

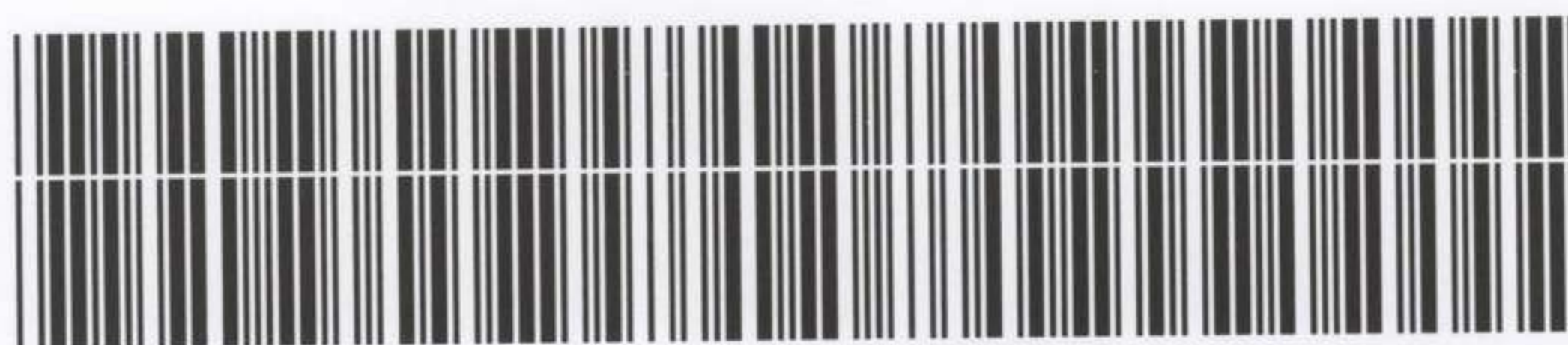
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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

Intelligence Summary

Up to 1630 - June 18th, 1918

1. OPERATIONS

(a) Right Sector: Situation normal.

Amendments D.M.C. Summary I.51/81 - para 1, subpara (b) iii & iv, should be under heading "Right Sector".

(b) Left Sector: Situation unchanged.

(c) Corps on our Left: Situation unchanged.

(d) Corps Coastal Sector: (i) Situation unchanged

(ii) Our artillery shelled enemy and party in 064.N.29 a. with satisfactory results.

2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA.

(a) R.A.F. 0605/0905, 16th June:

All tactical areas normal.

(b) R.A.F. 0430/0725, 16th June:

Considerable increase of tentage around MUJEL BENI FADL (127.G.25).

(c) Right Sector:

Considerable movement about JOFET DERBASI area as under - 14/6/18.

127.P.

30 mounted men moving S.

More movement than usual on road, running E. & W.

70 mounted men in 2 parties moving E.

200 infantry moving E. and then N.

(d) Left Sector: 127.G.26.

2 squadrons cavalry.

25 cent: Working party of 100 men.

P.2

1 working party of 100 men.

113.U.V. & W.

Usual movement of small parties, packs and transport.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.(a) Prisoners and deserters for period ending 15/6/18 inclusive:
53 prisoners - 104 deserters Total 157.

(b) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 15/6/18.

P/W	Deserters	Unit	Taken at	Taken by	Remarks
2	-	3/152nd	127.G.29.a.	Onediv.	
1	-	3/191st	127.P.21.b.	" "	
	1	Unknown. Supply Section 72nd Rgt.	113.T.24.c.	Ausdiv.	
3	1				

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3. IDENTIFICATIONS (contd)

- (c) Deserter from 40th Division Attack Bn, credible and fairly intelligent (see D.M.C. Summary I.51/51) further interrogation states
Position: 127.F.23.a.
Unit on left: Cavalry
Unit on right: 66th Regiment.

German Infantry W. of their position in SHUNET NIBRIN valley, estimated at about 200 men, left a week ago for AMAL (probably the half battn, 146th German Regt)
It was reported other German troops were to replace them (probably remainder of 146th Regiment (German)).
German M.G. Company near entrance to valley S. of main road.
2 Austrian 7.5 cm Q.F. gun, a short distance W. of above M.G. Coy.
4 German 10.5 cm. guns, 400 metres W. of the Austrian guns.
2 Austrian, believed to be 12 cm. guns 250 metres W. of the German guns on S. side of road.

1/74th Regiment, of 25th Division, is now at B3 SALT as garrison.
2 & 3 74th Regiment remained behind at Constantinople to be used for rounding up deserters, who are well armed and have M.G.s, and in batches in the hills.
Heard that 75th Regiment had arrived here and was distributed among other units.

- (b) Officer and Serjt P/W of 11th Cavalry Regiment, further interrogated states:
Position of Regt 127.Z.5.1.
1 squadron at AIN SUEL 3 (129.B.15.a & b).
Strength: Squadron 100 sabres, 150 rations, 2 M.G.s per sqdn.
4 7.5 cm. per regiment.
Position of 7th and 8th Regiments TEL HALAM (127.W.28.a.)
1 Battalion, 146th German Infantry Regt in SHUNET NIBRIN valley.
Line N. of AIN SUEL 3 is held by VIIth A.C. H.Q. troops estimated at about 500 men.
"MURETTE" cavalry regt (attached 3rd Cav Div) lately formed, is composed of Divisional Cavalry and the VIIth A.C. H.Q. cavalry about 400 strong, and are on W. bank of JORDAN R. of AUJAH.
703rd German Battalion, now attached to VIIth A.C.
NB. (VIIth A.C. are reported to be in YEMEN area).
Defences: There is a long line of trenches and sangars from Hill 749 (127.Y.1.a.) to hill 830 (127.T.12.d.) trenches are 5 feet deep, with firing step.
Wire is erected along the front of these trenches except where roads pass through.
(N.B. See D.M.C. Summary I.51/51 para 4, Enemy Defences).
Horses are in a very bad condition.
Leaflets dropped by aeroplane and our patrols have been picked up and read.
Guns of mule mtd I. have been transferred to 40th Division.
No units of 2nd Caucasus Cavalry Brigade have proceeded W.
Has never heard of the 10th Cavalry Regiment.

- (e) Deserter of 4/3/2nd Regiment of 24th Division, taken at 113.W.36.a. extremely ignorant states:-
Position East of Jordan (cannot give location).

- (f) P/W 2/3/191st Regiment, taken at 127.P.21.b. states:-
Position: 127.P.17.b. approx
Strength 2/3/191st Regiment - Rations 230, rifles 120. 3 M.G.s.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS. (contd)

- (g) P/W 3/3/152nd Regiment, taken at 127.0.29.a. states:-
 Position: 127.0.18.d.
 Unit on right: 191st Regiment
 Unit on left: 152nd Regiment.
 Strength 3/152nd - 250 rations, 150 rifles, 7 A.R.
 Trenches 4 ft. deep, 2'3" in width.
 Wire; about 23 yds in front of trenches, but wire is very scarce
 and put up on very thin weak stakes.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

113.X.30.a. 8 men seen in a trench.
 X.18.d. Voices and sounds of digging heard by patrol.
 113.T.16.b. M.G. position (fired on our plane).
 113.R.35.b. O.P. Relief seen.
 127.P.11 M.G. position (fired on our plane).
 127.G.25.cent Working party of 100 men.

R.A.F. 16th June,
 113.R.18.b. 2 field guns A.A. positions.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Our artillery:
 1130. MUSETTEREH. 7 rounds fired on movement.
 1400- P.16,17,22,27,) Our 75 mm fired 66 rounds into
 1600. 28 & 29.) this area.
 1615. 127.P.24. 50 animals and 27 men on track, proceeding N.E.
 shelled by our artillery.
 1630. 127.P.29.b. Our artillery shelled and dispersed troop of
 cavalry.
 1715- SHUNTT NIMRIN rd. Many small parties of infantry engaged and
 1800. scattered.
 0551. 113.V.34.a.3.4. H.E. engaged hostile battery with aeroplane
 co-operation. Shoot interrupted by hostile
 aircraft.

Hostile artillery.
 1345. 32 rounds fired on TEL EL TRUNY bearing 300° from 113.Y.26.cent:
 and 290° from 113.W.35.c.5.5.
 1400. 77 mm. sound bearing 330° from 113.Y.11 firing intermittently
 on MUSALLABEH.
 0535. 2 A.A. guns firing on our aeroplanes bearing 16° from 113.W.35.c.5.5

(c) Enemy artillery activity for week ending 0900 16th June, 1918.

i. 21 enemy battery positions reported active as under:-

113. U.	4	127.A.	1
V.	4	G.	1
R.	3	D.	1
W.	2	G.	1
T.	1	P.5	1
	<u>14</u>		<u>7</u>

- Total 21.

ii. In addition, there are several positions unlocated, observation being extremely difficult and sound bearings without mechanical registration very mis-leading.

iii. On the 11/12th enemy artillery showed marked activity, increase particularly in our left sector. Probably guns were pushed forward for this.

iv. Heavy howitzer shells are reported to have fallen on our right Sector - more definite information as to calibre will be furnished.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

(c) continued.

- v. 8 enemy positions have been definitely engaged with aeroplane co-operation.
- vi. Estimate total number of enemy guns on Corps front - 40 to 50.

6. ENEMY DUMPS. R.A.F. 16th June:
113.R.35. Possible dump.

7. TOPOGRAPHY. R.A.F. 16th June:
127.P.10.d. Men working on road running N.W. parallel to wadi.
127.R.26 6 HT parked.
(N.B. NO track shown on map).

8. GENERAL. Propoganda:

A letter written and signed by a Turkish deserter from 32nd Regt was taken out and posted up on hut in TEL EL TRUNY. This note stated that deserter was well received and looked after.

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Desert Mounted Corps.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

I.51/83

Intelligence Summary

Up to 1630 - June 17th, 1918

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Right Sector: 0845. 16th June:

(i) Patrols to 127.P.20.central and P.l.c. fired on from 127.P.20.c.8.2.

0700

(ii) Patrol to 127.P.16. fired on by mountain gun.

(iii) This mornings operations commenced 0845 troops withdrew 1135. General line of reconnaissance ordered eastwards reached along whole front with exception of immediate vicinity of KYBB SAID where considerable amount of rifle and M.G. fire was experienced, and the NADABA track B.25 a. Our estimated casualties one officer 16 OR wounded. 30 enemy believed speared. P/W taken, 2. Several good targets for Hotchkiss and M.G. obtained.

(b) Left Sector: (i) Situation unchanged.

(ii) From 1830 to 1915 long range enemy gun shelled area about 113.J.27 and towards JERICHO.

Smoke discharge located on bearing 325° mag from 113.E 12.d.cent also by sound bearing 325° from 113.Y.29.b central, and 245° from MUSALLABEH. Now thought to be located at 113.E.16.b.

Hostile aeroplane flying low co-operating with gun.

(c) Corps on our Left:

(i) Quiet night.

(ii) Covering party dispersed, enemy patrol attempting to interfere with working party on ROUND HILL (Q.14).

(d) Corps Coastal Sector:

(i) Situation unchanged.

(ii) Enemy shelled RAFAT.

2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA.

(a) R.A.F. 1630/1845 16th June.

Sheet XV. 113.V.23.c. 15 yard projection from West bank of Jordan.

4.7

(N.B. From photo this appears to be a new pontoon bridge in course of construction, about 100 yards North of *small* recently completed.

bridge

(b) R.A.F. 0525/0850. 17th June. All tactical areas normal.

(c) R.A.F. 0445/0700 17th June:

EL MUGHEIR area

2 bombs and M.G. fire on small ^{enemy} traffic of MT and HT.

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2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA. (continued)

(d) R.A.F. 0530/0805 June 17th.

RUJM EL OSHIR area. 2 mar: 1 E.P., 14 B.T., 14 shelters.

AMMAN - AIN ES SIR road area.

142.S.22

S.17

AIN ES SIR.

10 shelters

2 B.T.

4 B.T. = Total 6 BT, 10 shelters.

AMMAN.

Camps normal

18 M.T. and 30 H.T.

AMMAN Station.

35 R.S. 2 engines.

65 B.T. 100 bivouacs.

AMMAN - ES SALT road

24 M.T. and 2 H.T.

100 cavalry

ES SALT.

5 B.T., 12 shelters.

80 infantry (in 2 parties 30 & 50).

30 camels

13 M.T.

SALT NIMRIN road.

7 H.T. (exceptionally little movement)

BATANA.

No movement.

SALT DAMIE road.

1 E.P., 20 B.T., 27 large shelters
4 shelters.

LOWER WADI FARAH.

6 M.T. moving N.W.

UPPER WADI FARAH.

112.V.8.

16 M.T.

(e) G.H.Q.

SUWEILEH 142.P.20.

100 cavalry halted in wadi. 15/6/18.

(f) Left Sector:

127.F.23.

Considerable movement. Suspected post here.

UMM ESH SHERT area.

Enemy patrols appear to be showing more activity during daytime.

MOVEMENT IN BACK AREA.

KURTTANI.

Decrease of 57 TS since 4th inst.

The present total is 36 TS.

300 pack donkeys going N.

R.A.F.: KISSIR.

50 cavalry scattered.

100 camels moving N.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Prisoners and deserters for period ending 16/6/18 inclusive.
55 prisoners - 105 deserters = Total 160.

(b) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 16/6/18.

P/W.	Deserters.	Unit.	Taken at	Taken by	Remarks
1	-	3/26th	127.F.11 a.	Onediv	Germans.
1	-	3/36-d	127.P.21 d.	"	
	1	3/32nd	115.B.7 b.	Ausdiv	
2	1				

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3. IDENTIFICATIONS (contd)

(c) Officer P/W 11th Cavalry Regt, further interrogated states:-

Patrols are ordered to do their utmost to reconnoitre the HAJLA Ford, with a view to locating position of bridge, as they fear attack from this direction.

Reported that we have withdrawn some of our force from the Jordan valley.

Patrols are not keen about their work, as owing to poor condition of their horses, they are afraid to go far from their own lines for fear of being charged and overtaken by our patrols.

(d) German P/W, 146th German Regt: taken at 127.P.13.c. willing and credible states: (preliminary interrogation)

3rd Battn is in the line (2 Coys in reserve)

Position of 1 Coy (100 men) just left of house 127.P.17.c.

1st and 2nd Bns in reserve at SALT.

Turks expect to be attacked in a week's time and they do not intend to fight, but will give themselves up.

(e) Sergt deserter 9/3/61st Regiment, to Corps Coastal Sector states: He has heard that 63rd Regiment has returned into reserve from the Jordan, but has not seen them.

(N.B. This statement is contradicted by the fact that on the 6th and 9th instants, 4 deserters were taken E. of Jordan and on the 16th 1 prisoner was taken at 127.P.27.d.

(f) Willing, but rather ignorant deserter of 4th Coy, 3/2nd Regt 24th Division, taken at 113.W.36.a. states:-

Position: (4th Coy) 113.W.24 (approx) about 1 hour's distance from the river.

Strength: 60 rifles.

Machine Guns: 5 M.Gs, 40 Machine gunners.

Only 4th Coy. in each battalion of his regiment have machine guns. Other Coys have auto-rifles (number unknown)

Locations: 2nd Battalion on right.

1st Battn in reserve N. about to relieve the 2nd Bn. Cavalry west of 2nd Battalion.

Defences: Line of short trenches breast high, occupied by about 8-10 men each during the night. Two men remain in each during the day. Front is now being wired.

Water: Brought from the Jordan.

Identifications: 24th Divisional H.Q. near JISA ED-DAMIE.

Personalities: G.O.C., 24th Divn: ? THOMA (a German)

O.C., 2nd Regt - Major Sirri Bey.

(wounded during recent operations East of the Jordan and evacuated to hospital).

O.C., 3/2nd Regt - Capt Hassan Eff.

General: Took up present position 5 days ago.

Deserter arrived from Damascus, via Habis, about a month ago with a draft of 30 men, and proceeded to Jisr-ed-Damie. Here he saw the 58th Regiment on the west bank near the bridge.

He crossed East with 12 men and was attached to the 2nd Regiment. He did not come from Habis by the carriage road, but saw lorries on the west bank at Damie which had arrived from Habis.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(f) continued:

When going East he saw German infantry on both banks at JISR ED DAMIE. On his return 20 days ago he did not see these, but only saw some Germans who are in charge of the ferry.

Believes the 143rd Regiment remained East of the Jordan, and was told the 58th Regiment had proceeded to NABLUS.

When deserter arrived at his regiment he was told that 15 wounded had been evacuated and 8 killed and missing from his battalion (the 3rd) during the recent operations.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

127.F.3.a.9.9. Wire being erected in front of trench.
F.23. Suspected enemy post.
F.16.c. Our patrol fired on from 3 sides. Enemy post.

113.R.15.b.5.9. Observer states gun pits appeared occupied no wagon lines or tractors were observed. A small well camouflaged camp was observed near battery position. A well defined track leads to battery position from track in 113.R.8.cent Gun pits are on bank of small branch wadi - bearings to dust and smoke of discharge from Left Sectors O.Ps. and bearing of scoops formed by shells in Jericho confirm location of gun in 113.R.15. Further information re nature of projectile is being obtained.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

(a) Our Artillery.
1000. 113.X.16.

R.E.A. fired 21 rounds on enemy working party with good results.

1700. 127.P.22.

Our artillery fired 7 rounds on 40 mounted men at BROWN HOUSE on NIMRIN road.

0800. H.B. 113.R.15.b.5.9.

H.B. fired 50 rounds H.E. on 2 gun pits in 113.R.15 b.5.9. with aeroplane co-operation. 5 Ys. 9 Zs. 3 As. 4 Bs. 9 Cs. etc were recorded. Large explosion observed along hute north of No.2 Gun pit.

(b) Hostile artillery:

1005. Enemy battery calibre unknown - sound bearing 60° from 113.Y.11 firing intermittently.

1025. 3 77 mm guns opened fire on our battery positions in 113.Z.22.b. bearing 355° mag from 113.X.33.d.8.8.

1111. 4 gun battery active bearing 37° from 113.W.35.c.3.6.

