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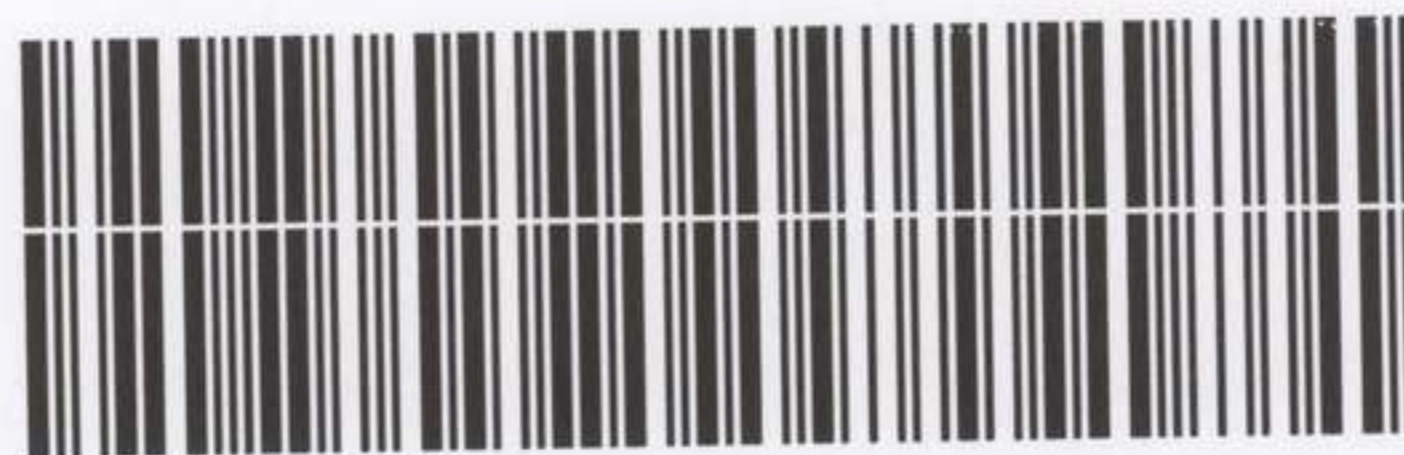
**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
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May, 1918	The position of No. 9 (Wagon) on 30th April should read "KERIND" not "KERMANSHAH".	
May 1st, 1918	No. 7 dismantled 7.50 a.m. and marched with 7th Cav. Bde. from TAUQ KHANA (T.C.147 BB 88) reached SATHA (T.C. 116 A 54) 12.8 p.m. Bivouaced, erected and established communication.	
" 2nd, "	Moved 7.15 am, reached AKAB (T.C. 116 A70 p) 3.20 p.m., Bivouaced on left bank of ADHAIM, erected and established communication.	
" 3rd "	No. 1 (Wagon) dismantled at UMR MANDAN (T.C. 124 C34), and moved with Advanced 3rd Corps at 8.45 a.m. for BAIYT, reaching there 2 p.m. Under A. D. A S., 3rd Corps, station was erected. No. 7 (Pack) dismantled 8.50 a.m. and moved to right bank of ADHAIM, erected and exchanged signals with No. 2 (control station) at BAQUBAH (T.C. 124 A 99). No.12 (Pack) General O'Dowda, 13th Division, expressed appreciation of the work of this station.	

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<p>May 4th, 1918</p>	<p>No. 1 left BAIYT 5.30 am, reached TUZ 12.30 p.m., communication was established 1.50 p.m. Rain fell continuously on 7th and 8th, and camp was under water to depth of one foot.</p> <p>No. 7 (Pack) dismantled 6 a.m., moved at 7 a.m. for SAMARRAH (T.C. 116 A 58), reaching there 4 p.m., did not erect owing proximity of No. 5 (Wagon).</p> <p>No. 12 (Pack) left 38th Bde. at TUZ KHURMATLI (T.C. 124 C 1), and joined Cayley's Force. Erected 4.30 p.m. and established communication.</p>	
<p>" 5th, "</p>	<p>No. 7 halted at SAMARRAH (T.C. 116 A 58) all day.</p> <p>No. 8 left TUZ KHURMATLI (T.C. 124 C 1) 8.45 a.m. with Column "A", and reached TAUQ (T.C. 147 BB 88) 5.15 p.m. Bivouaced with No. 11.</p> <p>No. 11 (Pack) moved with 6th Cav. Bde. at 7.45 a.m., marched until noon. Halted for $\frac{3}{4}$ hour then moved direction TAUQ (T.C. 147 BB 88) with detachment of Bde., crossed ZEB RIVER by</p>	

