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1-3-1918 Nalin	<p>Work was carried out on the MESHAL ROAD. The party, under Lieut R.A. RILEY, made good progress. The road being fairly level, is suitable for all transport. The usual working party under N.C.O from Engineers were finishing up the MIDIEH grade. Parties manned the sangars at night as usual. The sangars have been almost completed and they are well constructed, being approximately 8 (eight) feet wide at the bottom, and 4 (four) feet at the top and vary in height, where possible a trench has been constructed about 2 ft. 6 inches deep, being blasted out of the rocks. Three M.G. positions have been constructed.</p>	cct
2-3-1918 NALIN	<p>Very heavy wind blowing - fine all the work on the roads except a small piece on the DUBLIN ROAD was completed and the Engineers are very well satisfied with</p>	cct

Palmerston - *Quets.*

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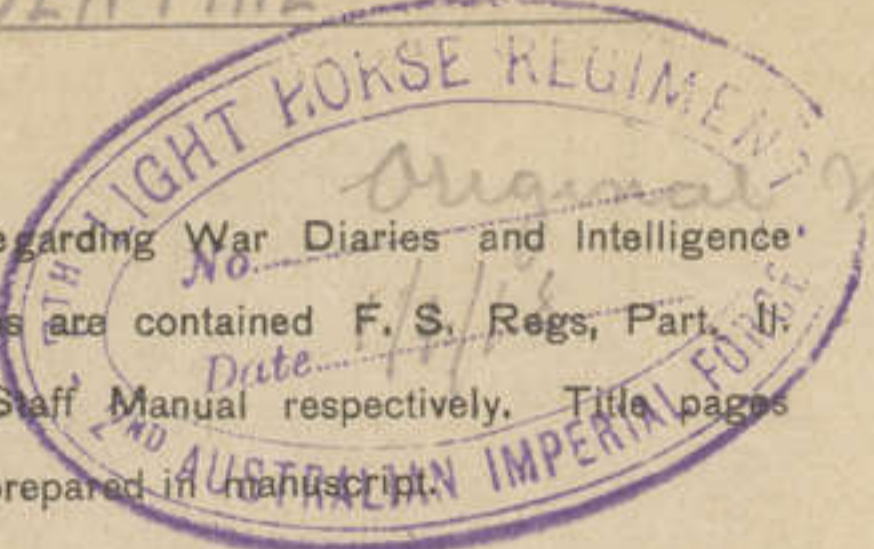
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2-3-1918 NALIN	cont. The work carried out. Strong wind still continues - fine	celb
3-3-1918 "	No work was carried out today except the usual Observation Posts. The weather is now beautifully fine and the wind has dropped. Shooting at 200 x 300 yards for competition, best 6 men out of each Squadron. Machine Guns won with A Squadron runner-up. The Infantry on both flanks moved forward. The 1st Leinsters (29th Bde, 10th Div) moved from 1179 on our Right and occupied country on BEIT ELLO Plateau without opposition. The flanks and the remainder of the 232nd Bde moved in conjunction with the 29th Bde & formed a line from SHUKBAH through KH. ARTABBEH along WADI JANNATA to BEIT ELLO with patrols going KH. ER RASHANIYEH (Reference Palestine Exploration Map Sheet 14 Sq. Z+F). No opposition was met except a post of about	celb

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3-3-1918 NALIN	Cont. Six men who sniped at long range & retired before our troops got near. We are now occupying a small piece of line with no one on either flank and the Infantry from 2 1/4 to 3 1/2 miles in front of us. Lieut. K. B. SUTTOR left for a Reconnaissance of JERICHO country with Bde Party	ced
4-3-1918 do	Shooting on Range for competition was continued with next best Team today. This was also won by M.G.S. Third best Teams shot during the afternoon and B. Sqn. won after an exciting go with C. Sqn., winning by one. Work on DUBLIN ROAD completed	ced
5-3-1918 do	S.O.R. evacuated to hospital sick. There were no working parties as all the roads are now completed. There was a good aerial fight seen today & two of our planes encountered two enemy planes. After a few shots our men brought down one of the enemy, which landed near LODD & was	ced

