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BAGDAD.	April	1st.	<p>No.6. left ALUS (TC.146.DD.26) 8.0.a.m. for ABUDHIBBAN (TC.144.B.20. approx.) reached KHAN BAGHDADI (TC.146 DD.34.) 4.0.p.m.- approx.distance 30 miles- and bivouaced with No.4. Three operators and a mechanic reached HAMADAN to work British traffic on Russian Station, two hours each morning and evening. Station to be known as No.39.</p>	
		2nd.	No.10.left KHAN BAGDADI 8.0. a.m. bivouaced HIT (TC.146.DD.52.) land-line communication, station not erected, left HIT 9.30.a.m. 4th. reached UQBAH (TC.146.DD.61.) 1.45.p.m. left UQBAH 8.0.a.m. bivouaced, RAMADI night 5th. and reached ABU DHIBBAN (T.C.144.B20.approx.).	
		5th.	railhead 2.0.p.m. 6th.	
		5th.	No.39. with HOGGS COLUMN to be known as No. 13.	
		9th.	No. 10. closed down at ABU DHIBBAN TO move to G.H.Q. BAGHDAD Reaching there 11th. No. 13.	
		10th.	No. 13. disbanded.	
		12th.	No. 3. joined 50th. Brigade at SALILAYAH (T.C.146 DD.52.) No. 4. left KHAN BAGHDADI (T.C.146.D.D.34.) 7.0.a.m. for RHAMADIE (T.C.146.D.D.72.) bivouaced SALILAYAH 12th. HIT (T.C.146.D.D.52.) 13th. KHAN ABU RAYAT (T.C.146.D.D.70.) 14th. and reached RHAMADIE 15th. Station accompanied 15th.Div. Signals.	
		14th.	Major Marr M.C. left for Australia on furlough and Capt.White M.C.assumed command. No. 12. left KHANIKIN (T.C.124 C. 38.) 9.30.a.m. to join 38th. INF. BGE at LONGRIDGE. (T.C.124.C. 59.) bivouaced KURDARRAH (T.C.124.C.51 approx.) 14th. RUZ (T.C.124.C.67.approx.) 15th. and joined up with 38th. BGE. on 16th.	
		16th.	No.1.(Waggon) 10. & 11. (Packs) left G.H.Q. for 3rd. CORPS AREA, bivouaced KHAN BANISAAD (T.C.144.B.9.) 16th.BAQUBAH (T.C.124.A.99.) 17th. and reached ABU JISRA (T.C.124.C.66.) on	
		18th.	18th. No.3. blown down by heavy gale breaking aerial.	
		19th.	No. 1. and 10. reached DELI ABBAS (T.C.124 C.58.) the latter joined 15th.Div. and the former to await ADVANCED 3rd. CORPS. Roads bad. No. 10. broke perch pole of limber. No. 11. reached SHAROBAN (T.C.124.C.67.) and joined 6th. CAV. BDE.	

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BAGHDAD.	April. 23rd.		<p>No. 12 dismantled 6.0.p.m. and moved at 7.0.a.m. on 24th. from LONGRIDGE (TC124 C59.) and 24th. moved to a point on SUHANIYEH Road, approx. 3 miles from Foothills.</p> <p>24th. No. 9. left SURKHADIZA and reached SEMIL KERIND. No. 11. & 8. moved from SHAROBAN (TC124 C67) with 6th. CAV. BDE. 10/30.a.m. crossed DIALA RIVER at TABLE MOUNTAIN (TC124 C59) 1.0.p.m. and bivouaced 4.0.p.m. at LONGRIDGE. (TC124 C59)</p> <p>25th. No. 11 & 8. left LONGRIDGE at 10.30.a.m. and bivouaced 4.0.p.m. - distance travelled 16 miles approx. No. 11. erected and exchanged signals with No. 1. No. 12. moved to AIN LAILAH (TC124 C42) erected and established communication. No. 3. joined and moved with AITKINS COLUMN from SALILAYAH (TC208 DD52) to KUBAISA (TC208 DD59.) Owing to rocky nature of ground pegs could not be driven in, mast was anchored with sand-bags. No cipher Officer with force. Communication with SALILAYAH maintained by visual. Water condemned by Medical Officer. Water for Humane consumption brought from SALILAYAH by Ford vans. 2 Gallons per man per day issued. No. 9. reached KERIND (ref. not available) No. 10. moved with 4th. BDE. through CAYLEYS PASS and bivouaced. No. 7. dismantled at SADIYEH (TE116 A80) marched with 7th. BDE. 8.0.a.m. 23rd. bivouaced and erected at 5.50.p.m. at DOJMAN (TE116 A80) dismantled at 7.30.a.m. 24th. moved with Bde. halted 12.30.p.m. erected and passed traffic. BDE. moved leaving Station erected. Station dismantled 2.0.p.m. and rejoined BDE. reached SATHA (TC116 A54) 4.35.p.m. bivouaced erected and established communication. Left SATHA 8.0.a.m. reached TAUQ KHANA (TC147 BB888) 12.30.p.m. erected but unable to pass urgent traffic owing to strong atmospherics. Limber horse died from heat stroke.</p> <p>26th. At TAUQ KHANA. Orders received at 2.30.p.m. to proceed with main body, but control Station (No. 2. at Bacubah (TC124 A99) ordered to remain open for clear line traffic. Dismantled 5.5.p.m. and joined BDE. at Foothills at 7.30.p.m. erected and passed traffic with difficulty through heavy atmospherics. Compelled to close at 11.0.p.m. owing to heavy storm. Land-line communication established to No. 3. Station not required to work. No. 11. and 8 moved at 3.0.a.m. No. 8. erected at 5.0.a.m. but closed without working. No. 11. opened at 6.0.a.m. communicated with No. 1. passed traffic, closed 7.0.a.m. followed and bivouaced with 6th. CAV. BDE. at 9.a.m. Both Stations moved at midnight in heavy storm.</p>	

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