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May 5th, 1918	<p>by concrete bridge, reached TAUQ 5 p.m., erected and established communication with Stations Nos. 1, 2 and 5 situated TUZ KHURMATLI (T.C. 124 C 1), BAQUBAH (T.C. 124 A 99) and SAMARRAH (T.C. 116 A 58) respectively.</p> <p>No. 12 (Pack) moved at 5 a.m. and reached TAUQ (T.C. 147 BB 88) 1 p.m. erected and established communication.</p>	
" 6th, "	<p>No. 7 (Pack) left SAMARRAH (T.C. 116 A 58) 5.30 a.m., reached DAUR 11.30 a.m., bivouaced but did not erect station.</p> <p>No. 8 (Pack) left TAUQ (T.C. 147 BB 88) 7.45 a.m. with Column "A" until 8.30 p.m., then bivouaced with No. 11. During the day the frame of engine load broke and was left behind to come on limber.</p> <p>No. 10 (Pack) marched out of camp on right bank of TUZ river at 8.30 a.m. with portion Lewin's Force and erected at 9 a.m. Dismantled 3 p.m. and marched with H.Q. of Force until midnight when a severe storm rendered further progress</p>	

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<p>May 6th, 1918</p>	<p>impossible. Packs were unloaded and the men stood by their horses until daylight 7th, when they joined up with the transport and camped.</p> <p>No. 11 (Pack) dismantled and moved with 6th Cav. Bde. at 7.45 a.m., reached TAZAH (T.C. 147 BB 76) noon, halted for one hour then proceeded direction KIRKUK (T.C. 147 BB 54) at 1.45 p.m. After crossing river KIRKUK the Bde. was shelled; it moved to a position N. W. of Town but was again shelled. Station sustained no damage. Just prior to dark the Bde. commenced to retire, but at night fall returned to village near KIRKUK (T.C. 147 BB 54) and bivouaced. Nos. 8 and 11 bivouaced together. Heavy rain commenced to fall at 11 p.m. and continued throughout the night.</p> <p>No. 12 (Pack) left TAUQ (T.C. 147 BB 88) 6 a.m. reached TAZAH (T.C. 147 BB 76) 2 p.m., halted until 5 p.m. then moved to a point</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Southern Camp</i></p>

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<p>May 6th, 1918</p>	<p>6 miles along KIRKUK road, erected, established communication. Land line communication failed at 9 p.m. and communication was maintained by wireless with 6th Cav Bde. and 3rd Corps.</p>	
<p>" 7th, "</p>	<p>No. 7 left DAUR (T.C. 116 A 30-31) 5 a.m., reached AIN NAKHAILAH SPRINGS (T.C. 116 A 14) 2.40 p.m., erected and established communication. At 5.15 p.m. station moved to and re-opened in new position.</p> <p>No. 8 left camp 12 noon and reached KIRKUK 1.45 p.m. and bivouaced.</p> <p>Nos. 11 and 8 did not move with Bde. At 8 a.m. but remained erected to clear traffic, as difficulty was experienced in passing it owing to wet weather. Both stations dismantled and moved at noon, rejoining Bde. in KIRKUK (T.C. 147 BB 54), and bivouaced on right bank of river. No. 11 erected and established communication with Stations 1, 2, 5 and 7.</p>	<p><i>Southside Camp</i></p>

