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| | 1/11/17 | 0730 | 14 Signal Troop with 14th ALBde moved to a position half mile west of point 960 on WADI SABA. Telephone communication reestablished with units of Brigade | Reference BEEERSHEBA 175 000 + JERUSALEM 750000 |
| | | 1715 | one sqdn 3rd Lt Regt and one sqdn 2nd Lt Regt moved from camp to occupy outpost line in vicinity of KHIRBAT-EL-RAS. Camp comm via I. G. G. Brigade was established | |
| BEEERSHEBA | 2/11/17 | | In camp at BEEERSHEBA. | |
| | 2/11/17 | | left camp at 2400 arrived at crossroads S.E. of AIN-KOHLER 0400 | |
| | 3/11/17 | | 4/11/17. Look over from 4th ALBde 0600, cable laid to 14th Lt Regt. 4/11/17. Look over from 4th ALBde 0800 cable laid to 5th Lt Regt in vicinity of TEL-KHUWEILFEH 0900. Visual communication with 5th Lt Regt and 4th Camel Battalion I.G.G. on left and one sqdn 2nd Lt Regt and one sqdn 3rd Lt Regt on right at RAS-EL-NAGB. Cable laid from BHQ to Inverness Battery placing Battery in direct comm. with front line troops. During the afternoon 5th Lt Regt retired from the line on the left and cable was reeled up. 3rd Lt Regt moved into position 1540. Cable laid from BHQ to their Hqrs. Comm with 52nd Div on the left was established by Helio. Sqdn of 3rd Lt Regt & sqdn of 2nd Lt Regt at RAS-EL-NAGB were released in the afternoon by the 5th ALBde who were in touch by visual with 12th Bde until 12th Bde withdrew to camp. Signal Squads cable wagon was instructed to see into 12th Bde line and continue cable to 5th ALBde at RAS-EL-NAGB. which they reached about 2015. 12th Bde withdrew 2100. arrived in camp at BEEERSHEBA 2200. | |

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| BEERSHEBA | 5/11/17 | | In camp. | RFS |
| " | 6/11/17 | 1700 | left Beersheba, took over outpost line S of SHARIA - EINKOLAH road from YEODIV at 2400. Telephone comm. established with 1st, 2nd Regt in the outpost line. | RFS |
| | 11/11/17 | | Moved from bivouac area at daylight arrived SHARIA at 0600. Bde pursued. Units at U.M. AMEDIAT comm. by telephone and visual night outpost line wound U.M. AMEDIAT comm. by telephone. | RFS |
| | 8/11/17 | | left U.M. AMEDIAT. 0800 engaged enemy at WADI. APSU. DIBAK 0830 2nd Regt in the line comm. by visual. 3rd Lt Regt attacked and took ZAMMAMA 1530 comm. by phone. bivouaced night. Night outpost line comm. by telephone. | RFS |
| | 9/11/17 | 0700 | left ZAMMAMA. marched through EL-MEJDEL 1100 moved on to BEIT JURAS arriving 1830, night outpost line, telephone comm. | RFS |
| | 10/11/17 | | Attacked enemy along line of WADI between ESJUD and BEIT JURAS comm. by Helio with Division & Regiments. Occupied ESJUD 0830 night outpost line to regiments N and E of ESJUD, comm. by telephone. | RFS |
| | 11/11/17 | 1400 | No 2 wireless str attached from 1st Signal Squadron. Bde occupied TEL-EL-MURREE outpost line TEL-EL-MURREE to ESJUD 3 Regiments on outpost, comm. by telephone. | RFS NOV 1917 |
| | 12/11/17 | | 1st Lt Bde cooperated with 156th Bde in attack on BURKA. comm. by visual 173rd Bde relieved by 2nd Lt Bde removed to HARRIRIYE arrived 2000 bivouaced night on beach, comm. by telephone to units in camp. | RFS |
| | 13/11/17 | | Moved from Beach 1300 arrived YEBNA 1800, bivouaced night 2nd Regt on outpost YEBNA to SEA. comm. by telephone. | RFS |