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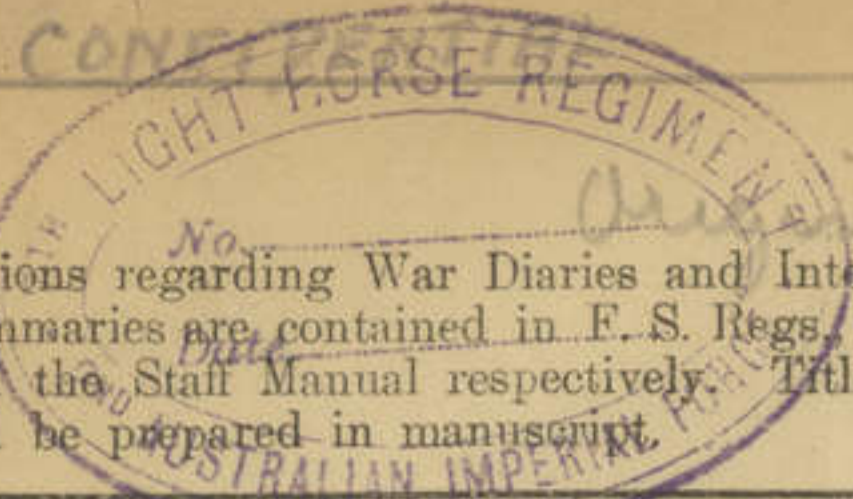
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5-3-1918 NALIN	cont very little damaged. Some spectators say the second enemy plane fell near MESHAL.	cld
6-3-1918 do	1. OR. evacuated to hospital sick Colonel Onslow D.S.O., V.D. & Orderly Room Sgt together with Orderly Room gear left for WADI HANEIN in anticipation of the move back. The Colonel going with ^B Divisional commander & Regt commanders to visit the new school for young officers at KE LAB. Word received that the Regiment would move back to WADI HANEIN and that horses would arrive tonight.	cld
7-3-1918 do	The Regiment left at 0900 and all trench stores & emergency rations left at 0830. Major ND Barton was in charge of the Regiment. Arrived in camp 1330 & immediately put up bivouacs. The horses all look very well & show that they have been well looked after in the absence of the Regiment.	cld

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NALIN	7-3-18		Major Bird D.S.O. is attending Senior Officers School, Beleopolis, 2.O.R. evacuated to hospital sick.	ced
WADI. HANEIN	8-3-18		Great overhauling of equipment & gear, every thing being got ready for a move at short notice. No definite orders are out yet but from all appearances it will come off in about a weeks time. Colonel Onslow returned from KE LAB.	ced
do	9-3-18		Still overhauling equipment & getting shortages from the squadrons. The Q.M. Staff are working at high pressure & indents are being completed in a very satisfactory manner. 2.O.R. evacuated to hospital sick	ced
do	10-3-18		Church Services were held at the Y.M.C.A. tent during the morning and a Dump Area has been allotted at LUPP for gear such as technical stores and other surplus that will not be able to be carried on the stunt.	ced
do	11-3-18		The Regiment formed upon parade mounted for an inspection of all gear & equipment at 1030. There was a good turn out & very few shortages found - Major Brodie, V.C. came round to interview Regt Leaders re obtaining suitable men for the A.P.C. Party of 1 Sgt & 3 O.R. left for Cairo if of surplus kits, entraining at KIL0 295 at 1600. One G.S. limbered wagon while on duty between LUPP and RAMLEH collided with a motor & was badly broken, the Driver, No 10 Dan Ryan, being taken to hospital. Received Operation Orders	ced - MAR 1918 ced Post

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for the coming move at 1800. The Regt moves past starting point at WADI HANEIN at 0845 tomorrow + bivouacs at LATRON the night + there comes under the orders of G.O.C 20th Corps. from there the Brigade moves to ENAB. Rations will be drawn at LATRON + ENAB. Three G.S Limbers + 4 rear portions together with mallee cart + water cart remain behind. The remainder of the Transport comes with the Regiment, also 56 camels which are to be used when the road becomes too bad for wheeled transport. Four 1/2 limbers will accompany the Regt with ammunition + flares + bombs. weather fine + cool

