

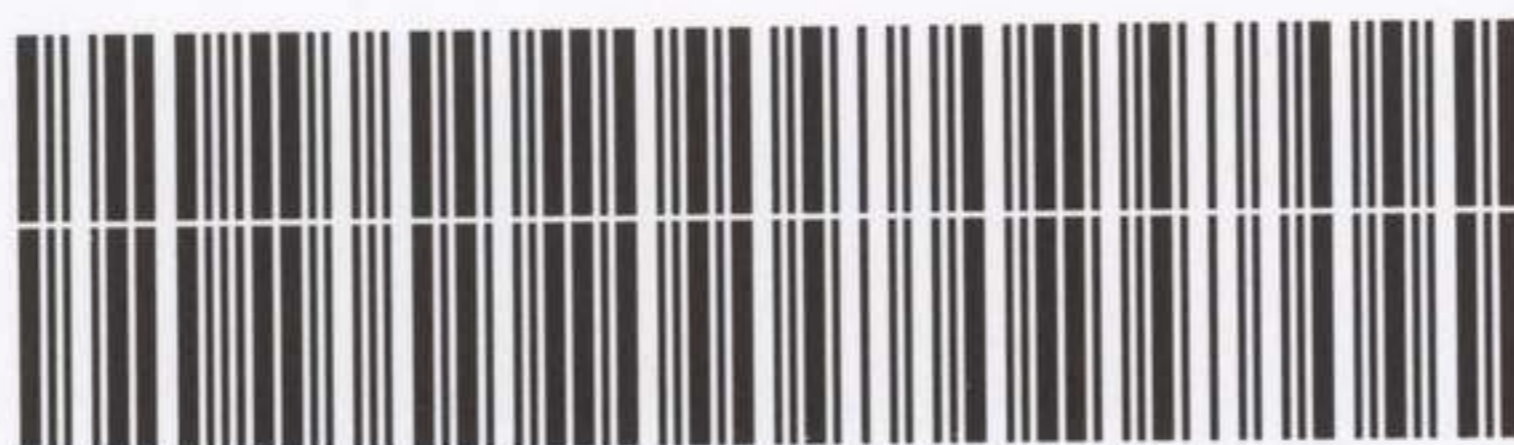
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BELAH	2/4/18	1500	Departed in truck for GAZA moved along road which skirts TELE-EL ADJUL & arrived Bivouac 1715 at foot of ALI MUNTAR, A former Turkish redoubt with a commanding view of Country looking towards BELAH	
GAZA	3/4/18	1430	Departed in truck for Medjel where troop bivouac for night	
MEDJEL	4/4/18		Departed in truck for Wadi SUKEREIR and bivouac for night	
WADI SUKEREIR	5/4/18	1130	Departed in truck for Deiran and bivouac for night	Reference SHEET 16
DEIRAN	6/4/18		Departed in truck for SELMEH and bivouac there. Abundance of oranges were obtainable here much to the benefit of the troops	63360
SELMEH	7/4/18		Lieut W. Latham reported 113 th Flying Sqdn for three days Aeroplane Contact Patrol instruction	
" "	8/4/18 to 18/4/18		Troop remain camped at SELMEH. Communication was carried out by TELEPHONE to Regiments M-Gun SQDN NOTTS BATTY & Division. Watering was excellent but grazing poor. M 13 th Lieut W Latham was granted leave to Australia & departed on this date	"
" "	18/4/18		Lieut W D. Glunfield 8 th L H Regt took over Temporary command of Troop All units advised to use full phrase when sending messages, the use of which shows any delay.	"
" "	19/4/18	0930	Orders to move received. Left in truck for DEIRAN & arrived there at 1315. Communication opened with Des Corp at 1405 inter Bde Comm ⁿ was carried out by Motor Cyclist by day & mounted orderlies by night. BDE bivouac for night, 10 tanks sent on 9 days Cairo leave.	"
DEIRAN	20/4/18	0830	Left in truck for LATROY Bde moved along road leading through Ahir 071 ^{sq} X 29 on to Main Jaffa-Jerusalem Road which up to Main Road was broken & sandy. Bde moved alongside Main Road until Latron was reached. Motor Cyclist sent via Junction Stn 085 Sq G 29	"

