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WADI KHEIMA ES SALT 1-4-18	<p>Men had a good nights sleep for the first time after crossing the JORDAN. At 0900 the Regiment moved with Brigade and proceeded to SHUNET NIMRIN. The road was packed with refugees from ES SALT making for the JORDAN. A mile SOUTH of ES SALT rations were drawn and two miles further on the Brigade halted on the RIGHT of the road and horses were fed up and the men had their midday meal. Heavy showers fell throughout the day and the road was in a very wet and boggy state. Various reports were received that the Turks were following up closely and that the Circasians from the village of ES SUR had fired on the N.Z.M.R. Brigade. Word also came through that the Turks has massacred all the Christians at AMMAN.</p>	Cgd
ES SALT WADI KHEIMA JERICHO 2-4-18	<p>The Brigade moved out from SHUNET NIMRIN at 0545 XXXX crossing the JORDAN by two pontoon bridges, moving to camp site SOUTH of the WADI KELT, about a mile from JERICHO, arriving there about 1230. During the ride from NIMRIN many men, although tired out after the Operations, dismounted and allowed numerous women and children refugees to ride their horses, which they led.</p>	Cgd

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JERICHO 3-4-18	Shallow trenches were dug against air raids men were able to bathe and to wash clothes in the WADI KELT. At 1645 "A" Squadron moved out to report to the I.C.C. Brigade at the WADI AUGUA Shortly afterwards the Regiment received similar orders, moving out at 1800, arriving there at 2100. Regiment bivouaced for the night SOUTH of the WADI AUGUA. Lt. Holland returned from hospital during the afternoon, and Lieut. Ducker, Acting Adjutant, returned to his Squadron. 4 o.r. evacuated to hospital sick during the day.	EJA
WADI AUGUA 4-4-18 (Ref. Map Palestine Exp. Fund Sheet 15.)	At daylight the Regiment moved to camp site in small Wadis off the OBEDIH for protection. Horses were sent to water in the WADI AUGUA, about a mile distant. "A" Squadron reported sending an Officers Patrol at 0700 to patrol the EAST and WEST banks of the WADI MELLALAH. (as far as Square Z.11.D.). returning at 1200. A small body of enemys Infantry and Cavalry were observed EAST of the JORDAN, also an Officers Patrol at 1300 to watch the enemy, but nothing of importance was observed. A reconnaissance to the EL AUGUA Ford was made by Lieut. Riley, who reported there were no enemy in the vicinity, that the river was 30 yards wide and 4'6" deep, the current running strongly, making it difficult for horsemen but not impossible. The approaches on the EAST bank being steep and the WEST bank fair. "B" Squadron sent a patrol of 1 Section under Cpl. Tomkin to connect up with the 74th Infantry Division at EN NENE about 7 miles to the WEST, but owing to	EJA - APR 1918 EJA

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WADI AUGUA 4-4-18.	<p>the very steep and difficult nature of the country failed to get in touch. On account of the xxx casualties caused by the AMMAN Operations the following redistribution of Officers took place;</p> <p>"A" Squadron. Major C.C.Easterbrook Lieuts. J.Dalton, R.R.Chapman & R.A.Riley.</p> <p>"B" Squadron. Major T.L.Willsallen. Lieuts. Ducker N.G., C.E.Stanley & J.A. Dowsett.</p> <p>"C" Squadron. Captain H.I.Johnson. Lieuts. L.L.Williams, D.R.Waddell & J.H. Walker.</p>	Lyo
WADI AUGUA 5-4-18.	<p>"A" Squadron sent a patrol under Lieut. Chapman to the AUGUA Ford Post, the Squadron being relieved by "C" Squadron at 1800. "B" Squadron sent 1 troop under Lieut. Dowsett to 2nd Batt. I.C.C. to patrol their front after dark, 2 listening posts being put out about 1500 yards in front. and a mounted patrol sent out at intervals Lieut. Stanley and a Section were sent out to get in touch with Infantry on EN NEJNE. They succeeded in getting in touch with a patrol of the Devon Regt. on EN NEJNE itself. "C" Squadron on relieving "A" sent out the following patrols, 1 troop to the WADI OBEDIAH with a forward post overlooking the AUGUA Crossing and a small party with Hotchkiss rifle on the SOUTH Bank of the WADI AUGUA. 1 O.R. evacuated to hospital sick during the day.</p>	Lyo
WADI AUGUA 6-4-18.	<p>"B" Squadron sent 1 troop under Lieut. Ducker to relieve Lieut. Dowsett and a section was also sent to get in touch by helio with the EN NEJNE Patrol. "C" Squadron sent 1 troop to patrol the WADI MELLAHAH at 0700 returning at 1100. This patrol was sent out again during the afternoon and reported three small parties of enemy cavalry and</p>	Lyo