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<p>May 7th, 1918.</p>	<p>situated TUZ KHURMATLI (T.C. 124 C 1), BAQUBAH (T.C. 124 A 99), SAMARRAH (T.C. 116 A 58), AIN NAKHAILAH SPRINGS (T.C. 116 A 14) respectively, thus</p> <p>No. 11 (Pack) on this occasion established communication over a distance of approximately 110 miles, viz. KIRKUK (T.C. 147 BB 54) to BAQUBAH (T.C. 124 A 99). The country is hilly as far south as LONGRIDGE (T.C. 124 C 59).</p> <p>No. 10 moved to TAUQ BRIDGE (T.C. 147 BB 88 approx.), erected and passed traffic.</p>	
<p>" 8th, "</p>	<p>No. 7 left AIN NAKHAILAH SPRINGS (T.C. 116 A 14) 6.30 a.m. reached THE CEMETERY (T.C. 116 A 5) 8.30 a.m., bivouaced, erected and established communication.</p> <p>No. 12 dismantled .10 a.m. and moved for KIRKUK (T.C. 147 BB 54) reaching there 1 p.m., camped S.W. of Town in 13th Division Camp.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Spent the night</i></p>

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May 9th, 1918	No. 3 (Pack) moved from KUBAISA (T.C. 208 DD 59) to SALILAYAH (T.C. 208 DD 52), rejoining 50th Inf. Bde.	
" 10th, "	No. 1 (Wagon) dismantled and moved at 8.30 a.m., reached TAUQ (T.C. 147 BB 88) 4.30 p.m., established communication at 5.10 p.m. Nos. 8 and 11 (Packs) left KIRKUK (T.C. 147 BB 54) with 6th Cav. Bde. at 5.45 a.m., and marched until 3 p.m. with two halts, when they came under enemy shell fire, but sustained no damage. At 7 p.m. Bde. returned to camp approximately 12 miles from ALTUN KUPRI (T.C. 147 BB 31), reaching there 11 p.m. No. 10 (Pack) dismantled and marched South with Cayley's Force to a camp near TAUQ (T.C. 147 BB 58), erected and established communication at 1 p.m.	
" 11th, "	Nos. 11 and 8 (Packs) left camp with Signal Section of Bde. at	

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May 11th, 1918	9.30 a.m., and reached KIRKUK (T.C. 147 BB 54).	
" 12th, "	Nos. 8 and 11 left KIRKUK to return to SHAROBAN (T.C. 124 C 67). Reached and bivouaced at TAZAH (T.C. 147 BB 76)	
" 13th, "	Bivouaced TAUQ (T.C. 147 BB 88). No. 7 dismantled and moved at 4.30 a.m. in direction FATHA position (T.C. 147 BB 93). Halted at 1.40 p.m., erected and established communication. Dismantled at 5 p.m., returned to within 12 miles of THE CEMETERY, bivouaced, erected and passed traffic.	
" 14th, "	Dismantled 4.15 a.m. and moved in direction of the SPRINGS, halted and erected at 8.40 a.m. near THE CEMETERY, dismantled 4 p.m., and moved on reaching THE SPRINGS (T.C. 116 A 14) at 6.30 p.m., bivouaced and erected. Nos. 8 and 11 bivouaced TUZ KHURMATLI (T.C. 124 C 1) en route for	

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May 14th, 1918	SHAROBAN.	
" 15th, "	<p>No. 1 (Wagon) commenced return march from TAUQ (T.C. 147 BB 88) to BAQUBAH (T.C. 124 A 99), reaching there 6 a.m. 23. 5.18.</p> <p>No. 7 dismantled 4 a.m. and marched for DAUR (T.C. 116 A 30-31), reaching there 2.30 p.m., erected and maintained communication until Land line opened 6 p.m. when station dismantled.</p> <p>No. 9 left KERIND for KERMANSHAH, bivouaced KHORASAB.</p> <p>No. 10 dismantled and continued march South with Cayley's Force at 3.30 a.m., and thereafter moved by night marches until KIFRI (T.C. 124 C 11) was reached at 10 a.m. on 19. 5.18. Station transferred to 40th Bde.</p> <p>Nos. 8 and 11 bivouaced KIFRI (T.C. 124 C 11).</p>	
" 16th, "	<p>No. 7 left DAUR (T.C. 116 A 14) 4.30 a.m., reached SAMARRAH (T.C. 116 A 58) 10 a.m. but did not erect.</p>	<p><i>Geothite Caps</i></p>