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LATRON	21/4	0900	Left Latron at 0900 in truck for ENAB. Sent 099 Sq 125 arriving there at 1230. The Road to this place was good but very steep & narrow. Troops having to move in half sections. Watering was good but difficult to get at owing to the nature of the country. Large Stony Hills. Terrained Comm ^{er} was obtained to Dura through Pk of C Sq Lt LATRON.	Reference Map Sheet 17 1-63360 (P.L. of C) Palestine Lines of Communication
ENAB	22	0700	Left ENAB in truck for TAKATEL-DUMIR. Bele halted one hour outside JERUSALEM. The road up to this point being good but narrow. Troops moving in 1/2 sections it was also steep & much traffic passed us. Here under previous arrangement O.C. Troop visited 20th Corp HQRS to arrange Comm ^{er} for Bele on arrival at TAKATEL-DUMIR which place was reached at 1530 & Bele camped in Sq. C 116. Telephone Comm ^{er} established with 20th Corp at 1700 & with Bele units at 1730. Laying cable was most difficult units being in gullies between large stony hills & cable had to be laid over these. Troop employed making road to lead out horses on to main road. Lines to Regiment broken four times. Much difficulty experience in maintaining line. All lines to units made aerial by Cpl Crooke & his section. 2000 orders to move N.W. of JERICHO at 0900. 25th 4/18	Palestine SHEETS 1-63360
TAKATEL DUMIR	23rd 4/18			
"	24th			
"	25th	0900	Moved to 113. K4 central & camped there. Road to was very steep waggons having to come down with wheels tied. "Mount of TEMPTATION" 1 mile W of camp. Watering close & good. Comm ^{er} opened with Dura at 1430 also with Bele units at 1500. Sent 87 & received two Blk thanks reported from Zietoun Signalling School	

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JERICHO	26 th		1 O'Rank departed for Zitoun Signalling School. OC attended G.O.C. conference to discuss Bede moving less Transport & how Packs would be utilised. Arrived from Dira they would be closing down at 2000 as remainder Dira moving to Jericho. Special Motorist from Dira at 2015 also dispatched S.M. at 2130. One O'Rank sent Zitoun Signalling School Cairo. Comm. with F.D.S. Infantry Bede by Lucas lamp at 2000	(S.M.) Special Motorist
	27 th		All Lines working satisfactory. 8 th L.H. laid ^{Town} 7 miles cable to AUSA Ford 113 Sq F12 & 3 miles to Sqdn holding 113 Sq H 33a. OC attended GOC conference re forthcoming operations.	Reference Sheet 18-63860
"	28		OC visited units and 8 th L.H. Sqdn holding ground Sq H 33a. WO & wireless set attached to truck at 1700	
"	29		Preparations for operations. Attended Div Sigs for instruction where to cut Turkish lines. Attended G.O.C. conference. Move from camp at 2100 to CHORANIYE Bridge which was crossed at 0058. The pace to the bridge was slow	
"	30		Camp at Sq F19 until 0300 then moved for DARMIEN - ES-SALT road. Enemy were shelling whole column en route arrived at 0530, 4 th Bede staying. We pushed on without opposition until 3 miles from ES-SALT. when regts went into action. Comm. was very difficult could not raise F19. Had touch along Turkish - NABLUS - ESSALT LINE with 4 th Bede at 1230	APR 1918

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DARMIEN - ESSALT ROAD	30 th		Visual Communication was difficult owing to distance & heavy clouds obscuring the Sun. The Turkish cable - ES-SALT line to Paled and has three iron-tens wires. These were cut to enable us to work with 4 th Pole. These led in with DMKI wire at SQ H 22 ^a and followed on behind advanced Regts. Great difficulty in keeping line maintained owing to animals breaking line.	Compound Mah E of Jordan (ES SALT) 1-63360
		2000	Line was relayed from H 22 ^a to H 30 Central later place reached at 2400	
		1830	8 th LH occupied ES-SALT & visual communication established with them at 1900	

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