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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
113Y 27 a.	1-9-18.		Camp Routine.	GP
"	2-9-18.		Camp Routine.	GP
"	3-9-18.		Regiment inspected by Corps Commander and Major General Featherston Director of Medical Services. Men turned out in Fatigue dress.	GP
"	4-9-18.		Camp Routine.	GP
"	5-9-18.		Relieved in our position by Wellington Mtd. Rifles, at about 2020. We took over camp site in H 33a which was vacated by Wellington Mtd. Rifles & whole relief was completed by 2207.	GP
H 33 a.	6-9-18.		Found bivouac area in a filthy & unsanitary condition. Cleaned bivouac area and settled down.	GP
"	7-9-18.		Camp Routine.	GP
"	8-9-18.		Camp Routine.	GP
"	9-9-18.		Camp Routine.	GP
"	10-9-18.		Camp Routine.	GP
"	11-9-18.		A' Coy. commenced Hotchkiss Gun practice on 300 yards range. No 1 & 2 teams were put through repetition & field fire rounds automatic.	GP
"	12-9-18.		C' Coy. carried out Hotchkiss Rifle practice.	GP
"	13-9-18.		B' Coy. carried out Hotchkiss Rifle practice.	GP

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H 33 a.	14-9-18		'A' Sqn. continued Hotchkiss Rifle Practice.	WPA
" "	15-9-18		'C' Sqn. continued Hotchkiss Rifle Practice.	WPA
" "	15-9-18	1830.	'B' Sqn. under Major Franklin, D.S.O., moved out plus 1 G.S. wagon and 2 L.G.S. wagons to report to Discomps Headquarters, SARONA as Escort Sqn. to the Corps Commander.	WPA
" "	16-9-18		Continued Hotchkiss Rifle Practice.	WPA
" "	17-9-18		Continued Hotchkiss Rifle Practice.	WPA
" "	18-9-18		Adjutant & Q.M. attended Staff Captain's conference at B.H.Q. re making of Brigade Dump prior to forthcoming operations.	WPA
" "	" "		Received orders from BDE. to be ready to move at short notice after 0530 & horses would not be saddled, but loads & packs ready & camp clear of dump stores.	WPA
" "	19-9-18	0330.	Reveille.	
" "	"	0430.	All blankets, ground sheets, steel helmets, which were not to be carried on forthcoming stunt were loaded & placed in BDE. DUMP in KUCWA.	WPA
" "	20-9-18		Camp Routine. Standing by, ready to move.	WPA
" "	21-9-18		During the morning received B.M. wire that a move was probable.	
" "	"	1830.	Received orders to be ready to move to WADI AVJA at 2000.	
" "	"	1920.	Received orders to despatch one Sqn. ('A' Sqn. under Major Brown) to patrol gap between the right of B.W.I. Regt. at C6/U36a to left of	WPA

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H 33 a.	21-9-18		Jewish Battalion at C6/x20. This Squadron left bivouac at 1955, via B.H.Q. at MADBEH.	
		1940.	Received orders to proceed to our old bivouac site independently in square B6/y27a and bivouac for night.	Source B6/y27a.
Kh. FUSAIL	22-9-18	0955.	Received orders at 0955 to move at once to Kh. FUSAIL.	
		1330.	All transport was brigaded and concentrated at No 1 crossing, WADI FUJA.	
		1620.	Arrived at Kh. FUSAIL, watered & bivouaced. Detailed half troop to escort Inverness Battery, and half troop already detailed, to return.	
		2200	Received orders to collect A. SAN. at 2 nd Batt., B.W.I., Headquarters at U17c and take up line, METEIL - END DHIB - EL MERMALAH and prevent enemy attacking N.Z.M.R. BDE. in their rear.	
METEIL.		2340.	Look up position with 2 M.G.'s and patrolled to C6/v4 central, and also established a post at junction of Wadis in V86	
MAFID JOSELLE.	23-9-18	0345	Received orders to move on to MAFID JOSELLE which we found all clear.	
		0930.	Left MAFID JOSELLE for UMMI ES SHERT and picked up our day's ration halfway.	
ES SHERT		1450.	Moved by No 6 road to ES SALT.	
ES SALT.		2400.	Arrived just outside ES SALT.	

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ES SALT	24-9-18	1330	^{bivouac for} Left AIN HEMAR.	
AIN HEMAR	"	1730	Arrived bivouac area AIN HEMAR, watered at 2000 & camped for night	GSR
AMMAN	25-9-18	0630	Left bivouac area; in support to NZ.M.A. & 2 nd L.H. BDE. who were attacking AMMAN. Took up line around 3513, in U31C.	MAP. AMMAN. 1/63 360.
AMMAN	"	1700	Withdrawn to BDE. at 3040 and pushed on to AMMAN and took up outpost line at Hill 3039, Square 712d. Horses line and bivouac area in a filthy & only available position close to the WADI.	GSR
"	26-9-18	0530	Outpost withdrew at 0530 leaving D.P. on 3039.	
"	"	0945	Regiment withdrew to BDE at AMMAN station & bivouaced.	GSR
WADI EL HAMMAN	27-9-18	0800	Left bivouac near AMMAN station with BDE & then held line along WADI EL HAMMAN. Lieut Mackrell with two troops pushed up WADI EL HAMMAN to SWEILEH to reconnoitre a supposed road from Railway line to latter place & found good motor road the whole distance. Took up outpost line covering WADI EL HAMMAN. Quiet night, all clear, no enemy in sight.	GSR

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WADI EL	28-9-18		Held observation post on V30 central and cairn in opposite ^{side} of road. Held same night outpost line.	CYP
HAMMAN.	29-9-18		No change in situation.	CYP
	30-9-18		No change in situation.	CYP

Chas. Stindart

MAJOR.

COMMANDING 2ND LIGHT HORSE REGT.

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