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**Regiment**

April 1917

# War Diary

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|               | April 1917 |      |   |                                      |
| HILL 200      |            | 1    | Outpost and Patrol duties   |                                      |
| "             |            | 2    | "B" Squadron (previously detached at MAZAR) marched in and joined Sigs at HILL 200 at 14.00. Sigs, A & B Sqns now stationed at HILL 200   |                                      |
| "             |            | 3    | } Patrols carried out by Outposts and Escorts supplied by HILL 200.   |                                      |
| "             |            | 4    |   |                                      |
| "             |            | 5    |   |                                      |
| "             |            | 6    | Under instructions from B.H.Q., Regiment having been relieved of all outpost duties by 11 <sup>th</sup> L.A. Brigade, march to SHEIKH ZOWAID and camped for night.  |                                      |
| SHEIKH ZOWAID |            | 7    | Marched to and camped at a point 1 1/2 miles N.E. of KHAN YUNIS.  |                                      |
| KHAN YUNIS    |            | 8    | Men and horses resting  |                                      |
| "             |            | 9    | } Camp Routine.   |                                      |
| "             |            | 10   |   |                                      |
| "             |            | 11   |   |                                      |
| "             |            | 12   | Took over Outposts line at 15.00 from WARWICK YEOMANRY  |                                      |
| "             |            | 13   | Relieved of " " " " by DORSET "   |                                      |
| "             |            | 14   | } Camp Routine.   |                                      |
| "             |            | 15   |   |                                      |
| "             |            | 16   | Regiment moves out and joined up with B.H.Q. at 20.30 marching to SHELLAL with Division arriving in camp after watering 10.30 on morning of 17 <sup>th</sup> having covered a distance of 15 miles.   |                                      |
| SHELLAL       |            | 17   | From 10.30 to 15.00 resting. Regiment moved out & occupied outpost line EL NAQIL - EL DAMMATH - EL MARRA - GOZ EL GELIEB (reference map JERUSALEM $\frac{1}{250,000}$ ) spent quiet night. Relieved by yeomanry regiment at 06.30 on 18 <sup>th</sup> inst. |                                      |
| SHELLAL       |            | 18   | Moved into camp 1 mile S.W. of SHELLAL on W. bank of wadi at 08.30 and rested till 20.00 when Regiment moved to point 1/2 mile S.W. of BAIKET EL SANA in wadi (reference map BEERSHEBA $\frac{1}{125,000}$ ) arriving at 05.00 and camped.                  |                                      |

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| BAIKET EL SANA    | 19   |      | till 1500, when Regiment moved to spur BAIKET EL SANA and took over position held by 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Regiment. Coming under artillery fire, Regiment dismounted and moved into position sending horses back to WADI IMLEIH. After holding position 7 hours & repelling counter attack, Regiment moved with Brigade at 2400 to a point 1/2 mile N.W. of WELI SHEIKH NURAN. arriving at 1000 on 20th inst. Casualties in afternoon 1 O.Rank killed, 1 Officer, and 12 O.Ranks wounded. Lieut WELER detached to 74 <sup>th</sup> DIV. as liaison officer reported for duty at 1900. Major CHAMBERS died of wounds. |                                      |
| WELI SHEIKH NURAN | 20   |      | Heavily bombed by three aeroplanes inflicting heavy casualties in horses. Lieut SINCLAIR killed and 8 O.Ranks wounded. At 1500 marched to ABU EL HISEIA on E. bank of wadi and took over outpost line.   |                                      |
| ABU EL HISEIA     | 21   |      | At daylight "A" Squadron moved to GOZ EL GELEIB as advanced post, getting in touch with enemy cavalry. Shots were exchanged but no casualties. At 1530 Regiment less "A" Squadron moved to ABASAN EL KEBIR (JERUSALEM $\frac{1}{250,000}$ ) arriving at 2000. Joined by "A" Squadron at 2300.  |                                      |
| ABASAN EL KEBIR   | 22   |      | Bombed by aeroplanes. One O.Rank wounded. At 1500 moved to ABU SITTA arriving at 1630.   |                                      |
| ABU SITTA         | 23   |      | Regiment resting   |                                      |
| "                 | 24   |      | Regiment less details working on earthworks on HILL 310 just N. of   |                                      |
| "                 | 25   |      | KARIM ABU EL HISEIA (JERUSALEM $\frac{1}{250,000}$ )   |                                      |
| "                 | 26   |      | Regiment moved to SHELLAL at 0300 & returned at 1030. Moved at 1600 to point on WADI GUZZE, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile N. of SHELLAL arriving at 1800.   |                                      |

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| N. SHELLAL<br>(W. Bank) | 27   |      | Duty Regiment  |                                      |
| "                       | 28   |      | } took over SHELLAL - HISEIA outpost line. Relieved at 17.00 29/4/17   |                                      |
| "                       | 29   |      |  |                                      |
| "                       | 30   |      | In camp. Moves at 16.00 to point just N. of SHELLAL Crossing marked "Zool" on E. of wadi and occupied left of outpost (sector with 2 squadrons in line and 1 in reserve. |                                      |

  
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