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(EQUIPMENT-OFFICERS' REPORTS)

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Armament Officer's
Report.

At the beginning of the month there were 18 Vickers and 39 Lewis Guns on charge. There were the same number of C.C. Interrupter Gears as Vickers Guns, less one.

During the month 1 Vickers and 1 Lewis were decreases leaving 17 Vickers and 36 Lewis Guns.

No specific difficulties were experienced. It was found in cases where our F.2.B. Mk.III machines dived very fast on an enemy machine, that the propeller was hit irregularly. A cut down propeller was put on, with piano wire rings and fabric for a group catcher. 300 rounds were fired at speeds up to 2400 revs/min. approximately (the rev. counter goes to 2300 only). This test showed no defects. The groups were within 2" limits and the highest was 9" in front of the next blade.

Towards the end of the month the trouble seemed to disappear, although, as far as is known, machines were again dived fast. In one case 800 rounds were fired at all revs., and no blades were hit. Generally speaking, although the blades are occasionally hit, the C.C.Gears and Vickers Guns have given much more satisfactory results than previously; this is attributed to an increased number of men further trained in the art of maintenance of the C.C.Gear, and its demands of exactness in the Vickers Gun.

FRICITION.

A number of the Lewis Guns require more work, in order to become quite what is desired. It is noted that the whole 40 Lewis and 20 Vickers Guns of the unit fire about 800 rounds a day in all. The full capacity of this number of guns could be reasonably expected to be 30,000 rounds a day. In view of this it becomes necessary to remove friction artificially. This was done extensively on both guns during the month.

Log Books were opened for the guns showing :-

- (1) Rounds fired.
- (2) Stoppages, jams and causes.
- (3) Action taken; overhauls, repairs, replacements etc.
- (4) Fuzee or Return springs - lbs.
- (5) Locks springs - lbs; and other minor details.

This has not yet been found useful but should prove so for future reference. The method of obtaining the information for the Log is :- Each man enters rough notes in a Note book and places this in a certain box. The M.G.O. enters the Log from these notes which he initials. For aerial information the Pilots and Observers initial the Armourers Note-books. This is found a good system, because it keeps the Armourer in touch with the Gunners, and the M.G.O. in touch with the Armourers.

The staff has consisted during the month of 2 Sergeants, 1 Corporal and 10 others.

The senior Sergeant has been conducting a Brigade School of Armoury during the month. One member from No.1, No.14, No.111 No.113 and No.142 Squadrons attend. Each class lasts 4 days. Eight classes will complete first course.

From the 20th to 27th Squadron M.G.O. carried out the duties of B.M.G.O. during the latter's absence.

DOUBLE GUN MOUNTINGS.

Two Lewis Guns are fired behind from the F.2.B's. Largely due to efforts made in this Squadron, both by Armourers, Flight Workshops and Officers concerned, 12 double mountings of a superior type were completed.

Two benches 8' x 3' with four drawers and two cupboards were completed, and found to increase the efficiency.

(Signed) V.P.Turner Lieut.
M.G.O.

EQUIPMENT OFFICERS' (STORES)
REPORT ON
EQUIPMENT & TRANSPORT
FOR
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AEROPLANES

The number of machines on charge on 30.4.1918 were:-

B.C.2.E. 1
Bristol Fighters 16

Number of machines taken on charge during month:-

Bristol Fighters 4

Number of machines struck off charge during month:-

Bristol Fighters 5

Number of machines on charge at 31.5.1918:-

B.E.2.E. 1
Bristol Fighters 15

ENGINES.

The number of engines on charge on 30.4.1918 were:-

90 H.P., R.A.F. 1
190 H.P., Rolls Royce (Mk.I). 15
190 H.P., " (Mk.III). 7

Number of engines taken on charge during May 1918 :-

190 H.P. Rolls Royce (Mk.I). 3
190 H.P. " (Mk.III). 1

Number of engines struck off charge during May:-

190 H.P., Rolls Royce (Mk.I). 3

Number of engines on charge at 31.5.1918:-

90 H.P., R.A.F. 1
190 Rolls Royce (Mk.I). 14
190 " (Mk.III). 8

WORKSHOPS.

ENGINES

During the month Headquarters Engine Shop was kept very busy overhauling engines. The number of overhauls were as follows:-

Complete overhauls 4
Top overhaul 1

It is the general rule to overhaul an engine when it has done 90 hours and it has been noticed that the main bearings have in all cases shown signs of 'scoring'. This fault is attributed to the overheating of the oil and with the object of remedying this, an oil tank specially designed to give increased cooling to the oil is being made and experimented with in the Squadron. In all cases, the "Scoring" as mentioned above necessitates new bearings, this means many hours of "hand" work to turn out fresh bearings. No difficulty was experienced in obtaining the spare parts necessary to carry out this work.

VULCANIZER.

The number of tubes repaired during the month 200. In addition many small repairs to covers etc. were carried out.

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INSTRUMENT REPAIRER. The number of instruments repaired during the month was 17.

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STORES.

No special difficulties were experienced during the month, all items being available for issue to workshops on demand. Application has been made for increased establishments in some cases where the establishment allowed on the 'G.1098' is insufficient to meet requirements.

TRANSPORT.

The number of vehicles on charge in April was increased by two Ford Tenders.

The overhauls carried out were:-

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Complete overhauls | 1 |
| Outside overhauls | 2 |

The mileage for all vehicles (excepting workshops) during the month averaged 304½ miles per day.

(Signed) P.A.McBAIN, Lieut.
Equipment Officer,
No.1 Squadron, A.F.C.

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HOSTILE AIRCRAFT WARNINGS.

Watches during the hours of daylight have been continuously maintained for the reception of Hostile Aircraft Warnings from Anti-Aircraft Sections on the front. No difficulty has been experienced in keeping in touch with these Anti-Aircraft Sections, and direct telephonic communication with the flying Squadrons concerned has enabled the transmission of the whereabouts of Enemy Aircraft to be expeditiously effected. Normally reception is carried out by means of a three valve amplifier but as the difficulty of procuring new valves became acute during the month, the amplifier was abandoned in favour of a Brown Telephone Relay. The improvement on the valve reception is most marked and it has been found that signals almost inaudible in the amplifier are easily readable through one relay. It is not anticipated that the Brown Relay will permanently supersede the amplifier, but until new valves are procurable the relay will be used. Under normal circumstances a considerable saving of current is effected by using telephone relays and where the charging of accumulators is carried out under adverse conditions, this in itself is an important consideration.

BATTERY WIRELESS STATIONS.

During the month of May 14 Wireless Stations with a personnel of 24 Operators have been maintained with Artillery Units on the Front. The majority of these stations have conducted "Shoots" and the work passed off smoothly and was uniformly successful. No difficulties have presented themselves in connection with keeping these stations equipped, and the Operators are being released for leave in turn.

EXPERIMENTAL WORK.

Experiments have been carried out with a 200 Watt Transmitter actuated by direct current through a motor interrupter. A considerable number of tests have been made with this apparatus (54.A) but until compelled through the intervention of other more important work to temporarily abandon the tests, no really satisfactory result was obtained. Much difficulty was experienced with the motor interrupter, the speed of which appears to be extremely critical for best efficiency. An Aerial radiation of one Ampere was obtained which compared very unfavourably with other transmitters of the same power. At the conclusion of experimental work now in hand, it is hoped that further tests will be carried out with the (54.A) Set. A model T.B. receiver of the type usually used by the Naval Branch of the R.A.F. was tried during the month, and good results were obtained by the use of a Brown Telephone Relay. The range of the received is rather small for ordinary wireless reception, but should it be decided to experiment with reception in the air the receiver will be invaluable. Amplification of signals through the relays reached approximately 20 times, as compared with the best Perikon crystal. At present work in connection with the fitting of a continuous wave long distance transmitter to a Bristol Fighter Aeroplane is proceeding. Good progress is being made and it is anticipated that the apparatus will be ready for test in a few days. Some delay has been caused owing to the non-arrival of a Continuous Wave Receiver. One is under construction however, and should be ready by the time the transmitting apparatus is fitted to the Aeroplane. In view of the arrival of this most up to date transmitter, the 200 Watt Wind Driven Generator Set mentioned last month, has been abandoned for the time being.

LONG DISTANCE PRESS.

This reception has been discontinued in conformity with orders from G.H.Q.

(Sgd.) H. JOHNSTON, 2/Lieut.
Equipment Officer, Wireless.



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INTELLIGENCE

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
for 24 hours ending 0800 - 30/4/18.

1: PALESTINE FRONT.

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Eastern Sector.

Four heavy guns reported in 112.M.29 (approx.) by ground observers; also three lines of trenches seen in 113. X.18.a.b. and c., thence S.E. to X.24.b., just East of JERICHO-BEISAN road. (Desert Corps 29/4/18).

It is reported that an underground passage is being dug from Point 1786 near KHAN LUBBAN (099.J.13) towards YASUF (098.Y.12). (Refugee 28/4/18). This is probably a communication trench.

Western Sector.

1555-
1805. A small explosion was observed near BIDIEH in N.13.b. 4 & 8. (Ref. BIDIEH 1/40,000).

Trenches N.E. of KEFR KASIM in 084.M.3.b. appear connected up. (FEJJA, 1/40,000).

The trenches reported on various dates in MUKHALID - UMM SUR area (084.O. and R.) are now described as unimportant and to consist of scattered short broken lengths of trench, difficult to co-ordinate accurately. (R.A.F. 29/4/18).

1100-
1300. The aerodrome west of the road at JENIN (097.V.35.b.) seen from a distance appears to have decreased.

150 cavalry were seen in 3 parties near BIR GHANEIM in 084.R.28, R.9. and Q.21. (R.A.F. 29/4/18).

(B) HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY. 28/4/18.

Eastern Sector. A hostile machine attacked our balloon at AIN SINIA (099.M.5.d.).

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(c) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY, 28/4/18.

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Eastern Sector. Increased activity N.E. of DEIR ES SUDAN. 300 rounds 77 mm. were fired on our patrol at B.19.d. (BIDIEH 1/40,000) and 100 on B.32.a.

2: EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

1400- A new hangar was observed near AMMAN in 142.X.34.c.
1710. this being additional to the two previously reported.

1050- A large scrub fire was seen in 113.X.6 - 12.
1325.

3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source and Remarks. |
|---|----------|--|---|
| 24th Div. 2nd, 58th & 143rd Rgts. | 10/4/18. | ARRIVED BIDIEH. | Agent heard this from men of 3/143rd Regt. Possibly parts of these units were sent as reinforcements from reserve in NABLUS area. |
| 23rd Div. 69th Rgt. | 5/4/18. | HAIFA. | Agent spoke to men of this Regt. A coy of the 69th Rgt. was previously reported in the HAIFA district. |
| 47th Div. 147th Rgt. | 9/4/18. | PHOKIA Dist. (27 m. N.W. of SMYRNA) | Contact. |
| 56th Div. 173rd Rgt. | 8/4/18. | VURLA Dist. (20 m. W.S.W. of SMYRNA) | " |

(i) The above agent also states that the 18th Regt. arrived at DEIR ESTIA (098.R.32.a.) on 10/4/18. The 18th Regt. belongs to the 6th Division and was last identified in MESOPOTAMIA on 29/1/18. It is most improbable that it has arrived here.

(ii) An officer deserter from the Mule M.I. Bn. located his unit on 29/4/18 in 127.W.4.a. approx., the 1st 146th Rgt. at JOFET EL GHAZLANIYE (127.W.7), the 7th Cav. Regt. north of TELL HAMMAN (127.W.21.a.) and a German Bn. 3 miles E. of SHUNET NIMRIN (this may probably refer to a Bn. of the 146th German Regt.)

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According to him an infantry regiment passed through ES SALT on April 25th and crossed at JISR ED DAMIE proceeding west. He estimates the ration strength of the enemy East of JORDAN at 9000 men and 27 guns.

4: ALEXANDRETTA AREA.

According to an agent's report the 41st Div. recently received orders to move from BEILAN (58 miles W.N.W. of ALEPPO) to PALESTINE, but orders had not yet been acted on owing to transport difficulties. Confirmation of this is required).

5: RAILWAYS.

(a) Railway employees at HAIDAR PASHA are now all Turk or Greek; no Armenians have been employed since the fire.

Turk and Arab engine drivers are employed on the line between HAIDAR PASHA and BOZANTI, from there onwards they are mostly German.

There is a German officer in charge at practically all stopping stations between HAIDAR PASHA and ALEPPO.

(b) Civilian passengers are only allowed in one train a week, from HAIDAR PASHA to KONIA. (Mudros I.S. 29/4/18).

6: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) at 0800 - 30/4/18,
and Jerusalem, (2720 " " " " " ") at 0800 - 29/4/18.

| Description. | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | |
|--|------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. |
| TEMPER- ATURE. | 8 a.m. | 68° | + 4° | + 4° |
| | Max. for prev.day. | 76° | + 2° | + 4° |
| | Min. for prev.night | 53 | + 2 | 0 |
| HUMIDITY. | 46% | 45% | - 16% | - 12% |
| RAINFALL. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | 29.65" | 27.20" | -0.03" | + .01" |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 - 0800. | Rising .01" | " | 0 | - |

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G.H.Q., E.E.F.
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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

for 24 hours ending 0800 - 1/5/18.

1: EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

0910- Tents and Shelters. 366 tents were observed in the SHUNET
1210. NIMRIN area, showing a decrease of 134 since 27th inst.

An increase since 27th inst. was observed at, approximately, the same hours as follows:-

| | | |
|---------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 127.W.23. | 50. | |
| AMMAN STATION | 51. | |
| | <u>101.</u> | (R.A.F. 30/4/18). |

A later count up to 1745, of AMMAN TOWN and STATION shows a marked decrease during the day, as follows:-

| | |
|-----------|------------|
| Morning | 160. |
| Evening. | <u>95.</u> |
| Decrease. | <u>65.</u> |

1015- At aerodrome at AMMAN STATION 3 two-seaters were seen on
1315. the ground. They have no crosses but white rings on a black ground. At SUWEILEH (142.P.20) 150 infantry were seen halted and 50 cavalry going west. East of ES SALT 100 infantry and 50 cavalry were seen halted and 100 cavalry moving west.

It is reported that six Turkish officers from MADEBA with 150 cavalry from KUTRANI have occupied KERAK. They are arranging convoys for the transport of stores (presumably cereals) from KERAK. (Source not stated, probably Arab, 27/4/18).

JISR ED DAMIE Ferry.

A deserter from the 11th Cav. Regt. states that the ferry consists of three boats lashed together. The ferry can hold 10 horses and 10 men, or 40 men. It takes five minutes to pull it from one bank to the other. The 11th Cav. Regt. was transported in five hours.

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3: PALESTINE FRONT.

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LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Eastern Sector. Movement of enemy troops was observed on the plain west of JISR ED DAMIE and along the NABLUS Road. Columns of wheels were seen moving towards NABLUS through EL MAKHRUK (112.L.28). (Desert Corps 30/4/18).

Western Sector. Considerable movement was observed at the cross roads in M.L.L.B. (BIDIEH 1/40,000). Mounted men and transport moving east and west all day. (21st Corps 30/4/18).

9800-
1015. An enemy machine was seen which had evidently crashed in the rough country about 1 mile west of the aerodrome at TUL KERAM. (R.A.F. 30/4/18).

3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

(i) On 30th April prisoners were taken East of JORDAN belonging to all three Bns. of 23rd Regt., 2/24th, 1/146, 2/152, 3/191 Inf. Regts, Mule M.I. Bn, Composite Bn., 9th and 11th Caucasus and 7th Cav. Regts.

They confirm that the 1st and 3rd Bns. of the 24th Regt. did not come south of ALEPPO.

(ii). P/W 3/191st Regt. taken East of JORDAN on April 30th states that he had heard of the arrival of the 17th Regt. on this front four days ago. This Regt. belongs to the 8th Div. of which 23rd and 2/24th Regts. are East of JORDAN. It was last reported at MARDIN early in March, but may have followed 23rd and 2/24th.

4: SYRIA L. OF C.

(A) An agent, whose other information seems reliable, states that between 13th and 14th April there were no troops stationed at DERRA except a few who with civilians were working on the defences between DERRA and ER REMTE (10 miles S.W. of DERRA). These defences were originally constructed two years ago. (Agent 22/4/18).

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RAILWAYS (a) TUL KERAM - MESSUDIEH - EL AFULEH Line.

TUL KERAM Station. There is a triangle to the W. of the line and there are 8 or 9 pairs of rails. To the E. of the line are two big houses and other buildings for employees. 20 metres S. of the station and E. of it is an engine repair shop. About 200 metres N.E. of the station is a supply depot measuring 20 by 10 metres. Water used to be brought from MESSUDIEH, but a well was being dug in Nov; '17.

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Just beyond TUL KERAM there is a cutting 150 metres long and $2\frac{1}{2}$ metres deep.

The bridge in 084.V.33.a. over the WADY ZEIMER is of iron, 5 metres long and $2\frac{1}{2}$ - 3 metres high.

$\frac{1}{2}$ kiloms. before ANEBTA there is a stone bridge 20 metres long, 6 to 7 metres high, supported in the middle by a pier.

The Bridge in 098.C.4.b. under which the NABLUS - TUL KERAM road passes, is a masonry bridge.

There is a station at ANEBTA, with one siding and a wood depot.

The Bridge in 098.D.30.a. just before MESSUDIEH station is a 4-arched masonry bridge about 30 metres long. There is a dangerous turning here.

MESSUDIEH station contains goods-sheds, a wood depot and railway employees houses. There is a large tank at the station, which is fed by water pipes leading from SEBUSTIEH. All engines water here. There are 4 sidings.

Between MESSUDIEH and the SILET EDH DHAHR tunnel there are no large bridges. The line ascends.

The station at RAMIN, 098.D.15.d. was not being used a year ago. The station buildings consisted of a goods-shed and employees houses. There is one siding.

Just S. of the tunnel in 098.B.32. there is a small station with a siding, where the extra engine which is attached to trains to take them up the hills from EL AFULEH is uncoupled. There are no buildings at the station.

SILET EDH DHAHR Station. (097.B.36.). There are four sidings, a big wood depot supplied from the surrounding hills and a water tank filled from a spring which runs dry in summer.

The line descends from SILET EDH DHAHR to ARRABEH.

The Bridge in 098.H.19.d. is a 2-arched masonry bridge about 20 to 25 metres in length and 6 - 7 metres high.

There is a station at ARRABEH, with two sidings.

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JENIN Station has a goods station and employees houses, also sheds for ammunition. Water is pumped from the village to a tank at the station. There are five sidings.

There is a fairly steep descent after leaving JENIN. About 1 mile beyond JENIN there is a two-arched masonry bridge about 20 metres long.

There is no station between JENIN and EL AFULEH.

At EL AFULEH Station there is a large wood shed, a water tank, reservoir, engine shed, workshop and employees houses. There is a large wood supply and ammunition depot. There is also a turn-table.

There are two loop lines to the HAIFA-DEERA line, one branching to the East and the other to the west. Trains coming from the DEERA direction come in along the eastern loop and then back into the station along the western. Those coming from JENIN go along the eastern loop towards DEERA and then back along the DEERA-HAIFA line to the station.

There are a large number of sidings.

The water is brought from TELL ESH SHEMMAM by water trucks to fill the reservoir.

(b) TUL KERAM - KEFR KARA (083.J.4) Goods Line.

Gauge 1.05" metres, single line. Was constructed July to September 1916. The bridges are small and constructed of wood.

The line is lightly laid and is liable to get washed out in the winter. It is used entirely for the transport of wood.

(c) EL AFULEH - HAIFA LINE.

TELL ESH SHEMMAM station (096.T.15.c.). There are employees houses and one house belonging to the waterworks employees. There are two water tanks, a wood depot and four sidings. Wood is brought from the German Colonies of BETT LAHM (096.R.5.c) and UMM EL AMED (096.R.9.b.).

(d) DEERA - DAMASCUS Line.

Five miles north of DEERA there is a bridge across the WADI ED DEHEB. It has four arches and is 70 to 80 metres in length.

Reference:

HAIFA &
BEIRUT

1:250,000.

There is no station now at SHAKRA, 24 miles N. of DEERA. Just before MAHAJE, 29 miles N. of DEERA there is a stone bridge about 20 metres long. About a mile N. of MAHAJE there is a 4-arched masonry bridge about 80 metres long.

(2) ROADS.

EAST OF JORDAN.

(a)

The plain East of the Jordan between UMM ESH SHEMT and the JISR ED DAMIEH - ES SALT road is level and suitable at all points for cavalry and pack animals. The numerous small wadis which traverse the plain are the only hinderance to wheeled traffic; but with very little labour the crossings of these wadis could be made passable for wheels.

The road running northwards from TELL NIMRIN along the edge of the foothills to the JISR ED DAMIEH - ES SALT Road was repaired by the Turks and used for motor lorries. It is almost certainly fit for heavy transport in dry weather.

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(b) Just North of the ES SALT - AMMAN Road in 142.6.17 and 18 a depression or basin begins and runs in a N.E. direction for about 7 miles. The ground is cultivated and appears to be surrounded by hills on all sides.

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(c) JISR ED DAMIEH - IRBID Track. Rises from the JORDAN Valley through the wooded hills of AJLUN and ends on the edge of the steppe desert of the HAURAN. It is fit for pack transport; but impassable for wheels.

Ref.
HAFTA
1:250,000.

It goes E.N.E. from the Ferry at JISR ED DAMIEH as far as the NAIR EZ ZERKA, which is crossed by a good ford under the S. end of a low line of cliffs. It then proceeds along the right bank of the ZERKA, ascending gradually through thick groves of poplar and tamarisk.

AT TELL MINTAR, two miles beyond the ford, the road from TELL NIMRIN to BEISAN, comes in from the South (see T.R. of 17/4/18 (a)). This road is followed as far as TELL DEIR ALLA. From this point there are two alternative tracks to RAJIB; one follows the Northern bank of the ZERKA for $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles as far as TULUL ED DAHAB and then turns N. along the right bank of the WADE RUWEIS; the second is more direct, bearing generally N.E. Both routes are very steep, but the first has the advantage that water is more continuously accessible along it.

Beyond RAJIB the route takes a more easterly direction, following the southern bank of the WADE RAJIB, which is perennial, and could be depended upon for water supply. Towards the north end of this wadi, the track turns N.E. away from the wadi to SAKIB.

to IRBID, which it follows slightly E. of N. for the rest of the way. $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles beyond SAKIB the watershed is reached, the total rise from the JORDAN Valley being about 5,000 ft. Up to this point water is obtainable at fairly short intervals all along the route; but beyond the watershed there are no perennial streams, and no good springs.

There is cultivation around the villages and grain might be obtainable. Good pasture land is common and fuel abundant.

There is an alternative route from RAJIB to IRBID, crossing the WADE RAJIB and running almost due N. to KAERINJI and then up the WADE KAERINJI in a N.E. direction, passing AJLUN and eventually striking the main route again close to where it crosses the watershed.

The principal villages on these routes are: RAJIB, which has large pomegranate plantations, olive and lemon groves and vineyards. It lies on a terrace above the S. bank of WADE RAJIB.

KAERINJI, which is a large and prosperous village of more than 600 well-built houses, finely situated above the perennial WADE KAERINJI. The population probably exceeds 1,000 and includes some Christians. There are fine groves of olives and almonds and vineyards for the production of raisins, exchanged in the HAURAN for wheat, peas & lentils. AJLUN. A village on the right bank of the WADE KAERINJI, with a population between 500 and 1,000, of whom about half are Christians, chiefly Greeks. It is the residence of a Mudir.

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(3) ROADS.

WEST OF JORDAN.

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TELFIT

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BIDLEH

& TELFIT

1:40,000.

BIDLEH

1/40,000.

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1/40,000.

(4) WATER.

- (a) JISR ED DAMIEH - NABLUS (via WADI FARAH, 112.T.7.) An M.T. and H.T. park have been identified in 112.Y.19. This is near the worst sector of the road (see T.R. of 3/4/18 (a)). It is possible, therefore, that Horse Transport is used from JISR ED DAMIEH to 112.Y.19, and M.T. from this point to NABLUS, this latter sector being known to be in good condition and possibly metalled.
- (b) AKRAHEH (C.28.b.) - NABLUS, via AWERTA (X.4.d.). This road is stated to be in good condition.
- (c) JEMMAIN (W.26.a.) - HUWARAH. Aerial Reconnaissances report this as a "good hard road".
- (d) BERUKIN (A.9.b.) - HUWARAH, via SELFIT (T.29.d.) M.T. has been seen on this road proceeding E. from SELFIT. Previous reports state that the road is metalled between ISKAKA (Y.10.c.) and HUWARAH; and it now appears that the sector between SELFIT and ISKAKA is fit for M.T. For previous report on this route, see T.R. of 24/4/18. (2.c.)
- (e) A new road runs across the head of the valley in S.15.d.0.5. It appears to be a good track and may be a continuation of the SERTA (S.8.d.) - BIDLEH track reported on in T.R. of 17/4/18. (j.)
- (f) SENIRIEH (L.28.c.) - KH. KEFR THILTH (L.16.e.). Several M.T. have been seen at L.21.b.3.4. It may be assumed, therefore, that the direction of the road given as "probable" in T.R. 17/4/18 (1), is correct.
- (g) Numerous H.T. have been seen travelling E. and W. in A.2.b. & F.a. These apparently come from MISKEH, via the track marked on map to A.5.b.0.6., thence along the bed of the wady (unnamed) through A.5 & 4, rejoining the track in A.4.a.3.7.
- (h) The marshes E. of NAHR EL. FALIK (N.6.) have apparently dried up considerably, as the track running E. and W. through S. 1. & 2. has been much used recently. This track may continue eastward, joining the ET TIREH - KULUNSAHEH (W.20.b.) road in W.31.c., thus providing the enemy with lateral communication in rear of his TABSOR DEFENCE SYSTEM.
- (j) NAHR EL FALIK - MUKHALID. Ref. T.R. of 17/4/18 (q), subsequent information confirms the fact that this road is suitable for wheeled traffic.
- (k). Sheet XV. 113.Q.28.a.0.8. (approx.) A spring forming the source of the AUJAH stream. Water forms a pool about 3 yds. in diameter.

Water (contd) Stream leaves pool at rapid rate, ^{MAY 1918} 10' to 12' wide and 9" deep. F33/144

- (l) Sheet XIV, 098.T.25.d. AIN EL MUTWY. A spring rising in the hills. Abundant overflow.
- (m) Sheet XIV, 098.T.8.b. HARIS. About 50 cisterns each 10' x 10' x 9', also a "BIRRA" 27' x 27' x 20' half full on 15/3/18, but only fit for watering animals.
- (n) Sheet XIV, 098.T.3.b. KEFR HARIS. About 40 cisterns, 12' x 20' x 10'.
- (o) Sheet XIV, 098.S.29.b. (approx). Cisterns.
 (a) 1 Cistern at 098.S.29.b.5.5. about 8' x 8' x 10'; contained 14 feet of water on 15/3/18.
 (b) 2 Cisterns at 098.S.29.b.3.3., each about 25' x 30' x 15' and each contained 5 ft. water on 15/3/18.
- (p) Sheet XIV, 098.S.28.a. KH. EL FAKHAKHAR. 9 cisterns, each about 10' x 15' x 12'; all contained about 6 ft. of water on 15/3/18.
- (q) Sheet XIV, 098.S.7.b. BIDIEH. A deep artesian well. Further information states that in 1916 the Turks dug an artesian well near a track in a shallow branch of WADY DIRMEH, about 1 kilo. S. of BIDIEH. Soil was hard to a depth of about 2 metres, then soft and whitish in colour. Digging had to be fairly deep before water was reached. The sides of well (about 1 metre in diameter) were lined with stones.
- (r) Sheet XIV, 098.Q.26.a. BIR ABU AMMAR. A spring; shallow, but good and abundant.
- (s) Sheet XIV, 098.Q.8.d. AIN ET TANNUR. Good water, but scarce. (Previous reports indicate abundant supply here).
- (t) Sheet XIV, 084.N.24.c. KH. HAZIMAH. 3 cisterns.
 (i) "BIR HAZIMAH", to E, close by a big cave. (ii) "BIR IJL JAK", 100 yds. to N.E.; and (iii) "BIR YUSSEF", 100 yards to N. of (ii). They have not been used by enemy and all contain water (reported 20/4/18).
- (u) Sheet XIV, 084.N.27.a. DEIR EL KUSSIS. To the south, 3 wells (known as AIN DEIR EL KUSSIS). One has steps leading down to the water; the other two are each 2 metres deep.
- (v) Sheet XIV, 084.N.17.a. MES-HA. Three cisterns 10' x 10' x 9', all $\frac{3}{4}$ full on 15/3/18.
- (w) Sheet XI, 084.B.35.a. BIR ESH SHEIKH. A well, with reservoir built over it.
- (x) Sheet X, 084.B.29. KEFR SABA. Two mins. East, an abundant perennial spring.

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(5) MAPS. The whole of the area previously covered by
 1/20,000 maps on the PALESTINE FRONT is now covered
 by new 1/40,000 maps.
 The 1/20,000 maps are now obsolete and must not be
 referred to in any official communiques.

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY ^{633/146} MAY 1918

for 24 hours ending 0800 - 2/5/18.

1: EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

1300-
1625.

Between KISSIR (142.J.13) and AMMAN Town about 700 cavalry extended over a considerable distance were seen galloping in no formation towards AMMAN. 100 cavalry were scattered round AMMAN Station. 50 were entering AMMAN Town from the South and 100 were scattered round the town. 50 were approaching the town from the west about 142.W.33. (R.A.F. 1/5/17).

NOTE. The 700 cavalry were probably Circassian Irregulars.

1225-
1525.

No movement was observed in the AIN ES SIR area (142. S.6). There was much activity at the hospital in 127.M.21.d. and in the camps on the sides of the road in 127.U.13 and 127.M.27. 300 infantry moving East in scattered bodies were seen in 127.M.26 and M.22.

1600-
1832.

At JISR ED DAMIE and between there and 126.S.36, two parties of cavalry were seen, 400 in each. On the DAMIE-ES SALT Road 400 infantry were seen moving East.

In 126.S.28-29 at the junction of road running north from SHUNET NIMRIN with DAMIE-ES SALT Northern Road many lengths of short head cover and roughly constructed trenches were observed.

There are two M.G. or gun emplacements facing south in wadi in 127.O.4. (R.A.F. 1/5/18.)

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3: PALESTINE FRONT.

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Eastern Sector. 50 cavalry were seen halted at the cross roads at 112.L.28 in the lower WADI FARAH area.

Western Sector. An early morning reconnaissance shows 300 tents and shelters in COASTAL Area, an increase of 150 since 27th ultimo.

(B) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY, 30/4/18.

Eastern Sector. Considerably increased activity in vicinity of KEFR MALIK (115.Q.31) and KH. ABU FELAH (099.L.16) where 418 rounds 77 mm., 140 rounds 10.5 cm. and 46 rounds 15 cm. are reported to have fallen.

Between 1630-1730, the enemy heavily bombarded in vicinity of SINJIL (099.J.35) with all calibre guns.

Western Sector. The enemy heavily bombarded vicinity of BERUKIN (099.A.10) and shelled roads and approaches thereto. At 0410, various points along centre of sector were bombarded for one minute.

3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

(1)

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source - Remarks. |
|----------------------------|-------|-------------------|--|
| 146th German Regt. (part). | ? | ES SALT. | Greek officer prisoner saw 200 men belonging to this regiment. |

(ii) 17th Regt.

An officer prisoner belonging to the 3/24th Regt. states two battalions of this regiment arrived at ES SALT on 20/4/18 and the third battalion at NABLUS on 26/4/18. A Greek officer prisoner, on the other hand, states the regiment was proceeding to MAAN.

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It is possible, in view of the situation at ~~MAAN~~, that this regiment was intended to proceed south, but that part was diverted west from AMMAN.

4: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) at 0800 - 2/5/18,
and Jerusalem, (2730 " " " " " ") at 0800 - 1/5/18.

| Description. | Readings: | | Difference from previous day. | | |
|---|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------------|-----------|------|
| | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem, | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem | |
| TEMPER- ATURE. | 8 a.m. | 69° | 61° | - 4° | - 7° |
| | Max. for prev. day. | 80° | 77° | - 7° | - 4° |
| | Min. for prev. night. | 55° | 61° | + 7° | + 5° |
| HUMIDITY. | 64% | - | -54% | - | |
| RAINFALL. | .01" | Trace. | 0 | - | |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | 29.59" | 27.13" | -.03" | -.07" | |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 - 0800. | 0 | - | -.05" | - | |

It is possible, in view of the situation at ~~MAAN~~, that
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2/5/18. ~~proceed south, but that part~~
~~was diverted west from AMMAN.~~ No. 278.

4: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) at 0800 - 2/5/18,
and Jerusalem, (2730 " " " " " ") at 0800 - 1/5/18.

| Description. | Readings: | | Difference from previous day. | | |
|---|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------------|-----------|------|
| | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem, | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem | |
| TEMPER- ATURE. | 8 a.m. | 69° | 61° | - 4° | - 7° |
| | Max. for prev. day. | 80° | 77° | - 7° | - 4° |
| | Min. for prev. night. | 55° | 61° | + 7° | + 5° |
| HUMIDITY. | 64% | - | -54% | - | |
| RAINFALL. | .01" | Trace. | 0 | - | |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | 29.59" | 27.13" | -.03" | -.07" | |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 - 0800. | 0 | - | -.05" | - | |

It is possible, in view of the situation at ~~MAAN~~, that
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~~was diverted west from AMMAN.~~

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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1: EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Several hundred infantry were seen advancing west along the AMMAN - ES SALT Road; WADI EZRAK (142.Q.2) and AMMAN - EL FUHEIS (142.Q.20) road in the morning. (Descorps 2/5/18).

0945-1145. On and East of SHUNET NIMRIE - ES SALT Road 500-600 infantry were moving north in 127.V.7.c. and 400 moving north-east in 127.M.17. South of WADI ES SIDR in 127.A.25 250-300 infantry were seen scattered.

1135-1445. 100 R.S. were seen at AMMAN STATION. A train of 30 R.S. entering from the North.

500 infantry in and near the station.

300 infantry with 200 horse transport on the road SW. of

AIN ES SIR in 142.S.20 - 25.

1245-1500. Troops were being rapidly ferried across JORDAN in a large barge at JISR ED DAMIE.

1330. 500 infantry and 200 cavalry reported advancing against KEFR HUDA (127.H.11.d.) (Descorps 2/5/18).

1600-1850. On AMMAN - ES SALT road 1000 infantry and 200 cavalry were seen moving west in 142.W.26. Three bodies of cavalry

(600 in all) were moving west in 142.R.24.d., R.8, and R.11.

There is a semi-circle of works west and south of AMMAN TOWN, extending from 142.Z.13 to Y.3.

A good deal of head cover was seen on rising ground

in 127.V.21 (UMM EL LOZ). (R.A.F. 2/5/18).

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East of Jordan (Contd).

AERONAUTICS.

Two of our machines bombed 400/500 troops in a wadi between AIN ES SIR and SHUNET NIMRIN obtaining 4 direct hits. Three machines bombed AMMAN STATION and camps. Many bombs fell within effective range of Rolling Stock. (R.A.F. 2/5/18).

2: PALESTINE FRONT.

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Eastern Sector. Enemy defenses were located by ground observers in 113.X.16.a.8.7., X.21.b.9.8., X.32.b.6.9., N.W. of UMM ESH SHERT. (Descorps 1/5/18).

1135-
1445.

Near EL MAKHRUK in 112.L.21 ten large limbers possibly guns were seen moving south-east. (R.A.F. 2/5/18).

At 0700 a column of 300 infantry and 100 pack mules were seen moving N.E. along the Roman Road in 113.V.7. (Descorps 2/5/18).

Western Sector. Ground observers report that an enemy working party of 100 men was seen digging trenches S.E. of JILJULIEH from 084.K.13.d. to D.18.c. (XXIst Corps 1/5/18).

A new trench facing south, near the coast, extends from 079.N.5.d.0.3. to N.5.d.9.4. (R.A.F. 1/5/18).

(B) AERONAUTICS.

Eastern Sector. North west of JISR ED DAMIE a hostile aeroplane was driven down out of control. (R.A.F. 2/5/18).

(C) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY 1/5/18.

Eastern Sector. Enemy artillery very active in vicinity of KEFR MALIK (Q.19), SINJIL (J.26) and JILJILIA (H.34), where 371 rounds 77 mm., 184 10.5 cm. and 56 15 cm. are reported to have fallen.

At 0130 several 4 gun salvos of 77 mm. shells fell in A.16.d. and A.17.c. S.E. of BERUKIN. (Ref. 1/40,000 BIDIEH and TELFIT).

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3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|-------------------------|---------|-------------------|----------------------|---|
| 146th German Inf. Regt. | 1/5/18. | ES SALT area. | Prisoners this unit. | Probably only part of the Regiment. |
| 17th Regt. | do | do | do. | |
| 7713 Motor Lorry Col. | do | do | do. | Last reported at BEIRUT by an agent in March. |

ALL ABOVE TAKEN EAST OF JORDAN.

4: ARTILLERY.

The following are particulars of 2 - 24 cm. shells which landed in 099.L.2., fired from battery in 099.J.1.b.5.3. on 30th April:-

Description of 9.2 shells.

24 cm.
Armour Piercing.
2' 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " long.
Prussian Eagle.
G B O 1913 and 1915.
6 Pointed Star.

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V (v).

Base Marks.

R.O.
G.B.O. 327/and G.B. 7 327 R.O.

No markings on base plate of fuse.
Unpainted.
35 millemetres thickness of wall of shell. (20th Corps 2/5/18).

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5: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) at 0800 - 3/5/18,
and Jerusalem, (2720 ft. above mean sea level) at 0800 - 3/5/18.

| Description. | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | | |
|--|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|-------|
| | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. | |
| TEMPER- ATURE. | 8 a.m. | 70° | 59° | + 1° | - 2° |
| | Max. for prev. day. | 76° | 68° | - 4° | - 9° |
| | Min. for prev. night. | 52° | 50° | - 3° | - 11° |
| HUMIDITY. | 71% | 76% | + 7% | - | |
| RAINFALL. | 0 | .04" | -.01" | +.04" | |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | 29.58" | 27.13" | -.01" | - | |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0800. | Rising .04" | - | +.04" | - | |

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

for 24 hours ending 0800 - 4/5/18.

1. EAST OF JORDAN.

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

- 0500- Considerable bodies of enemy cavalry were seen
0720. in 142.O.P. and R. (R.A.F. 3/5/18).
- 1225- At AMMAN Station 50 R.S. were seen. Very little move-
1500. ment. 600 cavalry 1½ miles N.E. of AIN ES SIR (142.S.6).
(R.A.F. 3/5/18).
- 1340- On the road from SHUNET NIMRIN to 127.M.17. and in the
1610. area North-west thereof 1000 infantry and cavalry were seen.
500 cavalry and infantry stationary in the JISR ED DAMIE
ford area. The barge which was ferrying troops across in
the morning was now inactive. (R.A.F. 3/5/18).
- 1600- A column of infantry half a mile long was seen North
1830. of ES SALT in 127.J.15. Direction uncertain. (R.A.F. 3/5/18).
0805. Tents and Shelters. ³²⁰ still in SHUNET NIMRIN area.
30 T.S. observed 127.B.25.
20 T.S. including Hospital at 127.A.31.

