

AWM4
Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War

New Zealand Units

Item number: 35/2/37

Title: Auckland Mounted Rifles Regiment

June 1918



AWM4-35/2/37

WAR DIARY

AUCKLAND MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT

Place	Date Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to appendices
EL KHUBB (BETHLEHEM)	1/6/18	The Regiment remained in bivouac in Square 100.D.34d.	
	2/6/18	The Regiment remained in bivouac. 2/Lt C.B.Reid marched out N.Z.T.U.&.D., ISMALIA.	
	3/6/18	The Regiment remained in bivouac. A Mounted party of 2 Officers & 60 O/Ranks took part in King's Birthday celebrations at Bethlehem. A Working party of 1 Officer & 30 O/Ranks reported to Supply Dump at 0830, to unload lorries. At 1630 the Regiment was inspected by G.O.C. N.Z.M.R. Brigade.	
	4/6/18	The Regiment remained in bivouac. At 1400 the Divisional Gas Officer delivered a lecture on Gas to Officers & N.C.Os of the Regiment.	
	5/6/18	The Regiment remained in bivouac.	
	6/6/18	The Regiment remained in bivouac. Major H.S.Whitehorn & 1 O/R marched in from N.Z.T.U.&.D., ISMALIA.	
	7/6/18	The Regiment remained in bivouac. The following Officers and 4 O/Ranks marched out to DESERT MOUNTED CORPS School, RICHON:- 2/Lt H.T.Penrhys-Evans 3rd Sqdn " J.C.Self 11th "	
	8/6/18	The Regiment remained in bivouac. 2/Lt H.A.Collins & 3 O/Ranks marched in from ANZAC DIVISIONAL SCHOOL. JERUSALEM.	
	9/6/18	The Regiment remained in bivouac. The following Officers & 5 O/Ranks marched out to ANZAC DIVISIONAL School, JERUSALEM:- 2/Lt J.S.Evans 4th Sqdn 2/Lt G.Paton. 11th Sqdn--2/Lt C.B.Reid & 2 O/Ranks from N.Z.T.U.&.D., ISMALIA 2/Lt A.B.Moore from N.Z.T.U.&.D., ISMALIA.	
	10/6/18	The Regiment remained in bivouac,	
	11/6/18	The Regiment remained in bivouac. Lieut C.V.Biggs-Wither & 1 O/R marched in from N.Z.T.U.&.D., ISMALIA. At 1000 the Regiment was inspected by G.O.C. A & N.Z.Mounted Division.	
	12/6/18	The Regiment remained in bivouac. Lieut T.W.Aickin & 39 O/Ranks marched in from detachment with A & N.Z.Divisional Mounted Headquarters.	

Ref Map
PALESTINE.
1:63:360
Sheet 17

W.W.Averill. Captain
Adjutant.