1115. Gun firing from bearing 329° " " " " registering wadi in 113.Y.25.

1745. Hostile battery, calibre unknown, smoke bearing 320° from 113.Y.25.a.5.8. firing S.W. intermittently.

1800. 77 mm bearing 70° from 127.Q.1.c. fired on Q.1.

1845- 1900. Enemy 4.2 hows fired from smoke bearing 324° from 113.Y.29.d.7.4 also 500° from 113.W.35.c.3.6.

1900-1835 Area 500 to 1000 yds in front of GHORANIYE wire searched and swept by 4.2 Hows. and 77 mm. 50 rounds.

1900-1910. Same area with mountain guns and 4.2 hows: brisk bombardment some rounds fell W. of JORDAN.

0730. 77 mm. 60° from 127.Q.1.c.3.6. firing on troops in 127.O.36.

0811. Bridgehead area Right Sector was shelled.

0740. No. 3 road was shelled.

Alan J. Dove

ENEMY DEFENCE WORK Reported West of the JORDAN
10th to 17th instants inclusive

10/6/18.	113.W.22.b.	approx.	50 yards trench facing S.E. (E. of Beisan Road)
14/6/18	W.18.d.		New wire.
14/6/18.	W.26.a.9.5.	to)	Continuous line of rifle pits along crest of BAKR ridge, some connected up into trenches.
	R.30.d.4.2)	
	(1/40,000)		
15/6/18	W.24.b.8.8.		150 yards of wire erected.
10/6/18.	113.X.3.a.		Working party observed.
	X.9.c.		Small entrenched posts on each side of tributary of Wadi MELLAHAH on prominent mounds.
12/6/18	X.16.c. & b.		Working parties in trench.
12/6/18	X.15.a.		Working party in trench.
14/6/18.	X.21.a.5.3.		10 men wiring in front of trench
14/6/18	X.16.d.6.5.		Strong post with new wire and fresh work.
17/6/18	113.R.15.b.5.9.		Gun pits (supposed position of gun which bombarDED Jericho 16th & 17/6/18).
	R.31.a.	through	32 cent; to 33.c. trench system.
11/6/18.	127.P.17.20 & 23.		Blasting operations observed.
12/6/18	P.17.d.		Digging observed
11/6/18.	127.G.30		Working party observed on western slope of EL FAUD.
10/6/18	G.25.central		Working party of 100 men.
11/6/18.	127.F.24.a.9.9.		Working party digging trenches.
11/6/18.	F.29.a.9.9.		Trench dug night 10/11th 6/18
12/6/18.	F.2.central		Wire running east.
13/6/18.	F.9.a & b.)	Enemy appear to be digging posts.
	F.24.b. & d.))	
17/6/18	F.3.a.9.9.		Wire being erected in front of trench.
12/6/18.	127.W.32.a.		400 yds trench facing W.
12/6/18.	W.31.a.		100 " " " " S.
12/6/18.	W.25.d.		Trench system on hill facing W.
13/6/18	W.31. to T.4 & Y.13.		Trench system under construction.
15/6/18.	127.Y.1. Point - 749	to Point - 830 (W.19)	Line of trenches with wire.
12/6/18.	127.T.2.c.		100 yards trench facing W.
10/6/18	128.E.6.a.		Baricade across wadi. Water dam (?)

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AREAS NOTED FOR SPECIAL INTEREST
Between 10th and 17th June
inclusive.

- 113.Q. Infantry concentration, about 250, on 10th inst.
- 113.T. Constant movement of small parties of infantry, in vicinity of MUSJETERAH, T.10.11.13.17.18.
- 113.U. Movement chiefly of cavalry and packs. About 200 cavalry observed in two parties on 10th instant, 50 infantry observed same day; No more reported.
- 113.V. Constant movement of infantry and packs, 15th inst. Considerable movement in vicinity of KAFID JOZELE (V.23) 13/6/18. Ferries reported both at V.22.d.7.7. and V.23.c.4.7. Latter reported 17/6/18 to be pontoon bridge under construction. Ref: Sheet XV.
- 113.W. Small amount of movement cavalry infantry and packs. Not remarkable.
- 113.X. Redoubt in X.21. noted for movement 15th inst. Traffic of packs in area. 150 cavalry moving N. on Um. 13F SHEET track 10th instant.
- 127.C. Regular movement in ALD HILL area, infantry, cavalry and packs. Supplies come from J. of Jordan. Bodies of infantry up to 200 and of cavalry up to 50 observed different days.
- 127.F. Considerable movement 18th instant of men, horses and camels.
- 127.G. Supposed supply depot G.10.cent; daily movement about 0500 and 1500.
- 127.P. Usual movement behind the lines during period, but now much less than during May. On 16th inst considerable movement at JOSET DERBASI.
- 127.T. Usually 50/60 cavalry reported in area. A.A. guns at KABR SAID. Movement round T.15.cent (house) 13th inst; This area becoming more frequented.
- 127.W. 300 cavalry noted 11th instant W.4 - 16. Now works and movement reported between points 830 to 749.
- 127.Y. TILL EL RAH to EL ADIME area occupied.
- 128.B. Area becoming more frequented - Defences commenced.
- KUTRAHI. Force of all arms appears to have arrived in the district. Probably chiefly composed of irregular troops. R.A.F. reconnaissance on 16th instant shows decrease of 57 T.S. leaving 34 T.S. still in area.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS. (contd)

(c) P/W, Sergeant and Private of 2nd Cavalry Squadron, attached 24th Division, both captured 10th instant 127.F.25.b., re-examined at via

Position: During day - 113.V.24.

During night: 127.F.20 (in wa.i).

Arrived at the latter position at 2000 hours and leave it at 0600 hours the following morning.

Locations. 58th Regiment arrived on the 5th inst from DOMSH.

{ Units on left: 58th Regiment (3 Battns in line).

of 2nd Cav. East of this 143rd Regt (1 Battn in line, ? in reserve).

{ Sqn:

East of 143rd Regt, 3th Cavalry Regt, and another cavalry regiment, (number unknown - 8th ?) at foot of hills.

Units on right: W. bank of Jordan 2nd regiment.

West of this Ghaleb Bey's "MURRESEZI" Brigade (?) composed of 1 battn Infantry (strength unknown), 4 squadrons (about 40 men each) of the Muretab (Composite) Cavalry, and several batteries of guns.

16th Depot Battalion is attached to the 24th Division and is quartered at 113.V.12.

Identifications: Men at SALT 10 days ago be heard from a Turkish speaking German interpreter that the 161st German Battalion was at SALT. This, the interpreter estimated, was about 700 strong.

Organization: 7th Divn has been absorbed by the 16th Divn (?) 3rd Division has been absorbed by the 20th Division. The staffs of both these divisions have proceeded to Smyrna.

Sergt major originally belonged to the 27th Cav Regiment which was composed of 5 squadrons each over 150 strong. These were attached as follows:

1st Sqn:	to 16th Division.
2nd "	to 24th "
3rd "	to 26th "
4th "	to 42nd "
5th "	to CAUCASUS.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

i. 200 yards disconnected trench facing S.E. reported in D.M.C. Intelligence Summary of 21/6/18, para 4, line 7, are in 127.C.9.a. (Ref: Es SALT Composite 1/63,360).

ii. Right Sector:

127.R.35 and 36. Dust observed from digging.
P.13 Blasting operations at BILSIBIL.
P.10.b. Two explosions.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Our artillery:

2030. 3 batteries fired 3 salvos each on CRAFT HILL.
0600. H.E. fired 67 rounds H.E. on hostile battery in 113.R.23.b.1.5. Aeroplane observation, 4 Zs., 1 Y, 21 As, 21 Es, etc. reported.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Hostile artillery:.

1415. 77 mm fired on BLUFF and ABU TELLUL bearing 39° from 113.Y.23.d.2.3
1430. 77 mm 4 gun battery fired on Y.4.5.10 & 11, bearing 347° mag: from
113.X.33.d.8.8.
1500. 10-pdr fired 12 rounds on MUSALLABEH trenches.
(1500- 4 gun battery bearing 42° from 113.Y.11. fired intermittently into
(1600 113.Y.10. & 11.
1530. 77 mm bearing 320° from 113.Y.11 firing occasionally on 113.Y.5.
and MUSSALABEH.
0245. 77 mm fired 10 rounds on 113.X.22 a and c.
Enemy battery fired on BLUFF. Bearings reported 45° from 113.W.35
c.3.6. 39° from 113.Y.13.central.
0500- 4 gun battery 40° from 113.Y.11. registering track 113.Y.10.
0510
0700 Enemy registered BILBIL and slope of EL HAUD.
0710 Mountain gun bearing 65° from 127.Q.1.c.3.6. fired 4 rounds
into 127.P.9.

6. ENEMY DUMPS. 22 dumps at AMIAN station, and 85 at loop.

7. TOPOGRAPHY. Nil.

8. GENERAL.

(a) Drafts: According to prisoners and deserters statements the total number of drafts that have arrived on this front (mostly East of Jordan) during May and up to June 15th amount to roughly 6000 men. Of these 1200 are reported to have come from the 14th Depot Regiment, at Constantinople, about 600 from Labour Battns, at ALEPPO, and a small draft from the Caucasus. The remainder consisted for the most part of convalescents and recaptured deserters from BAALBEK (13th Depot Rgt) and DAMASCUS, and included 300 men released from the civil prisons at DAMASCUS. Drafts as a rule appear to be sent unarmed and usually under escort, owing to the many cases of desertion.

(b) Hejaz: An Arab detachment operating between BOWAT (38 miles N. of MEDINA) and HAFIRA (14 miles S. of BOWAT) about the 15th June destroyed more than 4 kilometres of line.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1630 - June 18th, 1918

I.51/84

1. OPERATIONS.

- (a) Right Sector: (i) Situation normal.
(ii) Patrol to KH SUEIME (128.B.7) fired on by enemy. 20 cavalry and 8 dismounted men seen here.
- (b) Left Sector: (i) Situation quiet.
(ii) Long range gun shelled JERICHO from 1930 - 1930.
(iii) Patrol to 113.X.33.b. and 127.C.31.c.0.8. found two lines of 100 yards entrenchments in the former but no enemy seen or heard at either place.
(iv) Patrol N. to WADI ER RISHEH (113.W.23.c.) Heard considerable movement and voices on N.W. corner of GRANT HILL.
- (c) Corps on our Left: Quiet night.
- (d) Corps Coastal Sector: Quiet night.

2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA.

(a) Right Sector: 16th June.

SHUNET NIMRIN area.
127.P and W.

4 troops also 4 parties cavalry
(total about 50) seen moving both N. & S.

(b) Left Sector:

127.A.C. and F.

Usual amount of movement principally
N. & S.

113.U.

113.X.12.b.c.

Less movement than usual.
Working party of 50.

(c) R.A.F. 1545/1810 17th June.

No movement observed in following areas:-

WADI FUSAIL, UMM ESH SHERT, SHUNET NIMRIN,
EL ADEIME.

(d) R.A.F. 0540/0905 Artillery machine.

All areas normal.

(e) G.H.Q. R.A.F. report over 1200 enemy cavalry seen in reconnaissance 16/6/18 of central and coastal sectors.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Prisoners and deserters for period ending 17th June inclusive:
55 P/W. - 105 deserters - Total 160.

(b) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 17/6/18 N I L.

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3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(c) P/W 12/3/146th Regiment, German, taken at 127.P.13, willing but not very intelligent states on further interrogation:-
Battalion position: SEUNET NIERIN valley, 3 kilos from entrance to hills.

H.Q., 146th Regt: ES SALT.
1st & 2nd Battns: ES SALT.
Strength 3/146th: 180 rifles.
1st and 2nd 146th: 200 rifles each.
Each battalion has 2 M.Gs (heavy, weighing 150 lbs)
7 A.R.

Regiment has 4 - 10.5 cm German guns, located as follows:
1 on south side of road at entrance to valley, 200 metres E of ruined house (127.P.22.c.)
1 on mountain on S. side of entrance to valley.
2 on N. side of entrance to valley, opposite one on S. side.

There are also reported

4 7.5 cm Austrian guns in reserve to above.

On 14th June 2 guns (believed to be 15 cm) were placed in a natural depression 2 kilos South of ES SALT road at foothills, a short distance S. of Huts in 127.P.34.a., approx at 127.P.34.c. Guns are manned by Germans and Turks to assist. It took 3 horses 3 nights to draw each gun from SALT.

The 3/146th supply a post of 32 rifles and 3 auto-rifles nightly at entrance to valley. They withdraw at 0400.
No watch is kept during day, as they do not anticipate any patrol interference during the heat of the day.

Disease: About 3 weeks ago 3 officers and 20 O.R. of 2/146th Regt bathed in wadi NIERIN. They were taken ill during the night and died before morning. It is believed death was caused by cholera.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

113.X.12.b.c. Working party 50 men.
113.X.13.c.8.2. Enemy wire round hill.
127.F.23.a. Suspected post, erected during last 2 or 3 days.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Our artillery:

1700. 113.R.30.d. Battery fired 28 rounds at enemy O.P.
1846. 113.R.9.d.9.1. Fired 15 rounds H.E. on hostile battery - silenced.
2000. 113.W.21.b.) R.E.A. and H.A.C. fired a salvoe with
113.W.28.a.c.d) good effect.
2030. 113.W.25.c.3.2. Our forward 75 mm fired on and silenced active hostile battery.
0648. 113.R.15.b.5.9 111 rounds H.E. fired on hostile battery.
Aeroplane observation:- 4 OKs. 13 As. 16 Zs.
19 Ys. were recorded. 3 direct hits on No.1 Pit, and 1 direct hit on No.2 Pit, which caused large explosion.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY (contd)

Enemy Artillery:

(15 cm)
Heavy How: reported firing on Right Sector 16/3/18 now stated to be 5.9/
1025. 77 mm 65° from 127.Q.1.c.3.6. fired 6 rounds into 127.Q.8.
1050. 77 mm sound bearing 55° from 127.Q.1.c.3.6. fired 6 rounds into
127.Q.2.
1600. 10-pdr active. True bearing N. from 113.Y.11. flashes seen.
1630. 77 mm fired HE on 113.X.13 & 19 bearing 350 mag from 113.X.33.a.8.8.
1715. 3 77 mm. firing S. bearing 45° to 48° from 113.X.33.a.8.8.
1730-1900. 30 rounds into JERICHO - flash bearing 319° from 113.L.3.d.2.2.
1800. Enemy gun of large calibre 318° from 113.Y.11. central cent:
1830. 77 mm fired 7 rounds at 113.Y.22. sound bearing 390° from 113.Y.16/
1900. Heavy gun fired. Bearing of flash 308° mag from 113.Z.23.a.1.1
0700-0800. 7 rounds fired into Wadi AUJAH - sound bearing 340° from
113.Y.13.a.6.4.
0845. 77 mm sound bearing 325° from 113.Y.11. central firing intermittently.

Bearings reported on heavy gun firing at Jericho. 310° from
113.Y.16.central, 323° from 113.H.5.b.9.5. and 305° from SAFE POST.

6. ENEMY DUMPS. N I L

7. TOPOGRAPHY.

113.Q.23.a. Photo 142 (2518) shows Well in Wadi.
WADI GHUEIR. R.A.F. Apparently good supply water seen in wadi.
N.B. (Previously reported No water seen).

G.H.Q. Following additional local names are authorized for official
use:-

Ref: Map 1/40,000. 113.W.8.d. PURVES HILL.
U.32.a. GAUL FACE.
127.C.1 & 2 RED HILL.

8. GENERAL.

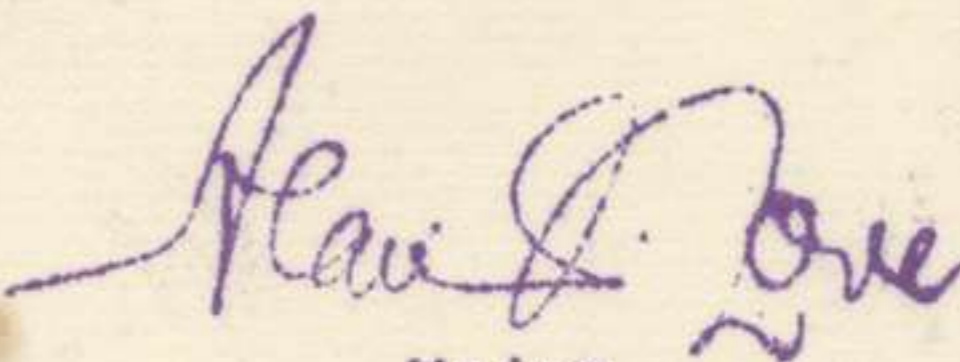
(a) Temperature record for week ending 14th inst:
(max: shade temperature is given in each case).

June 8th.	91	degrees	at	1345.
" 9th.	91	"	"	1200.
" 10th.	100.5	"	"	1400
" 11th.	104	"	"	1300.
" 12th.	102.5	"	"	1515
" 13th.	102.75	"	"	1545
" 14th.	113	"	"	1205.

(b) Appendix: Summary.

Special Areas - Movements in, from 8th - 16th June
inclusive.

Special areas - Enemy defences.


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Intelligence Summary

DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

Up to 1630 June 19th, 1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a). Right Sector - Situation normal.

(b). Left Sector - (1). Situation normal.

(ii). 3 Troops ambushed 20 Turkish Cavalry about 127.F.24.B. at 0130 this morning. Enemy approached within 20 yards when fire was opened. 2 wounded and 1 unwounded prisoners of 27th Cavalry Regt. attached 24th Division were taken and one horse and several other men were wounded, but could not be brought in as 80 enemy approached. Three riderless horses were seen to gallop away. 2 horses were killed. The 80 reinforcements were fired on and our patrol withdrew to day position, when enemy also withdrew.

(c). Corps on our left. (1). Situation normal.

(ii). Patrol encountered enemy patrol about 25 strong N. of KURAWA IBN ZEID, and captured 3 prisoners, but in subsequent skirmish, one prisoner was killed inadvertently by enemy and one prisoner who tried to escape was killed by our patrol.

