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WAR DIARY

of

6th LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT A.I.F.

(Original)

for month of December. 1917.





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6th L.I. Regiment

Army Form C. 2118.

2nd L.I. Brigade

A + N. Z. M^d Division.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DHAHR SELME	1 st		A + C Squadrons holding trenches. A Squadron No. 1. Post C Squad. No 2. B Squad. in support. Enemy shelling during day and a good deal of sniping going on. Otherwise dispositions remain unchanged. During day all horses sent back towards Selmech village to be away from shell fire. At 1830 the 5 th Regt. took over all posts & this Regt. went into reserve about half-a-mile from firing line at Cross Roads about midway between Nos. 1 & 2 Posts.	neg.
	2 nd		All men & horses withdrew about two miles behind the firing line towards Selmech village, resting during day. At 1800 Regt. took up same position as night before in reserve. Found working party of 3 officers & 100 men with picks & shovels, 2 officers & 50 O.R. reporting to 7 th Regt. at Nos. 3 & 4 Posts, & 1 officer & 50 O.R. reporting to 5 th Regt. at Gum Tree. Worked for three hours from time of starting & then rejoined Regt. in reserve.	neg.
	3 rd		At daylight Regt. withdrew to same position as day before. Regimental duties. Moved off at 1730 going into reserve at Cross Roads. C Squad. with 5 officers & 100 O.R. raided enemy trenches at SALIENT. Started from forward post at 1945, being held up at 1955 by our own barrage fire, which was dropping from 75 to 100 yds. Short of our objective. * Took cover in a drain till 2005 when barrage lifted, then moved forward to our objective, reaching the SALIENT at 2010, finding several enemy posts on eastern side of cactus hedge along the road. Bayoneted about 20 of the enemy & took 4 prisoners.	neg. - DEC 1917 A.A. White's Column CO 6 th L.I. Regt.



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Dhahr Selme	3 rd		Also found about 40 yds. of unoccupied enemy trenches on eastern side of ridge. Commenced to withdraw at 2020, bringing in prisoners & wounded. Our casualties (Lieut O.W. Toth) 1 officer, 1 other rank, killed; (Lieut W. Diddle) 1 officer, 22 other ranks wounded. Withdraw to reserve position at 2215	
	4 th		Withdrawn at 0600 to day position. Regimental duties. At 1730 took up night position in reserve at Cross Roads, supplying working party of 3 officers & 100 O.R. to 5 th & 7 th Regts. Trench digging from 1900 to 2200.	M.C.M.
	5 th		Moved back to day position at daylight. Regimental duties. Draft of 14 reinforcements arrived. At 1730 took up night position at Cross Roads.	M.C.M.
	6 th		Withdrawn at daylight to horse lines. Regimental duties. 155 th Infantry Brigade relieving 2nd Brigade in the front line. Orders to move as soon as relief completed. Commenced to rain after dark. Moved off at 2300 joining Brigade at Yasur and proceeded to Ayun Kara arriving there at 0300. One officer & two other ranks sent to a School of Instruction at Zeitoun.	M.C.M.
Ayun Kara	7 th		Commenced to rain at daylight & continued to be showery throughout the day. One troop of A Sqn. detailed as pumping fatigue at water troughs for one week.	M.C.M.
	8 th		Rained all day. Regimental duties.	M.C.M.
	9 th		Found working party of 20 O.R. with picks & shovels, reporting to O.C. Field Gdn. at 0800 near Richon. The NCO & 6 men on patrol to prevent interference with civilian property.	M.C.M.
	10 th		Rain cleared. Men drying blankets, clothes &c. 1 NCO & 6 men patrolling orchards 1600 to 2100. Sgt McMan, Sgt Sand, Cpl Capel & Sgt Russell awarded M.M. for operations on 3 rd Inst.	M.C.M.

