.</u>	5.4.18	4	(open trucks, 8 RS 1½ miles N. of stationary).
	7.4.18	Nil.	
<u>KASTAL.</u>	5.4.18	15	(no engine).
	8.4.18	50	(2 trains, 1 of 25 RS facing N. other of 25 RS no engine).
	9.4.18	22	(in 2 trains 1 engine facing S. all closed carriages).
<u>STATION IN G88 NY</u>	6.4.18	2	
	7.4.18	7	
	10.4.18	12	
<u>MESSUDIEH.</u>	6.4.18	32	(3 RS at siding).
	9.4.18	30	(including a train of 20 just moved into station from the N., 2 RS at the siding beside the dump. Train of 8 RS in L33 moving towards MESSUDIEH.)
	10.4.18	20	(and 2 engines and 6 at siding).
	11.4.18	15	(2 at siding).
<u>ANEETA.</u>	6.4.18	2	(at siding.)
	9.4.18	6	(at siding)
	10.4.18	3	(at siding)
<u>TULKERAM.</u>	6.4.18	10	
	9.4.18	20	
	10.4.18	30	(3 engines 1 on train).
	11.4.18	20	
<u>KAKON.</u>	6.4.18	3	(moving N. towards siding from TULKERAM.)
	11.4.18	12	(moving S. in G84 U17).
<u>LIBBEN.</u>	7.4.18	3	
	8.4.18	5	
<u>BETWEEN LIBBEN and KISSIR.</u>	7.4.18	2 groups	of RS stationary apparently a construction train. The northern one of 9 RS with an engine in the middle and the Southern one about three-quarters of mile S. of other group of 4 RS without engine.

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Four trucks on the Southern group were flat trucks apparently holding rails.

<u>ZIZA.</u>	8.4.18	8	(no engine.)
<u>BURKA.</u>	9.4.18	Nil.	(at station between BURKA, a station near ARRABEH a train of 20 RS facing N.)
<u>JENIN.</u>	9.4.18	20	(train of moving S.)
<u>NEAR TAIYIBEH in OS4 W29.</u>	9.4.18	4	(train of moving N.)
<u>NEAR JELAMEH OS3 K34.</u>	10.4.18	10	(1 engine).

3. BOMBING

On the 5th an R.E.8, a B.E.12A, and a Martinsyde from No. 142 Squadron dropped 4 112lb. bombs and 4 20lb. bombs on AMMAN Station. 1 direct hit with a 112 pounder was obtained, on the track 10 yards North of station, 2 112lb. bombs fell 50 yards West of Station, 1 20 pounder made a direct hit on a tent and 1 40 yards from Station. 3 failed to release over objective, but 2 released on return journey over an enemy camp. On 7th 1 B.E.12A and 1 R.E.8 from No. 142 Sqdn. dropped 2 112lb. and 4 20lb Bombs near KISSIR Station. The 112lb bombs fell 20 yards East of and 100 yards south of Station respectively and the 20lb bombs each side of the construction train and within 20 yards of it.

<u>Weight.</u>	<u>Number.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
20 lb.	8	
112 lb.	8	832 lbs.

4. COMBATS IN THE AIR.

On the 6th 2/Lieut. T.G. STEELE, M.C. (No. 111 Squadron) flying a Nieuport Scout sighted 5 E.A. single seaters West of KALKILIEH at 10,000', 4000' above him over the AUJA River. He overtook them over TULKERAM and attacked the first one whose level he attained. This one dived away, and one of the three above him came down to Lieut. STEELE'S level. Lieut. STEELE gave him several bursts, the last of which sent him down in a dive towards our lines. Lieut. STEELE followed in a steep spiral but lost him at 4,000 feet.

On the same day 2/Lieut. H.E. Walker (No. 111 Squadron) on a Nieuport Scout sighted an enemy two-seater moving South near BIREH. He attacked and the enemy promptly dived in a Westerly direction. Lieut. WALKER endeavoured to head him off from his own lines but failing to do so owing to enemy's speed he got on to his tail and gave him a good burst at 20 yards with both guns when the enemy was still diving at 1000'. The observer did not fire and the enemy machine was seen to land 5 miles East of KALKILIEH.

On the 7th Lieut. W.S. LIGHTHALL (No. 111 Squadron) on a Nieuport Scout sighted four enemy machines, a two-seater and 3 scouts. The 3 scouts at first dived for their own lines and Lieut. LIGHTHALL attacked the 2-seater and after firing 20 rounds at 20 yads range he saw the enemy go into a steep dive. 2 of the scouts then intervened and prevented Lieut. LIGHTHALL following the 2-seater down, but it was afterwards reported as having landed in the hill country. Lieut. LIGHTHALL engaged the Scouts but they dived home and he lost sight of them.

On the same day 2/Lieut. H.E. WALKER (No. 111 Squadron) left SARONA in a Nieuport Scout sighted 4 E.A. making South-East near JAFFA. He made towards them and attacked 2 scouts of which 1 dived away. He got on the tail of the other and fired several bursts at short range. The enemy scout went down in a steep spiral, Lieut. WALKER following and firing both guns. The enemy machine gave off clouds of smoke, and at 2000' the enemy pilot waved his hand. Lieut. WALKER thereupon stopped firing and did a vertical side slip N. of him to keep him out of his own lines continued to wave and eventually landed his machine about 1 mile South East of MULEBBIS.

On the same occasion Lieut. T.L. STEELE, M.C. (No. 111 Squadron) flying a Nieuport Scout engaged an enemy scout which was faster than his machine. Whilst still above our machine the enemy dived twice on it and then went down in a dive with a 1000 yards start. Lieut. STEELE chased him along the enemy's lines for some distance the E.A. being at a height of 500 feet and Lieut. STEELE at a 2000 feet. The E.A. then turned N. and Lieut. STEELE followed for several miles the enemy continuing to gain on him, so that he finally had to give up the chase. Capt. HICKS (No. 111 Squadron) on a Nieuport Scout about the same time had an engagement with one of the same group of E.A. He opened with his top gun on the highest from about 1000' below. The E.A. dived on him firing, Capt. HICKS dived and came up behind and then dived on his tail and opened fire with the Vickers, but after about 20 rounds had to pull out owing to trouble with his gun.

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On the 10th Capt. F.M. HICKS, 2/Lieut. T.L. STEELE, 2/Lieut. A.D. GLEDHILL, and 2/Lieut. H.E. WALKER (all of No. 111 Squadron) flying Nieuport Scouts went up on an E.A. alarm and attacked a formation of 8 or 9 enemy scouts and 1 two-seater. Lieut. WALKER engaged the highest E.A. which dived away. Whilst following him in a steep spiral, he was attacked by 2 other scouts, and he received a shot in his top plane, which began to smoulder. Lieut. WALKER then dived on the scout that had shot him up, and gave him a good burst. He dived and appeared to land but owing to his wing smouldering Lieut. WALKER was obliged to return. Lieut. GLEDHILL during the same engagement attacked an E.A. 2-seater diving on him but whilst remedying a gun stoppage he was attacked by an enemy scout, which went down in a vertical dive after he had received a short burst from the Nieuport; Lieut. GLEDHILL was then attacked by another scout but dived and climbed and dived on him. Whilst following him down he came upon the enemy 2-seater again and fired a few rounds into him, but owing to gun stoppages he was obliged to pull out, and lost the enemy. The 2-seater had meanwhile been engaged by Capt. HICKS and another Nieuport (probably Lieut. STEELE) and fought down to 5000'. At this point Capt. HICKS had a jamb and was fired on by a scout from behind. Owing to repeated gun trouble he lost this scout but followed another as far as TULKERAM. The 2-seater was seen again by Lieut. WALKER going down in a spin but he did not see it land. Lieut. STEELE failed to return from this engagement.

On the 11th Capt. F.M. HICKS (No. 111 Squadron) in a Nieuport Scout engaged 2 E.A. over DEIR BALLUT and chased to NABLUS. Each of the enemy as soon as engaged went into a dive. Capt. HICKS lost both machines whilst remedying a stoppage.

On the 12th 2/Lieut. A.L. FLEMING, M.C., (No. 111 Squadron) on an S.E.5a was about to dive on an enemy 2-seater over MULEBBIS, when 4 enemy scouts dived on him from above. Lieut. FLEMING picked one out and followed it. The enemy after receiving a burst from both guns at short range went from his bank on to his back and fell swaying side to side. The other 3 made for home followed by Lieut. FLEMING. When over TULKERAM 1 of them turned immediately in front of Lieut. FLEMING who fired a burst into him. He went into a dive and turned on his back and was seen in this position for several thousand feet. Lieut. FLEMING then carried on the engagement with the other 2, but on getting a double jamb, and being short of oil, he was forced to discontinue the fight.

5. PHOTOGRAPHY.

During the week Photographic reconnaissances were carried out on 4 days. Gaps in the TIREH (D3) Map were almost completed, also a fair proportion of the gaps in the TULKERAM (D4) map, and the railway from AMMAN to KISSIR were photographed.

Aspect Photographs were taken North of AMMAN, HANUTAH, BELAMEH, TULKERAM, EL FULE, and JENIN.

No. of Photographic reconnaissances	5.
No. of Negatives registered	104.
No. of prints turned out	1589.

6. CASUALTIES.

10.4.18	2/Lieut. T.L. STEELE	No. 111 Squadron, R.A.F.	Missing
10.4.18	Lieut. G.J. Turner	No. 142 Squadron, R.A.F.	Killed. (Aeroplane Accident)

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7. HOURS FLOWN.

	Hrs.	Mns.
No. 1 Squadron, A.F.C.	149	51
No. 111 Squadron, R.A.F.	67	15
No. 142 Squadron, R.A.F.	26	10
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Total	243	16
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(Signed) A.M. SHEKELTON, Lt. Col.,
Commanding 40th Wing,
ROYAL AIR FORCE.

In the Field,
16.3.18 (?)

RESUME OF OPERATIONS OF THE 40TH WING, ROYAL AIR FORCE.

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29.3.18 to 4.4.181. GENERAL

The weather was again unsatisfactory during the greater part of the week, no reconnaissance being possible on two days. On the third day only one very short reconnaissance could be made. Thick cloud bank on other days interfered with observation.

Seven strategic reconnaissances were made and two photographic. No. 1 Squadron also carried out nine offensive patrols, took part in one bomb raid, and escorted three. Seventeen line and twenty-four offensive patrols were made by No. 111 Squadron. No. 142 Squadron was engaged in three bomb raids.

One enemy two-seater was brought down, and crashed just outside our lines, by No. 111 Squadron.

2. RECONNAISSANCE.

(by No. 1 Sqdn.)

THE WESTERN AREA.

On April 3rd the Western Area was reconnoitred for the first time since the 19th March. The only important changes noted in this reconnaissance were (1) the removal of the camp of 160 TS formerly in the DEIR ASFIN AREA (2) a new siding which is being used as a station in O84 Y15b South of KH JELEMAH (3) a decrease of 72 TS in the TUL KERAM camps which now total 88 TS and (4) a system of trenches in O98 G10a and b and G11 a and c.

THE EASTERN AREA.

On the 29th JISR ED DAMIE, KALAAT EZ ZERKA, and AMMAN were visited. There were 500 cavalry and a considerable amount of rolling stock at ZERKA. On the 30th the country East Of ES SALT was entirely obscured by clouds. On the 31st reinforcements still appeared to be arriving at ZERKA where 500 infantry and 120 RS were observed. The reconnaissance machine came down and attacked these troops with machine-gun fire. The enemy main position at AMMAN had not been repaired on this day. On the 3rd April the enemy appeared to have repaired the broken bridge N. of AMMAN, for a train was seen to leave KALAAT EZ ZERKA and reach AMMAN. A train was also moving N. in the vicinity of KISSIR but this may have been a repair train as there appeared to be a crane on one of the trucks and rails upon three other trucks. A hangar was seen N. of KALAAT EZ ZERKA ON THIS day. An escort machine came down to 700 feet and attacked a troop train with machine-gun fire, firing in all 500 rounds. On the 4th about 450 enemy infantry were seen in ES SALT.

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The following Rolling Stock were observed during the week:-

KALAAAT ED DABAA	29.3.18	12 RS.
AMMAN	29.3.18	60-70 RS. and 1 eng. 40 RS. including 6 red crescent Four miles N. 6 RS with engine.
	31.3.18	48 RS and engine.
	3.4.18	76 RS.
	4.4.18	50 RS. Train 9 RS to South.
KALAAAT EZ ZERKA	29.3.18	60 RS (some hospital cars) 1 eng.
	31.3.18	120 RS (enclosed carriages) in 3 trains, 2 of which had engines attached facing North.
	3.4.18	8 RS and engine. Train 25 RS going N South. Four miles South Train 30 RS going N. from station.
	4.4.18	10 RS.
MAFRAK	29.3.18	15 RS.
KH ES SAMRA.	29.3.18	35 RS with engine
KISSIR	3.4.18	Train 6 RS moving North.
TUL KERAM	3.4.18	100 RS in two stations trains.
JELAMEH	3.4.18	6 RS.
KAKON SIDING	3.4.18	3 white RS.
MESSVDIEH STATION	3.4.18	40 RS.
STATION IN 098 M7	3.4.18	40 RS.

3. BOMBING. (By No.142 Sqn.)

A bomb raid was carried out against KALAAAT EZ ZERKA on the 29th, two machines from No.142 Sqn. dropping 2 112lb and eight 20lb bombs, and one machine from No. 1 Squadron, dropping two 112lb bombs. Two of the 112lb bombs fell within 5 and 10 yards of the line. Another 10 yards from some rolling stock, and the last 50 yards from the Rolling Stock. The twenty pound bombs fell among 100 scattered cavalry.

Two machines from No.142 Squadron bombed AMMAN Station on the 3rd. Twenty 20lb bombs were dropped from 6000 feet, one falling twenty yards from the rails, one between two tents, one within 15 yards of a moving train, and 5 twenty yards from Station. This station was again raided on the 4th by two machines from No. 142 Sqn., 20 20lb bombs being dropped. 2 fell between 2 buildings, 1 from 5 yards from a tent, 3 on the Station buildings S, of line, 1 on line W. of Station, and another on line N. of station.

Total No. of Bombs dropped during week:-

20lb Bombs	48	960 lbs.
112lb Bombs	4	448 "
<u>Total</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>1408 "</u>

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4. COMBATS IN THE AIR.

On the 3.4.18 2/Lieut. H.E. WALKER, of No. 111 Squadron, on a Nieuport Scout left Sarona aerodrome on an E.A. alarm and sighted two enemy scouts near MOLEBBIS. He climbed to their height and engaged each in their turn. The enemy machines promptly dived for TAIYIBEH. Lieut. WALKER followed the second, until the enemy was about 100 feet from the ground, diving steeply, but on changing drums, Lieut. WALKER lost his opponent.

On the 4.4.18, Lieut. G.L. Steele, and 2/Lieut. H.E. WALKER Both of No. 111 Squadron, both flying Nieuport Scouts sighted a two-seater scout over RAMLEH. Lieut. Steele endeavoured to cut him off and met him over DEIR EL BELLUT. After a short engagement the enemy machine went into a spin, Lieut. Steele and Lieut. Walker following in a steep spiral. The enemy came out of the spin at 2,500 feet and Lieut. WALKER got on to his tail, and gave him the contents of 2 drums at 15 yards. The E.A. immediately put his nose straight down and was followed by Lieut. STEELE until he crashed into the ground and turned on his back a short distance N. of our lines. Neither of the occupants left the machine.

Observers of No. 113 Squadron have since located this machine at O84 N28a 39 (BIDIEH 1/40,000).

5. PHOTOGRAPHY.

Photographic Reconnaissances were only possible on two days owing to weather conditions. Gaps on the TELFIT (CS) map were almost completed, and a strip of country was taken East of the TELFIT map. Aspect photographs were taken of KALAAT EZ ZERKA station and of the bridge South of KELAAT EZ ZERKA.

No. of Photographic Reconnaissances	3
No. of Negatives registered	72
No. of Prints turned out	1505

6. CASUALTIES.

Wounded (Aeroplane Accident) 27.3.18.

Lieut. L.B. GARSON, A.F.C. (Remaining at Duty)

7. HOURS OF FLIGHT.

	Hrs.	Mins.
No. 1 Squadron, A.F.C.	135	21
No. 111 Squadron, R.A.F.	60	-
No. 142 Squadron, R.A.F.	20	20
	<u>215</u>	<u>41</u>

5.4.18

(Signed) A. SHEKELTON, Lt. Col.
Commanding 40th Wing,
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APPENDIX 2

RECONNAISSANCE REPORTS

ORIGINAL.

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A. 269

3rd April, 1918.