The following enemy defenses reported close to main ES

SALT - SHUNET NIMRIN Road.

- 127.V.8. Strong position. Sangars and square stone wall on
high ground commanding road.
- 127.U.32. Trenches on hill, facing west.
- 127.U.29. A strong position. Trenches facing S.W.
(R.A.F. 2/5/18).
- 127.O.17. Rifle pits across road.
- 127.O.8-9. Rifle pits.
- 127.A.16, 17, 18. Rifle pits on high ground.
- 126.S.16. Trenches S. and W. of road. (R.A.F. 3/5/18).

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The following enemy battery positions are reported:-

- 127.V.19. Suspected gun position.
- 127.A.31.c. 4- gun battery position.
- 127.C.1.b. Four guns.
- 127.C.1.a. " "
- 127.M.19-20. Field gun fire experienced from here.

(B) HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY, 3/5/18.

Hostile aircraft dropped two bombs on one of our ambulances on the UMM ESH SHERT - ES SALT Road.

(C) AERONAUTICS.

On the morning of May 3rd AMMAN Station was bombed, a direct hit being obtained on R.S. In other raids direct hits were ^{observed} on infantry and cavalry in the neighbourhood of AMMAN.

A hostile two-seater was forced to land near SUWEILEH (142.P.20). (R.A.F. 3/5/18).

2: PALESTINE FRONT.

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Eastern Sector. In JISR ED DAMIE area gun emplacements seen as follows:-

- 112.N.2.a. Two emplacements.
- 112.L.26.b. " "

A decrease of tents and shelters was noted in the following areas:-

- MEJDEL BENI FADL (112.G.25) - 70 since 2/5/18.
- AKRABEH (112.C.24) - 70 since 2/5/18.
- SIDD HARIZ (113.U.7) - 74 since 2/5/18.

The 74 T.S. removed from SIDD HARIZ formed a large Hospital of 72 BT. and 2 EP's.

An increase was noted in UPPER WADI FARAH area of 64.

An early morning count of LOWER WADI FARAH showed

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approximately, 200 tents and shelters. A mid-day count showed only 90 (which is the previous normal count). This decrease can either be accounted for by the taking down of bivouacs, which formed the major portion of the morning count, or may be due to troops arriving in this area yesterday and leaving today. (3/5/18).

(B) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY, 2/5/18.

Eastern Sector. About noon the enemy bombarded for 15 minutes high ground in K.3., K.12, and H.36 (C.5) S.W. of SINJIL.

Of 200 rounds of all calibre guns fired in vicinity of SINJIL, 65% failed to explode.

3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

(1)

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| 126th Rgt. | 3/5/18. | EAST OF JORDAN. | Prisoners from 2nd & 3rd Bns. | |
| 1st Attack Bn. | 30/4/18. | Att'd. 48th Div. | Prisoner 23rd Rgt. | |
| 9th & 11th Cauc. Cav. Regts. | " | To reserve E. of SHUNET NIMRIN area. | Prisoners 23 & 24 Regts. | One prisoner states the 11th Cav. Rgt. was on the right of 48th Div. |

(ii) An interpreter states that (a) on about 26th Apl. he travelled with three Germans proceeding to AFULE to join the 703rd Bn. (b) There was only a German Pioneer Coy at RAYAK on April 25th (approx.) and no troops at DERAA on Apl. 27th.

(iii) 7th Division.

Deserters from 20th and 21st Regts. state both these Regts. are in line between the Railway and KEFR KASIM. They vary as to location of 19th Regt. which is reported both in reserve and east of the 21st Regt. in the KEFR KASIM area.

4: ORGANISATION.

(i) Prisoners taken near SHUNET NIMRIN state that on 30/4/18 the Turkish Force in that area consisted of the 48th Division and a Composite Division.

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The former was composed of the 23rd, 2/24th, 191st Regts with the 1st Attack Bn. and 17th Regt. (recently arrived) attached.

The Composite Division, which was south of the 48th Div. included inter alia the 152nd (? 2 bns only) Regt., Mule M.I., 7th Cav. Regt. and a Camel Unit.

5: ARABIA.

Hejaz. Since the commencement of present operations in the MAAN area, over 500 prisoners have been taken.

6: TOPOGRAPHICAL.

(a) A good track is reported running from 127.L.20.b. due West to join the end of the track shown running from ES SALT 1.63,360. to K.24.b. and appears to lead to the Wadi ARSENIYAT track.

(b) A wooden bridge is reported by the R.A.F. in 127.W.7 approximately.

(c) 200 H.T. were reported on the road in 142.S.20. This seems to indicate that the track along the WADI SIR has been made passable for wheels. It was previously reported very narrow in places and unfit for guns.

7: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) at 0800 - 4/5/18,
and Jerusalem, (2720 " " " " ") at 0800 - 3/5/18.

| Description. | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | |
|---|----------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | G.H.Q. | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q. | Jerusalem. |
| 8 a.m. | 75 | 63 | + 5 | + 4 |
| TEMPER- ATURE. | | | | |
| Max. for prev.day. | 80° | 72° | + 4° | + 4° |
| Min. for prev.night. | 55° | 52° | + 3° | + 2° |
| HUMIDITY. | 41% | 50% | -30% | -26% |
| RAINFALL. | 0 | 0 | 0 | -0.04" |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | 29.61" | 27.14. | +0.03" | +0.01" |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0800. | Rising .03" | - | -.01" | - |

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ESTIMATED DISTRIBUTION OF ENEMY TROOPS ON PALESTINE FRONT 3/5/18.

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| Unit. | Location | Rifles. | Sabres | M.Gs. | Automatic rifles. | Remarks. |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|-----------------------------------|
| DERAA - KUTRANI KARRAK - JISR ED DAMIE | area. | | | | | |
| IV ARMY. | | | | | | |
| (1) 1 & 3 Bn/152 Regt. | EL KUTRANI to N. along railway. | 325. | - | 18 | - | 1 Bn. possibly moved to AMMAN. |
| 2 & 3 Bn/150 " | AMMAN. | 300 | - | 18 | - | |
| (2) 42nd Div. (part). 17th Rgt. (3 lns). Circassian Irregulars. 7th Cav. Regt. 9th Cauc. Cav. Regt. | SUWEILIE - ES SALT AREA. | 700 300 100 - | 100 - 300 250 | 12 12 - 8 4 | - - - - - | |
| (3) VIII A.C. 1/125 Regt. 126 " 1/146 " 2/152 " 2/159 " Male M.I. Bn. Camel Coy. 2 Sqn. 29th Cav. Rgt. 26 Div. Cav. Sqn. | KARR MUJAHID - SHUNET NIMRIN area. | 175. 650 200 200 75 250 50 - - | - - - - - - - 100 75 | 4 18 8 4 - 4 - - - | 4 - - - - - - - - | |

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| Unit. | Location. | Rifles. | Sabres. | M.Gs. | Automatic rifles. | Remarks. |
|---|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| 11th Cav. Regt. | | ; | 250 | 4 | - | |
| 18th Div. 23rd Regt. & 2/24 Regt. 1/48th Regt. 131st " | SHUNET NIMRIN .. ES SALT area. | 500 600 500 | - - - | 16 18 18 | - - - | |
| 146th German Regt. (part) | Reserve. | 650 | - | 8 | 21 | |
| IV. 24th Div. Regts. 2, 58, 143. 1st Attack Bn. parha II (2 Bn). 3rd Cav. Div. (see also Bc VII Army, 73rd Regt). | JISR ED DAMIE .. ES SALT area. | 2250 150 450 199 | 100 - 50 600 | 42 4 6 19 | - - 21. - | |
| | TOTAL. | 8525. | 2175. | 233. | 46. | |
| Bc VII ARMY. | W. OF JORDAN. | | | | | |
| 4th Cav. Regt. 11th Divl. Cav. Sqn. 145th Inf. Regt. 73rd Regt. | WADI FUSIAL (113.V.&U) ? JISR ED DAMIE area. Possibly crossing to S. | - - 850 900 | 300 100 - - | 4 - 18 13 | - - 4. - | Unconfirmed report states that the 144th Regt. is in this area. Reported passed W. from DERAA 20/4/18. Remainder 25th Div. possibly arriving. |
| | TOTAL - WADI FUSAIL- JISR ED DAMIE area. | 1750. | 400 | 40 | 4. | |
| XXth A.C. 53rd Div. (10 bns) 163rd Regt. 32nd " 136th " 2/151st " | 113.R. & W. EL MUGHEIR (113.Q.5.d). | 1700 | 50 | 48 | 4 | |

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| Unit. | Location. | Rifles | Sabres | M.Gs. | Automatic rifles. | Remarks. |
|---------------------------------|---|--------|--------|-------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>PASHA II.</u> | | | | | | |
| 701st German Inf. Bn. & Troops. | } South of SERTA AZZUN area. | 450 | 50 | 6 | 21. | |
| 702nd " " " " " | | 400 | 50 | 6 | 21. | |
| 703rd " " " " " | | | | | | |
| (Less 1 Bn.) | | | | | | |
| <u>16th Div. (9 bns).</u> | | | | | | |
| 48th Regt. | MESHA Area. W. of MESHA area. In reserve. | 2600 | 150 | 72 | 10. | |
| 47th " | | | | | | |
| 125th " | | | | | | |
| <u>7th Div. (9 bns).</u> | | | | | | |
| 21st Regt. | KEFR KASIM. JILJULIEH. In reserve. | 1900 | 150 | 60 | - | Part ? in line East of 21st Rgt. |
| 20th " | | | | | | |
| 19th " | | | | | | |
| <u>TOTAL - ASIA CORPS.</u> | | 6200 | 500 | 162 | 56. | |
| <u>XXII A.C.</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>20th Div. (9 bns).</u> | | | | | | |
| Regts. 60, 61. | Before KEFR SABA. In reserve. | 2400 | 100 | 54 | 8. | |
| Regt. 62. | | | | | | |
| <u>19th Div.</u> | | | | | | |
| Regts. 77, 57. | TABSOR DEFENCES TO SEA. In reserve. | 2700 | 100 | 38 | 8 | |
| Regt. 72. | | | | | | |
| <u>TOTAL - XXII A.C.</u> | | 5100 | 200 | 92 | 16. | |

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|---------------------------------------|---|--------|--------|-------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Unit. | Location. | Rifles | Sabres | M.Gs. | Automatic rifles. | Remarks. |
| <u>RESERVE.</u> | | | | | | |
| ? 146 German Regt. (less 1 Bn). | NABLUS - area TUL KERAM | 1600 | - | 16 | 42. | |
| 12th Div. | | | | | | |
| Regts. 34, 35, 36. | TUL KERAM area. | 2700 | 100 | 54 | - | Possibly the 1st Cauc. Cav. Rgt. |
| ? 1st Lancer Regt. | -do- | - | 200 | 4 | - | |
| <u>TOTAL - VIII ARMY.</u> | | 15600. | 1000 | 328. | 114. | |
| <u>D. N. PALESTINE & L. OF C.</u> | | | | | | |
| VIII Army Depot Bn. | EL HUDEIRA. | 700 | - | - | - | |
| 1/151st Regt. | Guarding railway DERA-- YARMUK Valley. | 550 | - | 6 | - | |
| | | 1050 | - | 6 | - | |

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T O T A L S.

- (A) East of Jordan, etc.
- (B) VII Army.
- (C) VIII Army.
- (D) N. Palestine & L. of C.

| Rifles. | Sabres. | M.Gs. | Automatic Rifles. |
|---------|---------|-------|-------------------|
| 8525 | 2175 | 233 | 46 |
| 10120 | 650 | 219 | 20 |
| 15600 | 1000 | 328 | 114 |
| 1050 | - | 6 | - |
| 35295 | 3825 | 786 | 180 |

11th JAEGER BN. RAYAK & DAMASCUS Area

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4.5.18.

To accompany G.H.Q. Intelligence Summary, No. 280, dated 4/5/18.

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

for 24 hours ending 0800 - 5/5/18.

1: EAST OF JORDAN.

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

0430- Three made up trains, 60 R.S. in all, with only one
0730. engine were seen at AMMAN STATION. There were 700 cavalry halted East of AIN ES SIR (142.S.6). 300 infantry and 50 cavalry were halted in 127.K.36. (R.A.F. 4/5/18).

(NOTE: Between 1530-1815 no cavalry were seen at AIN ES SIR).

0435- Much activity was observed in 127.V.10. There were
0740. 500-600 infantry in this area. Activity was also seen in the camps in 127.M.26-27 on the SHUNET NIMRIN - ES SALT Road. (R.A.F. 4/5/18).

1130- 800/1000 enemy cavalry were seen around BATANA in
1450. the area 127.D.12-17-18 and on roads in the vicinity all moving west. 500 enemy troops were observed in the wadis in 127.D.13-14-19. (R.A.F. 4/5/18).

(B) AERONAUTICS.

At 0835 a hostile ALBATROSS two-seater was brought down by machine gun fire about 127.P.11. The aeroplane crashed and the pilot and observer were killed. (Descorps 4/5/18).

2: PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

0435- Eastern Sector. Much activity was observed in a camp of
0740. 150 tents 1000 yards North of JISR ED DAMIE west of JORDAN. (R.A.F. 4/5/18).

Patrol in front of Hill 1220 (V.11.a) found a telephone wire running towards our lines with the end fixed to a Turkish cartridge case pinned down with wood. The line was cut and about 100 yards of wire brought in. (21st Corps 3/4/18).

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Western Sector. An early morning count shows a decrease of 280 tents and shelters in the Western Tactical Area since last count, as follows:-

| | 27/4/18. | 1/5/18. | 4/5/18. | Increase. | Decrease. |
|----------------|----------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| SERTA. | 130 | - | 80 | - | 50. |
| ZAWIEH. | 250 | - | 200 | - | 50. |
| HABLEH. | 500 | - | 300 | - | 200. |
| KEFR SABA. | 60 | - | 100 | 40 | - |
| JERISH COLONY. | 100 | - | 100 | - | - |
| COASTAL. | - | 500 | 200 | - | 300. |
| | | | | 40. | 520. |

Total decrease = 280. (R.A.F. 4/5/18.)

This suggests movement of troops from west to East.

3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

(1)

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| { 2nd Rgt. 143rd " 24th Div. | 21/5/18. | Crossed from west to east of JORDAN. | Prisoners 2nd Regt. | Whereabouts of 58th Regt. not known. |
| { G. Co. 73rd Rgt. | 22/4/18. | HAMA. | Prisoners hearsay. | The 73rd Rgt. was reported to have passed DERA A going W. between 15th & 20th April. |
| 703rd Bn. | 2/5/18. | NABLUS. | " " | |
| 703rd Inf. Geschutz Zug. | " | AMMAN-ES SALT Road. | Prisoner from unit. | Consists of two 10.5 cm. Hows. |
| { one Coy Jaeger Bn. | " | Attd. 703rd Bn. | Prisoners hearsay. | Possibly part of the 11th Jaeger Bn. |
| { one Coy 146 German Regt. | " | ES SALT area. | Prisoners from unit. | The rest of the Rgt. is stated to be in the Coastal Sector. <i>requires confirmation</i> |
| 507 Motor Lorry Col. | " | AMMAN. | Seen by prisoner. | |
| 5th Div. | March 1918. | VAN area. | Seen by prisoner. | |

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Identifications (Contd).

(ii) 42nd Division.

Prisoners state that when at CONSTANTINOPLE the 66th Regt. was attached to the 25th Div. It left on April 9th (about 900 rifles strong) and arrived in the ES SALT area on May 2nd.

The 123rd Regt. left CONSTANTINOPLE on ships for the CAUCASUS (possibly less 1 Bn. which has been reported East of JORDAN).

Note. The 65th Regt., the third regiment of the 42nd Div. was absorbed in units of the VII Army. It would therefore appear that the 42nd Div. has been broken up.

(iii). According to the statements of two P. of W. the 5th Division relieved the 8th Division in the MUSH area early in March. On being relieved the 8th Division withdrew to CHEVELIK (between MUSH and KHARPUT) where it was eventually abolished, and the Headquarters transferred to the 12th Div. The 17th, 23rd and 24th Regts. left CHEVELIK and proceeded to MARDIN. From MARDIN the 23rd and 24th Regts. left for PALESTINE. On arriving at ALEPPO the 1st and 3rd Bns. 24th Regt. proceeded down the EUPHRATES by boats. One of the prisoners heard they were going to replace a Turkish Division which had been captured by the British. The 23rd Regt., 2nd Bn. 24th Regt. came down to the PALESTINE Front, where they were joined later by the 17th Regt., the 1st and 2nd Bns. of the latter were at ES SALT, and the 3rd went to NABLUS.

4: TURKS & GERMANS.

An intelligent and credible prisoner states that German and Turkish soldiers quarrel frequently. In DAMASCUS he saw Turkish soldiers at the instigation of their officer attacking the troops of a German transport unit.

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2: Humidity. Differences from previous week.
 Mean of week. 59. - 16.
 Highest recorded on 1st May at 0800 96 0
 Lowest recorded on 30th Apl. at 0800 27. - 25.

3: Wind. At 0800 wind was from E.N.E. on 28th, calm on 29th and 30th, W.S.W. on 1st, E.S.E. on 2nd and 3rd, and calm on 4th. At 1800 the readings varied from W.N.W. to N.W. except on the 30th when direction was N.E. The wind velocities throughout the week were low, the maximum being recorded at 0800 on the 1st when it reached "Moderate" (Beaufort 4).

4: Rainfall. Very slight.

Trace for 24 hour period ended at 0800 on 1st May.
 .04" " " " " " " " " 2nd "

(C) Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sealevel) at 0800 - 5/5/18,
 and Jerusalem. (2720 " " " " " ") at 0800 - 4/5/18.

| Description. | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | | |
|--|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|------|
| | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. | |
| TEMPER- ATURE. | 8 a.m. | 66° | 63° | - 9° | 0 |
| | Max for prev. day. | 81° | 73° | + 1° | + 1° |
| | Min. for prev. night. | 55° | 52° | 0 | 0 |
| HUMIDITY. | 86% | 63% | +45% | + 13% | |
| RAINFALL. | .01" | 0 | + .01" | 0 | |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | 29.66" | 27.19" | + .07" | + .05" | |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0800. | Rising .02" | -- | - .01" | -- | |

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 G.H.Q., E.E.F.
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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

for 24 hours ending 0800 - 6/5/18.

1: EAST OF JORDAN.

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

0500-
0700. 150 infantry and cavalry were seen in the area about 127.C.9; otherwise no movement was observed on the roads running from JISR ED DAMIEH and UMM ESH SHERT to the SHUNET NIMRIN area. (R.A.F. 5/5/18).

0700-
0945. 300-400 infantry were moving south about 127.U.2. There was considerable movement in ES SALT, about 150 men being seen in the town. At AMMAN there were 80-100 cavalry scattered to east and a body of 20 cavalry halted to west of the town. Heaps of stores were of a larger size than usual at the station, 36 in all being counted in the station area. A train of 15-20 R.S. was moving south from ZERKA. (R.A.F. 5/5/18).

1600-
1715. No movement was seen on the SHUNET NIMRIN - ES SALT and AIN ES SIR roads as far east as 127.U.7. and U.20. In the area on either side of the JISR ED DAMIEH - SHUNET NIMRIN road only two small bodies of 20 infantry and 25 cavalry were observed in 127.P.3. and 127.C.39 respectively. (R.A.F. 5/5/18).

The following new trench work is reported:-

| | |
|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 127.P.24. | 50 yards of trench facing N.W. |
| 127.P.10. | 300 " " " " West. |
| 127.H.29 | 200 " " " " West. |

(R.A.F. 4/5/18).

(B) AERONAUTICS.

On the 5th inst. bombs were dropped amongst the station buildings and on the dug outs at AMMAN. (R.A.F. 5/5/18).

2: PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

0500-
0700. The enemy appeared to be holding positions in the area 113.X.17-11-9; 200 infantry and 50 cavalry stationary were observed here. (R.A.F. 5/5/18).

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Western Sector. (2) The following trench work is reported:-

- 084.A.29. Fresh work on trenches.
- 084.A.16.d.5.5. Trench is extended to A.16.c.2.8.
- 084.S.9.a. Trench is extended 200 yards westwards.
- 070.V.10.a. Fresh work on trenches.

3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|---|--------------|------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| 140 German Rgt. 1st & 3rd Coys of 1st Bn. | 4/5/18. | HAIFA. | 143 P/W German Rgt. | |
| 2nd & 3rd Bns. | " | Destined for HAIFA. | -do- | |
| 604 German M.G.Coy. | 5/5/18. | E. of JORDAN. | P/W this unit. | Belonged to PASHA I. Turkish P/W from 66th Rgt. state it was attd. to their 3rd Bn |
| 74th & 75th Rgtl. M.G. Coys. | End Aprl. | DAMASCUS. | P/W 66th Rgt. | These came with the 66th Rgt. from CONSTANTINOPLE. |

4: WESTERN ANATOLIA.

According to an agent's report the 1st and 2nd Bns. 174th Regt. left SOKIA (50 miles S. of SMYRNA) on April 27th to suppress a rising of deserters in the CDEMISH district (47 miles E.S.E. of SMYRNA). On the 28th April another mutiny is reported to have broken out amongst the troops in that district.

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

for 24 hours ending 0800 - 7/5/18.

1: EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

0705-0835.

With the exception of 20 cavalry moving westwards about 127.C.9, all roads East of JORDAN were clear as far north as 127.D. There was no activity at SHUNET NIMRIN as far north as 127.M.22.

Observation - Fair. (R.A.F. 6/5/18).

2: PALESTINE FRONT.

0500-0635.

Western Sector.

All camps in Coastal Area appeared occupied; very little movement throughout area. (R.A.F. 6/5/18).

1630-1710.

Little movement in JEWISH COLONY area about B.32.d.0.6.

(1/40,000, Sheet G.3). (R.A.F. 6/5/18).

Observation - bad to impossible, owing to clouds.

The following new trench work is reported by R.A.F.

(5/5/18):-

084.N.14.c. { N.W. /of ZAWIEH), 4 short lengths of trench.
" D.14.b. { S.W. of BIR ADAS), fresh trench work.
Fresh work has been done around TABSOR (084.A.23).
084.A.20.b.8.2. - A.21.a.2.3., trenches now joined up.
Trenches improved near the coast in 070.N.28.
R.A.F. (6/5/18) report a machine being fired on by a
field gun from 070.N.11.d.9.5.

3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

An unintelligent deserter mentions the recent arrival of Austrian gunners East of JORDAN. This report should be taken with reserve.

4: ARABIA.

Turkish working parties who were attempting to repair the railway line in the vicinity of JERDUN (12 miles N. of MAAN) were attacked by the Arabs on the 3rd May. The

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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for 24 hours ending 0800 - 8/5/18.

1: EAST OF JORDAN.

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

0715-
0935.

50 infantry were observed moving west in 127.S.6. There were 50 infantry in 127.C.23, 100 infantry scattered about 127.C.9., 30 infantry moving north in 127.C.11 and 200 cavalry moving south in 127.A.29.

Observation - fair. (R.A.F. 7/5/18).

1205-
1415.

No movement was seen on the WADI JERIA (127.U.21)-SHUNET NIMRIN and the SHUNET NIMRIN - EL GHORANIYE roads. There were 60 horses picketed in 127.D.31 and 50 cavalry moving north in 127.A.23. Observation - fair. (R.A.F. 7/5/18).

1400-
1600.

At AMMAN Station 92 piles of ammunition were seen. There were 24 rolling stock in two made up trains facing south, and 200 cavalry south of the station. East of AMMAN town there were 50 cavalry, apparently grazing. 300 horses were grazing east of AIN ES SIR (142.S.6) and 50 infantry were halted on the road in 142.S.25. On the SUWEILEH (142.D.20) - ES SALT Road there were 250 infantry moving west. 300 cavalry were seen in ES SALT, together with 60 more entering from the east. No movement was observed on the ES SALT - JISR ED DAMIEH road. 100 infantry were halted east of the crossing at DAMIEH. There was considerable movement of transport on the AMMAN - ES SALT and AMMAN - AIN ES SIR roads. (R.A.F. 7/5/18).

(B) AERONAUTICS.

In retaliation for an enemy bombing raid, 900 lbs of bombs were dropped on 7/5/18 on AMMAN Station, 10 direct.

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hits were obtained, 2 on a train standing in the station, 2 on a siding, and 6 on the station buildings. The latter were set on fire and an explosion caused. 4000 machine gun rounds were fired at ground targets. (R.A.F. 7/5/18).

2. PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

(a) Eastern Sector.

0715- 100 infantry were seen in 113.X.20, 100 cavalry in
0935. 113.X.8, and 50 infantry in 113.W.31, all stationary.

Observation fair. (R.A.F. 7/5/18).

1400- 100 cavalry were seen scattered in 113.A.21. At
1630. NABLUS very little movement was observed in the town. One

train was seen moving towards MESSUDIE from JENIN, and another shunting in the station at the former place.

(R.A.F. 7/5/18).

The following new trench work is reported in neighbourhood of JERICHO - BEISAN road:-

- 113.X.1. Circular redoubt on hill.
- 113.W.29. 400 yards of trench on hill.
- 113.W.9. 100 yards of trench facing S.E.

(b) Western Sector.

1400- There were 100 cavalry moving south along TUL KERAM -
1630. KAKON road, and 100 more going west in 084.P.6.

1550- Movement in tactical area in Coastal Sector was
1810. normal. (R.A.F. 7/5/18).

(c) Aeronautics.

On the 7th inst. an enemy two-seater was shot down north of NABLUS and burst into flames on striking the ground. A single seater was also driven down out of control near TUL KERAM, and later a damaged enemy machine was observed in a hedge north-west of ET TIREH (084.T.30).

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MAY 19183: ARABIA.

Hejaz. On the 1st May the Arabs destroyed 2 miles of railway in the vicinity of BOWAT (37 miles N. of MEDINA).

4: ORGANISATION.(a) 42nd Division.

From a diary belonging to an officer of the 66th Rgt. it appears that the 42nd Division was disbanded at CONSTANTINOPLE on 6th January. The 66th Rgt. was then attached to the 25th Division and left for this front on 9/4/18 (cf. Intelligence Summary No. 281 of 5/5/18, para. 3).

(b) German Motor Lorry Columns.

A prisoner from the 713th Motor Lorry Column gives the following information:-

(i) Each Column consists of 22 motor lorries, 1 repair lorry and 2 motor cars. The ration strength of a column is 70.

(ii) The 703rd and 713th were in the AMMAN.- ES SALT area but during operations at the end of March the former lost all its lorries and was disbanded, the personnel being sent to KATMA (30 miles N.W. of ALEPPO). The latter lost 9 lorries but these were replaced. The 701st, 702nd, 704th and 707th Columns are all in Palestine. The 706th and 708th Columns are at HABLUS and the 711th Column recently moved south from KATMA to DALIASCUS.

5: MORAL.

According to a Syrian Interpreter with the 713th Motor Lorry Column, the Germans, who volunteered to fight in Turkey, are very dissatisfied and disappointed. They are ashamed to be the Allies of the Turks whose state and mismanagement disgusts them (i).

6: ARTILLERY.

With reference to Intelligence Summary No. 279 of 3/5/18, para. 4, the following are details of 24 cm. guns hitherto used by the Germans:-

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24 cm. guns (9.45") of naval origin form part of the Foot Artillery. They are grouped in batteries of one or two guns, and are normally found on railway mountings (24 cm. S.K. L/40 Auf Eisenbahnwagen - 24 cm. Q.F. gun L/40 on railway mounting). A few are occasionally on fixed mountings (24 cm. Bettungskanone - 24 cm. Q.F. guns on fixed mounting).

Two types of shell are used, viz., a high explosive shell with a false cap, and an extremely tapered high explosive shell, which latter is a further development of the false cap type. The latter shell weighs 325 lbs. and contains a bursting charge of 35 lbs. of T.N.T. A delay action fuse (delay 0.05 second) marked Spgrm.K. (fuse with centrifugal safety device for H.E. shell) is used, giving a maximum range (percussion) of 29,090 yards. A shrapnel shell with false cap is also sometimes used, which is fitted with a time and percussion fuse marked Dopp.Z.16 (1916 pattern time and percussion fuse), which gives a maximum range, either time or percussion, of at least 23,000 yards.

The Germans have not been known to use 24 cm. Howitzers.

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7: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) at 0500 - 3/5/18,
and Jerusalem, (2720 " " " " ") at 0800 - 7/5/18.

| DESCRIPTION. | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | | |
|--|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|------|
| | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. | |
| TEMPER- ATURE. | 8 a.m. | 56° | 54° | 0 | 0 |
| | Max. for prev. day. | 74° | 59° | + 4° | - 8° |
| | Min. for prev. night. | 53° | 48° | 0 | 0 |
| HUMIDITY. | 73% | 84% | - 10% | - 8% | |
| RAINFALL. | 0 | .51" | -.59" | +.32" | |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | 29.36" | 27.30" | +.05" | +.1" | |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 - 0800. | Rising .03" | - | -.02" | - | |

TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT ATTACHED.

General Staff (Intelligence)
G.H.Q., E.E.F.
8/5/18.

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TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT - 8/5/18.

Until further notice, the Weekly Topographical Report will only contain information about the following:-

- (a) The country North of the present front line up to, approximately, the WADY FARAH - NABLUS - TUL KERAM line.
- (b) The area East of the JORDAN between MADEBA on the South and the NAHR EZ ZERKA on the North, and as far East as the HEJAZ Railway.
- (c) Main roads and railways outside the above-mentioned areas.

All other Topographical information will be collected and issued when the occasion demands.

(1) ERRATA. For AIN EL MUTUJ, C98.T.25.c., read AIN EL MUTWY.

Rfce:-

1/63,360. For - 125, in 127.S.19.b., read - 1254.

(2) ROADS. (a) JERICOHO - NABLUS, via AKRABEH. From KH. FUSAIL (113.U.33) to RUJH ABU MEHEIR (113.U.13.a.) there is a steep and difficult ascent and no information is to hand as to the use of this sector by wheeled transport; but beyond to AKRABEH (C.28.b.) it is reported by aerial reconnaissance to be "a very good road" and M.T. have been seen on it.

Rfce:-

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There is a M.T. Park at MEJDEL BENI FADL (F.24.b) and the route appears to be via the above village and not by the OLD ROMAN ROAD shown on the 1:63,360 map.

Numerous M.T. and H.T. have been reported on the road from AKRABEH - NABLUS, but no trace of the Old Roman Road shown on the 1:63,360 map can be found on aeroplane photographs, beyond the Wadi in C.8.b.; but there is a track along the bed of the Wadi from this point, joining the road via AWERTAH (X.4.d) at V.34.c. This latter road is a good hard road, fit for motor transport and joins the JERUSALEM - NABLUS road at V.16.c. The branch track from V.22.c. - RUJIB (V.17.c) is also fit for M.T.

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(b) JISR ED DAMIE - NABLUS, via TELL EL MAZAR (112.L.25.b) and AKRABEH (112.C.34.b). This route is being used for H.T. by the enemy, and the sector between TELL EL NAZAR to 112.G.6.a. is in good condition.

(c) JISR ED DAMIE - NABLUS, via W. FARAH. This route is used now by M.T. throughout its entire length (see T.R. of 1/5/18, para. 3 (a)).

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(d) TELL EL ABEID (at 112.H.14.b) - 112.L.13.c. H.T. have been observed recently on this route, which is the first intimation of its use by the enemy for wheel transport.

(e) JISR ED DAMIE - BEISAN. Air reports state that the road is fit for wheels as far as 126.O.13, but beyond enters rough country, and appears to be merely a track. H.T., however, have been reported in the good sector, moving south.

An alternative route suitable for wheels, which would avoid this "reported" bad sector, is via the WADY FARAH to 112.Y.19.c., and thence by "ancient road" to 112.X.6.b., where it rejoins the JERICHO-BEISAN road.

(f) BERUKIN (A.9.b) - HARIK (T.1.d), via W. AUWAD. H.T. have been seen on this road, which is reported to have been made fit for wheels last February.

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(g) BIDIH (S.1.c) - KH. BEIT YEMIN (L.25.d). The W. ABU KINDIS is being used for M.T. and the latter have been seen proceeding to BIDIH via H.6 Central.

(h) KH. BEIT YEMIN - AZZUN (J.34.b). This road has been improved, the gradient in L.21.a. having been eased and the track widened, and is now being used for M.T.

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(j) AZZUN - TUL KERAM. It is reported that a new road is being made via JIYUS (084.J.15.c) - FELAMIEH (084.J.1.b.) - ET TAIYIBEH (084.Y.6). This may possibly cancel the road reported in T.R. of 17/4, para 2(1), as the route proposed for the latter was through difficult country.

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(k) ZAWIEH (N.21.b) - KEFR KASIM (M.3.c). Numerous H.T. have been seen on this road; and at the crossing in M.11.b.1.C. transport are reported on the tracks leading N.E. and S.W.

Ref:

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(l) KEFR SABA (B.28.d.) - TABSOR (A.22.d) This road is now being very considerably used for M.T.; and H.T. are reported on the track from KEFR SABA to the HADRAH Road at B.19.d.8.9.

Ref: C.3.

(m) BKT. SHISHAN (N.23.c) - NAHR EL FALIK at N.6.c.9.8. Air report states track "appears much used", but whether by wheels or pack is not stated.

Ref: D.3.

(n) The MEZERIB - DAMASCUS Road, via SHEIKH MISKIN is detailed from KISWE to DAMASCUS. For the remainder of the way it is passable for all transport in dry weather. The soil is firm and would not cut up badly with use.

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(o) A road is under construction from TIBERIAS to RAYAK via HASBEYA and RASHEYA. It is said to be complete as far as HASBEYA and the southern portion is now being worked on. This, on completion, will be a very important alternative route to the north.

(3) BRIDGES.

Ref. G.S.

(p) Aeroplane photographs show that the bridge at J.20.a. 9.9. (not marked on map) has been destroyed; and that at J.13.a.6.5. there is an obstacle in the form of a narrow cut across the entire width of the road.

(4) RAILWAYS.

Ref. HALFA
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(q) IRBID for the purpose of taking wood supplies to the HEJAZ Railway. The embankment is nearly complete; but no rails have yet been laid. It is reported to run parallel to the new metalled road.

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1: EAST OF JORDAN.

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

0630-0840 The high ground in 127.W.15-19 was strongly held and much infantry movement was observed here. 150 cavalry were moving south in 127.U.28. Between 127.M.18 and 127.U.13 450 cavalry were moving south, and there was considerable infantry movement. The foothills in 127.G. appeared strongly held. The enemy appear to cross the JORDAN at 113.X.11; no bridge or pontoon was seen, but many tracks were observed.

Observation - good. (R.A.F. 8/5/18).

1000-1220

200 infantry were halted in AMMAN town, and 100 cavalry moving towards the station. There was no movement on the AMMAN - AIN ES SIR road or in AIN ES SIR town. 150 cavalry were scattered in 142.T.10.b. Traffic on the AMMAN - ES SALT - JISR ED DAMIEH road was normal. No movement was observed in SUWEILAH or ES SALT. (R.A.F. 8/5/18).

1215-1350

No movement was observed on ES SALT - SHUNET NIMRIN - EL GHORANIYE road. No pontoons or boats were seen on the JORDAN between 113.V.5. and 113.X.36. (R.A.F. 8/5/18).

(B) AERONAUTICS.

360 lbs of bombs were dropped on AMMAN aerodrome on 8/5/18 with good results.

2: PALESTINE FRONT.

(A) Eastern Sector.

Location of enemy troops & positions.

0545-0735

No unusual movement or concentration was observed in the tactical area.

Observation - fair. (R.A.F. 8/5/18).

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0630-
0840.

There were 70 stationary pack animals apparently loaded, in 113.V.30, and 25 cavalry moving south in 113.V.18
Observation - good. (R.A.F. 8/5/18).

1435-
1935.

No unusual movement or concentration was observed in the tactical area.

Observation - good. (R.A.F. 8/5/18).

(b) Western Sector.

Location of enemy troops & positions:

0505-
0645.

No movement was observed in the SERTA (098.S.15) - ZAMIEH (084.N.21) - HABLEH (084.K.9) area. 50 infantry were moving east in 070.L.36.d.

Observation - poor. (R.A.F. 8/5/18).

3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a)

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| 146 German Rgt 2nd Coy. 2nd Bn. | 17/4/18 | RAYAK | German P/W 1/146 Rgt. | |
| 11th Jaeger Bn. 11th Coy. | April. | Attd. 703rd Bn. | -do- | cf. Intelligence Summary 281 of 5/5/18, para. 3. |
| 33rd Flight. | 30/4/18. | DERAA. | -do)- | |
| 142nd A.A. Sect'n. | " | TUL KERAM. | -do- | |
| 213th Field Hospital. | " | NAZARETH. | -do- | |
| 78th Rgt. | 8/5/18. | In line 113. Q.1 area. | Deserter from 1st Bn. | This regt. was previously repta. absorbed by 76th Rgt. Deserter may therefore possibly be in 76th Rgt. |

(b) Machine Gun Coys 601 - 608, of Pasha I.

A german prisoner from the 604th M.G. Coy gives the following information:-

On 30/4/18 the 601st and 602nd Coys were at TUL KERAM and NAZARETH respectively, doing instructional duties.

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The 604th was attached to the 66th Turkish Regt. The guns of the 605th Coy were undergoing repairs at DAMASCUS and the 607th Coy was at NABLUS. MAY 1918

The 603rd, 605th and 608th Coys are non-existent.

NOTE. The 601 - 608 M.G. Coys formed part of Pasha I and were all instructional M.G. Coys. The above information contradicts previous reports that these Companies were now entirely Turkish. It is probable though that certain of these German Coys have been disbanded and Turkish M.G. Coys have assumed their titular numbers. Prisoners have been taken both from the 607th and 608th Turkish M.G. Coys; the former was previously the M.G. Coy of the 1/183rd Regt. and the latter was formed at KONIA.

4: ENEMY TACTICS.

An officer prisoner of the Signal Service captured 8/5/18 states that the G.O.C. VII Army recently issued a circular memorandum urging all commanders to adopt offensive tactics, such as raids.

5: PERSONALITIES.

According to the Turkish Official Communique dated 5/5/18, Col. ESSAD Bey, O.C. 3rd Cavalry Division, was wounded in the recent operations East of JORDAN.

6: SIGNALS.

An officer prisoner of the VII Army Signal Station at KHAN LUBBAN (099.J.13) captured 8/5/18, states that his station had direct lines to NABLUS, III and XX Corps areas, and to 33rd Regt.

The station would probably be that of 11th Div. H.Q.

7: GERMANO-BULGAR RELATIONS.

From captured orders of the 146th (German) Infantry Regt. dated 26/3/18, it appears that a brawl occurred on 24/3/18 between Germans and Bulgars, on the occasion of the 5th and 7th Coys, 146th Regt. leaving MACEDONIA.