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WADI AUGUA 6-4-18.	Infantry moving EAST of the JORDAN. An 18 pndr. Battery was notified, who fired on these targets with good results. At 1500 this patrol reported that the bivouac camp in Square F.18 (Ref. Map ES SALT Sheet) had been evacuated. At 1815 this Squadron received instructions to increase the number at the AUGUA Crossing to three sections and send frequent patrols to Square Z.12. (Ref. Sheet 15) 3 O.R. evacuated to hospital sick during day.	Ego
WADI AUGUA 7-4-18	"B" Sqn. sent 1 troop under Lieut ^x Stanley to relieve Lt. Ducker. The latter reported that one of his listening posts was fired on and two bombs thrown. Lt. Stanley sending out three listening, moving patrol being discontinued. Sgt. Hunter & a Section carried out the EN NEJNE patrol. They reported being shelled while returning along the AUGUA. "C" Sqn. reported that 6 enemy motors left Square O8 (ES SALT Sheet) and proceeded to SHUNET NIMRIM. The MELLAHAH Patrol reported good artillery targets about Square F.16, an enemys' Headquarter Camp being observed. 1 troop was then detailed to escort a section of the 18 pndr. battery to MELLAHAH to fire on this target. Enemy were seen to evacuate the camp in confusion. The Post at the AUGUA Crossing captured one of the enemy who was badly wounded. 1 troop was detailed as a standing night patrol on the WADI MELLAHAH. 2 O.R. evacuated to hospital sick during day.	Ego
WADI AUGUA 8-4-18	Sgt. Brody & Section from "B" Sqn. Came xxxxx carried out the EN NEJNE Patrol, reporting "All clear." Lt. Ducker and troop were sent out to patrol the WADI AUGUA to the LEFT of the I.C.C. Bde, and during the night maintained a listening post there. "C" Sqn. on the RIGHT of the Camel	Ego

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WADI AUGUA 8-4-18	Bde. reported very little enemy activity observed during the day. 1 troop from "A" Sqdn. relieved Post at the AUGUA Ford. 2 O.R. evacuated to hospt, sick during day.	Eyo
WADI AUGUA 9-4-18	Lt. Stanley and troop from "B" Sqdn. relieved Lt. Ducker on the AUGUA Patrol, sending out an observation Post till dark, and then linking up with the LEFT of the Camel Bde., a listening post being sent out along the AUGUA and also a moving patrol. This patrol reported "All clear," except for shelling of the I.C. Post at 0400. "C" Sqdn. reported at 0530 1 Sqdn. of enemy Cavalry and 1 Battn, of Infantry, with transport, at SHUNET NIMRIM proceeding NORTH. This Sqdn. received instructions to send out frequent night patrols EAST of the WADI MELLAHEH and to furnish hourly reports to the I.C.C. Bde. The MELLAHAH Troop was reinforced by three sections. At 1700 the regiment received instructions from I.C.C. Bde. to stand to as the Turks were concentrating to the NORTH of their post at MUSSALLABEH also that large bodies of mounted troops were approaching from the NORTH, who turned out to be 1200 hostile cavalry. Sometimes there was considerable artillery fire on both sides. The Regiment remained saddled during the night, ready to move at 10 minutes notice. Every preparation being made to reinforce the line in the event of an attack. At 2200 word was received from I.C.C. Bde. that the 6th L.H. Regt. would arrive at 0400 the following morning and occupy our camp, also that the Regiment was not likely to be called out until their arrival. 1 O.R. evacuated to hospt. sick during day.	Eyo
WADI AUGUA 10-4-18	At 0300 the 6th L.H. Regt. arrived and this Regt. moved out at 0400 at which time the enemy opened out	Eyo