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| | 14/11/17 | 0745 | Bde left YEBYA arrived KHIRBET DIERAN 0930. engaged with enemy round RAMHE all day comm. by visual and telephone. bivouaced the night. 1st and 3rd Regts in outpost line, comm by telephone | RFS |
| | 15/11/17 | 1730 | left KHIRBET DIERAN marched through RAMHE 1400. occupied LUDJ 1530 outpost line N of LUDJ comm by telephone. | RFS |
| | 16/11/17 | 1230 | left LUDJ arrived SAFIRIYEH 1430 bivouaced the night. night outpost line to N comm by telephone. | RFS |
| | 17/11/17 | | In camp SAFIRIYEH. patrols to N of SAFIRIYEH comm by visual, night outpost line. 275 - IBN IBRAK - SAKIA. comm by visual, very unsatisfactory lamps unsuitable for long distance work. | RFS |
| | 18/11/17 | 1100 | left SAFIRIYEH arrived YASUR 1300 night outpost line point 275 - IBN IBRAK - SAKIA - KEFRANA. comm by telephone | RFS |
| YASUR | 19/11/17 | | Day Patrols forward to N and NE comm visual night outpost line 230 A. point 265 to EL. YEMUDIYEH comm by telephone | RFS |
| | 20/11/17 | | Day patrols to NE comm. visual night outpost line as valding | RFS |
| | 21/11/17 | | Outpost line relieved by 2nd Brigade. Bde left YASUR 1100, bivouaced night at YEBYA | RFS |
| | 22/11/17 | | left YEBYA 0800 arrived HARRIRIYE 1100 camp lines laid to units, moved to ANZAC MTD DIVN | RFS |
| | 23-24 | | Camp at HARRIRIYE | RFS |
| | 25-26 | | | RFS |
| | 27/11/17 | | Bde left HARRIRIYE 0830 arrived AYUN KARA 1100 camp comm to units Telephone. cable to DESERT CORPS. | RFS |
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| Place | Date | Hour | Summary of Events and Information | Remarks and references to Appendices |
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| | 4/17 | 0730 | 1 st Signal Troop with 1 st ALB side moved to a position half mile west of point 960 on WAGI SABA. Telephone communication reestablished with units of Brigade | RFS |
| | | 1715 | one sqdn 3 rd Lt Regt and one sqdn 2 nd Lt Regt moved from camp to occupy outpost line in vicinity of KHARDET - EL-RAS. Camp comm via I. C. to Brigade was established | RFS |
| BEERSHEBA | 4/17 | | In camp at BEERSHEBA. | RFS |
| | 4/17 | | left camp at 2400 arrived at crossroads S.E. of AIN-KOLEH 0700 | RFS |
| | 4/17 | | 4 th Lt Regt took over from 1 st Lt Regt side 0800, cable laid to 1 st ALB + Regt. Hqs. in vicinity of TEL-KHOWEILFEH 0800 cable laid to 1 st Lt Regt in vicinity of point "1580" 0900. Visual communication with 1 st Lt Regt and 1 st Camel Bn 166 on left and one sqdn 3 rd Lt Regt and one sqdn 2 nd Lt Regt on right at RAS-EL-NAGB. Cable laid from HQ to business Batty placing Batty in direct comm. with front line troops during the afternoon 1 st Lt Regt retired from the line on the left and cable was reeled up. 3 rd Lt Regt moved into position "1580" cable laid from Batty to their Hqs. Comm with 3 rd Bn on the left was established by Helio. Sqdn of 1 st Lt Regt + sqdn of 2 nd Lt Regt at RAS-EL-NAGB were released in the afternoon by the 1 st Lt Regt who were in touch by visual with 1 st Lt Regt until 1 st Lt Regt withdrew to camp. Signal Squads cable wagon was instructed to see into 1 st Lt Regt line and continue cable to 3 rd Lt Regt Bde at RAS-EL-NAGB. While they marched about 2000. 1 st Lt Regt withdrew 2100. arrived in camp at BEERSHEBA 2200. | RFS RFS RFS RFS |

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| BERSHEHA | 5 July | | in camp. | RFS |
| | 6 July | 1700 | Left Bersheha, took over outpost line S of SHARRIA - EINHOKAH road from YEODIV at 2400. Telephone comm. established with 1 st 2 nd Regt in the outpost line. | RFS |
| | 7 July | | Moved from bivouac area at daylight arrived SHARRIA at 0600. 1 st 2 nd Regt in the line comm. by telephone and visual night outpost line round UM AMEDIAT comm. by telephone. | RFS |
| | 8 July | | Left UM AMEDIAT, 0800 engaged enemy at WADI ABU. DIKAK 0830 2 nd Regt in the line comm. by visual. 3 rd Lt Regt attached and took ZAMMAMA 1530 comm. by phone. bivouaced night. Night outpost line comm. by telephone. | RFS |
| | 9 July | 0700 | Left ZAMMAMA, marched through EL. METDEL 1100 moved on to BEIT JURAS arriving 1830, night outpost line, telephone comm. | RFS |
| | 10 July | | Attached enemy along line of WADI between ESJUD and BEIT JURAS comm. by Helio with Division & Regiments. Occupied ESJUD 0830. Night outpost line to regiments N and E of ESJUD, comm. by telephone. | RFS |
| | 11 July | | No 2 wireless str attached from 1 st Signal Squadron. | RFS |
| | 12 July | 1400 | 1 st 2 nd Regt occupied TEL. EL. MURGE, outpost line TEL. EL. MURGE to ESJUD 3 Regiments in outpost, comm. by telephone. | RFS |
| | 13 July | | 1 st Lt Regt cooperated with 10 th Bde in attack on BURKA, comm. by Helio. 1730 1 st Bde relieved by 1 st Lt Regt moved to HARRIYE arrived 2000 bivouaced night on beach comm. by telephone to units in camp. | RFS |
| | 14 July | | Moved from Beach Bas around YEANA 1800, bivouaced night 2 nd Regt in outpost YEANA 1030, comm. by telephone. | RFS |