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8: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) at 0800 - 9/5/18,
and Jerusalem, (2720 " " " " " ") at 0800 - 8/5/18.

| Description. | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | |
|--|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. |
| TEMPERATURE. | 8 a.m. | 59° | + 8° | + 5° |
| | Max. for prev. day. | 81° | + 7° | + 4° |
| | Min. for prev. night. | 56° | + 3° | - 2° |
| HUMIDITY | 53% | 45% | -19% | -39% |
| RAINFALL | 0 | 0 | 0 | -.51" |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | 29.78" | 27.36" | -.08" | + .06" |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0800. | 0 | - | -.02" | - |

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According to the Turkish Official Communiqué dated 24/5/18, the Turkish forces in the region of the G.H.Q. have been reinforced by the arrival of the 1st and 2nd Divisions of the 7th Army. The 1st Division is commanded by the Major-General Sir James Macdonnell, and the 2nd Division by the Major-General Sir James Macdonnell. The 1st Division is composed of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

for 24 hours ending 0800 - 10/5/18.

1: EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

The cavalry which re-occupied EL KERAK is reported to have been withdrawn leaving only 25 Gendarmes in the town. (Native report).

The last of the wheat from the supply stores at MADABA was taken away on 1st May. (Native report).

0900-
1150. 35 R.S. were seen at AMMAN Station including two made-up trains of 10 R.S. each. A machine was seen on its back crashed 3000 yards East of the hangars at the aerodrome. (R.A.F. 9/5/18).

0515-
0735. There was apparently a decrease in the tentage at SHUNET NIMRIN.

Four short trenches are reported on top of the hill in 127.R.11 (Cent.) - East of GHORANIYE Bridge. (R.A.F. 9/5/18).

The enemy appears to be digging and wiring a defensive line running East from UMM ESH SHERT towards the foothills. (Descorps 9/5/18).

2: PALESTINE FRONT.

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Eastern Sector. 50 yards of new trench was seen covering JERICHO - BEISAN road in 113.U.33.d. (R.A.F. 9/5/18).

300 to 400 tents and shelters were seen in WADI EL KUB (099.H.19), quite close to enemy front line. These have not been previously reported. (R.A.F. 9/5/18).

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(B) HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Eastern Sector. Unusual activity on 7th inst. During the day a total of 23 different enemy 'planes crossed our lines between DEIR ES SUDAN (099.B.33) and KEFR MALIK (113.Q.31).

(C) AERONAUTICS.

A bombing raid was carried out with marked success on the aerodrome at JENIN on the afternoon of 9th May. Direct hits were observed on and around hangars, one of which burst into flames. Numerous bombs were seen to explode on the station, on stores in the siding which were being unloaded, on sheds near the station, and on transport at the side of the aerodrome.

In all 1380 lbs of bombs were released, and 500 rounds of machine gun ammunition were directed against ground targets. (R.A.F. 9/5/18).

3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 9th Jaeger Bn. | April. | Destined for this front. | P/W 713 Motor Lorry Column. | Hearsay. |
| One Regt. Hussars. | Middle March. | CONSTANTINOPLE. | Several German P/W | Said to be 1200 strong & described as the BLACK HUSSARS. |
| 741 Motor Cyclist Co. | April. | NAZARETH. | P/W this unit. | Ration strength 70. Is attached to Pasha II. |

4: ORGANISATION.

(a) (i) 201st German Bde.

A prisoner from the 146th German Regt. states the 201st Bde (consisting of the 146th ^{German} Regt., 11th Jaeger and certain artillery and cavalry units now

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being formed at HAIDAR PASHA) is coming to this front.

Note. Formation of this unit would appear to be on same lines as PASHA II.

(ii) 146th German Regt.

In December 1917 one infantry coy from each Bn. of the 146th Regt. was absorbed by the remaining three coys.

The infantry coys of the Regiment are now numbered 1,3,4,6, 8,9,11,13 and 14, the 5th, 10th and 15th Coys being presumably M.G. Coys.

Before leaving MACEDONIA all unfit men were exchanged for fit men from other units and the personnel of the MINENWERFER ABT. was absorbed by the Bn. M.G. Coys.

Each Coy is about 200 rifles strong and has six automatic rifles. Each Bn. has 13 to 18 machine guns (?)

(iii) Pasha I.

A machine gun draft of 100 men was sent to the 600-608 M.G. Coys from BERLIN in January this year.

(iv) Pasha II.

A prisoner states a fourth Bn. was being formed for Pasha II at HAIDAR PASHA.

(b) MOTOR LORRY COLUMNS.

Additional to G.H.Q. Intelligence Summary No. 284 of 8/5/18, para 4(b).

(i) 501 - 507 Motor Lorry Columns, Pasha I. According to prisoners these are distributed between NABLUS, SEMAKH and AFULE; but owing to shortage of lorries some of these columns have been amalgamated.

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(ii) 701 - 715 Motor Lorry Columns form part of Pasha II.

(iii) At DAMASCUS there are the 731st Army Motor Lorry "Staffel" and the 751st Motor Lorry Park (- 60 lorries).

The 761st Motor Ambulance is split up; 10 ambulances are at NAZARETH, 9 on the front, and 1 attached to the 713th Column.

Note. According to a prisoner a Motor Lorry "Staffel" in France consists of 200 lorries and it is the highest formation into which M.T. is organised.

5: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) at 0800 - 10/5/18 and Jerusalem, (2720 " " " " ") at 0800 - 9/5/18.

| DESCRIPTION. | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | | |
|---|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|-----------|--------|
| | G.H.Q. | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q. | Jerusalem | |
| TEMPER- ATURE. | 8 a.m. | 77° | 70° | + 3° | + 11° |
| | Max. for prev. day. | 85° | 73° | + 4° | + 10° |
| | Min for prev. night. | 58° | 55° | + 2° | + 9° |
| HUMIDITY | | 61% | 33% | + 8% | - 12% |
| RAINFALL. | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | | 29.68" | 27.34" | + .10" | - .02" |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0800. | | Steady. | - | - | - |

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for 24 hours ending 0800 - 11/5/18.

1: PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Western Sector. Fresh work has been done on redoubt in

084.C.5. B.7.2.

The trenches in 084.T.19 and T.20 have been joined up.

New trench runs from 070.V.5.d.5.3. to V.5.e.9.5.

2: SYRIA L. OF C.

On April 28th the ammunition stores at DERA A Station were being moved into the village for fear of aeroplane attack. (Agent).

Much damage has been caused in DERA A area by bombs placed on the line. Many instances have occurred lately. (Officer prisoner).

3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

| Unit. | Date. | Position or note. | Source. | Remarks. |
|-------------|----------|---|--|--|
| 2/63rd Rgt. | 10/5/18. | UNDES. SHIRT. E. of JORDAN. | Prisoners from 2nd Bn. 63rd Rgt. | Battn. . . arrived from KALKELIEH on 9th inst. |
| 47th " | -do- | On right of 63rd Rgt. but W. of JORDAN. | Deserters of this Rgt. | Deserters from the 48th Rgt. in the RAFAT area on 7/5/18 do not place the 47th Rgt in line in that area. |

4: ORGANISATION.

A Greek deserter states that the remnants of the 66th Rgt. have been absorbed in the 23rd and 2/24th Rgts. In view of the fact that parts of this Rgt. and its M.G. Coy had previously been sent down as drafts to the VII Army

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5: and that the O.C. 66th Regt. remained at CONSTANTINOPLE
it is not probable that the above statement is correct.

5: MORAL.

17 Deserters from 6 different units came into Desert
Corps lines during the past 24 hours.

6: PERSONALITIES.

FALKENHAYN is stated to have resigned for the
following reasons:-

- (i) He wished to retire to a line further north.
- (ii) He considered the Turks insufficiently fed
and equipped and not properly trained.

(Officer prisoner).

7: TOPOGRAPHICAL.

A new road is being constructed from RAYAK to
TIBERIAS, through RASHEYA and HASBEYE. It is said to
be completed as far as HASBEYA and the local inhabitants
are being employed on the construction further south.
The route followed between RAYAK and RASHEYA has not been
determined. South of HASBEYA the only information to
hand is from an agent, who states that it runs immediately
to the west of the LAKE HULE marshes. In all probability
it joins the SALDA - JISR EL KHURDELA - TIBERIAS road
somewhere to the North of ABL. The latter road has been
stated several times to be fit for wheels.

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| Unit. | Location. | Rifles | Sabres | M.Cs. | Automatic rifles. | Remarks. |
|----------------------------|--|-------------|------------|------------|-------------------|---|
| <u>XXth. A.C.</u> | | | | | | |
| 53rd Div. (10 bns). | | | | | | |
| 163rd Regt. | 113. R. & W. EL MUGHEIR (113.Q.5.d.) | 1700 | 50 | 48 | 4 | |
| 32nd " | | | | | | |
| 136th. " | | | | | | |
| 2/151st Regt. | | | | | | |
| <u>26th Divn. (8 bns.)</u> | | | | | | |
| 59th Regt. |) 099.O. & L. Reserve. | 1370 | 100 | 47 | 6 | Unconfirmed report states 78th Rgt. absorbed by 59th. and 76th. |
| 78th " | | | | | | |
| 76th. | | | | | | |
| | <u>TOTAL - XXth A.C.</u> | <u>3070</u> | <u>150</u> | <u>95.</u> | <u>10.</u> | |
| | <u>W. of JORDAN.</u> | | | | | |
| <u>III rd. A.C.</u> | | | | | | |
| 11th Div. (9 bns) | | | | | | |
| 127th Regt. |) SINJIL + E. of AMURIEH area. (099.H.15) Reserve. | 2700 | - | 48 | 6. | |
| 33rd Regt. | | | | | | |
| 158th Regt. | | | | | | |
| 1st Divn. (9 bns.) | | | | | | |
| 70th Regt. |) AMURIEH (099.H.15) to FUPKHAH (099.B.9) | 2600 | 100 | 36 | - | |
| 124th " | | | | | | |
| | <u>TOTAL IIIrd A.C.</u> | <u>5300</u> | <u>100</u> | <u>84</u> | <u>6.</u> | |
| | <u>x approx.</u> | | | | | |

| Unit. | Location. | Rifles. | Sabres. | M.Gs. | Automatic Rifles. | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------|---------|-------|-------------------|---|
| | <u>TOTAL VII ARMY.</u> | 10120. | 650 | 210 | 20 | See note to 73rd Regt. |
| C. <u>VIII ARMY.</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>ASIA CORPS.</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>46th Div.</u> | | | | | | |
| 144th Regt. | KEFR AIN (090.A.30-) area. | 850 | 100 | 18 | 4 | |
| <u>PASHA II.</u> | | | | | | |
| 701st German Inf.Bn. & Troops) | South of SERTA(| 450 | 50 | 6 | 21 | |
| 702nd " " " " ") | AZZUN area. (| 400 | 50 | 6 | 21 | |
| |) | | | | | |
| <u>16th Divn. (9 bns.)</u> | | | | | | |
| 48th Regt. | MESHA Area. | | | | | |
| 47th " | W.of MESHA area. | 2600 | 150 | 72 | 10 | (Deserters taken in (AUJAH front 10/5/18 (from 47th Regt but (no evidence yet as (to whether whole or (part of Rgt has moved. |
| 125th " | In reserve. | | | | | |
| <u>7th Divn. (9 Bns.)</u> | | | | | | |
| 21st Regt. | KEFR KASIM. | | | | | |
| 20th " | JILJULIMH. | 1900 | 150 | 60 | - | Part ? in line East of 21st Rgt. |
| 19th " | In reserve. | | | | | |
| | <u>TOTAL - ASIA CORPS</u> | 6200. | 500. | 162. | 56. | |

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| Units. | Location. | Rifles | Sabres | M.Gs. | Autom- atic rifles. | Remarks. |
|--|---|-------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|--|
| XXII A.C. 19th Div. (8 bns) Regts. 63rd (less 1 bn) & 61. Regt. 62. | Before KEFR SABA. In reserve. | 2100 | 100 | 50 | 8 | Prisoners from 2/63 Regt taken E. of JORDAN South of UMM ESH SHERT but no evidence yet of the other Battns having moved. |
| 19th Div. Regts. 77, 57. Regt. 72. | TABSOR DEFENCES TO SEA. In reserve. | 2700 | 100 | 38 | 8 | |
| | <u>TOTAL, XXII A.C.</u> | 4800 | 200 | 88 | 16 | |
| RESERVE. 116 German Regt. (less 1/2 Bn.) | Uncertain. | 1500 | - | 16 | 54 | |
| 18th Div. Regts. 34, 35, 36. ? 1st Lancer Regt. | ? TUL KERAM area. 200- | 2700 - | 100 300 | 54 4 | - - | Frequently reported (hearsay) as on this front but no definite confirmation. Possibly the 1st Cauc. Cav, Rgt. |
| | <u>TOTAL - VIII ARMY.</u> | 15200 | 1000 | 324 | 126 | |
| D. N. PAGESBYNE & L. of C. VIII Army Depot bn. 15th Regt (1 bn) 1, 151st Regt. | HL HUDEIRA. DERAA Guarding railway DERAA-YARMUK valley. | 700 300 350 | - - - | - 4 6 | - - - | |
| | | 1350 | - | 10. | - | |

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- (A) East of Jordan, etc.
- (B) VII Army.
- (C) VIII Army.
- (D) N. Palestine & L. of C.

| Rifles. | Sabres. | M. Gs. | AUTOMATIC Rifles. |
|---------|---------|--------|-------------------|
| 8075 | 2075 | 237 | 34 |
| 10120 | 650 | 219 | 20 |
| 15200 | 1000 | 324 | 126 |
| 1350 | - | 10 | - |
| 34745 | 3725 | 784 | 180 |

11th JAEGER Bn. DAMASCUS Area.

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| Unit | Location. | Rifles | Sabres | M. Gs. | Automatic rifles. | Remarks. |
|---|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|
| A. DERA' KUTRANI KERAK-JISR-ED) DANIE area. | | | | | | |
| IV ARMY. | | | | | | |
| (i) 1 & 3 Bn/152 Rg. | EL KUTRANI to N. along Railway. | 325 | - | 12 | - | 1 Bn. probably moved to AMMAN. |
| 2 & 3 Bn/150 " | AMMAN. | 300 | - | 12 | - | |
| (ii). VIII A.C. | | | | | | |
| Composite Divn. | | | | | | |
| 1/123 Regt. | KABR | 175 | - | 4 | - | |
| 126 " | | 650 | - | 18 | 4 | |
| 1/146 " | MUJAHID - | 200 | - | 8 | - | |
| 2/152 " | | 200 | - | 4 | - | |
| 2/159 " | SHUNET | 75 | - | - | - | |
| Mule M.I. Bn. | | 250 | - | 4 | - | |
| Camel Coy. | NIMRIN area. | 50 | - | - | - | |
| 2 Sqn. 29th Cav. | | - | 100 | - | - | |
| Regt. | | - | 75 | - | - | |
| 26 Div. Cav. Sqn. | | - | 350 | 8 | - | |
| 7th Cav. Regt. | | - | - | - | - | |
| 48th R. Divn. | | | | | | |
| 17th Regt. (2 bns) | | 300 | 200 | 12 | 12 | |
| 23rd Regt. & 2/24 | SHUNET NIMRIN | 500 | - | 16 | - | |
| Regt. | | 600 | - | 18 | - | |
| ? 148th Regt. | ES SALT area. | 500 | - | 18 | - | |
| 101st Regt. | | 500 | - | 18 | - | |

| Unit. | Location. | Rifles. | Sabres. | M.Gs. | Automatic rifles. | Remarks. |
|--|--|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| 146th German Regt. (1/2 bn) Circassian Irregulars. | Reserve. | 150 100 | - 300 | 8 - | 9 - | |
| (iii) ? 66th Regt. 2nd Caucasus Cav. Bde | ES SALT area. | 450 - | - 500 | 6 8 | - - | (Reported absorbed (in 23rd & 24th Rgts.) |
| (IV) 11th Div. R. Ss. 2, 58, 143. 1st Attack Bn. 703rd Battalion. 3rd Cav. Divn. (see also B. VII Army, 73rd Rgt.) 2/63rd Regt. | JISR ED DAMIE - ES SALT area. | 2250 150 450 100 | 100 - 50 600 | 42 4 6 19 | - - 21 - | |
| | | 300 | - | 4 | - | See also note to 63rd Regt. under VIII Army. |
| | TOTAL. | 8075 | 2075 | 231 | 34 | |
| W. of JORDAN. | | | | | | |
| B. VII ARMY. | | | | | | |
| 4th Cav. Regt. | WADI FUSIAL (113.V & U.) | - | 300 | 4 | - | Unconfirmed report states that the 144th Rgt. is in this area. |
| 11th Div. Cav. Sqn. 145th Inf. Regt. ? 73rd Regt. | ? JISR ED DAMIE area Possibly crossing to E. | 850 900 | 100 - | 18 18 | 4 - | Reported passed W. from DERAA 20/4/18. Remainder 25th Div. possibly arriving. See also note to 47th Rgt. |
| | TOTAL - WADI FUSIAL & JISR ED DAMIE area. | 1750. | 400. | 40. | 4. | |

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1: EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

0700. An enemy column estimated at 3 companies of infantry and one squadron of cavalry was seen moving south on the road in 127.P.14.c. west of SHUNET NIMRIN. (Desert Corps 11/5/18).

A disconnected series of trenches have been dug on high ridges N.E. of UMM ESH SHERT. (R.A.F. 10/5/18).

2: PALESTINE FRONT.

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Western Sector. 50 yards of new trench reported in K.31. c.5.5. ("FEJJA").

Two A.A. guns fired on our 'plane from near WADI KANAH at K.23.c.9.2. ("FEJJA").

Two large pits are reported near the coast in N.12.d.7.8. ("TIREH"). (R.A.F. 11/5/18).

(B) AERONAUTICS.

Eastern Sector. A hostile aeroplane was brought down yesterday morning and crashed south of WADI EL KUB (099.H.19.a). One of the occupants fell in our lines. The aeroplane was wrecked between the lines. (R.A.F. 11/5/18).

3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|-----------------------|-------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 17th Regt. 3rd Bn. | 10/5. | N. OF BIDIEH. | Deserter 9/3/17 Rgt. | 1st & 2nd Bns. E. of JORDAN. |

(11) Deserters from 47th Regt. referred to in yesterday's summary when further interrogated stated that they were

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reinforcements recently arrived and formerly belonged to 47th Regt. They are very stupid and appear uncertain as to which is their present unit.

4: RELEASED PRISONERS FROM RUSSIA.

Deserter from 48th Regt., states that he formerly belonged to the 33rd Regt. and was captured by the Russians. Five months ago he was released with other prisoners and reached CONSTANTINOPLE in March. He was given two months leave as were all the other released prisoners.

5: ASIA MINOR.

Railways. An employee on the Asia Minor Railways on March 12th stated that unless new rolling stock, including locomotives is sent very shortly, railway traffic on these lines will stop.

6: MORAL.

According to the statement of a P/W, desertion from 1st and 2nd Bns. 173rd Regt., was frequent, the men going sometimes 8 or 10 at a time. During the summer, when food is obtainable, the number of cases of desertion always increases, and large numbers are expected to desert this summer.

It is reported by an agent who returned from the SOKIA district (50 miles S. of SMYRNA) on the 8th May that troops from SOKIA have been sent in pursuit of a whole battalion which deserted about the end of April from SEVDIKOI (8 miles S. of SMYRNA). The movement is evidently the same as that referred to in G.H.Q. Intelligence Summary Para. 4 dated 6/5/18.

7: CORRECTION.

In Intelligence Summary of 11/5/18, page 2, line 2, for "probable" read "improbable".

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8: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) at 0800 - 11/5/18,
and Jerusalem (2720 " " " " ") at 0800 - 10/5/18.

| Description. | | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | |
|---|--------------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | | G.H.Q. | Jerusalem | G.H.Q. | Jerusalem. |
| TEMPER- ATURE. | 8 a.m. | 82° | 77° | + 5° | + 7° |
| | Max. for prev. day. | 94° | 84° | + 9° | +11° |
| | Min. for prev. night. | 65° | 68° | + 7° | +13° |
| HUMIDITY | | 49% | 31% | -12% | - 2% |
| RAINFALL. | | nil | nil | 0 | 0 |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | | 29.56" | 27.30" | -.12" | -.04" |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0800 to 0800. | | Rising .01" | - | + .01" | - |

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8: METEOROLOGICAL.

(A) OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT G.H.Q.

Summary for week ending 11/5/18 at 1800.

1: Temperature.

Differences from previous week.

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-------|
| Mean of week. | 68. | + 3. |
| Mean Maximum. | 83. | + 5. |
| Mean Minimum. | 57. | + 3. |
| Highest recorded on 11th. | 98. | + 17. |
| Lowest recorded on 8th. | 53. | + 2. |

2: Humidity.

| | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|
| Mean of week. | 65. | + 2. |
| Highest recorded on 5th. | 91. | - 3. |
| Lowest recorded on 10th. | 26. | - 15. |

3: Wind. At 0800 during the first four days directions varied from S.E. to S.S.W., being a very light S.S.W. on the 5th, a very light S.E. on 6th, and an almost calm S. on the 7th and 8th. "Calms" were recorded on the 9th, 10th and 11th. During the 5th, 6th and 7th the wind directions throughout the daytime varied from W. to S.S.E. and velocities did not exceed "Fresh" (Beaufort 3). During the 8th, 9th and 10th directions varied from N.E. through N. to W.N.W. and velocities did not exceed "Very light" (Beaufort 2). On the 11th direction varied from S. to W.S.W. and velocity reached "Fresh" at 1200 but became almost calm during the afternoon and evening.

4: Rainfall.

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| For 24 hour period ended 0800 on 5th, | rainfall... | .01" |
| " " " " " " 6th | " |12" |
| " " " " " " 7th | " |59" |

Hence total rainfall for the week amounts to .72" making the total of 16.72" for the rainy season up to date. The greater part of the rain for the week fell during the thunderstorm on the morning of the 6th. The sarona average for May is .19".

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(B) OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT JERUSALEM.

Summary for week ending 11/5/18 at 0800.

| <u>1: Temperature.</u> | | <u>Differences from previous week.</u> |
|---------------------------|-----|--|
| Mean of week. | 63. | + 1. |
| Mean Maximum. | 71. | 0. |
| Mean Minimum. | 55. | + 3. |
| Highest recorded on 10th. | 90. | +13. |
| Lowest recorded on 8th. | 46. | - 2. |

| <u>2: HUMIDITY.</u> | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|
| Mean of week. | 55. | - 4. |
| Highest recorded on 6th. | 86. | - 10. |
| Lowest recorded on 11th. | 26. | - 1. |

3: Wind. At 0800 during the first four days the wind came from westerly directions, being W.S.W. on the 5th, S.W. on the 6th, W.N.W. on 7th, and N.W. on 8th. The wind velocity reached "moderate" (Beaufort 4) on the 5th, "Fresh" (Beaufort 3) on the 6th and 7th, but becoming almost calm on the 8th. On the 9th, 10th and 11th the wind (almost calm) blew from the E., E.N.E. and S.S.W. respectively. During the evenings of the 5th to 8th inclusive, a "Fresh" or "Moderate" westerly wind was experienced becoming almost calm on the evening of the 9th, while on the evening of the 10th an almost calm S. wind was recorded.

| <u>4: Rainfall.</u> | | |
|--|--|------|
| For 24 hour period ended 0800 on 6th.... | | .19" |
| " " " " " " " " 7th.... | | .51" |

Hence total rainfall for the week .7", the greater proportion of which, fell during the thunderstorm on the morning of the 6th.

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(C) Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) at 0800-12/5/18
and Jerusalem, (2720 " " " " ") at 0800-11/5/18.

| DESCRIPTION. | | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | |
|---|--------------------------|----------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. |
| TEMPER- ATURE. | 8 a.m. | 71° | 82° | - 11° | + 5° |
| | Max. for prev. day. | 98° | 90° | + 4° | + 6° |
| | Min. for prev. night. | 59° | 73° | - 6° | + 5° |
| HUMIDITY. | | 68% | 26% | + 19% | - 5% |
| RAINFALL. | | Nil. | Nil. | 0 | 0 |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | | 29.70. | 37.20 | + .14" | - 1" |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0800. | | Steady. | - | -.01" | . |

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1: EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

1130- 200 cavalry were scattered between AIN ES SIR and
1400. NAAUR (142.B.31). Ramps have been made North of the bridge
in 127.N.2. enabling transport to cross the wadi. (R.A.F. 12/5/18).

2: PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

1130- Eastern Sector. In the lower WADI FARAH 30 H.T. were observed
1400. moving East at 112.H.28 and 50 H.T. were parked at TEL EL
ABEID (112.H.13). (R.A.F. 12/5/18).

1010- In the BALATA area (098.V.10) 200 infantry were seen
1220. moving south on the road. Two hangars were seen east of the
village. (R.A.F. 12/5/18).

Western Sector. Fresh trench work was reported by R.A.F.
on 11th and 12th inst. as follows:-

East of KEFR SABA in B.29.c.
North " " " " B.22.d.

From TABSOR to the coast new work in A. 28.d.3.7., A.21.c.9.8.,
A.20.a., N.17. and H.11.c. (FEJJA & TIRIH).

There are now 4 bridges over the Wadi ISKANDERUNEH
in the KAKON defences area. (R.A.F. 12/5/18).

3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Turks.

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|------------------------|----------|--|-----------------------|--|
| 20th Div. 62nd Rgt. | 10/5/18. | Relieved 63rd Regt. BIR ADAS area. | Prisoner 62nd Rgt. | Confirms eastward move of 63rd Rgt. & locations of 62nd Rgt. & 19th Div. |

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17th Regt.

Reference Intelligence Summary of 12/5/18, para. 3, deserter from the 3/17th Regt. gives his company strength as 50 rifles, and battalion strength as 200 rations. Battalion only arrived in BIDIEH area about 6/5/18.

(b) Germans.

A prisoner from the 62nd Turkish Regt. taken 10/5/18, reports a German Regt., two battalions strong, east of 62nd Regt., i.e. astride the railway near JILJULIEH.

This may possibly be the 146th German Regt. (less $\frac{1}{2}$ Bn. east of JORDAN) which is believed to be in the VIII Army area.

4: ORGANISATION.

715 Armeekraftwagen Kolonne.

Prisoners taken at ES SALT give the following information:-

The Column was assembled and equipped at BRESLAU about July 1917. Personnel drafted through various M/T Depot Units, e.g. Ersatz Abt. 1, KRAFTFAH^RBATAILLON, BERLIN-SCHÖNEBERG.

The Column consists of 21 3-ton BERGMANN-METALLURGIQUE 45 h.p. lorries with iron tyres and 1 repair lorry; 3 staff cars "Prosto" (Saxon) 35 h.p. (2 of these lost or damaged).

Some of the lorries owing to insufficient clearance were adapted to run between AMMAN and KUTRANI, their own wheels being replaced by ordinary wheels from railway trucks. Speed on rails 60 kilos per hour; could be loaded up to 30 tons (above hearsay only from another M/T man who drove these lorries). From DAMASCUS the lorries came by rail; 1 lorry per truck.

Total personnel: 71 including 1 Lieut. 1 a/officer, and 6 N.C.Os. A N.C.O. superintends 5 lorries.

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The AMMAN-SALT trip took normally 2 hours in dry weather, with full loads - (according to one of the other prisoners the road though metalled has been considerably cut up and is very difficult for H.T.)

5: SIGNALS.

An undated captured document captured East of JORDAN recently gives the following Turkish light signals:-

- Red star shell - Our troops have occupied the hill.
- Blue " " - Our attack about to start.
- Yellow " " - Ammunition required.

NOTE. No uniform code of light signals appears to be employed by the enemy; his signals vary in each divisional sector.

6: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) at 0800 - 13/5/18, and Jerusalem, (2720 " " " " ") at 0800 - 12/5/18.

| DESCRIPTION. | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | |
|--|-------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. |
| TEMPERATURE. | | | | |
| 8 a.m. | 70° | 57° | - 1° | - 25° |
| Max. for prev. day. | 76° | 91° | - 22° | + 1° |
| Min. for prev. night. | 59° | 52° | 0 | - 21° |
| HUMIDITY. | 76% | 78% | + 2% | - 52% |
| RAINFALL. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | 29.67" | 27.21" | -.03" | + .01" |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0600. | Rising .01" | - | + .01" | - |

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7: ARABIA.

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According to a report dated 7th May 400 rails have been destroyed between DAR EL HAMRA (100 miles S. of TEBUK) and KALAAH EL MUDHDHAM (30 miles N. of DAR EL HAMRA) and 45 prisoners, including 1 Turkish officer, captured.

A convoy of 500 camels and 250 sheep is reported to have been captured on the Eastern Medina Road.

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

for 24 hours ending 0800 - 14/5/18.

1: EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

0645- 250 cavalry were seen East of AIN ES SIR. 70 R.S. in
0840. three made up trains were observed at AMMAN STATION with 3
engines protruding from engine shed. West of AMMAN town 50
infantry were halted and 150 in column of route were seen
moving west. 150 cavalry and 150 pack animals were observed
halted on the AMMAN-SUWEILEH road and 100 laden camels moving
west. There were 75 infantry moving west on the SUWEILEH-
ES SALT road. (R.A.F. 13/5/18).

2: IDENTIFICATIONS.

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|-------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|---|---|
| 10th Cav. Rgt. | 12/5/18. | In Square 127.K. (approx) | Deserter 10th Cav. Rgt. | Regt. 500 combatants and 4 Machine Guns. Left Caucasus Front 20/3/18 arriving pres- ent location 9/5/18. See note below. |
| 3rd Training Rgt. | 20/4/18. | BAALBEK. | Prisoner formerly 3rd Bn. this unit. | 3 bns strong. 2nd Bn. left for PALESTINE front about 20/3/18, and 3rd Bn follow- ed a month later, being split up as drafts on arriv- al, except for 40 men sent to the training depot at HUDEIRA. 3rd Bn was 250 strong. 1st Bn. was still at BAALBEK when prisoner left. |

10th Cav. Rgt. This Regt. did not exist in peace time and this is
the first report of its existence yet received.

3: ITINERARY.

3rd Bn., 3rd Training Regt.

Left BAALBEK 20/4/18 (approx.)
Arr. RAYAK 6 hours march route.
Arr. DAMASCUS 1 night train and remained there 6 days.
Left DAMASCUS 27/4/18 approx.
Arr. TUL KERAM 36 hours train (including 3 hour stop at DERRA)
At TUL KERAM Bn. was divided up into drafts to various units,
viz., 40 to 7th Div., 30 to 16th Div., 40 to training depot,
HUDEIRA, and 140 to 20th Div.

4: ORGANISATION.

The following list of locomotives on the PALESTINE and HEJAZ railways is summarised from a Turkish document dated 15/9/17:-

| SECTION. | Locomotives. | | | Under repair. | | | | | | In service. | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----|-----|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-----|-----|
| | (a) | (b) | (c) | (a) | | (b) | | (c) | | (a) | (b) | (c) |
| | | | | Major | Minor | Major | Minor | Major | Minor | | | |
| DAMASCUS & DERRA. | - | - | 25 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 8 | - | - | 16 |
| S. OF DERRA (Hejaz Line) | 6 | 5 | 29 | - | - | 2 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 6 | 1 | 15 |
| W. of DERRA (Palestine Lines) | - | 1 | 40 | - | - | 1 | - | 7 | 6 | - | - | 27 |
| TOTAL. | 6 | 6 | 94 | - | - | 3 | 2 | 12 | 24 | 6 | 1 | 58 |
| | 106 | | | 41 | | | | | | 65 | | |

- (a) = Armoured locomotives.
 (b) = Locomotives in process of being armoured.
 (c) = Ordinary locomotives.

Major repairs are carried out at KADEM workshops, DAMASCUS, Minor repairs are undertaken at various workshops on the line.

This gives 65 locomotives on service on 15/9/17, i.e. 38% of total were undergoing repairs.

Since the above date:

- (a) 7 engines have been captured or found destroyed on the PALESTINE FRONT.
 (b) 12 engines have been destroyed by the forces of the King of the Hejaz.

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5. WESTERN ANATOLIA.

According to a report it appears that formations in Western Anatolia are being brought up to strength, several units absorbed as drafts for SYRIA and MESOPOTAMIA having now been re-formed within the area. The number of divisions may now be taken as five. These units are being brought on to a war footing. (Mudros I.S. dated 27/4/18).

6: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) at 0800 - 14/5/18,
 and Jerusalem, (2/20 " " " ") at 0800 - 13/5/18.

| DESCRIPTION. | Readings. | | Difference from previous night. | | |
|--|-----------------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|-------|
| | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. | |
| TEMPER- ATURE. | 8 a.m. | 71° | 59° | + 1° | + 2° |
| | Max. for prev. day. | 77° | 68° | + 1° | - 23° |
| | Min. for prev. night. | 61° | 52° | + 2° | 0 |
| HUMIDITY. | 77% | 75% | + 7% | - 3% | |
| RAINFALL. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | 29.68 | 27.20 | + .01" | + .01" | |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0800. | Rising .01" | - | 0 | - | |

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1: EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

0850-
1050.

At AMMAN Station there were 30 R.S. with no engine. 45 M.T. in all were seen at AMMAN TOWN - ES SALT and between these places. 400 yards East of the ford at JISR ED DAMIE. 100 cavalry were observed approaching the ford from the East. (R.A.F. 14/5/18).

2: PALESTINE FRONT.

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Western Sector.

The following new trench work is reported:-

Trench near KALKILIEH in 084.H.25.a.2.3. has been extended west to the railway.
Trench south of TABSOR in A.28.b.5.8. has been extended 200 yards North.
Trench west of TABSOR, in A.20.b.4.2. has been extended 500 yards south-east to A.21.c.2.1. (Ref. "FEJJA").
(R.A.F. 14/5/18).

(B) ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Western Sector. Enemy heavily bombarded MEJDEL YABA and vicinity of MEJDEL YABA - WILHELMINA Road from 1900 to 1915 on the 13th inst.

3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|-----------------------|-------|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 126th Rgt. 1st Bn. | 10/5. | 3 miles N. of SHUNET NIMRIN. | Deserter 1/126. | Bn. 150 rifles & 3 M.Gs. |
| 63rd Rgt. 3rd Bn. | 14/5. | 127.R. 11 | Deserter 3/63 Rgt. | Completed identification of 63rd Rgt. E. of JORDAN. |
| 1st Bn. | " | S. of 3rd Bn. | | |
| 191st Rgt. 3rd Bn. | " | 127.21. b. | Deserters 3/191 Rgt. | |
| 2nd Bn. | " | N. of 3rd Bn. | | |
| 70th Rgt. 2nd Bn. | " | KH. KEIS, B. 11 (Sheet C. 4) | Deserter 2/70 Rgt. | Occupying posts. |

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4: ORGANISATION.

A German Medical Officer of the 218th Field Hospital captured East of JORDAN gives the following information:-

The 218th German Field Hospital was attached to the 703rd German Infantry Bn. The personnel of the hospital was as follows:-

- 1 Surgeon.
- 2 Doctors.
- 40/50 other ranks.

The hospital consisted of 20 tents, each accomodating ten patients, but over 200 could be taken if necessary.

Castor oil, was the only thing in which any shortage was experienced. Drugs, cotton wool, special foods etc., were plentiful.

The main diseases treated were typhoid, recurrent fever and dysentery. Only one death occurred and that from dysentery in the six weeks prisoner spent East of JORDAN.

5: CAPTURED DOCUMENTS.

Extracts from the diary of an Officer of the 126th Regt. under date 17/2/18:-

"I do not think there is a single Turk who would not resent impoliteness that the Turks receive from the Germans at GELEBEK and BOZANTI."

"From MUFERRER to AMMAN I took the Red Crescent train. The train from AMMAN was 5 hours late on account of lack of water for the engine. Arrived AMMAN 1.30 p.m. Locomotive was short of wood so we waited a long time."

16/3/18. "Between ELAKOUZEH and KERAK. Endless hard rain and wind. Some soldiers were frozen to death."

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6: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) at 0800 - 15/5/18,
and Jerusalem, (2720 " " " " ") at 0800 - 14/5/18.

| DESCRIPTION. | | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | |
|--|-----------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. |
| TEMPER- ATURE. | 8 a.m. | 72° | 61° | + 1° | + 2° |
| | Max. for prev. day. | 77° | 72° | 0 | + 4° |
| | Min. for prev. night. | 64° | 50° | + 3° | - 2° |
| HUMIDITY. | | 71% | 77% | - 6% | + 2% |
| RAINFALL. | | Nil. | Nil. | 0 | 0 |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | | 29.67" | 27.21" | -.01" | +.01" |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0800. | | Rising .03" | - | +.02" | - |

TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT ATTACHED.

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TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT.

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EAST OF JORDAN.

(1) ROADS
Ref. 1/63,360.

- (a). GHORANIYEH - JISR ED DAMIE, via 127.P.26.a. - 127.A.6.a. This road is fit for light M.T. throughout its course.
- (b). ES SALT - JISR ED DAMIE. H.T. have been seen on this road about two miles from ES SALT and also on the sector from 127.A.6.a., but there is no evidence to hand of this route being used for wheeled transport throughout.
- (c). Ford at 113.X.12. H.T. have been seen in 113.X.12.c. & d. approaching the ford from the East, which indicates the existence of a track fit for wheels connecting the ford with the GHORANIYEH - JISR ED DAMIE road, but its course is not known.
- (d). EL BAGHALAT (113.W.21.b) - DOMEH (113.P.14), via W. ABU MAHMUD to 113.R.10 - N. by W. to 113.P.27 - by track on DAMIE and TELFIT 1/40,000 map. As far as 113.R.18, this route has been used by M.T.; from here to P.27 character of track is not known; beyond it is passable for M.T.
- (e). KHURBET FUSAIL (at 113.U.34.b) - DOMEH, via W.ABU ZERKA and W. KERBIKIN - P.27.b. Air report states that this track "does not appear fit for wheeled traffic throughout its length"
- at
- (f). TELL EL ABEID (112 N.14.b) - 112.L.13.c. M.T. have recently been seen on this road. (See T.R. of 8/5/18, para 1.(d).).
- (g). BEIT DEJAN (112.B.19.b) - NABLUS, via SALIM (112.A.9.a.), is being used by H.T., and there is a transport park at SALIM. There is also a Hospital at 112.B.24.a. and it is possible that the above route continues East from BEIT DEJAN, passing close to the hospital and joining the WADI FARAH road at 112.H.15 or H.27: but no H.T. has been reported on this sector to date.
- (h). ES SAWIEH (Z.19.d) - YASUF (Y.5.d.). M.T. has been seen on this road as far as the WADI EL BUSHARAT at Y.18.b. 5.2.; whilst the road from ES SAWIEH to the JEPUSALEM - NABLUS road at Z.20.b.3.3. is in constant use by M.T.
- (j). BERUKIN (A.9.b) - SEFTA (S.8.d), via W. EL LEHAM. This track, which is fit for wheels throughout, follows the route to HARBIS (T.1.d) as far as the Wady at S.22.b., where it turns West, following the Wady to S.21.d.; thence via S.21.b. and 20.c., where it has been improved and widened. The track down the W.EL LEHAM has also been improved recently and is fit for wheels as far as KH. SUTREH (N.50.c.); and another track, character unknown, leaves the WADI EL LEHAM at S.27.e. and leads to BIDIEH via S.7.a., where it joins the track reported in T.R. of 24/4/18, para.8. (f).