(d). Corps Coastal Sector (1). Situation normal.

(ii). A small raid was carried out against enemy trenches in C.3.M.7.8. Raiders encountered wire and came under M.G. and rifle fire from front and flanks.

2. MOVEMENT FRONT AREA.

(a). R.A.F. 0525 - 0745. 19th June.

No unusual movement or concentration observed in tactical area.

0600 - 0835. 19th June.

EL ARBEINE AREA.

127.F.27. Cavalry Troop going N.E. SHUNEE KEMBIN AREA.

127.R.24. No camp observed.

F.21. 12 bivouacs.

W.10. Regularly laid out camp. 30 tents and considerable movement.

(b). R.A.F. 0525 - 0745. 19th June.

DOMEH AREA.

Tentage total. 360

previous count on 8th inst. 130

.. .. 24th May. 250.

EL DALIEH AREA.

113.R.14.c. 20 tents.

17.c. 7 ..

24.a. 6

27.b. 5

19.c. 20

Total about 60.

113.R.14.c. - 4 H.T. on road facing S.
25 cav. in vicinity.

R.7.& 13 20 horses.
14 H.T.
50 Infantry.

ABU ZERKA. Tentage total 130.
113.R.12.d. 6 H.T. & 20 Cav. going W.
R. 8.b. 3 H.T. going N.W.

(c). Right Sector. - R.A.P. Constant enemy movement all day yesterday in 27.P.17. & 23.b.

3. IDENTIFICATION.

(a). Prisoners and deserters for period ending 18th June 1917 inclusive :-

57 P.O.F. 106 Deserters = Total 163.

(b). Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 18.6.17.

P/W.	Deserters.	Unit.	Taken at.	Taken by.
1		2nd G.Coy.	WADI RA 3.	Onediv.
		7th Cav. Regt.		
-	1	7th Cav. Regt.	127.Q.12.d.	..
1	-	3/101st Regt.	127.P.26.	..
2	1			

(c). P.O.F. of 4/7th Cav. Regt. taken at Wadi Rame fairly credible states :-

Position.	3 Squadrons 7th Cav. Regt.	TELL HALLAM.
	1	Between TELL ER RA 3 and KEFFREIN.
	9th Cav. Regt.	Between TELL ER RA 3 and TELL HALLAM.
	2 Coys. 152nd Regt.	on right of KEFFREIN Village.
	2	in reserve.
	11th Cav. Regt.	TELL ER RA 3 to E AD SEA.
	German Engineer Coy.	TELL HALLAM area.

Strengths. 4/7th Cav. Regt. 127 rations 90 horses.
7th Regt. 10 Gs. 2 A.R.
Artillery. 4 - 7.5 cm powerful Mtn. Guns.

situated halfway between KEFFREIN and TELL ER RA 3.

7th Cav. Regt. is now in "A" Caucasus Cav. Bde.

Patrols. (i). 7th Cav. Regt. used to send 1 Squadron to hold line between TELL ER RA 3 and KEFFREIN village. 30 mounted men were posted in trenches at TELL ER RA 3, and another 20 men in trenches on a hill just West of KEFFREIN village. The remaining 50 were divided into small parties of 4-8 men, and distributed between TELL ER RA 3 and KEFFREIN village.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS contd:

(c) Patrols contd:

ii. In addition one of the squadrons of 7th Cavalry Regt at TEL HAJA used to send out patrol of 15 - 20 men under an officer with 1 A.R. This patrol used to proceed as far as KETR BENDI, reliefs took place every 24 hours at sunset.

Intentions: P/I states that their Company Commander told them on June 1st that they were to attack us on June 20th (P.E. previously said 20th day of Ramadan, which is 29th June). A bridge has been put together (P/I saw it at the German engineer camp) and P/I states it is to be used for bridging the Jordan with.

Water: Water for 7th Cavalry Regiment was obtained from the Wadi SIR.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Right Sector: 127.U.13.c. New earthworks.

(b) R.A.F. 1610/1835 18th. 1/40,000.

- 113.W.19. 300 yards trench facing S.
- W.20.a. 100 yards disconnected trench facing S.
- * W.8.c. & d. 250 yards disconnected trench facing S.
- * 127.F.1.a. 100 yards disconnected trench facing S.
- * 113.X.30.c.) 500 yards disconnected trench facing W.
- 36.a. & b)

* N.B. These have been previously reported, but now seem to have been extended. A patrol on 17th instant to 113.X.36.b. found 2 lines of 100 yards trenches, unoccupied (see D.I.C. Summary I.51/24).

(c) R.A.F. 0600/0835. 10th June:

- 113.U.21.a. } What appears to be a broken line
- U.3.c. } of trenches.
- V.25.b. }
- V.26.a. }

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Our artillery:

0528. 113.R.24.b.2.S. H.B. fired 108 rounds H.E. on hostile battery. Aeroplane observation: 5 OKs. 6 Ys. 5 Zs. 15 As.

Enemy artillery:

- 1605. Enemy battery active 35° from 113.Y.11.central.
- 1815-1830. 77 mm fired on Wadi AUJAH bearing 540° from 113.Y.16.a.1.4.
- 0435. 4 gun battery 4.2 How bearing 68° from 127.Q.1.c.3.6. fired into 127.P.29 intermittently.
- 0500. Enemy opened fire on vicinity AUJAH Ford about 113.Y.19. 77 mm shelling along WADI AUJAH. Sound bearings 58° from 113.Y.29.c.5 7 60° and 10° from 113.Z.12.b.2.2.
- 77 mm. opened fire on 113.X.33.d.3.2. sound bearing from this position 70 to 75° mag:
- 0500-0630. 77 mm firing from 335° mag from 127.F.10.c.
- 0530. 77 mm shelled WADI AUJAH. Bearings 89° from 113.W.35.c.3.6. 82° from 113.Y.11.a.3.6. and 74° from 113.Y.12.central.
- 0715. 4th gun fired into 127.O.2.
- 0600. 2 guns opened rapid fire on 113.J.3.a.
- 0730. 77 mm bearing 72° from 127.Q.1.c.3.6. fired 3 rounds on road W. of Jordan.

6. ENEMY DUMPS N I L

7. TOPOGRAPHY. Report on country S. of WADI ER RAME (127.3 & T.

Between the W. ER RAME and the W. EL JOFRA a low scrubbed covered country affords excellent manoeuvring ground for cavalry, at all paces and on any frontage. TELL GHASSUL is a small hill with 3 small dilapidated houses on it. TELL GHASSUL can be galloped. The JOFRA itself is an open depression about 150 yards wide, with low shelving banks.

From S.29 central to T.17.d. it is hardly perceptible. The banks though broken furnish no serious obstacle as far as T.17.b. Squares T.11 and 12 are open plain. There are moderately steep banks in squares T.17. and 18 but troops can cross in places on a frontage of two troops extended, at the trot.

Between the WADI EL JOFRA and the wadi EL ADEINE the country begins to undulate, is covered with thin scrub and inclined to be broken and difficult, but can be traversed at the trot. Nearer to the hills it improves slightly. From T.23.d. to T.24.b. the ADEINE has rather steep broken banks about 30 feet high, but it can be negotiated anywhere. The wadi itself is about 100 yards wide and is covered with rather thick scrub. From T.26.d. to the DEAD SEA the bed of the wadi is covered with dense brushwood and reeds, almost impossible to cross. The banks are further apart and shelve gradually. From wadi EL ADEINE to WADI GHUEIR the ground is dangerous at fast paces on account of holes, otherwise it is easily covered. It is undulating and broken. The branches of the Wadi EL ADEINE squares T.27 to E.8 and T.22.c. to T.30.b. are easily crossed and, at a fast pace are scarcely noticeable. KH SUEINE is a small brown hill with a few shaks on it. The ground in this area also improves slightly towards the hills to the East. The WADI GHUEIR from the DEAD SEA to E.9. central is about 300 yards wide, has steep banks and is almost impossible to cross. From E.9. central to E.12.d. the ground is terraced from N. to S. and rough. The width of the Wadi bed is about 200 yards.

The North bank is about 20 feet high, and gently sloping. It can be crossed without difficulty. The wadi bed and south bank is riddled with holes and covered with thin scrub.

South of the Wadi GHUEIR the country slopes gently towards the DEAD SEA. The surface is heavily covered with reeds. Speaking generally this country is not easily crossed by cavalry on a wide front.

AIN SUEINE is a thick light green patch of reeds.

Although the country south of the wadi RAME is for the most part anywhere passable for mounted troops, it is the sort of country where ground scouting is of greatest importance.

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I.51/86

Intelligence Summary

Up to 1630 - 20/June, 1918

1. OPERATIONS

- (a) Right Sector:
 - (i) situation normal: Quiet night
 - (ii) Hostile shell fire, damaged barrel bridge at GECRAIYEH.
- (b) Left Sector:
 - (i) Situation quiet
 - (ii) Enemy long range gun shelled the vicinity of Roman road about 113.H.17 & 23, from 1845 to 1915 from the N.E.
 - (iii) A reconnaissance to GRANT HILL (O.6) W.22.c., W.23.b., found enemy in strength.
 - (iv) Patrol on 19th to enemy post 113.W.18.b.9.9. central were held up by water in wadi about 113.K.27.a.central.
- (c) Corps on our left: Situation unchanged. Nothing to report.
- (d) Corps Coastal Sector:
 - (i) Situation unchanged.
 - (ii) Patrol from left sector encountered strong enemy bombing party at V.5.c.9.3. (TIREH D.3)

2. MOVEMENTS IN FRONT AREA.

(a) R.A.F. 1650/1910 19th June. Tactical areas normal. (WADI FUSAIL - UMM ESH SHERT - SHUNET EL RIN - EL ADELIE).

(b) R.A.F. 0500/0745 June 20th.

HAUR: 142.B.31.	No TS and no movement observed.
AIN ES SIR. 142.S.6.	Camp normal. 150 cavalry moving E.
AMMAN Town.	100 cavalry moving N. towards town. Tentage normal. 14 M.T. parked Slight movement in town.
AMMAN station.	35 RS including 2 trains of 15 RS, each 1 engine. Tentage normal.
AMMAN aerodrome.	7 hangars. TS normal.
AMMAN - SALT road	28 HT and 5 MT moving N. 30 cavalry moving E. 100 men working on road W. of SUWEILEH.

110 ~~110~~ nts

2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA contd:

ES SALT Tentage normal
10 L.F. parked.
20 cavalry moving E. from town.

SALT HIRIN road. T.S. normal.

BATANA. 2 B.T., 10 shelters, 30 bivouacs (practically normal)
No movement.

SALT DANIE road No movement on roads.
113.V.23.c.4.7. Camps E. of ford normal.
Bridge across Jordan just south of old bridge.
Site is made up of 8 pontoons.
(*NE. This is being queried*)

LOWER WADI FARAH. Tentage normal.
112.L.20. 50 cavalry moving W.

SURTUBE. Hospital normal.

(c) R.A.F. 0705/0920 June 20th.

DOMEH area. Considerable movement on DOMEH - BEJDEL BENI
FADL road, approximately 100 horses - 15 HT,
and men mostly moving N.
50 infantry scattered N. of DOMEH village.
8 bombs dropped and 1200 L.G. rounds fired on
various camps, troops and transport in area.

ABU ZERKA area: No movement observed.

WADI EL DALIEH area Very little movement reported.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Prisoners and deserters for period ending 19th June 1918 inclusive
50 P/W - 108 deserters - Total 168.

(b) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 19/6/18.

P/W	Deserters	Unit	Taken at	Taken by	Remarks
3	-	2/27th Cav Div, attd 24th Divn.	127.F.25.b.	Ausdiv	
	1	1/23rd	127.P.25	Onediv	
	1	3/136th	MUSALLABEH	Ausdiv	

(c) P/W, Cavalry Sqdn: 24th Divn, captured 127.F.25.b., unintelligent,
states:-

Identifications: 24th Division E. of Jordan, 127.C.32. area in trees.
Cavalry Squadron, 24th Divn was formerly the
2nd Squadron, 27th Cavalry Regiment, and was at ES SALT. 2nd
Sqdn: 27th Cavalry Regt was at ES SALT 9 days ago, and was then
given to 24th Division as cavalry squadron.
One German regiment (3 Bns) arrived ES SALT on June 10th, approx
Cavalry Squadron, H.Q. IVth Army - ES SALT.
Headquarters IVth Army - ES SALT.

Strengths: Cavalry Squadron, 24th Division, 52 sabres, 64 rations.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS (contd)

Intentions: P/W states JERAL PASHA wanted to attack on this front, but LIHAN von SANDERS would not let him, owing to the small numbers under his command.

Patrols: Cavalry Squadron, 24th Division, used to send out a patrol of 1 officer and 2 Ods every 3 - 4 days. No A.R's were taken with them. Patrols proceeded as far as 127.P.25.B. and no further.

Drafts: P/W came down with a draft of 45 for cavalry, about 15 days ago, and he, with 3 others was drafted into the 2/27th Cavalry Regiment, then at 20 SALT.

(d) P/W, 10/3/136th Regt, captured MUSALLABEH, states:-

Identifications: 1/136th on right of 2/136th.

2/136th Regt relieved 3/136th on night of June 17th
Cannot give any further identifications.

Strengths: 10th Coy, 30 rifles.

Machine guns: 3rd Bn - 4 M.Gs. No A.R's.

Munitions: 2 bombs and 210 rounds per man.

Artillery: * 4 15 cm. guns behind 136th Regiment.

11 7.5 cm guns behind 136th regiment (hearsay).

* Austrian personnel. P/W saw these.

Hearsay: 25th Division had arrived at NABLUS.

Intentions: Turks were going to attack on the whole front.

Defences: 10/3/136th Regt - 1st line trenches.

Quarter-moon shaped breast-work of stones.

No barbed wire or land-mines.

Height 3 1/2'. No dugouts.

Breadth 2'. No communication trenches.

2nd Line trenches: Quarter moon shaped breastwork, only.

1 line of barbed wire crossed between 3 rows of wooden stakes.

Height of stakes 3 1/2 feet, breadth of wire 5 feet. No land-mines, dugouts or communication trenches. There is only one company of 3rd Bn. in trenches during day-time and night time, the other two companies being in reserve. Company in front line is relieved after remaining there for 2 days.

Signals: Telephone wire between H.Q. 10th Coy and Bn. H.Q.

Patrols: P/W never went on patrol.

NB. The whole of the 14th Div now appears to be on Gaba front

(e) P/W, 2/1/23rd, captured June 17th, intelligent, states:-

Identifications:

23rd Regiment: 127.P.17. area

68th Regiment: On left of 23rd Regiment on other side of wadi MIRIN.

58th Regiment: 24th Divn: on right of 23rd Division.

101st Regiment: On right of 58th Regiment.

58th Regiment arrived 15 days ago from the Jerusalem front.

58th Regiment - 127.P.5. area.

Strength: 2nd Company - 15 rifles ?

Machine Guns: 1/23rd - 4 M.Gs.

Artillery: 2 5 cm. Mountain guns behind 23rd Regiment.

Defences: 1/23rd Regiment, 2 lines of breastworks. 1st line scattered lengths of stone breastworks, each capable of sheltering 4 men. Height 3 feet.

Width: 2 feet.

Barbed wire was being put up about 100 yards in front of the trenches. Land-mines have been placed about 100 yards in front of barbed wire. They are the size of a football, and connected to trenches by wires. At the end of each wire there is an apparatus, of which if you turn the handle the bomb explodes.

(NB. 101st Regt is unknown. Reported absorbed in 34th Caucasus Regiment)

3. IDENTIFICATIONS. (contd)

1st line trenches are held by one Company alone during the daytime and night-time. The other 2 companies are in reserve, but one of these always works on the barbed wire entanglements at night time. The company in front line remains there for 24 hours, and then is relieved at dusk.

Signals: Telephone line between H.Q. 2nd Company and Batin H.Q.

Intentions: On June 15th their battalion commander told them they were going to attack the Ghoraniyeh bridge on June 20th or 21st, owing to small strength of the British, who had sent all their troops to BAGHDAD to fight against the Germans there. They were each then given 3 bombs (formerly there were a very few) 300 rounds of ammunition (formerly 150) and bandages.

Sentries: Company in front line used to send out a couple of sentries between barbed wire and 1st line trenches.

No patrols were sent out.

4. DEFENCES

Left Sector: 113.X.36.a. Enemy post: One bomb thrown and rifle fire heard from this post. (E.B. This post was previously found unoccupied. See D.L.C. Summary 16th June).

113.X.22 a & d. New enemy wire. Previously reported in 113.X.16.a. in error.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Our artillery:

- 1115-1145. 113.T.19.a. Batin Batty fired 12 rounds on enemy movement.
- 113.R.30.b. 12 rounds fired.
- 1230. 127.P.24.d. H.B. fired 3 H.B. on 50 horses watering on track
- 1850. H.E. fired 5 rounds H.E. on suspected long range gun. Too dark to observe.
- 0220-0245. 113.W.22 & 28. A.F.A. fired 80 rounds in support of raid, supported by 3 other batteries.
- 0710. 113.V.34. H.E. engaged target with aeroplane observation.

Enemy artillery:

- 0910-0950. 77 mm 339° from 113.Y.11 shelling track in Y.11.a. intermittent
- 0925. 10-pdr fired from bearing 294° from 113.Y.11.a.2.4.
- Enemy gun observed firing 304° from 113.W.35.c.3.6. and 322° from 113.X.29.c.9.5.
- 1145. Enemy battery reported active against horse lines S. of AUJAH bearing from 127.F.19.central 360° to 10°.
- 1750-1910. Considerable hostile activity. 77 mm, 4.1 guns and heavy howitzers. Objective Ghoraniyeh bridge.
- 1700-1930 77 mm shelled Wady AUJAH.
- 1810. 77 mm bearing 72° from Q.13.c.3.6. fired 26 rounds on 127.Q.7. and O.25.
- 1855. Enemy guns bearing 312° from 113.Y.11.central firing T. 3 intermittent.
- 1900. Heavy gun opened fire bearing on smoke 293° Wag from 113.X.33.d.8.8.
- 0800. 10-pdr gun fired 3 rounds on 113.Y.10.b.9.2. smoke bearing 290° from 113.W.35.c.3.6.