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<p>WADI AUGUA 10-4-18</p>	<p>with heavy artillery and rifle fire on the line held by the I.C.C.Bde. The Regt. moved up the WADI AUGUA meeting Lt. Stanley at 0500 who reported all clear on the LEFT Flank. Further patrols were then sent out and were fired on from the high ground N.W. of TEL EL TRUNI. A day observation post was then sent to TEL EL TRUNI. At 0915, all being quiet, the Regt. returned to camp, leaving Lieut. Dowsett and 1 troop to patrol on the LEFT Flank of the I.C.C. During the morning an enemy deserter gave himself up to the Camel Corps. and reported that the Turks instead of attacking commenced to withdraw at 1930 the night before. During the afternoon Brigadier General Smith, V.C. and several Regtl. Officers inspected the line along the line along the LEFT Sector. He then decided to allow two Sqdns. of this Regt. to move over and camp in the WADI ABEID in order to reinforce the LEFT flank at short notice if required. "C" Sqn. on the RIGHT flank reported a quiet day, no unusual movement of the enemy being observed, either on the MELLAHAH or the AUGUA Crossing.</p>	<p><i>Eja</i></p>
<p>WADI AUGUA 11-4-18</p>	<p>At 0600 the Regt. moved out to support the LEFT Flank word being received that the enemy were advancing against Lt. Dowsett's troop and a determined attack was being made on the I.C.C.Bde's post at MESSALLABAH. The Regt. on crossing the flat between the WADO CBEID and AUGUA was shelled from the high ground to the N.W. of TEL EL TRUNI but cover was found to the N. of the AUGUA. At 0845 instructions were received to withdraw the Regt. to camp, 1 troop under Lt. Ducker being left to patrol this flank. At 1400 another heavy attack was made by the enemy on the Post at MESSALLABAH and were also concentrating on the LEFT Flank. In consequence of this the remainder of "B" Sqn. were ordered out to this flank, remaining there throughout the night. At 0500 "C" Sqn. reported that the enemy were attacking the 1st. L.H.Bde. Outpost</p>	<p>- APR 1918</p>

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WADI AUGUA 11-4-18	Line from the MANDESI Ford EASTWARD. This Sqdn. then received instructions to reinforce the AUGUA Post by 1 troop At 1000 snipers were reported to be worrying the right hand post of the I.C.C.Bde. & Lt. Walker was sent out with 1 troop to try and dislodge them, but was unable to proceed further than Z.12.B (Ref. Sheet 15). He reported Z.6.B. strongly held by 1 30 Cavalry and about 20 Infantry with two machine guns. The remainder of the Sqdn then moved out to watch enemy positions and remained at Z.12.B. during the night. 2 O.R. to hospital sick.	
WADI AUGUA 12-4-18	At dawn a troop of "A" Sqdn. moved out to relieve "B" Sqdn. Lt. Riley's troop remaining on duty on the LEFT of the line for 24 hours. "C" Sqdn. reported at 0400 1 mounted prisoner captured by post at Z.12.B. and that the enemy troops reported the previous day still in position. This Sqd. was relieved by a Sqdn of 6th L.H. soon after dawn and returned to Regt. Hqs. Lt. Chapman's troop from "A" Sqdn. relieved the 6th L.H. Post at the AUGUA Ford. At 1145 word was received received that the 2nd L.H.Bde. were out to make a reconnaissance along the old Roman Road as far as the WADI FUSAIL. All the Regt. with the exception of Lts. Riley and Chapman's troops concentrated in the WADI OBEDIAH. At 1230 the Bde. moved forward, "B" Sqdn. of this Regt. forming the Advanced Guard. Lt. Stanley's troop moving out in small parties in front of the screen, B.H.Q. & R.H.Q. were established at MESALLABAH. After passing this point the screen came under shell fire and pressing forward beyond the WADI BARKH came under M.G. Fire from the foothills to the N.W. also from the WADI MELLAHAH at the S. end of marshy ground. A Regiment of Cavalry were also observed some three to four miles in a northerly direction. Lt. Williams with two troops of "A" Sqdn.	<p style="text-align: center;">BYD</p> <p style="text-align: right;">APR 1918</p> <p style="text-align: right;">E.H.</p>