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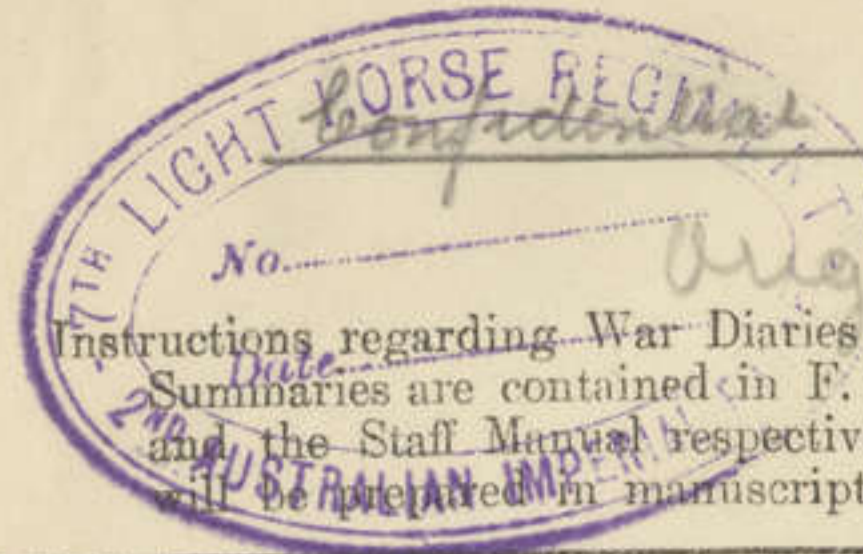
The Regiment paraded dismounted at 1030 for an inspection of Identity Discs + field dressings. All preparations for the move have been made - Lieut Spencer is in charge of Bde. Details + Dump, 56 men staying behind. Two sharp showers fell during the day but otherwise fine.

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Wadi Hanem	13-3-18		<p>Reveille 0445, Breakfast 0500 + Regiment moved off at 0900. As the camels had to be loaded early it was necessary to have breakfast at 0500 so that the cooking utensils could be loaded. All bivouacs and second blankets had to be loaded on G.S. Limbers. The camp area was left very clean. Tents were left standing + 56 O.R. left in charge of Sgt. Small + Asst. Sgt. McKay. Lieut. Spencer is Brigade Details. The Route was through RAMLEH, and along the main Jerusalem Road. Progress was very slow owing to the enormous amount of traffic. In many places the column had to proceed in half sections and we were continually being stopped. The order of march was column of Route with intervals of 150 yards between half squadrons. A halt was made for lunch at 1325 and we were to be ready to move again at 1400. An order came down for Representatives to meet Staff Captain (Capt. Barnock) at head of column to have camp site allotted. We were all very congested, but handy for Rations + water. Major Easterbrook detailed as watering officer by Col. Poulter for the Anzac Mt. Division while the Division is camped at LATRON. Rations + horse feed were carted on to the line by Divisional Train. One of our G.S. wagons was smashed coming out with A Squadron gear, but</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Lieut. Colonel O.C. 7th. Light Horse Regt. A.I.F.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">- MAR 1918</p> <p style="text-align: right;">C.E.H. W.T.D./S</p>

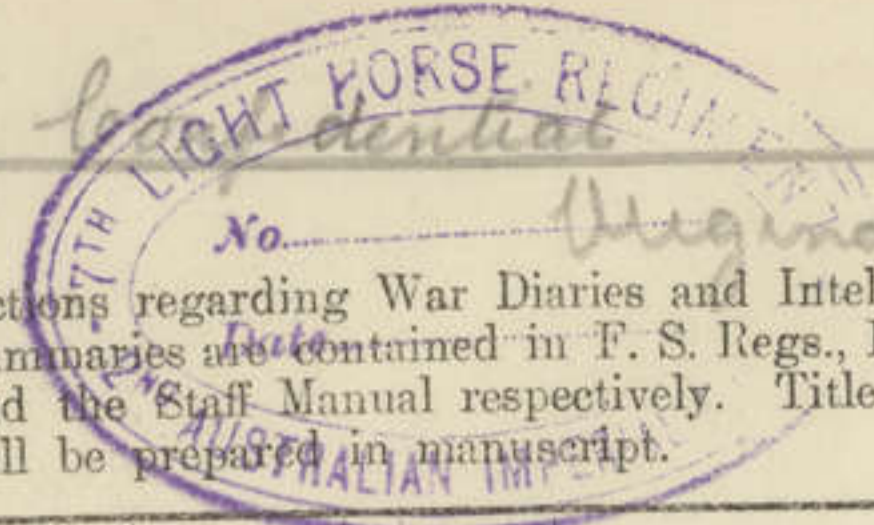
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WADI HANEIN	13-3-18		Due Bulgour, who is ic of the Limbers, got busy with wire, etc. and got the wagon into camp not much the worse for the accident, although the horses bolted with the front carriage. Enemy plane came over at great height about 1700. weather fine with occasional showers.	ced
LATRON	14-3-18		Camped all day at bivouac site, LATRON. no word of a move of any kind. sent in a Requisition for pay, which arrived about 2000. occasional showers. During the evening a heavy wind sprang up from the East & blew hard all night, causing much discomfort.	
do	15-3-18		Still blowing very hard but from S.W. and looks like rain. no word of a move yet. men all paid by 1400 and Acquittance Rolls made up.	ced
do	16-3-18		Rained heavily during the night & all day. Everything very muddy & wet, being camped on black soil. Received orders that 13de. group will move at 0930 for Jerusalem camp. Camels will be drawn at 0530. Representatives from units will meet Staff Captain at 0430 to be shown new camp.	ced
do	17-3-18		Still raining heavily & the Brigade moved at 0930. Lt. Bouvard went on to have camp site allotted, which is N.E. of Jerusalem, facing P. Stewart Park. Lieut. Colonel	ced ced ced