Correction.

Line 36

For "trenches extends along 910 A and B and 911 A and C"

Read "trenches extends along G10 A and B and G11 A and C"

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A. 269

3rd April, 1918.

Pilot. Lieut A.R. Brown Commenced 0930.
Observer. Lt. G. Finlay Concluded 1145.

Message dropped on DESCORPS. 21st CORPS
strip not seen.

All observation very difficult owing to
clouds.

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- HANUTAH. Hospital of 14 EPs, 62 TS and 2 marquees
(on 19/3/18 50 bell tents and no hospital).
 - DEIR ASFIN. 6 TS in area (on 19/3/18 160 TS).
 - JELAMEH. A new siding being used as a station in Y15b.
6 RS at the siding and 10 tents near it. The
hospital of 10 EPs and 20 bell tents is gone, remainder
of camp practically normal (25 TS).
 - TAIYIBEH and FERON areas impossible to reconnoitre owing to
clouds. 40 TS were seen at IRTAH. 10 HT on road
opposite to TAIYIBEH.
 - KULUNSAWEH. Four marquees and 30 TS (increase of 10 TS).
200 infantry in two columns halted on road half a mile
East of the town.
 - BURJ EL ATOT. One horse line and two tents 084 P36c.
The two bridges in 084 G25 are still in position. N. of
them are two marquees and eight bell tents.
 - G29c. 7 bell tents.
The KAKON defences have not been extended or improved.
 - JELAMEH (083 M18a). 6 TS.
 - KAKON SIDING. No TS. No dumps. 3 white RS.
 - SHUWEIKEH. No camps.
 - TUL KERAM. 100 RS in two trains. 20 dumps. 80 bell tents.
8 marquees (160 TS on 19/3/18). Ten horse lines of 40
horses each, occupied. 50 MT parked.
 - DENNABEH AREA. Invisible owing to clouds.
 - ANEFTA AREA. 14 marquees 10 tents practically normal, 45 MT
parked and 6 RS pulled up to the West of the town.
 - ATTARA AREA. Nothing. Decrease of 15 TS.
 - BURKA AREA. 6 TS and 6 large dumps covered with green
tarpaulins at the station in 098 H19 (corrected co-ordinates).
20 HT moving S. on road in 098 H8.
 - RAMIN AREA. 40 RS at MESSUDIEH STATION. 24 ammunition dumps
7 black objects which appear to be sheds and 6 marquees.
26 TS. A hospital of 30 bell tents and two large marquees
with two crescents. A decreased of 24. A system of
trenches extends along 910 A and B and 911 A and C.
 - NAKURAH, DEIR SHERAF and RAFIDIA AREAS. Invisible owing to
clouds, except at the station in 098 M7 (corrected co-ordinates)
where 40 RS were seen. On the road between NABLUS and DEIR
SHERAF were 6 HT going E, 6 HT going W. and 2 MT going E.
 - NABLUS. 50 TS and 10 marquees seen but camps difficult to
count owing to clouds.
 - RUJIB AREA and BALATA impossible owing to clouds.
 - HUWARA. 10 marquees. 20 bell tents and 15 MT parked. Rest
of area obscured by clouds.
 - YETMA. 40 TS and 4 marquees.
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A270

4/4/18.

Pilot. Capt. Rutherford Commenced 0800.
Observer. Lieut Wyner Concluded 1030.

Dropped message on 20th Corps.

JISR ED DAMIE. One bell tent and eight shelters in 126 S9. No movement observed and no gun fire. Hospital reported in A269 is removed. Flying a little N. of a line between DAMIE and KALAAT EZ ZERKA, no movement observed.

KALAAT EZ ZERKA. 10 RS. 13 bell tents. 25 shelters (increase of 25 shelters). About 80 scattered infantry to N. of station. Two short lengths of trench to S.E.

AMMAN. Station 50 RS and a train of 9 RS to S. without engine. One engine (detached) in station. 33 bell tents and 3 white covered objects.

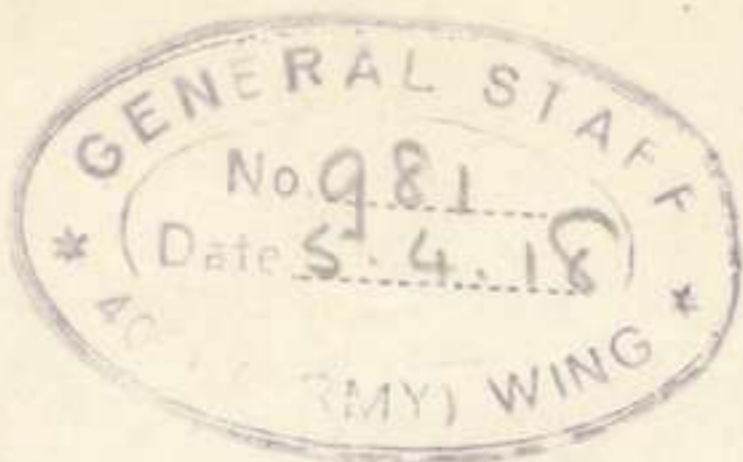
Town. 5 bell tents at N. end of town.
4 bell tents and 3 shelters in town.

AMMAN - ES SALT ROAD. 40 cavalry. 3 HT leaving AMMAN. 20 cavalry and 1 MT and 5 HT about 2 miles W. of AMMAN stationary. 10 MT going E. 31 HT and 15 cavalry and a few scattered infantry entering ES SALT.

ES SALT. 11 MT in town. 200 scattered infantry and about 250 infantry in column of route stationary. Observation difficult at ES SALT owing to clouds.

Returned owing to engine difficulties.

Dictated by Capt. Macaulay to Capt. Birch.



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A271

Pilot. Lieut Peters Commenced 1100.
Observer. Lieut Traill Concluded 1400.

Message dropped on 20th Corps.

JISR ED DAMIE. 30 TS in squares K, L and N (about normal). Within a radius of 3000 yards East of bridge on both sides of road three camps numbering in all 35 TS and one EP. 4 HT on East side about 200 yards from river bank moving East. Camp of 25 TS reported in WADI ISHKARARA on 30/3/18 is removed.

127 B10 15 TS.
ES SALT. No camps.
142 Q22. 100 infantry halted on road and 12 HT (the latter pointing towards ES SALT).
142 R27. 15 MT stationary facing East.
142 T3. 15 HT stationary facing East.
KALAAZ EZ ZERKA. 12 bell tents. 15 RS with engine attached facing N. There is a small red tiled building on the edge of the Wadi S.W. of station. Smoke has been seen several times issuing from this. It appears to be a pumping station.
AMMAN STATION. 23 bell tents, 3 marquees and 25 shelters near station and just S. of station 30 shelters.
30 RS. No engine seen.
TOWN. 13 bell tents in three camps.
KISSIR STATION. No camps and no rolling stock
A train at 142 L15 (2½ miles S. of KISSIR) of 7 RS and one engine stationary facing S. Three were flat trucks and four were closed carriages. Just S. of this a gang of about 100 at work on the line. No smoke was issuing from the engine. About 1½ miles N. of LEBAN 8 RS stationary (all open trucks).
LEBAN STATION. 4 open trucks.
KASTAL. 15 RS no engine. The redoubt to S.E. of station forms a complete rectangular figure. 10 bell tents near this redoubt. N.E. of station three large groups of shelters (about 20 in all). There is a red roofed building beside the reservoir between town and station - possibly pumping station. 4 HT proceeding towards MADEBA one mile S.W. of KASTAL.
MADEBA. 14 tents and 50 horses on lines. A field gun was firing at machine.

Dictated by Capt, Macaulay to Capt. Birch.



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A272.

Pilot. Capt. Ross Smith Commenced 1000
Observer. Lieut Mustard Concluded 1230

Reported to 21st Corps and Descorps.

The whole country East and South of NABLUS under clouds.
4 MT moving West from NABLUS.
STATION IN 098 MY. 2 RS. 3 MT moving North and 2 MT
moving South. 20 MT parked at station and refilling
depots.
MESSUDIEN STATION. 32 RS. 2 RS at siding. 30 dumps.
60 TS (normal).
BURKAM AREA. On the road 20 HT moving S.
ANEETA AREA. 12 EPs and 10 bell tents (normal) and two dumps.
6 RS at siding. 10 HT halted at village. 2 MT moving W.
1 MT and 20 infantry moving East.
KH. ZAHKAN AREA. 10 shelters beside railway line in A31 and 32
(increase).
DENNABEH AREA. 20 TS (decrease of 20).
Positions as follows:- X3b on Northern edge of village.
TUL KERAM AREA. 10 RS. 88 tents (normal). Tents are in
X2a (Southern portion), in the village, and X1d (N.E. portion)
also in N.W. corner of X7d (10 tents and two dumps).
Two green covered dumps in the village. 30 HT parked in
gardens West of village. Aerodrome is in W5086. There is
one hangar here (new) an E.P. and a T on the ground.
The track down the wadi ET TIN in 084 A15, 21 and 27 shows signs
of considerable use.
SHUWEIKH AREA. 30 TS (increase of 30). Location: 7 bell tents
in V20d55 and a few shelters in V20d59, remainder in V14c.
40 cavalry moving S. on the track in V26 and 30 cavalry moving
N.W. in V13.
KAKON AREA. 2 bell tents. 3 RS moving N. towards siding from
TUL KERAM. No dumps. A trolley moving S. on the line
between JELAMEH and KAKON. This is the first evidence
that rails extend N. of KAKON. U15c commencement of four
gun positions. No signs of new work on KAKON trenches.
KULUNSAWEN AREA. 20 TS scattered in village and to North, South
and East of it. Also four marquees in N.W. corner of village.
Another camp of 20 TS just outside area in R24b.
TUL KERAM - KALKILIEH ROAD. 6 HT, 4 MT and 20 cavalry moving N.
2 HT moving S.
FERON AREA. 30 tents (decrease of 20 since 19/3/18). Camps too
scattered to be pinpointed.
ET TAIYIBEH AREA. 60 tents ~~seen~~ seen. Area partly obscured
but there appears to be a marked decrease since the report
of 19/3/18 which gave 150 TS. Details 40 tents near
TAIYIBEH on West side of village in gardens alongside village.
20 tents around FURDISIA but very scattered.
DEIR ASFIN and JELAMEH AREAS under clouds but hospital still seen
in JELAMEH AREA.
REPORT ON BRIDGES. Bridge No. 14. There are three bridges here
of three small arches each, no bigger than culverts. These
were clearly seen in a ray of sunlight.

Dictated by Capt. Macaulay to Capt. Birch.



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A.273.

7/4/18.

Pilot. Lieut Tonkin Commenced 1000
Observer. Lieut Beaton Concluded 1300

Messages dropped on 20th Corps.

Six miles East of JORDAN on way to MADEBA machine was fired at by field guns (not previously reported here).

MADEBA. 20 cavalry scattered in a garden N.E. of the town. No TS. Civilian movement in the town.

MADEBA-JORDAN ROAD. No movement.

MADEBA-KASTAL ROAD. No movement.

MADEBA-ZIZA ROAD. No movement.

Roads North and South of MADEBA difficult to observe owing to clouds.

ZIZA. Obscured by clouds.

KASTAL. 10 bell tents at station and 20 TS in the village. 100 infantry. 30 cavalry and 6 RS.

LEBAN STATION. No RS.

LIBBEN STATION. 6 RS.

Between LIBBEN and KISSIR in about 142 L1 two groups of RS stationary (apparently a construction train). The Northern one of 9 RS with an engine in the middle and the Southern one (about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S. of the other group) of 4 RS without engine. Two trucks on the Southern group were flat trucks apparently holding rails. A working party of about 100 near the train.

KISSIR. A train of 5 RS with engine facing S. 6 TS.

AMMAN TOWN. 10 bell tents and a small MT park with 10 MT in it. Between town and station movement of ~~30~~ 10 ~~10~~ HT and MT and about 150 men in both directions. On Southern side of road between station and town about 200 cavalry scattered.

STATION. 50-60 RS. Two engines, one on a made-up train facing N. 26 bell tents and 10 shelters seen and two EPS. Observation very difficult. About 100 infantry in station yard scattered. At bend of railway in 157 A25 a train of 11 RS proceeding S. which pulled up. About 100 men got out of the train and dispersed.

KALAAZ ZERKA. A train of 17 RS facing S. with engine. 10 bell tents. About 300 people in station yard and village.

JISA ED DAMIE. One bell tent on West side of bridge site seen. 60 bell tents in the area ~~in~~ in squares K. L. and N. and hospital still in position.

DAMIE - RS SALT ROAD. No movement seen to within three miles of RS SALT.

Telephone by Capt. Macaulay to General Borton.

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No. of Reco.	Date	AEROPLANE Type No.	Squadron	Pilot	Observer	Reference Map	Hour commenced	Hour concluded
1633/48 2/4 8/18/18 April 1918	8.4.18.	B.F. C4626	No.1, A.F.C.	Lt.Peters	Lt.Traill	PAL. EX.	1045	1345

Time	Place	Observation	Page No.
	Square 113 U 14 DAMIE Square 112 K L & N. Square 127 B 10. ES SALT. Square 142 R 22. AMMAN. AMMAN STATION. KISSIR. LIBBEN. KASTRAL. Square 143 X 8 B. ZIZR. MEDEBA.	<p>Hospital 1 E.P. 2 B.T. 5 shelters. What appears to be a punt moored against West bank in old bridge position. 81 T.S. 3 Marquees including hospital. Camps East of DAMIE appear to be normal. Camp removed. No T.S. N.M.O. in town. On road East of village 50 infantry halted. 7 H.T. entering village from East. 17 M.T. stationary facing East. 12 H.T. in W12 moving West and 1 light car moving in same direction. 10 B.T. 7 M.T. parked alongside road. Good deal of movement in town. 30 cavalry 7 H.T. entering town from West. 7 H.T. on road between town and station moving in both directions. 36 B.T. 3 Marquees 30 Shelters. 60 R.S. including 1 engine observed entering engine shed. Camp of 40 brown T.S. in loop of line to South of station. 1 train of 8 R.S. approaching the tunnel to the South. 9 R.S. with an engine facing North. Camps normal. 5 R.S. No tents. 2 trains - 1 of 25 R.S. facing North another of 25 R.S. minus engine. Camps normal. 4 field guns firing from direction of station. 4 arched culverts with a small redoubt to the Southwest. 2 B.T. between redoubt. 14 R.S. No engine. A small redoubt just to Southeast of station 2 B.T. Large pool of clear water (apparently a reservoir) on East side of town about 50' by 40'. No T.S. N.M.O. No movement on roads between MEDEBA and KASTRAL. No railway constructional parties observed at work on railway between AMMAN and ZIZR.</p> <p>Reported to 20th Corps.</p>	

No. ~~275~~ A. 275.
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633/49

Date. 9/4/18.

April 1918

Pilot. Lt. Brown.

Started. 0730

Observer. Lt. Finlay.

Landed. 1135

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :- 20th Corps, no time to go to Des Corps.

112 N 14a. 3 marquees and 4 E.P's.
N 13 ab)
7 ab) 26 T.S.M, Hospital 6 E.P's, 12 shelters.
113 V 7a. Hospital 1 marquee, 18 B.T.
L 21-27a-28bd. 35 T.S.
JISR ED DAMIE. 1 B.T. West of bridge. All camps on East side removed.
DAMIE-ES SALT Rd. 2 miles East of Jordan, 30 cavalry halted. No other movement observed.
ES SALT. Gardens West of town, 5 horse lines full (40 horses each) 100 cavalry, 14 white sheds near lines. East of town 50 cavalry going East. North of town 30 cavalry halted on road. South of town 30 cavalry halted. In town 20 T.S.
ES SALT-EL FUHEIS Rd. 20 M.T. halted. 18 very large M.T. halted on road facing East, looked as though they were camped.
EL FUHEIS. 6 M.T. entering from W., 10 H.T. parked. A lot of infantry movement.
142 R19. 10 B.T.
R22 12 tents.
O22 10 E.P's.
W32 30 B.T.
EL FUHEIS-AMMAN Rd. 38 M.T. going W. 20 cavalry going W. 22 H.T. going W.
AMMAN TOWN. 20 T.S., 10 M.T., 4 H.T. parked and a lot of infantry movement.
Rd to Stn. 3 H.T., 2 M.T. going E. 50 cavalry entering station
Station. 56 T.S., 4 marquees, 42 R.S., no engines. 25 M.T. parked, 30 infantry.
KISSIR Stn. 20 R.S. in two trains with engines facing South closed carriages.
2 miles S. A stack of rails beside line.
LEBAN. 3 open trucks, 2 closed carriages.
KASTAL. 22 R.S. in two trains, one engine facing S, all closed carriages. 24 T.S.
EZ ZOBAYER. 50 T.S., 3 marquees, 6 pieces of trench round T.S. To N. big tank 100 yards square full of water. Machine fired on by 2 Field guns.

