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WAR DIARY

OF

Headquarters,

2ND LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE, A.I.F.

FOR

Month ending AUGUST 31st 1918.



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

Hdqs., 2nd Light Horse Brigade.
for month ending 31st August 1918.
Sheet 1.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TALAAAT ED DUMM	1st to 8th. 9th.		Brigade Resting. Heavy. evacuations through "MALARIA" contracted in the Valley (JORDAN.). Inspection of Brigade by Lieut. General Sir H.G. Chauvel, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., Desert Mtd Corps Commander.	cyd cyd cyd
Solomon's Pools.	10/11th.		During the night, the Brigade moved to a camp site 2 miles SOUTH of SOLOMON'S Pools on the HEBRON Road	cyd
	11th to 18th. 19th.		Brigade resting. Delightful weather. The men were considerably benefited by the change. Inspection of Brigade by Major General E.W.C. Chaytor, K.C.M.G., C.B., A.D.C., Comdg., ANZAC Mounted Division.	cyd cyd
	19/23rd.		Brigade resting. At 1600 the Brigade moved to KILO 3, bivouaced until 0330 on 24th August.	Appe ndix 1
XXXXXXXXXX XXXX.	24th.		Brigade moved from KILO 3 at 0330, arrived TALAAAT ED DUMM 0630, where the Brigade rested for the rest of the day.	cyd cyd
Wadi NEUIAMEH	25th.		Brigade moved from TALAAAT ED DUMM 0400 to bivouac site, square L.7 on the Wadi NEUIAMEH, resting there for the remainder of the day. At 1800 the Brigade moved to relieve the 12th Cavalry Bde in No. 2 Sub-sector, the relief being completed by 2230. The 38th Battalion Royal Fusiliers holding The MELLAHAH Line coming under the Command of B.G.C., 2nd L.H. Brigade.	cyd
Wadi AUJA.	26th to 29th.		Usual patrols carried out. Very hot xxxxxx weather. On the Night 29/30th a Squadron under Major W Patrick, 5th L.H. Regt., was sent to verify reports that continuous wire fencing was being erected in front of enemy defences, Reference Map JERICHO (B6) 1/40,000, from square F.2.b. - F.3.c.d. - F.4.a.b. - F.5.a.d. - F.6.c. thence SOUTH to about F.12.a.d. Patrol ascertained that a continuous fence existed from the JORDAN to F.3. Central, also approximately between F.5 & F.6. running in the direction of the foothills; none was observed running SOUTH towards F.12. A Gap was found roughly between F.4 and F.5, through which the Patrol passed; the patrol was fired on from enemy Posts covering this gap; patrol then returned, casualties 1 O/Rank wounded, one horse wounded. At 1900 on 29th August a special patrol of one N.C.O. & 6 O/Ranks of 38th Btn. Royal Fusiliers was sent out from STAR Post to reconnoitre vicinity of F.1.a.2.8. They ascertained that there was no wire in front of this position and the trenches did not appear to be properly completed. Party was heavily fired upon at close quarters, one O/Rank being killed, 1 wounded and 1 missing. One	+ cyd N/N

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HdQRS, 2nd Light Horse Brigade
for month of August ending 31st.
Sheet 2.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	30th & 31st.		<p>prisoner was taken. Six enemy were observed to be hit.</p> <p>Usual patrols. Intermittent shelling of No. 2 Sub-sector.</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i> Lieutenant, Intelligence Officer.</p> <p><i>[Handwritten mark]</i> 9/17</p>

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1	Brigade Operation Order No. 9 of 17/8/18

Reference Map, 1/63,³⁰⁰~~000~~1. INFORMATION.

The following rearrangement of the line is being made by orders of DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

NEW DIVIDING LINE.

(a). To ~~facilitate~~ facilitate administration, at 1200 on August 15th, No 1 Subsector, LEFT SECTOR will be included in the RIGHT SECTOR.

(b). The new dividing line between SECTORS will then be:-

(B.6) F.26.central - F.25.central - Z.30. central - due SOUTH along the Eastern bank of the WADI MELLAHAH to J.5.d.7.o. through J.10 - J.15 - KH ES SUMRAH - H.30.central - to JEBEL KURUNTUL.

(c) The Command of all troops in the AUJAH Bridgehead Defences including those of the WEST Bank of the JORDAN passes to G.O.C., RIGHT SECTOR at 1200 on 15th August.

(d) The responsibility for reconnaissances and patrols remain as at present.

2. MOVES.

(1) The 2nd.L.H.Bde (less 34th Coy Divisional Train) will leave SOLOMONS Pools area at 1600 on 23rd Inst for KILO 3, where 3rd.L.H.Bde will pass.

(ii) Leave KILO 3 for TALAAT ED DUMM at 0330 on 24th Inst.

(iii) Leave TALAAT ED DUMM at 0400 on 25th Inst. for LEFT SECTOR - relieving 12th Cavalry Brigade.

3. ORDER OF MARCH, from SOLOMONS Pools will be:-

Brigade Headquarters.

2nd Signal Troop.

"B" Field Troop.

7th.M.V.Section.

2nd Aust.M.G.Sqdn.

6th.L.H.Regiment.

7th.L.H.Regiment.

5th.L.H.Regiment.

2nd.L.H.Field Ambulance.

The head of the Column will pass starting point (on main road WEST of watering area) at 1600 on 23rd Inst.

4. MARCH DISCIPLINE.

Owing to dust and to prevent congestion of traffic, a distance of fifty yards between Squadrons will be maintained and strictest march discipline will be insisted on.

5. AREA STORES.

On relief, Units will take over all ammunition, area stores, and orders for the Sub-sectors and Posts. A certificate being rendered to B.H.Q. that this has been done.

6. MOVE OF TRAIN COY., 2ND LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE.

(i) Leave SOLOMONS Pools at 1500 on 22nd Inst for KILO 3, where 3rd.L.H.Bde Coy of train will pass.

(ii) Leave KILO 3 for TALAAT ED DUMM at 0300 on 23rd Inst.

(iii) Leave TALAAT ED DUMM at 1500 on 24th Inst.

7. TRAFFIC.

No wheeled transport is allowed to move on the OLD ROMAN ROAD (Northern) - it must use the NEW ROAD (Southern).

ACKNOWLEDGE.

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34th Coy Divnl Train.
& Normal distribution.

J. Richardson Major,
Brigade Major, 2nd Light Horse Brigade