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Army Force 2110

of 2nd Light Horse Brigade for Month of December 1917.

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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| 1/2 mile South of Point 275 SHEET XIII | Dec 1 |      | Quiet day. Lieut Davies, Cpl Maguire & Spr Dobbs of 7th Regt. went at night through Turkish outpost line & brought in 1 Officer & 26 O/R deserters. M.C. and two M.M.'s awarded.   | FSU                                  |
|  | 2     |      | 5th Regt. outpost line heavily shelled during the day. One O/R deserter gave himself up to 5th Regt. BHQ. shelled by enemy guns searching for our artillery. A small party from 5th Regt. crawled out <sup>at night</sup> past enemy outpost and found the Turks working on their trenches.  | FSU                                  |
|  | 3     |      | 5th and 7th Regts. again heavily shelled. Our Artillery ranging on to BALD HILL and the SALIENT. At 20.00, with Artillery co-operation, the I.C.C. 100 members from I.C.C. and a similar number from 6th Regt. raided enemy trenches on BALD HILL and the SALIENT respectively. The 6th Regt. bayoneted 20 Turks and brought in 4 prisoners. They suffered 2 Officers and 23 O/R casualties (Lieut Owen Booth and 1 O/R killed and Lt. N. Dickson wounded) Very heavy reciprocal artillery fire. | FSU                                  |
|  | 4     |      | Enemy shelled along our trench lines throughout the day. Enemy evidenced his "jumpy" state by shelling our lines at about ten minute intervals from 19.00 until 22.30 (moonrise)   |                                      |
|  | 5     |      | Quiet day. Regular shelling continued about 20.00 until 23.00 with interval reduced to five minutes.   | FSU                                  |
|  | 6     |      | Quiet day. The 155th Infantry Brigade commenced to take over our trench lines at 18.00. Relief completed and Brigade moved off from point of assembly near YAZUR at 24.00. Heavy rain commenced at 20.00. Enemy shelled our trench lines during handing over and 5th Regt. suffered 3 O/R casualties.  | FSU                                  |
|  | 7     |      | Brigade bivouaced in vicinity of Jewish village WADI HANEIN. BHQ. and Field Ambulance billeted in the village. Camp sites situated near orange groves offering pleasant contrast to the bareness of previous bivouacs. Villagers very friendly and expressed great pleasure at the British occupation. Heavy rain continued throughout the day and night.  | FSU                                  |

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| WADI-HANEIN.     | 1917 Dec 8 | to   |                                      | Brigade resting. Steady rain continued until 10 <sup>th</sup> .   | <i>J.S.U.</i>                        |
| NEAR-ESDUD       | 12         |      |                                      | Brigade marched out of WADI HANEIN 10.00 and arrived at new bivouac area about 2 miles N. of ESDUD 15.00. Fortunately shelters were erected on the sand dunes as rain storms flooded the wadis and inundated the flats.   | <i>J.S.U.</i>                        |
| B 7 to SHEET XVI | 13         |      |                                      |   |                                      |
|                  | 14         | to   |                                      | Brigade resting.  | <i>J.S.U.</i>                        |
|                  | 31         |      |                                      | On 28 <sup>th</sup> the 5 <sup>th</sup> Regt moved out en route for 52 <sup>nd</sup> Divisional Headquarters, north of Jaffa. After a tedious march across the boggy black soil flats they received instructions on reaching RICHON LE ZION to rejoin their Brigade immediately. Heavy rains caused the roads to cut up badly rendering transport very difficult and often the rations and forage were short as a result. The bleak, rain-squally weather distressed the horses considerably. Full advantage was taken during the fine weather by all units for general training. | <i>J.S.U.</i>                        |
|                  |            |      |                                      | <i>J.S.U. Wikner Lieut Intelligence Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> L.H. Brigade for B.G.C.</i>  |                                      |

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