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WAR DIARY

WELLINGTON MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT

Place	Date Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RICHON LE ZION.	1/10/18	Regt stood to at 0400. At 0430 Outpost reported all clear. At 1430 Regt moved with Brigade to vicinity of PT.3039 with one troop 9th Sqdn (2/Lt Jamieson) as advance guard. At 1915 Regiment bivouaced for the night. Horses were watered in WADI AMMAN. Major J.B. Davis took over command of 2nd Q.A Squadron.	AMMAN Sheet 1:63 360
	2/10/18	Regiment in bivouac, at PT.3039, 2/Lt R.F. Scott from Training Regiment.	
	3/10/18	Regt moved off at 0930 and marched to AINES SIRR with one troop 2nd Sqdn. (Lt Sutherland) as Advance Guard. Horses were watered in the WADI SIRR. Regt bivouaced for the night EAST of the village. 6th Sqdn rejoined from SUWILIEH.	
	4/10/18	Regt moved off at 0800 and marched with the Brigade to SHUNET NIMRIM where rations were issued. Horses were watered in the WADI NIMRIM. 2/Lt Moore to Hospital.	
	5/10/18	Regt moved off at 0830 and marched to bivouac site in 113.K.4.a. Horses were watered in the WADI NUBIAMEH one hour after arrival.	Sheet--18
	6/10/18	Regt in bivouac at 113.K.4.a. 56 O/Rs from Training Regt. Capt E.G. WILLIAMS. MC. 2/Lt W. MACKAY & 2/Lt S.H. HODGE. in Hospital. Effective strength 25 Off. 362 O/Ranks 472 Horses. 12 H Guns.	
	7/10/18	Regt in bivouac at 113.K.4.a. - To Hospital Capt. H. J. HARDHAM.) Capt. C. J. PIERCE - MC. Capt E. M'INTYRE. - 2/Lt A. EVANS. - Rev. A. F. M' DONALD.	
	8/10/18	Regt left bivouac, at 0900 and marched with Bde to MAR ELIAS. Horses were watered at Troughs on HABRON ROAD one mile South of JERUSALEM.	Sheet--17
	9/10/18	Regt moved off at 0900 and marched with Bde to KILO 17 / (113.F.18.d) Regt arrived at KILO 17 at 1235. Horses were watered at 113.G.13.c.	
	10/10/18	Regt left bivouac at MAR ELIAS. Leave to JERUSALEM granted to parties of twelve under an Officer. Effective strength 18 Officers-255 O/Ranks-490 Horses-12 H.Guns.	
	11/10/18	Regt in bivouac at MAR ELIAS. 9th Sqdn, found a party to attend funeral of 11/383 Tpr. T.G. Stevens at JERUSALEM. Lt. G.E. JAGO & 2/Lt PERRETT to Hospital. Effective Strength 16 Officers--238 O/Ranks--492 Horses--12 H.Guns.	

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RICHON LE ZION	12/10/18	Regiment in bivouac. Effective Strength--16 Officers--265 O/Ranks-494 Horses 12.HG.	Sheet--17
	13/10/18	Regt left bivouac at 0700 and marched with Bde to LATRON. Horses were watered at troughs on WEST edge of JERUSALEM and again on arrival at LATRON. Major J.B. DAVIS to Hospital.	
	14/10/18	Regt left bivouac at 0800 and marched independently to bivouac site near RICHON LE ZION. Horses were watered en route. 138 O/Rs from Training Regt. 2/Lts C.H. Tate, W.J.M'Donnell and J.A. Little from Cadet Course, ZEITOUN. Capt. J.B. HINE to Hospital. 6 O/Rs detached to N.Z. Field Troops. Effective strength 18 Officers-374 O/Rs-492 Horses-12 H.Guns.	
	15/10/18	Regt arrived in bivouac. 10 O/Rs from Training Regt. Strength-18 Off-364 O/Rs-491 Horses. Sheet-13	
	16/10/18	Regt in bivouac. Effective Strength-18 Officers-374 O/Rs-492 Horses-12 H.Guns.	Sheet-13
	17/10/18	Regt remained in bivouac. All captured animals evacuated through Mobile Vet. Section.	
	18/10/18	Regt. in bivouac. Effective Strength-18 Officers-369 O/Rs-502 Horses-12 H.Guns.	
	19/10/18	Regt remained in bivouac. At 1000 9th Sqn supplied a guard of 1 N.C.O. & 8 men to relieve 2nd A.L.H. Bde guard at Water Troughs. Capt. G.B. Gow attached from N.Z.M.F.A. Capt. G.B. Isdale ceased to be attached. Strength-18 Off-366 O/Rs-503 Horses-12 H.Guns.	
	20/10/18	Regt in bivouac. At 1000 guard on Water troughs relieved by guard from 2nd A.L.H. Bde. Voluntary church service held at 1030-and 1900.	
	21/10/18	Regt carried out training as per syllabus. Horses inspected by Brig.-Gen., Butler at 1030. 2 Officers and 5 O/Rs granted leave to Egypt. Lt Col., Dick marched out to ISMALIA. Capt. I.B. Cruickshank to hospital. 55 Reinforcements from Training Regiment. Effective Strength-16 Officers-365 O/Ranks-501 Horses-12 H.Guns.	
	22/10/18	Regt. carried out training as per syllabus. At 1430 Lt Col., Kendall (D.V.O.) inspected the horses. Effective Strength-16 Off-417 O/Rs-499 Horses-12 H.Guns.	
	23/10/18	Regt. carried out training as per syllabus. At 0830 2nd Sqn. supplied 1 N.C.O. & 10 men to work on Brigade Rifle Range. Strength-16 Off--413 O/Rs--500 Horses--12 H.Guns.	