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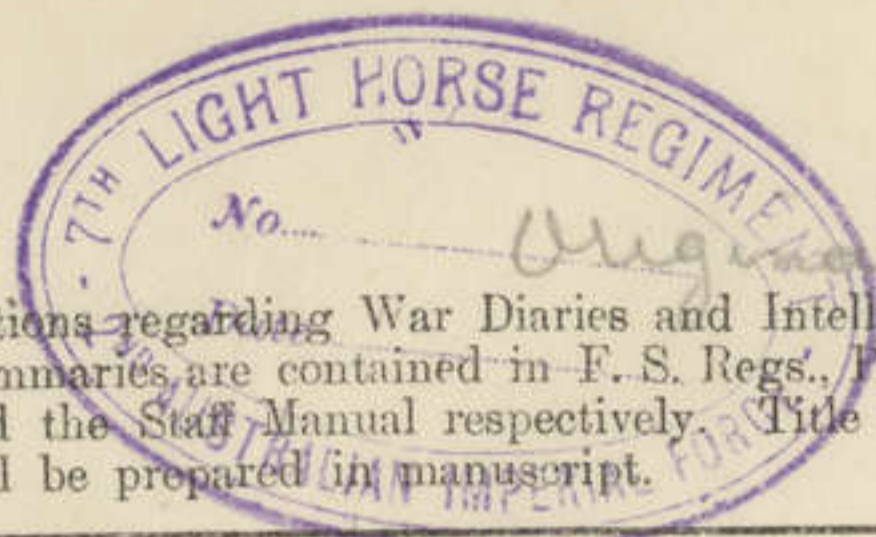
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LATRON	17-3-18		mount of olives. The Regt had a very weary ride up as the rain never ceased till about 1600, when it took up + was showing. Transport wagons arrived in good time + after unloading drew rations from Brigade Dump, which was handy to all units. Camels arrived about 1900. All blankets and bivvy sheets were soaked.	ced
JERUSALEM	18-3-18		Leave was allowed in parties of 12 O.R. under an officer to visit the city. All officers were kept busy taking parties. Brigade was to have moved at 1820 for Jericho. All arrangements were made for trekking + the order was cancelled for 24 hours which was much appreciated, as it gave many more a chance of seeing the sights of the Ancient city. Weather fine.	ced
do.	19-3-18.		Weather fine + cold. Orders for the Bde. Troop moving have been cancelled owing to the Jordan being in flood. Move will possibly take place tomorrow night. Operation orders have been received. C Squadron (Mjr Barlin) are to escort to the Engineers Demolition Party who are to blow up the line near Leban (2). A Squadron (Mjr Eastbrook M.C) to act as right flank guard and 2 troops of B Squadron (Mjr Dillsallan D.S.O) to be left flank guard and one troop rear guard leaving	- MAR 1918 ced