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MADEBA.

No movement observed between here and railway line
12 small F.S., 40 Bedouin shelters.

Road to SHUNET NIMRIN appears good for light wheeled
transport. No movement on it.

127 T1.

100 infantry halted.

No movement seen from North towards Damie.

Telephoned by Lieut.Colonel Shekleton to Capt.Birch.

No.A.277

633/51
April 1918

Date. 10/4/18.

Pilot. Lt. Morris.

Started. 0800

Observer. Lt. Beaton.

Landed. 1030.

Duty:- Strategic.

Reported to :-21st Corps and Des Corps.

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YETMA Area. Normal. No movement observed.

HUWARA Area. Normal. 2 M.T. parked, 12 H.T. moving N.
112 024. Camp of 12 B.T. and 2 E.P's, good road leads to it from Huwara.

HUWARA-BALATA Rd. 7 M.T. general movement

BALATA Area. Camps normal, no movement observed.

NABLUS. 62 T.S., 6 E.P's, 40 M.T. parked. H.T. park opposite barracks normal.

RAMIN Rd. 10 M.T. 6 H.T. going both ways. Refilling points 30 M.T.

DEIR SHERAF. Stn in N7 12 R.S. T.S. normal.
Messudieh stn, 20 R.S. and 2 engines. T.S. normal.

RAMIN Siding. 6 R.S.
No movement observed on railway as far as JENIN.

ANEETA Area. 4 E.P's, 8 marquees. H.T. park not observed., 8 R.S.

DENNABEH. Camps normal.

FULKERAM. 30 T.S. 30 R.S., 3 engines, one on train. 3 two seater one scout on aerodrome. Machine fired on by Field Guns.

SHUWEIKH. Camps normal.

No camps seen at ZEITA ATTIL.

Approximately 083 D24., 22 small sheds, 3 big ones. These are not new.

A train of 10 R.S., 1 engine 083 K34.

No shelters near KAKON Defences.

084 R7. 30 T.S. half bell and well dug in.

KULUNSAWIEH. 30 T.S.

IRTAH, FURDISIA, TAIYIBEH. Normal.

H.Q. Camp reported yesterday. Normal. 4 R.S. opposite camp.

HANUTAH. Normal.

TULKERAM-KALKILIEH Rd. 20 H.T., 4 M.T., 3 groups of infantry. total 150.

No.A.278.

Date. 10/4/18.

C 33/52
April 1918

Pilot. Lt. Haig.

Started 0740

Observer Lt. Challinor.

Landed 1110

Duty:- Strategical.

Reported to:- Anzac and 20th Corps.

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TEL EL ABEID.	30 T.S. Hospital in position. 5 transport.
112 N7.	26 T.S.
POINT 320.	30 T.S.
EL MAKHRUK.	40 T.S.
127 G6.	Camp of 42 T.S.
S. 21.	50 cavalry going towards Damie.
S. 23.	20 infantry.
ES SALT.	3 bell tents, 500 cavalry leaving going E. 1 mile E, 100 cavalry going E. In town a good deal of movement.
ES SALT-AMMAN Rd.	72 M.T. mostly going W., 25 mule carts.
AMMAN.Town.	Just entering 30 cavalry., 16 T.S., 5 M.T. parked. 1 M.T. on station road.
Stn.	50 R.S. no engines., 50 T.S. Just south of town 45 shelters.

Line between Amman and Ziza appears intact, also culverts intact. Observation from 2000 feet with glasses.

KISSIR.	8 R.S. and engine entered from south, engine was pushing from behind.
LEBAN.	19 R.S. one engine.
KASTAL.	22 R.S., 11 T.S.
ZIZA.	8 R.S., 3 tents.

Between Madeba and Zobayer 10 cavalry on road.

MADEBA. No movement observed. A few Bedouin shelters.

SHUNET NIMRIN.	127 U2.	70 T.S.
	P 25.	25 T.S.

Between these points about 200 mixed troops.

AMMAN-ES SALT. T.S. appear normal. (10) (12). (30).

Telephoned by Lieut. Colonel Shekleton to Capt. Birch.

No.A.276.

Date. 9/4/18.

633/53
April 1918

Pilot. Capt. Ross. Smith.

Started. 1000

Observer. Lt. Mustard.

Landed. 1240

Duty:- Strategical.

Reported to :- 20th Corps and Des Corps.

SAWIEH.

30 cavalry scattered in., 30 on track.
The track from Sawieh to Kurijut is well used.

YETMA Area.

Hospital of 10 T.S. and 10 T.S. in Z13. Total for area 20 T.S., 30 cavalry scattered on road in Z14.

HUWARA Area.

40 T.S., 22 M.T. and 20 H.T. parked., 3 M.T. moving S from village., 8 M.T. moving towards Huwara from the N. on a track running parallel with road., 20 cavalry scattered on road near Huwara.

098 V24.

on road 11 M.T. and 4 H.T. moving N.W. from direction of Arrabeh.

BALATA Area.

25 B.T. and 200 cavalry scattered in V12.

NABLUS Area.

40 cavalry halted at barracks East end of town, 70 H.T. parked north of road opposite barracks, 53 M.T. parked in town, 6 H.T. halted on road at west end of town, 55 B.T. and E.P.'s.

RAFIDIA Area.

In M24 camp of 5 shelters with horse lines for 50 horses. *occupied.*

SURRA. (098 U7).

Camp of 8 bell tents. A road runs south from about M14c. This is not metalled but appears well used.

NAKURAH Area.

7 marquees.

Station in 098 M7.

7 rolling stock., 14 M.T. parked at refilling stations. 6 M.T. in station yard parked, 3 M.T. moving south on road.

RAMIN Area.

Messudieh station. 30 R.S. including a train of 20 just moved into station from the north. Two R.S. at the siding beside the dumps. Train of 8 R.S. in D33 moving towards Messudieh. 40 T.S. in area.

BURKA Area.

No. T.S. No dumps.
No. R.S. at station in H19.
At the station between Burka, a station near Arrabeh, a train of 20 R.S. facing North.

097 Y4.

A camp of 17 B.T.

JENIN.

A train of 20 R.S. moving south., 8 R.S. at station. South of station a hospital (red cross) of 10 marquees and 10 B.T. On aerodrome East of road, 5 hangars, 5 marquees, 6 M.T. parked. 4 machines on ground. Aerodrome West of road 12 hangars, 10 machines (two-seaters and Scouts) on ground, 10 E.P.'s. Three of the hangars were very small and would not hold anything bigger than Nieuports.
About 20 dumps resembling plane cases near station.
Road running N and S through Jenin is in good condition.

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AFULEH. seen from a distance. Aerodrome still in position. A large sheet of water to South of town.

ANEETA Area. 40 H.T. parked; 6 R.S. at siding.

KH ZAHKAN Area. No camps.

SHUWEIKEH Area. 20 tents. These are at Kefer ~~side~~. *Sib*

KAKON Area. Trenches are being worked on but no shelters seen behind. Only two bell tents at village. (Aspect photo taken of trenches). A train of 10 R.S. moving S from Jelameh. (a photo taken of it). Camp of bell tents has been removed, from Jelameh.

084 V23 7 H.T. moving N towards Kakon.

TULKERA M Area. 8 H.T. moving N in X1, 20 R.S. dumps normal.

084 V31. 150-200 cavalry scattered, 60 T.S. in area. Two two-seater machines on aerodrome.

DENNABEH Area. 20 T.S.

FERON Area. Normal.

KULUNSAWEH Area. Normal.

TAIYIBEH Area. 40 T.S.

084 W29. A train of 4 R.S. moving N.

JELAMEH Area. Hospital still in position.

084 Y27. 3 R.S. 20 dumps, 2 marquees, 1 green dump. (photo taken).

Y26. Hq Camp looks same as was Asfin area. (photo taken)
10 M.R. parked.

HANUTA Area. 38 T.S., 40 Bedouin shelters in H6.

KALKILIEH-TULKERAM Rd. 6 H.T. moving South.

Telephoned by Lieut. Colonel Shekleton to Capt. Birch.

No.A. 279.

633/55
April 1918
Date. 11/4/18

Pilot. Capt. Ross. Smith.

Started. 1000

Observer. Lt. Mustard.

Landed. 1200

Duty:- Strategic.

Reported to:- 21st Corps and Des Mtd Corps.

ES SAWIEH Area.	No T.S. seen.
YETMA Area.	Hospital 20 T.S. in Y12., 10 T.S.
HUWARA Area.	7 H.T. on road in X32, 5 M.T. moving N.W. 112A31P
098 X21.	6 H.T. moving S.E. Camp in C224 normal. 8 M.T. moving W, 3 M.T. moving N. from village. 10 M.T. parked at village. T.S. 40.
KEPR KULLIN.	6 B.T., 3 M.T. moving N. Slight infantry and cavalry movement on road. Trenched in V15, 16, 17, 18, appear to be being cleared out.
BALATA Area.	20 B.T., 200 horses scattered grazing, 10 H.T. parked in village, 5 machines left ground and flew S.W. No hangars.
NABLUS.	50 H.T. parked opposite barracks, 100 infantry scattered, 58 M.T. parked in town, 10 H.T. moving W., 32 B.T. and 10 E.P. Small cavalry camp.
M. 24. M. 24.	
DEIR SHERAF-NABLUS Rd.	8 H.T. moving E., 12 H.T. and 1 M.T. halted.
DEIR SHERAF. G.12d. Stn M7.	2 marquees, 1 alongside village. 7 R.S., 5 M.T. halted in yard., 3 M.T. at refilling points.
NAKURAH Area.	6 marquees, 10 B.T.
RAMIN Area.	Messudieh Stn. 15 R.S., 2 R.S. at siding. 100 infantry moving S. in D24., 20 T.S.
Stn in B, 30.	20 R.S. engine facing W., 6 H.T. moving S. on road 098 H20.
ANEETA*	30 H.T. parked South of road., 3 R.S. at siding, 2 H.T. moving E., 1 H.T. and 100 infantry moving W, 3 E.P.'s, 10 B.T., 4 dumps.
DENNABEH.	10 tents, 20 H.T. parked.
TULKERAM. 084 V31.	20 R.S., 4 machines on aerodrome, 40 tents. 20 cavalry halted.
SHUWEIKERH	T.S. normal. no movement observed.
KAKON.	2 B.T., 12 R.S. moving S. from siding in 084 U17. outlines of new trench work in U21 and 22. Old system looks worked on round Kakon.
PERON.	20 tents, 12 H.T. moving N.

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KULUNSAWIEH. T.S. 40.

TAIYIBEH Area. Normal.

JELAMEH Area. Hospital still in position.

HANUTAH Area. Y.27. 8 H.S., 100 infantry scattered round trucks,
2 E.P.'s, 1 large black dump, 1 large marquee,
20 small dumps, 10 H.I. halted on road.
Camp reported as H.Q. camp has two red crescents
out., 60 T.S., 10 H.T. halted on road.

Trenches reported in Jelameh Area have been extended to East,
to about 2000 yards further East.

BURJ EL ATOT. 10 shelters.

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

633/57
April 1918
Date 11/4/18.

Pilot. Lt. Cameron.
Observer. Lt. Kirk.

Started 0930
Landed 1145.

Reference 1" to Mile.

Shells observed bursting 3 miles E. of Ghoraniyeh
bridge. No other movement observed.

JISR ED DAMIE Area. Normal, 50 cavalry and 5 M.F. moving south
At 112 N14. There appears a ford or ferry
at 112 N18, on the East side of the river
a well used track runs to a semi circular
point. The West side is covered by trees or
scrub and track cannot be discerned.
A large Bedouin camp is pitched 5 to 6 miles
N.E. of ~~the~~ old bridge site.
No movement observed on road E. to Es Salt.

ES SALT. Scattered movement in town, 13 M.F. and 200
cavalry leaving town on South road, 4-M.F.
and 100 cavalry 1 1/2 miles South of town
moving South., 13 M.F. stationary on North
road.
On road 3 miles East of Es Salt, 4 M.F. and
30 cavalry stationary. Column of 20 transport
with cam escort on road about 4 miles from
and moving towards Shunet Nimrin, 150 scattered
infantry N of Shunet Nimrin on caravan route.

No messages dropped owing to engine trouble.

Telephoned to Palestine Brigade by Lieut. Colonel.
Shekleton.

No.A.231.

633/58
April 1918

Date. 11/4/18

Pilot. Capt. Rutherford.

Started. 1330.

Observer. Lt. Challinor.

Landed. 1610.

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :- 30th Division, Anzac and 20th Corps.

JISR ED DAMIE. Camps normal.

ES SALT. 1 H.T. entering from N.W., 6 B.T., 4 shelters,
4 horse lines occupied, 200 people and 20 cavalry
in town.

AMMAN-ES SALT Rd. 46 M.T., 22 H.T. going both ways, 100 cavalry.
T.S. normal.

127 J32. 50 cavalry halted.

AMMAN Town. 2 big marquees, 1 green dump (new), 5 M.T. parked
T.S. normal. Slight scattered movement.

" Stn. 70 T.S., 75 R.S., 1 engine (train 20 R.S.)

Nothing seen between Amman and Kissir.

KISSIR. 2 R.S., no T.S.

Kissir-Amman road looks well used.

Machine shelled between Kissir and Madeba. No movement
observed.

SHUNET NIMRIN. Camps total 90 T.S., 100 infantry
scattered.

SHUNET NIMRIN, ES SALT Rd. 10 H.T. and 20 cavalry going S.W. in one
party., 5 M.T. 20 cavalry stationary, 15 camels
going N.

Few shells seen bursting 3 miles East of Jordan.

Observation very good, made at 3000.

Telephoned to Palestine Brigade by Lieyt. Colonel.

Shekleton.

Pilot.Lt.Haig.

Started ^{633/59} ~~1032~~ April 1918

Observer.Lt.Challinor.

Landed. 1125.

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :- Messages dropped on 20th Corps.

SHUNET NIMRIN. Camps in 127 U1, 2 and 7 normal.
 " " 127 P24 normal
 Between 200 and 300 troops around these camps.
 127 Plsc. A piece of trench of 6 bays ~~newly~~ ^{newly} dug. facing W.

NIMRIN-ES SALT Rd. 5 M.T. and 2 H.T. moving N., 4 M.T. and about
 30 cavalry moving S.
 Between EL FUHEIS and AMMAN, No movement observed.

AMMAN Town. Camp normal., 15 T.S. and 2 marquees and a green
 dump, 2 M.T. and 2 H.T. approaching town from stn.
 Station. 30 tents, 70 R.S. (no engine). In bend of railway
 S. of station 50 small objects in rows, apparently
 dumps. One machine seen on the ground 250 yards to
 the E. of the station.

KISSIR Stn. A train of 20 R.S. and an engine facing N. about
 500 yards N. of station.

AMMAN-ES SALT Rd. 24 H.T. 27 M.T. moving in both directions. About
 150 infantry and cavalry in small parties along
 road- direction not observed as parties stopped
 when machine was over. Only one camp between
 Amman and Es Salt, viz: 30 S.T. in 127 W 32 (approx)

ES SALT. Camp normal, 7 S.T. and 4 shelters, no movement
 observed and no horses seen.

JISR ED DAMIE. No camps E. of Jordan. Camp reported in A.272
 of 42 T.S. in 127 U6 had been removed. Along the
 Roman road in 112 W2, 10 cavalry and 20 infantry
 moving S.
 Camps in Squares K, L and N Square (112) normal.
 At the ford at Jier Ed Damie, where the bridge formerly was,
 no means of crossing observed, but the road leads down to the
 water's edge on both sides.
 There is what appears to be a small wooden wharf on each side
 of the Jordan.

Point at N18 reported on yesterday as possible ford. A well
 worn track leads to water's edge from the E. but track on
 W. side is not so well defined.

Hospital in 113 U3 is gone but strip is still there. A new
 camp at U17d of 15 T.S. About 40 horsemen moving between the
 camp in U17 and Arkan Es Sitwaneh.

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 Telephoned to Palestine Brigade by Capt. Macaulay.

No.A.283.

Date. 12/4/18

Pilot.Lt.Peters

633/60
April 1918
Started 1000

Observer Lt.Traill

Landed 1230

W
Duty :- Strategical

Reported to:- 21st Corps.