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- Ref. 1/40,000, C.5. & 4. (k) MESHA (N.10.d) - KEFR KASIM (M.3.c). This route reported in T.R. of 24/4/18, para. 2 (j), runs as follows: East to N.10.c.6.6. - N.16.b.3.7 - via WADI EL BAHUTEH to M.12.a.3.3. - via track marked on map.
- Ref. 1/40,000, C.4. (l) DEIR ESTIA (P.25.b.) - EL FUNDUK (P.19.a.). A track is being made fit for guns and wheel transport, via the WADI EL MAASER to Q.6.c., - by branch W. to P.32.b. P.26.d. and a. - 20.c. - by small W. to EL FUNDUK.
- Ref. 1/63-360. (m) JINSAFIT (098.P.31.a) - 098.M.14.d. Light M/T has been seen travelling very fast on this route which is an indication that the road surface has been improved.
- (n) KEFR ZIRAD (034.Z.20.d.) - ATTARA (098.B.27). via KUR (098.F.21) - BERT LAD (098.F.6) - FAMILN (098.B.20). M/T and H/T have been seen on this road at various points. This confirms report in T.R. of 17/4/18, para. 2 (n).
- Ref. 1/40,000, C.3 & 4. (o) AZZUN (J.34.b) - KALKILIEH, via W. AZZUN. This is now reported used by M/T and H/T and joins the HABLEH - KALKILIEH road at H.32.d.
- (p) Read Junction at B.25.a. - KAKON (U.3.b), via ET TIREH (T.23.d) - KULUNSAWEH (W.20.2) This route is being extensively used for H/T and form/T from ET TIREH northwards.
- Ref. 1/63,360. (q) ET TAIYIBEH (084.Y.8) - KULUNSAWEH (084.W.27). This route is being much used for H/T.
- Ref. 1/40,000, D.3. (r) ET TIREH - IJRKET RAMADAN at S.1.d. H/T have been reported on this track, which appears to run as follows: ET TIREH - T.4.c.5.1. - S.11, Central - S.4.d. - S.3.a.

2: RAILWAYS.

Ref. D.3. (s) A siding has been constructed at Y.20.b.

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1: EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

0840- 45 R.S. were seen at AMMAN STATION including two made up
1220. trains of 15 R.S. each. No engine was seen. At AMMAN and AIN ES
SIR and between these places some 800 cavalry were observed.
East of JISR ED DAMIE there is a hospital of 6 marquees. 50
cavalry were seen near this point. (R.A.F. 15/5/18).

Five short lengths of trench west of ES SALT in 127.H.29
and H.35. (R.A.F. 15/5/18).

2: PALESTINE FRONT:

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

0500- Eastern Sector. North of MAFYD JOZLE about 113.V.11 3 boats
0645. were seen moored to river bank.

South east of TELL EL ABEID in 112.N.26 400 infantry and
5 H.T. were seen proceeding North. (R.A.F. 15/5/18).

The following trench work is reported by R.A.F. (15/5/18):-

150 yards of trench facing South in 113.W.31-32-33, (near WADI
BAKR).

100 yards of trench facing south in 113.W.26.a. and b.

30 yards of trench in 113.W.25.a.

50 yards of trench in 113.Q.3.b. (W. of EL MUGHEIR).

Western Sector. The following trench work is reported by
R.A.F. (15/5/18):-

75 yards of trench in 099.B.2.c. and B.2.a. (N.W. of FURKHAH).

The trenches in C.3./B.21.c. (N.W. of KEFR SABA) are now
connected up.

(B) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY, 14/5/18.

Eastern Sector. Hostile artillery was more than usually active
in vicinity of KEFR MALIK (C.5/Q.25).

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3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a)

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|---------------|----------|---|-------------------|---|
| 1/66th Rgt. | 15/5/18. | 127.P.16. | Deserters 1/66th. | Prisoner this unit 12/5/18 gave strength as 650 rifles per Bn. |
| 11th Cav. Rgt | " | 127.P.9.d. | " | |
| 123rd Rgt. | 12/5/18. | 2 miles E. of 1/66th Rgt. | " | possibly 1 Bn. only. In reserve. |
| 1/127th " | 11/5/18. | Astride JERU-SALEM-NABLUS Road near SINFIL. | P.W. 1/127. | 1st Co. 55 rifles. Only Rgtl. M.G. Co. of 4 M.Gs. (latter requires confirmation). |

(b) 63rd Regt.

Prisoner from 2nd Bn. captured 13th inst. states the whole Regt. left the TUL KERAM area about 1st or 2nd May, marched to NABLUS in one day, and crossed the JORDAN on the 4th inst. The other two regiments of the 29th Div. remained in the Coastal Sector. (Previous deserters 63rd Regt. state Regt. moved to NABLUS by motor lorry).

(c) A draft of 100 men arrived 24/4/18 at NABLUS from ALEPPO, and were allotted to 3/136th. (Prisoner 3/136). A draft of 150 men arrived in the VII Army Area on 9/5/18 from DAMASCUS, 5 of whom were allotted to the 1st Coy, 1/127 Rgt. (Prisoner 1/127).

4: ORGANISATION.

(i) Supplies.

Deserter from Supply Depot at MADEBA states that there used to be two large stores there, one full of wheat, figs etc. and the other full of barley. By Apl. 28th the latter was absolutely exhausted and only about 30 ardebs of wheat remained in the former.

(ii) Motor Lorries.

(A) The following motor lorry columns have been identified at or south of HOMS since July 1917:-

- 105, 106, 107, 111, 114, 115, 116, 500, 502, 503, 504, 505 (park)
- 506, 507, 508, 515, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708,
- 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 723.

and Red Cross Units - 125, 126, 761.

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Of the above 703 was destroyed at SALT and it is reported that owing to losses in the retreat some of the "500" series have been amalgamated. Allowing for a total of 4 (including 703) disbanded, and excluding Red Cross units there are:-

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| 27 Columns, averaging 25 lorries = | 675. |
| 1 Park, of 37 lorries. | = 37. |
| | 712. |
| | ===== |

or, in round numbers 700 lorries in SYRIA and PALESTINE.

NOTE. Several more columns have been doubtfully reported, with dates up to a year ago, but confirmation has been lacking.

(B) These may be subdivided as follows:-

- (1) DAMASCUS - ALEPPO (both inclusive). 5 Columns = 125 lorries.
- (2) W. OF JORDAN (identified in 1913). 10 Columns } = 287 "
1 Park }
- (3) E. of JORDAN (identified in 1918). 2 Columns = 50 "
- (4) "Palestine Front", not identified in 1918, 13 columns, of which 3 estimated absorbed or destroyed, 10 Columns = 250 lorries.

5: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) at 0800 - 16/5/18,
and Jerusalem, (2720 " " " " " ") at 0800 - 15/5/18.

| DESCRIPTION. | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | |
|---|----------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | G.H.Q. | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q. | Jerusalem. |
| 8 a.m. | 72° | 72° | 0 | + 11° |
| TEMPER- ATURE. | | | | |
| Max. for prev. day. | 82° | 81° | + 5° | + 9° |
| Min. for prev. night. | 58° | 61° | - 6° | + 11° |
| HUMIDITY | 67% | 45% | + 4% | - 32% |
| RAINFALL. | Nil. | Nil. | 0 | 0 |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | 29.66" | 27.31" | -.01" | 0 |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0800. | Rising .02" | - | -.01" | - |

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C.I.C. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

for 24 hours ending 0800 - 17/5/18.

1: LAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS

0830-1100 At AMMAN Station there were 40 r.s. in three made up trains but no engines were seen. There were 145 heaps of stores. 200 cavalry were seen south of Station. The AMMAN-KALAAZ EZ-ZERKA Road is being improved. 450 cavalry were seen near ALI ES SIR and 150 on the AMMAN - SUFEILEH Road. 150 infantry were halted on the SUFEILEH - ES SALT road and 400 cavalry were watering near ES SALT. The hospital East of JISR ED DANIE has decreased. (R.A.F. 16/5/18).

Tents & Shelters. A change of T.S. is noted in AMMAN STATION, as follows.

| | <u>M.</u> | <u>BT.</u> | <u>S.</u> | <u>B.</u> | <u>Total.</u> |
|-------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| 15/5. | 3 | 30 | 15 | - | 48. |
| 16/5. | 11 | 22 | 40 | 26 | 99 + 51. |

M = Marquees, BT = Bell Tents, S = Shelters, B = Bivouacs, (R.A.F.).

Suspected battery positions reported in 127.W.15 (UMM EL KEBEKIR) and 127.D.31.a. (E. of UMM ESH SHURT). (R.A.F. 16/5/18).

It is reported that troops (said to be one battalion) arrived at AMMAN on 11th inst. from DAMASCUS with 3 M.Gs. The supply depot at AMMAN was destroyed by fire a week ago. (Agent 15/5/18).

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The following new trench work has been reported by
 R.A.F. (16/5/18):

SHUNT NIMRIN Area.

- 127.T.1.c. "S" shaped trench.
- S.6.b. 20 yards facing South-west.
- Q.28.a. 15 yards facing West.
- W.19.c. 150 yards and circular redoubt facing (West.
- R.21.c. 25 yards parallel to road.
- R.17.c. 10 yards facing South-West.
- R.6.c. 20 yards facing South-West.
- P.36.c. 50 yards facing South-West.
- P.24.c. 50 yards facing West.
- F.16.b. 150 yards facing West.
- G.26.c. 100 yards facing West.
- G.23.b. 100 yards facing North-West.
- G.18.c. 50 yards facing West.
- G.16.d. 300 yards facing West.
- G.7.d. 20 yards facing West.

UHM ESH SHERT Area.

- C.36.b. 10 yards facing West.
- C.13.a. 15 yards facing West.

The following gun positions are reported:

- 127.X.9.c. Possible position
- F.35. Four gun emplacements.
- P.18. Two out four pits occupied.

2: PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Summary of Tents and Shelters:-

| <u>E. of JORDAN.</u> | <u>27/4/18.</u> | <u>15/5/18.</u> | <u>Increase.</u> | <u>Decrease.</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Strategical Area. | 140 | 221 | 81 | - |
| Tactical / res. | 500 | 650 | 130 | - |
| <u>W. OF JORDAN.</u> | | | | |
| <u>Eastern Sector.</u> | | | | |
| Strategical Area. | 742 | 819 | 77 | - |
| Tactical Area. | 327 * | 1,225 | ? | - |
| <u>Western Sector.</u> | | | | |
| Strategical Area. | 831 | 685 | - | 146 |
| Tactical Area. | 1,550 | 1,595 | 45 | - |
| | | | <u>333</u> | <u>146</u> |

* Part count only, and therefore impossible to estimate change within period.

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TOTAL INCREASE (excluding Eastern Sector, Tactical (see))

= 187.

TOTAL T.S. ON 15/5/18 = 5,175.

3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a)

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|-------------|----------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|
| 2/59th Rgt. | 15/5/18. | KH. MAUTIH L.5 (Sheet C.5) | Deserter 2/59. | Bn. recently reformed and 150 strong. |

(b) 25th Division.

Prisoners from the H.Q. of the Composite Division state that a new Division arrived at SIUNET NIKHIM on the night of the 14th/15th inst. from CONSTANTINOPLE. One prisoner heard that this was the 25th Division.

Note.- While this particular report may refer to the arrival of the 66th Regt. or other troops at SIUNET NIKHIM, indications point to the impending arrival of the 25th Division on this front.

Contact has already been established with two Machine Gun Coys. of the 74th Regt. and the 73rd Regt. has been reported moving west from DEMBA.

(c) Reference Intelligence Summary No. 291 of 15/5/18,

para. 3, further examination of all prisoners from the 63rd Regt. show the whole regiment to be located about 127.D. (approx.).

4: ORGANISATION.

Prisoners from the 63rd Regt. state that their Machine Gun Coys.' personnel has been absorbed by the infantry companies and that the regiment now has no machine guns. There are however 3 automatic rifles per company. This report requires confirmation.

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5: COMMUNICATIONS.

Prisoner, 3/63rd Regt., captured 13/5/18, states that there are two pontoon ferries across the JORDAN at JISR ED DAMIE. The one pontoon can carry 30 men and the other about 50. The width of the river from bank to bank there is about 32 yards.

6: SYRIA L. of C.

Agent who was in DAMASCUS on April 30th saw very few troops there - only 1 Bn. MEVLEVIS and one Bn. Turks in addition to 1 Bn. trainin in barracks. There were 100 German Infantry in a camp west of SALAHIYE and DAMASCUS. In DERA'A there were 50 Germans.

Crops south of DAMASCUS and in the HAURAN are excellent. (Agent 14/5/18).

7: CASUALTIES.

On May 6th the English Hospital in NABLUS was overflowing with Turkish wounded said to be from the BIDIEH - BERTA - FURKHAH sector. (Agent 14/5/18).

8: MESOPOTAMIA.

According to the statements of two Indian Sepoys who were captured at KUT and escaped from NISIBIN on 21/4/18 the broad gauge rails are laid to KASR SEROHIRHAN (8 miles W.N.W. of NISIBIN). No decauville line is being used in advance of the broad gauge railhead. Formation of level is complete to TEL AWENAT (48 miles N.W. of MOSUL), but the bridge is still under construction.

The rations issued to P. of W. although not good are sufficient. P. of W. are accommodated in Bedouin tents and are well clothed.

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9. : ARABIA.

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On the 12th inst. the Arabs again successfully raided WAMI JERDUN (10 miles N. of MAAN) capturing the station. 3 machine guns, and 1 mountain gun, with 115 boxes of mountain gun ammunition. 140 prisoners were taken and 30 Turkish dead were counted.

During the raid 3 masonry bridges were destroyed, also a considerable section of track.

On the same date 124 prisoners were taken at MAAN.

On the following day an Arab Force operating in the vicinity of BATN EL GHUL (45 miles S. of MAAN) destroyed the railway on the escarpment section. 1500 rails were cut, over 100 sections of track were destroyed along the escarpment, a 30 ft. cutting was blown in, 8 kilometres of telegraph posts and wire were removed, and the station buildings at BATN EL GHUL and AKABAT EL HEJAZIA (32 miles S. of MAAN) completely destroyed.

10 : METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) at 0800 - 17/5/18, and Jerusalem, (2720 ft. " " " ") at 0800 - 16/5/18.

| DESCRIPTION. | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | | |
|--|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|------|
| | G.H.Q. | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q. | JERUSALEM. | |
| TEMPERATURE. | 8. a.m. | 74° | 70° | + 20 | - 20 |
| | Max. for prev. day | 84° | 84° | + 20 | + 30 |
| | Min. for prev. night. | 60° | 61° | + 20 | - |
| HUMIDITY. | 68% | 30% | + 1% | - 15% | |
| RAINFALL. | nil | nil | - | - | |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | 29.58" | 27.22" | -.08 | + .01 | |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0800. | steady 0 | - | -.02 | - | |

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

for 24 hours ending 0800 - 18/5/18.

1: EAST OF JORDAN.

0710- LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.
1000

50 R.S. were seen at AMMAN STATION with no engine.
150 infantry were seen $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles south-east of Station.
2 parks of 20 M.T. each were observed just East of AMMAN, one being heavy, and one light transport. There were 18 M/T on AMMAN - ES SALT road and 12 parked at SUMEKTEH.

150 cavalry were seen south east of crossing at JISR ED DAMIE.

Suspected gun positions are reported as follows:-

127.W.35. (S.E. of SHUNET NIMPIN) and at 127.D.31.d. (East of UMM ESH SHERT). (R.A.F. 17/5/18).

2: PALESTINE FRONT.

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

1600. Eastern Sector. 100 bivouacs and approximately 1000
1750. infantry were seen in the WADI FUSAIL area in the neighbourhood of 113.V.55.c. (R.A.F. 17/5/18).

A possible gun position at 115.X.3.a. (Near WADI FUSAIL). (R.A.F. 17/5/18).

Western Sector.

0500- Much movement was observed in the camp in S.9 and 10.
0645. The four rectangular dug-outs in N.17.a. are now covered with tarpaulins and are probably used for storage.

There are rectangular Redoubts in N.5.d. and N.5.c. (R.A.F. 17/5/1918). (Ref. TIRRH, D.3., 1/40,000).

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(B) HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Between 0800, 15/5/18, and 0800, 16/5/18, a total of approximately 35 enemy planes crossed our lines between DEIR ES SUDAN (C.4/B.32.b) and KEFR MALIK (C.5/Q.25).

3: HOSPITALS.

Summary of tentage up to 15/5/18:-

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| <u>EAST OF JORDAN.</u> | <u>Total.</u> |
| Strategical Area. | 39 |
| Tactical Area. | 15 |
| <u>WEST of JORDAN.</u> | |
| Eastern Sector: Strategical Area. | 207 |
| Tactical Area. | 20 |
| Western Sector: Strategical Area. | <u>97</u> |
| | <u>378</u> |

(R.A.F.).

4: IDENTIFICATIONS.

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|---------------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 77th Rgt. | 17/5. | Next sea, Coastal Sector. | Deserters, 2/77th. | Deserters state all three Rgts. 19th Div. in line, but disagree as to order of 72nd & 57th Rgts. |
| 19th Depot Regt. | 1/5. | DAMASCUS. | Deserter 2/191. | Trains Kurdish & Persian recruits. Strength never over 500. |
| 5th Cav. Rgt. 2nd Sqn. | 25/3 | On Railway between MAAN and KUTRANI. | Deserter 2/5th Cav. Rgt. | Probably Div. Sqn. 48th Divn. |
| 16th Batty. 74th Heavy Art. Bn. | 31/3 | Attd. 16th Div. VIII Army. | Document. | |

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5: ORGANISATION.

It is reported that the German Artillery officer and N.C.O. formerly in charge of the artillery in the SOKIA district (near SMYRNA) have gone to CONSTANTINOPLE to take charge of the artillery school which is being formed in the KIATHANE Valley. (Mudros, Agent 27/4/18).

6: METEOROLOGICAL.

Hitherto the JERUSALEM meteorological reports have been published on the day subsequent to that on which they were issued from JERUSALEM. They will in future appear on the date of issue. The JERUSALEM reports for both the 17th and 18th May are therefore included in to-day's summary.

Taken at Jerusalem, (2720 ft. above mean sea level) at 0800 - 17/5/18

| DESCRIPTION. | | Reading. | Difference from previous day. |
|---|--------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| TEMPER- ATURE. | 8 a.m. | 88° | - 2° |
| | Max. for prev. day. | 77° | - 7° |
| | Min. for Prev. night. | 59° | - 2° |
| HUMIDITY. | | 46% | + 16% |
| RAINFALL. | | nil | 0 |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | | 27.13" | -.09" |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0800. | | " | " |

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METEOROLOGICAL (contd:)

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) at 0800 - 18/5/18.
 and Jerusalem, (2720 " " " " ") at 0800 - 18/5/18.

| DESCRIPTION. | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | | |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------|--------|
| | G.H.Q. | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q. | Jerusalem. | |
| TEMPER- ATURE. | 8 a.m. | 74° | 65° | 0 | - 5° |
| | Max. for prev. day. | 82° | 77° | - 2° | 0 |
| | Min. for prev. night. | 57° | 56° | - 3° | - 3° |
| HUMIDITY. | | 74% | 80% | + 6% | +34% |
| RAINFALL. | | | | - | - |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | | 29.49" | 27.05" | - .09" | - .00" |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0800. | | Rising .03ins. | - | + .03" | - |

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ESTIMATED DISTRIBUTION OF ENEMY FORCES ON PALESTINE FRONT 17/5/18.

| Unit. | Location. | Rifles. | Sabres | M.Gs. | Automatic rifles | Remarks. | |
|---|--|---------|--------|-------|------------------|---|--|
| A: DERRA-KUTRANI KERAK-JISR ED DAMIE } Area. | | | | | | | |
| <u>IV A R M Y.</u> | | | | | | | |
| (1) 1st Ln/152 Regt. | } EL KUTRANI to N. along railway. AMMAN. | 150 | - | 12 | - | 3rd Bn. probably. moved to SHUNET /NIMRIN. | |
| 2 & 3 Bn/150 " | | 300 | - | 12 | - | | |
| (11) VIII A. C. | | | | | | | |
| <u>Composite Div.</u> | KABR | | | | | | |
| 1/123 Regt. | } MUJAHID - | 200 | - | 4 | - | | |
| 1/143 " | | 200 | - | 8 | - | | |
| ?148 " | | 300 | - | 18 | - | | |
| 2 & 3/152 Regt. | | 400 | - | 4 | - | | |
| 2/159 " | } SHUNET | 75 | - | - | - | | |
| Mule M.I. Bn. | | 250 | - | 4 | - | | |
| Camel Coy. | | 50 | - | - | - | | |
| 2nd Sqn. 29th Cav. Regt. | | NIMRIN | - | 100 | - | - | |
| 26 Div. Cav. Sqn. | | } area. | - | 75 | - | - | |
| 7th Cav. Regt. | | | - | 350 | 8 | - | |
| <u>48th Division.</u> | | | | | | | |
| 17th Regt. (2 bns). | } SHUNET NIMRIN - | 350 | - | 12 | - | } 2nd & 3rd Bns. reported absorbed by 1/66. | |
| 23rd " & 2/24th Regt. | | 550 | - | 16 | - | | |
| 66th Regt. | | 500 | - | 6 | - | | |
| 126th Regt. | } ES SALT area. | 650 | - | 18 | - | | |
| 191st " | | 500 | - | 18 | - | | |

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| Unit. | Location. | Rifles | Sabres | M.Gs. | Auto- matic rifles. | Remarks. |
|--|--|--------|--------|-------|---------------------------|--|
| IV ARMY (Continued). | | | | | | |
| | Reserve. | 225 | - | 8 | 9 | |
| 146th German Regt. ($\frac{1}{2}$ Bn). | | 100 | 300 | - | - | |
| Circassian Irregs. | | - | 800 | 12 | - | 10th Cav. Regt. reported to have joined Bde. |
| (iii) 2nd Caucasus Cav. Brigade. | ES SALT AREA. | | | | | |
| (iv) 24th Division. | | 2250 | 100 | 42 | - | |
| Regts. 2, 58, 143. | JISR ED DAMIE - | 150 | - | 4 | - | |
| 1st Attack Bn. | | 450 | 50 | 6 | 21. | |
| 703rd Bn. | ES SALT AREA. | 100 | 600 | 19 | - | |
| 3rd Cav. Div. | | | | | | |
| (see also B. VII Army, 73rd Regt.) | | 800 | - | 18 | - | |
| 63rd Regt. | | | | | | |
| | TOTAL. | 8850 | 2375. | 249. | 34. | |
| B: VII ARMY. | | | | | | |
| | W. OF JORDAN. | | | | | |
| 4th Cav. Regt. | WADI FUSAIL (113.V.& U) | - | 300 | 4 | - | Unconfirmed report states that the 144th Rgt. is in this area. |
| | | - | 100 | - | - | |
| 11th Cav. Div. Sqn. | | 850 | - | 18 | 4 | |
| 145th Inf. Regt. | ? JISR ED DAMIE area. | | | | | Reported passed W. from DERAA 20/4/18. Remain- der 25th Div. possibly arriving. |
| 73rd Regt. | Possibly crossing to E. | 900 | - | 18 | - | |
| | TOTAL - WADI FUSAIL - JISR ED DAMIE AREA. | 1750 | 400 | 40 | 4 | |

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| Unit. | Location. | Rifles | Sabres | M. Gs. | Auto- matic rifles | Remarks. |
|--|---|--------|--------|--------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>VII ARMY (Continued).</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>XXth A. C.</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>53rd Div. (10 Bns).</u> | | | | | | |
| 163rd Regt. | 113.R. & W. EL MUGHER (113.Q.5.d). | 1700 | 50 | 48 | 4 | |
| 52nd " | | | | | | |
| 136th " | | | | | | |
| 2/151st Regt. | | | | | | |
| <u>26th Div. (8 Bns).</u> | | | | | | |
| 59th Regt. | } 099.O. & L. Reserve. | 1500 | 100 | 47 | 6 | |
| 78th " | | | | | | |
| 76th " | | | | | | |
| <u>TOTAL - XXth A.C. W. of JORDAN.</u> | | 3800 | 150 | 95 | 10 | |
| <u>IIIRD A. C.</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>11th Div. (9 Bns).</u> | | | | | | |
| 127th Regt. | } SINJIL - E. of AMURIEH area (099.H.15). Reserve. | 2700 | - | 48 | 6 | |
| 33rd " | | | | | | |
| 158th " | | | | | | |
| <u>1st Div. (9 Bns).</u> | | | | | | |
| 70th Regt. | AMURIEH (099.H.15) to FURKHAH (099.B.9). Reserve. approx. | 2600 | 100 | 36 | - | |
| 124th " | | | | | | |
| 71st " | | | | | | |
| <u>TOTAL IIIRD A.C.</u> | | 5300 | 100 | 84 | 6 | |
| <u>TOTAL VII ARMY.</u> | | 10250 | 650 | 219 | 20 | See note to 73rd Regt. |

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| Loc Unit. | Location. | Rifles. | Sabres | M.Gs. | Automatic rifles. | Remarks. |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------|----------|----------|-------------------|--|
| <u>C. V III A R M Y.</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>ASIA CORPS.</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>46th Div.</u> | | | | | | |
| 144th Regt. 3/17th " | KEFR AIN (099.A.30) area N. of BIDIEH. | 850 200 | 100 - | 18. 4 | 4. - | |
| <u>PASHA XX.</u> | | | | | | |
| 701st German Inf. Bn. & Troop. | } South of SERTA } AZZUN area | 450 | 50 | 6 | 21. | |
| 702nd " editte- | | | | | | |
| <u>18th Div. (9 bns)</u> | | | | | | |
| 48th Regt. | MESHA area. | 2600 | 150 | 72 | 10. | |
| 47th " | W. of MESHA area. | | | | | |
| 125th " | In reserve. | | | | | |
| <u>7th Div. (9 bns).</u> | | | | | | |
| 21st Regt. | KEFR KASIM. JILJULIEH. In reserve. | 1950 | 150 | 60 | - | part ? in line East of 21st Regt. |
| 20th " | | | | | | |
| 19th " | | | | | | |
| <u>TOTAL - ASIA CORPS.</u> | | 6500 | 500 | 166 | 56. | |
| <u>XXII A. C.</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>20th Div. (6 bns).</u> | | | | | | |
| 61 & 62 Regt. | BEFORE KEFR SABA. | 1650. | 100 | 36 | 8 | Contact with all Bns. 63rd Rgt. E. of JORDAN. |

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| Unit. | Location. | Rf les | Sabres | MGs. | Automa- tic rifles. | Remarks. |
|--|--|--------|--------|------|---------------------------|---|
| <u>VIII ARMY (Continued).</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>19th Div.</u> | | | | | | |
| Regts. 77, 57. Regt. 72. | TABSOR DEFENCES to SEA. In reserve. | 2700 | 100 | 38 | 8. | 72nd Regt possibly also in line. |
| <u>TOTAL - XXII A.C.</u> | | 4350 | 200 | 74 | 16. | |
| <u>R E S E R V E.</u> | | | | | | |
| 246th German Regt. (less 1/2 Bn). | Uncertain * | 1500 | - | 13 | 54. | * Reported moved into line astride railway near JILJULIYH. |
| <u>18th Div.</u> Regts. 34, 35, 36. | ?TUL KERAM area. | 2700 | 100 | 54 | - | Frequently reported (hearsay) as on this front but no definite confirmation. Possibly the 1st Cauc. Cav. Regt. |
| 71st Lancer Regt. | -do- | - | 200 | 4 | - | |
| <u>TOTAL - VIII ARMY.</u> | | 15050 | 1000 | 314 | 126. | |
| <u>D: N. PALESTINE & L. CF C.</u> | | | | | | |
| VIII Army Depot Bn. 1/151st Regt. | EL HUDEIRA. Guarding Rail- way DERAA-YARMUK Valley. Arriving. | 700 | - | - | - | |
| 1 Rgt. 25th Div. | | 350 | - | 6 | - | |
| | | 900 | - | 18 | ? | Additional to 73rd Regt. probably 74th, M.G. Coy from which has been identified East of JORDAN. |
| <u>TOTAL.</u> | | 1950 | - | 34 | ? | |

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TOTALS.

| | Rifles. | Sabres. | M.Gs. | Automatic rifles. |
|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|
| (A) East of Jordan, etc. | 8850. | 2375 | 249 | 34. |
| (B) VII ARMY. | 10250 | 650 | 219 | 20. |
| (C) VIII ARMY. | 15050. | 1000 | 314 | 126. |
| (D) N. Palestine & L. of O. | 1950. | - | 24 | - |
| | <u>36,100.</u> | <u>4025.</u> | <u>806.</u> | <u>180.</u> |

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11th JAEGER Bn. -
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5: TOTALS.

| Location. | 77 mm. Fld. | 77 mm. Mtn. | 105 mm Gun. | 105 mm How. | 150 mm Gun. | 150 mm How. | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| EASTERN SECTOR. | 78 | 18 | 8 | 16 | - | 16. | = 156. |
| WESTERN SECTOR. | 66 | 12 | 6 | 12 | - | - | = 96. |
| UNLOCATED. | 48 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 8 | = 84. |
| E.OF JORDAN. | 14 | 18 | - | 20 | - | - | = 52. |
| | 206 | 52 | 18 | 56 | 12 | 24 | = 368. |
| Less Arty cap- tured but unidentified by Units | - | - | 76 | 10 | 76 | 9 | = 31 |
| | 206* | 52 | 712 | 46 [♂] | 76 | 15 [♂] | = 337 ⁷ |

* 16 are possibly trench guns.

♂ Several are probably of 120 mm. calibre.

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

♣ This total includes:

Guns damaged and under repair.
Guns in reserve.

There ^{are} also a 24 cm. mortar battery (2 Mortars) in the Eastern Sector and a 12 cm. low velocity gun in the Western Sector.

It is also probable that owing to the splitting up of units and the absorption of certain batteries in other units, some guns have been counted twice.

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

for 24 hours ending 0800 - 19/5/18.

1: EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

1545- 200 pack horses, 8 H.T. and 200 infantry were observed
1800. in the SHUNET NIMRIN area in the wadi 127.W.22 to W.10. In
127.W.21.c. one squadron of cavalry was moving east. (R.A.F.
18/5/18).

2: PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

0535- Eastern Sector. Just below JISR ED DAMIE wire ropes were
0810. visible in the sun across the JORDAN. One barge was observed
stationary on the west side of the river. There were approx-
imately 200 tents on either side of the road between 112.L.20
and 112.N.12. There was considerable traffic in the same
area. 200 cavalry were seen stationary in 113.V.34 and 100
infantry and cavalry in 113.V.35.c. Between 113.V.35 and V.c.
there were 150 tents on both sides of the river. (R.A.F.
18/5/18).

1545- In 113.V.28.a. 200 cavalry were moving north and 100
1800. cavalry moving south. There was less movement on the road
running North-west from JISR ED DAMIE as compared with the
morning. (R.A.F. 18/5/18).

1600- Western Sector. At JENIN 28 hangars were seen. There were
1805. 6 machines on the ground, four scouts and 2 two-seaters.
This is an increase of 4 hangars since 7/5/18. (R.A.F.
18/5/18).

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3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 3/71st Regt. | 18/5. | Trenches about H.9 (Sheet C.5) | Deserter 3/71st Regt. | From reserve into line. |
| 7th Fld Art. Rgt. 8th & 9th Batts. | Early May. | ?127.P.35. | Prisoners 8th Batt. | Each batt. had 4 77-mm. Q.F. Mtn Guns, but 2 guns of 9th Batt. captured. |
| 29th Cav. Regt. | " | SALT. | P. 11th Cav. Rgt. | Newly formed. May refer to Sqn. of this Regt. already identified E. of JORDAN. |
| 163rd Regt. | 6/5. | Relieved 32nd Regt. E. of EL MUGHEIR. | P. 136th Regt. | |

4: ORGANISATION.

7th Cav. Regt.

(a) A prisoner from the 7th Cav. Regt. states that two companies of 136th Inf. Regt. were mounted and drafted to 7th Cav. Regt.

The 7th Cav. Regt. is composed of:-

- H.Q.
- 4 Sqns. Cavalry.
- 1 M.G. Sqn.
- 3 batteries 75 mm. guns.
- W/T Station.
- Helio Detachment.

(b) 66th Regt.

Prisoner states that remnants of 2 and 3/66 together with 100 men from 1/66 were drafted to 191st Regt. about 10/5/18.

(c) 2nd Caucasus Cav. Bde.

The 2nd Cavalry Division owing to attrition, became early in 1917 the 2nd Caucasus Cavalry Brigade.

The original composition of the 2nd Cav. Div. is uncertain, but was probably Cav. Regts. 19 - 25.

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5: TOPOGRAPHY.

An intelligent and apparently reliable N.C.O. deserter states that his brother in the 2/4th Railway Battalion at SEMAKH in a letter dated April 22nd said that about the middle of March work had been begun on the construction of a railway from RAYAK to SEMAKH following the Western shore of Lake TIBERIAS. Work had been begun from RAYAK and Arabs stated they had already been working on the line. The necessary tools were being assembled at SEMAKH, and it was intended to begin work from this end also. The plans had been prepared by MEISSNER Pasha (the Engineer of the HEJAZ Railway). Above is confirmed by the statement of a Medical Officer prisoner who states that in November 1917 he heard that a new railway was being laid between RAYAK and TIBERIAS. Compare previous report of road being constructed in Intelligence Summary No. 287 of 11/5/18, para. 7.

6: METEOROLOGICAL.

(A) OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT G.H.Q.

Summary for week-ending May 18th 1918 at 1800.

1: Temperature.

| | °F. | <u>Differences from previous week.</u> |
|---------------------------|-----|--|
| Mean of week. | 69 | + 1 |
| Mean Maximum. | 80. | - 2. |
| Mean Minimum. | 60. | + 3. |
| Highest recorded on 16th. | 84. | - 14. |
| Lowest recorded on 18th. | 57. | + 4. |

2: Humidity.

| | % | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| Mean of week. | 72 | + 7. |
| Highest recorded on 16th at 2000. | 95. | + 4. |
| Lowest recorded on 17th at 1400. | 38. | + 12. |

3: Wind.

At 0800 on each day the wind was either blowing from S.S.W. - except on 18th when it came from S -

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or the air was calm. During each day-it became more westerly reaching S.W. at 1200. In the course of the afternoons and evenings its direction changed to W.N.W., N.W. or even N. Velocity never exceeded very light. It varied (13th & 14th) between this and "almost calm" when air not actually without motion.

4: Rainfall. No rain fell during the week.

| | | |
|--|---|--------|
| Total rainfall since beginning of rainy season | = | 16.72" |
| Total for May to date, | = | .75" |
| SARONA average for May. | = | .19" |

(B) OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT JERUSALEM.

Summary for week ending May 18th at 0800.

1: Temperature.

| | OF. | Differences from previous week. |
|---------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|
| Mean of week. | 68 | + 5. |
| Mean Maximum. | 79. | + 8. |
| Mean Minimum. | 56. | + 1. |
| Highest recorded on 11th. | 91. | + 1. |
| Lowest recorded on 14th. | 50. | + 4. |

2: Humidity.

| | % | |
|---------------------------|-----|------|
| Mean of week. | 62. | + 7. |
| Highest recorded on 18th. | 80. | - 6. |
| Lowest Recorded on 16th. | 30. | + 4. |

3: Wind. On 12th the wind blew from W.N.W. during the day.

On the 15th it veered a little to N.N.W., but backed to a general direction of N.W. on 14th.

At 0800 on the 15th it came from E. but became N.W. later. For rest of week the wind was mainly from W.N.W. Hence for whole of week winds may be said to have been N. Westerly. Velocity during greater part of week was between very light and light, except on 13th when it attained "moderate".

4: Rainfall. Nil.

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(C) Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) at 0800 - 18/5/18,
and Jerusalem, (2720 " " " " ") at 0800 - 19/5/18.

| DESCRIPTION. | | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | |
|---|--------------------------|----------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | | G.H.Q. | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q. | Jerusalem. |
| TEMPER- ATURE. | 8 a.m. | 71° | 61° | - 3° | - 2° |
| | Max. for prev. day. | 80° | 72° | - 2° | - 5° |
| | Min. for prev. night. | 59° | 52° | + 2° | - 4° |
| HUMIDITY. | | 70% | 71% | - 4% | - 9% |
| RAINFALL. | | Trace. | Nil. | 0 | 0 |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | | 29.55" | 27.98" | + .06" | + .03" |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0800. | | Rising .02" | - | -.01: | - |

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ARTILLERY ESTIMATE.

1: EASTERN SECTOR.

| U N T T | 77 mm. Fld. | 77 mm. Mtn. | 105 mm. Gun. | 105 mm. How. | 150 mm. gun. | 150 mm. How. | Remarks. |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|
| 1st Mtn. Art. Rgt. 2nd Bn. | - | 8 | - | - | - | - | |
| 1st F.A. Rgt. | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 7th " (one Batty) | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | 4 guns to E. of JORDAN ? attd. 53rd Div. |
| 8th " 2nd Bn. | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 11th " " | 8 | 8 | - | - | - | - | |
| 12th " 3rd Bn. | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 13th " 2nd Bn. | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 19th " " | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 20th " " | 8 | - | - | 12 | - | - | |
| 23rd " 1st Bn. & 4th Btty. | 8 | - | - | 4 | - | - | It is possible that 4th Batty 23rd F.A. Rgt. is same as 4th Batty 26th F.A. Rgt. now shown E. of JORDAN. |
| 26th " (part of 1st & 2nd Bns). | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 39th " " | 7 | - | 4 | - | - | - | |
| 43rd " (part 2 nd Bn) | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | |
| 45th Hy. Art Bn. Batties 1, 7 & 10. | - | - | 4 | - | - | 8 | |
| 73rd H.A. Bn. Batties 13 & 14. | - | - | - | - | - | 8 | |
| | 78 | 18 | 8 | 16 | - | 16. | |

2: WESTERN SECTOR.

| | | | | | | | |
|---|----|----|---|----|---|---|---|
| 1st F.A. Rgt. 5th Btty | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | |
| 2nd " 2nd Bn. | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | In JILJULIEH area ? only part of Bn. |
| 6th " 1st Bn. | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 9th " 1st Bn. | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | Attd. 19th Div. |
| 13th " 2nd Batty. | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 25th " 5th " | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 27th " 5th " | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | |
| 32nd " 2nd Bn. * | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | Possibly Trench Guns. |
| 47th " ? Bn. * | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 48th " 2nd Bn. | - | 8 | - | - | - | - | E. of JILJULIEH. |
| 50th " 2nd Bn. | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 54th " 1st Bn. | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | ? Attd. XXII A.C. |
| 51st Light Fld. How. Battery. | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | |
| 72nd Hy. Art. Bn. 5th & 256 Batties. | - | - | 2 | 3 | - | - | ? with XXII A.C. |
| 701st " I.G.Z. | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 702nd " " | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | |
| 701st F.A. Abt. | 4 | - | - | 4 | - | - | 4 Hows. E. of JORDAN. |
| | 66 | 12 | 6 | 12 | - | - | |

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3: UNLOCATED.

| U N I T. | 77 mm. Fld. | 77 mm. Mtn. | 105 mm. Gun. | 105 mm. How. | 150 mm. gun. | 150 mm. How. | Remarks. |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|
| 3rd Hy Art. Bn. | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | <p>only One P/W states there is 1 Bty of 1st Bn /left. Reported att. 46th Div. 5 of these were badly /damaged. * Probably in Eastern Sec- tor. 20th Bty may only have 2 guns.</p> |
| 5th F.A.Rgt. 2 Bns. | 16 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 16th " 2 Bns. | 8 | 4 | - | - | - | - | |
| 53rd " | 16 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 54th " 2nd Bn. | 8 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 74th Hy.Art.Bn. 257 Bty. | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | |
| 41st How. Bty. | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | |
| 44th " " * | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | |
| 230th Bty. * | - | - | 4 | - | - | - | |
| 15, 20 & ? Austrian Hvy Batties. | - | - | - | - | 12 | - | |
| | 48 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 8 | |

4: EAST OF JORDAN.

| | | | | | | | |
|--|----|----|---|----|---|---|--|
| 7th F.A.Rgt. | | | | | | | <p>1 possibly captured. Attd. Mule M.I.Bn. Attd. 3rd Cav. Div. Attd. 7th Cav. Rgt. No definite information regarding 4th & 5th /Batteries.</p> |
| 4th Bty. | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 8th " 7th " | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 26th " 4th " | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| 27th " 5th " | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | |
| 7th " | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | |
| 3rd Horse Art.Rt. 3rd Bty | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | |
| ? " | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | |
| 744th F.A.Rgt. / 4 & 5 Batties. | - | 4 | - | 4 | - | - | |
| 8th Bty. | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | |
| 703rd Inf.Geschutz Zug. | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | |
| 701st F.A. Abt. V.Marno's Aust. Mtn. Hows. | - | - | - | 4 | - | - | |
| | - | - | - | 10 | - | - | |
| | 14 | 18 | - | 20 | - | - | |

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1: EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

1340- At AMMAN STATION there were 65 R.S. including two made up
1620. trains. No engines were seen. 200 cavalry were seen just E. of
JISR ED DAMIE. (R.A.F. 19/5/18).