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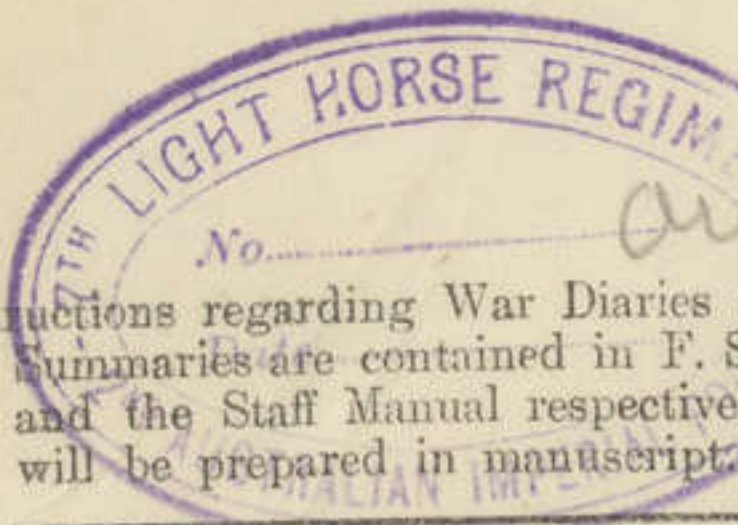
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Jerusalem	19/3.18. 20.		<p>Leaving one troop B Squad + HQ to guard with Main Body. Capt. Johnson & Lieut. Riley with 30 O.R. were detailed as town picket to prevent all members of Bde entering the city unless on duty or in organised parties. 10 O.R. under Sgt. Cross were also detailed for duty near Damascus Gate. This morning an order came through that all ranks except team parties had to go for two hours route march. This party was in charge of Lieut. Finlay, M.C., D.C.M. and went round the Mount of Olives. Two muster parades were held at 1800. & 2000 - only one man was absent. Horse feed has been very light, & horses have lost lot of condition. Today 2 lbs extra grain was issued but fodder was light, & the Indian hay was very poor quality and very few of the horses will touch it. The Duke of Cornwall visited Jerusalem today and was accompanied by Gen. Allenby.</p>	
- do -	21.3.18.		<p>R.C. Church made to celebrate Mass in Holy Sepulchre at 06.30. Large muster was go paradeing. Other denominations was held at Jerusalem. Lieut. Colonel G. C. 7th. Light Horse Regt. A.I.F.</p>	<p>ced ced 11/11 - MAR 1918</p>



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Jerusalem	21-3-18.		at Cathedral, Jerusalem. Bishop of Jerusalem presiding. Between 140 - 150 Sappers Troop all camped to camp except two parties under an officer. Bde moved out at 1920 for Jalut Edum / same order of march as previously, destination being reached at 0130. Camp very crowded & stay weather fine. Remained in bivouac all day. Horse feed very light & all horses falling very quickly.	CED
do-	22-3-18.		Remained in bivouac all day. Lt (Lt Holland) evacuated to hospital. Horse feed very light with little or no graining to be had. Weather fine but very muggy and close.	CED
	23-3-18.		Remained in bivouac until 1915 when the Bde moved out and marched to a mosque on the W. side of the Jordan River. Bivouaced from 2300 23.3.18. till 0230. 24.3.18 when Bde moved on. Weather windy & dusty but the march to the Jordan Valley was made under clear sky.	CED
Jordan	24-3-18.		Waking at 0230 many huts were made & the river Jordan was not reached until about 0530.	CED MAR 1918 8 1/2 CED

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Jordan	24-5-18		<p>The River was spanned by a pontoon bridge at Makhaget Hagla, and after the Regiment had passed over many evidences of the late occupation of the Eastern Bank by the Turks were apparent. Hostile abandoned dugouts and trenches were everywhere to be seen. Moving on across the plains to the foothills some four or five miles distant from the River, the Regiment was in rear of Brigade for a mile, then A Squadron under Major Easterbrook moved out as right flank guard of the Brigade. B Squadron (Major Willsallen) left flank and Rear Guard, and C Squadron + Hqs in main body. The line of advance was through waving plains of barley, amongst which we came upon two wounded Turks and a dead German or Austrian whose body had been stripped of all clothes. The Turks were handed over to the ambulance. At 10.15 a halt was made about a mile short of the foothills at Salha, where breakfast was partaken, Brigade being established at Kabai Myahed. All along the line of advance Arabs, mounted and on foot, and armed with modern rifles gave us a very friendly welcome, and on being questioned were found to belong to the Adwan Tribe who are allied with Sherife Faisal. During the halt the chief of the Tribe was interviewed and courtesies exchanged with him. The scheme</p>	