WAR DIARY

AUCKLAND MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT

Place	Date Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references appendices.
EL KHUDR (BETHLEHEM)	13/6/18	The Regiment remained in bivouac. At 1700 the Regiment left bivouac area and marched to new camp site in vicinity of TALET ED DUMM-as per attached orders No 64. 2/Lt A.B.Moore was evacuated to Hospital. Lieut H.K.Hatrick, marched out to N.Z.T.U.&.D ISMALIA to await embarkation for N.Z., on duty.	
TALAT ED DUMM	14/6/18	The Regiment remained in bivouac. At 1900 the Regiment moved to new bivouac site in Sq Square 113.K.4. 2/Lt J.T.Hatton was evacuated to Hospital.	
JEBUL KORUN TUL	15/6/18	The Regiment remained in bivouac. At 1900 the Regiment moved to WADI ABEID in Square 113.H.3.b. Major H.S.Whitehorn & 1 O/R marched out to DESERT MOUNTED CORPS Rest Camp, PORT SAID. Lieut.M.E.Johnson MC.& 2 O/R marched in from detachment with B.H.Q. At 2130 the Regiment relieved the 8th A.L.H.Regiment and came into Divisional reserve.	
WADI ABEID	16/6/18	The Regiment stood to at 0330. The Regiment remained in bivouac. A party of 3 Officers reported to Wellington M.R.Regt to ascertain their dispositions. At 1545 the Regiment came under orders of N.Z.M.R.Bde.	
	17/6/18	The Regiment stood to at 0330. The Regiment remained in bivouac. A party of 2 Officers and 4 N.C.Os from the Regiment were sent out to reconnoitre roads to B.12.Y.5.Z.11., Y.30. At 1930 a working party of 2 Officers and 100 O/Ranks reported to R.E. Officer for work on defences. This party returned at 2400.	
	18/6/18	The Regiment stood to at 0330. The Regiment remained in bivouac. 2 Officers & 4 N.C.Os carried out road reconnaissance as for previous day. Working party of 2 Officers & 100 O/Ranks as for previous day. 1 other rank marched in from N.Z.T.U.&.D., ISMALIA.	
	19/6/18	The Regiment stood to at 0330. The Regiment remained in bivouac. 2/Lt L.C.Ryan 4th Sqdn & 2 O/R marched in from School of Instruction. EL ARISH. 2 Officers & 2 N.C.Os carried out road reconnaissance as for 17/6/18. Working party of 2 Officers & 100 O/Ranks as for 17/6/18. Maximum shade temperature 102 o.	

Ref. Map.
PALESTINE
1:63:360
Sheet 17

Sheet 18

Sheet 19

Sheet 15

W.W.Averill. Captain.
Adjutant.

WAR DIARY

AUCKLAND MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT

Place	Date Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to appendices
WADI ABEID	20/6/18	<p>The Regiment stood to at 0330 The Regiment remained in bivouac. 2 Officers and 2 N.C.Os carried out road reconnaissance as for 17/6/18. Working party of 2 Officers & 100 O/Ranks as for 17/6/18. The following Officers and 3 O/Ranks marched out to School of Instruction, EL ARISH:- Lieut T.W.Aickin 4th Sqdn 2/Lt J.W.V.Masterton. 11th Sqdn. 1 O/R marched in from School of Instruction ZEITOUN. Maximum shade temperature 104°.</p>	<p align="right"><u>Ref Map</u> PALESTINE 1:63:360 Sheet 15</p>
	23/6/18	<p>The Regiment stood to at 0330, and remained in bivouac. Road reconnaissance and working party as for 17/6/18. The following O/Ranks marched out to Cadets School ZEITOUN. 13/528 RSM(WO1) W.Palmer MC. 11 Sqdn. 13/479 Sgt(T/SSM)J.W.Watson.MM.14th Sqdn. 13/224 Sig/Sgt Dunning.A.R. 3rd Sqdn. 4 O/Rs marched in from ANZAC DIVISIONAL SCHOOL, JERUSALEM. Shade Temperature 103°.</p>	
	21/6/18	<p>The Regiment stood to at 0330, and remained in bivouac. 2 Officers & 2 N.C.Os carried out road reconnaissance as for 17/6/18. Working party 2 Officers & 100 O/Rs as for 17/6/18. Lieut H.T.Penryhs-Evans marched in from DESERT MOUNTED CORPS School, RICHON. 2/Lt J.S.Innes marched out to N.Z.T.U.&.D ISMALIA.-from ANZAC DIVISIONAL SCHOOL, JERUSALEM. to await embarkation for N.Z.on duty. Lieut H.M.Rorke and 12 O/Rs marched in from N.Z.T.U.&.D., ISMALIA. 2/Lt G. Paton evacuated to Hospital. 1 O/Rank accidentally wounded. Shade Temperature 106°.</p>	
	22/4/18	<p>The Regiment stood to at 0330, and remained in bivouac. Road reconnaissance and working party as for 17/6/18. Lieut H.T.PENRYHS-EVANS marched out to DESERT MOUNTED CORPS School, RICHON. 2 O/Rs marched in from School of Instruction EL ARISH. Shade Temperature 110°.</p>	
	24/4/18	<p>The 3rd Squadron stood to at 0330, The Regiment remained in bivouac. Road reconnaissance as for 17/6/18 also working party. Maximum Shade temperature 104°.</p>	
	25/4/18	<p>The 4th Sqdn stood to at 0330, and the Regiment remained in bivouac. Working party as for 17/6/18. 7 O/Rs marched in from N.Z.T.U.&.D., ISMALIA. The following appointments promotions etc in the N.Z.E.F.in Egypt are made temporarily subject to confirmation by the G.O.C. N.Z.E.F.:- (1) The undermentioned Officers, discharged in N.Z., are struck off strength of the N.Z.E.F.from dates shown. Major C.R.E.Makesy. 19/2/18 Lieut.F.G.A.Couper 16/4/18</p>	