Two small gun emplacements are reported in 127.W.10.c. and
four in 127.O.10.b. (R.A.F. 19/5/18).

Tents and Shelters. T.S. in SHUNET NIMRIN area now number 700
(an increase of 150). This includes recently made huts and
shelters, and does not necessarily signify any increase in
troops, but indicates troops making themselves more permanent
living quarters. (R.A.F. 19/5/18).

2: PALESTINE FRONT.

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Tents and shelters. The LOWER WADI FARAH shows an increase of
94 T.S. since last count on 17th inst; and hospitals in this
area have increased by 29 T.S. since 8th inst.

(B) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY, 17/5/18.

Hostile artillery more than active than usual in vicinity
of KH. ABU FELAH (C.5/Q.7).

3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|---------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| 3rd Rgt. 1st Bn. | 17/5. | SHUNET NIMRIN area. | prisoner 1/63. | 1/63 attached 48th Div. other two bns. further N. reported attached 24th Div. |
| 24th Div. | 7/5/18. | Recrossed JORDAN to West. | Prisoner 3/63. | Relieved by 63rd Rgt. Requires confirmation. Probably part only. 3 deserters from 143rd Rgt. were taken East of JORDAN on 19/5/18. |

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4: ORGANISATION.

German prisoner from the 604th Machine Gun Company gives the following information as to the training of Turks carried out by his Company:-

604 M.G. Coy has 6 heavy M.Gs. all used in fronts, also for training. About 30 of the Germans of the Coy attend to these guns when training Turks. (His Coy only train men for heavy M.G).

- (1) Numbers of men trained at one time varied from 60 to 80, all being men from same Turkish Regiment.
- (2) Course complete takes two months. Owing to pressure of Turkish Command it has happened that men had to be sent to fronts half-trained after 3 weeks course.
- (3) Details of course:-
 - (a) Manipulation of M.G.
 - (b) Placing M.G. for action.
 - (c) Loading on saddles of camels or other animals.
 - (d) Firing single shot (Reihenfeuer) 25 rounds (Dauerfeuer), one belt 250 rounds, 50, 100, 300 metres on targets.
 - (e) Observation of targets, by binoculars.
 - (f) Any man found stupid combed out of the course of M.G. Coy.
 - (g) Good shooting in Dauerfeuer stopped before emptying of belt, this from economical reasons.
 - (h) Training took place daily except Fridays and rainy days.
 - (i) Men are not taught names of details of mechanism except most important parts.
- (4) After completion of course the newly trained Coy, is supplied with M.Gs. and sent to Regiments.
- (5) No Turkish instructors employed: only 1 interpreter who goes from one M.G. to another, as required.

5: ASIA MINOR.

Man-power. The following is a translation of a circular posted throughout Asia Minor, 9th April 1918.

"1: If by the 30th April 1334, i.e. end of last month, all you robbers and deserters will repent for all you have done in the past, and surrender yourselves to the Barracks no punishment will be made. Neither will you be sent for guarding purposes nor to any active front, but you will be sent with those working in the Army, so that you may work with them for your moral and honour. For this purpose the G.O. of the Army (Ordou), His Highness the Pasha, orders by this circular an amnesty in order that everyone of you may profit by it. Wherever you may be, go and give yourself up to the nearest Recruiting Office

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(Shubeh) or wherever there is a Military Barracks. Both of these, i.e. Recruiting Offices and Barracks will accept you with open arms.

- 2: After the 30th April 1334 and in future if you do not surrender, our venerable Government will not forgive you for your past and with troops that are now ready will hunt you down from all sides and should you be discovered you will be punished heavily."

6: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) } - at 0800 20/5/18.
and Jerusalem, (3720 " " " " " " }

| DESCRIPTION. | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | | |
|--|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|------|
| | G.H.Q. | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q. | Jerusalem. | |
| TEMPERATURE. | 8 a.m. | 72° | 59° | + 1° | - 2° |
| | Max. for prev. day. | 81° | 72° | + 1° | 0 |
| | Min. for prev. night. | 58° | 52° | - 1° | 0 |
| HUMIDITY. | 65% | 77% | - 5% | + 6% | |
| RAINFALL. | Nil. | Nil. | 0 | 0 | |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | 29.63" | 27.17" | + .08" | + .09" | |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0800. | Rising .02" | - | 0 | - | |

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1: PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

0830-1200. Eastern Sector. 300 cavalry were seen halted on the East bank of the JORDAN opposite the crossing at JISR ED DAMIE and 100 cavalry were halted in 112.N.3. A new camp was under construction in 113.V.2. There was a decrease of 77 Tents and Shelters in UPPER WADI FARAH area since 3/5/18. There was considerable movement of troops and transport at the barracks at NABLUS. 130 cavalry were going south in 098.N.29. (R.A.F. 20/5/18).

2: IDENTIFICATIONS.

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| <u>1st Div.</u> 70th Regt. | 14/5/18. | S. of SELFIT T.29 (Sheet C.4) | Deserter, 2/70th bRegt. | 3rd Bn. in Regimental reserve. |
| 71st " | " | Line, E. of 70th Regt. | " | |
| 134th " | " | Line W. of 70th Regt. | " | |
| <u>26th Div.</u> 76th Regt. | 16/5/18. | 112.F.17. | Deserter. 76th Regt | Another deserter from 2/76th taken 7/5/18, places 2/76 at end of divisional line at 113. Q.7 - 14 with 136th Regt. to east. |
| 59th " | " | E. of 76th Regt. | " | |
| 78th " | " | W. of 76th Regt. | " | |
| 100 Trans- port Col. | 31/1/18. | CONSTANTIN- OPLE. | Document. | Attd. 61st Div. |
| 4th Pion- eer Coy. | 19/5/18. | Attd. 7th Division. | Deserters 4th Pion- eer Coy. | |

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(ii) Germans.

Deserter, 3/191st taken 17/5/18, states there is a troop of 40/50 German cavalry east of JORDAN. (Probably 703rd Cav. Troop).

(iii). The following moves by rail south from DERA A are reported for the period 20/4/18 - 13/5/18.

(A) Towards AMMAN.

6000 men of 25th Div. G.O.C. & Staff still at DAMASCUS.

(B) 600 men, part towards AMMAN, part towards NABLUS.

(C) 5 aeroplanes.

Note. A. & B. are probably exaggerated considerably. They refer doubtless to 66th Regt., part 74th Regt. and various M.G. Coys, and possibly other elements of 25th Div., (including part of 73rd Regt. previously reported).

On 12/5/18 3000 Germans were reported to be at RAYAK. (Probably exaggerated). (Agent 19/5/18).

(iv). Three deserters from 4th Pioneer Coy, 7th Division, taken 19/5/18, state on hearsay that a new division arrived at TUL KERAM about 11/5/18 from CONSTANTINOPLE.

Note. This may refer to reported westward move of 73rd Regt. from DERA A on 20/4, but compare 2(iii) A. and B. above.

3: ORGANISATION.

66th Regt. Owing to the heavy losses sustained by 191st Regt. during recent operations East of JORDAN, 90 men from the 1/66th Regt. were drafted to 191st Regt. about 12/5/18. (Prisoner 191st Regt. about 12/5/18).

Another prisoner (191st ex. 1/66th) confirms the above and states that the remainder of 1/66th was drafted to other units. He also states that the 2nd and 3rd Bns. 66th Regt. were destroyed early in May. A prisoner from 3/191, however, though confirming draft from 1/66th, states remainder of battalion still exists as such.

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4: MORAL.

(A). An intelligent sergeant of the 2/63rd Regt. who deserted East of JORDAN on 15th inst. states that there is a great deal of discontent among the Turkish troops owing to lack of food which has become very pronounced during the last fortnight. Every man wishes to desert but most of them are deterred by fear of being shot by the British whilst making the attempt. He thinks that there will be a great deal of desertion in the future. Many deserters and prisoners from East of JORDAN confirm this statement as to poor rations. It is reported that many men are deserting into the hills.

(B). During the fortnight ending 1900 20/5/18, 20 prisoners and 95 deserters (including 1 officer) were taken from the following units:-

| Unit. | P. | D. | Unit. | P. | D. | Unit. | P. | D. | Unit | P. | D. |
|------------------|----|----|------------|----|----|-------------------|----|----|---|----|----|
| 1 & 2/17th Regt. | 2 | 5 | 70th Regt. | - | 2 | 7th Cav. Regt. | - | 1 | Nablus Gar- darmerie | - | 2 |
| 3/17th Pgt | - | 1 | 71st " | - | 1 | 8th " | - | 1 | En. | - | - |
| 20th " | - | 4 | 76th " | - | 3 | 10th " | - | 1 | Labour | 1 | 3 |
| 21st " | 1 | - | 77th " | - | 2 | 11th " | - | 1 | Corps. | - | - |
| 23rd " | - | 1 | 78th " | - | 1 | Mule M.I. | 1 | - | 8th Tele- graph Co. | - | 1 |
| 33rd " | - | 2 | 126th " | - | 1 | -do- | - | - | 7th Army Signals | - | 1* |
| 48th " | - | 4 | 126th " | - | 3 | Mtn. Art Batt. | 1 | - | 4th Pioneer | - | 3 |
| 59th " | - | 1 | 143rd " | - | 3 | 48th Div. | - | - | Coy. attd. | - | - |
| 61st " | - | 1 | 3/152 " | - | 3 | H. Q. | - | 2 | 7th Div. | - | - |
| 62nd " | - | 2 | 191st " | 2 | 12 | H. Q. Comp. | 3 | - | Att'd. | - | 1 |
| 65rd " | 7 | 17 | | | | Div. | | | German M.G. Coy. Unit unknown. | - | 4 |

*Officer.

5: AUSTRO-GERMAN MILITARY MISSION.

A BERNE agent reports that:-

About 20/4/18 an Austro-German Military Mission arrived at CONSTANTINOPLE and at the end of April it was preparing to leave with ENVER on a tour of inspection in PALESTINE and MESOPOTAMIA.

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6: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) and Jerusalem, (2720 " " " " " " } - at 0800 on 21/5/18.

| DESCRIPTION. | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | | |
|--|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|-------|
| | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. | |
| TEMPERATURE. | 8 a.m. | 77° | 70° | + 5° | + 11° |
| | Max. for prev. day. | 81° | 77° | 0 | + 5° |
| | Min. for prev. night. | 61° | 59° | + 3° | + 7° |
| HUMIDITY. | 66% | 48% | + 1% | - 22% | |
| RAINFALL. | Nil. | Nil. | 0 | 0 | |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | 29.58. | 27.16" | -.05" | -.01" | |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0800. | Rising .01" | - | -.01" | - | |

ADDENDUM - EAST OF JORDAN.

1615-1815.

A bridge was observed partially constructed across the JORDAN from the East side at 113.V.35.a. 2 wires were seen 500 yards south of Bridge. (R.A.F. 20/5/18).

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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1: EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

1815- 500 - 700 infantry were seen in Wadis in 127.W.10 and
1815.

22. There were 100 scattered round camp in 127.G.22.

200 cavalry were moving North in 113.V.29.c. (Ref. New
Edition one inch map, Sheet 15). (R.A.F. 20/5/18).

1000-
1815.

There was a decrease in tentage at AMMAN STATION and
a corresponding increase at AMMAN TOWN. 21 loaded horse
transport were seen moving east from ES SALT. (R.A.F.
21/5/18).

BRIDGE OVER JORDAN.

With reference to Addendum to yesterday's Summary,
(for which the following should be ^{now} substituted). Aeroplane
photographs taken 21/5/18 show the following:-

A light bridge, which appears only wide enough for foot
traffic, crosses the JORDAN at 113.V.23.d.3.0.; also a
narrower bridge crosses at 113.V.29.d.4.1. A large object-
probably a raft - is visible at 113.V.23.c.9.1. (All ref.
Sheet XV, 1:33:360).

Much traffic is visible around this area; the
heaviest tracks at present are those leading to the neigh-
bourhood of the raft.

Note. On "ES SALT Composite" Map the above co-ordinates
read respectively 113.V.23.c.33.; V.29.c.34. and
V.22.d.93. (See Para:4 Topographical Report
attached, for explanation).

2: PALESTINE FRONT.

(A) LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Eastern Sector.

tents and shelters, tactical area :-

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An early morning count gives the following totals:-

| | | <u>Increase on last count.</u> |
|-------------|------|------------------------------------|
| EL MUGHEIR. | 150. | 65. |
| KUSRAH. | 135. | 135 * |
| DOMEH. | 315. | 35. |
| SAWIEH. | 30. | 5. |
| KURIYUT. | 170. | <u>20.</u> |
| | | <u>260.</u> |

* No area count has been previously received of this area; the figures 135 are not necessarily all increase as there was probably tentage here not previously reported. (R.A.F. 21/5/18).

(B) HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY, 19/5/18.

Western Sector. Of 50 12 cm. and 10.5 cm. Howitzer shells falling in vicinity of EL HARAM (O.3/V.27), 50% failed to explode. (21st Corps).

3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

(1)

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|-----------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| 75th Rgt. 25th Div. | 12/5/18. | Left DERA A for S. by rail. | Untried agent. | Probable. May connect with reported arrival of 2 bns of Turks at AMMAN on same date. See (11) below. |
| 205th Ger- man pioneer Coy. | 10/4/18. | AMANUS. | Reliable agent. | To remain here until 1/5/18. |
| German F.P.O 2216. | " | YILDERIM ALEPPO. | " | |
| 504th (Motor Lorry) Park. | 13/4/18. | MUSLIMIEH (10 m. N. of ALEPPO). | " | |
| 14th Flight. | 11/4/18. | Left BOZANTI by train to south. | " | 14 officers, 66 men, 7 aero- planes. Nature of "Flight" not stated. All German flights of this number hitherto identified, are on Western Front, except 14th Reconnaissance Flight in Italy. May be a "Fighting Single-seater Flight", of which however only up to No. 9 had been identified up to February 1918. |

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~~(ii) Agent who was at AMMAN on 14th inst. heard that 8 Turk~~
ish Bns. arrived by train on the 12th. Compare note to 75th
Regt. above. Compare also Intelligence Summary No. 293 of
17/5/18 para. 3 (b) for reported arrival of new division (or
part) in SHUNET NIMRIN area on night of May 14th/15th.

(iii) Troop movements.

(a) Between 10/5/18 and 12/5/18 500 cavalry and a large
number of vehicles left DERA A by rail for the south.

(b) 3 batteries (16 15 cm. guns in all) arrived at DERA A
from NABLUS about 10/5/18; they were still there on 12/5/18.

(Untried agent).

4: ENEMY COMMUNICATIONS.

(1) JISR ED DAMIE Ferry.

The following descriptions of this are given:-

(a) The ferry consists of a raft formed out of two boats lash-
ed together with a deck of planks across; dimensions of
raft 6 yards x 5 yards. At each corner is a wooden post,
4 ft. high. On each bank are two windlasses (each
turned by three men) to which ropes run from poles at
either end of the raft. To prevent the boat drifting a
taut rope runs through raft from poles on the bank. The
raft is capable of holding 60 men, or two light carts,
or 8 horses (maximum figures). It takes five minutes to
make the journey across.

(b) The ferry consists of two boats; one 12 yards x 3^{yards}. Takes
men and supplies only. The other is a lighter, 6 yards
x 4 yards, and can take 4 horses and 4 men only. The
boats are pulled across by 4 men, the journey taking 10
minutes.

Note:- It is probable that the "raft" and "lighter" mentioned
above in (a) and (b) respectively are identical. A
second boat has previously been reported here.

5: ORGANISATION.

(A) MAN-POWER.

An agent reports that Turkish prisoners, released from
Russia, may be expected to arrive on the PALESTINE FRONT, about
the middle of June.

Note. One such released prisoner has already been taken on this
front. Prisoners are apparently granted two months leave
on return to Turkey. The number of returned prisoners
likely to be fit for service in the field army is not
considered likely to be sufficient to have any
important effect.

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(B) Supplies.

(i) A reliable prisoner states that the 63rd Regt. receives its supplies from West of JORDAN. This probably indicates that it is under VII Army.

(ii) On 12th and 13th April 250 tons of corn from the KONIA district left GELEBEK (TAURUS region) as under:-

| <u>Quantity.</u> | <u>Destination.</u> |
|------------------|----------------------|
| 135 tons. | IV Army, DAMASCUS. |
| 45 " | " TARSUS. |
| 30 " | Hejaz Rly, DAMASCUS. |

This indicates that the harvest in SYRIA has not yet relieved the enemy from necessity of bringing down corn from ANATOLIA.

6: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean seal level) - at 0800 22/5/18.
and Jerusalem, (2720 " " " " " ")

| | | <u>Reading.</u> | | <u>Difference from previous day.</u> | |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| | | <u>G.H.Q., Jerusalem.</u> | <u>G.H.Q., Jerusalem.</u> | | |
| TEMPERATURE. | 8 a.m. | 73° | 61° | - 4° | - 9° |
| | Max. for prev. day. | 85° | 81° | + 4° | + 4° |
| | Min. for prev. night. | 60° | 54° | - 1° | - 5° |
| HUMIDITY. | | 66% | 78% | 0 | + 30% |
| RAINFALL. | | Nil. | Nil. | 0 | 0 |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | | 29.61" | 27.13" | .03" | - .03" |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0800. | | Rising .02" | - | + .01" | - |

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(1) RAILWAYS.

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With reference to T.R. of 1/5/18, para. 1 (a), the following additional information with regard to bridges on the KALKILIEH - EL AFULEH line, has been obtained from an apparently reliable deserter who was working on bridge construction:-

- (a) The three bridges at 084.Y.21.d., Y.15.d. and Y.15.b. are each one span bridges, 3 metres long by $1\frac{1}{2}$ metres high.
- (b) There is a two-arched bridge at 084.Y.4.c., three metres high and 15 metres long.
- (c) at 084.W.18.d. there are three masonry bridges at 30 to 40 metre intervals. The southernmost is 3-arched, 18 metres long and 2 metres high. The centre one is 2-arched, 13 metres long and 2 metres high; and the northernmost consists of a single span, $2\frac{1}{2}$ metres long and 2 metres high.
- (d) Beyond TUL KERAM Station, just before the level crossing over which the TUL KERAM-KAKON road passed in 084.X.1.a., there is a single span bridge, 9 metres long, and $3\frac{1}{2}$ metres high, over a small wady. During the summer loaded camels and carts pass under this bridge.
- (e) A five-arched stone railway bridge, 25 metres long and $4\frac{1}{2}$ metres high is reported halfway between DENNABEH (084.X.3.b) and ANEBTA. This appears to be at about 098.A.33, where aeroplane photographs show a wadi passing under the railway. This bridge is said to be permanently guarded by eight gendarmes.
- (f) At 084.O.4.b. the road crosses the railway by a level crossing and there is no bridge as stated in T.R. of 1/5/18, para. 1 (a).
- (g) The bridge at 098.D.26.d. under which the TUL KERAM - NABLUS road passes, is 3-arched. M/T are said to pass under the central arch.
- (h) N.E. of KH. KUSEIN (098.D.33.b) there is a single span bridge, 8 metres long and $1\frac{1}{2}$ metres high.
- (j) On the MESSUDIE-NABLUS branch line, there is a 2-arched bridge 11 metres long and 4 metres high, at 098.D.24.d; and another at 098.K.31.b. 12 metres long and $2\frac{1}{2}$ metres high.
- (k) Between MESSUDIE and RAMIN, there is said to be a 2-arched masonry bridge, probably at 098.D.22.a., 10 metres long and $2\frac{1}{2}$ metres high.
- (l) There are also said to be three small bridges between RAMIN and ATTARA tunnel.
- (m) The bridge at 098.H.18.d. is 2-arched, 10 metres long and $2\frac{1}{2}$ metres high.
- (n) With reference to T.R. of 16/3/18, para. 4(j), a projected railway is shown on a recently captured German map as running from a point on the AFULE-HAIFA line to the S.W. of TARBANEH (097.H.18.a) as far as EL LEJJUN (097.D.17.c.). No part of this line is shown as actually constructed; but as the date of the map is 15/2/18, work may have been done on it since.
- (o) As reported in the Intelligence Summary of 19/5/18, para 5, information is to hand that work is said to have been begun on the construction of a railway from RAYAK to

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SEMAKH, following the western shore of LAKE TIBERIAS. Work had been begun from RAYAK and Arabs stated that they had already been working on the line. The necessary tools were being assembled at SEMAKH and it was intended to begin work from this end also. The plans had been prepared by MEISSNER PASHA.

The above is confirmed by the statement of a medical officer prisoner, who states that in November 1917 he heard that a new railway was being laid between RAYAK and TIBERIAS.

(2) ROADS.

EAST OF JORDAN.

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- (a) A P/W belonging to an Entrenching Coy, which is employed on road repairs, states that the road between SHUNET NIMRIN and ES SALT is in very poor condition.
- (b) There has been considerable movement of pack and horse transport in the wadi running from N. to S. through 127. W.22 & W.10. This would appear to be a cross connection between the GHORANIYE BRIDGE - AIN ES SIR ROAD and the GHORANIYE BRIDGE - NAAUR ROAD.
- (c) The AMMAN - KALAAT EZ ZERKA road is being repaired.
- (d) The KALAAT ER RABAD (1½ miles S.W. of AJLUN) - AJLUN - IRBID road is reported to be under construction for motor transport. It runs as follows: KALAAT ER RABAD along WADI KAFRENJI to AJLUN; thence to ABBIN, beyond which it joins the BIRMA - IRBID road running almost due N. & S., past MGT. MUFTA and through EIDUN to IRBID.

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- (e) SHUNET NIMRIN - NABLUS:
 - (1) Via Ford in 113.X.11.d. and DOMEH (113.P.14.c.) The road continues W. of the JORDAN along the WADY EL HUMR (113.V.19) to 113.U.17.d., where it joins the track marked on map proceeding W. to DOMEH. The portion of this road between the river and 113.U.17.d. is apparently suitable for wheels, as H.T. have been seen at 113.V.19. The condition of the road between 113.U.17.d. and DOMEH is uncertain. An aerial reconnaissance has reported it as a much used unmetalled road, becoming indistinct between 113.U.15. and DOMEH. (See T.R. of 24/4/18, para (a)). For description of route beyond DOMEH, see para (h) of this report.
 - (ii) Via partially constructed bridge in 113.V. 23.c. (ref. ES SALT composite) (see para. 1 of to-day's summary). The completion of this bridge will not appreciably alter the direction of, or shorten, this route, but it will naturally greatly improve the enemy's communications with his troops east of JORDAN and is important for this reason.
- (f) 112 N.14. central (E. of TEL EL ABEID) - EL MAKHRUK (113.L.28). Horse transport has again been seen in this sector; (for former report, see T.R. of 8/5/18, para (d)). This may possibly be an alternative route from the south to the JISR ED DAMIE Ferry.
- (g) JALUD (0.1.b) - KUSRAH (F.21.a.). Two covered wagons have been seen proceeding S.W. in F.27.d. thereby confirming an earlier report that this track is suitable for wheels, though the gradients are known to be steep, as reported in T.R. of 10/4/18, para (a). H.T. has been seen on the track marked on map in 0.4.c. which seems to indicate that the more circuitous route between JALUD and KUSRAH may be easier.

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- (h) DOMEH (P.7.d) - NABLUS, via MEJDEL BENI FADL (F.24.b), and AXRABEH (C.28.b). This road is suitable for wheels and is used by ration lorries between P.7.a. and NABLUS. Between DOMEH and P.7.a. the road is only suitable for pack transport.
- (j) DOMEH - KUSRAH. A track, suitable for pack transport only, joins these places. It probably takes the following direction: O.12.b, G.c., E.b., F.29.d.a. 22.d., joining the track going East from KUSRAH in F.22.a.
- (k) EL LUBBAN (H.6.a) - YASUF (Y.5.d). This route was reported fit for H.T. in T.R. of 24/4/18, para (d). M.T. has now been seen in Y.13.a. & c. Whether these travel only between ES SAWIEH (Z.19.d) and YASUF, which was reported fit for M.T. from ES SAWIEH to W. EL BUSHARAT (Y.19.b.) in T.R. of 15/5/18, para (h), or also between EL LUBBAN and YASUF, is not yet clear.
- (l) SELFIT (T.39) - KIREH (R.35) and BIDIEH - SERTA - HARI3-KIREH. An agent reports that these two tracks have been cleared; and confirming the accuracy of this report, M.T. has since been seen in T.15.b., a south-western continuation of the SELFIT - KIREH track.
- (m) TUL KIRAM - NABLUS, via EL FUNDUK (P.19.a.). An agent reports that the track between NABLUS and AZZUN (J.34.b) has been cleared. It appears to leave the road shown on the map at about 098.Q.1. and follows a wadi to a point N. of BEIT IBA (098.M.21), where it joins the TUL KIRAM - NABLUS road. Agent also saw M.T. lorries in EL FUNDUK, but there is not sufficient evidence to assume that the WADY AZZUN has yet been made fit for M.T.
- (n) JERUSALEM - NABLUS. Aeroplane photographs show that through the SAHEL MUKHNAH (098.V.28,22) both sides of the road are used very extensively for transport; and that the track shown running parallel to the main road on the W. is in use.
- (o) TUL KIRAM - NABLUS. Just to the N.W. of ANEBTA the road crosses the wadi by a 2-arched masonry bridge, 10 metres long and 2 metres high. Just before the bridge the road takes a sharp left-handed turn, crosses the bridge and then turns sharply to the right again.
- (p) DENNABEH (084.X.3.b) - SHUWEIKEH (084.V.30.d.). The road passes under a railway bridge in 084.V.33.a,b. and not as shown on map. The road is described as narrow, but used by H.T. No M.T. have been seen on it.

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(3) WATER. Sheet XIV. 098.Q.8.d. AIN ET TANNUR.
" " 098.R.7 & 8. AIN EN NUEITIF.
" " 098.Q.11.d. AIN EL JOZEH.
" " 098.Q.11.c. AIN ALUA.

are all described as good perennial springs, used by enemy bivouaced in W. KANAH.

Sheet XI, 084.X.2.c. TUL KIRAM. There is one well only near town. This is in a garden between Rly. Sta. and town (nearer town). Diameter of well about 4 metres. Pipe goes down very deep - has powerful pump (charcoal fuel). Well can be emptied in two hours and takes two hours to re-fill. Natives depend mostly on rain water cisterns in surrounding hills. Cisterns are small and half are already empty.

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(4) CO-ORDINATES OF POINTS FALLING NEAR THE RIVER JORDAN.

Owing to the fact that the maps to the East of the JORDAN were compiled independently to those to the west of JORDAN, it was found, when the two series were fitted together, that there was a difference in grid of about 500 yards in an East and a West direction. Co-ordinates of points along the river consequently read 500 yards, or approximately one small square, further to the east, on the Western Palestine series than they do on the ES SALT composite map. It will therefore be necessary, to avoid confusion, to mention the actual one inch sheet referred to, when quoting co-ordinates of points which fall on both series.

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

for 24 hours ending 0800 - 23/5/18.

1: EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

1545- 100 cavalry were going East at 127.Y.10.a. and 100
1750. going N. at 127.W.16. 30 M.T. were moving west between 127.
U.7 and M.22 and 300 infantry were scattered on the same
road. There was very slight movement west of SHUNET NIMRIN
and north towards UMM ESH SHERT. (R.A.F. 22/5/18).

2: JORDAN AREA.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

1545- The bridge at 113.V.23 was seen to be still in position
1750. and appeared to be a light bridge. 200 yards north of it
there is a very well defined track to water's edge. 5 M.T.
were seen moving west on road running north west from 113.V.
35. Tentage in this area is still further decreased. (Ref.
ES SALT Composite). (R.A.F. 22/5/18).

1505- The width of bridge in 113.V.23.c.23 is being increased
1805. by cross planks. Centre of bridge is not completed. Landing
stage in V.22.d. is a large barge which was seen to cross
river twice between 1600 and 1630. When on west bank it is
entirely hidden by trees. Considerable movement on both
sides of river among trees. There were 100 cavalry station-
ary in V.28.d. (Ref. ES SALT Composite). (R.A.F. 22/5/18).

3: PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

1400- Eastern Sector. At NABLUS 40 M/T were parked in the town.
1605. A camp of 70 bivouacs and 20 H/T seen in the morning had been
removed. 150 infantry were seen in the town. 130 cavalry
were moving East on the NABLUS - DEIR SHERAF (098.M.7) road.

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200 infantry had been seen on this road in the morning.
(R.A.F. 22/5/18).

Western Sector. 200 infantry were halted on the road in
084.Y.16. (R.A.F. 22/5/18).

The trench S. of KALKILIEH in H.25.a. ("FEJJA"), has
been extended north and west to the railway.

The trenches N.W. of TABSOR in S.25 ("TIREH") have
been improved and extended considerably.

Tents & Shelters. An afternoon count on 22/5/18 gives
the following changes:-

| <u>Eastern Sector.</u> (part) | <u>Total.</u> | <u>Inc.</u> | <u>Dec.</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| HUWARAH. | 40 | 19 | - |
| AZMUT. | 25 | 24 | - |
| BALATA. | 9 | - | 5 |
| NABLUS. | 26 | - | 7 |
| DEIR SHERAF-NAKURAH. | 24 | - | 12 |
| BURKA. | 26 | - | 1 |
| | | <u>43.</u> | <u>25.</u> |

Net increase 18.

Western Sector.

| | | | |
|-----------------|------|-------------|------------|
| RAMIN. | 95. | 28 | - |
| ANEFTA. | 49 | 27 | - |
| TUL KERAM. | 117. | 13 | - |
| SUWEIKEH. | 30 | 30 | - |
| KAKON DEFENCES. | 218 | 138 | - |
| MUKHALID. | 75 | 54 | - |
| BIR GHANEIM. | 133 | - | 17. |
| KULUNSAWEH. | 167. | 92 | - |
| HANUTAH. | 126. | 44 | - |
| | | <u>426.</u> | <u>17.</u> |

Net increase 409.

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4: IDENTIFICATIONS.

(1)

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------------|--|
| 155th Camel Transport Coy. | 6/4/18. | Passed RAYAK S. | Reliable agent. | 1 Officer, 250 men, 233 camels. |
| 905th German Pioneer Coy. | 5/4/18. | " " | " " | 220 men, Part of Coy only. |
| 14th Turkish Aeroplane Coy. | 4/4/18. | " " | " " | 6 officers, 120 men, 2 aeroplanes. Compare I.S. 287 of 22/5/18, para.3(1). This may be advance party of unit therein mentioned reported. |

(ii) Aviation.

Reliable agent reports that between 1/4/18 and 28/4/18 22 officers, 120 men and 38 aeroplanes passed south through RAYAK. This probably includes 14th Aeroplane Coy. (see (i) above).

(iii) 24th Division.

There has been no contact with any part of this Division East of Jordan since May 10th. Prisoners from 63rd Regt. state that their regiment is now attached to the 48th Division and not to the 24th as before. There has been one report of the division having recrossed JORDAN to the west and this is now considered probable. Tentage reports support this view.

5: ORGANISATION.

(i) Transport.

About the middle of April 105 field waggons from the IIIrd Army (Northern Caucasus Front) were placed at the disposal of German L. of C. Hqrs. at ALEPPO for the use of the ASIA CORPS. Half of these were available immediately, and were then in the KAISARIYEH (90 miles N.N.E. of BOZANTI) and NIDGE (42 miles N.N.W. of BOZANTI) districts. There was a

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shortage of relay oxen owing to difficulties of transport.

(ii) Supplies.

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The following details of supplies received at and despatched from RAYAK for the period 16th/30th April are from a reliable agent:-

| | Munitions. | Petrol. | Grain. |
|---|------------|-----------|------------|
| Arrived RAYAK. | 922 tons. | 574 tons. | 5374 tons. |
| Despatched to DAMASOUS. | 110 " | 119 " | 106 " |
| " " West of DERRA, (SEMAKH, AFULEH, JENIN, MESSUDIE, SAMARIA & TUL KERAM) | - | 15 " | - |
| Despatched to South of DERRA, (KALAAT EZ ZERKA & AMMAN). | 100 " | 52 " | 65 " |

From these detailed figures it would appear that:-

- (a) Aerodromes still exist at DERRA, SEMAKH and AFULEH.
- (b) Main grain supply depot west of JORDAN is at AFULEH.
- (c) Main munition depots west of JORDAN are at MESSUDIE and SAMARIA.

6: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) and Jerusalem, (2720 " " " " " " } at 0800 on 23/5/18.

| DESCRIPTION. | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | |
|--|-------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | G.H.Q. | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q. | Jerusalem. |
| TEMPERATURE. | | | | |
| 8 a.m. | 72° | 63° | - 1° | + 2° |
| Max. for prev. day. | 85° | 72° | 0 | - 9° |
| Min. for prev. night. | 60° | 52° | 0° | - 2° |
| HUMIDITY. | 65% | 73% | - 1% | 5% |
| RAINFALL. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | 29.71" | 27.23" | + .1" | + .1" |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0800. | Rising .04" | - | + .02" | - |

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1. EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Continuous movement from South to North was observed between 0600 and 0800 from SALHA (127.R.23.d) through 127.R.18, R.12 and R.6. Patrols report enemy outpost line advanced about 500 yards during last three days in Right Sector. (Descorps 23/5/18).

0945-
1300. At AMMAN STATION 25 R.S. were seen. There was a slight increase of tentage. One train of 20 R.S. was seen going South through the tunnel. (R.A.F. 23/5/18).

2. JORDAN AREA.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

0945-
1300. The new bridge at MAFID JOZELLE in 113.V.23.c. appears to be being built on piles. It is not yet completed in centre.

There was a decrease of 80 tents and shelters in LOWER WADI FARAH. (Ref. ES SALT Composite). (R.A.F. 23/5/18).

3. PALESTINE FRONT.

(A). LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Western Sector.

An afternoon count showed tents and shelters in the tactical area to be normal. (R.A.F. 23/5/18).

(B). HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

The following are the features for the week ending May 18th:-

- (1). Normal activity in vicinity of JERICHO. Note:- On 13th hostile machine reconnoitred along River JORDAN to DEAD SEA, thence West to NEBY MUSA; and again on 16th inst. in opposite direction.
- (2). Increased activity astride NABLUS ROAD, where twice the number of machines were observed than previous week.

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- (3). Activity still below normal on coast, showing a decrease of five from previous week.
- (4). Machine again observed over JUNCTION STATION.
- (5). Total observed = 143. Previous week = 95.
(The highest number seen on any one day was 37).

(c). AERONAUTICS.

In the morning 2 hostile aeroplanes were brought down in the neighbourhood of NABLUS. One was seen to crash; one was driven down out of control. In the afternoon a hostile machine was shot down by one of our machines and landed near LATRUN. The machine was burnt by pilot, and pilot and observer were captured. (R.A.F. 23/5/18).

4. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(i).

| Unit | date | position or move. | Source | Remarks |
|-----------------|------------|-------------------|----------------|--|
| 74th M.G. unit. | 25-29/3/18 | Left RAYAK South | Reliable Agent | 5 Coys. 15 Officers, 1230 men, 64 M.Gs. 165 horses. Probably includes some Infantry Coys. and Automatic rifle |
| 125th Regt. | 23/5/18 | 113.X.30.c. | Prisoner 2/125 | Regt. detached from 16th Div. and left IRTAH (084.X.13.a) 19/5/18 arriving AUJA 22/5/18. Prisoner gives RAHMI as O.C. Regt. & SAFAT as O.C. Bn. These are correct. |

(ii). Garrisons on the L. of C.

The following are reported from reliable sources:-

ALEPPO. 25/4/18 86 Officers) Germans,
1651 men.) (possibly includes
485 animals.) troops in transit
on this date).

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HEBAB, 12/5/18 250 Druse Volunteers.
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5. ORGANISATION.

Railways.

(a). Agent reports 12/5/18, that 16 new locomotives recently arrived at DERRAA from GERMANY.

(b). Agent reports that two armoured railway trolleys and 5 locomotives arrived at RAYAK during April for the HEJAZ Railway.

6. CASUALTIES.

An intelligent prisoner, who was a hospital orderly in DAMASCUS for seven months preceding 14th May, states that the hospitals there contain very many wounded from the recent operations. In addition there are many cases of sick suffering from general debility. The hospitals are full of sick and wounded.

7. WESTERN ANATOLIA.

Moral. According to a report by a reliable agent, dated 14th May, on April 28th three battalions were sent to ODEMISH (50 miles E.S.E. of SMYRNA) to pursue deserters. Another agent reports that on May 10th at least one of these battalions, 800 strong, was still at ODEMISH. On the 6th May a special train arrived at SMYRNA with 618 deserters, and on May 10th, another train was despatched to bring in more. On arrival at MAGNISA (25 miles N.E. of SMYRNA) 400 Artillerymen out of 1400 deserted, taking with them 5 machine guns. The 3rd Bn. 173rd Regiment was sent in pursuit.

8. CONSTANTINOPLE.

On 28th April a complete train of motor lorries is reported to have arrived at CONSTANTINOPLE from GERMANY.

9. ARABIA.

Hejaz. On the 13th inst. a detachment of Arabs destroyed 1500 rails in the vicinity of MUDAHRIJ (123 miles N. of MEDINA).