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May 17th, 1918.	No. 9 (Wagon) left KHORASAB and bivouaced HASANABAD.	
" 16th, "	Nos. 8 and 11 (Packs) bivouaced CHAMAN KUPRI (T.C. 124 C 27).	
" 17th, "	No. 7 left SAMARRAH (T.C. 116 A 58) 5 a.m. reached KHAN MIFRAJI (T.C. 116 A 68) 9.30 a.m., erected and established communication.	
" 18th, "	Nos. 8 and 11 bivouaced MAHRIN KUPRI (T.C. 124 C 42). No. 7 (Pack) dismantled and left KHAN MIFRAJI (T.C. 116 A 68) 4.30 a.m., reached AKAB 9.20 a.m., erected and established communication.	
" 19th, "	No. 9 (Wagon) bivouaced at a point 4 miles beyond MAHIDAST. Nos. 8 and 11 bivouaced ABU HAJAR (T.C. 124 C 50-51), reached SHAROBAN (T.C. 124 C 67) 19th. No. 7 left AKAB (T.C. 116 A 70 approx.) 5 a.m., reached and bivouaced SADIYEH (T.C. 116 A 80) but did not erect. No. 9 (Wagon) reached KERMANSHAH.	

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May 20th, 1918	No. 12 moved into Billet in KIRKUK (T.C. 147 BB 54).	
" 21st, "	No. 7 (Pack) left SADIYEH (T.C. 116 A 80) 9.20 a.m., reached BAQUBAH (T.C. 124 A 99), left BAQUBAH 5 a.m. reached CONNINGHAMS POST (T.C. 144 B 9 approx.)	
" 22nd, "	Left there 5 a.m. and reached CHALDARI (T.C. 144 B 25 approx.) 11 a.m.. the summer camp for 7th Cav. Bde. 3 earth mats were stolen from No. 12 during night of 21/22nd. Court of enquiry held in connection with this matter on 31. 5.18 exonerated personnel of station.	
" 23rd, "	The 1st Aust. Cav. Div. Sig. Sqn. of 4 officers and 50 other ranks was absorbed by this unit. (Authority: No. 0/1235/27/106 dated 10th April, 1918, from Chief Gen. Staff, G. H. Q., Mes. Ex. Force).	
" 24th, "	No. 12 (Pack) left KIRKUK 3.30 p.m. to return to TUZKHURMATLI (T.C. 124 C 1), bivouaced TAUQ (T.C. 147 BB 88)½	

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May 25th, 1918	Lieut. Moore left G. H. Q. to lift 1½ K.W. (Wagon set) and stores from PAITAK.	
" 26th, "	No. 1 (Wagon) left BAQUBAH 5 p.m. to return to KIFRI (T.C. 124 C 11) to relieve No. 10, reached ABU SAIDA (T.C. 124 C 65) 10.30 p.m. Reached LONGRIDGE HILL (T.C. 124 C 59) 12 noon. No. 11 (Pack) was taken over by Australian Personnel. No. 12 (Pack) reached TUZ KHURMATLI (T.C. 124 C 1) 9 p.m. Lieut. Moore reached PAITAK enroute for KERMANSHAH.	
" 27th, "	No. 1 bivouaced NAHRIN KUPRI (T.C. 124 C 42). No. 8 (Pack) moved alone from 6th Cav. Bde. SHAROBAN (T.C. 124 C 67) 2.30 am. to join 13th Division, DELI ABBAS (T.C. 124 C 58), reaching there 9.45 a.m. New Zealand personnel from No. 11 station left SHAROBAN (T.C. 124 C 67) and arrived BAGHDAD 28th. No. 11 left SHAROBAN (T.C. 124 C 67) 6 a.m. to join 14th Division at MIRJANA (T.C. 124 C 44), bivouaced KURRDARRAH (T.C. 124 C 51) 11a.m.	