WAR DIARY

AUCKLAND MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT

Place	Date Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and reference to appendices
WADI ABEID	25/6/18 (Contd)	<p style="text-align: center;">The following to be Captains from dates shown.</p> <p>(11) Lieut (Temp Capt) D.S. Manners, vice Capt H.L. Wade, placed on "N.Z. Roll" and remains seconded as Staff Captain, N.Z.M.R. Bde to date 3/2/18.</p> <p>(111) Lieut F. Allsop, vice Lieut (T/Capt) D.S. Manners-promoted and remaining seconded and remained seconded, Prisoner of War, to date 3/2/18.</p> <p>(1V) Lieut C.V. Bigg-Wither, vice Lieut F. Allsop-promoted and remaining seconded-and retains appointment of Quartermaster to date 3/2/18.</p> <p>(V) Lieut K.J. Tait MC. (Since killed in action) vice Lieut C.V. Bigg-Wither-promoted and remaining seconded Quartermaster-, to date 3/2/18.</p> <p>(VI) Lieut G. Hovey, vice Captain K.J. Tait. MC. Killed in Action, and remains seconded with Administrative Headquarters, N.Z.E.F. to date 23/4/18.</p> <p>(VII) Lieut. R.W. Colbeck, vice Lieut G. Hovey-promoted and remaining seconded-to date 23/3/18.</p> <p>(VIII) The undermentioned to be Lieutenants from dates shown:-</p> <p>(VIII) 2/Lt W. Austin, vice Lt H.J. Tait MC. promoted to date 3/2/18</p> <p>(1X) 2/Lt H.T. Penrhys-Evans, vice Lt C.G.R. Jackson, seconded under provisions of N.Z.E.F. Regulation No 34, to date 14/3/18.</p> <p>(X) 2/Lt D.S.M' Cathie, vice Lt R.W. Colbeck-promoted to date 23/3/18</p> <p>(XI) Major H.S. Whitehorn is appointed temporary Commandant DESERT MOUNTED CORPS, rest Camp, PORT SAID, vice Major H.S. Wilder, MC., W.M.R. to Regimental Duties to date 14/6/18--Authority NZEF. (Egypt) R/O No 27 of 15/6/1918)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Maximum Shade Temperature 101°.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><u>Ref Map</u> PALESTINE 1:63:360 Sheet:-15</p>
	26/6/18	<p>The 11th Squadron stood to at 0330, and the Regiment remained in bivouac. Working party of 2 Officers and 80 O/Ranks as for 17/6/18. A standing patrol of 1 Officer & 8 O/Ranks, 3rd Sqn reported to Wellington M.R. Regt at 1900. This patrol returned to bivouac at 0800, the following day. At 1330 enemy fired 6 rounds H.E. 77 MM, into vicinity of 11th Sqn. At 1600 enemy fired 20 rounds HE. 4.2. How into vicinity of Regimental Headquarters. Shade temperature 108°.</p>	
	27/6/18	<p>The 3rd Squadron stood to at 0330, and the regiment remained in bivouac. Working party as per previous day. Standing patrol of 1 Officer and 8 men, 4th Sqn as per previous day. Maximum Shade temperature --108°.</p>	