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10. METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) and JERUSALEM, (2720 " " " " " " " " " ") - at 0800 on 24/5/18.

| DESCRIPTION | | Reading | | Difference from previous day. | |
|--|----------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | | G.H.Q., | JERUSALEM | G.H.Q., | JERUSALEM. |
| TEMPERATURE. | 8 a.m. | 75° | 66° | + 3 | + 3 |
| | Max. for prev. day. | 82° | 73° | - 3 | + 3 |
| | Min. for prev. night | 58° | 52° | - 2 | - |
| HUMIDITY | | 33% | 44% | - 10 | - 29 |
| RAINFALL | | Nil | Nil | - | - |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | | 29.86 | 27.20 | -.03 | -.03 |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0800. | | Rising .01 | - | -.03 | - |

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

for 24 hours ending 0800 - 25/5/18.

1: PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Eastern Sector Tactical Area.

An afternoon count gives the

following area totals of Tents and Shelters:-

| | | | |
|-----------------|-----|---|-------------|
| WADY EL DALIEH. | 50 | = | - 70. |
| DOMEH. | 250 | = | - 65. |
| KUSRAH. | 100 | = | - 55. |
| | | | <u>170.</u> |

As this decrease was noted between morning and afternoon reconnaissance on 24th inst., it is possible that bivouacs and shelters were struck during the day. (R.A.F. 24/5/18).

Western Sector. At RAFIDIA (098.M.29.d.) 200 infantry were moving East on road and 100 infantry were seen halted. 60

infantry were going east between RAMJIN (098.D.20.d) and ANEBTA (098.O.5.c). 400 infantry were seen at TUL KERAM and 100 were scattered in the KAKON defences area. Crops are being harvested and stacked along the trench line. There were 120 infantry at KOLONSAWEH.

It would appear that a strong organised effort is being made by troops and Arabs to gather in the harvest. (R.A.F. 24/5/18).

Western Sector Strategic Area. An afternoon reconnaissance shows a decrease of 70 T.S. since last count which showed a large increase. The main decrease was noted in KAKON DEFENCES and TUL KERAM areas. BIR GHANEIM and TAIYIBEH show an increase. (R.A.F. 24/5/18).

2: SYRIA L. OF C.

Deserter who left BAALBEK Depot Regt. about Apl. 23rd states there were an abnormal number of deaths daily in the hospitals there. Typhus was spreading there but health conditions on the front are good.

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MAY 19183: IDENTIFICATIONS.

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| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|----------------|----------|-------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1st Cav. Regt. | 13/5/18. | Coastal Plain near JILJULIEH. | Deserter 20th Regt. | Probably 1st Lancer Regt. |

(ii) Agent reports under date 9/5/18 that one battalion of 43rd Division is stationed from ACRE to BEIRUT for coast defence. Its headquarters are at TYRE (SUR), and companies are posted at TYRE, SIDON (SAIDA), RAS DAMUR (1/250,000 BEIRUT Sheet, B.3) and BEIRUT. Average company strength is given as 150.

(iii). A refugee states that JEMAL PASHA (G.O.C. IVth Army) is forming an Arab Volunteer Corps. Each volunteer receives from £T.2 to £T.10 gold. Nearly all the Arabs in the BELKA are in the pay of the Turks.

4: CAUCASUS.

An intelligent Armenian deserter states that he left CONSTANTINOPLE with about 200 warrant officers from the ORHANIE Warrant Officers school, CONSTANTINOPLE. On arrival at ALEPPO early in April, 120 of these went to the newly formed CAUCASUS Islam Army whose Headquarters arrived at ALEPPO on April 16th, and were due to leave on the 15th May. A further 170 officers from Depot Regt. were also destined for this army. The Caucasus Islam Army is to be mainly composed of men enrolled in captured territory in the Caucasus.

5: ARABIA.

Hejaz. An officer P. of W. captured at GHADIR EL HAJ (10 miles S. of MAAN) on 12/4/18, states that no new units have arrived in the HEJAZ this year, although drafts have been received from units on the CAUCASUS Front, to bring up to strength the existing units in this area.

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MAY 19186: TOPOGRAPHICAL.

The following names have been authorised and are included in "parts of FEJJA (C.3) and TIREH (D.3)":-

| | | |
|--------------|---|---------------------------------|
| STAKE HILL | - | C.3.d. |
| PILES EDGE | - | A.20.c. & d - A.32.a. & b. |
| MESSEL SPUR | - | P.6.b - U.1.a. |
| THE PIOP | - | M.25.b. |
| HARAM ROAD | - | P.6.d. to M.25.d. |
| UPLAND ROAD. | - | U.1.a. to U.8 central. |
| BALENT ROAD | - | U.7. to U.15 along WADI BALLUT. |
| CARNETS WOOD | - | P.1.a. & b. |
| WAPLEY WOOD | - | F.18.d. & F.24.b. |
| SECRET WOOD | - | G.7.d. |
| ISHEAR WOOD. | - | D.25.c. & d. and D.31.a. & b. |

7: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level)
and Jerusalem, (2720 " " " " " " } - at 0800 on 25/5/18.

| DESCRIPTION. | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | | |
|---|--------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|-----------|------|
| | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem | |
| TEMPER- ATURE. | 8 a.m. | 71° | 63° | - 4° | - 3° |
| | Max. for prev. day. | 81° | 75° | - 1° | 0 |
| | Min. for prev. night. | 59° | 54° | + 1° | + 3° |
| HUMIDITY. | 66% | 64% | + 11% | + 20% | |
| RAINFALL. | Nil. | Nil. | 0 | 0 | |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | 29.71" | 27.24. | + .95" | + .04" | |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0700 to 0800. | Rising .93" | - | + .02" | - | |

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ESTIMATED DISTRIBUTION OF ENEMY FORCES ON PALESTINE FRONT. 24/5/18.

| Unit. | Location. | Rifles. | Sabres. | M.Gs. | Auto- matic rifles | Remarks. |
|---|----------------------------|---------|---------|-------|--------------------------|--|
| <u>A. DERA A-KUTRANI-KIRAK- JRSR ED DAMIE AREA.</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>IV A R M Y.</u> | | | | | | |
| (1) 1st Bn. 152nd Regt. | EL KUTRANI to N. along Rly | 100 | - | 12 | - | } Part of these units probably moved S. to JERDUN, which is reported reinforced.. |
| 2nd & 3rd Bns. 150th Regt. | AMMAN. | 200 | - | 12 | - | |
| <u>(2) VIII A. H.</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>Composite Division.</u> | | | | | | |
| 1/23rd Regt. | KABR MUJAHID - | 200 | - | 4 | - | |
| 1/146th | | 350 | - | 8 | - | |
| 1/148th | SHUNET NIMRIN | 600 | - | 18 | - | |
| 2 & 3/152nd Regt. | | 450 | - | 4 | - | |
| 2/150th Regt. | ES SALT AREA | 75 | - | - | - | |
| Mule M.I. Bn. | | 250 | - | 4 | - | |
| Camel Coy. | | 50 | - | - | - | |
| 2nd Sqn. 26th Cav. Rgt. | | - | 100 | - | - | |
| 26th Div. Cav. Sqn. | | - | 75 | - | - | |
| 7th Cav. Rgt. | | - | 350 | 8 | - | |
| <u>48th Division.</u> | | | | | | |
| 17th Regt. (2 Bns). | SHUNET NIMRIN - | 450 | - | 12 | - | } 2nd & 3rd Bns. reported /absorbed. Received drafts from /66th Regt. |
| 23rd & 2/24th Regt. | | 600 | - | 13 | - | |
| 1/66th Regt. | ES SALT AREA. | 350 | - | 8 | - | |
| 191st | | 800 | - | 18 | - | |
| 1/63rd | | 250 | - | 6 | - | |

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| Unit. | Location. | Rifles | Sabres | M.Gs. | Auto- matic rifles | Remarks. |
|--|--|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <u>IV ARMY (Continued).</u> | | | | | | |
| 146th German Regt. ($\frac{1}{2}$ bn). Circassian Irregulars. | RESERVE. | 225 100 | - 300 | 8 - | 9 - | |
| (iii). 2nd Caucasus Cav. Bde. | 127.C., D., G. area. | - | 800 | 12 | - | 10th Cav. Rgt. reported to have joined this Bde. Possibly attd. 48th Div. |
| (iv). 2 & 3/83rd Regt. 3rd Cav. Div. 703rd German Inf. Bn. | 127.G. JISR ED DAMIE- ES SALT area. | 550 100 450 | - 600 50 | 12 19 6 | - - 21. | |
| (v). 25th Division. Regts. 74, 75. | SHUNET NIMRIN area. | 1800 | 100 | 36 | - | Reported arrived; requires confirmation. |
| | <u>TOTAL A.</u> | 7950 | 2375 | 221 | 30. | |
| <u>(B). VII A R M Y.</u> | | | | | | |
| | W. OF JORDAN. | | | | | |
| (i) 125th Regt. 4th Cav. Regt. 11th Div. Cav. Sqn. 145th Inf. Regt. | 113.X.30.c. WADI FUSAIL (113.V.& U.) Total (i). | 900 - 900 1800 | - 300 100 400 | 24 4 - 46 | 4. - - 8. | |
| (ii) XX A. Co. 53rd Div. (10 bns). 163rd Regt. 136th " 2/151st " 32nd " | 113. R. & W. 113.Q.5.d. Reserve, reported mov- ing E. | 1700 | 50 | 48 | 4. | |

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| Unit. | Location. | Rifles | Sabres. | M. Gs. | Auto- matic rifles | Remarks. |
|---|--|--------|---------|--------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <u>VII, ARMY (Continued).</u> | | | | | | |
| 26th Div. (9 bns). 59th Regt. 76th " " 78th " " | } 099.0., Q. & L. | 1500 | 100 | 47 | 6 | |
| <u>Total (ii) - XX A.C.</u> | | 3200 | 150 | 95 | 10 | |
| <u>(iii) IIIrd A. C.</u> | | | | | | |
| 11th Div. (9 bns). 127th Regt. 33rd " " 150th " " |) SINJIL - E. of AMURIEH) area (099.H.15). Reserve. | 2700 | - | 40 | 6 | |
| <u>Total (iii) - III A.C.</u> | | 2700 | - | 40 | 6 | |
| 1st Div. (9 bns). 71st Regt. 70th " " 124th " " |) AMURIEH (099.H.15) - FURKIAH (099B.9) approx. | 2100 | 100 | 36 | - | |
| <u>Total (iii) - III A.C.</u> | | 4000 | 100 | 34 | 6 | |
| <u>(iv) IN RESERVE.</u> | | | | | | |
| 24th Div. (9 bns). Regts. 2, 58, 143. 1st Attack Bn. 126th Regt. | } Reported moved to west of JORDAN. | 2250 | 100 | 42 | - | Requires confirmation. |
| <u>TOTAL (iv)</u> | | 150 | - | 4 | - | |
| | | 650 | - | 18 | 4 | |
| | | 3050 | 100 | 64 | 4. | |
| | <u>TOTAL B. - VII ARMY.</u> | 12350 | 750 | 289 | 28. | |

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| Unit. | Location. | Rifles | Sabres | M.Gs. | Automatic rifles | Remarks. |
|---|---|-------------|----------|---------|------------------|--|
| <u>C. VIII A R M Y.</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>(1) ASIA CORPS.</u> | | | | | | |
| 46th Div. 144th Regt. 3/17th " | KEFR AIN (099.A.30) area N. OF BIDIEH. | 1000 200 | 100 - | 18 4 | 4 - | |
| PASHA II. 701st German Inf. Bn & 702nd -ditto- Troop. | } South of SERTA - AZZUN area. | 450 | 50 | 6 | 21. | |
| | | 450 | 50 | 6 | 21. | |
| 16th Div. (6 bns). 48th Regt. 47th " | MESHA area. W. of MESHA area. | 1700 | 150 | 48 | 6. | 125th Regt. identified on ACJA 113.X.30.c. See para. B (ii). |
| 7th Div. (9 bns). 21st Regt. 20th " 19th " | } KEFR KASIM - JILJULIEH. | 1950 | 150 | 60 | - | |
| | | | | | | |
| | <u>TOTAL (1) - ASIA CORPS.</u> | 5750 | 500 | 142 | 52. | |
| <u>(11) XXII A. G.</u> | | | | | | |
| 20th Div. (6 bns). 61st & 62nd Regts. | Before KEFR SABA | 1700 | 100 | 36 | 8 | 63rd Regt. E. of JORDAN; see para. A, (ii) & (iv). |

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| Unit. | Location. | Rifles | Satres. | M.Gs. | Auto- matic rifles | Remarks. |
|--|-------------------------------|--------|---------|-------|--------------------------|---|
| <u>VIII ARMY (Continued).</u> | | | | | | |
| <u>19th Div.</u> | | | | | | |
| Regts. 72, 57, 77. | TABSOR DEFENCES to sea. | 2700 | 100 | 38 | 8 | |
| | <u>TOTAL (ii) - XXII A.C.</u> | 4400 | 200 | 74 | 16. | |
| <u>(iii) RESERVE.</u> | | | | | | |
| 146th German Regt. (less $\frac{1}{2}$ Bn). <u>? 12th Div.</u> | Uncertain. | 1500 | - | 16 | 54. | Reported moved into line astride Ely near /JELJULIER. |
| Regts. 34, 35, 36. | ? TUL KERAM area | 2700 | 100 | 54 | - | |
| 1st Lancer Regt. | -ditto- | - | 200 | 4 | - | |
| 73rd Regt. | KAKON-MUKHALID area. | 900 | - | 18 | - | |
| ? 11th German Jaeger Bn. | -ditto- | 720 | - | 6 | 18. | |
| | <u>TOTAL (iii) - RESERVE.</u> | 5820 | 500 | 98 | 72. | |
| | <u>TOTAL C. - VIII ARMY.</u> | 15970 | 1000 | 314. | 140 | |
| <u>D. N. PALESTINE & L. of O.</u> | | | | | | |
| VIII Army Depot Bn. | EL HUDEIRA. | 700 | - | - | - | |
| 1/151st Regt. | DERAA - YARMUK Valley. | 350 | - | 6 | - | Guarding railway. |
| | <u>TOTAL - D.</u> | 1050 | - | 6 | - | |

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| TOTALS. | MAY 1918 | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|
| | Rifles. | Sabres. | M.Gs. | Automatic rifles. |
| (A) EAST OF JORDAN, etc. | 7950 | 2375 | 221 | 30. |
| (B) VII ARMY. | 12850 | 750 | 289 | 28. |
| (C) VIII ARMY. | 15970 | 1000 | 314. | 140. |
| (D) N. PALESTINE & L. of O. | 1050 | - | 6 | - |
| | <u>37820.</u> | <u>4125.</u> | <u>830.</u> | <u>198.</u> |

Principal Movements of Troops during week ending 24/5/18.

Arrived from North.

| | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--|
| 74th & 75th Regts. | E. of JORDAN. | Agents & prisoners from other units. |
| 11th Reserve Jaeger Bn. | VIII Army Reserve. | Known to be coming S. Largely increased tentage in this area. Was with 146th German Rgt. in 61st A.C. in MACEDONIA. 146th German Rgt. now located at or south of TUL KERAM area. |

Movements on front.

| | | |
|--|--|---|
| 24th Div. 1st Attack Bn. 126th Regt. | } From E. of JORDAN to VII Army Reserve. | Reported by prisoners from other units and considered probable. No contact E. of JORDAN since 10/5. |
| 125th Regt. | From VIII Army Reserve to VII Army, near the JORDAN. | Contact. |
| 75rd Regt. | Previously doubtfully located W. of JORDAN at JISR ED DAMIE. Now located in VIII Army Reserve. | Agents reported this Regt. moved west from DERAA. Largely increased tentage in this area. Arrival of troops at TUL KERAM from CONSTANTINOPLE reported by prisoners and agent. |

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for 24 hours ending 0900 - 26/5/18.

1: EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

1100- Five hangars were seen at the aerodrome at AMMAN
1335. STATION, an increase of 4. There was an increase of 50
shelters and bivouacs. (R.A.F. 25/5/18).

1530- There is an increase in tentage south of SHUNET
1845. NIMRIN. Considerable movement was observed in camps in
vicinity of SHUNET NIMRIN - ES SALT road. (R.A.F. 25/5/18).

2: JORDAN AREA.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

1100- The bridge at MAFID JOZELE is not yet completed.
1335. (R.A.F. 25/5/18).

3: PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

0505- Eastern Sector. There was a considerable decrease in
0730. tentage in the WADI FUSAIL area. (R.A.F. 25/5/18).

0355- In the EL LUBBAN area a large pit was seen across the
0725. road at J.29.a.8.8. Also 3 barricades at 30 yards interval
approximately. (Ref. 1/49,000, C.3) (R.A.F. 25/5/18).

1505- Trenches in EL LUBBAN (C.5/H.6) and EL MUGHEIR
1710. (C.5/Q.5) appear strongly held. There are bivouacs in
rear of majority of trenches in the AMURIEH area (C.5/H.8).
(R.A.F. 25/5/18).

At 0450 today a battalion of infantry and a squadron
of cavalry were seen moving East from 115.P.36 thence North
through KHURBET FUSAIL. (Despatches 23/5/18).

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Tents and Shelters. The following is a summary of tents and shelters on 24/5/18:-

| | <u>15/5/18.</u> | <u>24/5/18.</u> | <u>Increase.</u> | <u>Decrease</u> |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| <u>EAST OF JORDAN.</u> | | | | |
| Strategical area. | 221. | 463. | 242. | - |
| Tactical area. | 630. | 560 | - | 70 |
| <u>W. of JORDAN, EASTERN SECTOR.</u> | | | | |
| Strategical area. | 819. | 698 | - | 121. |
| Tactical area. | 1,225. | 1,497 | 272 | - |
| <u>W. of JORDAN, WESTERN SECTOR.</u> | | | | |
| Strategical area. | 685. | 1,093. | 408 | - |
| Tactical area. | 1,595. | 1,790. | 195 | - |
| | <u>5,175.</u> | <u>6,911.</u> | <u>1,737.</u> | <u>191.</u> |

Note. This count does not include Hospitals, which have remained practically normal since 15/5/18.

4: IDENTIFICATIONS.

(1)

| <u>Unit.</u> | <u>Date.</u> | <u>Position or move.</u> | <u>Source.</u> | <u>Remarks.</u> |
|-----------------|--------------|--|----------------------|---|
| 20th F.A.Rgt. | 23/5/18. | Attd. 20th Division. | Prisoner 20th F.A.R. | 1st Bn. 8 7.5 cm Q.F. fld guns. 2nd Bn. 8 10.5 cm Field guns. |
| 72nd Art. Bn. | " | " | " | 4 15 cm. Hows. |
| 113th Hy. Batt. | " | " | " | 3 bns, 16 7.5 cm guns. |
| 5th F.A.Rgt. | " | " | " | 8 7.5 cm guns. |
| 6th F.A.Rgt. | " | " | " | |
| 1st Bn. | " | " | " | |
| " 2nd Bn. | " | Reformed at DAMASCUS and on its way S. | " | |
| 20th Div H.Q. | " | MISKEH. | " | |
| 1/66th Rgt. | " | 127.U.21.c. | Prisoner 1/66th Rgt. | Attd. Composite Division. |

(ii) 12th Division.

2 prisoners from 127th Regt. (Sergeants) had heard that 9th and 12th Divisions were coming. One states that

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12th division went to the Coastal Sector. A reliable agent states that he heard at AZZUN a few days ago that the 1st Division was between KUR (098.F.21) and JLYUS (094.T.15). These reports being hearsay cannot be accepted as definite confirmation.

(iii) Reference Intelligence Summary No. 399 of 24/5/18, para. 4(1), 125th Regt. Prisoner now states that this regiment is attached to the 24th Division.

5: ORGANISATION.

Sergt.-Major prisoner from 20th Field Artillery Regt. states that the attack company of the 20th Division are in possession of steel helmets.

6: INTENTIONS.

2 sergeants from the 2/127th Regt. who deserted on 24/5/18 state that orders have been issued for the Turkish troops to undergo special training preparatory to a general offensive. The 127th Regt. has already commenced this training.

These two prisoners deserted owing to the recent issue of an order authorising the punishment of N.C.Os. for the desertion of the men.

7: WESTERN ANATOLIA.

AVIATION. According to a report there are no German aeroplanes, and probably no Turkish, active in the SMYRNA region. On May 8th two Turks who were flying a seaplane from ADALIA to SMYRNA crashed in the MUGHLA district (110 miles S.E. of SMYRNA) one being killed.

8: ALEPPO AREA.

Five thousand men are reported to have been sent to JERABLUS (65 miles N.E. of ALEPPO) on 5th April from the depots of the 44th Division at UREA and AINTAB and the 63rd Division depot at ADANA. It is also reported that 2000

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men have arrived at JERABLUS from TEL HELIF.

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9: TOPOGRAPHICAL.

The following names have been included on the Part of FEJJA and TIREH sheet, 1/40,000 and are authorised for use:-

| | | |
|---------------|---|---------------------------|
| SEAFORTH HILL | - | A.31.c. central. |
| BUSHY HILL | - | C. 1.b.1.9. |
| OROMARTY HILL | - | X.17.d. & c. |
| XMAS WADI. | - | V.35.c. - V.36.d. |
| SIKH'S WADI | - | V.18.a.9.5. - A.14.c.9.0. |

10. METEOROLOGICAL.

(A) OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT G.H.U.

Summary for week ending May 25th 1918 at 1800.

| <u>Temperature.</u> | | <u>Differences from previous week.</u> |
|----------------------------------|-----|--|
| Mean of week. | 69. | 0 |
| Mean Maximum. | 82. | + 2. |
| Mean Minimum. | 59. | - 1. |
| Highest recorded on 21st & 22nd. | 85. | + 1. |
| Lowest recorded on 20th & 24th. | 58. | + 1. |

2: HUMIDITY.

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| Mean of week. | 69. | - 3. |
| Highest recorded on 20th at 2000. | 90. | - 5. |
| Lowest recorded on 24th at 1400. | 48. | + 10. |

3: Wind. At 0800 on the 19th and 22nd S.S.W. and S. winds respectively were recorded but velocity did not exceed Beaufort 1 (almost calm) in either case. The other mornings were "Calm". "Calms" were recorded at 2000 every evening with the exception of the evening of the 20th when a very light N. wind blew. On the 19th directions varied from S.S.W. to W.N.W., on 20th from W.N.W. to N., on 21st from W. to N.N.W., on 22nd from S. to N.W., on 23rd from S.W. to N.W., on 24th from S.W. to N.N.W., on 25th from S. to N.N.W. In no case did velocity exceed 3 on Beaufort scale (Light).

4: Rainfall. No rainfall recorded and hence total for rainy season up to date still stands at 16.72"

(B) OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT JERUSALEM.

Summary for week ending May 25th 1918 at 0800.

| <u>1: Temperature.</u> | | <u>Differences from previous week.</u> |
|--|-----|--|
| Mean of week. | 64. | - 4. |
| Mean Maximum. | 75. | - 4. |
| Mean Minimum. | 54. | - 2. |
| Highest recorded on 21st. | 81. | - 10. |
| Lowest recorded on 19th, 20th, 23rd & 24th | 52. | + 2. |

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3: Humidity.

Differences from previous week.

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----|------|
| Mean of week. | 65. | + 3. |
| Highest recorded on 22nd. | 78. | - 2. |
| Lowest recorded on 24th. | 44. | +14. |

3: Wind. Throughout the week the wind direction varied from W. to N.W. with the exception of an almost calm wind from E.S.E. on the morning of the 20th. On the 19th a light W. wind in the morning veered to a light W.N.W. wind by the evening. On the evening of the 20th a very light N.W. was recorded at 1800. On the 21st a very light W.N.W. wind in the morning developed into a "Fresh" (Beaufort 4) by the evening. A light W.N.W. wind was experienced throughout the day on the 22nd. "Calms" were recorded at 0800 on the 23rd, 24th and 25th while a "Fresh" N.W. and a light N.W. were experienced on the evenings of the 23rd and 24th respectively.
 No rainfall recorded.

(6) Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) } at 0800 on 26/5/18.
 and Jerusalem, (2720 " " " " " " }

| DESCRIPTION. | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | |
|--|-------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q., | Jerusalem. |
| TEMPER- 8 a.m. | 72° | 66° | + 1° | + 3° |
| ATURE. Max. for prev. day. | 81 | 75 | 0 | 0 |
| Min. for prev. night. | 58 | 57. | - 1 | + 3 |
| HUMIDITY. | 69% | 55% | + 3% | - 9% |
| RAINFALL. | Nil. | Nil. | 0 | 0 |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | 29.67" | 27.24" | -.04" | 0 |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0800. | Rising .01" | - | -.02" | - |

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ADDITIONAL NOTES ON THE
ROUTES EAST OF THE JORDAN BETWEEN
MADEBA AND JERASH.

The following notes are supplementary to the REPORT ON THE ROUTES EAST OF THE JORDAN, issued in booklet form a month ago and should be read in conjunction with the booklet.

General Description.-

JORDAN VALLEY. From the banks of the JORDAN to the clay ridges about a mile East of the river, the ground becomes marshy and difficult for wheels after heavy rain. The scrub also is very thick and would present difficulties, except along the beaten tracks. The clay ridges are not high, but they are nearly vertical, except where they are cut by the roads. They become slippery after rain. Beyond the ridges the country is flat as far as the foothills, covered with patchy scrub which affords good cover for mounted men. The wadis which cross this plain are small and may be crossed by all arms almost anywhere. There are fertile fields of barley which extend to the foothills.

The hill at KABR MUJAHID stands up most prominently as a cone-shaped feature, which can be seen for miles and from which a good view of the surrounding country is obtained. At the foot of this hill there is a considerable tent colony of Arabs.

There are numerous small streams running into the WADI KEFREIN, which is a swiftly flowing stream and cannot be crossed without difficulty, except at the crossings marked on the map.

The foothills rise steeply and are often very stony.

The HILLS between the JORDAN VALLEY and the plateau are very steep and intersected by deep steep-sided gorges. With the exception of the GHORANIYE BRIDGE to ES SALT Road, there is no route through the hills which is fit for wheeled traffic, and the making of any of the routes reported on, fit for wheels would require a great deal of labour and some difficult engineering. Water is plentiful along the principal wadis and timber is available in considerable quantities along the WADI SIR.

The following peaks stand up well from the surrounding hill country:- EL FAHIS (Pt. 2100) at 127.N.29. and Pt. 2556 at 142.A.2.e.

The PLATEAU. The boundary between the hills and the plateau runs roughly from a point about $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles West of MADEBA to just to the W. of HESBAN and thence just to the West of the MADEBA - AIN HEMAR road.

It is an undulating ~~tract~~ tract of country, with gently rising hills of no great height, and shallow wadis. The only steep wadis are in the neighbourhood of AMMAN, where the country becomes more broken. The WADI AMMAN, which is the source of the NAHR EZ ZERKA (R. JABBOC) is steep sided and would form an obstacle to mounted troops.

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The plain of AMMAN extends for two miles West of WADI AMMAN and four miles N.E. of the town. It is overlooked by fairly high ridges to the W. and N. and is almost entirely under cultivation.

The following points stand up well from the plateau, and form good observation posts for the country to the East:-

- A point to the E. of of AIN ES SIR at 142.T.7.b.;
- A point in 142.T.2., close to KABURET AMARA;
- A point in 142.T.5.a.; at 142.Z.21.d.; 142.Z.7.d.;
- and RUJM TAIHIN at 142.H.10.d., which dominates the railway. At 142.Y.29.a.8.2. there is a knoll with ancient ruins, which form a definite landmark.

Round RAS EL MERKEB (157.F.13.b.) the country is much broken up by wadis running North and South. On NAKET EN NEBI (142.Z.18.c) there is one tree.

Except after rain, when pools may be found in some of the wadis, water is very scarce on the plateau. Such villages as exist possess cisterns, but the supply to be obtained from these is very limited.

Route 4.- EL GHORANIYE BRIDGE - MADEBA.

As far as TEL ESH SHAGHUR the road is passable for all wheels. Thence as far as KABR ABDALLA it is very stony and narrow and impossible for wheels. From KABR ABDALLA to MADEBA it is over level ground and passable for wheeled traffic.

MADEBA stands on a small hill in the middle of a large plain.

The track from KABR SAID to MADEBA, via EL ADEIME and SHEIKH SUBEI is said to be easier than the one described above, but there is no confirmation of this.

Route 5.- EL GHORANIYE BRIDGE - AMMAN, via NAAUR.

The road is passable for wheeled traffic as far as AIN HEBESE. At KABR MUJAHID there is a large native encampment. Beyond this, the track, in addition to being steep, frequently runs on to the shoulders of hillsides, which have not been banked and on which the wheels of guns and limbers slipped and skidded when an attempt was made to get them over the ground. For some distance the bed of the wadi is followed, which is too narrow for guns and wheels. Some distance further on, slippery limestone rock is encountered, which has to be passed in single file. The surrounding country consists of high steep hills, well clothed with herbage and grass. After the track leaves the wadi it becomes very indifferent in character, passing over boulders at the tops of hills and through the beds of rough mountain streams, which can only be passed with difficulty in single file. The services of a guide are necessary over this part of the route.

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The plateau is reached just before AIN EL HEKR at 142.0.15. Thence to NAAUR the road is over undulating ground, varying from rock to bog and ill-defined. At AIN EL HEKR there is a tent settlement with a population of about 200.

Route 7.- EL GHORANIYE BRIDGE - AMMAN, via ES SIR.

This road is now passable for guns and light wheels as far as AIN EL JERIA. Beyond this point the track becomes more difficult and boggy in places, specially at 127.N.27,28, where there is a basin in the hills. At 127.V.5,6,11,12, the track passes through a valley bottom, which also becomes boggy in wet weather. The two miles beyond this do not present much difficulty. After the track enters the WADI SIR, it crosses and recrosses the wadi bed repeatedly and for some 300 yds. altogether it is necessary for traffic to pass through the stream. To make this part of the track fit for wheels, a large amount of labour would be necessary, as big stones would have to be removed, or broken up by dynamite. After rains, the stream runs rapidly. In dry weather a good road could be made just N. of the track. Further up the wadi, the track can only be passed in single file.

In general, the route would require engineering and a large amount of labour to make it fit for wheels. There is, however, plenty of timber available from poplar trees which grow along the wadi banks.

Beyond AIN ES SIR the road is fit for wheels.

WATER SUPPLY. The spring at AIN EL JERIA is only sufficient to water about 50 horses. From AIN ES SIR to AMMAN there are plentiful rain-water pools after wet weather, but there would be no supply in dry weather.

Alternative track from WADI JERIA to ARAK EL EMIR,

on Route 7.

A track branches right about a mile before AIN EL JERIA is reached. It runs in an E.N.E. direction, first crossing a ridge on which, about 1/2 mile to the North is KMERBET ES SUR, with a conspicuous walled ruin on its flat top. It then descends the East slope, crossing the WADI EM BAR, which runs N - S. at the bottom, and on the far bank follows a small tributary, the WADI BAREIZ, up its course. Opposite KMER EL ABD, which is a short distance away to the right, it again joins Route 7.

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Route 8.- EL GHORANIIE BRIDGE - ES SALT.

This road is in a poor state of repair. It is very steep and becomes muddy and slippery after rain. Plenty of stone for repairing it is available by the roadside.

Detours could be made round the bridges over WADI JERIA and WADI SHAIB.

There are two culverts near ES SALT which are blocked and water runs over the road, softening the surface.

WATER SUPPLY. In addition to the water in the WADI SHAIB, which is quite fit for drinking, there is a drinking fountain formed by a spring to the W. of the road, about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles N. of EL HOWEIJ.

ES SALT is situated inside an amphitheatre of hills opening to the south-east. It is built across a wadi which runs down from JEBEL OSHA. The houses are built on steep terraces around a mound, on which stands a ruined castle. It contains some public buildings which could be used for billeting, but the town is dirty and insanitary.

The country is fertile and well cultivated; cereals are grown on the flat patches and vines and olives on the hillsides.

About 2 miles N.N.W. of the town is JEBEL OSHA, the highest point in the mountains of GILEAD.

Route 9.- Alternative Route, along the WADI JERIA,
from bridge at mile $6\frac{1}{2}$ to mile $12\frac{3}{4}$

From 127.V.13.a. this track follows the E. side of WADI JERIA by an easy ascent to the huts in 127.N.14.d. Up to this point the track is good, except for a bad patch at 127.N.20.b., where a detour could easily be made. Beyond the huts the track is very steep a for 100 yds.

At N.14.b.9.0., a side track leads off to AIN ET THOGHRA.

From this point the track descends in a N.W. direction to WADI ER RAMLE by a steep tortuous route as far as N.14.b.5.6., where it crosses a stream of spring water and follows up the wadi to N.8.d.0.4., where a side track leads off to EL KHUZR.

From this point the track ascends by a steep zig-zag route in a N.W. direction over very rocky ground to the summit of a hill, whence the going to EL HOWEIJ is easy.

Generally speaking, the track is just possible for camels: but if it was required for constant use, it should be repaired at the following points:-

- (1) Just North of the huts.
- (2) At the steep descent to WADI ER RAMLE in N.14.b.
- (3) and up the steep zig-zag path up the hill beyond the wadi.

In places the track is considerably overgrown.

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Route 10.- ES SALT - AMMAN.

For the first four miles from ES SALT, the road is in fair condition; for the next four miles it is in bad condition: and beyond that it again improves.

There are steep gradients for the first three or four miles out of ES SALT: it is then nearly flat to SUWELLEH: and beyond that there are no steep gradients to AMMAN. The hills are not high and the wadis are shallow. Near AMMAN the country becomes more broken.

The road passes about half-a-mile N. of AIN HEMAR.

Route 11.- ES SALT - MADEBA, via EL FUHEIS.

Between EL FUHEIS and KABURET AMARA, the road becomes very heavy in wet weather and was found impassable for even infantry after heavy rain.

Route 12.- EL GHORANIYE BRIDGE - ES SALT,

via WADI AHSENIYAT

From GHORANIYE Bridge to the foothills about 127.G.28.a., the road is passable for all arms. From this point the track runs for $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles in a broad wadi bed and, though rough, is passable for wheels. Beyond this, the track narrows and is only passable for pack transport and camels with great difficulty. About four miles S. of ES SALT a cross track from the UMM ESH SHERT track comes in on the left.

A telegraph line runs up the track all the way to ES SALT.

After passing TRAH, the track becomes almost indistinguishable.

WATER SUPPLY. There are two wells at TRAH in 127.K.33. The supply is very limited. At about 127.K.28.a. there is a well to the N. of the track, with a good supply of water which is fit for animals.

About a mile S.W. of ES SALT and 200 yds. E. of the track there is a cistern, approx. 127.J.31.b.

NATURE OF COUNTRY. - From GHORANIYE BRIDGE to the foothills, the country is flat and dotted with patches of thorny scrub.

The hills on either side of WADI AHSENIYAT are very steep and rocky and difficult to climb.

EL HAUD (127.G.30.b.), which is about a mile to the S. of

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EL HAUD (127.G.30.b.), which is about a mile to the S. of the track, is a hill standing about 2,000 ft. above the JORDAN VALLEY and commands the main GHOPANIYE BRIDGE to ES SALT Road.

Route 13.- UMM ESH SHERT - ES SALT.

Enters the hills at 127.D.20.d. It is very steep and impossible for camels. At 127.K.19.a. it traverses a high point, from which a track diverges to the right to join the track along WADI AISENIYAT.