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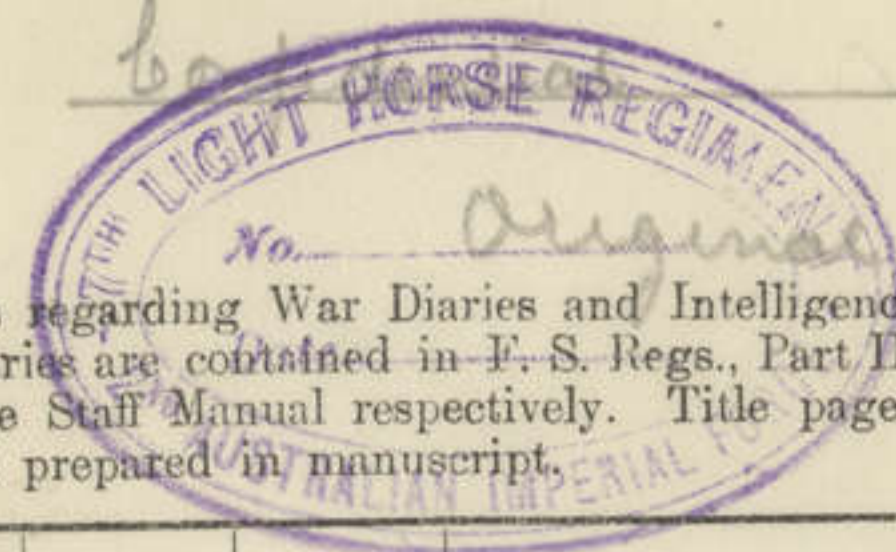
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Jordan	24-3-18		<p>of Operations at present being undertaken is as follows: The 60th Division is making the advance, with Es. Salt as its immediate objective. The 2nd L.H. Bde is Right Flank Guard to the Division. The N.L. Brigade is Advance Guard of the Division and the 1st A.L.H. Bde left flank Guard. After breakfasting at Salha we pushed on up into the hills with no opposition. About 1500 the Division halted for water, and during the halt a message came that approximately 1000 Turkish Cavalry had been seen on our right flank. The column deployed and after an unsuccessful search we started on our way. Almost immediately the roads became so bad that we had to leave all our guns & wheeled vehicles behind under a guard. Up the hills we went through falling rain and along accessible roads muddy & slippery and finally at about 0330 25th the order came back "Bivouac where you are".</p>	NAD
do	25-3-18		<p>Early in the morning the march was continued in very heavy rain and at about 0430 we halted for the day in a Wadi near Ain el Heki, which bivouac we left again at 1900. The roads now were not so heavy nor so impossible. At about 2200 we passed through the village of Naaba, where all the inhabitants were standing round and then along the same road to Δ 3179 (Reference map AMMAN 1/63 360). Turning northwards we reached the ES-SALT - AMMAN Road at about 0630 and about an hour later were in bivouac at a spot 142.9.23B. The sun was now shining & except for an occasional shower the weather was glorious. A section patrolled towards ES. SALT</p>	NAD
do	26-3-18		<p>Patrol northwards</p>	<p>MAR 1918 8024/14 NAD</p>

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Jordan Amman	27.3.18		<p>At 0830 we moved out along the EL FUHRIS - AMMAN Road to an attack on AMMAN. 4th Regt. was Van Guard of Division and its screen was shelled after about 2 hours marching. Then came much rifle + machine gun fire which was directed chiefly against the screen. A shell from a 4.2. gun landed right in the main body column amongst the 6th L.H. doing little damage. Regt. HQ was established near B.H.Q. on a hill shown on the AMMAN map 142 X SA. and A + C squadrons advanced to the attack in open formation against the enemy in tangas on the far side of cultivated ground. B Squadron was not present in the AMMAN operations, its personnel being absorbed on other duties. Machine guns + shells steadied the advance and soon the horses had to be sent back on account of their bogging in the soft ground. A Sqn under Major Easterbrook started an advance about 1 mile beyond R.H.Q. at 1115 where he was held up. C Sqn under Major Barton was on A Sqn's left and here too the advance was checked about 1000 yards ahead. Much mutual machine gunning + rifle firing, but the enemy held an enormous advantage in having field guns, light + heavy, to which we had nothing to reply. The N.Z. Bde could be seen at about 1130 advancing on our right in waves of open order, followed a little later by the I.C.C. The first plane (one of ours) made its appearance at 1130 and circled round for a while and not taking a very active part in operations. The General Advance had reached within about a mile of AMMAN by 1300 after much fighting. At 1130 R.H.Q. was shelled and driven to a fresh position.</p>	