WAR DIARY

AUCKLAND MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to appendices
WADI ABEID	28/6/18		The 4th Squadron stood to at 0330. The Regiment remained in bivouac. 1 O/R reinforcement marched in from N.Z.T.U.&.D., ISMALIA. Working party as for 26/6/18. Standing Patrol as for 26/6/18--11th Sqdn- At 0930 enemy fired 6 rounds H.E.10 pr into vicinity of Regimental Headquarters. Maximum Shade temperature -106°.	Ref. Map PALESTINE 1:63:360 Sheet--15
	29/6/18		The 11th Sqdn stood to at 0330. The Regiment remained in bivouac. Working party as for 26/6/18. Standing Patrol-4th Sqdn-as for 26/6/18. At 1900 3rd Sqdn left bivouac and moved out in support of Wellington M.R. Regiment as per attached Orders No 65. The following Officers and 30 O/Ranks, reinforcements marched in from N.Z. T?U?&?D., ISMALIA. Capt. C.B.K. De Castro. 4th Sqdn 2/Lt J.H. Hatton " "	
	30/6/18		The 4th Sqdn stood to at 0330-The Regt less 3rd Sqdn remained in bivouac. At 0400 the 3rd Sqdn took over the Day Observation Posts from W.M.R. Regt in No 4 Subsector. 1 Turk Deserter taken at WOOD Post at 1330. No unusual enemy activity. At 1930 3rd Sqdn took over the line for the night, The 4th Sqdn moved up in support of 3rd Sqdn. At 1900 the Regt (less 2 Sqdns) moved to AIN ED DUK? and Camped in bivouac vacated by Wellington M.R. Regt as per attached orders No 66. C.O.A.M.R. took over command of No 4 Subsector from C.O.W.M.R. at 1900. 6 Other ranks to Hospital. The following Officer and 44 O/Ranks marched in from N.Z.T.U.&.D., ISMALIA, 2/Lt T.H. Hood. Maximum Shade temperature 105°.	Sheet :-18

W.W. Averill Captain
Adjutant.

WAR DIARY

AUCKLAND MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT.

Place Date Hour

Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to appendices.

SUMMARY - FOR MONTH ENDING 30/6/1918

To Hospital 3 Officers 37 Other Ranks.

To N.Z.T.U.&.D., ISMALIA 3 Officers 8 Other Ranks

To D.C.M. Rest Camp, PORT SAID 1 Officer 4 Other Ranks

Reinforcements 8 Officers 97 Other Ranks.

From D.C.M. Rest Camp, PORT SAID. ---4--- -----

Present Strength 24 Officers 530 Other Ranks

W.W. Averill. Captain
Adjutant.

by
Major H.H. WHITEHORN Commanding A.M.R. Regiment EL KHUADR 13/6/18

Reference Maps Sheets 18--21. 1:63:360

- 1 INTENTION The Regiment with the N.Z.M.R. Brigade will leave the present bivouac area and march to site in vicinity of TALET ED DUMM tonight.
2. MOVES (a) The Regiment will pass the Starting Point-road just North of Transport Lines-at 1700. Order of marching as follows:-
 Headquarters
 4th Squadron.
 11th "
 3rd "
 (b) All first and second line transport will be loaded and parked at junction of road EL KHUADR-BETHLEHEM not later than 1700, and will move under Brigade Transport Officer.
3. TRANSPORT All bivvy sheets will be stacked handy to road by 1500, One G.S. wagon has been allotted to each Squadron.
4. SUPPLIES Unconsumed portion of days ration and forage will be carried. Rations for tomorrow 14th Inst, will be drawn at TALET ED DUMM.
5. REAR PARTY Each Squadron will detail one section as rear party to remain behind after the Regiment moves off. O.C. 11th Sqdn will detail an Officer to take charge of this party. He will report to Orderly room for instructions at 1600.
6. SANITATION Every effort must be made by Squadrons, to leave the camp in a clean and sanitary condition. All rubbish must be burnt and NOT buried.
7. GALLOPERS O.C. 4th Squadron will detail 1 Sergeant and 1 Corporal to report to R.S.M. at 1700.
8. MARCHING OUT STATES Marching out states will be rendered to O/Room by 1200 today.
9. WORKING PARTY O.C. 11th Squadron will detail 3 other ranks to report to O/Room at 1400-short fatigue.