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| KISSIR (Station) | 142.E.36. | MEMAWISE, RUJM | 127.W.22. |
| KOM YAUZ | 142.U.24. | MERBIYINE, AIN EL | 127.Y.15. |
| KUEIYIYE, EL | 128.L.6. | MERFERKE, EL | 127.O.6. |
| KUKLE, KH. ABU | 142.D.15. | MEIDAN, W. | 143.P.15. |
| KULLET ES SEKURIYE, | | MEJMA EL BENAT | 128.J.29. |
| MEBI | 128.J.17. | MERHEIYIT, EL | 143.O.25,23. |
| KUR, TELL ABU | 127.W.26,27. | MERHEIYIT, RUJM EL | 128.J.28,23. |
| KURM KEBSH | 142.F.26. | MERHEIYIT, W. EL | 142.Y.1. |
| KURSI, KH. EL | 142.Q.36. | MELFOL, EL | 127.D.18. |
| KUSEIB, AIN | 127.X.16. | MELX, W. EL | 113.Z.11,17. |
| KUSEIB, RAS | 127.X.10. | MELLAHA, W. EL | 128.A.1. |
| KUSEIB, W. | 127.X.25,20. | MELLAHET RUSHEIDIYE | 114.V.11,12. |
| KUSEIR, UMM | 142.B.1. | MELLAHET UMM ENDEIB | 143.P.23. |
| KUSR EN NUELJIS | 142.W.13. | MENJA | 127.Y.6. |
| KUSR ES SESA | 142.J.2. | MENNEF ABU ZEID | 142.C.10. |
| KUSR KEULDE | 142.R.9. | MENSEFEYE, AIN EL | 142.H.13,14. |
| | | MERJ EL HANMAM | 142.E.18. |
| | | MERJ EL HANMAM, KH. | 143.P.U.,142.M. |
| | | MERJ JUBAIL | 142.X.34. |
| | | MERKE | 157.F.13. |
| LEBAN, (Station) | 142.N.25. | MERKEB, RAS EL | 128.H.2. |
| LIBBEN | 142.L.15. | MERKEB JUNAR | 142.B.9. |
| LOZ, UMM EL | 127.V.21. | MERUSSUS, KH. EL | 142.G.23. |
| LOZE EL KALEILAT, ABU | 142.A.13,14. | MESAHAM, RUJM EL | 128.L.17. |
| LUWEIZA, W. UMM | 127.V.20,21. | MESBIK, RUJM EL | 127.W.32,33. |
| | | MESLHA, TELL EL | |

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| MESELHI, RUJM EL. | 127.T.4. | RAME, TELL ER | 127.T.6. |
| MESHABBA, AIN EL | 127.V.30. | RAME, W. ER | 127.R.36. |
| MESHABBE, W. EL | 128.K.19,20. | RAMLE, ER | 127.N.11. |
| MESHEIYIDA, EL | 127.W.31,32. | RAMLE, W. ER | 127.N.9,10. |
| MESHETTA, EL | 128.A.31. | RASHEFE, KH. ER | 157.C.7. |
| MESHETTA, JEBEL EL | 156.A.13. | RASPET NIMRIN | 127.P.31. |
| MESH-HAD, EL | 128.J.5. | RATEM, W. ER | 127.D.20,21. |
| MESHUR, W. EL | 142.K.7,14. | RIJJANA, KH. ER | 142.A.8. |
| MESMIYE, EL | 142.A.1. | ROMAK, KH. ER | 142.T.9. |
| METERKE, W. EL | 127.Y.30, | RUAK, KH. ER | 142.W.15. |
| | 128.J.1. | RUAK, RUJM ER | 142.D.24. |
| | 142.G.4,5. | RUAK, W. ER | 142.W.35. |
| MINHAR, W. EL | 142.G.19. | RUBRISA | 142.K.29. |
| MIRI, AIN | 127.G.7,8. | RUMELMIN, ER | 142.P.3. |
| MUHAIR, W. ABU | 127.U.10. | RUMMANE, KH. UMM | 142.D.6. |
| MUNTAR EL KHAUF | 128.J.11. | RUMMANE, UMM | 143.U.55. |
| MUSA, AYUN | 127.Y.24,Z.25. | RUSHELDIYE, TELL ED | 128.A.8. |
| MUSA, W. AYUN | 142.U.3. | | |
| MUSAR, AIN ABU | 142.J.9. | | |
| MUSHERIFE, RAS EL | 142.Z.15,22. | SAAUR, RUJM | 142.C.12. |
| MUSHERIFE, W. EL | 142.F.14. | SAPA, ABU | 127.V.33. |
| MUSHUKKAR, EL | 142.F.27,28. | SAPUT | 142.P.11. |
| MUSHUKKAR, KH. EL | 127.U.15. | SAHAB, ES | 142.L.12. |
| MUSTA, TELL EL | 142.A.24. | SAHEL, KH. ES | 142.L.3. |
| MUTARRE EL HEJAYA | 128.B.21. | SAHEL EL MUSERIFE | 142.J.9,10,11. |
| MUTULI, EL | | SAHEL KHARDUBSE | 142.X.23,18. |
| | | SAHEL MENKE | 142.X.36. |
| | | SAIDUN, W. | 127.J.35,30. |
| NAAUR | 142.B.31. | SAKARAK | 142.Y.4. |
| NAAUR, W. | 142.A.27,28,29. | SALBUD, ES | 142.J.36. |
| NAHEIR, W. | 127.L.54,55. | SALHA | 127.R.23. |
| NAKAB ER RAML | 127.X.34,35. | SALT, ES | 127.J.26. |
| NAKET EN NEBI | 142.Z.17. | SALUK EZ ZARBUD | 142.C.13. |
| NAML, W. ABU EN | 143.O.7. | SAMIK, ES | 142.G.17. |
| NAR, W. EN | 127.V.20,26. | SAR, KH. | 142.T.13. |
| NETTAPA, AIN | 143.Q.4. | SEBIL, BIR ES | 142.H.2. |
| NIMRIN, TELL | 127.P.21. | SEIL EL HESI | 128.H.22,23 |
| NIMRIN, W. | 127.O.27,28. | SEKKE | 142.B.10. |
| NINE, AIN | 142.C.1. | SEMMAK, UMM ES | 142.B.28. |
| NINE, KH. | 142.A.33. | SEMMAK, UMM ES | 142.R.27. |
| NUEIAME, W. | 113.L.5. | SERABIS EL MUSHUKKAR | 127.Z.21,22. |
| NUEIJIS, EN | 142.X.13. | SERARA, RUJM | 142.O.5. |
| NUEIJIS, W. EN | 142.X.20. | SEFA, W. | 127.M.27,28. |
| NUKLE, AIN ABU | 142.D.16. | SHAGHUR, TELL ESH | 127.Y.3. |
| NUKLE, W. ABU | 142.D.22,23. | SHALB, W. | 127.M.21,22. |
| NUSURI, AIN EN | 127.X.56. | SHAMI, RUJM ESH | 157.Q.25. |
| | | SHANAB | 127.X.18. |
| | | SHERIA, KH. ABU | 142.P.30. |
| | | SHERIAH, ESH | 113.X,V. |
| ONEIZ, AIN ABU | 127.X.12. | SHM SHERT, UMM ESH | 127.F.9 1. |
| OSHA, JEBEL | 127.H.11. | SHIDKA, AIN ESH | 127.V.36. |
| OSHIR, RUJM EL | 127.X.14. | SHILIKH | 143.O.26. |
| OSHIR, W. EL | 127.W.17,18. | SHITA, W. EL | 142.A.21. |
| | | SHIYA, ABU | 128.J.31,32. |
| | | SHUNET DRIAB | 142.C.35. |
| RAFIA, W. | 142.X.30. | SHUNET NIMRIN | 127.P.23. |
| RAJIJET ES SIDRE | 127.N.17,18. | SHUNET SUKR | 142.C.35. |
| RAKIB, ER | 142.J.23. | SIAGHA, KH. | 128.J.17. |

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| SIAGHA, RAS | 128.J.15. | WAD ABU GARABA | 127.T.1,2,3. |
| SIDD ED DAGHAWIA | 142.B.14. | WADI, RUJM EL | 142.T.29. |
| SIDR, W. ES | 127.A.11,12. | WATAT EN NAM | 128.H.12,6. |
| SIDRAT EL AWEISI | 113.N.6. | WEIBDE, EL | 142.W.26. |
| SINOBARAT, ES | 142.D.8. | | |
| SIR | 142.S.20. | | |
| SIR, AIN ES | 142.S.6. | YADUDE, EL | 142.K.16. |
| SIR, KH. ES | 142.S.6. | YAJUZ | 142.U.22. |
| SIR, W. | 142.S.17,12. | YAJUZ, AIN | 142.U.21. |
| SIRRA, ES | 142.O.24. | YERKA | 127.P.11. |
| SUBEI, SH. | 128.J.13. | | |
| SUEIFIYE | 142.T.11. | | |
| SUEIME, AIN | 128.B.15. | | |
| SUEIME, KH. | 128.B.8. | | |
| SUPR JERIA | 127.U.3,4. | ZEITUN, RUJM ABU | 127.V.31. |
| SUK, ES | 127.L.13. | ZEITUNE, AIN UMM | 142.C.1. |
| SUMIA, AIN | 142.F.8. | ZERA, BEIT | 142.D.34. |
| SUR, KH. ES | 127.V.13. | ZOBAYER, EZ | 143.U.35. |
| SUWEILEH | 142.P.20. | ZOBAYER ADWAN | 143.U.13. |
| | | ZOBAYER EL ENFELDAN | 158.C.7. |
| | | ZOR, ER EZ | 113.N.30. |
| | | ZOR ABU RAFA | 113.V.17,18. |
| | | ZOR EL HUMEIRI | 113.V.8. |
| TABKAT EL MUSERIFE | 142.J.4. | | |
| TAIHIN | 142.H.10. | | |
| TAIHIN, RUJM | 142.H.10. | | |
| TAILA EL ALI | 142.R.16. | | |
| TARFA, W. ABU | 127.Z.10. | | |
| TARIK, ABU | 127.L.21. | | |
| TASSIN | 142.J.20. | | |
| TASSIN, RUJM | 142.H.18. | | |
| TELEIL MUSLIM | 127.R.28. | | |
| TELEILAT EL BEID | 127.P.33. | | |
| TELL, ET | 142.R.24. | | |
| TERABIL, AIN ET | 142.S.25. | | |
| TERKI, AIN ET | 127.X.24. | | |
| THOGHRA, AIN ET | 127.N.15. | | |
| THOGHRA EL GHAZLANIYE | 127.W.9,4. | | |
| THOJARA EL BEIDA | 142.W.8,9. | | |
| TOR ZEBNE | 128.K.17. | | |
| TRAB, BKT. ET | 143.Q.10. | | |
| TURRA, W. ABU | 127.G.21,16. | | |

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

for 24 hours ending 0800 - 27/5/18. MAY 1918

1: EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

1530-
1800.

There was considerable traffic on the ES SALT - SHUNET NIMRIN road between 127.M.21. and P.18. 500-700 infantry going in both directions. Probably a relief in progress.

No tracks were seen on either side of the bridge in 113.V.23, such as would permit wheeled traffic. Considerable decrease in tentage in UMM ESH SHERT - MAFID JOZELE area. (R.A.F. 26/5/18).

2: PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

A count of tents and shelters in the Strategical area from AKRABEH (112.C.34) to the sea showed no marked change. (R.A.F. 26/5/18).

3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

(1)

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|------------------|----------|---------------------|------------------------|---|
| 7th Cav. Regt. | 26/5/18. | 127.U.20.d. | Deserter 7th Cav. Rgt. | |
| 12th Div. (part) | 21/4/18. | passed RAYAK south. | Reliable agent. | 30 officers. 1030 men. |
| 160th Battery. | 11/4/18. | HAIFA. | " | 15 cm; not known whether guns or howitzers. |

(11) Reference Intelligence Summary of 23/5/18, para. 4(1), and Intelligence Summary No. 207 of 22/5/18, reporting 14th Turkish Aeroplane Coy, and 14th Flight respectively, more detailed information makes it probable that the latter is a German unit and has no connection with the former. Its ultimate destination (whether Mesopotamia) or Syria) is not

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indicated.

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(iii). German Military Hospitals are reported at ZAHLE, BAB TUMA, (DAMASCUS) (Ref. N. Palestine & S. Syria Handbook, plan opposite page 31, square E.4, No. VII and ADANA.)

4: OFFICIAL TURKISH COMMUNIQUE 24/5/18.

"Palestine Front. Last night an enemy infantry battalion, which after prolonged fire, attacked our positions east of the NABLUS - JERUSALEM road, was repulsed with bloody losses. Enemy dismounted cavalry squadrons, which attempted to advance north of the JORDAN valley, met with the same fate."

Note. These evidently refer to the raids on the night of 22nd/23rd May on post in L.G.d. (Sheet C.5) and 113.X.30.c. In the former the Turkish garrison bolted on approach of raiders, one being killed and in the latter 20 Turks were killed, 30 wounded, 2 captured, and 30-40 more fired on by hotchkiss rifle at 25 yards range, inflicting more casualties. The raiders casualties were 5 wounded (4 remaining on duty) in the former, and 3 wounded in the latter.

5: ORGANISATION.

(i) Supplies.

Prisoner from 2/63rd Regt. taken East of JORDAN on 23/5/18 states that during the past few days the issue and quality of rations has much improved. Meat is issued 3 times a week and barley bread is now issued.

(ii) Training.

Prisoner from 2/19th Regt. states that there is a bombing school between ET TAIYIBEH and KALKILIEH.

6: WESTERN ANATOLIA.

Moral. According to a report dated 14th May during the previous few days there were 800 deserters in SMYRNA. Although this figure is probably exaggerated an abnormally high number

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may be accepted. An intelligent P/W who is resident of SMYRNA states that usually there are a large number of deserters in SMYRNA city, where it is easy for them to hide, and where they are harboured by the wealthier inhabitants. It should be noted that movements to the front are as a rule indicated by an increase of deserters in this region.

7: ARABIA.

Hejaz. On the 19th inst. a strongly held position was captured by an Arab force operating in the vicinity of BOWAT (37 miles N. of MEDINA) and the entire garrison killed. Five kilometres of rail and a quantity of firewood were destroyed.

8: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) } at 0800 on 27/5/18.
and Jerusalem, (2720 " " " " " " }

| DESCRIPTION. | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | |
|--|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | G.H.Q. | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q. | Jerusalem. |
| TEMPER- ATURE. | 8 a.m. | 74° | 64° | + 2° - 2° |
| | Max. for prev. day. | 80° | 73° | - 1° + 2° |
| | Min. for prev. night. | 60° | 53° | + 2° - 5° |
| HUMIDITY. | 61% | 67% | - 8% | + 12% |
| RAINFALL. | Nil. | Nil. | 0 | 0 |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | 29.66" | 29.35" | -.01" | -.01" |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0800. | Rising .01" | - | 0 | - |

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for 24 hours ending 0800 - 28/5/18.

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1: EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

0450- The camp at 127.M.21 has increased in size and there was
0740. much activity in the vicinity. (R.A.F. 27/5/18).

1030- 300 cavalry were watering at AIN ES SIR. 7 hangars were
1315. seen at AMMAN (a further increase of two). There were 200
cavalry and 100 infantry at SUWEILEH and 550 cavalry on the
ES SALT - SUWEILEH road. 100 infantry were seen at ES SALT.
(R.A.F. 27/5/18).

The following new trench work is reported:-

100 yards of trench facing N. in 127.R.23 (S. of SHUNET NIMRIN).
Considerable extension of trenches in 127.R.6 (S. of " ").
A redoubt being built N.E. of UMM ESH SHERT in 127.C.22).

(R.A.F. 27/5/18).

2: PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Eastern Sector. Two new trenches 80 yds. long facing S. in
113.W.6. (N.W. of UMM ESH SHERT).

Two trenches, each 100 yards, facing S.W. in 113.U.29.

Two suspected gun emplacements are reported in 113.V.9. (R.A.F.
27/5/18).

0430- Trenches east and west of NABLUS ROAD near EL LUBBAN
0725.

(099.H.12) appeared to be strongly held. (R.A.F. 27/5/18).

3: IDENTIFICATIONS.

A reliable agent reports that there were a large number
of German infantry in the KH. KEFR HATTA (084.M.2.c) and KH.
EL KHAREISH (084.K.26.b) district about the 24th inst. There
were very few Turks in this area.

Note. The line in this sector is held by the 7th Division
from which prisoners have been taken very recently but

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there may be Germans in reserve.

This report may refer to 146th German Regt. (less $\frac{1}{2}$ bn.), located at or south of TUL KERAM. The 11th Reserve Jaeger Bn. believed to have arrived in the Coastal Sector recently, may also be here. The report must be taken with reserve pending confirmation.

4: MORAL.

(a) A deserter taken 25/5/18 East of Jordan formerly belonged to 3/150th Regt. guarding the Hejaz Railway near AMMAN. He deserted from this about 15/5/18 with the object of joining a unit east of Jordan to facilitate his desertion to our lines. He duly arrived and attached himself to a unit (number not known) about 21/5/18, and deserted 4 days later.

(b) During the week ending 1900, 27/5/18, 26 prisoners (including 1 officer) and 28 deserters were taken from the following units:-

| Unit. | P. | D. | Unit | P. | D. | Unit. | P. | D. | Unit | P. | D. |
|-----------|----|----|-----------|----|----|------------|----|----|----------------------|----|----|
| 19th Rgt. | - | 2 | 57th Rgt. | - | 4 | 127th Rgt. | - | 3 | Mule M.I. | - | 3 |
| 21st " | 2* | - | 63rd " | 1 | 3 | 146th " | 4 | - | 20th Fld. Art. Rgt.) | 8 | - |
| 23rd " | 2 | - | 66th " | 1 | 1 | 150th " | 1 | - | | | |
| 33rd " | 1 | - | 124th " | - | 2 | 152nd " | - | 4 | 12th Mtn Battery.) | 1 | - |
| ** 55th " | - | 1 | 125th " | 2 | - | 7th Cav. | - | 2 | Unit un-known.) | 3 | 3 |

* Includes 1 officer.

** Prisoner was formerly with this unit in the HEJAZ was invalided and sent to this front from 13th Depot. Regt. BAALBEK; present unit not known.

5: HEJAZ L. OF C.

On the 25th May an Arab force occupied KALAAT EL HASA Station, capturing 70 prisoners and a number of machine guns. FARAFRA Station, which is the next station north of KALAAT EL HASA is also reported to have been occupied. Above stations are both south of KUTRANI.

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for 24 hours ending 0800 ... 29/5/18.

1: PALESTINE FRONT.

TENTS AND SHELTERS.

Eastern Sector, Strategical Area. Following increase was noted during a noon reconnaissance.

NABLUS 46 since 26/5/18.

Western Sector, Strategical Area. Following increase was noted during a noon reconnaissance.

RAMIN 45 since 26/5/18.

Following decrease was noted on same reconnaissance.

BIR GHANHEIM 93 since 26/5/18. (R.A.F. 28/5/18).

2: IDENTIFICATIONS.

(1)

| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 7th Cav. Rgt. } 7th Art. Rgt. } | 25/5/ 18. | 127.W.28. | Prisoners 7th Cav. and Art. Regts. | |
| 9th Cav. Rgt. | " | N. of 7th Cav. Regt. | " | Requires confirmation. |
| 11th " " | " | S. " " " | " | " " |
| Mule M.I. | " | N. of 9th Cav. Regt. | " | |

(ii) Cavalry.

Two prisoners from 7th Cav. and 7th Art. Regts. respectively state that 10th Cav. Regt. is not on this front.

Air reports however indicate an increased number of cavalry east of Jordan, and the presence of one newly arrived cavalry regiment, in addition to those already identified (6th, 7th, 8th, 9th and 11th) is regarded as probable.

(iii) BAALBEK Depot.

An agent confirms the report that two battalions from

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this depot have recently been sent to the PALESTINE front.

(of. Intelligence Summary, No. 290, para. 2, of 14/5/18).

3: ORGANISATION.

(1) Re-organisation of Cavalry.

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Two deserters from the 7th Cav. Regt. and 7th Artillery Regt. respectively state that the 2nd Caucasus Cav. Bde. has been disbanded. A 3rd Caucasus Cav. Bde. has been formed consisting of the 7th, 9th, and 11th Cav. Regts., together with the 7th Artillery Regt. of 4 mountain guns. The new brigade is under the 3rd Cav. Division. The 6th and 8th Cav. Regts. are not brigaded, but remain as before, directly under the 3rd Cav. Division.

Note. The above report must be taken with reserve, as so far it lacks confirmation.

(ii). Railway Traffic.

An agent reports that the BEIRUT - DAMASCUS passenger service has been suspended owing to shortage of rolling stock.

Note. This is a metre gauge railway (similar to all railways south of RAYAK) 91 miles long, of which 25 are worked by rack rail.

4: AVIATION.

An agent reports at the end of April that practically all the aeroplanes arriving from the north are assembled at the German aerodrome at RAYAK, and thence flown to DAMASCUS. Practice flights take place every morning and evening at RAYAK, and aeroplanes have recently been flying to DAMASCUS and back.

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(1) LOCAL NAMES. The following names have been included on the 3rd Edition of the BIDIEM (O.4) 1/40,000 sheet and are authorised for official use:-

| | | |
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| NORTH CIRCULAR ROAD | - | D.13.a. to D. 23.d. |
| ARURA ROAD | - | D.16.b. to B.29.a. |
| GREAT NORTH ROAD | - | D.13.a. to O.35.d. |
| LIFFEY JUNCTION | - | D.13.a. |
| WADY BURKE | - | D.35.b. to D.14.c. |
| WADY SUFFAH | - | D.10.c. to B.32.c. |
| WADY SALEH | - | D. 7.b. to B.31.b. |
| WADY TUT | - | A.36.b. to A.23.c. |
| WADY RIMA | - | C.11.b. to A.16.a. |
| WADY DEIR. | - | B.10.a. to B.15.c. |
| WADY MEZRAH | - | B.23.d. to B.27.b. |
| SALEH CORNER. | - | B.31.b. |
| TUT CORNER | - | A.23.c. |
| MOSQUE HILL | - | A.23.b. |
| KEFR AIN HILL | - | A.17.a. & c. |
| HOWTH HILL | - | B.20.c. |
| DUMBELL HILL | - | B. 7.d. to B.8.a. |
| THE ONION | - | B. 8.b. |
| QUAIL HILL | - | D. 3.a. |
| ADAMS APPLE. | - | B.31.d. to D.1.b. |
| KELBEH MOUND | - | D. 2.c. |
| GHEDIDEH HILL | - | B.25.c. |
| ORASKE HILL. | - | A.24.d. |
| FOLLIES HILL | - | A.12.d. |
| THE PIMPLE. | - | A.15.d. |
| BROOKES HILL | - | B.23.b. |
| ARURA WADY | - | B.29.d. to B.35.c. |
| ACK RIDGE. | - | U. 6.a. & b. |
| BARRED HILL | - | U.12.a. |
| TIN HAT HILL | - | A.10.c. |
| THE NEOKLACE | - | A. 8.d. to A.9.c. |
| TOOGOOD HILL | - | A. 2.d. |
| SOMERSET WADY | - | A. 2.b. to N.30.d. |
| WADY GURKHA | - | V. 6.c. to V. 5.b. |
| ONE TREE PASS. | - | V.11.d. & V.12.c. |
| SUBIH RIDGE | - | N.24.d. to S.15.d. |
| NARROW WADY | - | V. 8.a. to M.30.c. |
| SANGAR RIDGE | - | V. 1.c. to V. 8.a. |
| SCURRY HILL | - | M.24.b. to N.19.c. |
| UMBRELLA HILL | - | U. 5.b. to U.6.c. |
| BARREN HILL | - | U.13.d. to U.7.c. |
| MAXIM HILL | - | V. 6.a. |
| GURKHA HILL | - | V. 6.d. |

(2) ROADS.

EAST OF JORDAN.

Ref:-
ES SALT
1:63,360.

(a) The road between SALHA, 127.R.23.d. and SHUNET NIMRIN seems to be being used considerably as a communication between the GHORANIYE BRIDGE - NAAUR road and the main road.

Ref:-
HUSA
1:250,000.

(b) A road is reported to be under construction from IREID southwards through EIDUN, MGT. MUFTA, ABBIN and AJLUN to KALAAT ER RABAD. Another report states that this is already fit for motors.

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Ref: (o) TIBERIAS - DAMASOUS, via JISR BENAT YAKUB. An agent
HAIFA & BEIRUT reports that this road is in constant use by M.T.
1:250,000.

Ref: Sh. 15. WEST OF JORDAN.
PALESTINE (d) Pack mules have been seen travelling East in
1 inch. 113.X.16.a., towards the ford across the JORDAN at
113.X.12.c. H.T. has also been seen stationary in
the wadi in 113.X.10. There is as yet no indication
as to the route the latter followed.

(e) Aeroplane photographs show no clearly defined
tracks in the immediate vicinity of the bridge in
113.V.29.d. but M.T. has been seen proceeding N.W.
along the bed of the WADI EL HUMR (113.U.24) to the
junction with the JERICHO-BEISAN road at 113.U.17.d.
This portion of the road was previously reported fit
for H.T. (See T.R. 25/5/18, para. (e)).

(f) The following track is stated to be fit for light
H.T. but not much used. It leaves the JERICHO-BEISAN
road at 113.W.10.c.8.0. thence through W.16. to W.22,
where it branches, the right branch running westward
along the beds of the WADI EL MUDAHERAH (113.W.20,21)
and WADI ED DALIEH (113.R.23), the left branch following
the track marked on map to 113.W.32. and thence westward
along the bed of the WADI EL BAKR (113.W.31,33). These
two branches do not appear to link up with any other
tracks westward. All other tracks in the district of
WADI ED DALIEH are said to be unfit for wheels.

(g) 113.W.15 - EL MUGHEIR (113.Q.5). Aerial reconnaissance
shows the track marked on map to be fit for light H.T.,
but it does not appear to be much used.

(h) Both the following tracks (not marked on map) appear
suitable for light wheels only:
(i) A track from 113.P.30, running S. to P.36.b.
thence to WADI UNKUR EDH DHIB (113.R.6). There
is no information as to condition after junction
with wadi.
(ii) A track from 113.O.36.b., running N.E. to
P.20 central and thence E. to P.24., where it
joins track running along WADI ARAK HAJAJ
(113.P.17).

Ref:- (j) DOMEH (P.7.d). Aerial observation seems to indicate
0.5, 1/40,000. that most tracks in the neighbourhood of DOMEH are
possible for light H.T. in dry weather.

(k) Aeroplane photographs show a well-defined track running
East along the WADI SURRA (J.12.c,d), apparently cleared
and fit for H.T. possibly M.T. The road forks at about
0.7.c.0.5. The branch to the right (not marked on map)
follows a south-easterly direction, possibly to the
clearing station in 0.13.b. and appears in better
condition than that to the left.

(l) H.T. have been seen in F.14.b., travelling North,
apparently coming from KUSRAH (F.21). H.T. have also
been seen in F.7.a. going West. It seems likely, there-
fore, that the track marked on map, KUSRAH - JURISH (F.8.d)
KUBALAN (Z.11) is suitable for H.T. throughout.

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(m) A well-used track now runs between J.13.b.2.7. and KHAN LUBBAN (J.7.c.1.5), on the JERUSALEM - NABLUS road. The track is probably used by pedestrians and pack animals, avoiding the hairpin bends at this point.

(n) Obstructions on the JERUSALEM - NABLUS Road. A large pit has been reported across the road at J.20.a.8.8; also three barricades at 30 yd. intervals approximately, south of the pit.

Previous obstructions reported are a cut across the entire width of road at J.13.a.6.5. and the destruction of the bridge at J.20.a.9.9. (T.R. of 8/5/18, para. (p)).

(o) AMURIEH (H.9.c.) Aerial reconnaissance reports that no tracks in the neighbourhood of AMURIEH appear fit for anything but light H.T.

(p) M.T. has now been seen between EL LUBBAN (H.8.a) and Y.18.b. The EL LUBBAN - YASUF (Y.5.d) road is therefore fit for M.T. throughout. Previously this was uncertain. (See T.R. of 22/5/18, para. (k)).

(q) SELFIT - ISKAKA - HUWARAH. Aerial reconnaissance reports that the road between SELFIT and ISKAKA appears fit for M.T. and apparently metalled between Y.15.b. and Y.6.a. (For previous reports on this road, see T.R. of 1/5/18, para. (d), and of 24/4/18, para. (e)).

(r) SELFIT - MEFDA (Y.1.d). This road appears fit for M.T., but not metalled.

Ref: 1:40,000
0.4. (s) No tracks in vicinity of KEFR HARIS (T.3.b) appear fit for M.T. Light H.T. could use the majority of the tracks, several of which are new.

(t) EL KEFR (A.7.d) - KH. SUSIEH (V.6.b). Leaving EL KEFR, the track leads due North for five minutes and then N.E. till it strikes the unnamed wadi shown on map in A.1.d. It then follows the west bank of this wadi to its junction with the WADI EL LEHAM in V.6.b., a few minutes W. of KH. SUSIEH. One source states this track to be only fit for pack transport; another says it has been fairly cleared and is possible for wheels.

Ref: 1:40,000
0.3, 0.4. (u) KALKILIEH - EL FUNDUK - NABLUS Road. An agent reports that this road is now being metalled and that the surface is at present covered with broken stones. It is about three metres wide. The road follows the south bank of the WADI AZZUN. Just north of KH. RAS ET TIREH (0.4, K.12.a.) it passes through olive groves. It appears to follow the double track shown on the map, and does not go through KEFR LUKIF (0.4., 0.26.b). At present the road is only fit for H.T. as far as EL KURNEIN (0.4., 0.29.c), as the metalling is not complete.

Ref. parts of 0.3
and D.3. (v) H.T. has been seen moving East in K.1.a. and K.13.a. on tracks connecting the W. KANAH (K.21) - HABLEH - KALKILIEH and JILJULIEH - KALKILIEH roads.

(w) H.8.a.6.9. - KEFR SABA. H.T. has been seen on the track which branches off to the south-west from the metalled road at H.8.a.6.9. According to a statement of a Prisoner of War the track between this point and KEFR SABA is only fit for light wheels, as it runs over very heavy sand.

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Ref. 1:40,000 D.3.

(x) H.T. have been seen in P.7.a. & c. and in Q.30.c. on track marked on map. This probably indicates that the track running North and South through O.36 central, East of EL MUGHAIR, is fit for H.T. in the dry season.

(5) RAILWAYS. An officer prisoner reports that the rails have been removed from the KALAAAT ANEIZA - HISHE Forest line. (KALAAAT ANEIZA is 20 miles north of MAAN on the HEJAZ Rly).

(4) BRIDGES.

Ref:- 1:40,000, Parts. O.3 & D.3.

(a) OMAR BRIDGE (D.5.d). A prisoner of war states that this bridge is mined.

Ref: 1:40,000, D.3.

(b) Bridge in F.30 b. An agent states that this bridge across the NAHR ISKANDERUNEH is made of wooden (?) sleepers, laid over iron rails. The bridge is about six metres wide and two metres above the water.

(c) At about G.25.a. there is no water in the NAHR ISKANDERUNEH; there is also no bridge; but the bottom of the wadi being very muddy, it is crossed by a number of large stepping stones.

(5) WATER.

(a) Sheet XIV, 084.K.26.b., KH. EL KHAFEISH. About 12 large rain-water cisterns, normally containing enough water to supply natives and their animals for six months in dry weather.

(b) Sheet XIV, 084.K.27.a. KEFR BARAH. Four cisterns, enough for about 50 natives and 100 animals during the summer.

(c) Sheet XIV, 084.K.28.a. EL ZAKUR. To the south in W. KANAH, eight cisterns with a supply lasting throughout the summer.

(d) Sheet XIV, 084.L.16. KH. KEFR THILTH. Four large cisterns near a fig grove.

Note. As all these cisterns fall in the enemy's front line, and are reported to be used by them, the supply is probably exaggerated.

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Ref. 1:40,000 D.3.

(w) H.T. has been seen moving East in K.I.a. and K.I.b. on tracks connecting the W. KANAH (R.31) - HAJILIN - KAKILIN and TELHILIN - KAKILIN roads.

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

for 24 hours ending 0800 - 30/5/18.

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1: EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

Tents and Shelters - Strategical Area. An early morning reconnaissance shows a decrease in the following areas:-

| | | |
|---------------|----|----------------|
| AMMAN STATION | 13 | since 25/5/18. |
| AMMAN TOWN. | 75 | " 27/5/18. |

There are 10 hangars at aerodrome at AMMAN STATION (a further increase of 3).

Camps in SHUNET NIMRIN are reported normal.

2: PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS & POSITIONS.

1455- A large scrub fire was observed burning in 127.R.9. and 11.
1740. Eastern Sector, Strategical Area - Tents and Shelters. An early

morning reconnaissance shows a decrease in the following areas:-

| | | |
|------------------|----|----------------|
| LOWER WADY FARAH | 67 | since 27/5/18. |
| UPPER WADY FARAH | 35 | " 20/5/18. |

0800- 300 infantry were seen in LOWER WADY FARAH in 112.Y.25.
1100. There is still a gap of 20 ft. in bridge at MAFID JOZELE.

(R.A.F. 29/5/18).

1525- Large fires were seen burning near EL LUBBAN in H.6.c.8.8.
1800. and near FURKHAH in B.9.d. Ref. 0.5 and 0.4, 1/40,000.

(R.A.F. 29/5/18).

0600- 300 cavalry were scattered North of AZZUN and 800
0855. infantry were seen between FELAMIEH (084.J.1.b) and 084.Y.28.

(R.A.F. 29/5/18).

HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY, 28/5/18.

At 1300, a hostile machine was observed flying North over BEERSHEBA. No bombs were dropped.

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| Unit. | Date. | Position or move. | Source. | Remarks. |
|----------------|----------|-----------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 41st Division. | 10/3/18. | Moved S. from ALEPPO. | Agent. | 350 men only, presumably as drafts. |

(ii) An agent reports that 130 Germans and Austrians left ALEPPO on 11/4/18 for road making at RAYAK.

NOTE. There has been previous mention of a German labour Bn. in this area and also of construction of a road and possibly railway from this place to TIBERIAS.

(iii). It is reported that on May 21st two German Bns. moved from 098.Q.21 and 2 more from 084.L.36. to FUNDUK (098.P.19) en route for NABLUS with mule transport and wireless on camels. The strength of each battalion was given as about 500. (Native report).

(NOTE. Although the natives also give correct locations of the 1st and 46th Divisions, this report requires confirmation. It may indicate a movement of PASHA II eastwards or into reserve).

4: MEDICAL & VETERINARY.

A report dated 9/5/18 states that there is much typhus among the troops at ALEPPO and DAMASCUS; the civil population is however ^{only} slightly affected. Typhus is also reported among troops at BAALBEK.

Sickness amongst animals at ALEPPO has greatly diminished.

5: SERIA L. OF C.

A deserter from 13th Depot Regt. BAALBEK states that he left DERAA with a draft of 400 men about 18 days ago. The train was bombed a short distance west of the station, and all men left the train. Most deserted and only 106 arrived at NABLUS.

(NOTE. There has been a previous report of a train having

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been destroyed or derailed by Arab raiders near DERA A about the date referred to).

6: ARABIA.

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Hejaz L. of C. 125 prisoners, including 3 officers, and 4 machine guns were captured by the Arab force which occupied KALAAT EL HASA and FARAFRA Stations (between MAAN & KUTRANI) on the 25th May.

7: METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 ft. above mean sea level) and Jerusalem, (2720 " " " " " ") at 0800 on 30/5/18.

| DESCRIPTION. | Reading. | | Difference from previous day. | |
|---|-----------------------|------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | G.H.Q. | Jerusalem. | G.H.Q. | Jerusalem. |
| TEMPER- ATURE. | Same. | 75° | 73° | + 2° |
| | Max. for prev. day. | 81° | 79° | + 2° |
| | Min. for prev. night. | 59 | 52 | 0 |
| HUMIDITY. | 46% | 35% | - 17% | - 9% |
| RAINFALL. | Nil. | Nil. | 0 | 0 |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800. | 29.61" | 27.19" | - .04" | + .01" |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0500 to 0800. | Steady. | - | 0 | - |

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G.H.Q. INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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for 24 hours ending 0800 - 31/5/18.

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1. EAST OF JORDAN.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

0900-
1200

No hangars were seen on aerodrome at KUTRANI. The aerodrome showed no signs of being used. (R.A.F. 30/5/18).

2. PALESTINE FRONT.

LOCATION OF ENEMY TROOPS AND POSITIONS.

0800-
1030

Western Sector. 800 Infantry were seen halted in column on the KALKILIEH-TUL KERAM road at 084.W.35. (R.A.F. 30/5/18).

Tents and Shelters.

A morning reconnaissance shows a decrease of tentage in following areas:-

TAIYIBEH - 68
KULUNBAWEH - 27
FELAMIEH (084.J.1) - 5

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The same reconnaissance reports an increase as follows:-

BIR CHANEIM + 107
MUKHALID + 35

+ 142
=====

(R.A.F. 30/5/18).

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

| Unit | Date | Position or move | Source | Remarks |
|--------------------|------|--|--------|-------------------------------------|
| 12th Div. | 23/5 | MEJDEL (084.Z.19) area. | Agent | cf. I.S. 391 of 26/5/18 para 4(ii). |
| 148th German Regt. | " | HABLEH (084.K.9)- KELAH KARBESH (084.K.26.b) area. | " | cf. I.S. 394 of 28/5/18 para 3. |

(ii). RAYAK.

An agent reports that on 30/4/18 no troops remained at RAYAK except the station and depot staffs, and the personnel of the German aerodrome.

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(iii). A report gives the following summary of movements Eastward through ADANA for the period 1/1/18 - 2/4/18.

The figures given are approximate only.

| | | | |
|----------------|------------|---------------|------|
| Turkish troops | 3768 | German troops | 6328 |
| Horses | 1270 | | |
| Munitions | 3804 tons, | | |
| Petrol | 1040 " | | |
| Coal | 3960 " | | |
| Grain & | 4234 " | | |
| Flour | | | |

The average number of trucks passing Eastwards per day was 35.

It should be noted that the majority of Turkish reinforcements for this front this year have come either from the CAUCASUS (e.g. 8th, 11th, 12th Divs.) or from MESOPOTAMIA (e.g. 46th Division) and so would not necessarily pass through ADANA.

4. ORGANISATION.

Man-Power. The following information as to the system of recruitment is given by an Officer prisoner:-

The mukhtar of each village sends out Gendarmerie to collect men of military age. Every effort is made to evade service by moving from one village or district to another and by bribing the Gendarmerie. There are now no "BEDELLI" except among a few of the wealthier and more influential men in CONSTANTINOPLE. There are thousands of deserters all over TURKEY and efforts are continually being made to round these up. To evade service some 20,000/25,000 deserters have taken refuge with the Druses who harbour them and give them agricultural employment.

The Druses are too hostile and too well armed to make it worth the Government's while to try and reclaim these deserters.

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5. WESTERN ANATOLIA.

According to a P. of W. a considerable number of battalions have been formed of deserters who have given themselves up under the offer of free pardon. All those collected since the middle of March constitute newly formed units, which are to be despatched to a war front as soon as possible.

6. METEOROLOGICAL.

Taken at G.H.Q. (250 feet above mean sea level) - at 0800 on 31/5/18
and JERUSALEM (2720 " " " " " ")

| DESCRIPTION | Reading | | Difference from previous day. | |
|---|---------|-----------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| | G.H.Q., | JERUSALEM | G.H.Q., | JERUSALEM |
| TEMPER- | | | | |
| 8 a.m. | 88° | 73° | + 13 | - |
| Max. for prev. day. | 86° | 82° | + 5 | + 3 |
| Min. for prev. night. | 65° | 66° | + 6 | + 14 |
| HUMIDITY | 51% | 36% | + 5 | + 1 |
| RAINFALL | Nil | Nil | - | - |
| BAROMETRIC HEIGHT at 0800 | 29.59" | 27.21" | - .02 | + .02 |
| MOVEMENT OF BAROMETER from 0800 to 0900 | Steady | - | - | - |

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MISCELLANEOUS.

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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES RECEIVED DURING MAY 1918.

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1. From Aeronautics G.H.Q. - MAY 1918
To Arwing.
O.110 23rd. May 1918.

"Will you please convey General Salmonds congratulations to Captain Ross Smith and Lieutenants Paul and Weir."

This was in connection with Aerial Combats on 22nd. and 23rd. May 1918.

2. Copy of letter from G.O.C., Palestine Brigade, R.A.F.

Reference Ph/H/10.

Head Quarters,
Palestine Brigade,
Royal Air Force.

To O.C., 40th. Wing.

PHOTOGRAPHY.

I am very pleased with the results of the photography done on the 14th. inst. in the DAMIEH area. The success of the Pilots in covering so completely such a large and difficult area is most praiseworthy, and their energy and perseverance in going out again in the afternoon to complete the work was very commendable. I am also glad to notice that the prints are of such good quality and reflect much credit on the Photographic Staff.

Kindly convey my congratulations to the members of the A.F.C. and R.A.F. concerned.

(Signed) A.E. BORTON,
Brigadier General,
Commanding,
Palestine Brigade.
Royal Air Force.

In the Field.
16.5.1918.

The whole of this work was carried out by No.1 Squadron.
Australian Flying Corps.



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MAPS

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AUSTRALIAN
Squadron, No. 1 Flying Corps.

Date ~~MAR 18~~ 1.5.18 19 .

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION. | | Remarks |
|------------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|------|---------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mns. | |
| B.F. 4840 | Lt. Watt | Lt. Letch | Reconnaissance (Strat.) | 1315 | 1630 | 3 | 15 ✓ | |
| " 7192 | Lt. Dowling | Lt. Dawson | Escort to Recon. | 1305 | 1620 | 3 | 15 ✓ | |
| " 1276 | Lt. Tonkin | Lt. Fletcher | Reconnaissance (Strat.) (Wash-Out) | 1300 | 1410 | 1 | 10 ✓ | |
| " 4627 | Lt. Maughan | Lt. Hawley | Escort Recon. (Wash-out) | 1300 | 1410 | 1 | 10 ✓ | |
| B.E.2E6826 | Lt. J. Walker | - | To Jericho | 1300 | 1400 | 1 | 0 ✓ | |
| " " | " | - | To Ramleh | 1450 | 1540 | | 50 ✓ | |
| | | | | | | 10 | 40 | |
| <u>SUPPLEMENTARY</u> 30.4.18 | | | | | | | | |
| B.F. 7192 | Lt. Cameron | Lt. Vyner | Reconnaissance (Strat.) | 1500 | 1735 | 2 | 35 | |

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AUSTRALIAN Flying Corps.
Squadron, XXXX

Date 2.5.18 19 .