6. ENERGY DUMPS N I L

7. TOPOGRAPHY.

(i) ROADS. ES SALT 1/33,360.

(a) Ghoraniyeh Bridge - Madeba via El Adeime (127.Y.20).
Aerial reconnaissance reports that the sector of this track between 127.Y.1 and 128.H.11 has been used by wheeled traffic. The track previously was known to be fit for all wheels from the bridge to 127.Y.1. There is no further information as to condition from 128.H.11 to Madeba.

(b) 127.T.14 - 128.H.4. A track suitable for H.T. but not marked on map runs between these points, crossing the wadi el Adeime at 127.T.22, and thus forming a connection between the Ghoraniyeh - Madeba and the Ghoraniyeh - El Adeime - Madeba routes.

West of Jordan: C.5 1/40,000.

(c) El Mughair - Abu Felah (Q.8.b) H.T. has been seen travelling W. from EL MUGHEIR on track towards ABU FELAH.

(d) EL MUGHEIR - DOMEH. M.T. has now been seen on this track. It was reported fit for light motors previously. Road work under German supervision was reported to be going on in this neighbourhood.

(e) BEIT FURIK (A.27.b.) M.T. has been seen on track going N.W. and S.E. through BEIT FURIK.

(f) RUJIE (V.17.c.) Aerial reconnaissance reports M.T. on track running south from RUJIE. This track was previously reported fit for H.T. There is at present no indication as to how this track links up with any other.

(g) Sheet 12. 1/33,360.
BEIT DEJAN (112.B.13) - SALLI (112.A.9) from BEIT DEJAN via ancient road to 112.A.18.c. the road is used by M.T. thence north west to SALLI it is fit for H.T.

(h) C.5. X.31.d. - W.30.central H.T. have been seen going N.W. on this track, which is a cross connection between the JERUSALEM - NABLUS and SELFIT - HUWARAH roads.

G.H.Q.

(11) WATER:

Water observed in WADI EL ADEIME as far west as 127.Y.25. and in WADI ER RAHE as far as 127.T.6.

(R.A.F. 20/6/18).

(111) BRIDGES & FERRIES. C.5. 1/40,000.

(a) Ferries have been observed crossing the Jordan in V.23.a. and V.23.b., N. & S. of the bridge in V.23.b.

(b) The bridge across the Jordan in V.23.b. previously reported incomplete in the centre, is now shown by an aeroplane photograph dated 12/6/18 to have been completed.

113.V.23.c. 4.7.

(c) Sheet XV. / What appears to be the commencement of another pontoon bridge. (Photo shows about 15 yds projection on W. bank.

G.H.Q.

8. GENERAL.

(a) Hostile aerial activity:

Eastern Sector: 18/6/18. Seven H.A. encountered during a reconnaissance by R.A.F. were observed to have white circles surrounding black crosses on wings.

G.H.Q.

(b) Aeronautics:

Early on June 18th the station at AMAN and troops and camps in the neighbourhood were twice successfully bombed. Direct hits were obtained on the station buildings, rolling stock, camps, dugouts, and on a body of infantry, and many other bombs were seen to prove effective. In all 2300 lbs of bombs were dropped and 3800 rounds of machine gun ammunition fired on troops and camps.

G. H. Q.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

Intelligence Summary

I.51/87

Up to 1630 - 21st June, 1918

1. OPERATIONS.

- (a) Right Sector: Situation normal. Quiet night.
- (b) Left Sector: Situation quiet. Nothing to report.
- (c) Corps on our left:
 - i. Situation unchanged. Nothing to report.
 - ii. June 20th there was persistent shelling by enemy between 1100 and 1300 of (C.5) L.16.c. 60 rounds H.E. and shrapnel were fired by enemy into Wadi in (C.5) L.12.c.
- (d) Corps Coastal Sector. Situation normal.

2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA

R.A.F. 1630/1820 20th June. Ref: DAMIEH (C.6) 1/40,000.

WADI FUSAIL.

- K.1.a. 4 bivouacs
- W.6.b. 4 tents
- W.12.b. 2 tents.

WADI DALIEH area.

R.17.d. Slight movement and suspected gun position.

R.A.F. 0400/0600.

Ref: TELFIT & DAMIEH 1/40,000.

DOMEH area.

P.1, P.13 & O.12 100 infantry scattered in area.

EL MUGHEIR area.

Q.3.c. 40 horses stationary on road.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Prisoners and deserters for period ending June 20th inclusive
60 P/W - 108 deserters = Total 168.

(b) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 20/6/18 N I L.

(c) Deserter, H.Q. 66/48^{Div} captured at 127.P.32, stupid states:-

Identifications:

- Who is of 66th Regiment 127.P.11. area.
- 191st Regiment On right of 66th Regiment
- 23rd Regiment On left of 66th Regt on other side of W. NIMREN.

Composite Division On left of 23rd Regiment

48th Division 66th, 191st and 23rd Regiments.

H.Q., 48th Division 127.P.3, only approx:

H.Q., VIIIth A.C. Half way between bridge 127.N.2 and bridge 127.P.24.

Strengths:

- 66th Regiment - 280 rifles.
- 2/66th Regiment 20 rifles (?)

Handwritten marks: a red '10' and a blue signature.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS contd.

Machine Guns:

1/66th Regiment = 4 M.G's.
2/66th Regiment = No M.G's.
3/66th Regiment = 4 M.G's.

No regimental machine gun company.

Artillery: 2/10.5 cm. hows:, personnel German - 127.U.7.c. area approx:

Personalities: O.C., 66th Regiment - Major Fevzi Bey.

Water for 66th Regiment obtained from W. NIMRIN.

Intentions: P/W states he heard nothing about an impending attack.

Defences:

3rd Battalion, 66th Regiment held the 66th Regiments front, whilst the 1st and 2nd Battns were in reserve. 2 Battalions of the 191st regiment were in line on their right, and the remaining battalion in reserve. Barbed wire was being erected in front of trenches.

Raiding Parties:

P/W states that about 8 days ago, 8 men under a corporal were selected from battns in reserve of each regiment of 43th Division and sent to the Composite Division, where they were joined by 1 German officer and 8 O.R's, and a detachment from the Composite Division, and formed into a raiding party. Each man carried 3 bombs and 300 rounds of ammunition. The object of this raid was to capture P/W and ascertain our strength.

Raiding party - 90/100 rifles.

Drafts: 66th Regiment received a draft of 180 about a fortnight ago, and it was given to the 1st and 3rd Battns.

Note: 2/66th Regiment only exists in name according to P/W.

(d) Deserter, 1/1/146th, very stupid states:-

Identifications: 1/146th Regiment $\frac{1}{2}$ S. of W. NIMRIN.
Mule Mtd Inf: Regt On right of 1/146th Rgt.

Strength: 1st Company 25 rifles, 40 rations (?)

Machine guns: 1st Battn, 146th Regiment - 5 machine guns.

Munitions: 1 - 2 bombs per man.
200 rounds " " "

Raids: About 6 days ago a raiding party formed/different from Regiments went out to capture prisoners.

No machine guns or A.R's were taken with them. This raiding party came as far as a place $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours from our trenches (S. of ES SALT main road, where they saw 15 Australian cavalry, and retreated. Strength of raiding party 120 rifles, including 16 Germans.

Defences: Trenches on 1/146th Regiment front.

Length of traverse trench held by 1st Company was about 100 yards. Depth 3 feet, width 2 feet.

There was a layer of sand bags on top of side of trench nearest to us. No communication trenches, no dugouts.

There is a line of barbed wire about 30 yards in front of trenches, crossed between 2 rows of wooden stakes, each being $3\frac{1}{2}$ feet high, width of barbed wire $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet. No land-mines.

Intentions: P/W has not heard of an impending attack.

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3. IDENTIFICATIONS contd

Personalities: O.C., 1/146th Regiment - Major Ismail Hakki Bey.

Addenda under Identifications: P/W was 3½ months ago in the 35th Regiment, 12th Division. At that time it was in the BITLIS area. He states the 47th Division was also there. (He went sick at BITLIS and was sent to hospital at MARDIN, whence he proceeded to this front).

Water: Water for 1/146th obtained from W. NIMRIN.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

R.A.F. Ref DAMIEH (C.6) 1/40,000.

X.1.a.	100 yards of trench facing S.W.
U.35.c.	50 " " " " S.W.
W.6.b.	200 " " " " S.W.
W.12.b.	20 " " " " S.W.
R.17.d.	Suspected gun position.
C.9.a.	200 yards disconnected trench facing S.E.

Right Sector: Reference: 1" to 1 mile.

127.G.30.	Working party 12 men on summit of EL HAUD.
P.20.	Sangar apparently occupied.
P.20.c.9.1	Enemy party fired on and forced our patrol to withdraw from P.20.c.
P.7 & 14.	Wadi occupied by enemy throughout the day. Patrols prevented from approaching beyond O.12.d.5.8. to P.13.a.8.8.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Our artillery:

R.H.A. registered from new position.

H.B. registered

75 mm. Right Sector fired with effect on party of men 127.P.23.a. also on party on road 127.P.17.b. with effect.

Enemy artillery:

1250. 4.2 four rounds on WADI NIMRIN. 127.O.29, bearing 64° from 127.Q.13.b.

1300. 77 mm 5 rounds on same place.

During the firing of these two batteries hostile plane was up.

1715. 10-pdr fired few rounds on MUSALLABEH.

1750. 77 mm few rounds 127.E.12.b.4.3.

0615-0630. 77 mm fired about 100 rounds into 127.R.4 and R.10 bearing 81° from Q.1.a.2.3.

0630-0650. 77 mm fired on 127.P.27. and P.33. 103° from 127.O.7.a.10

0715. Enemy A.A. gun bearing about 20° from Y.11. 20 rounds at observation plane.

7. TOPOGRAPHY.

(a) Report on country between WADI ZIGHAN and WADI AYUN MUSA in squares 127.R. & T. east of line 127.R.23.c.0.0. to T.23.c.0.0.

WADIS. Wadi AYUN MUSA in squares T.23. & 24. is approximately 15 yards wide. The banks are about 10 feet high but sloping in places and capable of being crossed by cavalry almost anywhere. WADI EL JOFRE in T.17.b. is a very gradual depression and hardly noticeable when moving fast.

WADI ER RAME in T.5. - T.6 is not a deep depression. On either bank there is a lot of scrub and there are reeds along the water edge. The banks, though only about two feet high are perpendicular and prevent cavalry crossing the Wadi ^{in places}. There are paths at fairly frequent irregular intervals where it is not difficult to cross in single file. Proper crossings could easily be made in many places in the locality. The width of the water is about 15 feet and the depth about 18 inches.

WADI ZIGHAN in R.29.b. - 30.a. is about 15 feet wide. It is easily crossed as the banks are low and shelve to the water. It can be crossed in places on a frontage of a troop extended.

THICK SCRUB: Thick scrub is found in area T.17.a. & b. T.11.b. and d., and T.5. b & d. The belt becomes wider towards squares T.5 and 6 and is more dense there than in T.17 & 11. The scrub is nowhere dense enough to prevent single mounted men moving at a canter.

IRRIGATION TRENCHES "Blind" irrigation cuts occur in T.5 and rendering the country dangerous to move over at a fast pace. They are very frequent in R.29 and 36, and also in R.35 and 36 where there are small clearings for crops.

OPEN COUNTRY. The country in squares T.23.a. and b., T.24. a & b, T.17. c and T.18 is flat and open and can be traversed at a gallop. North of WADI ZIGHAN there is ordinary scrub covered plain, but much of the scrub has been cleared by burning. It is not known whether the irrigation cuts continue north of WADI ZIGHAN.

(b) BRIDGES. Report on pontoon bridge in D.M.C. Intelligence Summary of 2/6/18 in para 2, SALT DAMIE road, is now found to refer to bridge at JISR ED DAMIE N.12.b. (DAMIEH (C.6) 1/40,000)

8. GENERAL.

(a) Enemy dropped propoganda in 127.R.8., but were fired on and retired.

(b) A reliable agent reports that about the middle of May orders were issued for certain stores arriving at RAYAK and destined for TUL KERAM and NAELUS to be transported by sea from BEIRUT to HAIFA.

9. NEWS FROM OTHER FRONTS: Mesopotamia.

(a) During the month of April 211 deserters came over to the British.

(b) The following is an extract from a German letter dated ZAKHO, 26th Feb: 1918, and captured on the western front.
"The soldiers are half starved, and only a short time ago some Turkish officers were hanged in MOSUL for selling bread they should have given to their men. Many similar examples could be given. With troops like that the English cannot be defeated even by a German G.S.O.."

(c) The strength of the 14th and 51st Divisions is so low that there is talk of combining them.

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G.H.

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1.51/88

DESERT MOUNTED CORPS

Intelligence Summary

Up to 1830 - June 22nd, 1918

1. OPERATIONS

- (a) Right Sector: Situation normal. Quiet night.
- (b) Left Sector: Situation quiet.
- (c) Corps on our Left: Situation quiet. Nothing to report.
- (d) Corps Coastal Sector: Situation unchanged. Quiet night.

2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA

R.A.F. 20/6/18. 1850/1880 Ref: 1/83, 330.

SHUHEI EL RIM AREA.

125 tents and bivouacs	to the south of EL RIM road.
400 " " "	127.P.18, P.11, U.1, L.20.
150 " " "	round EL FAUD.
50 " " "	in area 127.G.10.
100 " " "	scattered in various small groups.

This total of 825 is 100 in excess of last area count 4/6/18, an increase of 50 was reported 11/6/18 in EL FAUD area.

R.A.F. 0415/0755 June 22nd, TELFIT, DA IEN 1/40,000.

DOMEH AREA.

Decrease of 100 tents.

EL MUCHEIR, ABU ZERKA and EL DALISH areas tentage normal. No unusual concentration.

R.A.F. 0530/0830 June 22nd. Ref map 1/83, 330.

RUJH EL OSHIR. 127.V.a.b.
AIN ES SIR.
AIN ES SIR - ALMAN road

12 B.T.
12 B.T.
400 horses grazing E. of AIN ES SIR.
40 cavalry moving S.
30 cavalry moving E.

ALMAN town.

Hospital 24 I.P., 26 B.T.
Total other tentage: 2 mar., 24 E.P.
50 B.T., 14 shelters.
Slight increase since 15/6/18
50 men amongst tents.

ALMAN station.

Hospital 1 marquee, 4 E.P.
Other tentage 2 marquees, 70 B.T., 40 S.
Decrease in tentage 30 since 17/6/18.

ALMAN aerodrome.

7 hangars, 10 B.T., 10 shelters.
50 infantry scattered in vicinity.

2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA (contd)

ARLAN - SALT road. 30 cavalry, 150 infantry moving E.
 20 cavalry halted.

ES SALT. 2 B.T., 12 shelters.
 50 infantry moving E. from town.

BATANA. 2 B.T., 4 shelters.
 Count 20/6/18 - 2 B.T., 10 shelters, 30 B.

SALT DAMIE road. 5 sheds 20 B.T. (apparent decrease of 25 T.S.)
 Hospital 2 I.P., 12 B.T.
 30 infantry scattered E. of bridge.

Lower
WADI FARAH.
 113.L.35.a.
 L.25.b.
 L.20.c.

SURTUBEH. 113U.16
 U.22
 V.2.d.
 V.1
 V.23

UPPER WADI FARAH. 1 marquee, 24 B.T., Normal.

EL MUGHEIR area. Total tentage 140, decrease 10 since 17/3/18.

WADI DALIEN,
 113.R.14.
 R.19.c
 R.21

ABU ZERKA.
 113.R.3
 R.4

DOREH area.
 113.F.23.c.
 G.25.a.

Hospital 1 marquee, 8 B.T.
 Hospital of 1 I.P., 12 B.T.
 Other tentage 2 marquees, 4 I.P., 71 B.T., 23
 shelters, 20 bivouacs.
 Increase in T.S. of 38 since 10/3/18.
 80 horses on two lines.

Hospital 1 marquee, 14 B.T.
 Hospital 2 B.T.
 Hospital 4 huts - 10 cavalry halted.
 Hospital 1 marquee, 8 shelters,
 12 shelters.

25 T.S.
 30 T.S. - 50 infantry scattered.
 15 T.S.
 Total tentage normal, approx 80.

Total tentage normal, 120 approx.
 100 cavalry 50 animals stationary
 100 cavalry moving N.E.

Total tentage 260 approx.
 Decrease 100 since count 19/3/18.
 200 horses scattered.
 200 infantry moving N.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Prisoners and deserters for period ending June 21st, 1918
 30 P. of W. 114 deserters = Total 174.

(b) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 21/6/18.

Deserters	Unit	Taken at	Taken by
3	1/191st	127.P.19.a.	Onediv.
1	3/191st	127.P.25.d.	Onediv.
1	H.Q., 68th Rgt.	127.P.12.	Onediv.
1	1/146th.	127.Q.35.a.	Onediv.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS
Intelligence Summary.
Up to 1830 , June 23rd, 1918

I.51/89.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Right Sector:

- (i) Situation normal. Quiet night.
- (ii) Enemy long range gun shelled JERICHO area 4 rounds between 1500 and 1600 June 22nd.

(b) Left Sector:

- (i) Situation quiet.
- (ii) June 22nd, our two snipers on SHARK'S TOOTH ridge were attacked by two small enemy parties about noon and forced to withdraw into our posts. They report 3 enemy killed or wounded. Efforts are being made to recover bodies.

(c) Corps on our Left:

Situation unchanged.

Our patrol surprised and captured a sentry near KHURBET KEIS (099.B.18.c.). At 0400 enemy fired salvos for 5 minutes in K.24.c. (TELFIT).

(c) Corps Coastal Sector:

Situation unchanged.