SAWIEH-BALATA. Very little movement, only 5 M.T. moving N.
SAWIEH Area. One hospital of 15 shelters in Z 15d.
YETMA Area. Normal.
HUWARA Area. 35 T.S., 20 M.T. parked, 150 horses on lines, 30 cavalry on road moving S.
RUJIB Area. No camps.
BALATA Area. 35 T.S. mostly bells, 5 H.T. moving through the town E.
NABLUS Area. 35 tents including several marquees, 30 M.T. parked very little movement in town.
On the track between Askar and Shechem barracks, 100 infantry going E.
RAFIDIA Area. 5 shelters near railway line., 50 cavalry and 7 H.T. moving W. on the main road.
DEIR SHERAF Area. No camps seen.
EN NAKURAH Area. 7 marquees and 14 R.S. at station in M7.
RAMIN Area. 40 T.S. 19 R.S. at Messudieh in one train with engine facing E.
ZBURKA Area. No camps.
ATTARA Area. No camps.
ANEHTA Area. 25 T.S., 30 M.T. parked and 10 R.S. (without engine) One mile outside Anehta 6 M.T. going W.
On road between Anehta and Tulkeram 14 H.T. mostly going West.
DENNABEH Area. 20 T.S.
SHUWEIKEH Area. 20 T.S. (at Kefr Sib).
TULKERAM Area. 60 T.S., 45 R.S. at station including one train of 15 on southern side of loop with engine. 5 M.T. on Kakon road moving towards Kakon.
Tulkeram aerodrome, A hangar, 2 B.T. and one marquee, a T out. No machine seen but skid marks visible.
BIR EL ASSEM Area. No camps seen.

A trench (traversed) facing S. in 084 U29c and d at right-angles to the line.

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KAKON Area. No camps seen.

Bridges over the river Iskenderun. The Easternmost shows signs of heavy wheeled traffic.

084 017 central. 5 H.T. going S.

Between Q22 and R20, 250 T.S. (including many B.T.). 30 H.T. parked at Q 16d.

Q9. Camp of 20 T.S. with four horse lines (about 130 horses).

084 T19. 3 horse lines with 30 horses on each.

FERON Area. 19 T.S.

TAIYIBEH Area. 40 T.S.

KULUNSAWIEH Area. No camps.

JELAMEH Area. Normal. A train of 13 R.S. at the siding.

HANUTAH Area. The hospital consists of 6 marquees and 10 B.T.

Telephoned to Palestine Brigade by Capt. Macaulay.

No.A. 284.

Date. 13/4/18

Pilot. Lt. Spragg

633/62
April 1918
Started 1155

Observer. Lt. Kirk.

Landed 1450

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :- Messages dropped on 20th Corps and Des Corps.

JISR ED DAMIE Area. 86 T.S. in squares K,L and N. 2 H.T. moving N. at 112 N 20., 60 infantry scattered round a small camp W. of ford.

No movement on roads to W of Jordan or E to EsSalt.

ES SALT. 12 tents and 50 horses in town, 50 cavalry, 170 infantry 4 horse transport stationary on Nimrin road. 8 H.T. and 20 cavalry on N. road.

Between Es Salt and Shuweileh 4 H.T. and 1 M.T. stationary.

SUWEILEH. 17 M.T. moving E., 100 cavalry and 10 M.T. in the village, 8 M.T. and 7 H.T. between Suweileh and Amman.

AMMAN Town. 17 B.T., 1 green dump, 6 M.T., 9 white-topped H.T. 2 H.T. on road to station moving E.
Station. 90 T.S., 30-35 R.S. and apparently others in shed. No movement round station.

LIBBEN Stn. 2 R.S.

KASTAL. At bridge N. of Kastal no T.S. observed, 16 R.S. in station and a few scattered shelters. Slight movement on road towards village from station.

No movement seen on roads and tracks N.W. from Kastal and Madeba towards Shunet Nimrin.

Observation good.

Telephoned to Palestine Brigade by Lieut. Colonel Shekleton.

Pilot. Lt. Maughan.

Started. 0900

Observer. Lt. Finlay.

Landed. 1140

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :- Messages dropped on Des Corps and 21st Corps.

SAWIEH Area. Normal.

YEIMA Area. Normal. NO movement observed on road.

HUWARA. T.S. Normal, 140 cavalry on roads, 12 M.T. parked.
On road leading from Huwara to Beit Sama 11 M.T. going E.

RUMIB Area. No camps, no movement observed.

BALATA Area. 10 B.T. 50 infantry. Road going N. no movement for 6 miles.

NABLUS. 50 T.S., 10 marquees, 30 M.T. parked, H.T. park opposite barracks gone.

RAFIDIA. 3 horse lines, (30 horses), 3 H.T. going E., 10 H.T. going W.

DEIR SHERAF. Stn in M1 (previously reported in M7), 12 R.S., 4 M.T.
~~no T.S. for area - 2 marquees, 6 E.P.'s~~
No T.S. now round station. T.S. for area, 2 marquees, 6 E.P.'s, 10 dumps. ~~No T.S.~~, 2 M.T. parked at refilling point.
No bell tents or shelters
On main road 9 H.T. and 100 infantry halted. H.T. to Eastern, 4 H.T., 2 M.T. going N.

NAKURAH. No T.S.

RAMIN. 10 small dumps, 10 large dumps, Hospital normal. 8 R.S. in station (Messudieh), 10 T.S.

ATTARA. No camps.

ANEFTA. 40 M.T. parked, 12 marquees, 2 E.P.'s, 10 R.S. in siding, 2 H.T. entering from W.

SHUWEIKEH. No T.S.
Between Shuweikeh and main road, about 6 small pieces of trench.

KAKON. No T.S., no dumps, no R.S.

JELAMEH. Nothing seen.

O84 G23. 10 B.T.

G11 2 B.T.

F 6d to G 1a. there is a piece of trench. No other work appears to be in progress

G 19a. 10 T.S., 2 E.P.'s.

In G 25. 2 bridges over wadi in good condition.

Road from G10 to G17 appear to run:- G10-G14d-G25a-G25c-F30c-down west side of wadi to O 17b. Road marked in red dots between these points does not exist.

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April 1918

MUKHALID.	4 horse lines (40 horses/each)
084 Q16&17.	56 T.S.
R13&14	140 T.S.
KULUNSAWIEH.	Normal.
TULKERAM.	1 two-seater, 2 Scouts at aerodrome. 30 R.S. 42 dumps, 30 M.T. parked, 54 B.T. 3 marquees, 6 H.T. on road going S.
DENNABEH.	5 B.T., 4 marquees.
IRTAH.	2 marquees, 20 T.S., 2 M.T. on road, 18 M.T. going S.
FURDISIA.	No camps.
TAIYIBEH.	4 marquees, 20 T.S.
JELAMEH Area 084 Y10.	Hospital 8 marquees, 6 B.T., 1 horse line, 30 horses, 58 T.S.
HANUTAH Area.	Siding at Y 27c, 8 R.S., 3 marquees, 6 big dumps 1 green dump, 42 T.S. Hospital west of siding, Normal.
DEIR ASFIN.	20 T.S.

Telephoned to Palestine Brigade by Lieut.
 Colonel. Shekleton.

No.A.287.

Date. 14/4/18

Pilot.Lt.Brown.

633/65
April 1918
Started. 1030

Observer.Lt.Finlay.

Landed. 1330

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :- Messages dropped on 20th Corps & Des Corps.

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From point Costigan to Kerak and Kutrani no movement observed.
Point 2310. A new stone bridge where the road crosses the wadi
(4 arches).

KUTRANI. 12 R.S. no engine. 6 T.S.No movement observed but
fairly accurate A.A. fire.

JEBEL ES SUAKA. 2 R.S. no T.S. and no movement. A 5 arched bridge
to S. of station and a 5 arched bridge to N.

KHAN EZ ZEBIB. No R.S. No movement observed.

KALAAAT ED DABAA. 4 R.S. No movement observed.

ZIZA. 14 R.S. apparently loaded trucks. No movement.

EZ ZOBAYER. The camps have been removed.

KASTAL. 20 R.S. no T.S. and no engine.

LEBAN. 1 R.S. no movement.

KISSIR. 1 R.S. no movement.

AMMAN Stn. 40 T.S. 50 R.S. in three trains with one engine facing
S. One hangar in the original position (250 yards E. of
the station). Road from town to station, 12 H.T. going
towards station. The town was under clouds.

KABR MUJAHID. 7 T.S. and 50 cavalry going E. No other movement
observed between Amman and Mukhadet Hajla.

Telephoned by Capt.Macaulay to Capt.Birch.

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No. A288.

B33/66
April 1918
15-7-18.

Pilot: Lieut. Spragg.
Observer: Lieut. Vyner.

Started: 1000
Landed: 1230.

Messages dropped on 20th Corps and Descorps.

119
JISR ED DAMIE

I12 L27

N7

35 tents and shelters including 2 E.P.'s.
Hospital: 6 E.P.'s and 2 shelters.

26 tents and shelters.

N13

3 marquees, 4 E.P.'s previously reported
not observed.

N20

7 H.T. moving S.

DAMIE - ES SALT ROAD. No movement observed.

Road down to E. Bank well used, but no
movement observed.

ES SALT.

4 horse lines, 11 tents & shelters; fair
amount of movement.

- AMMAN ROAD.

11 M.T. 28 H.T. going both ways.

I27 L11

1 bell tent.

I24 R26.

5 tents and shelters on road.

AMMAN Town.

20 cavalry just leaving.

15 tents and shelters, 1 green dump.

AMMAN Station.

On road 12 M.T. going E. 8 H.T. going W.
70 infantry in column going E.

27 R.S., no engine.

70 tents.

6 black objects W. of station, may have
been dumps.

80 men W. side of station working.

On landing ground one hangar; tail of one machine ~~not~~ showing;
"T" out.

No movement observed on AMMAN - AIN ES SIR road.

No movement observed on MADEBA road.

No R.S. between AMMAN and ZIZA.

ES SALT - SHUNET NIMRIN Road. 16 H.T. going S.W.

1 M.T. going N.

I27 U1

70 tents & shelters.

I27 P24

Camp reported on 12th not observed.

Telephoned by Lt. Col. Shekleton to Palestine Brigade.

633/67
April 1918

Pilot. Captz Ross Smith.

Started. 0800

Observer. Lt. Mustard.

Landed. 1000

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :- Messages dropped on 21st Corps and Des Corps.

098 Z28. 40 infantry moving N.W. and 1 H.T. halted on the track.

YETMA Area. Hospital in position, 2 H.T. halted on road.

HUWARA Area. 50 T.S., 4 M.T. parked at village, 6 H.T. moving N.E. on track through X9. 1 M.T. moving S.W. on same track, 3 H.T. moving S. on the main road and 1 M.T. and 20 cavalry halted on main road.

RUJIB Area. 13 B.T. (Details 8 B.T. at Kefr Kullin and 5 at Rujib) 2 M.T. and 80 infantry halted., 2 H.T. moving S.

BALATA Area. 30 tents (26 B.T., 1 marquee and 3 black E.P's) and two long dumps., 40 horses on line.
V 5. 30 infantry moving N.E. also 2 H.T.

NABLUS Area. 60 tents (52 B.T. and 8 marquees), 100 H.T. parked at E. end of town, 10 M.T. and 12 H.T. halted on road at E. end of town. 38 M.T. parked. Only slight movement observed in town.

RAFIDIA Area. 20 shelters in M23, 3 M.T. 2 H.T. and 20 cavalry moving E. 40 men moving W.

DEIR SHERAF Area. 3 E.P's, 1 M.T. moving E. and 1 M.T. moving W.

NAKURAH Area. 12 B.T. and 8 marquees, and 2 green dumps. At station in M1, 16 R.S. and 6 M.T., 8 M.T. at refilling points, 2 M.T. moving N. on road, 1 M.T. moving S.

RAMIN Area. 55 tents (52 B.T. and 3 E.P's). At Messudieh station 36 R.S., 3 R.S. at siding, 2 green dumps at E. end of station. 40 men scattered at this point. 1 H.T. moving N.E. at D28.

BURKA Area. 6 R.S. at station in 098 B30. No camps in area.

ANEFTA Area. 8 E.P's, 7 B.T., 2 dumps, 20 H.T. parked, 7 R.S. at siding. 1 M.T. and 1 H.T. moving E., 4 H.T. moving W.

DENNABEH Area. Under clouds. 20 men seen on road and 20 H.T. parked W. of village. (seen through a gap) T.S. appeared normal.

TULKERAM Area. Village obscured. 30 H.T. parked and 80 horses on two lines S. of village, 28 R.S., 40 dumps to N. of station, 10 H.T. halted at station, 20 men on road between station and village.

SHUWEIKEH Area. Under cloud.

KAKON-TULKERAM Rd. 80 men in two parties moving S. 2 H.T. halted. KAKON trench line, no T.S. seen at village. No dumps, no R.S. In 093 M26. 10 T.S. In G17. 10 B.T. G29. 1 B.T. and 4 shelters. G19. 5 T.S. Two short new pieces of trench in the trench line. 084 Pl. 5 cavalry moving S. and 3 H.T. moving N.

MUKHALID& about 1 mile N. 120 horses scattered.

E 33/68
April 1918

The Mukhalid-Mugheir line has not been developed.

Camps in Q16 and Q17 and R21 and R22 number about 190. They are very scattered. One H.T. was moving E. from camp.

KULUNSAWEH Area. 32 tents (12 at village and 20 in W 19a)

FERON Area. Slightly obscured. Only 10 tents seen. 7 H.T. and 2 M.T. moving N.

TAIYIBEH Area. 60 T.S., 10 H.T. parked, 1 H.T. halted just west of village on track.

DEIR ASFIN Area. T.S. normal., 26 H.T. and 2 M.T. moving S.

HANUTAH Area. 14 R.S. engine on north end. 20 small dumps to North of siding. 8 H.T. halted at siding. 10 H.T. and 2 M.T. moving South on road. T.S. for area 70.

Telephoned by Capt. Macaulay to Capt Birch.

No. A289.

15-4-18.

633/69
April 1918

Pilot: Lieut. Peters.
Observer: Lieut. Traill.

Started: 0940.
Landed: 1220.

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Messages dropped on 21st Corps and Descorps.

ES SARIH Area No camps.

YEMMA Area Hospital consists of 10 bell tents and 15 shelters.
098 215 20 cavalry on the road.

HUWARA Area Normal. 200 cavalry scattered to S. of village. 50 horses on the lines.
15 M.T. parked. 10 M.T. moving out of HUWARAH on the track leading S.E.
Between BALATA and HUWARAH 5 M.T. on the road.

BALATA Area 12 bell tents and 15 shelters. 30 H.T. parked S. of town.

NAELUS Area. A new camp $\frac{1}{2}$ mile XX W. of barracks of 25 brown shelters.
Total for area:- 52 bell tents and 25 brown shelters, 8 marquees, 12 M.T. and 20 H.T. parked.
5 M.T. entering town from direction of RAMIN.

RAPIDIA Area. Normal.

DIR SHERAF Area. 20 M.T. at refilling depot and 5 on road going S. 6 E.P.'s.

NAKURAH Area. Normal.

RAMIN Area. 15 R.S. at MESSUDIH Station.
Camps normal.
The hospital at station consists of 15 bell tents and 2 marquees.

ATTARA Area. No camps.

BURKA Area. No camps.

ANEETA Area. 11 Marquees, 2 E.P.'s and 15 shelters (in the trees to W. of town) 40 M.T. parked S. of town.

DENNABEH Area. 20 10 bell tents and 4 marquees.
On the road between ANEETA and TULKERAM one H.T. and 20 cavalry going W.

SHUWEIKH Area. 4 bell tents at town and 8 tents at Kebr Sib.

KAKON Area. No tents.

JELANE (083 M17) 3 bell tents.

084 U8 15 tents and shelters.

At a Jewish town just S. of the NAHR EL MEJDIR (LIKTERA?)
8 bell tents.

633/70
April 1918

Q83 Q19 Camps to N. of bridge consist of 10 tents and shelters.

MUKHALID There is a trench facing S. in Q26 central, one in Q30a and one in Q24 d (these appear newly dug). There are other broken trenches to the East.

Area Q84 Q16, 17 R21, and R22. 100 tents & shelters in all. Another camp of 30 tents & shelters and 2 marquees in Q29d.

TULKERAM Area. 20 R.S. in station. One train 15 R.S. had just left the station going S.

IRTAH 19 tents & shelters. 100 cavalry moving S. on road.

KULUNSAWEH 10 bell tents, 20 shelters.

A camp of 15 tents & shelters in Q84 R24. A train of 10 R.S. stationary, with engine facing S. at Siding in XXX JELANEH Area -

Reconnaissance interrupted here by combat in the air

Telephoned by Capt Macaulay. to Capt Glen.

