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WAR DIARY.

WELLINGTON MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information					Remarks and references to Appendices.
1918								
NAHR	Jany		Regiment remained in bivouac. Heavy rain during the day.					PALESTINE
SUKEREIR	1st			Officers,	O/Rks.	Horses	H.Guns	1/63360
T.19.C			Effective Strength	14	422	537	12	Sheet 16
	2		Regiment remained in bivouac. Inspection of Small Box Respirators carried out by Squadrons.					
			Effective Strength	Officers	O/Rs	Horses	H.Guns	
				14	421	537	12	
	3		Regiment remained in bivouac. 2nd Sqdn carried out musketry on the range, 6th and 9th Sqdns training in preliminary musketry, bombing, H.Gun and signalling.					
			Effective Strength	Officers	O/Rs	Horses	H.Guns.	
				14	421	537	12	
	4		Regiment remained in bivouac and carried out training in preliminary musketry bayonet fighting, H.Gun and Signalling Major A.F. BATCHELAR and 26 Reinforcements marched in from Training Regiment MOASCAR.					
			Effective Strength.	Officers.	O/Ranks.	Horses	H.Guns.	
				15	421	539	12	

(Sgd) A. MacIntyre, Captain.

ADJUTANT.

W.M.R.

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	1918							
NAHR SUKEREIR	Jany	5	The Regiment remained in bivouac and carried out training in preliminary musketry, bombing, Hotchkiss Gun and Signalling. Lieut E.R. BLACK & 1 O/R marched out to the Hotchkiss Class, School of Instruction.					PALESTINE 1/63360 Sheet 16
			Effective Strength	Officers	O/Ranks	Horses	Guns	
				15	448	540	12	
		6	Regiment remained in bivouac. The day being very windy with heavy rain, all training was cancelled.					
			Effective Strength	Officers	O/Ranks	Horses	Guns	
				14	445	541	12	
		7	The Regiment carried out training in musketry, bombing, Hotchkiss Gun and Signalling.					
			Effective Strength.	Officers	O/Ranks	Horses	Guns	
				14	443	541	12	
		8	The Regiment remained in bivouac and carried out Training.					
			6 O/Ranks departed for 9 days leave to Egypt.					
			Effective Strength	Officers	O/Ranks	Horses	Guns	
				14	443	541	12	

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Adjutant. W.M.R.

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	1918							Remarks and references to Appendices.
NAHR SOKEREIR T.19 b	Jan'y		6th Squadron carried out Musketry on the Range. 2nd and 9th Sqdns. training in Preliminary Musketry and Gas.					PALESTINE
	9th		Effective Strength	Officers	O/Rs.	Horses	Guns.	1/63360
				14	433	541	12	Sheet 16
	10th		The 9th Sqdn carried out Musketry on the range, 2nd and 6th Sqdns training in musketry and bayonet fighting.					
			Effective Strength.	Officers	O/Rs	Horses	Guns.	
				14	433	541	12	
			The following officers marched in from the Training Regiment. 2/Lieut G.E. JAGO 2/Lieut W. RICKETTS, 2nd Lieut S.M.JAMES 2/Lieut D.PATERSON					
11th			The Regiment remained in bivouac and prepared to move bivouac to a new area.					
			Effective Strength	Officers	O/Rs	Horses	Guns.	
				21	442	539	12	
			Marched in from Training Regiment MOASCAR, LIEUTENANT. E.S. FOSSETT, 2/Lieut W. MCKAY 2/Lieut F.G.J. MOORS & 10 O/Rs. To Hospital MAJOR A.S. WILDER. M.C.					

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	1918							
V 3 b 0 2	Jany.	12	At 0830 the regiment formed up and marched with the Brigade to a new bivouac area at V.3 b 0.2. About 1030 when in the vicinity of WADI HANEIN heavy rain settled in which continued until the Regiment arrived in bivouac at 1245. During the afternoon, in rain the Regiment settled down and erected bivouacs.					
			Effective Strength	Officers	O/Ranks	Horses	Guns	
				20	442	539	12	
	13		Regiment remained in bivouac. The day being fine and sunny, an opportunity was taken of drying the men's clothes. Marched in from Cavalry Course. Captain (Hon Major) A.H. WILKIE. Lieut I.B. Cruickshank and 3 O.Rs. The Regiment received 400 horse covers which on account of the cold weather were urgently required for the horses. 9 Remounts received.					
			Effective strength	Officers	O/Rs	Horses	Guns.	
				22	450	548	12	
	14		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Horses were exercised. Marched in from Anzac Dump DEIR SINEID, 18 Donkeys. Lieut I.B. CRUICKSHANK marched out to MOASCAR to take up duties on the Training Cadre.					
			Effective Strength	Officers	O/Rs	Horses	Donkeys	H.Guns
				21	448	548	18	12

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	1918								
V 3 b 0.2	Jany		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Horses were exercised.						
	15		Effective Strength.						
			Officers.	O/Ranks	Horses	Donkeys	H.Guns.		
			21	446	547	18	12		PALESTINE 1/63360 Sheet 13.
	16		At 1100 the Brigade was inspected by the G.O.C. Desert Mounted Corps at 1000 the Regiment formed up dismounted and joined the Brigade which was formed in hollow square in Square V.3. At 1100 G.O.C. Desert Corps inspected the Brigade. He also addressed them thanking them for the part they had taken in the recent operations. At 1245 the Brigade marched past the G.O.C. Desert Corps. On passing the Saluting Base the Regiment marched independently to camp arriving there at 1245.						
			Effective Strength	Officers	O/Ranks	Horses	Donkeys	Guns	
				21	445	547	18	12	
	17		The Regiment remained in bivouac and exercised horses.						
			Effective Strength.	Officers	O/Rnks.	Horses	Donkeys	Guns	
				20	445	547	18	12	

