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OF

2ND. LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS

FOR

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

1918

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~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ SUMMARY FOR MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1918.

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Place	Date 1918	Hour	Ref. Map PALESTINE Sheet X111.	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WADI HANEIN	Feb. 1/2nd. 3rd. 4th			General training and athletic sports continued. <i>ASW</i> Divine Services held. <i>ASW</i> 7th Regt. under Lieut. Colonel G.M.M. Onslow D.S.O. V.D. marched out at 0800 to take over front line in the vicinity of NALIN from Canterbury Regt. of N.Z.M.R. Brigade. The horses with sufficient of the personnel were sent back to WADI HANEIN Camp area under the Command of Major T.H. Bird D.S.O. <i>ASW</i>	
	5th 6th			General Training. <i>ASW</i> General Training. <u>Divisional Football competition</u> . 6th Regiment beat Divnl. Composite team on ground N.E. of RICHON LE ZION. <i>ASW</i>	
	7/9th 10th			Raining intermittently. <i>ASW</i> Divine Services. <i>ASW</i>	
	11th 12th			General Training. <u>Football</u> . 6th Regiment beaten by Auckland Mtd. Rifles. <i>ASW</i> General Training. <i>ASW</i>	
	13th			General Training. <u>Football Finals</u> . 6th Regt. beat 1st Regt. thus scoring an aggregate of 6 points (2 wins), and coming 2nd. to Auckland Mtd. Rifles with 7 points (2 wins and a draw). <i>ASW</i>	
	14th 15th			General Training. <i>ASW</i> General Training. General Butler D.V.S. Desert Mtd. Corps inspected horses of the Brigade. <i>ASW</i>	
	16th			Divisional Band temporarily attached to 2nd. L.H. Brigade whilst 1st L.H. Brigade on JERICHO operations. <i>ASW</i>	
	17th 18th			Divine Services. <i>ASW</i> Brig. General G. de L. Ryrie C.B. C.M.G. V.D. and Major J.D. Richardson D.S.O. Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade visited 7th L.H. Regt. in front line. <i>ASW</i>	
	19/20th 21st			General Training. <i>ASW</i> General Training. General Bates inspected horses of the Brigade. <i>ASW</i>	
	22/23rd 24th			General Training. <i>ASW</i> Divine Services. <i>ASW</i>	
	25/28th			General Training. <i>ASW</i> During the month the Y.M.C.A. held two concerts. Local residents attended and greatly appreciated the items. Officers and other ranks were detailed to Schools of Instruction, Rest Camp at PORT SAID, and leave parties to JERUSALEM. "A" Squadron 6th L.H. Regt. under Major Cross still acting as escort Squadron to Desert Mounted Corps at DEIRAN. 7th L.H. Regt. had a quiet but busy time in front line, being occupied in road making and sangar building. This necessitated much blasting of rocks & heavy work. Sangars were built about 4ft 6" high, 6 to 8 ft. at base & 2 to 3 ft. at top & earth plentifully mixed with stones. <i>ASW</i>	
			1577 Wt. W10791/1773 500,000 1/15 D. D. & L. A.D.S.S./Forms/C. 2118.	Lieut. Intelligence Officer 2nd. L.H.B.H.Q. for B.G.C.	

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by
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Commanding 2nd. Light Horse Brigade AIF

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MOVES

7th Light Horse Regiment, 6 Machine guns, Field Troop Detachment and necessary sandcarts and personnel from Field Ambulance will move to front line in vicinity of NALIN on February 4th 1918 and relieve the Canterbury Mounted Rifle Regiment on that day.
N.Z.M.R. Brigade will provide a Guide.

ORGANISATION

This force will be according to the Dismounted Establishment laid down, and will be subject to orders from 10th Division, and under the Command of Lieut. Colonel G.M.M. Onslow D.S.O.

COMMANDS

7th L.H. Regt. who will use his discretion as to time of moving out and as to the advisability of led horses returning the same day or camping for the night at MIDIEH.

COMMUNICATIONS

O.C. 2nd. Signal Troop will make provision for any extra telephone gear required in excess of the Regimental establishment, and will get in touch with Regimental Signalling Officer as regards arrangements for despatches and other means of communication.

RATIONS AND FORAGE

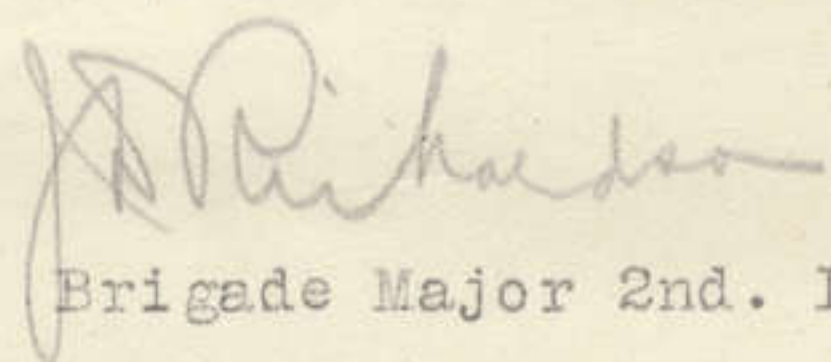
This force will draw on February 3rd. 1918 two days rations and forage. Unexpended portion plus one day's ration and forage will be taken by men and horses remaining in front line. Unexpended portion plus 1/3 by men and horses returning to Camp.

EXCHANGES

Exchanges as to ammunition and other stores should be made by mutual arrangement with C.O. Canterbury Mtd. Rifle Regt. as far as possible.

MARCHING OUT STATES

To be rendered to this office by 1800 on 3rd. February 1918.
Acknowledge.



Major

Brigade Major 2nd. Light Horse Brigade A.I.F

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2 5th L.H. Regt.
3 6th L.H. Regt.
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