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Brigade

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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for month of October 1917

2nd L.H. Brigade

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
KAZAR	1st		- Brigade in bivouac - Training		
	2nd				
	3rd				
	4th		- Divisional Staff ride towards EL GUBBA		
	5th		- Practice turnout - ready for operations		
	6th		- Brigade Sports Meeting		
	7th				
	8th		- Training		
	9th				
	10th		- Brigade Scheme towards EL GUBBA - dismounted attack		
	11th	12th			
	14th	15th		- Training	
		16th		- C. in C. presented medals to Division - Representative Squadron from Brigade	
		17th			
ESANI	18th		- Training		
	19th	20th	- Preparing to move		
	21st		- Brigade moved to ESANI at night - very heavy march for transport		
ASLUT	22nd		- Very bad organisation for water - Brigade watered with great difficulty		
	23rd		- Water arrangements still bad		
	24th		- Water better - moved to ASLUT at night - heavy march for transport		
	25th		- Started developing water with strong working parties		
BEERSHEBA	26th		- Water supply coming slowly - Pushed reconnaissance by two Sqns of 5th L.H. towards EL MATRADA - difficult country - nothing seen		
	27th		- Water not adequate yet - Reconnaissance by 4th L.H. towards ARARA - some sniping		
	28th		- Water improving - Hoses of two Regiments sent to KHALASA to conserve supply		
	29th		- Hoses returned from KHALASA - water better - remainder Division arrived during night		
	30th		- Brigade moved at night via ARARA towards BIR EL HAMMAM		
	31st		- Brigade arrived at HAMMAM and made the line at BIR ES SAKATY good under very heavy shell fire. 5th L.H. attempted to gain heights dominating HEBRON Road but were held up by considerable numbers of enemy with machine guns		
			- BEERSHEBA taken.		

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