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| | <i>14 July</i> | <i>0745</i> | <i>Bde left YERBA. arrived KHIRBET DIERAN 0930. engaged with enemy round RAMLA all day comm. by visual and telephone. Evacuated the night. 1st and 3rd Regts in outpost line, comm by telephone</i> | <i>R/S</i> |
| | <i>15 July</i> | <i>1730</i> | <i>left KHIRBET DIERAN marched through RAMLA 1400. occupied LUDJ 1530 outpost line IV of LUDJ comm by telephone.</i> | <i>R/S</i> |
| | <i>16 July</i> | <i>1230</i> | <i>left LUDJ arrived SAFIRIYEH 1430 evacuated the night night outpost line to IV comm by telephone.</i> | <i>R/S</i> |
| | <i>17 July</i> | | <i>In camp SAFIRIYEH patrols to IV SAFIRIYEH comm by visual night outpost line 275 - IBRAHIM - SAKIA comm by visual, very satisfactory camp unsuitable for long distance work.</i> | <i>R/S</i> |
| | <i>18 July</i> | <i>1100</i> | <i>left SAFIRIYEH arrived YASUR 1300 night outpost line point 275 - IBRAHIM - SAKIA - KEFRANA comm by telephone</i> | <i>R/S</i> |
| <i>YASUR</i> | <i>19 July</i> | | <i>Day Patrols forward to IV and IV E comm visual night outpost line 230 A. point 265 to EL YEMUDIYEH comm by telephone</i> | <i>R/S</i> |
| | <i>20 July</i> | | <i>Day patrols to IV E comm. visual night outpost line as usual</i> | <i>R/S</i> |
| | | | <i>Outpost line relieved by 2nd Brigade. Bde left YASUR 1100, evacuated night at YERBA</i> | <i>R/S</i> |
| | <i>21 July</i> | | <i>Left YERBA 0800 arrived HARRIRIYE 1100 camp lines laid to unit, worked to</i> | <i>R/S</i> |
| | <i>22 July</i> | | <i>Asstac MTP DIV IV</i> | <i>R/S</i> |
| | <i>23-24</i> | | <i>Camp at HARRIRIYE</i> | <i>R/S</i> |
| | <i>25-26</i> | | <i>Bde left HARRIRIYE 0830 arrived AYUN KARA 1100 camp comm to unit</i> | <i>R/S</i> |
| | <i>27 July</i> | | <i>Telephone cable to DESERT CORPS.</i> | <i>R/S</i> |
| <i>KARA</i> | <i>28</i> | | <i>Camp at AYUN KARA</i> | <i>R/S</i> |

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| | 1/11/17 | 0730 | 14th Signal Troop with 1st AH Bde moved to a position half mile west of point 960 on WADI SABA. Telephone communication reestablished with units of Brigade | AFS |
| | | 1715 | one sqdn 2nd Lt Regt and one sqdn 2nd Lt Regt moved from camp to occupy outpost line in vicinity of KHARDET - EL-RAS. Camp comm via S. B. 6 Brigade was established | AFS |
| BEERSHEVA | 2/11/17 | | In camp at BEERSHEVA. | AFS 19/3 |
| | 2/11/17 | | left camp at 2400 arrived at crossroads S.E. of AIN KOWLAH 0400 | |
| | 3/11/17 | | 7th Lt Regt took over from 4th Lt Regt Bde 0600, cable laid to 14th Lt Regt HQs. in vicinity of TEL. KHUWEILFEH 0800 cable laid to 8th Lt Regt in vicinity of point "1580" 0900. Visual communication with 8th Lt Regt and 4th Camel Bde on left and one sqdn 2nd Lt Regt and one sqdn 2nd Lt Regt on right at RAS. EL-NAGB. Cable laid from Bde to Inverness Bde placing Battery in direct comm with front line troops. During the afternoon 8th Lt Regt retired from the line on the left and cable was reeled up. 3rd Lt Regt moved into position "1580" cable laid from Bde to their HQs. comm with 52nd Div on the left was established by Helio, sqdn of 3rd Lt Regt & sqdn of 2nd Lt Regt at RAS. EL-NAGB were released in the afternoon by the 5th Lt Regt Bde who were in touch by visual with 1st Bde until 1st Bde withdrew to camp. Signal Squadron cable wagon was instructed to see into 1st Bde line and continue cable to 5th Lt Regt Bde at RAS. EL-NAGB which they reached about 2015. 1st Bde withdrew 2100. arrived in camp at BEERSHEVA 2300. | BEERSHEVA 175 000 + JERUSALEM 750000 |