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Place	Date	Hour	WELLINGTON MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT.					Remarks and references to Appendices.
Square	1918	Jany	Summary of Events and Information					
V. 3 b o 2	18		The Regiment remained in bivouac and exercised horses. Lieut C.J.Pierce to Cavalry Course School of Instruction.					PALESTINE 1/63360 Sheet 13.
			Effective Strength	Officers 19	O/Rnks. 444	Horses 547	Donkeys 18	H.Guns 12
	19		The Regiment remained in bivouac at 1100 the BGC Brigade (Brig-Genl Meldrum) inspected the horses on the lines.					
			Effective Strength.	Officers 19	O/Rnks. 444	Horses 548	Donkeys 18	H.Guns 12
	20		The Regiment remained in bivouac. At 1045 a Voluntary Church Service was held at Regimental Headquarters.					
			Lieut A. HOLLAND and 20 O/Ranks to Desert Mounted Corps. Rest Camp Port Said.					
			23 Reinforcements marched in from Training Regt. Moascar.					
			Effective Strength	Officers 18	O/Ranks 423	Horses. 548	Donkeys 18	H.Guns 12
	21		The Regiment commenced training and carried out training as per Syllabus.					
			Effective Strength.	Officers 18	O/Ranks 451	Horses 547	Donkeys 18	H.Guns. 12

APPENDIX
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(Sgd) A. MacIntyre.

Captain.

ADJUTANT W.M.R.

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	1918								
Square V.3 C.O.2	Jany. 26th		The Regiment carried out Training as per Syllabus.						PALESTINE 1/63360 Sheet 13 Appendix I
			Effective Strength	Officers	O/Rs	Horses	Donkeys	H.Guns	
				20	475	548	18	12	
	27th		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Heavy rain fell during the day.						
			Effective Strength.	Officers	O/Rs	Horses	Donkeys	H. Guns	
				20	474	548	18	12	
	28th		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Heavy Rain. Owing to the rain training was cancelled.						
			Effective Strength	Officers	O/Rs	Horses	Donkeys	H.Guns.	
				20	472	547	18	12	
	29th		The Regiment carried out Training as per Syllabus.						Appendix II
			Effective Strength	Officers	O/Rs	Horses	Donkeys	H.Guns.	
				20	473	545	18	12	
	30th		The Regiment carried out Training as per Syllabus.						
			Effective Strength.	Officers	O/Rs	Horses	Donkeys	H.Guns.	
				20	472	542	18	12	

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	1918								
Square	Jany		The Regiment carried out Training as per Syllabus.						PALESTINE
V 3 C.O.2	31st		Effective Strength	Officers	O/Rnks.	Horses	Donkeys	H.Guns.	1/63360
				20	472	546	18	12	Sheet 13
									Appendix
									<u>II</u>

(Sgd) A. MacIntyre. Captain.

Adjutant.
Wellington Mounted Rifles Regiment.

WELLINGTON MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENTSYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 1918

Monday	28th	January	Rifle Exercises	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
			Troop Drill (Dismounted)	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
			Bayonet Fighting	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
			Signalling Class	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hours
			Hotchkiss Gun Class	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hours
Tuesday	29th	January	Musketry.	
			Firing Positions	$\frac{1}{4}$ hour
			Rapid Loading	$\frac{1}{4}$ hour
			Trigger Pressing	$\frac{1}{4}$ hour
			Sight Setting	$\frac{1}{4}$ hour
			Bayonet Fighting	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
			Signalling Class	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hours
Wednesday	30th	January	Hotchkiss Gun Class	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hours
			N.C.O's Lecture on Discipline at 1400.	
			Rifle Exercises	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
			Troop Drill (Dismounted)	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
			Bayonet Fighting	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
			Signalling Class	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hours
Thursday	31st	January	Hotchkiss Gun Class	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hours
			Officers. Lecture on "Dismounted Attack in Depth"	at 1400.
			Squadron Drill (Dismounted) and practice in "Dismounted Attack in Depth"	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.
Friday	1st	February	Squadron Drill (Dismounted) and practice in "Dismounted Attack in Depth"	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.
Saturday	2nd	February	Squadron Drill (Dismounted) and practice in "Dismounted Attack in Depth".	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

(Sgd) W. Ricketts. 2/Lieutenant.
A/Adjutant W.M.R. Regiment.

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Monday.	28th January	Rifle Exercises	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
		Troop Drill (Dismounted)	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
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		Signalling Class	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hours
		Hotchkiss Gun Class	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hours
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		Firing Positions	$\frac{1}{4}$ hour
		Rapid Loading	$\frac{1}{4}$ hour
		Trigger Pressing	$\frac{1}{4}$ hour
		Sight Setting	$\frac{1}{4}$ hour
		Bayonet Fighting	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
		Signalling Class	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hours
Wednesday.	30th January	Hotchkiss Gun Class	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hours
		N.C.O's Lecture on Discipline at 1400	
		Rifle Exercises	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
		Troop Drill (Dismounted)	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
		Bayonet Fighting	$\frac{1}{2}$ hour
		Signalling Class	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hours
		Hotchkiss Gun Class	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hours
Thursday.	31st January	Officers. Lecture on "Dismounted Attack in Depth" at 1400	
		Squadron Drill (Dismounted) and practice in "Dismounted Attack in Depth"	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.
Friday.	1st February	Squadron Drill (Dismounted) and practice in "Dismounted Attack in Depth"	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.
Saturday.	2nd February	Squadron Drill (Dismounted) and practice in "Dismounted Attack in Depth"	$1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

(Sgd) A. MacIntyre Captain.

ADJUTANT W.M.R. REGIMENT.