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AMMAN	27-3-18		<p>one of a group of shells killing a sergeant and wounding 3 OR + killing 3 horses + wounding two others. The line was now more or less stationary except on the extreme right where the Banterbury Rifles (N.Z.) were making good progress towards + south of the Railway. At 1525 the 6th LN had to withdraw on our left and this withdrawal caused the whole of the centre + left to come back to a position some 500 yards in rear. The Turks here made very desperate efforts especially against C' sqdn, where 3 out of the 4 Officers were soon wounded. Major Barton, Lieut Butler + Lieut Finlay - and about 20 men were wounded. The situation was a little on the critical side for about half an hour and the 5th Regt. (in reserve) was called up, but had not to be used, and so the general situation remained during the night. Soon after dark a Demolition Party with 2 sqdns 5th LN as escort made a dash for the Railway line some 3 miles north of AMMAN and there blew up a bridge + some lengths of rail. There was little enemy activity during the night. (Operation Order attached and marked appendix 1.)</p>	
do	28-3-18		<p>During the morning there was a general quietness along the line. At about midday there were cheers all round when a battery of Mountain Guns made its appearance on the scene and took position near 4th Hqs. A little later the 2/13th London Infantry came along and relieved us of our sector. Orders had come previously that in the afternoon the Anzac Division would make a dash mounted for a spot NORTH of AMMAN Railway line, whilst the Infantry and troops on our right were making a frontal attack on the enemy position. The attack was timed to start at 1300 and right on time we started off on our horses for the left flank, the while our relieving</p>	<p>1918 - MAR 1918 1918 1918</p>

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AMMAN	28-3-18		<p>were forming up for the attack. Then came a surprise for us. An eleventh hour order changed our role. we were detailed to co-operate with the Infantry in a frontal attack, so off the horses we came and under cover deployed into 2 long lines in extended order with a depth of about 200 yards in between. without any delay our dismounted attack started and we advanced across waving green barley fields, with the 6th Regt on our left and in sight, and the 2/13th London Regt. on our right and out of sight. For a mile we advanced over the fields & down a long wadi under slight rifle fire & machine gun fire and with a few shells busting round us. at the end of the wadi we came upon an impassible barrier, a low hill lined with stone sangars, bristling with machine guns from which an incessant and deadly fire was poured in on us as we stood up or lay down in the barley. It was a veritable stone wall and there was nothing for it but to retire, which order was given after we had been there some 20 minutes, during which time we had a good many casualties. During our retirement back along the wadi some 40 machine guns were turned on us & on the 6th Regt. and men were everywhere falling. a tally showed our casualties to be 2 killed, 2 missing & 24 wounded.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>Back one more to our lines we reorganised and took up a line of defence on the hill which the 6th Regt had held before the</p>	

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for month or of March 1918
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AMMAN	28-3-18		the attack started. During the night there was a calm, for which we were thankful. Patrols were pushed out and the enemy carefully watched.	
do	29-3-18		During the day there was no fresh attack and we held our sector without any casualties, in spite of incessant machine gun fire and, at times, lively shelling. The L.O. (Lieut. Col. S.M.M. Onslow) was given command of the left sector of the line from the left flank of the Infantry to the extreme left flank held by the 6th L.H. A Squadron of Wellington mounted Rifles under Major Batchelor being attached as Reserves. In the afternoon an Operation Order (attached + marked Appendix 2) came round for a fresh attack on AMMAN at 0200 on the night-29/30th March.	
do	30-3-18		At 0200 the attack was started with the 2nd L.N Bde acting as a pivot and guarding the left flank of the line. There was a good deal of machine gunning to be heard, and when daylight broke we could see that our right flank neighbours, the 2/13th Londoners, had advanced some 800-900 yards. All day long the battle raged, with the Infantry attacking and the Turks counter-attacking, the scale being tilted this way, then that. From our position the Turks could be seen massing for the various counter-attacks and our flanking fire with 4 machine guns and about the same number of Hotchkiss Rifles must have caused them great losses. The range was about 1600 yards. In the	<p>1240</p> <p>MAR 1918</p> <p>8/2/18</p> <p>Lieut. Colonel</p> <p>O. C. 7th. Light Horse Regt. A. I. F.</p>



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AMMAN	30-3-18		<p>late afternoon it was reported that on the right all objectives had been reached and that N.Z. Troops had entered AMMAN. A counter-attack was expected along the whole line after darkness had fallen, but none came. But instead there first came a surprise & then a bomb shell. The first was a despatch ordering all units to withdraw to the lines they had held originally, and following close on this came a secret order "all units will be withdrawn from this area tonight". We were very much surprised & could not understand why we were withdrawing until we were told that on account of the recent continuous rains and a consequently swollen River Jordan, supplies & ammunition could not be kept up to us. It was a great blow to us after our heavy casualties which by this time had amounted to 47 killed, 2 missing & 47 wounded. - in a Regiment that was little over 200 strong on going into action. All night long the withdrawal was being effected and our orders were that the Brigade would form the Rearguard.</p>	
do	31-3-18		<p>When dawn had broken to all intents and purposes it seemed as if the situation remained unchanged. The Turks were in their old places and, much to our chagrin so were our Infantry, who should have evacuated during the night. However they were having trouble in getting their wounded away and it was not until 0910 that we were free to make a move out. Long before this the enemy planes had discovered what was going on and shells and machine gun bullets began to fly over our position in search of both us and our horses.</p>	<p>had - MAR 1918 had 1918</p>