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION | | Remarks | |
|------------------------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|------|------------------|--|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mns. | | |
| B.F. 1148 | Lt. Spragg | Lt. Vyner | Reconnaissance (Wash-out) | 0610 | 0615 | | 5 | | |
| " 1225 | " | " | " (Strat.) | 0630 | 0900 | 2 | 30 | | |
| " 1150 | Lt. Blake | Cpl. Jensen | Escort Duty (Recon.) | 0630 | 0910 | 2 | 40 | "A" Flight 8 15 | |
| " 1148 | Lt. Spragg | A/M Wallis | Test | 1600 | 1620 | | 20 | | |
| " 1149 | Lt. Brown | Lt. Finlay | Escort Duty (Bomb Raid) | 1555 | 1835 | 2 | 40 | | |
| " 4840 | Lt. McGuinness | Lt. Hawley | (Escort Duty (Recon.)) | 0605 | 0825 | 2 | 20 | | |
| " 7198 | Lt. Lukis | Lt. Beaton | Reconnaissance (Strat.) | 0600 | 0820 | 2 | 20 | "B" Flight 4 40 | |
| " 1276 | Lt. Maughan | Lt. Fysh | Reconnaissance (Strat.) | 1140 | 1440 | 3 | 0 | | |
| " 4623 | Lt. Murphy | Lt. Camm | Escort Duty (Recon.) | 1200 | 1425 | 2 | 25 | | |
| B.E.2E6826 | Lt. Sheppard | - | Practice | 0805 | 0825 | | 20 | "C" Flight 8 15 | |
| B.F.4626 | Lt. Burton | Lt. Fletcher | Escort Duty (Bomb Raid) | 1600 | 1830 | 2 | 30 | | |
| | | | | | | 21 | 10 | | |
| <u>SUPPLEMENTARY 1.5.18.</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| B.F. 4626 | Lt. Kenny | Lt. Camm | Escort (Bomb Raid) | 1545 | 1605 | | 20 | (Engine trouble) | |
| " " | " | " | " " | 1615 | 1755 | 1 | 40 | | |
| " 1229 | Capt. Smith | Lt. Mustard | " " | 1545 | 1830 | 2 | 45 | | |
| " 4627 | Lt. Maughan | Lt. Hawley | Reconnaissance (Strat.) | 1600 | 1820 | 2 | 20 | | |
| " 1276 | Lt. Tonkin | Lt. Fletcher | Escort (recon.) | 1605 | 1805 | 2 | 0 | | |
| | | | | | | 9 | 5 | | |


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Australian Squadron, ~~XXXX~~ Flying Corps.

Date 3rd May 1918 19 .

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION | | Remarks |
|------------|-----------------|--------------|--|-----------|--------|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mins. | |
| B.F. B1149 | Lt. Brown | Lt. Finlay | Reconnaissance | 0535 | 0800 | 2 | 25 ✓ | |
| " B1225 | " Oxenham | " Letch | Escort to Reconnaissance | 0530 | 0810 | 2 | 40 ✓ | |
| " B1150 | " Walker | A/M Doig | Test | 1450 | 1525 | | 35 ✓ | |
| " " | " " | Lt. Vyner | Escort to Bomb Raid | 1615 | 1815 | 2 | - ✓ | |
| B.F. B1199 | Lt. Cameron | Lt. Fletcher | Reconnaissance | 0530 | 0600 | | 30 ✓ | |
| " " | " " | " " | " | 0720 | 0800 | | 40 ✓ | |
| " A7192 | " Curwen-Walker | Cpl. Jensen | Escort to Reconnaissance (Returned) | 0530 | 0540 | | 10 ✓ | |
| " A7198 | " " | " " | Escort to Reco. (Crashed) | 0600 | 0605 | | 5 ✓ | |
| " C4840 | " Dowling | Lt. Camm | " | 0720 | 1035 | 3 | 15 ✓ | |
| B.F. B1229 | Capt. Smith | Lt. Mustard | Escort to Bomb Raid. | 0505 | 0735 | 2 | 30 ✓ | |
| " C4627 | Lt. Stooke | " Camm | " (Washout) | 0505 | 0535 | | 30 ✓ | |
| " " | " " | " Fysh | Reconnaissance | 1230 | 1500 | 2 | 30 ✓ | |
| " B1276 | " Tonkin | " Hawley | Escort to Reco. | 1230 | 1500 | 2 | 30 ✓ | |
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 Commanding No.1 Squadron,
 AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

NO. *6337* **1**

MAY 19

AUSTRALIAN
Squadron, **XXXX** Flying Corps.

Date **4.5.18** 19 .

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION | | Remarks |
|------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|-------|------------------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mns. | |
| B.F. 1150 | Lt. Blake | A/M Keritz | Test | 0850 | 0920 | | 30 ✓ | |
| " 1225 | Lt. Nunan | Lt. Dawson | E.A. Patrol | 0910 | 1225 | 3 | 15 ✓ | "A" Flight 7 0 |
| " 1148 | Lt. Spragg | Lt. Vyner | " | 0910 | 1225 | 3 | 15 ✓ | |
| " 1199 | Lt. Lukis | Lt. Beaton | E.A. Patrol | 1250 | 1520 | 2 | 30 ✓ | |
| " 7192 | Lt. Cameron | Lt. Fysh | " | 1250 | 1525 | 2 | 35 ✓ | "B" Flight 7 15 |
| " 7239 | Lt. Watt | A/M Soley | Kantara to Ramleh | 1415 | 1625 | 2 | 10 ✓ | |
| " 1229 | Capt. Smith | Lt. Mustard | Escort Recon. | 0440 | 0720 | 2 | 40 ✓ | |
| " 4626 | Lt. Kenny | Lt. Finlay | Recon.(Strat.) & bombing | 0440 | 0715 | 2 | 25 ✓ | |
| " 4623 | Lt. Murphy | Lt. Letch | " " | 0440 | 0715 | 2 | 35 ✓ | |
| B.E.2E6826 | Capt. Smith | nil. | Test | 1650 | 1710 | | 20 ✓ | "C" Flight 13 10 |
| B.F. 4627 | Lt. Stoeke | Lt. Camm | Escort Recon.& Bombing | 1530 | 1800 | 2 | 30 ✓ | |
| " 1276 | Lt. Maughan | Lt. Hawley | Recon. & bombing (Strat.) | 1530 | 1800 | 2 | 30 ✓ | |
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Major,
Commanding No. 1 Squadron, M
AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS

SUMMARY OF WORK.


NO. 1

MAY 1918

AUSTRALIAN
Squadron, ~~XXXX~~ Flying Corps.

Date ~~XXXX~~ 5.5.18 19 .

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION | | Remarks |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|------|---------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mns. | |
| B.F. 7237 | Lt. Watt | Lt. Fysh | Test | 1555 | 1630 | | 35 ✓ | |
| " 1229 | Capt. Smith | Lt. Mustard | Recon. & Bpmbing (Strat.) | 0700 | 0940 | 2 | 40 ✓ | |
| " 4626 | Lt. Kenny | Lt. Fletcher | Escort Reconnaissance | 0700 | 0940 | 2 | 40 ✓ | |
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 Commanding No. 1 Squadron,
 AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

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No. 1

MAY 1918

MAY 1918

Australian
~~Royal~~ Flying Corps.

Date 6th May 1918. 19 .

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | Remarks |
|------|-------|----------|-----------------|-----------|--------|---------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | |
| | | | ----- Nil ----- | | | |

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

SUMMARY OF WORK.


Date **7th May 1918.** 19 .

Australian
No.1 Squadron, ~~Royal~~ Flying Corps.

MAY 1918

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| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION. | | Remarks |
|------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------|---------------------------|-------|---------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mins. | |
| B.F. B1150 | Lt. Blake | Lt. Letch | Escort to Reconnaissance | 1400 | 1605 | 2 | 5 ✓ | |
| " B1149 | " Nunan | " Finlay | Reconnaissance | 1400 | 1605 | 2 | 5 ✓ | |
| B.F. B1199 | Lt. Watt | Lt. Hawley | Escort | 1435 | 1720 | 2 | 45 ✓ | |
| " C4840 | " McGuinness | " Fletcher | " (Forced landing) | 1435 | 1650 | 2 | 15 ✓ | |
| B.F. B1229 | Capt. Smith | Lt. Mustard | Reconnaissance | 1355 | 1630 | 2 | 35 ✓ | |
| " B1276 | Lt. Tonkin | " Camm | Escort to Reco. | 1355 | 1630 | 2 | 35 ✓ | |
| " C4627 | " Stooke | " McCann | Test | 1550 | 1610 | | 20 ✓ | |
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 AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

NO. 1

MAY 19

AUSTRALIAN Flying Corps.
Squadron, Royal
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Date 8.5.18 19 .

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION | | Remarks |
|------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|------|-----------------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mns. | |
| B.F. 1225 | Lt. Adair | Lt. Vyner | E.A. Patrol | 0730 | 1045 | 3 | 15 | |
| " 1150 | Lt. Burton | Lt. Letch | " | 0730 | 1030 | 3 | 0 | "A" Flight 6 45 |
| " 1150 | Lt. Blake | Cpl. Kyme | Test | 1115 | 1145 | | 30 | |
| " 4840 | Lt. McGuinness | Lt. Fletcher | Jerusalem to Ramleh | 1555 | 1630 | | 35 | |
| " 7237 | Lt. Cameron | Lt. Watt | Test | 0825 | 0840 | | 15 | |
| " " | " | " Blair | " | 1630 | 1705 | | 35 | "B" Flight 4 10 |
| " 1199 | Lt. Lukis | Lt. Beaton | Escort Duty (Bomb Raid) | 1515 | 1800 | 2 | 45 | |
| " 4627 | Lt. Stooke | Lt. Camm | Reconnaissance (Strat.) | 1000 | 1235 | 2 | 35 | |
| " 4623 | Lt. Murphy | Lt. Hawley | Escort (Recon.) | 1000 | 1225 | 2 | 25 | "C" Flight 5 20 |
| B.E.2E6826 | Lt. Sheppard | - | Practice | 1000 | 1020 | | 20 | |
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Commanding No. 1 Squadron,
AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS

SUMMARY OF WORK.

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MAY 1918
NO. 1

Squadron ~~AUSTRALIAN~~ Flying Corps.

Date 19 . 9.5.18

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION | | Remarks |
|-----------|--------------|-------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|-------|-------------------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mins. | |
| BF. B1148 | Lt. Spragg | Lt. Letch | Reconnaissance (Strat.) | 0900 | 1115 | 2 | 15 | |
| " B1225 | Lt. Oxenham | Lt. Dawson | Escort (Recon.) | 0900 | 1115 | 2 | 15 | |
| " " | Lt. Nunan | Lt. Vyner | " (Bomb-raid) | 1340 | 1540 | 2 | 0 | "A" Flight 9 30 |
| " B1150 | Lt. Blake | Lt. Camm | " " | 1340 | 1540 | 2 | 0 | |
| B.F.C4840 | Lt. Watt | Lt. Hawley | Escort to Bomb Raid | 1345 | 1545 | 2 | - | |
| " B1199 | " Cameron | " Fletcher | " (Returned) | 1345 | 1435 | | 50 | "B" Flight 4 - 20 |
| " " | " " | A/M Loveday | Test | 1705 | 1735 | | 30 | |
| " A7237 | " McGuinness | Lt. Beaton | Gun & Camera Test | 1700 | 1800 | 1 | - | |
| B.F.B1229 | Capt. Smith | Lt. Mustard | Reconnaissance | 1000 | 1200 | 2 | - | |
| " C4626 | Lt. Kenny | " Hawley | Escort to Recc. | 1000 | 1115 | 1 | 15 | |
| BE2E 6826 | " Sheppard | - | Practice | 0900 | 0950 | | 50 | "C" Flight 7 - 45 |
| B.F.C4627 | " Paul | Lt. Fysh | Escort to Bomb Raid | 1355 | 1545 | 1 | 50 | |
| " C4623 | " Peters | " Finlay | " " " " | 1355 | 1545 | 1 | 50 | |
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AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

NO. 1 Squadron, ~~XXXX~~ ^{AUSTRALIAN} Flying Corps.

Date 10.5.18 19 .

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION | | Remarks |
|------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|------|---------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mns. | |
| B.F. 1199 | Lt. Cameron | Lt. Fletcher | Reconnaissance (Strat.) | 0910 | 1125 | 2 | 15 | |
| " 7237 | Lt. McGuinness | Lt. Beaton | Escort to Recon. | 0910 | 1130 | 2 | 20 | |
| B.E.2E6826 | Lt. Sheppard | Nil. | Practice | 0930 | 1010 | | 40 | |
| " " | Lt. Burton | Capt. Musgreve | To Jaffa and return | 1755 | 1840 | X | 45 | |
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AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS

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6481—1531 60,000 7/15

SUMMARY OF WORK.

NO. **1** **MAY 19**
 AUSTRALIAN
 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps.

Date **11th. May** 19 **18.**

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION | | Remarks |
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| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mins. | |
| B.FTR. B1229 | Capt. Smith | Lt. Kirk | Reconnaissance | 0530 | 0730 | 2 | 0 ✓ | "C" Flight |
| " C4626 | Lt. Kenny | Lt. Hawley | Escort to Reconnaissance | 0530 | 0730 | 2 | 0 ✓ | |
| BE2E 6826 | Lt. Sheppard | A/M Harman | Practice | 0920 | 0945 | | 25 ✓ | |
| " 6826 | Lt. Sheppard | " | " | 1600 | 1625 | | 15 ✓ | |
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 Commanding No. 1 Squadron,
 Australian Flying Corps.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

NO. 1

MAY 19

AUSTRALIAN Flying Corps.
Squadron, ~~XXXX~~

Date 12.5.18

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| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION | | Remarks |
|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|------|------------------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mns. | |
| B.F. 1149 | Lt. Burton | Lt. Letch | Reconnaissance (Strat.) | 1010 | 1200 | 1 | 50 | ✓ 4.5 |
| " 1225 | Lt. Garson | Lt. XXXXXX Camm | Escort Duty (Recon.) | 1000 | 1215 | 2 | 15 | |
| " 1199 | Lt. Lukis | Lt. Beaton | Reconnaissance (Strat.) | 0940 | 1020 | | 40 |) Returned. 6.40 |
| " 7237 | Lt. Watt | Lt. Fletcher | Escort Duty to same | 0950 | 1030 | | 40 | |
| " 4840 | " | " | " (Recon.) | 1110 | 1355 | 2 | 45 | |
| " 1199 | Lt. Lukis | Lt. Beaton | Reconnaissance (Strat.) | 1120 | 1355 | 2 | 35 | |
| B.E.2E 6826 | Lt. Sheppard | A/M Reeman | Practice | 1005 | 1025 | | 20 | 20 |
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AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS

SUMMARY OF WORK.


NO. 1

AUSTRALIAN
Squadron, ~~RXXX~~ Flying Corps.

Date 13.5.18

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| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION | | Remarks |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|------|---------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mns | |
| B.F. B1149 | Lt. Burton | Cpl. Bawden | Test | 0915 | 0935 | | 20 ✓ | |
| " A7192 | Lt. Cameron | S.M. Beasley | Test | 1625 | 1655 | | 30 ✓ | |
| " C4627 | Lt. Stooke | Lt. Finlay | Reconnaissance (Strat.) | 0630 | 0835 | 2 | 5 ✓ | |
| " C4623 | Lt. Murphy | Lt. Hawley | Escort to Reco. | 0630 | 0845 | 2 | 15 ✓ | |
| " B1229 | Capt. Smith | A/M Mercier | Test | 1100 | 1130 | | 30 ✓ | 5.35 |
| " " | " | Cpl. Luxton | " | 1545 | 1605 | | 20 ✓ | |
| B.E. 2E6826 | Lt. Sheppard | Nil. | Practice | 1000 | 1025 | | 25 ✓ | |
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 Commanding No. 1 Squadron,
 AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS

SUMMARY OF WORK.

NO. 1 Squadron, ~~XXXX~~ AUSTRALIAN Flying Corps.
 MAY 1918

Date 14th. May 1918. 19 .

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION | | Remarks |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|-------|---------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mins. | |
| B.FTR. B1148 | Lt. Spragg | Lt. Vyner | Reconnaissance Strat. | 0825 | 1045 | 2 | 20 ✓ | |
| " B1149 | Lt. Blake | Lt. Camm | Escort to Reconnaissance | 0825 | 1040 | 2 | 15 ✓ | |
| " B1150 | Lt. Spragg | A/M Doig | Test | 1630 | 1645 | | 15 ✓ | |
| " B7192 | Lt. Cameron | Lt. Fletcher | Photography | 0900 | 1105 | 2 | 5 ✓ | |
| " B7192 | Lt. Cameron | Lt. Fletcher | do. | 1510 | 1720 | 2 | 10 ✓ | |
| " C4840 | Lt. Watt | Lt. Beaton | do. | 1510 | 1720 | 2 | 10 ✓ | |
| " A7237 | Lt. McGuinness | Lt. Kirk | do. | 0910 | 1145 | 2 | 35 ✓ | |
| " B1199 | Lt. Lukis | Lt. Beaton | do. | 0910 | 1135 | 2 | 25 ✓ | |
| BE2E 6826 | Lt. Sheppard | - | Practice | 0905 | 0930 | | 25 ✓ | |
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 Commanding No.1 Squadron,
 Australian Flying Corps.

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SUMMARY OF WORK.

NO. 1

MAY 1918

AUSTRALIAN Flying Corps.
Squadron, XXXX

Date 15.5.18 19 .

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION | | Remarks |
|------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|------|----------------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mns. | |
| B.F. B1150 | Lt. Adair | Lt. Letch | Reconnaissance (Strat.) | 0830 | 1100 | 2 | 30 | |
| " B1225 | Lt. Oxenham | Lt. Farquhar | Escort " " | 0830 | 1100 | 2 | 30 | |
| " E2E 6826 | Lt. Sheppard | Nil. | Practice | 0850 | 0910 | | 20 | |
| " B1229 | Capt. Smith | Lt. Kirk | Escort Duty (Recon.) | 0850 | 0910 | | 20 | Engine trouble |
| " " | " | A/M Barlow | Test | 1020 | 1100 | | 40 | |
| " " | " | Lt. Kirk | E.A. Alarm | 1315 | 1420 | 1 | 5 | |
| " C4627 | Lt. Paul | Lt. Camm | " | 1330 | 1535 | 2 | 5 | |
| " C4626 | Lt. Kenny | Lt. Hawley | Reconnaissance (Strat.) | 0820 | 1030 | 2 | 10 | |
| " C4623 | Lt. Peters | Lt. Kirk | Escort " " | 0900 | 1045 | 1 | 45 | |
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AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS

SUMMARY OF WORK.

AUSTRALIAN
Squadron ~~XXXX~~ Flying Corps.

Date **16.5.18**

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MAY 1918

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION | | Remarks |
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| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mns. | |
| B.F. B1150 | Lt. Burton | Lt. Smith | Reconnaissance (Strat.) Escort | 0830 | 1045 | 2 | 15 ✓ | 7.0 |
| " B1148 | Lt. Nunan | Lt. Finlay | Reconnaissance (Strat.) | 0830 | 1100 | 2 | 30 ✓ | |
| " B1149 | Lt. Spragg | A/M Mason | Test | 0900 | 1000 | 1 | 0 ✓ | |
| " B1149 | " | " Hurst | " | 1555 | 1705 | 1 | 15 ✓ | |
| " B1229 | Capt. Smith | Col. Lawrence | To Kutrani | 0830 | 1040 | 2 | 10 ✓ | 7.25 |
| " " | " | " | To Ramleh | 1200 | 1320 | 1 | 20 ✓ | |
| " C4627 | Lt. Paul | Sgt. Horscroft | To Kutrani | 0830 | 1040 | 2 | 10 ✓ | |
| " " | " | " | To Ramleh | 1200 | 1320 | 1 | 20 ✓ | |
| B.E.2E6826 | Lt. Sheppard | Nil. | Practice | 0845 | 0910 | | 25 ✓ | |
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Commanding No. 1 Squadron,
AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS

SUMMARY OF WORK.

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MAY 1918

Squadron, Australian Flying Corps.

Date 17th. May 1918

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION. | | Remarks |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|-------|---------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mins. | |
| B.F.W. B1225 | Lt. Spragg | A/M Hankin | Forced Landing near to Aerodrome | 1020 | 1035 | | 15 ✓ | |
| " B1225 | Lt. Spragg | Cpl. Payne | Test | 1430 | 1530 | 1 | 0 ✓ | |
| " B1199 | Lt. Lukie | Lt. Beaton | Reconnaissance Strat. | 0720 | 0955 | 2 | 35 ✓ | |
| " A7237 | Lt. McGuinness | Lt. Fletcher | Escort to Recc. | 0720 | 1000 | 2 | 40 ✓ | |
| " C4840 | Lt. Headlam | Lt. Farquhar | Practice | 0950 | 1015 | | 25 ✓ | |
| " C4623 | Lt. Peters | Lt. Traill | E.A. Alarm | 1210 | 1340 | 1 | 30 ✓ | |
| " C4626 | Lt. Stooke | Lt. Hawley | " | 1210 | 1410 | 2 | 0 ✓ | |
| " B1276 | Lt. Tonkin | Lt. Caum | Test | 1540 | 1630 | | 50 ✓ | |
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| <u>SUPPLEMENTARY. 16. 5. '18.</u> | | | | | | | | |
| " B1225 | Lt. Garson | A/M Hall | Test. Forced landing, Jaffa Road. | 1525 | 1540 | | 15. ✓ | |

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Commanding No. 1 Squadron,
Australian Flying Corps.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

NO. 1 MAY 1918

AUSTRALIAN Squadron, ~~XXXXX~~ Flying Corps.

Date 18th. May 1918.

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION. | | Remarks |
|--------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|-------|---------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mins. | |
| B.FTR. B1148 | Lt. Spragg | Lt. Finlay | To Mejdal & return | 0925 | 1005 | | 40 ✓ | |
| " B1225 | Lt. Nunan | A/M Hurst | Test | 1715 | 1740 | | 25 ✓ | |
| " B1276 | Lt. Tonkin | Lt. Camm | Escort to Reconnaissance | 0630 | 0800 | 1 | 30 ✓ | |
| " B1276 | Lt. Tonkin | Lt. Camm | do. | 1600 | 1805 | 2 | 5 ✓ | |
| " C4627 | Lt. Pauk | Lt. Hawley | Reco. (Engine trouble) | 0630 | 0730 | 1 | 0 ✓ | |
| " C4627 | Lt. Paul | Lt. Hawley | Reconnaissance Strat. | 1600 | 1755 | 1 | 55 ✓ | |
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SUMMARY OF WORK.

Date 19.5.18 19 .

NO. 1

Squadron, Royal Flying Corps.
AUSTRALIAN XXXX

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION | | Remarks |
|------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|------|---------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mns. | |
| B.F. B1149 | Lt. Brown | Lt. Finlay | Reconnaissance (Strat.) | 1350 | 1620 | 2 | 30 ✓ | |
| " B1150 | Lt. Walker | Lt. Kreig | Escort to Rec.(Returned) | 1350 | 1440 | | 50 ✓ | |
| " " | " | A/M Keritz | Test | 1650 | 1710 | | 20 ✓ | |
| " " | Lt. Brown | Sgt. Kilburn | " | 1840 | 1850 | | 10 ✓ | |
| " B1199 | Lt. Headlam | Lt. Beaton | H.A. Patrol | 0450 | 0800 | 3 | 10 ✓ | |
| " A7192 | Lt. Cameron | Lt. Mulford | " | 0455 | 0800 | 3 | 5 ✓ | |
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 Commanding No. 1 Squadron,
 AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS

SUMMARY OF WORK.

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MAY 1918

NO. **AUSTRALIAN**
Squadron, ~~Royal~~ Flying Corps.

Date 20th. May 19 18.

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION | | Remarks |
|------------|----------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|-------|-------------------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mins. | |
| B.F. B1148 | Lt. Spragg | Lt. Vyner | Reconnaissance (returned) | 0900 | 0920 | | 20 | |
| " B1150 | " Blake | " Smith | Escort | 0900 | 0915 | | 15 | |
| " B1149 | " " | " " | Escort | 0930 | 1140 | 2 | 10 | |
| " B1148 | " Spragg | " Vyner | Reconnaissance | 0930 | 1135 | 2 | 5 | "A" Flight 6 - 27 |
| " B1225 | " Nunan | A/M Hamilton | Test | 1000 | 1035 | | 35 | |
| " B1150 | " Walker | " Lord | " | 1030 | 1055 | | 25 | |
| " B1225 | " Garson | " Fletcher | " | 1645 | 1647 | | 2 | |
| " " | " Brown | " " | " | 1730 | 1805 | | 35 | |
| B.F. A7237 | Lt. McGuinness | Lt. Mulford | E.A. Patrol | 0600 | 0925 | 3 | 25 | "B" Flight 6 - 50 |
| " C4840 | " Watt | " Kreig | " | 0600 | 0925 | 3 | 25 | |
| B.F. C4623 | Lt. Peters | Lt. Traill | Reconnaissance | 0900 | 1145 | 2 | 45 | |
| " C4626 | " Maughan | " Hawley | Escort. | 0900 | 1135 | 2 | 35 | "C" Flight 7 - 15 |
| " B1280 | Capt. Bacon | " Craig | Kantara to Ramleh | 1400 | 1535 | 1 | 55 | |
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Commanding No. 1 Squadron,
AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

NO. 1

MAY 1918

AUSTRALIAN Flying Corps.
Squadron, Royal Flying Corps.
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Date 22.5.18 19 .

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION | | Remarks |
|------------|----------------|---------------|---------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|------|---------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mns. | |
| B.F. B1225 | Lt. Garson | Lt. Darquhar | E.A. Patrol | 0600 | 0825 | 2 | 55 ✓ | |
| " B1148 | Lt. Spragg | Lt. Beaten | Search for forced landing | 0705 | 0805 | 1 | 0 ✓ | |
| " B1199 | Lt. Headlam | Lt. Fletcher | E.A. Patrol | 0605 | 0850 | 2 | 45 ✓ | |
| " A7237 | Lt. McGuinness | Lt. Fysh | Photography | 1415 | 1600 | 1 | 45 ✓ | |
| " A7192 | Lt. Dowling | Lt. Fletcher | Escort Photography | 1410 | 1545 | 1 | 35 ✓ | |
| " B1229 | Capt. Smith | Lt. Kirk | Reconnaissance (Strat.) | 0600 | 0745 | 1 | 45 ✓ | |
| " " | " | " | " | 1405 | 1610 | 2 | 5 ✓ | |
| " C4626 | Lt. Kenny | Lt. Weir | Escort " " | 0600 | 0750 | 1 | 50 ✓ | |
| " C4623 | Lt. Murphy | " | " " " | 1405 | 1610 | 2 | 5 ✓ | |
| " B1276 | Lt. Tonkin | Cpl. Woodgate | Test | 0940 | 1025 | | 45 ✓ | |
| " B1280 | Lt. Maughan | A/M Balfour | " | 1545 | 1610 | | 25 ✓ | |
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 Commanding No. 1 Squadron,
 AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS

SUMMARY OF WORK.

No. 1

MAY 1918

AUSTRALIAN
Squadron, ~~1st~~ Flying Corps.

Date 23rd. May 1918.

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION | | Remarks |
|--------------|-------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|------|---------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mins | |
| B.FTR. B1149 | Lt. Nunan | Lt. Farquhar | H.A. Patrol | 0700 | 1000 | 3 | 0 ✓ | |
| " B1225 | Lt. Oxenham | Lt. Smith | " | 0705 | 0955 | 2 | 50 ✓ | |
| " A7192 | Lt. Cameron | Lt. Fletcher | Photographs | 1400 | 1500 | 1 | 0 ✓ | |
| " C4840 | Lt. Watt | Lt. Beaton | " | 1405 | 1500 | | 55 ✓ | |
| " C4627 | Lt. Paul | Lt. Weir | H.A. Patrol | 0500 | 0730 | 2 | 30 ✓ | |
| " B1276 | Lt. Tonkin | Lt. Camm | " | 0500 | 0800 | 3 | 0 ✓ | |
| " C4626 | Lt. Maughan | Lt. Hawley | Escort to Reconnaissance | 0945 | 1245 | 3 | 0 ✓ | |
| " C4623 | Lt. Peters | Lt. Traill | Reconnaissance | 0945 | 1255 | 3 | 10 ✓ | |
| " B1280 | Cpt. Smith | A/M Sutherland | Test | 1115 | 1130 | | 15 ✓ | |
| " " | " " | Lt. Fysh | Photography | 1345 | 1500 | 1 | 15 ✓ | |
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SUMMARY OF WORK.

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MAY 1918

AUSTRALIAN
Squadron, Royal Flying Corps.
XXXXDate ~~XXXX~~ 24.5.18 19 .

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION | | Remarks |
|-----------|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|-------|---------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | hrs. | mins. | |
| B.F. 1148 | Lt. Spragg | Lt. Vyner | E.A. Patrol | 0530 | 0825 | 2 | 55 | |
| " 1149 | Lt. Blake | Lt. Smith | do. | 0530 | 0825 | 2 | 55 | |
| " 7237 | Lt. McGuinness | Lt. Fysh | Photography | 0800 | 0930 | 1 | 30 | |
| " 7192 | Lt. Dowling | Lt. Fletcher | do. | 0755 | 0925 | 1 | 30 | |
| " 1229 | Capt. Smith | Lt. Kirk | Reconnaissance (Strat.) | 1505 | 1710 | 2 | 10 | |
| " 1280 | Lt. Maughan | Lt. xxxx Hawley | Escort " " | 1505 | 1705 | 2 | 5 | |
| " 1276 | Lt. Tonkin | Lt. Camm | A.A. Gun Practice | 1615 | 1730 | 1 | 15 | |
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NO. 1 MAY 1918

AUSTRALIAN
Squadron, Royal Flying Corps.

Date 25th. May 1918.

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION | | Remarks |
|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------------------|-----------|--------|----------|-------|---------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mins. | |
| B.FTR. B1149 | Lt. Nunan | Lt. Mulford | R.A. Patrol | 0710 | 1000 | 2 | 50 ✓ | |
| " B1225 | Lt. Carson | Lt. Farquhar | " | 0710 | 1000 | 2 | 50 ✓ | |
| " A7236 | Lt. Brown | A/M Bescroft | Kantara to Ramleh | 1600 | 1800 | 2 | 0 ✓ | |
| " B1276 | Lt. Tenkin | Lt. Cann | Reconnaissance (Strat.) | 1100 | 1355 | 2 | 55 ✓ | |
| " C4626 | Lt. Kenny | Lt. Weir | Escort Duty do. | 1100 | 1330 | 2 | 30 ✓ | |
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NO. **1** *637* **MAY 19**
 AUSTRALIAN ~~ROYAL~~ Flying Corps. Squadron, No. 1

Date **26th May** 19**18**

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION | | Remarks |
|---|--------------|---------------|---|-----------|--------|----------|---------|-------------------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mins. | |
| B.FTR. B1199 | Lt. Headlam | Lt. Beaton | Photography | 1435 | 1715 | 2 | 40 | |
| " C4840 | " Watt | " " | " (retd. engine trouble) | 0925 | 1000 | | 35 | |
| " " | " " | Cpl. Matulich | Test | 1510 | 1600 | | 50 | "B" Flight 8 - 35 |
| " A7192 | " Cameron | Lt. Fletcher | Photographic Reconnaissance | 0925 | 1120 | 1 | 55 | |
| " A7237 | " McGuinness | " " | " " | 1440 | 1715 | 2 | 35 | |
| " C4623 | Lt. Murphy | Lt. Craig | Escort | 1100 | 1320 | 2 | 20 | |
| " B1280 | " Stocks | " Hawley | Reconnaissance | 1100 | 1310 | 2 | 10 | "C" Flight 5 - 10 |
| " " | Capt. Smith | Col. McLaren | Test | 1645 | 1725 | | 40 | |
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| <u>SUPPLEMENTARY SUMMARY FOR 21.5.18.</u> | | | | | | | | |
| B.F. B1150 | Lt. Walker | Lt. Letch | E.A. Patrol (Forced landing at Mukhmas) | 0600 | 0900 | Hrs. 3 | Mins. - | "A" Flight. |

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MAY 1918
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Squadron, Royal Flying Corps.
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Date 27.5.18 19 .

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION | | Remarks |
|------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------|----------|------|---------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mns. | |
| B.F. B1149 | Lt. Brown | Lt. Finlay | E.A. Patrol | 0630 | 0920 | 2 | 50 ✓ | |
| " B1225 | Lt. Oxenham | Lt. Smith | " | 0630 | 0920 | 2 | 50 ✓ | |
| " A7236 | Lt. Nunan | A/M Grier | Test | 1425 | 1510 | | 45 ✓ | |
| " " | " | " Williams | " | 1650 | 1710 | | 20 ✓ | |
| " C4840 | Lt. Watt | Lt. Beaton | Photos. (Returned) | 0930 | 1015 | | 45 ✓ | |
| " " | Lt. Cameron | Cpl. Bond | Test | 1555 ^b | 1620 | | 25 ✓ | |
| " B1199 | Lt. Watt | Lt. Beaton | Photos. (Returned) | 1040 | 1130 | | 50 ✓ | |
| " " | " | " | Photography | 1400 | 1650 | 2 | 50 ✓ | |
| " A7237 | Lt. McGuinness | A/M Blair | Test | 1153 | 1220 | | 27 ✓ | |
| " " | Lt. Dowling | Lt. Fletcher | Photography | 1400 | 1650 | 2 | 50 ✓ | |
| " A7192 | " | " | " (Returned) | 0930 | 1010 | | 40 ✓ | |
| " " | " | " | " " | 1040 | 1130 | | 50 ✓ | |
| " B1229 | Capt. Smith | Lt. Kirk | Recen. and Bombing | 1030 | 1320 | 2 | 50 ✓ | |
| " C4627 | Lt. Paul | Lt. Weir | Escort " | 1030 | 1320 | 2 | 50 ✓ | |
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SUMMARY OF WORK.

Date 28th May 1918 1918

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Squadron, Royal Flying Corps.

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION. | | Remarks |
|------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|-------|---------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mins. | |
| B.F. B2148 | Lt. Spragg | Lt. Vyner | E.A. Patrol | 0640 | 0920 | 2 | 40 ✓ | |
| " B1235 | Lt. Walker | Lt. Farquhar | " | 0640 | 0920 | 2 | 40 ✓ | |
| " A7236 | Lt. Nunan | A/M Williams | Test | 1640 | 1735 | | 55 ✓ | |
| " B1198 | Lt. Percival | Mjr. Earl | Kantara to Ranleh | 1500 | 1650 | 1 | 50 ✓ | |
| " C4840 | Lt. Cameron | Cpl. Bond | Test | 1630 | 1715 | | 45 ✓ | |
| " B1280 | Lt. Maughan | Lt. Mulford | Escort (Engine trouble) | 0755 | 0810 | | 15 ✓ | |
| " C4626 | " | " | " (Recon.) | 0835 | 1055 | 2 | 20 ✓ | |
| " B1276 | Lt. Tonkin | Lt. Camm | Recon. (Strat.) (Wash-out) | 0800 | 0820 | | 20 ✓ | |
| " " | " | " | " | 0835 | 1115 | 2 | 40 ✓ | |
| " B1280 | Lt. Stecke | A/M Balfour | Test | 0850 | 0900 | | 10 ✓ | |
| " " | " | " | " | 1000 | 1030 | | 30 ✓ | |
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6481—1531 60,000 7/15

SUMMARY OF WORK.

Date 29th. May 19 18.

NO. 1 MAY 1918

AUSTRALIAN Squadron, ~~RXXXX~~ Flying Corps.

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION. | | Remarks |
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| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mins. | |
| B.F. B1198 | Lt. Brown | A/M Turner | Test | 1730 | 1750 | | 20 ✓ | |
| B.F. A7192 | Lt. Cameron | Lt. Kreig | Reconnaissance | 0605 | 0850 | 2 | 45 ✓ | |
| " A7237 | " McGuinness | " Fysh | " | 0605 | 0850 | 2 | 45 ✓ | |
| " C4840 | " Dowling | Cpl. Bend | Test | 1535 | 1620 | | 45 ✓ | |
| B.F. C4623 | Lt. Peters | Lt. Traill | Reconnaissance | 0800 | 1040 | 2 | 40 ✓ | |
| " B1260 | " Stecke | " Weir | Escort to Reco. XXXXXXXX | 0800 | 1030 | 2 | 30 ✓ | |
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MAY 1918

AUSTRALIAN
Squadron, ~~XXXXX~~ Flying Corps.

Date **30th. May 1918.** 19 .

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION. | | Remarks |
|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|-------|---------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mins. | |
| B.FTR. B1149 | Lt. Brown | Lt. Fysh | E.A. Patrol | 1400 | 1650 | 2 | 50 ✓ | |
| " A7236 | Lt. Nunan | Lt. Letch | " | 1400 | 1705 | 3 | 5 ✓ | |
| " B1198 | Lt. Blake | Lt. Mulford | Test | 1715 | 1810 | | 55 ✓ | |
| " A7237 | Lt. Watt | Lt. Fletcher | E.A. Patrol | 0900 | 1200 | 3 | 0 ✓ | |
| " B1199 | Lt. Headlam | Lt. Beaton | " | 0900 | 1200 | 3 | 0 ✓ | |
| " C4626 | Lt. Hanning Kenny | Lt. Hawley | Reconnaissance | 0800 | 1055 | 2 | 55 ✓ | |
| " C4627 | Lt. Paul | Lt. Mulford | Escort to Reconnaissance | 0800 | 1040 | 2 | 40 ✓ | |
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SUMMARY OF WORK.

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No. 1 MAY 1918

Australian
Squadron, Royal Flying Corps.

Date 31st May 19 .

| Type | Pilot | Observer | Duty | Hour of— | | DURATION. | | Remarks |
|------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| | | | | Departure | Return | Hrs. | Mins. | |
| B.F. B1225 | Lt. Adair | Lt. Smith | Escort to Reconnaissance | 0555 | 0825 | 2 | 30 | ✓ |
| " B1149 | Lt. Brown | A/M Donaldson | Test | 1030 | 1035 | | 5 | ✓ |
| " B1198 | Lt. Burton | " Hankin | " | 1540 | 1615 | | 35 | ✓ |
| " B1199 | Lt. Lukis | Lt. Beaton | Reconnaissance (Strat.) | 0555 | 0830 | 2 | 35 | ✓ |
| " C4840 | Lt. Watt | F/Sgt. Beard | Test | 1030 | 1145 | 1 | 15 | ✓ |
| " B1280 | Lt. Maughan | Lt. Weir | Escort Bomb Raid | 0600 | 0830 | 2 | 30 | ✓ |
| " B1229 | Lt. Stecke | Lt. Mulford | do. | 0620 | 0830 | 2 | 10 | ✓ |
| " C4626 | " | " | do. (Wash-out) | 0600 | 0615 | | 15 | ✓ |
| " B1276 | Lt. Tonkin | Lt. Camm | do. do. | 0600 | 0615 | | 15 | ✓ |
| " C4627 | " | " | do. | 0620 | 0830 | 2 | 10 | ✓ |
| " C4626 | Lt. Kenny | A/M Juckham | Test | 0835 | 0905 | | 30 | ✓ |
| " B1276 | Lt. Tonkin | Lt. Camm | " | 1005 | 1020 | | 15 | ✓ |
| " C4623 | Lt. Peters | Sgt. Tucker | " | 1705 | 1735 | 15 | 30 | ✓ |
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