One hostile plane attacked and burnt balloon near JERISHAH (070.Z.21.b.). Plane was chased by our aircraft and brought down about (TELJA) B.21.b.
At 2030 enemy shelled EL KEFR and BUGHAIL AHMED slightly.

2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA.

R.A.F. 0800/1040 June 21st.

KERAK KUTRANI. Seven parties of cavalry, 450 in all, were moving E. on road.
A decrease of 23 T.S. was observed in KUTRANI area since 18th instant. This change is made up as follows:-
Increase of 5 E.Ps. and 10 bell tents.
Decrease of 38 shelters and bivouacs.
This may indicate the departure of combatant troops for the south, together with the arrival of H.Q. and stores.

G.H.Q.

R.A.F. 22/6/18 1550/1805. Ref: 1/63,360.

SHUNET NIMRIN area:

127.G.21. 100 cavalry scattered in Wadi.
Remainder apparently normal.

R.A.F. 23/6/18.

WADI FUSAIL. - UMM JAM SHEET - SHUNET NIMRIN - EL ADEIME
areas normal.

10 P

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Prisoners and deserters for period ending June 22nd 1918
60 P/W - 114 deserters = 174.

(b) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 22/6/18. Nil.

(c) Deserter of 3/1/191st, 48th Divn, captured 127.P.19.a. states:-

Identifications:

1/191st Regiment	127.P.10. area
3/191st Regiment	On left of 1/191st Regt.
2/191st Regiment	In reserve 2 hours behind.
78th Regt; 46th Divn (?)	On right of 191st Regiment.
2 German Battns	Between 191st Regt and W. NIMRIN.

15th Division was coming to ES SALT front (hearsay).

Strengths: 3rd Coy. - 34 rifles: 60 rations.

Artillery: 1 A.A. gun (7.5 cm) 2 hours behind 191st Regt
near W. NIMRIN.

3 15-cm guns, personnel German, on main road
127.U.7. area approx.

Machine Guns: 1/191st Regiment. 3 M.G.'s. No A.R.'s.

Munitions. 300 rounds and 2 hand grenades per man.

Intentions: For the last 7 days there have been rumours of an
impending attack on the part of the Turks.

P/W states the numbers of bombs per man was increased 1 to 2.,
and rounds of ammunition from 200 to 300.

Defences: 3/1/191st Regiment - ²lines of trenches.
6 - 7 small scattered breastworks to 3/1/191st Regt,
each capable of sheltering 5 men. Height 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet, width
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet. No communication trenches or dugouts.
There is barbed wire about 350 yards in front of the trenches
on the plain, crossed between 2 rows of iron stakes.
Height of stakes 3 feet, breadth of barbed wire 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ feet.
No land-mines.

In the daytime, front line trenches of 1st Battalion were only
held by sentries, the infantry proceeding to tents behind
2nd line trenches, but at dusk all 4 companies returned to
the 1st line trenches.

Signals: Telephone line between H.Q. 3rd Coy, Bn. H.Q.
No inter-company telephone wires.
Red Very light - the enemy are attacking.
Green " " - reinforcements are wanted.

Patrols: P/W never went on patrol duty.

Rations: 1 biscuit.
Flour or Bulgar soup morning and evening with
olive oil.

Cavalry: P/W states there are 2 squadrons of cavalry behind the
191st regiment.
In the daytime they send out a patrol of 7 - 8 men.

Personalities: VAJID HIBMI Bey has replaced JERAL Pasha as

3. IDENTIFICATIONS (contd).

(d) Deserter, 1/1/66th, captured at 127.R.7.a. states:-

Identifications:

1/66th Regiment	RASHID Bay CEPE approx 127.P.35.
48th Division	On right of 1/66th Regt.
Mule Mtd Inf:	On left of 1/66th Regt.
7th Cavalry Regt	On left of Mule Mtd Inf Regt.

One Battn 123rd Regt 127.P.17. area.

Panderma Muhaza En. (300 strong) 1 hour to the left of 1/66th Regt at village (KEFR EIN ?).

Strengths: 1/66th Regiment: 150 rifles: 200 rations:

Artillery:

4 7.5 cm Mtn Guns $\frac{1}{2}$ hour behind 1/66th Regt approx 127.U.31
 2 7.5 cm Q.F. field guns $\frac{1}{2}$ hour behind 1/66th Regt.
 1 A.A. gun behind Mule Mtd Inf Regt.

There were 2 15-cm. guns with German personnel in the Wadi NIMRIN valley, but these have now been removed on to the hills.

Machine Guns: 1/66th Regiment 4 M.Gs. No A.R's.

Munitions: 250 rounds per man.
 1 bomb per man.

Defences: 1/66th Regiment: One line of traverse trenches.

i. Length of trench system held by 1/66th Regiment was about 350 metres.

Depth 1 metre. No fire-step.
 Width 50 cms. No dug outs.
 Fire parapet - 25 cms. No sand bags.
 No communication trenches.

ii. About 50 metres in front of the above line of trenches there are 4 stone breastworks each about 50 metres in length.

Height 1 metre - Width 50 cms.
 Fire parapet of stones 25 - 30 cms.

iii. About 8p metres in front of the breastworks there is a line of barbed wire crossed between 4 rows of wooden stakes, each of which is about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet high. Breadth of barbed wire is about 10 feet.
 (Note: This wire was erected by Germans.)
 No trip wire.

iv. No land-mines.

Trenches are not held at all in the daytime, the Battn proceeding to tents behind RASHID CEPE, leaving 1 officer and 1 sergeant as an O.P. in the trenches.

At dusk one company proceeds to the trench system, remaining there till dawn, the other 2 companies remain in their tents.

There are no M.G. emplacements.
 (Note: The stone wall is never held).

Patrols: 1/66th Regiment used to send out a patrol consisting of 1 officer, 1 sergeant, 2 corporals, and 20 O.Rs.
 Patrols proceed about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ kilos from their trenches.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS. (contd).

Signals: Telephone line between Coy in front line and En. H.Q.

Green, red, and white Very lights were fired by
1/66th Regiment.
(P/W does not know the meaning of them).

Intentions: For the last 15 days, there have been rumours
that the Turks are going to attack.

Germans: There are 80 German Infantry with M.Gs. with 7th
Cavalry Regiment.

Water: Water was obtained from Wadi NIMRIN and from a stream
1 hour to their left.

Rations: 180 grams of bread.
Flour soup or olives (morning)
Bulgar soup (evening)

Personalities:

O.C., 1/66th Regt Major Fiazim Bey.

(d) Another deserter (fairly credible) from 2/1/66th Regt states
that 7th Cavalry Regiment proceeded to AMMAN about 15/8/18
to rest, also from hearsay that 25th and 44th Divisions are
coming to the ES SALT front.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Ref: 1/63, 360.

(a) Right Sector:

(i) Rifle fire was drawn from ridge in 128.B.18.

(ii) Snipers were located about 128.H.14.a.

(iii) M.Gs. light M.G., and rifle fire was drawn from
127.Y.19.c., Y.25.a., 128.H.1.a. and c.

(b) Left Sector:

113.X.36.central. 50 yards new wire on wooden stakes.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Our artillery:

1705.	127.P.10.a.	H.B. fired on enemy parties proceeding N.
1750.	127.P.24.d.	Fired on watering parties.
2200)	113.X.36.central	R.F.A. fired on new enemy wire.
2400)		Listening post report work stopped but observations in the morning revealed thickening of wire.

Hostile artillery:

1015.	4.2 65°	from 127.Q.1.c.3.6. firing on 127.P.29.intermittent.
1100.	10-pdr battery	fired 6 rounds on our patrols from direction of SHUNET NIMRIN.
1820.	10-pdr	bearing N. from 113.Y.11 fired 7 rounds on 113.Y.5.
1830.	Enemy gun flash	bearing 312° from 113.Y.11. intermittent.
	Enemy long range gun	fired 40 rounds on Jericho area and Aujah district 311° from 127.Q.4.a.2.8. and 300° from 127.O.26.c.5.5.
0150.	10-pdr flash	bearing N. from 113.Y.11.central active.
0430.	Enemy guns firing	from EL HAUD on our patrols bearing from 113.J.4.b.8.8. 90° 30'.
0455.	Enemy 77 mm shelling	vicinity of 113.Z.5.c.1.5.
0500.	Mountain gun	65° from 127.Q.1.c.3.6. firing on 127.P.29.

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5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY (contd)

0500. 4 gun 77 mm battery fired into 113.Z.4.a. bearing 17° from 113.W.35.c.3.6.
0515. Enemy battery bearing 335° from SAFE POST opened fire on to this post and ground E. of it.
0535. Mountain guns firing on 127.O.20 and O.16 intermittent.
0550. 4 gun battery sound bearing bearing 51° from 113.Y.11 firing intermittently.
0645. 77 mm shelled about 113.Z.17.
0700. A.A. gun firing from sound bearing 25° from 113.Y.11.
0820. 4.2 fired 2 rounds on 127.P.17.d. intermittent.

6. ENEMY DUMPS. N 1 1

7. TOPOGRAPHY

WADI GHHEIR - No water seen.

Considerable obstacle and very difficult to cross. The banks are perpendicular and 8 to 10 feet high. The wadi was crossed at 128.B.10.a., but is impassable at B.9. The bed is rocky and strewn with boulders. There is not much undergrowth.

8. GENERAL.

Organization:

- i. An officer P.W. states each regiment of the 19th Divn now has an attack Company, and he estimates the total strength of the infantry of Divn as 2715 rifles, 3555 combatants, and 4095 rations.
- ii. The 158th Regiment was absorbed in 126th Regt in May 15th and all Os.C. were transferred in same capacities.
- iii. 13th Depot Regiment - BAALBEK.
On May 1st the 2nd Battalion was sent to TUL KERAM and broken up. - the 3rd Battn having previously been sent south on April 1st.
- iv. 25th Division: About 350 men of this division seen by an officer entraining at TUL KERAM for KALKILIE on 1/6/18 - One officer thinks the division will be absorbed. Another that it will relieve the 19th Division (?).

(Summary of P/W. G.H.Q.)

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS

Intelligence Summary

Up to 1830 - 24th June, 1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

- (a) Right Sector: Situation normal: Quiet night.
- (b) Left Sector: Situation quiet.
- (c) Corps on our Left: i. Nothing to report.
ii. June 23rd. 1805. In addition to shelling reported this morning enemy bombarded for 10 minutes J.32.c. & d. and J.33.c. (TELFIT) at 0400. Two hundred shells of all calibres fired: No casualties.
- (d) Corps Coastal Sector. Situation quiet:

2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA.

R.A.F. 1515/1700 June 23rd.

WADIS EL DALIEH - ABU ZERKA areas: No movement observed.

DOMEH area. Camps normal. No activity.

R.A.F. 0530/0805. June 24th.

WADI FUSAIL, UMM ESH SHERT, SHUNET-MIRIN, EL ADEIAT areas normal.

R.A. June 23rd.

113.V.19 Continuous movement on road.
to W.14 60 men in small parties and 70 pack animals seen at intervals of an hour proceeding S. to WADI MUDAHDERAH.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Prisoners and deserters for period ending June 23rd 1918.
P/W 62, Deserters 115.

(b) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 23/6/18:

P/W	Deserters	Unit	Taken at	Taken by
2	-	1/63th	127.P.32.b.	Onediv
-	1	1/64th	127.R.7.a.	Onediv.

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3. IDENTIFICATIONS. (contd)

(c) Deserters of 1/36th Regiment states-

About 12th instant a LUHAFAZ Battn (i.e. corresponding to a Gend: Battn: and intended to catch deserters etc.) arrived from PANDERMA.

About 17th instant 100 men were drafted out of it and into 1/36th Regiment.

Note: Before 1/36th Regiment received this draft, all unfit men were drafted out of this Battn (1/36th) and sent to a rest camp.

(d) As there has been no contact with 125th or 145th Regiments since 23/5/18, and 25/4/18 respectively, it is thought that these regiments may have rejoined their divisions, or that one of them may be in GHALIB Bey's detachment. The 4th Cavalry Regiment may be the Composite Cavalry Regiment in the above Detachment.

Note: In D.M.C. Intelligence Summary of 22/6/18, para 3, sub-para (c), 2 prisoners of 2nd Squadron (27th Cavalry Regiment) attached 24th Division state that GHALIB Bey's detachment is composed of 1 Battalion of Infantry, the LUDETEB (Composite) Cavalry Regiment, and several batteries of guns. This force is reported to hold the line between 24th and 53rd Divisions.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. Nil

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Our artillery: 1030. 113.R.30.d.5.5. Enemy battery engaged and silenced.

Hostile artillery:

1000-1030. Mountain Howitzer in 113.R.30.d.5.5. fired 10 rounds on our heavy battery.

1115-1150. Hostile gun fired 20 rounds between AUJAH and Kh. SHURAH, smoke bearing 305° from 113.W.35.c.5.5.

1600. 77 mm bearing 320° from 113.Y.11. active.

1800. 77 mm bearing 35° from 113.Y.11. rounds fell in 113.Z.11.

1815. 77 mm fired on 113.Z.17. 40° from 113.W.35.c.5.5.

0545. Mountain gun 65° from 127.Q.1.c.3.6. fired 2 rounds on 127.P/12

0630-0650. 77 mm 35° from 113.Y.11. fired 16 rounds on MUSALLABEH.

0820. 2 rounds fired on our patrols in 127.O.25.

6. ENEMY DUMPS. Nil

7. TOPOGRAPHY. Reference TELFIT (0.5)

A patrol left KUBBET EN NEJMEH (S.24.a.) and proceeded to WADI SAMIEH at S.6.a. A crossing was searched for between S.5.b. and Q.36.d., but no route could be found. The wadi sides were cliffs and the junctions very rough and steep.

XKth Corps.

8. GENERAL.

Railways: (1) On about May 20th 6 km. broad gauge line had been laid north from GELBEK. The broad gauge through the TAURUS would not be complete for another 6 months.

G.H.Q.

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8. GENERAL. (contd)

Railways: (ii) 1 or ² trains arrived ZIZA station from North Gaily and did not proceed beyond KUTRANI. One engine pulled 6 trucks. (end of May).

G.H.Q.

(iii) Reports from agents and refugees indicate that it was intended to build a railway from TARBANEH (097.H.18) via EL LEJJUN (097.D.17) to UMM EL FAHM (097.G.20) possibly linking up with the TUL KERAM - KEFR KARA (083.J.4) line. The objects of this were said to be:

- a. To provide an additional railway route between EL AFULEH and TUL KERAM.
- b. To enable heavy artillery to be moved on to the hills near UMM EL FAHM, which commands JEMIN.

Aerial reconnaissance on 19th instant indicates that the line as proposed in the above report has been commenced and is actually under construction between 097.H.17.c. and LEJJUN (097.D.17.c.) Indications point to the embankment being continued to a point 4 miles S.W. of LEJJUN, parallel to the road. No rails were observed on the permanent way.

(iv) TUL KERAM - KEFR KARA (083.J.4) line. Aerial reconnaissance reports a short branch line from 083.J.8.d. direct to EL MARAH (083.Y.28): the other branch goes to the quarries, just N. of KEFR KARA. There is a large pile of sleepers at the junction of these two lines.

G.H.Q.

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Aeronautics. (v) June 23rd: At 1755 an Albatross Scout flew south and attacked and destroyed our observation balloon near JERISHEH. For some time our A.A. barrage kept the plane out of range and it was not until his third attempt that he got within effective range. Our observer parachuted safely. The enemy plane thereupon flew North, closely followed by one of our scouts, who was, however, obliged to return owing to engine trouble. The hostile plane was seen to land, apparently hit, at about (FEJJA) E.21.b.3.2.

(XXIst Corps).

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS

Intelligence Summary

I.51/01

Up to 1630 - June 25th, 1918

Ref: 1/63,360

1. OPERATIONS.

- (a) Right Sector:
 - (i) Situation normal. GHORANIYE bridge-head report enemy artillery active between 0230 and 0530.
 - (ii) At 0530 'Ford' at 127.S.6 held by one troop of enemy. Our patrol was fired on by H.I. and rifles and withdrew to huts at 127.Q.33.d.
 - (iii) At 0735 in-lying squadron sent out. About 50 enemy cavalry opposite EL HENU in 127.S.13, retired when one troop with two Hotchkiss guns moved against them. 1 troop of enemy mounted, at 'Ford' and 40 dismounted men astride Wadi; also strong party, strength unknown, in Wadi bed. To hold huts 127.Q.33.d. observing forward movements.
- (b) Left Sector: Situation normal.
- (c) Corps on our Left: Situation unchanged. Nothing to report.
- (d) Corps Coastal Sector:
 - (i) June 24th: 1730. Situation unchanged. Our artillery shelled enemy sangars in A.4.a. and S.23.c. and bivouac areas in A.12.d.
 - (ii) June 25th: Slight shelling of A.14.a. and TIN HAT HILL. Situation otherwise unchanged.

Ref: FEJJA & TIRSH

2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA

- R.A.F. June 24th. 1540/1745.
 - EL MUGHEIR, and DOMEH areas, no movement observed.
- R.A.F. June 24th 1600/1840.
 - BATANA area. Apparent decrease of 20 T.B. since 16th inst. 60 infantry scattered. Hospital 3 marquees, 3 shelters.
 - SALT - NIMRIN road.
 - RUJMA EL OSHIR. Hospital 1 mar; 1 E.P., 9 E.T., 9 shelters, 10 bivouacs (increase).
 - AMMAN Town. Camps normal.
 - AMMAN station. 28 R.S. Camps normal.
 - AMMAN - SALT road.
 - 142.0.24.d. 26 H.T. parked.
 - 142.0.29.b. 12 H.T. parked.

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2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA (contd)

SALT DALIE road.
127.B.22

30 cavalry halted.

Decrease of about 10 T.S.
17 brush-wood huts, probably stables.

LOWER WADI FARAH.

13 mar: 76 B.T., 23 Shelters.

JURTURTH.

100 cavalry extended moving S.
Camps in wadis obscured by shadow.

113.V.2

U.9 & U.12

UPPER WADI FARAH.