E33/71
April 1918

Pilot. Lt. Brown.

Started. 0830

Observer. Lt. Finlay.

Landed. 1125.

Duty:- Strategic.

Reported to:- 20th Corps and Des Corps.

Area 112 K, L and M, 94 T.S. (including 13 marquees).

A small camp apparently a H.Qrs camp in N13 consisting of 4 marquees with well laid out paths in between. Boat seen at west side of Jisr Ed Damie ford.

126 ~~H2~~ Sl. 6 B.T. no other camps on east side.

JISR ED DAMIR-ES SALE Rd. No movement.

ES SALT. Two miles west of town (in about H22), 10 T.S.

In town:- 32 B.T., 16 shelters, 6 H.T. going east, 10 camels entering town from west.

ES SALT-AMMAN Rd. 18 M.T. going east, 4 M.T. going west, 8 H.T. going east and 20 H.T. going west. 14 large M.T. camped about 1 mile west of Suweileh. 8 B.T. and 14 shelters near them (apparently working party).

O27. 10 men working repairing road.

R34. 5 bell tents alongside road. No other camps along road.

AMMAN TOWN. 10 cavalry entering from north, 12 B.T. East of town a refilling point of 2 large marquees with 4 M.T. parked. Road from town to station 5 M.T. going east, 12 H.T. going west and 1 M.T.

STATION. All H.T. with very few exceptions have only two horses. 8 marquees, 60 B.T. and 24 shelters, 30 R.S. no engine, 200 infantry halted in station yard, also 10 H.T. in yard., hangar still in position. "T" out. No machines.

KISSIR. One R.S. and a trolly just entering station from south.

EL YADUBE. 6 shelters.

LEBAN. 3 R.S. 3 T.S. and no movement.

KASTAL. 18 R.S., 2 B.T. no movement. East of town are 150 Bedouin shelters with 16 white shelters amongst them. Very large flocks of sheep round these shelters. Some were being driven towards station.

ZOBAYER. No movement, no T.S.

ZIZA. 12 R.S. no engine, 1 B.T. in redoubt and 3 B.T. in village. Just north of town, 2 large water tanks full of water. 22 Bedouin shelters around station. No movement on road from Ziza up to Amman.

MADEBA-KASTAL Rd. No movement.

MADEBA. 44 Bedouin shelters around the town.

JELUL. (143 R15b) 4 white shelters. Two miles east of Madeba, 100 Bedouin shelters.

At Rujs El Benat (127222) 1 marquee and 12 shelters, 17 pack mules going west.

Telephoned by Capt. Macaulay to Capt. Glen.

No. A291.

Pilot: Capt. Ross Smith.
Observer: Lieut. Mustard.

17-4-18.
Started: 0900.
Landed: 1100

833/72
April 1918

Messages dropped on 21st and Descorps.

ES SAWIEH Area. 20 tents & shelters in Y30. 100 cavalry halted in Z25 on track.

YETMA. Area. 30 tents & shelters, chiefly hospital. 2 H.T. moving S.W. in Z10.

HUWARA Area. 50 tents and shelters. 12 H.T. moving E. in X9. 6 M.T. parked at village. Hospital of 5 E.P's just S. of village. 3 M.T. and 2 H.T. moving S.

RUJIB Area. 13 bell tents. 2 M.T. moving N. 2 M.T. moving S.

BALATA Area. 15 bell tents, 2 E.P's and 1 marquee. 2 H.T. moving E. in V11. 9 H.T. moving N. in N24.

NABLUS. Normal. 50 H.T. in the H.T. park. 45 M.T. in various parks. 4 H.T. moving E. from town. 1 M.T. moving W. from town.

RAFIDIA Area. No tents or shelters. 3 H.T. moving W. and 3 M.T. moving E.

DEIR SHERAF Area. 3 E.P's and 3 bell tents. 3 M.T. moving W. 2 M.T. moving E.

EN NAKURAH. 12 R.S. at station in M1. 7 M.T. at refilling points. Camps normal. 1 M.T. moving N. on road.

RAMIN Area. Camps normal. 24 R.S. at MESSUDIEH Station; 3 R.S. at siding.

BURKA and ATTARA Areas. No tents: no movement

The road shown red on the map between DEIR SHERAF and RAMIN is not much used, but the road running just N. of railway between 098 D26 and MESSUDIEH is much used.

ANEFTA Area. 5 R.S. 10 E.P's and 10 bell tents. 20 H.T. parked. Two H.T. moving E.

DENNABEH Area. 10 tents, 12 H.T. parked.

TULKERAM. 50 tents and shelters. 30 R.S. 100 infantry and 2 H.T. halted at 084 V25.

SHUWEINEH. 10 bell tents in V14.

KAKON. 8 R.S. at siding. 2 bell tents at village. Train of 12 R.S. went N, and later was observed on the branch line running N.W. 2 H.T. moving N.W. from village in 083 M27. Tents & shelters in G square (Tireh sheet $10.3 \frac{1}{40,000}$) amount to 40.

E 33/73
April 1918

KAKON (continued).

Following additions to the trenches (as shown in sheet D3) now exist:-
M20 C27 - M20 C38 a communication sap.
M19 a05 - M19 a35 a cross trench.
G17 a00 - G17 e37 a fire trench with communication trench running to back from centre as far as G17 a43.
G11 a00 to G11 a30 a fire trench.
G9 b06 - G9 b44 a fire trench.
F12 d53 - F12 d99 a fire trench.
40 cavalry halted on track in G9.
There are three bridges in F30, two being traffic bridges and one a foot bridge (only one is shown in sheet D3).
G16 to R22. Camps are in same strength as seen on 14/4. They number about 190.

KIYKANK

KULUNSAWEH.

68 tents & shelters (including a new camp of 13 bell tents in W16 and the camp in R24 reported on 15-4-18).

INTAH Area.

10 tents. In W24 100 cavalry and 2 H.T. moving S.

TAIYIBEH Area.

60 tents and shelters.

JELAMEH and)
HANUTAH Areas)

90 tents & shelters including the hospitals. These two areas will be considered as one in future reports.

4 H.S. in Y27.

4 H.T. halted.

TULKERAM - KALKILIEH Road. Movement seen: 18 H.T. and 2 H.T. moving S. 7 H.T. moving N. 4 H.T. moving V. in C84 R4.

70 mile wind on return journey.
Observation difficult owing to haze.

Telephoned by Capt. Macaulay to Capt. Glen.

No. A292.

18.4.1918.

Started., 0655.

Landed., 1020.

Pilot. Lt. Haig.
Observer. Lt. Challinor.

B 33/44
April 1918

Messages dropped on ANZAC MOUNTED and 20th. CORPS
and DESCORPS.

DISRED DAMIE. Under clouds but camps appear normal.
126 01. 200 infantry halted on the road.
Country between this point and ES. SALT under cloud.
127 J33. 20 cavalry moving EAST.
127 L21. 10 H.T. moving NORTH.
127 M18a
(approximately) 2 E.P's and ¹⁰ A.B.T's (new).
SHUNET NIMRIN camp. There are camps in P6, U1 and U2 also in P12.
Observation was very bad but the camps appear to
have increased.
Camp in P24 still in position (20 T.S.)

When machine was over JERICHO an explosion was seen in the
neighbourhood of NIMRIN, possibly H.E. shell burst.

Telephoned by Captain Macaulay to Captain Birch.

A. 293.

18.4.18.

Pilot. Lt. Paul.
Observer. Lt. Kirk.

Started. 1100.
Landed. 1220.

No messages dropped.

633/75
April 1918

Observation very interrupted by heavy clouds throughout.

Camps in O84 R13 and R14 were counted in detail, these amount to 72 (usually reported on as part of Area Q13 to R22).

1 1/2 miles N of TULKERAM STATION on KAKON goods line four trucks.

TULKERAM STATION. 25 R.S. scattered, one engine and 3 R.S. shunting on the loop line. Camps apparently normal. Slight H.T. movement S of TAIYIBEH on TULKERAM-KALKILIEH road.

O98 P2. KEFR KADDUM 3 large shelters.

DEIR-SHERAF. At road fork 10 H.T. moving towards station and 20 M.T. stationary.

MESSUDIEH STATION. 20 R.S., T.S. normal. No traffic on road N. from MESSUDIEH or W. on TULKERAM road. Short length of trench at O98.G4.

NABLUS. 4 H.T. moving W, 20 M.T. that refilling point to W. of town.

SALATA-HUWARA ROAD. 5 M.T. moving N.

HUWARA. 9 M.T. Camps normal.

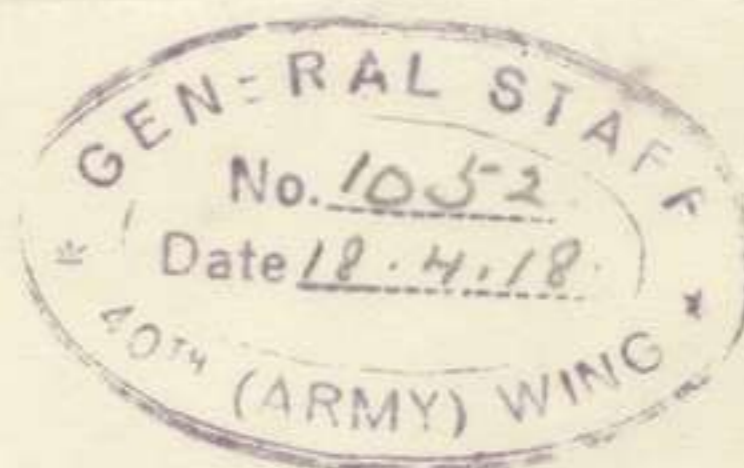
HUWARA-JEMMAIN ROAD. 3 H.T. moving towards HUWARA.

R. 36b. (TELFIT sheet
O.S. 1/40000). A hospital of 17 T.S.

T. 12a. A large ground strip and about 3 S.

No movement seen in area between NABLUS-BIREH road and TULKERAM-KALKILIEH road.

Telephoned by Lt. Col. Shekleton. to Palestine Brigade.



A.294.

Pilot. Lt.Kenny.
Observer.Lt.Traill.

Started. 18.4.18.
Landed. 1400.
1710.

Messages dropped at ANZAC Mtd, 20th. Corps
and DESCORPS.

633/76
April 1918

AREA 098.

Squares K.L and N.

T.S.normal.

The Headquarters Camp in N.13 consists of 3 Bells 2 Marquees and 7 shelters and the hospital at pt 620 10 B.Ts, 7 E.P.s and 10 shelters. A horse line 200 x S.of camp of 30 horses. 2 H.T.pkd near it.

No movement at JISR ED DAMIE nor along the road Northwards for 10 miles.

DAMIE-ES SALT Road.

No movement.

ES.SALT.

5 B.T.

Three bell tents on ES.SALT-AMMAN road in J 22. On the road 4 H.T. going W and three M.T. and one light car going E. 30 cavalry going S. at M.18.

SHUNET NIMRIN CAMPS.

80 Bts. 40 shelters and 4 E.Ps.

1 M.T. on road S. of ES.SALT travelling N.

109
Telephoned by Captain Macaulay to Captain Glen.



No. A295.

19-4-18.

Pilot: Lieut. Peters.

Started: 0700.

Observer: Lieut. Traill.

Landed: 1015.

Messages dropped on Anzac Division,
20th Corps & Descorps.

633/77
April 1918

Observation throughout reconnaissance was
only possible through gaps in the clouds.

Area 112, Squares K, L and N. Camps as reported yesterday
except for increase of 10 shelters by
the horse lines S. of the hospital at
pt. 620.
A good track runs from hospital to
horse lines.

No camps E. of Jordan at JISR ED DAMIE.

DAMIE - ES SALT Road. No movement from DAMIE as far as
127 B4.

On road E. of FUHEIS at 142 R27, 20 M.T. stationary at side
of road facing AMMAN.

AMMAN. Town.

20 bell tents N. of town and 2 marquees
and 3 M.T. parked.

5 bell tents to S. of town (increase
of 15 tents).

No movement observed between town and
station.

Station 50 R.S. Camps normal.

A two-seater on the ground at the
aerodrome (yellow wings and fuselage:
black crosses); a "T" out

250 rounds were fired at the machine
and 150 rounds at the hangar from
2,000 feet above the ground.

ES SALT.

5 bell tents. 300 infantry in
column in the main street, apparently
moving N.W. 4 H.T. moving S. on the
Nimrin Road.

127 M18.

Camp of 2 E.P.'s and 7 bell tents again
observed.

5 M.T. moving S. at this point.

Between this point and NIMRIN 5
scattered M.T. moving in both directions

NIMRIN.

Camps apparently as reported yesterday.

U22.

A green dump and 5 tents and shelters.

U28.

30 shelters.

Telephoned by Capt. Macaulay to Capt. Birch.



No. A. 296.

19-4-18.

Pilot: Lieut. Spragg.

Started: 1400

Observer: Lieut. Vyner.

Landed: 1700

*633/78
April 1918*

Messages dropped on Anzac Mounted, 20th Corps
and Descopps.

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Area 112, Squares K, L & N. 107 T.S.
N.H.S. 4 H.T. moving S.
L.20 4 H.T. moving N.W.
L.28 1 H.T. moving N.W.

JISR ED DAMIE No camps to east of JORDAN.

Fairly accurate A.A. Fire over JISR ED
DAMIE.

DAMIE - ES SALT ROAD. ~~N.H.S.~~ *No. Movement observed.*

ES SALT. 5 B.T. Slight movement in town. 2 M.T. entering town.

L.18 30 cavalry going to ES SALT.
5 miles from ES SALT. 10 M.T. parked S. of the road.

Just E. of SUWEILEH. 19 H.T. travelling W. escorted by 20 cavalry.

2 miles E. SUWEILEH. 3 H.T. parked. 1 M.T. just entering AMMAN. 3 H.T. leaving AMMAN. ~~Sz~~

AMMAN TOWN. 18 B.T. and 1 shelter 2 marquees.

AMMAN STATION. 21 R.S. 68 T.S. including 4 big marquees.
2 Hangars at aerodrome. 2 H.T. entering Station yard.
1 B.T. on hill to N. of TUNNEL.

AMMAN - AIN ES SIR ROAD. N.H.S.

ES SALT - SHUNET NIMRIN ROAD. H.T.
2 H.T. leaving ES SALT 1 going S. in M.18.
110 T.S. at SHUNET NIMRIN.
2 Horse lines of 40 horses each in U.I d.
50 infantry on road at this point stationary.

Telephoned by Capt. Macaulay to Capt. Glen.

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No. A297.

20-4-18.

Pilot: Capt. Ross Smith.
Observer: Lieut. Mustard.

Started: 0800.
Landed: 1000

107
Messages dropped on 21st Corps and
Descorps.

633/79
April 1918

ES SAWIH Area.

6 H.T. halted in Z27.
20 H.T. (limbers) going N.E. in
Y30.
20 tents and shelters (normal).

YETMA Area.

2 H.T. halted on road - 40 tents
and shelters (increase of 10).

HUWARA Area.

60 tents and shelters (increase of
10), 22 M.T. parked, 4 M.T. moving
S. towards village, 4 M.T. moving
E. in X5.

X5d

1 large marquee.

EL RUJIB Area.

12 bell tents. 2 M.T. moving S.
3 H.T. moving N.

SALIM (112 A9).

Just W. of village a camp of 30
bell tents (new).
10 H.T. parked in garden: 100
cavalry scattered on road in A14.

BALATA Area.

40 cavalry halted in V11.
Camps normal. 3 H.T. parked:
2 H.T. halted on road just S. of
ASKAR.
200 cavalry halted on road in N18.

NABLUS Area.

81 bell tents, 20 shelters and 6
marquees, an increase of 22 tents
and shelters.
150 H.T. parked between barracks
and town. The shelters are among
the H.T. 18 M.T. in the various
parks.
Slight scattered movement in the
town.
3 H.T. and 20 infantry moving N.E.
from the barracks and 20 infantry,
1 M.T. and 3 H.T. moving S.E.
1 M.T. and 3 H.T. moving W. from
town.
1 M.T. moving into town from W.

NABLUS - DEIR SHERAF Road. 6 M.T. moving E: 2 M.T. moving
W.

RAFIDIA Area.

No camps.

DEIR SHERAF Area.

3 E.P.'s and /3 bell tents (normal)
10 H.T. parked.

EN NAKURAH Area.

Station in M1 16 R.S. 20 bell
tents and 6 E.P.'s (slight increase)
10 M.T. at the two refilling points.
Movement on N. road, 2 M.T. moving
N, 1 M.T. moving S. /contd.

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RAMIN Area.