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| BEERSHEVA | 5/1/17 | | In camp. | RFS |
| " | 6/1/17 | 1700 | Left Beersheva look over outpost line S of SHARIA - EIMKOWAN road from YEDIV at 2400. Telephone comm. established with 1st & 2nd Regts in the outpost line. | RFS |
| " | 7/1/17 | | cleared from bivouac and at daylight arrived SHARIA at 0600. Tele. pursued until at U.M. AMEDIAT comm. by telephone and visual night outpost line. U.M. AMEDIAT comm. by telephone. | RFS |
| " | 8/1/17 | | Left U.M. AMEDIAT 0800 engaged enemy at WADI. 900. DUNK 0830 2nd Regt and Ma line comm. by visual. 3rd Lt Regt attacked and took ZAMMANA 1530 comm. by phone. bivouaced night. Night outpost line comm. by telephone. | RFS |
| " | 9/1/17 | 0700 | Left ZAMMANA marched through EL. MEJDEL 1100 moved on to BEIT JURAS arriving 1830. Night outpost line. Telephone comm. | RFS |
| " | 10/1/17 | | Attacked enemy along line of WADI between ESJUD and BEIT JURAS comm. by Helio with Division & Regiments. Occupied ESJUD 0830. Night outpost line to regiments N and E of ESJUD, comm. by telephone. | RFS |
| " | 11/1/17 | | Mo & wireless. Str attached from 1st Signal Squadron. | RFS |
| " | | 1400 | 1st Regt occupied TEL. EL. MURREE outpost line TEL. EL. MURREE to ESJUD. 2 Regiments on outpost, comm. by telephone. | RFS |
| " | 12/1/17 | | 1st Lt Regt cooperated with 156th Bde in attack on BURKA. comm. by visual. 1730. Bde relieved by 4th Bde removed to HARRIYE arrived 2000 bivouaced night on beach, comm. by telephone to units in camp. | RFS |
| " | 13/1/17 | | cleared from Beach 1300 arrived YEDNA 1800, bivouaced night 2nd Regt on outpost YEDNA to SEA. comm. by telephone. | RFS |

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| | 14/11/17 | 0745 | Bde left YEBNA arrived KHARBET DIERHIV 0930. engaged with enemy round RAMLE all day comm. by visual and telephone. Evacuated the night 1st and 3rd Regts in outpost line, comm. by telephone | RFS |
| | 15/11/17 | 1730 | left KHARBET DIERHIV marched through RAMLE 1400 occupied LUDJ 1530. Outpost line N of LUDJ comm. by telephone. | RFS |
| | 16/11/17 | 1230 | left LUDJ arrived SAFIRIYEH 1430 evacuated the night night outpost line to N comm. by telephone. | RFS |
| | 17/11/17 | | In camp SAFIRIYEH patrols to N of SAFIRIYEH comm. by visual, night outpost line 275 - IBN IBRAH - SAKIA comm. by visual, very unsatisfactory lamps unsuitable for long distance work. | RFS |
| | 18/11/17 | 1100 | left SAFIRIYEH arrived YASUR 1300 night outpost line point 275 - IBN IBRAH - SAKIA - KEFRAYA comm. by telephone | RFS |
| YASUR | 19/11/17 | | Day Patrols forward to N and NE comm. visual night outpost line 230 A point 260 to EL YEHUDIYEH comm. by telephone | RFS |
| | 20/11/17 | | Day patrols to NE comm. visual night outpost line as valding | RFS |
| | 21/11/17 | | Outpost line relieved by 2nd Lt Hilde (Bde left YASUR 1100, evacuated night at YASUR) | RFS |
| | 22/11/17 | | left YEBNA 0800 arrived HARRIRIYE 1100 camp lines laid to unit, Muelin to ANZAC MTD DIV | RFS |
| | 23-24 25-26 | | Camp at HARRIRIYE | RFS |
| | 27/11/17 | | Bde left HARRIRIYE 0830 arrived AYUN KARA 1600 camp comm. to unit Telephone cable to DESERT CORPS | RFS |
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