(Signed) S.C. Reid Lieutenant
Acting Adjutant.

Copy No 1 to C.O.
 2 O.C. 3rd Sqdn
 3 " 4th "
 4 " 11th "
 5 War Diary
 6 " "
 7 " "
 8 File.

by

Lieut Col. J.N.M'Carroll DSO. Commanding A.M.R. Regiment WADI ABEID 28/6/18

REFERENCE MAPS: PALESTINE Sheets XV & XVlll 1:63:360

1. INTENTION The Regiment and one Section Machine Gun Squadron will relieve Wellington M.R. Regiment and one Section Machine Gun Squadron as Garrison No 4 Sub-Sector, on night of June 30/July 1st .
2. MOVES
- (a) The 3rd Squadron and one Sub-Section Machine Gun Squadron, will leave present bivouac at 1900 on 26/6/18, and will move to position occupied by W.M.R. Day Observation Squadron. The O.C. 3rd Sqdn will report to O.C.W.M.R. Day Observation Squadron on arrival, and will be under the orders of the C.O.W.M.R. from that time until 1900 on 30/6/18.
- (b) The Regiment (less 3rd Sqdn and one Sub-section Machine Gun Squadron) will move during the night of June 30th/July 1st, to bivouac site at present occupied by W.M.R.
- (c) Syllabus of reliefs will be issued later.
3. COMMAND The O.C.A.M.R. Regiment will take over Command of No 4 Sub-Sector from O.C.W.M.R. Regiment at 1900 on 30/6/18.
4. TRENCH STORES O.C. 3rd Squadron will take over all Trench Stores from W.M.R. and will give receipt for same, a copy to be forwarded to O/Room
5. AREA STORES All Area stores will be left at present bivouac Area and handed over to Wellington M.R. Regiment. R.Q.M. will obtain receipt for same.
6. TRANSPORT Blankets, Ground Sheets and Bivvy Sheets will be carried on the saddle.
7. SANITATION Lines will be left thoroughly clean before moving out.

(Signed) W.W. Averill Captain
Adjutant

Copy No 1 to C.O.
 2 O.C. 3rd Sqdn
 3 " 4th "
 4 " 11th "
 5 " M.G. "
 6 War Diary
 7 " "
 8 " "
 9 File.

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Lieut-Col J.N.M. Carroll DSO. Commanding A.M.R. Regiment, WADI ABEID 30/6/18

REFERENCE MAPS.

PALESTINE 1:63:360

Sheet 15

1. MOVES

Reference Orders No 65 of 28/6/18, the following moves will take place tonight June 30/July 1st-

(a) The 3rd Squadron will take over and garrison the Posts of No 4 Sub-sector, and will find the Special Patrol.

(b) The 4th Squadron will leave present bivouac at 1900 and will move into support of 3rd Squadron.

(c) The Regiment (less 2 Squadrons) will leave present bivouac at 1900, and will march via Roads No 33 & 27 to bivouac area at present occupied by Wellington M.R. Regiment.

2. TRANSPORT

All heavy gear will be stacked by the road by 1800, ready to be picked up by the Regimental Transport.

3. DISMOUNTED MEN

All dismounted men in the Regiment will parade at O/Room at 1800, and will proceed on foot to new bivouac area. Their blankets, bivvy sheets etc. will be conveyed by Regimental Transport. Rifles and Bandoliers must be carried. 1.N.C.O. per Squadron will accompany this party.

4. MARCHING OUT STATES

Will be rendered to O/Room by 1500 today.

5. WORKING PARTY

O.C. 4th Squadron will detail 6 men to report to O/Room at 1730--short fatigue.

(Signed) W.W. Averill Captain
Adjutant.

Copy No 1 to C.O.
2 O.C. 3rd Sqdn
3 " 4th "
4 " 11th "
5 R.Q.M.
6 War Diary
7 " "
8 " "
9 File.