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AMMAN	31-3-18	<p>We were lucky not to have had great losses for we were in a tight corner which would have been very desperate had the Turks been a little more enterprising. However, we managed to withdraw successfully, the 5th L.H. bringing up the rear of the Brigade and covering our operations. By about 1130 we were well started on our way towards SWELIEH, being left flank guard to a main body composed of 181st Infantry Brigade, Somerset Battery, Field Troop + B.H.Q. looking back we could see our 5th L.H. rearguard slowly retiring + fighting a rearguard action with an ever increasing number of the enemy. It was about 1500 by the time we reached SWELIEH. Here we drew rations for our horses and proceeded to FINES SIR for our own rations. Arrived there we drew our rations, boiled up, and started on our trek for ES SALT at about dusk and in heavy rain. Of the many unpleasant rides we have had in the past few weeks this was the worst. All the time rain, and the bitterness of the piercing wind was very great. We were very thankful when within a mile or two of ES SALT, we met our staff captain on the road side, who allotted us our bivouac for the night in a terraced valley up among the high mountains.</p>	

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The following message received from B.H.Q. AAA Put out a strong protection Tonishi and see that left flank is well patrolled AAA your line should be held as a series of strong points and this ridge where B.H.Q. and the Seventh H.Q. was will be held in a similar manner AAA. Patrols must be pushed out at intervals during the night to keep touch with enemy and if he vacuates AMMAN troops will enter it as soon as light AAA. If not vacated attack will commence at 0640 AAA reinforcements for left flank in shape of 1st LH Bde and light cars are

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will send out mounted patrols at 2315 and 0215 to at least a mile from the left of his position AAA any enemy movement will be reported at once to 7th H.Q. AAA Stand-to at 0400

From	Q.C.O 7 th LH
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hoped for tomorrow morning AAA. There is a Squadron of W.M.R on extreme left flank near Swili AAA. Major Cross' Squadron should get in touch if possible AAA ANZacs have been asked that a Squadron of 6th L.H and four machine guns be allowed to return to B.H.Q. as reserve AAA B Sqn 6th will send out patrols to meet 7th L.H. Patrols at 6th L.H. Hotchkiss gun position on Seventh's side of Wadi at 2315 and 0215 AAA you will also send out patrols ^{ward} towards to get touch with enemy immediately after above mentioned hours and report result to 7th H.Q. AAA Major Cross

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Listening posts must be pushed well out and under no circumstances must the present infantry left be allowed to get in the side of the assault will be made without firing and not until it is evident that the enemy is thoroughly alarmed will any demonstration be made but when this is clear units will make every effort to attract attention to themselves by rapid fire taking into consideration also the necessity of husbanding ammunition units will have lamps ready in case

From	of telephone wire becoming
Place	lost
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AMMAN will be attacked tonight
 Royal troops move off to attack
 will be 0200 AMM I believe NZMR
 Bde Hill 3039 AMM P. B. B. Eastern
 end of spent in their immediate
 front of the Bde group the right
 companies end of Citadel AMM
 AMM Remainder South eastern
 bank of Wadi Amman west
 of Wadi Ruak AMM CW reaching
 Collocations Brigades will re-organ-
 ize and strengthen positions and
 will put reconnoissances for
 a further advance at dawn
 AMM The 2nd L.H. Bde will protect
 the northern flank of the infantry

From	with troops as previously de-
Place	stated AMM Patrols and
Time	29th

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will be the headquarters of 7th Regt. AAA if necessary the 5th Regt will form the advanced guard of any forward move AAA The demobilisation party will be ready to move and commence work at the shortest notice AAA Acknowledge

From	2 nd Lt A Bode
Place	

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lost by any unit of the Bde and every effort must be made to be ready to exploit any success in the morning AAA All officers, mess and crew must know exactly where they are and what unit are on their flank AAA Care must be taken not to fire or listening posts or patrols and neighbouring units will warn each other what they have out AAA Each headquarters should have six gallopers detailed ready AAA A rally^{ing} point for each unit must be made

From	known to all ranks and in
Place	the event of serious trouble
Time	the rally ^{ing} point of the Bde

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7th A.L.H

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