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BAGHDAD 1st JAN. 1918.	"AA" left KERMANSHAH and bivouaced MAHIDIST. "J" station attached 84th Punjabis reached KIFL 4 p.m. and bivouaced. Party attached PARTISANS FORCE moved from TELIBARAH (T.C. I24 C/68) for PERSIA.	
" 2nd JAN. 1918	Party to be known as "VIS", attached to Column proceeding to escort "AA", reached QASR-I-SHIRIN 9 (T.C. I24 C/31). "AA" station reached KSONABAT. "B" station moved from G.H.Q. 4 p.m. to join 3rd CORPS, BAQUBAH (T.C. I24 A/99) vice "I" station, reached CASSELLS POST 9.40 p.m. and bivouaced. "J" left KIFL 8 a.m. and reached KUFA 2 p.m.	
" 3rd JAN.	"AA" reached HARUNABAD. "VIS" reached SAREPUL. Party attached PARTISANS reached KHANIKIN (T.C. I24 C/52). "B" station left CASSELLS POST (T.C. I24 A/99) 4.45 p.m. "I" station handed over to "B" 9.20 p.m.	
" 4th JAN.	"I" left BAQUBAH (T.C. I24 A/99) for QASR-I-SHIRIN (t.c. I24 C/31) and bivouaced ABU JISRA (T.C. I24 C/66). "AA" reached KERIND. "VIS" reached PAITAK.	
" 5th JAN.	"AA" spelled at KERIND. "VIS" spelled at PAITAK. "I" reached RUZ (T.C. I24 C/67 approx.) and was held up by heavy rain and floods.	
" 6th JAN.	"AA" joined up with British escort at PAITAK. Party with PARTISANS reached PAITAK.	

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BAGHDAD 7th JAN.	"AA" and "VIS" reached SAREPUL.	
8th JAN.	"AA" and "VIS" reached a point about 10 miles west of SAREPUL.	
9th JAN.	"AA" and "VIS" reached QASR-I-SHIRIN (T.C. 124 C/31). "VIS" was detached from escort and remained QASR-I-SHIRIN until 13th.	
10th JAN.	"AA" reached KHANIKIN (T.C. 124 C/52). "I" left RUZ (T.C. 124 C/67 approx.) and reached KIZIL ROBAT (T.C. 124 C/38.)	
11th JAN.	"AA" reached MIRJANA. "I" reached KHANIKIN (T.C. 124 C/52.) "L" left 13th DIVN, DELI ABBAS (T.C. 124 C/58) to relieve "D" at KHANIKIN, reached RUZ (T.C. 124 C/67 approx.) and bivouaced.	
12th JAN.	"AA" spelled at MIRJANA. "L" reached KIZIL ROBAT (T.C. 124 C/38.) "I" reached QASR-I-SHIRIN (T.C. 124 C/31.)	
13th JAN.	"AA" reached RUZ (T.C. 124 C/67 approx.) "L" arrived KHANIKIN (T.C. 124 C/52.) "D" handed over to "L" and dismantled. "F" with CAV. DIVN SADIYEH (T.C. 116 A/89) was attached to and moved with BRIDGES COLUMN for PERSIA, reached and bivouaced BAQUBAH. "VIS" left QASR-I-SHIRIN (T.C. 124 C/31) for BAGHDAD (T.C. 144 B/25/26) 8 a.m., reached KHANIKIN (T.C. 124 C/38) NOON and bivouaced. PARTISAN Station opened at 10.37 a.m. at KERMANSHAH.	

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BAGHDAD 14th JAN.	"D" left KHANIKIN (T.C. I24 C/38) to return to BAGHDAD (T.C. I44 B/25/26.) reached MIRJANA 3.30 p.m. and bivouaced. "F" reached ABU JISRA (T.C. I24 C/66). "AA" reached ABU JISRA "VIS" reached KURDARRAH (T.C. I24 C/51).	
15th JAN.	"AA" reached BAQUBAH (T.C. I24 A/99). "VIS" reached BAGHDAD (T.C. I44 B/25/26). "D" reached SHAROBAN (T.C. I24 C/67.) "F" reached SHAROBAN (")	
16th JAN.	"AA" reached KHAN BANI SAAD (T.C. I44 B/9). "F" reached KIZIL ROBAT (T.C. I24 C/38.) "D" reached BAQUBAH (T.C. I24 A 99).	
17th JAN.	"AA" arrived BAGHDAD (T.C. I44 B/25/26.) "F" reached KHANIKIN Z T.C. I24 C/38.) "D" reached KHAN BANI SAAD (T.C. I44 B/9.)	
18th JAN.	"F" reached QASR-I-SHIRIN (T.C. I24 C/31.) "D" reached BAGHDAD (T.C. I44 B/25/26.)	
21st JAN.	"F" transferred from BRIDGES COLUMN to MATTHEWS COLUMN. Operating section of "F" moved in motor cars from QASR-I-SHIRIN (T.C. I24 C//31) to PAITAK.	
24th JAN.	Two operators and a mechanic left G.H.Q. for KERMANSHAH, per motor cars to strengthen party with PARTISANS.	
25th JAN.	This party reached KHANIKIN (T.C. I24 C/38) 5 p.m. and SURKHEDEZA KHAN 6 p.m. "G"	

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