50 bell tents and 6 E.P's (normal)
30 dumps.
MESSUDIEH Station, a hospital train of
20 carriages with engine facing AFULEH
direction with steam up. 8 other R.S.
in station. 5 R.S. at the siding.
A large brown dump between the station
and the siding.
3 H.T. halted on road in D33.

BURKA Area.

Station in B30 a train of 20 R.S. with
engine on N. end.

ATTARA Area.

No camps.

ANEFTA Area.

8 bell tents, 12 E.P's (normal).
A large white cross on the ground
between this village and the road.
6 R.S. at siding. 26 H.T. in the
park. 2 H.T. and 50 men moving into
village from E. 20 infantry
scattered to W. of village.

KH ZAHKAN Area.

No tents.

DENNABEH Area.

10 bell tents and 6 E.P's (increase of
6).
30 H.T. parked: 20 infantry halted on
main road: 1 H.T. moving W: 8 H.T.
moving E.
About 50 cavalry were on the road - they
scattered before the machine arrived.

TULKERAM Area.

70 tents (increase of 20). 40 R.S. 80
dumps, 12 H.T. and 4 M.T. halted at
station, 40 infantry scattered E. of
station.
80 cavalry scattered in V32.
No machines at aerodrome.

SHUWEIKEH Area.

15 Bell tents (increase of 5) in V14.
On the SHUWEIKEH - TULKERAM track in
V26 200 infantry and wa cavalry
scattered.

KAKON Area.

5 R.S. at siding. 1 yellow dump just
W. of main line, opposite siding, 30
cavalry halted S. of village, some
small field guns firing at machine
between TULKERAM and KAKON. 1 puff
of smoke observed in garden to N. of
KAKON: between 150 and 200 shells fired
at machine, very inaccurate.
2 bell tents at village (normal)

083 G Area.
(Tireh D3)

40 tents & shelters (normal).
Following additions to trenches -
In M19 D a new short trench following
the former line from M19 D 06 to M19 D
47.
The firing trench in M19 C is extended
westward into G24 D for 200 yards.
The long communication trench in G1 B
is extended to G2 a26.

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083 G Area.
(Tireh D3)
(continued) S. of the bridge 200 cavalry scattered.
Area Q14 to R20 (these are correct limits
of area E. and W. instead of Q16 to R22).
170 tents & shelters (decrease of 20).
A horse line in R14. 10 H.T. parked at
camps.
No horse lines seen at MUKHALID.

KULUNSAWEH. 86 tents & shelters including the camps
in R24 and W16 - (increase of 18).
6 H.T. parked.
2 gun positions or large dug outs at the
camp in W16.

FERON Area. 20 tents and shelters (increase of 10)

TAIYIBEH Area. 60 tents & shelters (normal)

HANUTAH & JELAMEH Areas. 85 tents & shelters (normal)
20 dumps.

TULKERAM - KALKILIEH Road. 49 H.T. moving S. 10 H.T. moving
N.

DEIR ASEH Area. Normal. 4 H.T. moving W. in 084 H4.
The trenches S.E. of JELAMEH are now
located as follows :-
A series of broken lengths running E. from
Y23 to Z21.

FELAMIEH (084 J1b) 1,000 yards W. of village a scattered camp
of 13 E.P's well camouflaged.

JAYUS (J16) Camp of 10 bell tents.

KEFR LAKIF (098 026) 6 bell tents, 3 H.T. moving W. on road.
The road dotted red on the map turns N. at
098 M25d and joins the main road in M14c.
The part between M25d and NABLUS is not
used.

There is a patch of grass on the ballast way of
the railway in 098 M8, which possibly indicates
that it is not in use at this point.

Telephoned by Capt Macaulay to Capt Glen



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A.298.

20.4.18.

Pilot. Lt. Maughan.
Observer. Lt. Finlay.

Started. 0945.
Landed. 1230.

Reported to 20th. and DESCORPS.

AREA 112 K, L and N. 10 B.P.'s, 5 Marquees and 92 Tents and shelters.
Total 107 Tents and shelters. (normal).
Headquarters camp in N 13 still in position.

JISR ED DAMIE. No tents E. of ford. no boat at ford.
The four gun positions in V 9a and b are in good condition, apparently occupied.

DAMIE-ES SALT road. No movement.

ES SALT. 12 B.T.'s (slight increase) N.M.O.
8 cavalry and 1 M.T. going E.
Three miles E. of ES SALT four dumps on road.

SHUWEILEH. Just W. of town 24 M.T. halted on road.
There appears to be a park here as M.T. are often observed.
6 H.T. in town halted facing E. movement observed.

ES SALT - AMMAN road. Movement observed; 30 pack animals laden and 1 M.T. going W.
10 M.T. and 24 H.T. going E.

AMMAN TOWN. Three M.T. entering from W. Two marquees, and 28 B.T.'s (very slight increase) 12 H.T. going W. and 12 H.T. going towards station.

AMMAN STATION. 40 R.S.1 made up train, no engine. 18 Dumps. 6 Marquees, 42 B.T.'s and 50 shelters.
a decrease in B.T.'s and a corresponding increase in shelters.
Aerodrome, Two hangars and 2 B.T.'s. No machines on ground. A "T" out E. of the village in X 34.

AMMAN-AIN ESSIR Road. No movement.

AIN-ESSIR-EL FUHEIS-ES SALT Road. No movement.

ES SALT - NIMRIN Road. 8 H.T. and 1 M.T. going towards ES SALT.
4 H.T. going to NIMRIN.

M 18. The camp here is a hospital. It consists of 3 Marquees and 4 B.T.'s. 300 yards N. of this camp 1 Marquee alongside road.

NIMRIN. Within a radius of 1 1/2 miles N, E and S of NIMRIN there are 98 tents, 6 Marquees

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HIMRIN. (continued).

and 1 horse line of 30 horses (the
latter in P 35a.)
50 infantry halted on the road at the br
bridge in P 24b.

Telephoned by Capt. Macaulay to
Capt. Glen.



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April 1918
21.4.18.

A.299.

Pilot. Lt.Kenny.
Observer. Lt.Traill.

Started. 0800.
Landed. 1050.

Messages dropped on ANZAC DIVISION,
20th.CORPS and DESCOORRS.

Area.112. 92 tents and shelters,a decrease of 15.
Squares K,L & N. 40 horses on lines near hospital.
A boat at the old bridge position on the W.
bank,apparently a large ferry punt capable
of holding about 8 horses.
No camps E.of Jordan at JISR ED DAMIE.
Between DAMIE and ES.SALT no movement.

ES.SALT. 7 B.T's.No movement observed.

ES.SALT - AMMAN 10 M.T. moving in both directions.
Road. 2 miles W.of AMMAN south of the road,50
cavalry scattered.

AMMAN TOWN. 30 B.T's and 2 Marquees.The marquees are
apparently at a refilling point.
15 M.T.parked near them.
On road to station 5 H.T.moving North.

STATION. 30 R.S., 40 B.T's., 5 Marquees and 20 shelters.
(practically normal).

AERODROME. 2 hangars and one two-seater on the ground
and 2 B.T's.Some dug-outs near hangars.

ES.SALT-NIMRIN 2 H.T.moving N 3 miles S.of ES SALT and 5
Road. M.T.moving in both directions.

M.18. 17 Tents and shelters as follows:-
1 Marquee and 12 Tents and shelters on the
W.side of the road and 3 E.P's and 2 B.T's
on S.side.
An increase of 8 tents and shelters.

Following Area contains 192 tents and
shelters,and 4 horse lines were seen in it,
capable of holding over 100 horses.There
were 90 horses on them.
N.boundary - N.W.corner of 127 G22 to N.E.
corner of M 22.
E.boundary - N.E.corner of M 22 to S.E.
corner of U 34.
S.boundary - S.E.corner of U 34 to S.W.
corner of P 34.
W.boundary - S.W.corner of P 34 to N.W.
corner of G.22.

Telephoned by Captain Macaulay to Captain Birch.

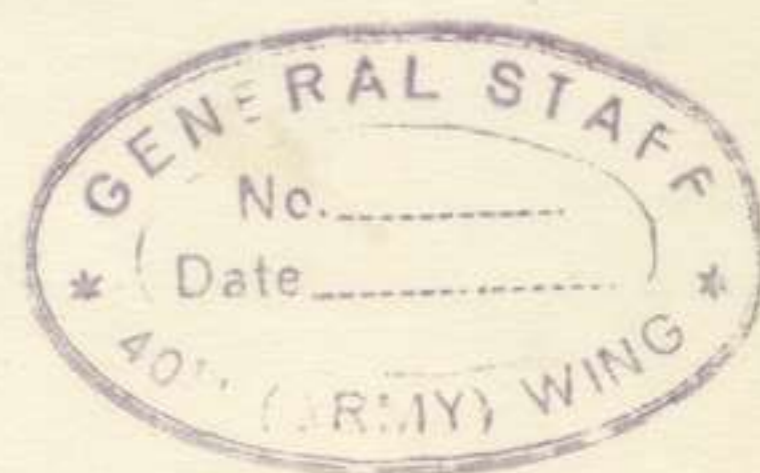


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HANUTAH and
JELAMEH areas.

Normal. 8 R.S. at station in Y 27.
3 H.T. going S at this point and 30 cavalry
scattered.

Telephoned by Capt:Macaulay to Capt:Glen.



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A. 300.

22.4.18.

Pilot. Lt. Tonkin.
Observer. Lt. Vyner.

Started. 0900.
Landed. 1100.

No messages dropped owing to engine trouble.

YETMA area. Hospital at YASUF in position. T.S. normal.

HUWARA area. Normal 60 T.S. 2000 yards S. of HUWARA 3 M.T. going S and at same point a flock of 400 sheep in bend of road.

RUJIB area. 4 B.T's (a decrease of 8.) ~~1~~ M.T. going N. and 1 going S.

SALATA area. 30 T.S. (a slight increase).

NAELUS area. 163 T.S. (increase of 56 T.S.) 3 M.T. in barrack square. 10 M.T. parked N.W. of town. 22 parked S. of the town. Much scattered movement in the town. A few scattered cavalry.

RAFIDIA area. No T.S. Normal. 2 M.T. going N.

DEIR SHERAF area. 18 T.S. increase of 12. 3 M.T. going N.W. 18 M.T. parked at road junction and 50 infantry in column going N.

ENNAKURAH area. 12 R.S. at station in M. 1. 20 T.S. (slight increase).

RAMIN area. 20 R.S. at MESSUDIEH. 28 tents. a decrease of 23. Dumps, normal.

ANEETA area. 2 R.S. 9 E.P's and 8 B.T's. (practically normal.) 1 M.T. stationary.

KH. ZAHARAN area. 2 B.T's. 1 motor car going W.

DENNABEH area. 11 B.T's, 4 E.P's. (practically normal).

SHUWEIKEH area. No camps, decrease of 15.

KAKON area. Normal. 2 B.T's, 1 dump, 10 H.T. going S. 2 M.T. stationary.

TULKERAM area. 54 tents, decrease of 18. 45 dumps (decrease of 35), 5 H.T. 18 R.S.

FERON AREA. No tents seen (decrease of 20.) 7 M.T. going N.

TAIYIBEH area. 40 T.S. (decrease of 20.) 6 M.T. and 2 cars all going N.

HANUTAH and JELAMEH areas.

No.A.301.

Date. 23/4/18.

107 Pilot. Lt. Peters.

Started. 1900 *6 33/87*
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Observer. Lt. Mustard.

Landed. 1500

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to:- Messages dropped on Anzac Mtd, 20th Corps
and Das Corps.

Area 112 K,L and N. 50 T.S. observation poor., 1 H.T. moving S
on the Beisan Road.

127 A10. 100 to 150 infantry scattered.

ES SALT-DAMIE Road. No movement observed.

ES SALT. 12 T.S., 10 M.T. parked, 200 cavalry halted, X
South of town in Gardens:- 100 men in town
scattered.

AMMAN-ES SALT Road. 7 M.T. and 3 H.T. moving E., 5 M.T. and 6 H.T.
moving W., 17 M.T. halted facing E. on road W.
of Suweilah.
3 miles N. of Suweilah 30 H.T. halted, also
50 cavalry.
4 miles south of Suweilah. 40 cavalry at a
water hole.

AMMAN Town. 22 tents, 2 E.Pis and 1 green dump, 6 M.T. in park
550 cavalry halted in town, some watering.
Station. 18 R.S.
Aerodrome:- 2 hangars and 2 B.T., 53 tents,
6 M.T. halted, 2 new long narrow sheds to the
S.E. of the station group of buildings. 1 engine
coming up from S.

KISSIR. 18 R.S. at station.

ES SALT-AMMAN Road. 140 cavalry and 3 M.T. moving S., 10 cavalry
moving N.

L 14. 3 tents.

Area in 127 G.M.U and P. 200 T.S.
3 horse lines occupied holding 150 horses (U1).
2 horse lines unoccupied.

Observation very difficult owing to haze.

Telephoned by Capt. Macaulay to Capt. Birch.

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No. of Recd.	Date	AEROPLANE Type No.	Squadron	Pilot	Observer	Reference Map	Hour commenced	Hour concluded
	24.4.18.	B.FTR. C4624	No.1 Sqdn.A.F.C.	Lt.H.S.R.Maughan	Lt.Traill		0850	1145

Time	Place	Observation	Page No.
	TEL-EL-ABRID	Hospital strip observed alongside camp previously reported as a Head Qrs., Camp consists of 2 E.P's 10 T.S. Camp just S. of ABRID removed. Hospital at point 620 has also been removed.	
	SQ.112 L.19	20 T.S.	
	EL-MAHRUK	15 T.S. No other camps in DAMIE area including SIDD HARIZ.	
	ES-SALT	1 Marquee 7 Bell Tents. 5 H.T. entering from East. Very little movement in town. 5 M.T. moving in both directions between AMMAN and ES-SALT. 50 cavalry halted on road just East of SUWEILEH. Working party of 100 appeared to be working on road 1 mile West of AMMAN on ES-SALT road.	
	AMMAN	Camps normal. 10 M.T. parked just North of town.	
	AMMAN STATION	46 Bell Tents, 6 Marquees. 15 Shelters. 2 large Sheds. Dumps in loop of line now increased to 50. 40 R.S.	
	AERODROME	2 Hangars. 2 Bell Tents. Tail of one machine protruding from Hangar.	
	AMMAN STATION ROAD	Working party of 100 men 200 yards from station, 4 H.T. moving towards station.	
	KISSIR	1 large closed carriage, 1 open truck. No tents.	
	LIBBEN	13 R.S. with engine facing North. 50 infantry halted in station.	
	KASTRAL	24 R.S., half of which were open trucks and appeared to be empty. 20 infantry. No movement observed on road between KASTRAL and MADEBA.	
	MADEBA	24 black bedouin shelters. Small movement of about 100 in town.	
	AIN HESBAN	No tents. No movement observed between here and AMMAN.	
	SHUNET NIMRIN	Camps normal (196 T.S.). 50 horses on line in wadi in 127 U 22. 40 horses on line in U.2	
	CAMP IN M.18	Consists of 5 Marquees, 2 Bell Tents, 10 shelters. There is a hospital just North of this on road	

(Sgd). J.H. TRAILL, Lieut.
No.1 Squadron, A.F.C.

Pilot. Lt. Brown.

Started. 1230

Observer. Lt. Finlay.

Landed. 1515.

Duty:- Strategical.

Reported to:-

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YETMA Area. 2 E.P's and 8 large shelters (hospital) decrease of 30 T.S.

HUWARA Area. 8 marquees, 10 B.T., 18 M.T. parked, decrease of 42.

BEITAH. 30 T.S. new.

AWERTAH. 4 marquees and 26 shelters (30 T.S. were reported on 4/4/18 but have not been reported since) A good hard road leads from Huwara to Jemmain. Hospital strips out but no camps seen. Another good road leads from Nablus towards Awertah and thence to Arrabeh.

RUJIB Area. No camps.

BALATA Area. 44 T.S. (nearly all B.T.) increase of 14. 50 infantry on road going N.

BALATA-HUWARA Rd. 3 M.T. going N. 2 M.T. going S.

AZZMUT. 30 shelters new. No traffic seen on North road from Balata.

NABLUS. 114 B.T. and 8 marquees (decrease of 41) 150 H.T. parked round barracks. 100 cavalry travelling E., 70 M.T. parked in the parks to N. & W.

NABLUS-DEIR SHERAF Rd. 5 M.T. going E. 1 M.T. going W. and 17 H.T. going W.

RAFIDIA Area. 10 B.T. new

DEIR SHERAF Area. 35 T.S. increase of 18 T.S., 20 M.T. parked and 30 H.T. parked., 2 black dumps at one of the refilling points.