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<p>May 28th, 1918</p>	<p>Left KURDARRAH 5 a.m. and reached MIRJANA 9 a.m.</p> <p>Lieut. Moore and 2 B. O. R's with 1½ K.W. Wagon set and stores reached KERMANS SHAH 4.30 p.m.</p> <p>It was found that the billet previously allotted for this station was isolated on account of typhus. The set was installed in a building erected for the purpose in the grounds of the British Consulate. The station will be permanent and manned by five (5) Australians. It will link the British Armies operating in PERSIA and MESOPOTAMIA.</p> <p>No. 1 (Wagon) left NAHRIN KUPRI 4.30 a.m., bivouaced SHAMAN KUPRI (T.C. 124 C 29) 10.30 a.m.</p>	
<p>" 29th, "</p>	<p>Left Shaman KUPRI 4.15 a.m., reached road junction South of KIFRI at 8.30 a.m. Site for permanent camp was selected, station erected at 11.45 a.m.</p> <p>No. 10 handed over to No. 1 at 2 p. m. and moved for BAGHDAD at 4.30 p.m. reaching QARAH TAPPAH (T.C. 124 C 35)-20 miles - at 9 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-style: italic;">Southside Camp</p>

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May 30th, 1918	<p>Moved at 6 a.m. and marched until 9 a.m. Camped until 5 p.m., passed through SAKAL TUTAN PASS (T.C. 124 C 42) at 6 p.m., passed through AIN LAILA (T.C. 124 C 42) and camped at SUHANIYAH (T.C. 124 C 50) at 10. p.m.</p>	
" 31st, "	<p>Moved at 6 a.m. and reached DELI ABBAS (T.C. 124 C 58) 8.30 a.m.</p> <p>No. 6 (Pack) stationary at KERMANSHAH during the month.</p> <p>No. 5 (Wagon) stationary with 17th Division at SAMARRAH (T.C. 116 A 58).</p> <p>No. 4 (Pack) stationary with 15th Division at RAMADIE (T.C. 146 DD 72).</p> <p>No. 2 (Wagon) stationary with 3rd Corps at BAQUBAH (T.C. 124 A 99).</p> <p>All wireless traffic from operations passed through this station.</p> <p>During the month 42 men were admitted and 32 discharged Hospital.</p>	

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<p>May 31st, 1918.</p>	<p>Disposition of stations was as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No. 1 (Wagon) - 40th Infy. Bde., KIFRI. No. 2 " - 3rd Corps, BAQUBAH. No. 3 (Pack) - 50th Infy. Bde., SALILAYAH. No. 4 " - 15th Division, RAMADIE. No. 5 (Wagon) - 17th " , SAMARRAH. No. 6 (Pack) - KERMANSHAH. No. 8 Transport - RUZ. No. 7 (Pack) - 7th Cav. Bde., CHALDARI. No. 8 (Pack) - 13th Division, DELI ABBAS. No. 9 (Wagon) - KERMANSHAH No. 10 (Pack) - 13th Division, DELI ABBAS. No. 11 " - 14th Division, MIRJANA No. 12 " - TUZ. No. 39 (Russian Wagon) Dunsterforce, HAMADAN. 	<p style="text-align: right; font-style: italic; font-size: 1.2em;">Spartan Camp</p>

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<p>May 31st, 1918.</p>	<p>In addition, three sets were maintained for Special Army Work.</p> <p>Officers:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Capt. S. J. White, M.C., Temporary Commandant.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">" J. W. Melville.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Lieut. J. W. McKeown.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">" L. L. Gill.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">" R. Houston.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">" R. Laxton.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">" G. T. Bernie.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">" C. W. Goodman.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">" C. L. Sandars.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">" F. E. Moore.</p> <p>On Leave:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Major C. W. C. Marr, M. C.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Capt. R. Clark.</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-style: italic;">Re ...</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-style: italic;">S. J. White Capt</p>

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