T.S. 147 apparent increase of about 50 T.S.
since counts of 18th and 22nd instants.

R.A.F. June 25th: 0600/0045.

Ref: DAMIEH (C.C)

WADI FUSAIL.

Very slight increase in T.S.

V.23.b.4.5.

Two pontoons transferred from West to East bank.

NOTE: These would appear to be a ferry and
not part of a bridge.

SHUNST NIMRIH area.

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Considerable movement N.
of EL HAUD.

127.G.a. & b.

2 working parties of 30 men each.

Aeroplane photographs 142E, 300 - 325 show camps as follows:-

113.X.5.b.

5 bivouacs.

A further camp in X.5.c.

About 20 T.S. in X.10.a.

Camp of about 30 RS in X.10.b.

and more bivouacs in V.23 and 34.

The wadi in X.10.b. - X.11.b. shows signs
of much traffic.

Right Sector: June 23rd.

122.B.15.

Troop of enemy cavalry moving along bottom
of foothills from AIN JUBILE towards
TEL M. RA E.

Left Sector: June 23rd.

113.T.17.a.

113.U.20.a.

12 infantry proceeded to TELL EL RILHEH.
Squadron of cavalry observed.

RED HILL area.

Movement of packs and small parties of
mounted men.

127.C.19.b.

12 cavalry and later 25 packs moving S.

Apparently a relief took place in RED HILL area on 22nd instant.
Enemy exposed himself un-necessarily on several occasions.
18th Lancers snipers claim 2 killed and 1 wounded.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Prisoners and Deserters from May 8th to June 24th, 1918
P/W 62, Deserters 116 = Total 178.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(b) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 24/6/19

Deserters	Unit	Taken at	Taken by	Remarks
1	1/58th	AUJAH	Anzacs	Previously in 2/17th Depot Rgt.

(c) Deserter from 1st Company, 1/74th Regiment, states:

Deserter originally belonged to the 74th Regiment, 25th Division. Was in Roumania at Braila. Left there about 6 months ago with his regiment and remained in Constantinople for about 4 months. Quartered at Selansiz, south of Scutari, in Armenian houses from which the tenants have been evacuated.

Left Constantinople with the 1/74th Regiment, 300 strong, direct to HABLUS without leaving their trucks except to change from the broad to the narrow gauge. The journey occupied 15-16 days, but many hours were spent at stations during which time the men were kept in the trucks. They travelled 40 men to a truck.

The regiment arrived at HABLUS/strong, 100 having deserted en route. 25 men were drafted to the 74th Regiment.

The 1st and 2nd Battalions, with the regimental artillery, left about 40 days previous to the 3rd Battn. They embarked on a steamer at HAIDAR PASHA and it was reported were proceeding to Smyrna.

(It is possible that if troops were urgently required at Smyrna and there was a shortage of rolling stock on the Haidar Pasha line, troops would proceed by steamer to Panderma and from there by train to Smyrna over the Panderma-Soma line. Meantime it was previously reported that elements of the 25th Division had proceeded by steamer for the Caucasus front).

(d) Greek deserter of 1/56th Regiment, re-examined states: Strength of 1/56th Regiment 150/160 rifles, 200 rations. 2nd Battalion, with 125 men of 1st Battalion transferred to 23rd Regiment. 3rd Battalion destroyed.

(e) Re-examined P/W of 7th Cavalry Regiment captured June 17th (see D.I.C. Intelligence Summary of June 10th, para 3, sub-para (c)) states that the bridge which he saw at German Engineer Coy's arrived at KAIR SAID about 2th instant, on 4 motor lorries. It is in 4 parts with 2 large pontoons and is concealed in brushwood behind Hill 740 (127.V.1) P/W saw lorries at KAIR SAID and heard they came from AL AM, but could not give route. It is thought possible, however, for M.T. to proceed via RADI SFAIB to P.28, then south via R.24 - R.28, thence S.E. to KAIR SAID area.

4. ENTRY DEFENCES.

R.A.F.

127.G.30a. & b.

Two parties of 30 men working at two large pits.

Ref: 1/23, 380

4. ENEMY DEFENCES (continued)

Right Sector:
TEL BIL HILL.
127.R.26.a.

Blasting operations observed near summit.
Parking party of 6 men.

Left Sector:
113.X.36.d.2.8.

Presence of new wire confirmed.
It disappeared over the cliff towards the Jordan.

113.T.5.a.

O.S. located.

127.F.3.d.2.7.

127.C.32.c.1.1.

Occupied enemy posts (strength unknown).

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

Our artillery:

113.V.31.c.5.5.

H.B. fired 15 rounds H.L. and 2 rounds T.S. on hostile battery.

113.R.30.a.5.5.

Battery fired 6 rounds retaliation.

R.H.A. occasionally fired on sangers on GRANT HILL at intervals during the night.

WHITE HOUSE:

127.P.22.c.

Our forward 75 mm fired 111 rounds on numerous small targets in vicinity WHITE HOUSE on SHEPHERD NERIN road.

Hostile artillery:

77 mm 68° from 127.Q.1.c.3.6.

77 mm fired 5 rounds on 113.Z.7. sound 35° from 113.Y.11.central

77 mm fired on 113.Z.12.a.

4 gun battery fired 12 rounds on 113.Z.19 sound 35° from 113.Y.11 central.

77 mm fired on 113.Z.5.a. and Z.12.

Long range gun 300° from 127.Q.1.c.3.6. shelling 127.C.31.

Hostile battery unlocated fired 3 rounds (77 mm) into P.B. position.

6. ENEMY DUMPS. N i 1

7. TOPOGRAPHY. N i 1

8. GENERAL. Personalities:

RAFET BEY: G.O.C., XXIInd A.C. MIRALAI. Age about 40. Reported to be headstrong, energetic and very popular, well spoken of both as a commander and a man by prisoners of all ranks from units of the XXIInd A.C. ALL Christian P/W and deserters, both Greeks and Armenians, state that he is a gentleman, distinct from average type of Turkish Commander - some have stated that he tried to improve the lot of Christians serving in his Army Corps. N.B. It may be more than coincidence that OSMAN NURI Bey, who is said to have organised and carried out the Armenian massacres, was relieved of the command of the 7th Division as soon as it joined the XXIInd A.C.).

Is an "ERKIAN - I - HARE MIRALAI", that is a Staff Colonel, (i.e. equivalent to our P.S.C.). He originally commanded the 13rd Division and then was transferred to the 3rd Divn on its arrival on the Sinai front. At the battle of Beersheba he commanded a group under Von Kress, and subsequently the 1st Division again.

8. OF IRAL. Personalities: (contd)

During the spring of 1917 he was reported to have been appointed Inspector at Jerusalem, then temporarily commander of the 53rd Division in May and June 1917. He subsequently became G.O.C., CAZA GROUP and was later promoted to G.O.C., XIIIth A.C. on formation of the VIII Army.

It is reported that he was considered the best divisional commander in Syria during the first half of 1917 and a better strategist than Von Kress.

(b) ISMET RUSHDI Bey - MIRALAI - O.C., 16th Division. Age 45 - 50.

A Circassian of Ismidt.

Clever, and a man of great experience - unpopular.

Said to dislike the German. Said to be addicted to oriental vice.

At the JARDANELLES he gained the reputation of a capable commander.

Has been in command of the 16th Division ever since its arrival in Palestine in February 1917.

(c) ESSAD Bey: MIRALAI - O.C., 3rd Cavalry Division. of RUMELIA.

About 40 years old.

Short and of dark appearance. Is said to be a brother of ESSAD Pasha (G.O.C., V Army) or more probably IZZET Pasha, (ex-G.O.C., II Army in the Caucasus).

Very strict and feared by his subordinates.

Has been in command of the 3rd Cavalry Division since its arrival on this front in early 1917 and was also appointed O.C., the DIR SAEA Group during the summer of 1917. Was wounded in the operations east of the Jordan early in May 1918, but is reported to have since returned. Said to have been recently promoted Pasha.

(d) MEHMET Bey, O.C., 7th Cavalry Regt

A Circassian of noble family.

Tall, well built and fair.

Known as "DELI MEHMET" = MAD MEHMET.

Said to be careless but quite fearless.

Usually does as he wishes regardless of orders. Popular with his men.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

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Intelligence Summary

Up to 1830 - June 25th, 1918

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Right Sector: (i) June 25th. 1918. Enemy holding Ford at 127.T.1.a. were shelled by 30-pounders at 1300. Enemy driven out by 1 squadron 8th Mounted Brigade at 1345. Ford now in our hands. Enemy retired East at 1730.

(ii) June 26th: 0330. Situation normal. Quiet night.

(b) Left Sector: Situation normal. Quiet night.

(c) Corps on our Left

Ref: TELFIT (C.5)
At 2100 about 20 enemy attempted to rush Lewis gun post Q.19.b.5.9. Party driven off leaving one wounded German prisoner. One killed, believed a German officer. Our casualties nil. Long range gun fired 6 rounds into RAHALLAH between 2230 and 2345.

(d) Corps Coastal Sector: Situation unchanged.

2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA

R.A.F. June 25th 1605/1850.

Ref: 1/83,360.

EL ADEINE area.

127.S.3.

50 to 100 cavalry stationary.

5 bombs dropped and 450 rounds L.C. fired.

128.B.9.

40 mules moving N.W.

Two bombs dropped.

No other movement in area.

SHUNET NIBRIN.

127.R.24.

P.17.d.5.5.

50 infantry stationary.

Suspected gun position. 1itz prominent, but no guns observed.

No movement observed.

WADI FUSAIL area.

Normal.

R.A.F. June 23th. 0500/0800.

SALT NIBRIN road.

Little movement of transport.

RUJH OBEIR.

Camps normal.

AMM 15 SIR.

200 cavalry halted E. of village.

100 cavalry scattered in vicinity.

AMMAN TOWN.

Slight decrease in tentage.

AMMAN Aerodrome.

1 additional hangar, making total 8.

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3. IDENTIFICATIONS. (c ntd)

- (c) Deserter of 1/1/19th Regiment, taken at AUJA 24/5/18 gives the following information.
58th Regiment - 2 hours N. of EL AUJAH about 1 hour east of Jordan at some Salt Springs.
P/W cannot give any further identifications with regard to his Division.
48th Division on left of 24th Division.
H.Q., 24th Division 3 hours behind 58th Regt on E. side of Jordan.
No troops between 58th Regiment and Jordan.

P/W was formerly in the 2/17th Depot Regiment. They left Bozanti about one month ago arriving on this front about 20 days ago with a strength of 110 (including instructional personnel which remained at H.Q., 24th Division). Of these 60 were drafted into the 24th and 48th Divisions, the remaining 50 being left at H.Q., 24th Division to undergo further instruction.

Taurus Tunnel: The 2/17th Regiment was formerly working on the Taurus tunnel. The broad gauge line has now been completed to a point approximately 6 kilos E. of Kara Punar. (NOTE: They have not started laying the broad gauge railway at the Gelebek end).

In most places the sides and roof of the tunnels have not been cemented but they expect to complete the broad gauge railway in 6 or 7 months time. The journey from Kara Punar to Gelebek on the small gauge railway takes 3 - 3 1/2 hours.

- (d) 5 O.R., deserters of 1st Coy, Panderma Muhafaza Battn give information as follows:-
Panderma Muhafaza Battalion - 127 W.O. approx:
7th Cavalry Regiment - On left of Panderma Muhafaz Bn. TEL HABESE.
German machine gunners on left of 7th Cavalry Regiment.
Mule Mounted Infantry - On right of Panderma Muhafaz Bn.
1st Army Headquarters - SAME REA.
Whole of H.Q. of IVth Army came down with Liman von Sanders to NAZARETH.
Strengths: 1st Coy: Panderma Muhafaza Bn - 55 rifles
80/100 rations.
Machine Guns: No M.Gs. or A.Re. to MUHAFAZA Battn.
O.C., Panderma Muhafaz Battn - KEMAL Bey.
G.O.C., 1st Army. ESSAD Pasha.

- (e) One German UNTER OFFIZIER (wounded) 703rd Battn, taken by Corps on our Left in this morning's raid states:-
702nd and 703rd Battalions are close together behind 26th Div. 701st he thinks is in vicinity. Does not know whereabouts of 148th Regiment. German troops now E. of Jordan. Knows of no recent arrival of Germans. Raiding party last night composed 1 German officer, 30 O.R. and 1 M.G. under orders 24th Division. Failure of raid owing to bad Turkish information.

- (f) 2 Intelligent deserters 2/72nd Regiment state Turkish general offensive on this front will start June 23rd or July 5th. Germans will support attack. Germans have offered large sum of money to Division that captures Jerusalem. 11th 26th and 53rd Divisions each have one Battalion Germans attached. Each Battn strength 250 rifles, 12 M.Gs. Battns now training in the attack and prisoners heard two divisions Germans in reserve came from direction of coast. 147th Regt and 1 M.G. Company left Smyrna 2 1/2 months ago and arrived this front. Former attached 25th Div and now in line this area.

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2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA. (contd)

ABRIAN - SALT road. 127.J.17 / 120 infantry moving E.
127.J.13 100 infantry moving E.

SALT - DANIE road 150 infantry moving W.
127.S.7.c. 11 B.T., 7 shelters, 17 sheds.
100 cavalry in circle.

UPPER WADI FARAH. Percentage 122. (count on 24th inst 147 23).

R.A.F. 0600/0830 June 25th. Ref: 1/23, 360

EL ADEINE area. 50 infantry and 30 cavalry scattered.
127.Y.1 - Y.12 30 infantry scattered in Wadi.
T.22.b

SHUNET NIMRIN area. 50 men scattered on track.
127.W.19.b. 200 cavalry scattered.
G.24 - 29

ES SALT - NIMRIN road. Movement round camps.

UMM ESH SHERT. 50 infantry moving south.
127.C.2.b.

WADI FUSAIL area. 50 infantry 25 cavalry scattered.
113.X.6

BURTUBEH. 50/100 infantry round both ends of bridge.
113.V.23.c. 100 cavalry stationary.
U.16 50 infantry moving south.
U.23.

Left Sector: Ref: 1/23, 360.

113.W.10.a. 12 and later 6 cavalry moving E. on Roman road.
W.3 27 packs moved S.
W.21.b. Constant movement of packs to EL DAGEALAT from
U.27.a. Small parties of infantry moving in vicinity
T.17.d. of TEL ER RASHID.
U.20. 14 mounted men observed.
127.F.26.a. 8 infantry relieved enemy post.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Prisoners and deserters from May 8th to June 25th 1918.
P/W 62 - Deserters 122 = Total 178.

(b) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 25/6/18.

Deserters	Unit	Taken at	Taken by	Remarks
5	Panderma Muhafaza Battn:	127.Q.38.a.	Onediv.	Panderma Muhafaza Bn at 127.W.15 Arrived one month ago.
1	3/33rd Regiment	127.P.21	Onediv.	

APPENDIX to accompany Intelligence Summary I.51/92.

June 25th 1918.

Areas noted for special movement between June 18th
and June 25th inclusive.

Ref: 1/53,360.

- Square.
113.T. More movement, principally of small parties of infantry reported in TEL ER RISEH area.
- 113.U. Considerably less movement reported in area. Cavalry in evidence.
- 113.V. Bridge at 113.V.23.b.4.1. remains intact. Fresh aeroplane photo No. 142.E.224 shows construction on West bank, 200 yards north of bridge. This is now thought to be used as a ferry across the river. Regular traffic in area.
- 113.X. Less movement reported.
- 127.C. Considerable regular movement in RED HILL area, much of which is southwards. A relief appears to have taken place in this area on 22nd instant.
- 127.P. Regular movement, mostly of small parties, observed.
- 127.T. More movement observed in area. On 25th instant considerable activity in T.1 towards HSHU.
- KUTRANI. About 450 cavalry observed in area 21/6/18. Appearance of more E.P. and bell tents may denote arrival of H.Q. and store tents. Decrease of 38 shelters and bivouacs probably indicates combatant troops moving S.

New enemy Defence Work reported June 18th to 25th inclusive.

Ref: 1/53,360, except where otherwise stated.

- 113.U.23.c. Disconnected line of trenches running to U.26.a.
U.35.c. 50 yards trench facing S.W. (0.6)
X.1.a. 100 " " " " " "
X.12.b & c. New digging.
X.13.c.8.2 Wire round hill.
- 127.C.9.a. 200 yards disconnected trench facing S.E. (0.6)
R.26.a. Working party digging.
W.8. 300 yards trenches and pits.
W.9. 200 yards trenches.
W.16.a. 200 yards trenches.

NOTE: Less fresh work reported during above period than for similar periods previously.

APPROXIMATE TO CORRESPONDING INTELLIGENCE NUMBER 1.11.18

June 1918

Areas noted for special attention between June 1918 and June 1918 inclusive.

Ref: 145, 150

more movement, principally of small parties of infantry reported in the area + ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

During period 17/6/18 to 25/6/18 the average number of batteries or sections firing daily seems to be 10. Enemy's batteries show a marked increase in activity.

10 enemy batteries have been engaged. A 15 cm gun has been shelling JERICHO - JORDAN valley from 20th Corps area.

There appears to be 3 sections of 4.2 on Right Sector front where formerly there was only one.

The wire at GHORANIYEH Bridgehead appears to have been registered with 4.2 and 77 mm. The area 113.Z.7-113.Z.23 appears to have been registered.

The WADI AUJAH has been shelled intermittently.

The following areas were shelled:-

- 113.Z.4.5.11.12 & 17.
- 113.Y.11.12.13.29 & 30.
- 113.W.35.11.12.13.29 & 30.
- 127.0.16, 29, 30, 32, 34 & 35.

Estimate of guns: 50.

How enemy Defences were reported to 20th Infantry. Ref: 145, 150, except where otherwise noted.