EN NAKURAH Area. 30 R.S. and 8 B.T. (decrease of 12).

RAMIN Area. 12 marquees and 74 T.S. including hospital (which is 4 marquees and 30 B.T.) an increase of 58. Messudieh Stn. 40 R.S., 18 ammunition dumps and 18 large dumps.

BURKA Area. 25 T.S. (new), 8 R.S. at station in B30 and 10 dumps.

ATTARA Area. No camps.

ANEETA Area. 23 T.S. (including 12 marquees) increase of 13 and 30 H.T. parked and 50 cavalry on road going W., 1 H.T. going E. and 4 going W.

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SHUWEIKEH Area. 10 T.S. in V14.
KAKON. 8 R.S. at siding, and 10 T.S. no dumps.
JELAMEH. 12 R.S. approaching Kakon from the N.

Around Kakon defences, 2 E.P.'s and 60 T.S. (increase of 12)
Positions as follows:-

084 Ula 12 shelters.
083 ~~G~~30b..... 18 shelters.
G24a..... 10 B.T.
G17d..... 1 marquee, 1 B.T.
G16d..... 1 B.T., 10 infantry around
it.
G19..... 1 marquee and 8 B.T.
010d..... 10 white shelters.

EL MUGHAIR. 4 T.S.
ARAB EN NEFEIAT. Camp normal., and 20 H.T. parked.
KUKUNSAWEH. 4 marquees, 88 T.S. (practically normal).
084 W9b. 14 B.T.
W3b. 200 cavalry on road which scattered on approach
of machine.
TULKERAM Aerodrome. 2 hangars, 2 B.T., 1 two-seater and 1 scout.
1 scout had taken off previously.
30 R.S., two engines separate. 5 marquees and
98 B.T. decrease of 49. 58 ammunition dumps.,
40 H.T. parked S.E. of town.
DENNABEH. 5 marquees, 12 T.S. (practically normal)
FERON. 2 marquees, 24 T.S. (all new).
TAIYIBEH. 6 marquees and 100 T.S. increase of 66 T.S.
DEIR ASFIN. Nothing, decrease of 20 T.S.
HANUTAH & JELAMEH AREAS. 122 T.S. including 28 marquees (increase
of 37). This includes the hospital.
Station in Y27. 20 R.S. and 34 dumps, 100 infantry
near station.
FELAMIEH Camp. 18 marquees and 25 T.S. very well camouflaged.,
increase of about 30.
084 B10b. 100 infantry halted on road.

Telephoned by Capt. Macaulay to Capt. Birch.

No.A. 304.

Date. 26/4/18

Pilot. Lt. Lucas.

Started 1330

Observer. Lt. Kirk.

Landed. 1630

Reported to :- 21st Corps.

084 H20b. 2 H.T. moving S.
Y16d. 300 infantry moving S.
Y11. 100 cavalry scattered.
Y10. 3 R.S. on line.
DEIR ASFIN. No camps.

FELAMIEH. Camps normal.

JELAMEH. 50 T.S. counted exclusive of hospital.

KULUNSAWEH. 90 T.S. (practically normal).

EL MUGHAIR. 4 T.S.

Trench line from Kulunsaweh running W. by N. to coast
appears normal. NO new work observed.

KAKON. Line impossible to count.

TULKERAM. 4 R.S., 3 H.T. moving S. on road from Kakon.
Aerodrome normal. No machines seen. T.S. not counted.

MESSUDIEH Stn. 35 R.S.

DEIR SHERAF. 15 M.T. at road junction.

Stn in Ml. 6 R.S., On road 3 M.T. moving E. 3 H.T. moving W.

NABLUS. 16 M.T. at refilling points, 90 B.T. 8 marquees
(decrease of 24)

098 V3a. 1 scout Light coloured wing, tip very small.

BALATA. 100 infantry scattered.

HUWARA. 4 red cross sheets and 20 B T., 100 cavalry, 500
yards E. of road.

TELFIT SHEET. Camp 35 T.S. crescent out.
Y.12.

Count of areas very uncertain owing to clouds.

No. A. 308.

Date. 23/4/18.

Pilot. Lt. Spragg.

Started 1419

Observer. Lt. Vyner.

Landed. 1840

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Reported to:- Des Htd and 20th Corps.

112 H25. 12 B.T. 11 shelters (new).
ANNA K, L AN. 70 T.S. inclusive of above.

V7. A red crescent. No T.S.

ESSALT-DAMIE Rd. Cloudy, no movement observed.

RS SALT. 7 B.T., 5 shelters., 3 H.T. no movement observed.

SUBHILSH. 1/2 mile north, 13 H.T. parked., 7 H.T. going W.
Roads only seen in patches.

AMMAN Town. 3 marquees, 14 B.T., 13 shelters (slight increase)

Stn. 55 B.T. (increase) 5 marquees, 14 dumps, 12 H.S.
no engines.

Aerodrome. Normal.

MADEBA. 24 white shelters just North., 9 black shelters to W.
Certain amount of movement.
20 camels grazing to W.

Many Bedouin shelters all round the town with flocks near
them.
NO movement from North towards Madeba.

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Telephoned to Palestine Brigade by Lt. Colonel Shekleton.

No. A. 306.

Date. 27/4/18.

Pilot. Capt. Ross Smith.

Started 0800

Observer. Lt. Mustard.

Landed 1100

Duty:- Strategical.

Messages on 20th Corps with request to repeat to Des Mtd Corps.

MADBEA. 150 Bedouin shelters within a radius of 3 miles including those in the village, no troop shelters. 1 M.T. moving N.E., 3 H.T. halted E. of village, 3 H.T. moving S. towards village. 1 mile E. of village, 10 cavalry halted near a large flock of sheep and goats. 500 yards N.W. of village, a small piece of trench. Many Bedouins seen ploughing and many flocks grazing between Madeba and the railway line. Very little plough E. of railway.

KASTAL. 13 R.S., 1 mile E. of station 100-120 Bedouin shelters. These shelters are long and big.

LEBBEN. 5 R.S., 30 Bedouin shelters E. of station. No movement observed. These are long and big.

KISSIR. 1 R.S. no shelters. No movement observed.

AMMAN Town. 22 B.T., 3 marquees, 20 shelters (increase of 17 T.S.)
20 cavalry halted in town, 6 M.T. in park,
200 cavalry halted E. of town.
Stn. 30 R.S., 58 tents including 8 marquees, 50 dumps, 20 H.T. parked, 1 two-seater at aerodrome. Slight movement round station, 4 H.T. moving towards village from station, 1 M.T., 20 cavalry and 3 H.T. moving towards station from village.

ES SALT-AMMAN Rd. 6 M.T., 2 H.T., 38 camels and 20 cavalry moving W. 2 M.T., 3 H.T. and 20 cavalry moving E., 16 M.T., 15 H.T., 20 infantry, 40 cavalry halted at different points along road. Considerable movement round the 16 ~~M.T.~~ halted M.T..

SUWEILAH. 6 M.T. parked, no tents, slight movement in town.

ES SALT. Partly obscured by cloud. No increase in camps. Hospital still in position to S.W. of town (J31b). Slight movement in town.

ES SALT-JISR ED DAMIE Rd. No movement observed.

JISR ED DAMIE. A punt moored on W. bank near old bridge site. No camps E. of Jordan. Only Northern portion of group in Squares K, L & N visible. 30 T.S. seen.

Camps along Farah Wadi and road N.W. of K, L & N group :-
No camps seen S.E. of 112 Y25, from this point to KH FERVEN
T.S. number 140. Several unoccupied horse lines were seen among
the camps. 10 M.T. and 20 H.T. parked at 112 Y19. This includes
a camp of 2 B.T. at KH FERVEN. 2 H.T. and 20 infantry halted
on road in 112 S7.

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SALIM. 50 B.T. and 30 H.T. increase of 20.
BALATA. 10 B.T., 1 E.P. and 1 marquee. decrease of 32.
30 cavalry halted at village., 4 H.T. halted on
road, 2 M.T. and 20 cavalry moving N., 1 two-seater
machine on ground (Just E. of ASKAR).
NABLUS. Under cloud. No movement observed on BALATA-NABLUS Rd.
AWERTAH. The camp here is a hospital. 1 M.T. moving W.
YANUH. 4 E.P.'s, 3 B.T. Hospital strip out and 3 M.T. halted
(new).
BEIT FURIK. 1 marquee N.W. of village.
112 029b. 5 B.T.

On road running S.E. of AKRABEH 3 M.T. moving S, also 2 H.T.
halted.

Telephoned by Capt. Macaulay to Capt. Birch.

No.A.307.

Date. 28/4/18.

Pilot. Lt. Nunan.

Started. 0900

Observer. Lt. Vyner.

Landed. 1030

Duty:- Strategical.

Lower Wadi Farah.

88 B.T. increase of 16. K13, 11 H.T. going S., M20, 20 cavalry going N. V28, 2 H.T. going N. A.A. fire accurate at Damie.

No camps E. of Jordan at Damie.

DAMIE-ES SALT Rd. No movement observed.

ES SALT. 2 matques and 5 B.T.

ES SALT-AMMAN Rd. At 127 J9d. (Composite map E. of Jordan 2nd ed) at turn of road 7 H.T. going towards Amman. At J17 on road 300 cavalry with 3 H.T. stationary, the transport was pointing towards Es Salt.

142 024 (W. of Suweileh), 13 M.T. parked.

P19. 2 cars going to Amman.

Between Suweileh and Amman 2 M.T. going to Amman.

4 M.T. going towards Es Salt from Suweileh.

3 H.T. going towards Suweileh from Amman.

AMMAN Town. 3 marquees, 15 B.T., 10 shelters. (decrease of 24). 4 M.T. parked at E. end of town. 200 infantry and 150 pack animals loaded W. of town near Es Salt road.

Stn. 72 T.S. (increase of 14), 20 R.S. About 75 people in station yard. Considerable movement between station and town. 13 H.T., 2 M.T. and 1 car going in both directions.

KISSIR. 2 R.S.

LEBAN. 13 R.S.

KASTAL. 20 R.S., 6 B.T. Movement round the cistern to W. of town. 30 camels seen, many goats and sheep and about 20 (people.

ZIZA. 8 R.S., 1 B.T.

Between Kastal and Madeba on both sides of the road but chiefly to the S, 700 Bedouin shelters with 2 bell tents and about 12 white shelters among them.

MASEBA. 300 people in the streets apparently Bedouins. 15 black shelters round town.

No movement seen on road leading N. from Madeba.

Telephoned by Capt. Macaulay to Capt. Birch.

No.A.308.

Date. 23/4/18.

Pilot.Lt.Kenny

633/96
April 1918
Started. 1100

Observer.Lt.Hawley.

Landed. 1300

No messages dropped owing to engine trouble.

JEMMAIN.

No camps.

JEMMAIN-HUWARA road. No movement.

HUWARA Area. 8 marquees and 8 S.T. practically normal, No M.T. observed.

Main road S. from Huwara was clear as far as could be observed.

BEITA.

Camp normal.

AWERTAH Area. Camp normal.

3 miles N. of Huwara, 3 M.T. moving N. Reconnaissance interrupted here by 4 E.A.Scouts, after disposing of two of these, reconnaissance was resumed over SEBUSTIE.

RAMIN Area. Camps normal.

MESSUDIEH Stn. 3 R.S. no engine.

BURKA Area. Camps normal.

Stn in B30. 7 T.S. No R.S., 1 M.T. moving S. towards Messudieh.

ANEETA new area. Normal., 1 M.T. proceeding N.W. 3 miles S.E. of Anehta.

SHUWEIKEH new area. Normal.

KAKON Defences area. Normal (70 T.S. and 2 marquees).

MUKHALID Area. 2 large shelters at EL MUGHAIR (practically normal).

BIR GHANEIM Area. Normal.

KULUNSHWEH Area. 4 marquees, 20 T.S. apparently a H.Qrs camp in W23c. No other camps seen. Decrease of 64.

TULKERAM Area. Obscured by low clouds. 2 hangars and 2 S.T. at aerodrome. 7 R.S. at station.

TAIYIBEH Area. 8 marquees & 108 T.S. (practically normal), 4 M.T. moving S. near Taiyibeh.

HANUTAH Area. 125 T.S. normal.

2 miles S. of Jelaseh on E. of railway, 30 dumps.

Telephoned by Capt.Macaulay to Capt.Birch.

No. A. 309.

Date. 29/4/18.

Pilot. Capt. Smith.

6 33/97
April 1918
Started. 1100

Observer. Lt. Mustard.

Landed. 1300

Messages dropped on 21st Corps.

KIRSEH. (098 R.35). Hospital of 13 T.S.

JEMMAIN. Hospital of 5 B.T., 1 H.T. moving S. towards village.

HUWARA Area. 30 T.S. including hospital. Decrease of 14. 20 cavalry halted E. of road opposite village.

HUWARA-AKRABEH Rd. 5 M.T. moving E., 30 cavalry halted about 112 G13. 40 cavalry halted in 098 X9. Hospital at YANUN and hospital at AWERRAH both in position.

NABLUS-HUWARA Rd. 3 M.T. moving N., 2 M.T. moving S., very slight scattered movement.

RUJIB. No tents.

SALIM. 30 B.T. and 20 shelters (decrease of 20 B.T., corresponding increase in shelters) 10 H.T.

BALATA. 5 B.T., 1 marquee, 1 E.P. Decrease of 5 following upon a decrease of 32 on 27/4/18. The place now appears quite deserted. 40 camels moving S. upon the BALATA-FERWEH rd.

NABLUS Area. 3 M.T. in barrack yard, 56 tents. Decrease of 24. 48 M.T. parked, 3 green dumps in garden N.W. of town and one very long low shed. 30 infantry moving E. into town.

NABLUS-DEIR SHERAF Rd.:- 2 M.T. moving W., 30 cavalry halted off the road.

JENIN (seen from a distance). The aerodrome on W. side of road appears to have decreased in size. This is where the Scouts are situated.

DEIR SHERAF-NAKURAH Area. 43 T.S. (normal) chiefly B.T. and marquees. These two areas will be reported on as one in the future., 10 R.S., 10 M.T. at refilling stations.

RAMIN Area. Normal. 20 R.S. in station, 2 R.S. at siding. 20 dumps at siding (decrease). A train of 10 R.S. three of which were open trucks and contained 30 troops moving into station from N.

BURKA Area. 1 R.S. at station in B30 and 3 B.T. decrease of 20. A new refilling point in D24d of 3 marquees and a green dump.

ANEZIA new area. No R.S. Camps normal, 20 M.T. parked opposite village, 20 infantry scattered on road E. of village.

ANEZIA-TULKERAM Rd. 5 H.T. halted, 3 H.T. moving W.

TULKERAM Area. 34 B.T. (decrease of 14) 30 H.T. parked. Dumps normal. No machines on aerodrome. 3 H.T. halted just N. of village, 1 H.T. moving from aerodrome to station on TULKERAM-SHUWEIKEH Rd. 4 H.T. moving in both directions.

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FULKERAM-KAKON Rd. 4 H.T. halted.

SHUWEIKERH Area. 10 B.T. (normal) 3 H.T. halted on road.

KAKON DEFENCES, Area. 70 T.S. normal. No new work seen on trenches.

MUKHALID Area. Normal. (4 T.S. MUGHAIR).
Trenches are unimportant and consist of a number of scattered short broken lengths difficult to locate accurately.

BIR GHANEM Area. 150-170 small shelters.
Q. 21. 20 cavalry watering.
R. 9. 30 cavalry scattered.
R. 28. 50 cavalry scattered.

KULUNBAWERH Area. 68 T.S.

TAIYIBERH Area. Normal.

KANUTAN Area. 100 T.S. (decrease of 35)

FELAMISH Camp. Normal.

JINSAPUT-RAPIDIA. Appears to be a well engineered road, well graded; as already reported, Portion between RAPIDIA and 098 M25 not much used. The main road from JINSAPUT turns North at M25 to join NABLUS-DEIR SHERAF Road in M14.

Telephoned by Capt. Macaulay to Capt. Birch.

Pilot. Lt. Haig.

Started. 1400

Observer. Lt. Challinor.

Landed. 1710.

Messages dropped on 20th Corps.

Lower WADI FARAH Area. 85 B.T. (normal).

113 U17. At point where road crosses wadi, 1 E.P. and 5 bell tents.

DAMIE-ES SALT Rd. No movement seen.

ES SALT. 14 tents, very little movement in town., 10 H.T. and 50 cavalry approaching town from direction of Amman on main road.

ES SALT-AMMAN Rd. 8 H.T. moving E. at various points, 9 H.T. on side of road in 142 081 and 18 H.T. halted on side of road in 142 083 facing E.