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RICHON LE ZION	24/10/18	Regt. carried out training as per Syllabus. Lt. A. G. Simpson from Training Regt.	Sheet--13 1/63:360
	25/10/18	Regt carried out training as per Syllabus. 30 O/Rs to hospital, 3 Horses to Mobile Vet Section. Strength--16 Off--413 O/Rs--490 Horses--12.H.Guns.	
	26/10/18	Regt in bivouac. Saddlery cleaned. At 1100 the Commanding Officer inspected lines and saddlery.	
	27/10/18	Regt in bivouac. Voluntary church service held in Y.M.C.A. Marquee at 1030.	
	28/10/18	Day spent in cleaning saddlery and tidying lines. Strength-16 Off--407 O/Rs 540 Horses--12.H.Guns.	
	29/10/18	At 1100 the Regt. was inspected by Brig-Gen., W. Meldrum, CMG, DSO, (NZMR Brigade) At 1330 2nd Sqdn paraded at Mounted Field Ambulance Lines for Dental Examination. Effective Strength--16 Officers--402 O/Ranks--540 Horses--12.H.Guns.	
	30/10/18	Regt. carried out training in Musketry, Squad and Troop. Rifle Exercises and Bayonet Fighting. Strength--16 Off--412 O/Ranks--540 Horses--12.H.Guns.	
	31/10/18	Regt carried out training in Musketry, Squad and Troop Drill, Bayonet Fighting and Rifle Exercises. Effective Strength--17 Off--410 O/Ranks--539 Horses--12.H.Guns.	

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MOVE The Regt. will leave present bivouac at 0715 tomorrow 13th October and march to Latron.

ORDER OF MARCH

Regimental Headquarters
6th Squadron
9th "
2nd "

BAGGAGE All baggage will be stacked at end of Squadron Lines by 0600.

BLANKETS & BIVVY SHEETS.

One blanket and bivvy sheet will be carried on the horse.

TRANSPORT

All transport will be brigaded and report to the Brigade Transport Officer opposite M.F. Ambulance lines at 0745.

SANITATION

As present bivouac area is being used for troops passing through; every care must be taken to leave in in a clean and sanitary condition.

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SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER 1918

SUBJECT.	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Musketry.	1000-1030		1000-1030	1000-1030		Cleaning
Squad Drill.	1000-1130-1100	1130-1100-1030		1000-1130	1100-1130-	Saddlery-1000-1030
Rifle.						
Exercises-	1030-1100--	1030-1100-	1030-1100---	1030-1100	1030-1100-	Inspection of Lines by.C.O. at 1100.
Bayonet- Fighting	1130-1200--	1130-1200-	1130-1200---	1130-1200	1130-1200	
Gas Training.		1000-1030			1000-1030	
Signalling Class.	1100-1200--	1100-1200-	1100-1200---	1100-1200	1100-1200	
H'kiss. Class.	1100-1200--	1100-1200-	1100-1200---	1100-1200	1100-1200	

All Ranks will attend.

Signallers and Hotchkiss Gunners will not attend.

In the Field
19/10/18

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