Disconnected line of trenches running to U.S.A.	113.0.2.1
50 yards trench facing S.W. (0.8)	113.0.2.2
100 "	113.0.2.3
50 yards trench facing S.W. (0.8)	113.0.2.4
50 yards trench facing S.W. (0.8)	113.0.2.5
50 yards trench facing S.W. (0.8)	113.0.2.6
50 yards trench facing S.W. (0.8)	113.0.2.7
50 yards trench facing S.W. (0.8)	113.0.2.8
50 yards trench facing S.W. (0.8)	113.0.2.9
50 yards trench facing S.W. (0.8)	113.0.2.10

NOTE: This work reported during above period from the 20th Infantry.

APPENDIX to accompany Intelligence Summary I.51/92.

June 25th 1918.

Areas noted for special movement between June 18th
and June 25th inclusive.

Ref: 1/53,360.

- Square.
113.T. More movement, principally of small parties of infantry reported in TEL ER RISEH area.
- 113.U. Considerably less movement reported in area. Cavalry in evidence.
- 113.V. Bridge at 113.V.23.b.4.1. remains intact. Fresh aeroplane photo No. 142.E.224 shows construction on West bank, 200 yards north of bridge. This is now thought to be used as a ferry across the river. Regular traffic in area.
- 113.X. Less movement reported.
- 127.C. Considerable regular movement in RED HILL area, much of which is southwards. A relief appears to have taken place in this area on 22nd instant.
- 127.P. Regular movement, mostly of small parties, observed.
- 127.T. More movement observed in area. On 25th instant considerable activity in T.1 towards HENU.
- KUTRANI. About 450 cavalry observed in area 21/6/18. Appearance of more E.P. and bell tents may denote arrival of H.Q. and store tents. Decrease of 38 shelters and bivouacs probably indicates combatant troops moving S.

New enemy Defence Work reported June 18th to 25th inclusive.

Ref: 1/53,360, except where otherwise stated.

- 113.U.23.c. Disconnected line of trenches running to U.26.a.
U.35.c. 50 yards trench facing S.W. (0.6)
X.1.a. 100 " " " "
X.12.b & c. New digging.
X.13.c.8.2 Wire round hill.
- 127.C.9.a. 200 yards disconnected trench facing S.E. (0.6)
R.26.a. Working party digging.
W.8. 300 yards trenches and pits.
W.9. 200 yards trenches.
W.16.a. 200 yards trenches.

NOTE: Less fresh work reported during above period than for similar periods previously.

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APPENDIX to Secondary Intelligence Summary I.I.I.S.

June 20th 1941

Area noted for special movement between June 1941 and June 20th inclusive.

ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

During period 17/6/41 to 27/6/41 the average number of batteries or sections firing daily seems to be 10. Enemy's batteries show a marked increase in activity.

10 enemy batteries have been engaged. A 15 cm gun has been shelling JERICOH - JORDAN valley from 20th Corps area.

There appears to be 3 sections of 4.2 on Right Sector front where formally there was only one.

The wire at GHORANIYE Bridgehead appears to have been registered with 4.2 and 77 mm. The area 113.Z.7 - 113.Z.23 appears to have been registered.

The WADI AUJAH has been shelled intermittently.

The following areas were shelled:

- 113.Z.4.5.11.12 & 17.
- 113.W.5.11.23.29 & 30.
- 113.W.35.

Appearance of 4.2 and 77 mm guns in area of WADI AUJAH and vicinity probably indicates movement of troops moving

Estimate of guns: 50.

New enemy defenses were reported June 1941 to 20th inclusive. Ret: 1/55,350, except where otherwise stated.

100 yards trench facing S.W. (0.8)	200 yards trench	500 yards trench	700 yards trench	800 yards trench	900 yards trench
200 yards trench facing S.W. (0.8)	300 yards trench	400 yards trench	500 yards trench	600 yards trench	700 yards trench
800 yards trench facing S.W. (0.8)	900 yards trench	1000 yards trench	1100 yards trench	1200 yards trench	1300 yards trench

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1630 - June 27th, 1918

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1. OPERATIONS.

- (a) Right sector: (i) Situation normal. Quiet night.
- (ii) July 26th - evening. Patrol encountered a party of 6 (4 unarmed) harvesting in 127.R.3.d. and captured them with 1 mulo and 1 pony. Two others ran away, but were captured finally in 127.P.33.c. (Note: p/ws were not brought in in time to be included in 1900 report).
- (b) Left sector: (i) No 2 subsector report artillery active during night. 'D' section shelled particularly. Enemy patrols in strength during night drove in our patrols in the gap between 113.Y.12.b. and X.32.a., but these took up previous positions later. Enemy made demonstrations at 2330 and 0145 against posts in 113.X.32.b.5.2. and Z.5.c.1.5. in parties of about 30 with three automatic rifles, firing with red and green lights before retiring when his artillery opened. Ref: 1/63,360.
- (ii) No.3 subsector report at 2200 enemy post on south end of GRANT HILL threw a few bombs and opened fire with about 20 rifles. This was repeated at 2300. Enemy probably saw our working parties on MULABELL.
- (iii) Quiet on remainder of front.
- (c) Corps on our Left: Intermittent shelling between SHEIKH SELIM and HIGH GATE ridge (C.5) L.10.a. from 0030 onwards. Otherwise quiet night.
- (d) Corps Coastal sector: Situation unchanged. At 2215 our artillery shelled enemy working party in M.29.d. (BIDIEH C.4) with effective results.

2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA.

Ref 1/63,360.

R.A.F. June 27th. 0550/0755.

EL ADEIME area.
SHUNET NIMRIH area
EL HAUD.
127.M.19.

No movement.
Slight movement ES SALT road.
Considerable movement.
Party 30 men working on pits N. of EL HAUD.

UMM ESH SHERT area:
RED HILL

Considerable movement.
New camp just north of Hill.
50 cavalry stationary.

WADI FUSAIL area.

No movement.

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3. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA (continued)R.A.F. 25/6/18.
KUTRANI.

150 cavalry observed scattering in all directions from the station.

200 cavalry in formation moving E. on KUTRANI - ER RA ABA (1/250,000 Jerusalem, R.9) road.

Also 500 camels in formation and 200 pack camels all moving E.

250 cavalry were seen halted in wadi at cross roads, 1 mile south of KERAK.

RIGHT SECTOR: June 26th.

Ref: 1/63,330.

127.P.1.contral
O.6.b.13 infantry fired on our patrol.
30 cavalry advancing along ARSENIYET track disappeared.

LEFT SECTOR. June 26th.

113.T.16

W.26.a.

V.25.

X.25.a.

T.24.d.

16 infantry moved to TEL ER RISHEH.

11 infantry moved from trenches to TEL ER RISHEH.

40 cavalry crossed broken ground.

40 cavalry moved to V.27.c. and returned over same route.

Movement of small parties in foothills N. of TEL EL TRUNK, during day.

127.C.13.a.

F.22.b.

F.16.

20 cavalry seen who disappeared in broken ground near Jordan. Later 10 cavalry observed here.

12 cavalry entered scrub.

20 men appeared to be cutting scrub.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.(a) Prisoners and deserters from May 8th to June 26th inclusive
P/W 64. Deserters 123 = Total 187.

(b) Captures for 24 hours ending 1200 26/6/18.

P/W	Deserters	Unit	Taken at	Taken by
2	1	3/191st	127.P.19.c.	onediv.
		3/152nd	127.R.8.a.	onediv

(c) Deserter, 3/76th Regiment, volunteered information of coming Turkish offensive.
26th Division will shortly be relieved by German troops. On relief, they will go into reserve for 15 days training in the method of attack. They will then come back to the line and act as supports to the German troops who will make the attack.(d) Deserter from 5/3/152nd Regt, 48th Division, states:-
Whole of 152nd Regiment - 127.P.23. area.
205th German Engineer Coy - 127.P.17.c.
There are German infantry in the house between the W. NIMRIN and main road (127.P.22.c.).
703rd Battalion somewhere on left of 152nd E. of Jordan (hearsay from Germans of 205th Engineer Coy).
H.Q. 24th Division in building known as SERAI, 1 hour E. of JISR ED DAMIE.
143rd Regiment W. of Jordan. 2nd and 58th Regts E. of Jordan.
5th Company - 100 rations, 80 rifles.
3/152nd Regiment = 2 I.G.s. and 2 A.R.'s.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Photographic reconnaissance of 26th instant covering ground 1300 yds east of line 127.U.27 to 127.W.32.c.5.5. approx: shows entrenched hill with two lines of trenches about 500 yards in extent facing south and west W.22. W.15.c. and d. about 20 scattered T. & S. behind disconnected trenches on ridge facing west. W.15.a., W.9.c. camp of 26 T & S. behind incipient redoubt. W.4. camp shown on photographs 142.E. 257 - 259 of 19th instant practically disappeared. only about a dozen bivouacs and disorderly remains of dumps visible. (R.A.F.).

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Our artillery:

127.P.13.a. H.B. fired 2 rounds on squadron of cavalry.
R.30.d.6.3 Mtn Battery fired on 77 mm.
127.P.13.a. H.B. fired 8 rounds on squadron of cavalry.
R.30.d.6.3 Mtn Battery fired 48 rounds on 77 mm.
127.P.17.d.5.5. H.B. fired 70 rounds on hostile battery.
1 OK. 15 Y's. 10 Z's. 5 A's.
113.R.30.d. 11 rounds fired on hostile battery.
113.X.18.b. H.B. fired 9 s. on track.
113.W.14. R.H.A. fired 8 rounds on party, causing casualties.

Hostile artillery:

77 mm fired on H.B. bearing 274° from 113.W.29.c.8.1. 320° from Y.29.b./^{2.2}
10-pdr 10 rounds bearing $325^{\circ}-30$ from Y.28.d.2.6.
4.2 50° from 127.Q.1.c.3.6. on 0.28.a. intermittent.
77 mm. 300° from 113.Y.6.a.5.5. 3 rounds on 113.Y.5.
Enemy registered forward slope of EL HAUD and N. & W. of WHITE HOUSE.
4.2 3 rounds on right bank of Jordan N. of GHORANIYEH bridge.
10-pdr 360° from 113.Y.6.a.5.5. 12 rounds towards MUSALLABEH.
77 mm. 62° from 113.Y.6.a.5.5. intermittent on 113.Y.18 & 30.
A.A. gun 23° from 113.Y.6.a.5.5. 20 rounds.
77. mm 60° from 113.Y.6.a.5.5. intermittent on 113.Y.30
Mountain gun registered wadi 127.P.35.b.
Battery fired 50 rounds from about X. 113.X.2.
Some rounds fell just short of R.H.A.

6. ENEMY DUMPS. Nil.

7. TOPOGRAPHY.

Report on ground between TEL GHUBBE and P.21.d.
For about 200 yards after leaving TEL GHUBBE the bushes are very thick. Thence to P.21.d. the ground is open, but very bad going owing to large stones and boulders. The river NIMRIN cannot be crossed in the open ground as it flows about 6 feet below the level of the banks which are very steep. There are bushes in the bed of the stream.

At P.21.d. the river crosses to the N. bank of the wadi, which, in this place is a cliff about 20 ft high. The bushes here are very thick and there is only room for movement in single file between the river and the cliff.
A small trench unoccupied, was noticed on N. bank about 300 yds beyond TEL GHUBBE.

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8. GENERAL.

(i) Balkan railway. A passenger who left Constantinople in March 1918, states that the conventional train leaves Constantinople daily. The Balkanzug runs twice a week with passengers.

(ii) Organisation, Machine Gun Companies:

An undated captured document of the 77th Regt lays down the strength of a Turkish machine gun company "according to recently issued orders" as "sergeants, 9 corporals, 63 gunners and 9 machine guns."

It should be noted that no companies on this front have yet been known to have more than 6 machine guns.

G.H.Q.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

I.51/94

Intelligence Summary
Up to 1630 - 28th June 1918

1. OPERATIONS.

Right Sector: (i) 1630. June 27th. Situation normal.
Enemy shelled 113.K.1 and K.9.a. from 1530 to 1615. Very little damage.

(ii) 0630. June 28th. Situation normal. Quiet night.
At 0550 one enemy plane flew over RUJM EL-BAHR and dropped 2 bombs in 114.V.11.d. No damage done. Plane returned due East.

Left Sector: (i) 1345. June 27th; Situation normal.
Long range 5.9 gun fired about 50 shells into lines of Regiment at 113.H.32.d. and vicinity of JEBEL KURUNTUL, between 1400 and 1600.

(ii) 0640. June 28th; Quiet night.

Corps on our Left: Situation unchanged. Nothing to report.

Corps Coastal Sector: Quiet night; situation unchanged.

2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA.

R.A.F. June 28th. 0530/0815.

Ref: 1/63,360.

SALT - NIMRIN road.
127.M.17.
L.32.d.

30 horses on 2 lines.
50 infantry scattered.
40 horses on 2 lines.
Large increase of TS. in small camps along road.

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20 cavalry halted S.W. of village.
350 horses grazing and 50 cavalry halted E. of village.

AMMAN TOWN.
AMMAN Station.
AMMAN aerodrome.

34 E.P. tents have disappeared.
Normal.
2 machines on ground.
Here our reconnaissance machine met 3 D.5 scouts. One was shot down and burst into flames. At the moment at which it crashed another machine also crashed into hillside. The remaining four scouts were shot at over YAJUZ (142.U.22).

ES SALT.

50 infantry halted in town.

From here reconnaissance machine, being without escort, and having used all its ammunition, returned without doing other areas.

R.A.F. June 28th. 0633-0850.

EL ADEINE.
127.Y.13
S.6
Y.11.
R.18-24

20 mule carts going North.
10 cavalry stationary
50 to 100 infantry stationary.
150 to 200 infantry stationary.
Tracks leading E. from KABR SAID show heavy wheel marks.

2. MOVEMENTS IN FRONT AREA (continued)

4 bombs dropped and 200 rounds M.G. fired on camps and dumps in square W.

127.M.22 to P.22
M.26
Movement of transport on main SALT road.
30 infantry moving south.
Considerable activity round camps in area.

UMM ESH SHERT area.
127.C.5.
20 cavalry stationary.

Left Sector:

113.U.17.a.
T.17.b.
Much more traffic on Roman road than usual.
Tents moved by working party of 30 men to position 500 yards S.E.
14 infantry moved to TEL EL MUSETTERAH from trenches on N. bank of WADI BAKR.

127.O.36.
O.6
F.23
40 enemy cavalry stationary.
20 dismounted men moved S.E. to foothills.
On withdrawal of our patrols 50 infantry seen approaching position.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Prisoners and deserters from May 8th to June 27th inclusive:
P/W 72. Deserters 126.

(b) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 27/6/18.

P/W	Deserters	Unit	Taken at	Taken by	Remarks
6	-	San: Company. Unit attd: unknown.	127.R.3.d.	Onediv.) S probably) attd 7th) Cav Regt.
2	-	" " "	127.P.33.c.	"	
-	2	1/191st	127.P.20.d.	"	
-	1	San: Coy: attd 7th Cav Regt.	" "	"	

(c) 2nd Liout: Greek, Constantinople, O.C. 1/Yilderim Group,
Muhafaza Battn: deserted to 1st Mounted Division on 27/6/18 states:

9th Cavalry Regiment just N.W. of KABR MUJAHID.
Yilderim Group, Muhafaza Battn on right of 9th Cav Regt (127.W.9
2 Bns of 142nd ? on right of Yilderim Muhafaza Bn. area).
One Battn, 66th Regiment on right of 2 Bns 142nd Regt.
152nd Regt on right of one Battn 66th Regiment.
11th Cavalry Regiment on left of 9th Cavalry Regiment.
German attack company on left of 11th Cavalry Regt. This
"Attack Coy" is one of the Coys of the 1st Battn, 156th Regt
according to P/W. He probably means the 146th Regt, as he states
it came from Macedonia.
24th Division N. of ES SALT main road.
48th Division in Reserve.
One Company, 156th Regt (146th Regt ?) AMMAN.
Other 3 companies 146th German Regt on right of 24th Divn.
(Hearsay).
7th Cavalry Regiment in reserve 1/2 hour behind 9th Cav Regt.
Mule Mounted Inf Regt in reserve in Wadi EL KEFREIN (127.W.3 area).
Remaining 2 Bns of 156th Regt (146th Regt ?) ~~went to~~ remained
at Constantinople. (Hearsay).
H.Q., 2nd A.C., moved down from DERAA to KUTRANI 2 weeks ago.
2 Regts from Roumania (25th Divn ?) went S. to KUTRANI and thence
to MAAN (2 weeks ago). H.Q., IVth Army - ES SALT.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS (cont'd)

Strengths: Yilderim Group, Muhafaza Bn - 200 rifles.
 "German Attack Coy". 300 Germans and 200 Turks.
 Artillery: 2/24.5 cm. guns behind 24th Division, personnel German.
 These fire on Jericho.
 2/15 cm. guns N. of 33 SALT road, personnel German.
 (position not known).
 4/10.5 cm. hows: personnel = 3 Austrians, rest Turks.
 just behind hill on which trenches of 9th Cav Regt.
 4/7.5 cm. guns personnel Turkish, 1000 metres south of
 KABR MUJAHID.

Machine Guns: German attack Coy: 6 M.Gs.
 Each Cav. Regt. 4 M.Gs.
 Yilderim Group, Muhafaza Bn. No M.Gs. There is a
 a M.G. Company (of 4 M.Gs.) for this Battn at AMMAN, but it had
 not as yet completed its course of training.

Munitions: 150 rounds per man. 1 hand-grenade per man.
 In addition there is 1 bomb in reserve per man.
 On June 27th an order came through from H.Q., VIII A.C. to the
 Yilderim Group, Muhafaza Battn, to draw another 600 hand grenades
 from AMMAN. There is a very large ammunition depot of all
 kinds about 600 yards E. of AMMAN station; in addition there is
 another ammunition depot at 127.V.28 approx.

Organisation: 2nd Caucasus Cav Bde = 9th, 11th, and 7th Cav Rgts.
 Composite Divn - One Bn, 36th Regt, 2 Bns 142nd
 Regt, Yilderim Group Muhafaza Bn, 152nd Regt, Mule Mtd Inf,
 Regiment. 17th A.C. = 47th and 49th Divisions.
 (47th Division at MENEMEN, 49th Division at Panderma).