AMMAN TOWN. 3 marquees, 32 B.T. 25 shelters increase of 32 T.S. 32 men round camp.
Stn. 75 R.S., 4 marquees. Normal., 29 R.S. no engine. 100 men round station yard., 3 hangars in 142 X340. (one of these new).

KISSIR. 2 R.S. 142 Y.30, 2 H.T. going N.

LEBAN. 18 R.S. and 40 Bedouin shelters close beside stn.

KASTAL. 18 B.T. and 27 R.S., 3 ^{miles} ~~miles~~ S.W. of Kastal
~~and~~ 1 bell tent.

ZIZA. 7 R.S., no tents.

MADEBA. 40 Bedouin shelters round town. No movement.

Between Madeba and Kastal 800-700 Bedouin shelters. Many flocks of sheep.
No movement on N. road from Madeba.

Just N. of the Es Salt-Amman road in 142 015 and 18 a depression or basin begins and runs in a N.E. direction for about 7 miles. It is about 3 miles broad. The floor is cultivated land and it appears to be surrounded by hills on all sides. 12 photos taken of this.

Telephoned by Capt. Macaulay to Capt. Birch.

B 33/100
 April 1918.
 Started. 0300.

Pilot. Lt. Stooke.

Observer. Lt. Fletcher.

Landed. 1015.

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 Messages dropped on 21st Corps.

HUWARA Area.	8 marquees and 10 B.S. (decrease of 12), 1 car going S. also 2 M.T.
AWERTAH Area.	Normal. 4 M.T. travelling towards Huwara from Awertah.
SALIM.	Camp normal.
RUJIB Area.	Nothing.
BALATA Area.	Normal.
NABLUS Area.	70 T.S. increase of 14, 3 H.T. entering from the East. 12 M.T. parked N. of town and 10 on S. Reconnaissance interrupted by appearance of H.A. 4 H.T. entering town from N.W.
RAFIDIA Area.	Normal.
EN NAKURAH.	6 R.S. no engine.
RAMIN.	12 marquees and 70 T.S. (practically normal), 12 B.S. and 1 engine at Messudieh., 9 H.T. leaving station E. 30 dumps seen.
BURKA.	25 T.S. (increase of 20)
ATTARA.	No camps.
ANBETA.	3 R.S. Camps normal.
TULKERAM Area.	104 T.S. (increase of 13), 23 R.S. 1 engine. 1 machine on aerodrome, 1 evidently crashed about 1 mile west of aerodrome on cultivation, 100 dumps (ammunition) seen.
KAKON DEFENCES Area.	Normal. No movement observed.
TULKERAM-NABLUS Rd.	12 H.T. scattered.
BIR GHANEIM Area.	200 T.S. including a hospital of 10 marquees and 20 T.S. (increase of 30)
TULKERAM-KALKILIEH Rd.	6 M.T. and 10 H.T. stationary at W30-35.
KULUNSAWEH.	90 T.S. increase of 24. An M.T. park at Kulunsaweh on E. road containing 4 M.T. 6 M.T. entering village from the park.
HANUTAH Area.	Hospital in position. Camps normal. Dumps near siding normal. No R.S. at station in Y.27.

Telephoned by Capt. Macaulay to Capt. Birch.

NO.A.312.

Date. 30/4/18.

Pilot. Lt.A.R.Brown.

Started. 1013.

Observer. Lt. Finlay.

Landed. 1315.

Reported to:- Des Corps and 20th Corps.

SIDD HARIZ. A hospital in 113 U7d consisting of 2 E.P.s and 22 B.T.

HUJM ABU MEHEIR. 2 marquees and 12 B.T. From this point to Akrabeh the road is very good. 4 M.T. were seen on this road in 113 P8b going S.E.

112 G8. 40 T.S. From this point to the hospital, at point 820 (112 L25) there is a road suitable for light traffic.

L19a. 100 cavalry halted.

112 H8 & 19. 4 M.T. and 3 B.T. going S.E. and 1 H.T. going N.W.

Lower WADI FARAH Area. 116 T.S. (including 8 marquees and 32 B.T.) Increase of 31.

JISR ED DAMIE. 50 cavalry just east of ford. The boat was moored in centre of stream.
At 1100 our troops seen in 127 B19, H20, H22.

ES SALT. 1 M.T. halted in centre of town with 50 persons near it, 1 H.T. going S. on Niarin road.

ES SALT-SUWEILSH Rd. 4 M.T. going E., 7 M.T. going W. 12 pack animals going E. 100 infantry and 50 cavalry halted just E. of Es Salt and 100 cavalry going W. in column of route.

SUWEILSH. 10 M.T. halted on road to W. of town facing E. 1 M.T. halted in town, 150 infantry halted and 50 cavalry going W.

SUWEILSH-AMMAN Rd. 4 M.T. going E. 10 cavalry, 2 M.T. and 4 H.T. going W. 10 cavalry, 50 pack animals halted on road and 1 M.T. also halted.

AMMANTOWN. 51 T consisting of 3 marquees 48 B.T. no shelters. Decrease of 9 on total. 2 M.T. parked, 4 H.T. 3 H.T. moving from town to station.

Station. 109 T.S. consisting of 4 marquees, 30 B.T. and 45 shelters, increase of 109. 14 dumps, 38 R.S. in two made up trains 1 engine

Aerodrome. 2 hangars, 3 two-seaters on ground, very like B.F.'s, no cross white rings on black ground.

KISSIR. 10 R.S. loaded open trucks, in two trains, one with engine facing N. Many sheep and Bedouins E. of station.

AMMAN-KISSIR Rd. 3 H.T. going S. and 50 cavalry halted. 1 bell tent at each viaduct between Amman and Kissir.

LEBEN. 6 R.S., 12 white shelters.

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KASTAL. 11 R.S., 11 B.T. no dumps.

EL YADUBE-KASTAL Rd. No movement observed.

ZIZA. 8 R.S., 7 B.T. 4 T.S. in village.

KASTAL-MADEBA Rd. No movement observed. 600 Bedouin shelters on S. side of road, with 50 white shelters among them. Many large flocks being driven towards Kastal from E. and W. and many sheep watering at Zobayer.

MADEBA. 20 Bedouin shelters. Much Bedouin movement in town but none around it.

No movement on roads leading N. and N.W. from Madeba.

South of Madeba 300 Bedouin shelters.

South-west of Madeba 200 Bedouin shelters.

127 X13. 30 pack animals halted on road.

127 U38. 38 T.S.

Date. 30/4/18.

Pilot. Lt. Gamaron.

Started. 1800

Observer. Lt. Vyner.

Landed. 1745

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April 1918

Messages dropped on 20th Corps and Des Corps.

Lower WADI FARAH Area. 93 T.S.
 113 V2. 40 cavalry halted.
 112 L32. 3 H.T. going S.E.
 L22. 1 H.T. going S.
 N26. 5 H.T. going S.
 N12. 11 H.T. stationary.

No movement at JISR ED DAMIE nor E. of it.

No movement on roads N. of ES SALT for a distance of 4 to 5 miles.

ES SALT-AMMAN Rd.

127 J21. 3 H.T. stationary.
 J15. 1 M.T. going N.
 J16. 2 M.T. going E.
 J18. 9 H.T. going E.
 142 O22. 4 H.T. going E.
 O23. 50 infantry halted.
 P19. 11 M.T. parked.

SUWEILAH. 100 infantry, 5 M.T. and 2 H.T. in town.

P22. 3 H.T. going W.
 P35. 2 M.T. going E.
 H12. 5 covered H.T. parked.

In R12, W13 and W20 flocks of sheep, goats, about 50 pack donkeys and 25 people and a few cattle moving S.E. on road.

W26. 30 pack animals stationary.
 W33. 2 M.T.
 W34. 8 pack animals halted on a side track.

AMMAN TOWN. 23 R.S. Marked decrease since the morning.
 50 infantry moving in town. 12 H.T. and 3 M.T. moving to station from town., 2 H.T. leaving station for town.

Station. 72 T.S. marked decrease., 36 R.S.
 Aerodrome. 2 hangars, 3 machines on ground, one just landed.

KISSIR. 11 R.S. ✓

LEBAN. 6 R.S. and 1 bell tent. (12 white shelters gone).
 A great many Bedouin shelters E. of Leban.

KASTAL. 7 R.S. and 1 bell tent.
 Very little signs of use of main road running through 142 M and K.

KASTAL-MADEBA road and all tracks between these places are much worn, but appear not by wheeled traffic. No movement observed between Kastal and Madeba. A few sheep and goats round Kastal water supply.
 Bedouin camps reported this morning between Kastal and Madeba still in position.

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MADERA.

2 mounted men entering from E.
North road shows signs of much use, and is much
worn since Observer was there two days ago.

Visibility very poor throughout owing to rain.

Telephoned by Capt. Macaulay to Capt. Birch.

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APPENDIX 4.

MACHINE GUN ATTACKS ON TROOPS
ON THE GROUND

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REPORT ON ATTACK ON TROOPS BY AIRCRAFT.

Squadron No.1 Squadron, AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.
Date 19.4.18.
Time 0910
Type of Machine BRISTOL FIGHTER
Pilot Lieut. Peters
Observer Lieut. Trill
Location and Map reference AMMAN
Nature of Target Aeroplanes & Hangar
Height 2000 feet.
Rounds fired 400 rounds
Type of Gun 1 Lewis
Observations Nil.

LIEUT.
Recording Officer.
No.1 Squadron.
AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

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APPENDIX 5.

COMBATS IN THE AIR

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COMBATS IN THE AIR.

833/09

April 1918

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

Date: 13.4.18.

Type and No. of Aeroplane: BRISTOL FIGHTER C4623

Time: 1150

Armament: 1 Vickers 1 Lewis

Duty: Reconnaissance

Pilot: Lt. Peters

Height: 9000'

Observer: Lt. Wall

Locality: KALKALI

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

- 3 D III Albatross Scouts. 2 guns firing forward. Yellow fuselages, camouflaged wings.

Narrative.

Whilst on reconnaissance and approaching TALYBE from TUL KERAN my escort fired a light and I saw 3 machines which later proved to be E.A. approaching us from direction of YETMA. I climbed above them and attacked from the sun, I dived on the tail of one machine and fired a burst of 50 rounds at 75 yards range; the formation of E.A. when I attacked immediately split up and dived, I followed and fired a second burst of 20 rounds from 30 yards, the E.A. then went down in a vertical nose dive. I dived at a second machine and fired a burst of 30 shots from 100 yards range and later fired a second burst of 10 shots from 50 yards. I have experienced a No. 3 stoppage with Vickers gun; I now pulled out of the dive endeavouring to clear stoppage and lost sight of E.A. whilst so employed. Rounds fired approximately 100.

Damage to machine - Nil.

(Signed) G.C. Peters LIUT.
Pilot.

Combats decisive
~~Indecisive~~

107 MAJOR.
Commanding No. 1 Squadron.
AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

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Army Form W. 3348.

COMBATS IN THE AIR.

E 33/110
April 1918
15.4.18.

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

Date:

Type and No of Aeroplane: BRISTOL FIGHTER C4624

Time:

Armament: 1 Vickers 1 Lewis

Duty:

Pilot: Lieut. Adair

Height:

Observer: Lieut. Gann

Locality: KALKALI

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

3 D III Scouts. 2 guns firing forward. Light coloured fuselages, light blue camouflaged wings.

Narrative.

Whilst escorting the Western reconnaissance and approaching KALKALI from TUL KERAM my observer pointed out 3 machines flying towards us in formation from the direction of YETMA. I fired a light and warned reconnaissance machine, we moved towards them keeping South and at this stage I recognised them as R.A., they now commenced to lose height, I closed and dived on centre machine, he attempted to spin but apparently could not, he then dived steeply towards KALKALI, I had by this time fired 100 rounds at very close range, I followed still firing and he eventually landed 1 mile East of KALKALI in rough country, his machine appeared to be tilted on port wing tip. I then turned back towards TUL KERAM and met one of the other two scouts flying level at 5000'. I got on his tail and fired two bursts, he immediately spun and I lost him owing to the colour of the background underneath.

Damage to machine - Nil.

Number of rounds fired 180.

(Signed) R.S. Adair 2/Lieut.
Pilot.

Combat decisive
indecisive

MAJOR.
Commanding No. 1 Squadron.
AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

833/111
April 1918

Combats in the Air.

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

Date: 28.4.18

Type and No. of Aeroplane: BRISTOL FIGHTER C.4626

Time: 1145

Armament: 1 Vickers 1 Lewis

Duty: Reconnaissance

Pilot: Lieut. E.P. Kenny

Height: 10,500 feet.

Observer: Lieut. Hawley

Locality: HABLUS

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

4 Scouts D.S. 2 front guns (all tracers) firing forward.

Narrative.

Whilst on reconnaissance and over HABLUS my observer pointed out 4 E.A. approaching me from the S.E. and above. 2 Scouts immediately attacked me and my observer returned their fire. They were now on my level, I then attacked from the left front, the other started to climb away from me. I pulled the machine up and fired and he ~~was~~ passed under me and soon as I dived and I zoomed up to meet him and fired three bursts into him. Had I not turned he would certainly have crashed into me; he continued his dive and went straight down. The other scout then appeared again and attacked from above. He dived from the front in all on five occasions but his shooting (tracers) was very wild. I had now climbed to his level, and for several moments he circled round me, I then made a very sharp turn to the left and was on his tail. I followed him down for 4000 feet firing continual bursts at not more than 50 yards range. He then went into vertical nose dive and turned on his back. I pulled out at 9500 feet on my altimeter.

Damage to machine - Top longeron shot through.

Rounds fired 560 : 320 Vickers.

(Signed) E.P. Kenny LIEUT.
Pilot.

Stoppages - Vickers Nil.
Lewis No. 1 (misfire).

Lieut. Hawley. No. 1 with Lewis misfire, probably due to non detonation of filmate in cap. Cleared by pulling cocking handle.

(Signed) E.P. Turner LIEUT.
E.O., E.O.

Combat - Decisive
Indisive

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MAJOR.
Commanding No. 1 Squadron.
AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

Combats in the Air.

633/112
April 1918

Squadron: *No. 1 A.F.C.*
 Type and No. of Aeroplane: *Bristol Fighter*
 Armament: *1 Vickers Lewis*
 Pilot: *Mr Skoobe D.C.M.*
 Observer: *Flt Lt Fletcher*
 Locality: *Etahles*

Date: *29-4-18*
 Time: *1145*
 Duty: *Escort to Base*
 Height: *10500*

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

H 75 Etahless Scouts. Yellow fuselages 2 guns firing forward (tracers).

Narrative.

While approaching Etahles my observer pointed out a coming up from the SE, I fired a shot & warned the machine two Scouts dived towards me & one dived from my left I zoomed up to meet him & fired a burst 3000 ft he passed under me & zoomed again then turned to the left & my observer fired a good burst into him, the other scout dived & I again zoomed to meet him

Combats in the Air.

633/113

April 1918

Squadron :

Date :

Type and No. of Aeroplane :

Time :

Armament :

Duty :

Pilot :

Height :

Observer :

Locality :

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

Narrative.

I have experienced a No 3 Jamb after firing 20 rounds
observer meanwhile fired another two bursts
but one went above.

I then cleared the jamb a second Pees machine
Observer is of the opinion that the Scout was
in the neighbourhood of the engine
damage to machine two shots through tail one
through fuselage.

shots fired: Vickers 50.
Lewis 80.

decisive

claps

decisive

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Combats in the Air.

833/114
April 1918

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

Date: 10.4.18.

Type and No. of Aeroplane: BRISTOL FIGHTER G.4623

Time: 0945

Armament: 1 Vickers 1 Lewis

Duty: Escort to Recon.

Pilot: Lt. A. W. Murphy

Height: 10,200 ft.

Observer: Lt. Hawley

Locality: MABLUS

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

2 Senter 200 Sumpier. V Strute. Top wing tips rounded off to trailing edge.
Lower wing tips round.

Narrative.

When approaching MABLUS my observer pointed out an E.A. approaching from the S.E. I warned reconnaissance machine and turned towards E.A. He was 300 ft above us. He stalled and apparently intended to dive, but on my observer firing 100 rounds into him he continued on towards JEMIL. I turned in and followed. I scooped up and fired several bursts with front gun, my observer also got several bursts into him over top plane. I followed until range lengthened to 500 yds, on account of his additional speed, when I turned and carried on escort duty to reconnaissance.

Damage to machine ? Nil.

Round fired	Vickers	120
	Lewis	175

(Signed) A.W. Murphy R/Lieut.
Pilot.

Combat Decisive
Indecisive

[Signature]
MAJOR.
Commanding No. 1 Squadron.
AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.