A. White Lt Colonel
Commanding 6th L. N. Regiment

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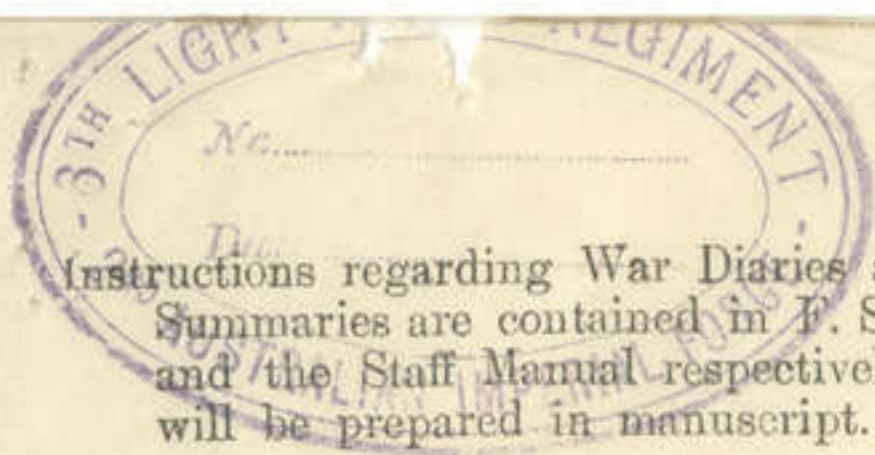
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Ayan Kara	11th		1 NCO, 6 men policing the orchards. Lt. H. Dickson reported back from hospital with eleven o.r. reinforcements & six remounts.	ME.M
	12th		Regimental duties. Whit Crane left for Canby School, Zeitun.	ME.M
Esdud	13th		Moved out of bivouac at 1000 with Brigade proceeding to Esdud. Arrived 1430 & bivouaced for the night.	ME.M
	14th		2 NCOs left at daylight for Cadet School at Zeitoun. At 1430 presentation by ^{Divnt.} Corps Commander of ribbons for decorations awarded during recent operations. Lt. Dickson & 7 other ranks presented.	ME.M
	15th		Regimental duties.	ME.M
	16th		Strength 22 Officers 453 Other ranks. Thanks giving Service 1415.	ME.M
	17th		Training of Signallers & Hotchkiss Gun teams. Troop of 2 NCOs & 23 men from C Bdn. detailed as guard to dump at Esdud Station. Lt. R. Ronald awarded Military Cross.	ME.M
	18th		Training Signallers & Hotchkiss Gun teams. Gas Drill. (2 hours training each morning)	ME.M
	19th		do. do. do. do. do. do.	ME.M
	20th		" " " " " "	ME.M
	21st		Musketry - Grouping at 100 yds. Box Respirators issued.	ME.M
	22nd		Cleaning arms & saddlery in morning. Lecture on "Operations in France" by Lt. Gullett in afternoon. Khamsen	ME.M
	23rd		Divine Service. Draft of 45 o.r. reinforcements marched in from Moascar. Strength - 23 Officers 494 o.r.	ME.M
	24th		Regimental duties. Training.	ME.M
	25th		do. do. Divine Service. Ramid all day night	ME.M

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Esdud	26th		Regimental Training. 17.00 + 5 men sent to Deir Seneid for remounts. Rain ceased at mid-day.	M.C.M.
	27th		Regimental Training. Working party of 30 other ranks digging on Rifle range. Target practice with Hotchkiss rifles.	M.C.M.
	28th		Training. Target practice with Hotchkiss rifles. C Sqdn. on musketry practice - (application at 200 yds.)	M.C.M.
	29th		General clean up of camp, arms, saddlery etc. 1 Officer + 50 O.R. detailed as working party to unload railway trucks at Esdud Station.	M.C.M.
	30th		Divine Service. Strength 23 Officers + 488 O.R. Working party of 1 Officer + 50 O.R. unloading trucks at Station.	M.C.M.
	31st		Blankets, clothes etc of Regiment fumigated at Railway Station at 0915.	M.C.M.

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