Intentions: On June 24th evening a detachment of 200 consisting
 of men selected from the 7th, 9th and 11th Cav Rgts
 Mule Mtd Inf and German Attack Coy were sent to reconnoitre
 the bridge across the Jordan nearest to the Dead Sea.
 At the same time a battery of 4/7.5 cm guns were to move up
 to KEFREIN village to cover them. The objects of this
 reconnaissance were to estimate the strength of our force
 holding the bridge, and to try and draw our troops to the
 E. bank of the Jordan. Fighting took place between 5 am.
 and 10 am. June 25th, and the detachment returned in the
 evening of same day.

P/W heard on 27/6/18 from his Battn's A.D.C. that an
 order had come through from H.Q. VIIIth A.C. that an attack
 was to take place in 5 or 6 days time. The A.D.C. gave
 the following as the plan of attack:-

There are the parts for 2 pontoon bridges with the
 German Attack Company. These Germans are to bridge the
 the Jordan and then with the 7th, 9th 11th, Mule Mtd Inf
 Rgts dismounted push across to the western bank with the
 object of seizing the hills, 1 hour W. of Jordan.
 Since the 24th June much more ammunition has been coming
 than previous to that date. On June 27th O.C. Yilderim
 Group, Muhafaza Battn received orders to put his men
 through a bomb-throwing and wire-cutting course. Wire
 was provided for the purpose.

The following is what P/W has heard from various officers
 with regard to the Turkish plans:-

3. IDENTIFICATIONS (continued)

The Turks one aim is to recapture Jerusalem. Their main attack is to take place on the Nablus front, whilst a feint attack will be made of the ES SALT front to keep the British forces in the Jordan Valley occupied. At the same time a certain Sheikh (formerly on the side of the Sherif) with 10,000 followers and 2 Turkish regiments from Roumania (probably 74th and 75th Regts, 25th Division), will attack the Sherif in the Kutrani direction, and will try and take the S. end of the Dead Sea, with the object of moving west and cutting our lines of communication.

Ps/W, estimate of Turkish forces, south of W. NIMRIN:-

152nd Regiment	300 rifles
One Bn, 36th Regiment	200 rifles
2 Bns, 142nd Regt	400 rifles
Yilderim Muhafaza Bn.	200 rifles
9th Cavalry Regiment	350 sabres
11th Cavalry Regiment	350 sabres
7th Cavalry Regt.	350 sabres
Mule Mtd Infantry	325 sabres
"German Attack Coy"	300 rifles & 200 Turks.

TOTAL 1700 rifles, 1375 sabres.

Outposts:

KABR MUJAHID. Outpost of 30 men with 1 M.G. night and day.
KEFREIN Village Outpost of 30 men with 1 M.G. during the day, at night time they patrol the neighbourhood.
TEL ER RAME. 30 men with 1 M.G.

They are all connected by telephone lines with Regt H.Q.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Ref 1/63, 360.

127.P.35.d.)
P.23.c.)

Blasting behind foothills.

F.23.d.

Commencement of fire bays, presumably a system to run through F.23.a., F.16.d., F.15.b. and a., and F.14.b. Enemy occupied these positions all day (June 26th) and worked with small parties continuously. Parts of this have been reported previously.

113.X.3.b.cent

Progress in work on trenches.

Considerable amount of blasting observed on summit of EL HAUD and slopes of JOFET DEREASI.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS
Intelligence Summary

I.51/95.

Up to 1630 - 29th June, 18.

1. OPERATIONS.

- (i) Right sector: Situation normal. Quiet night.
(ii) Left sector: Situation quiet.
(iii) Corps on our Left: Quiet night. Nothing to report.
(iv) Corps Coastal Sector: Situation unchanged.

2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA.

R.A.F. 1640/1940. June 28th.

Ref: 1/83,360.

EL ADEIME area. No movement.

SHUNET NIMRIN.

127.M.14.c.

G.28.

G.17.

50 cavalry stationary and 15 tents.
10 M.T. on SALT - NIMRIN road.
50 cavalry stationary.
20 infantry moving south.

BATANA area.

127.D.12.

50 infantry round bivouacs.

WADI FUSAIL area.

Normal.

R.A.F. 0530/0700. June 29th.

EL ADEIME, SHUNET NIMRIN and UMI ESH SHERT areas - No movement,

tentage normal.

WADI FUSAIL area. Very little movement. Tentage normal.

Right Sector Report:

127.T.1.a.

Patrol observed 12 cavalry at S.12.b. moving E.
Touch was lost at TEL EL MUSLIM.

P.25.d.

R.14)

R.3)

2 Turks cutting corn captured.

Enemy propaganda found.

Left Sector Report:

3 H.T. and 1 troop mounted men moving N.
on BELSAN road.

32 packs moving from RED HILL to MAFID JOZELEH.

130 cavalry came out of wadi at 113.W.9
moving W. to 113.W.10, re-entering wadi.

20 packs moving from 113.U.15 to 113.W.8.

15 infantry moving N. in 113.W.8.

20 dismounted men in 127.C.35. going S.

30 infantry moving from 113.U.34 to 113.W.10c

15 dismounted men in 127.C.19.c.

2 parties, 1 dismounted, 1 mounted, each

about 15 strong seen in 127.O.12.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

- (a) P/W and deserters from May 8th to June 28th, inclusive :-
P/W 73, Deserters 132 = Total 205.

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3. IDENTIFICATIONS. (contd)

(b) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 28/6/18.

P/W	Deserters	Unit	Taken at	Taken by	Remarks
1	2* off:	H.Q., 191st Yilderim Group Muhafaza Bn.	127.P.21.d. 127.P.21.d.	Onediv "	* Includes 1 cadet officer. Yilderim Group, muhafaza Bn, formerly known as Panderma Muhafaza Bn.
	1 offr:	H.Q. 49th Div.	127.R.20.	"	
	2 O.R.	3/63rd.	127.P.25.d.	"	
	1 O.R.	2/152nd	127.P.25.d.	"	

(c) A deserter from 2nd Battn, 152nd Regiment, states that only 2nd and 3rd Battalions are on the E3 SALT front. The former was in the line, and the latter in reserve. The location of 1st Bn was not known to him.

(d) A Cadet Officer of Yilderim Group, Muhafaza Battalion, confirms the statements about the Turkish plan of attack, made by the Greek officer of same unit, particulars of which were given in yesterday's D.M.C. Intelligence Summary, para 3. He also states that the German Attack Company is composed of 160 Germans and 140 Turks. Amongst the Germans are engineers and machine gunners. The Attack Company is under the orders of 2nd Caucasus Cavalry Brigade. One of our aeroplanes dropped bombs on this Brigade Headquarters on 27th instant causing numerous casualties.

(e) Deserters from 76th and 78th Regiments, who previously belonged to 3/74th Regiment; state that their battalion on arrival on this front about 12th June, was disbanded and used as drafts to units of VII Army, principally 26th Division. One deserter states that the other two battalions of the 74th Regiment proceeded east of Jordan, while others affirm that the whole regiment was absorbed as drafts. The disbanding of 3/74th Regt is accepted, but further confirmation is required of disposal of 1 & 2/74th Regt.

(G.H.Q.)

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. Nil.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. i. For 24 hours ending 0900, 28/6/18.

1345. Heavy gun fired about 30 rounds into 113.B.10 & 24 vicinity. Located by cross bearings in 113.R.15.b.0.7. Following bearings also received: 300° from 127.Q.4.a.2.8 and 257° from summit of KORUNTUL 314° from 113.Y.6.a.5.5.

1515. Long range gun shelled S. of JERIOHO.

ii. For 24 hours ending 0900 29/6/18.
No unusual activity reported.

6. ENEMY DUMPS Nil

7. TOPOGRAPHY.

(1) R.A.F. report 27/6/18 that a good road is apparently being made from KUTRANI to KERAK and several bodies of men were seen working on it.

(ii) Local Names: The following names have been included in the 1st Edition of "Parts of NIMRIN and SALT", 1/40,000 sheet which are authorized for official use:-

JACOB'S HOUSE	B.7	O.29.a.
DECCAN HOUSE	"	P.16.b.
LONDON HOUSE	"	P.21.b.
GHUBBE GRAVES	"	P.19.b.
CAVE RIDGE.	"	P.17.c.
THE MOUND	"	O.29.a.
MIDDLESEX HILL	"	O.34.a.
HUGHES HILL	"	O.34.c.

8. GENERAL.

(i) Greek deserter from 2/76th Regiment states that a large fire in Constantinople rendered 15,000 families homeless. Psamatia, Koum Kapou, Yedi Koule districts, and as far as the Golden Horn, have been burnt out. This news was brought by a Colonel who arrived from Constantinople.

Deserter was at Kadikieni on the date that the explosion took place at Haidar Pasha. His version of this is as follows:- The explosion took place between 3 and 4 pm. There were 2 trains in the station loaded with ammunition and the explosion commenced in one of these. Both trains were completely wrecked and a large number of men, reported about 500, disappeared. The Scutari-Sirkedji ferry boat was sunk and also a cargo steamer. Also many small tugs, motor boats, lighters and sailing craft. There were also the railway company's lighters which are used for transporting new rolling stock from the European railway line to Haidar Pasha, containing new wagons. These were also destroyed. All buildings and material in the vicinity were wrecked. The station is being rebuilt.

(ii)

Reliable agent reports:

Between 6th and 11th instant he saw about 1,000 troops arrive at ES SALT. The party proceeded to SHUNET NIMRIN. On 13th instant he saw about 400 German troops proceed by motor lorries from ES SALT to AMMAN. At AMMAN on 17th instant he saw the same number of German troops march south, reported destination KUTRANI. He heard on 23rd instant that Nouwaf son of Sheikh Nouri Abu Shalom of Rowalla tribe arrived at ZIZA with about 1500 men mounted on camels. His object was to co-operate with Turks and fight against the Sherif. He made certain demands from the Turks which were not granted. He then left ZIZA and proceeded East.

B. GENERAL (continued).

(iii) Land-mines. Deserter from 1/23rd Regiment, described as credible and intelligent states that land-mines have been laid in front of his regiment's defences and those of the 88th and 191st Regiments. They are laid 50 paces in front of the entanglements which are 50 paces in front of the trenches. This is confirmed by a prisoner from 191st Regiment who states that one exploded accidentally.

9. NEWS FROM OTHER FRONTS.

MESOPOTAMIA. Bagdad Railway:

According to an agents report dated 21st June the Turks are actively engaged on extension of railway towards Mosul. On 11th March rails had been laid to within 8 kilometres of Misihin.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1330 - June 30th, 1918

I.51/26

1. OPERATIONS

Ref: 1/33,330.

- (a) Right Sector: (i) 1700 June 29th. Situation normal.
Nothing to report.
- (ii) 0720. June 30th. Enemy patrols were active during the night opposite EL HENU. At 0030 patrol reached gate in our wire in this locality and tried to rush sentry but was driven off by Hotchkiss rifle fire. At 0100 rifle and M.G. fire was heard from direction of AIN SUEIME.
- (b) Left Sector: (i) 1700 June 29th. Situation quiet.
Nothing to report.
- (ii) 0630. June 30th. Situation normal.
- (c) Corps on our Left. Ref TELFIT (C.5)
- (i) 1900 June 29th situation unchanged. Enemy with aerial observation between 1000 and 1200 fired sixty 4.2 shells on K.23.b. and K.24.d.
- (ii) 0735. June 30th. Situation unchanged. Nothing to report.
- (d) Corps Coastal Sector: Ref: BIDIEH (C.4)
- (i) 1800 June 29th. Situation unchanged. Enemy shelled EL KIFR this morning.
- (ii) 0730. June 30th. Situation unchanged. Enemy shelled TIN HAT HILL (A.10.c.) at 2130.

2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA.

Ref: 1/33,330.

R.A.F. 1720/1900.

This reconnaissance which was made at a rather later hour than usual revealed considerable movement of infantry in the direction of our right sector.

WADI FUSAIL area.

Very little movement.

UMM ESH SHEET.

127.C.8.

40 cavalry stationary.

ES SALT - NIMRIN road.

127.M.21

Column of 500 infantry moving S.7. scattered by M.G. fire.

SHUNET NIMRIN area.

127.P.6.b.

U.21.

50 horses on lines.

100 infantry marching west.

Decrease in tentage of about 100 in the area W.1 to W.26.

Total now about 750 T.S., 250 north and 500 south of ES SALT road.

2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA (continued)

Note: This sudden decrease in this area denotes the move either accomplished or pending, of a considerable body of troops.

EL ADEIME area.
127.Y.28.

30 cavalry moving N.W. scattered by M.G. fire.

127.Y.11

500 infantry in column marching west.

R.A.F. June 30th.

Reconnaissance of tactical area was twice attempted this morning. The first attempt failed owing to a flying accident. On the second, the machine was attacked by 3 enemy aeroplanes and forced to land owing to damage to engine, leaving wadi FUSAIL and UMI BSH SHERT areas un-reconnoitred.

EL ADEIME area,
AIN ES SIR road
SHUNET NIMRIN

No movement
50 cavalry moving W.
100 infantry about 127.U.2.

R.A.F. June 30th 0445/0645.

Ref: TELFIT & DALIEH.

DOMEH area.
O.18.b.

50 infantry stationary behind hill dispersed by 200 rounds M.G. fire.

EL LUGHEIR.
O.26.b.

70 infantry behind hill (O.26.d.) with redoubt on top, fired on with 200 rounds M.G.

ABU ZERKA and WADI DALIEH areas. No movement.
R.1 - 2 - 7.

Trenches appear shallow with breastworks in front.

Right Sector report.

Enemy's local activity continues as before. He appears to be employing larger numbers of pack mules than usual, 88 being seen during the day.

NOTE: This may be due to the fact, reported by prisoner, that larger quantities of ammunition are being brought up. One troop of enemy cavalry moved from TEL GHASSUL to EL FAIZ.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Prisoners and deserters from May 8th to June 29th inclusive:
P/W 73. Deserters 134. = Total 207.

(b) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 29/6/18.

Deserters	Unit	Taken at	Taken by
1	Mule Mounted Inf.	127. Q.2.c.	Onediv.
1	8/83rd Rgt.	127. C.14.	Onediv

(c) Reliable deserter 136th Regiment states: 125th Regiment in reserve 113.U.20.

(d) Deserter, originally of 158th Regiment, states this regiment here, believed to be now on Nablus front.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS. (contd)

(e) A Deserter 2/76th Regiment states that the 147th Regiment and a M.G. company left Smyrna 2½ months ago, and on arrival on this front was attached to the 25th Division. He believes that the regiment is now in line east of the 53rd Division, and that the M.G. Coy went to the IV Army. The above must be taken with reserve pending confirmation as this regiment was identified at Phokia (27 miles N.W. of Smyrna) on 9/4/18.

(f) II Army Corps and 25th Division. Two Greek Officer deserters taken 27/6/18 state that H.Q. II Army Corps moved from DERAA to KUTRANI a fortnight ago. Two regiments from Roumania (probably 73rd and 85th) also went south to Kutrani with the intention of advancing on Maan.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Aeroplane photo's 142 E 344 - 359 show the following enemy defences (Ref NIERIN 1/40,000)
 Short lengths facing N.W. in W.27.b.0.2. and 3 - 4 semicircular redoubt W.21.c.7.4. Suspected M.G. emplacement W.21.d.6.4.
 W.20.b.8.2. - W.21.c.3.9. 4 trenches, semi-circular.
 Redoubt W.15.a.6.4. line of sangars just W. of crest from W.15.d.0.3. - W.9.d.3.0.
 Suspected M.G. emplacement at latter spot circular on crest of hill.
 Suspected gun-pits (2) W.15.d.7.3. Trenches facing W. & S.W. in W.9.a.2.2. Small trenches W.9.b.4.4., W.3.c.2.9., W.3.d.2.8.
 Small camps behind, largest in W.9.a. R.A.F.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. For 24 hours ending 0900 June 30th.

Hostile activity considerably less than usual.

6. ENEMY DUMPS.

N i l.

7. TOPOGRAPHY. Railways:

An agent reports that work was begun on the embankment and ballasting of the railway from RAYAK to AFULEH early in April. It is probable that only a road is at present under construction.

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8. GENERAL. Organisation.

(1) 146th German Infantry Regt:

A reliable agent reports that up to 20/5/18 about 3114 officers and men of this regiment had passed RAYAK south, mostly in small detachments.

A prisoner from the 3rd Battalion, taken on 16/6/18, whose statements are considered of doubtful reliability, stated that the regiment originally consisted of four battalions. One Battn was absorbed before leaving Macedonia, where part of 11th Grenadier (2nd Silesian) Regt, was drafted in. All unfit men, malaria patients, etc. were drafted out, only men classified "tropenienstfahig" (fit for tropical service) being sent to Palestine. Discharged malaria patients were sent to the Western front.

Previous information shows that the regiment in Macedonia consisted of 15 companies, of which Nos 5, 11 and 15 were machine gun units. Nos. 2, 7 and 9 were absorbed by other companies, leaving 3 bns, or 9 infantry and 3 machine gun companies.

8. GENERAL. Organisation (contd)

Companies of the 3rd Bn left Macedonia about 100 strong, but lost about 40 men per company en route to this front owing to venereal and other sickness. Since arrival one company is said to have lost about 55 men from typhus, malaria and dysentery.

An "Ersatz" (Reserve) unit for the regiment has been formed at its depot at Allenstein (East Prussia) and will probably number about 150 men. This left Allenstein about the end of May and should reach this front about the end of June or early in July.

(ii) 11th Reserve Jaeger Bn.

A reliable agent reports that three detachments of this battalion, comprising 21 officers, 654 other ranks and 431 transport animals, passed southwards through RAYAK between 19th and 23rd May.

NOTE: This apparently does not comprise the whole of the battalion, as the itinerary given in a diary of a man of this regiment shows that he arrived at Aleppo on 23rd May and at Damascus on 25th May. The number of transport animals given is abnormal as the normal number of animals with a battalion is about 60.

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