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WADI AUGUA 12-4-18	<p>moved up to within 80 yards of the UMM ESH SHERT Crossing where his screen was held up by M.G.'s and snipers.</p> <p>The position occupied by the enemy having now been ascertained it was decided to withdraw at 1545.</p> <p>During the withdrawal there was considerable shelling by the enemy but with little effect. The Regt. arrived in camp at 1900, "A" Sqdn. leaving a post of 1 troop under Sgt. James EAST of the MELLAHAH throughout the night. 50 O.R. reinforcements arrived during the day. 1 O.R. wounded and evacuated.</p>	

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WADI AUGUA 13-4-18	1 Troop of "B" Sqdn. relieved Lt. Riley near Tel el Truni. Lt. Dalton and a troop of "C" Sqdn. moved out at dawn to relieve S S.M. James. At 0730 a Squadron of the 6th L.H. passed through to carry out a reconnaissance of the UM ESH SHERT Crossing. Lt. Dalton's troop then withdrew till 1530. "C" Troop of "A" Sqdn. relieved Lt. Chapman at 0630 at the AGUA Crossing.	CJD
WADI AUGUA 14-4-18	Lt. Donkin left for A.F.C. for instruction in Contact Patrols, etc. The usual Posts were found at TEL EL TRUNI, AUGUA Crossing and MELLAHAH. There is nothing unusual to report from the AUGUA or MELLAHAH Posts. TRUNI Post reported that this position was occupied by a party of 12 Turks who fired on them. 1 O.R. was wounded, also two horses. At 0900 Lt. Dowsett and troop occupied this Post. 29 O.R. reported with remounts from Moascar.	CJD
WADI AUGUA 15-4-18.	During the morning three troops of "B" Squadron co-operated in a minor enterprise on TRUNI and found the place unoccupied. At 1830 the Regiment moved from the WADI OBDEIH to prearranged camp site along the WADI ABEID. At 2300 Lt. Stanley and troop was sent to reinforce the TRUNI Post as the 2nd L.H. Bde. reported considerable movement in the TRUNI area. All quiet throughout the night. 2 O.R. evacuated to hospital sick.	CJD
WADI AUGUA 16-4-18	Party of 30 O.R. engaged in constructing roads from camp site to Camel Hqrs. Horses were grazed during the day. Sgt. Harper went to WADI HANEIN in Bde. Motor Car to obtain necessary returns and stationery. 2 O.R. evacuated to hospital sick.	CJD
WADI AUGUA 17-4-18.	Three troops of "B" Squadron under Major T.L. Willsallen, D.S.O., made a reconnaissance of the WADI BAKR. This party proceeded to Square 113.Y., 20, 14, 8 and 2 (Ref. Palestine Sheet 15). The Reconnaissance was most	CJD

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WADI AUGUA 17-4-18	<p>Satisfactory, getting in touch with the enemy in Square 2, who fired on patrol with M.G. & Rifle fire. also a few shells were fired. During the day the enemy fired a few shells into the camp area but no damage was done. Observation throughout the day was most difficult owing to the high wind causing heavy dust storm. The usual posts were sent to TRUNI, AUGUA CROSSING & MELLAHAH.</p> <p>The following Decorations were awarded for AMMAN Operations:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 210 W.O. & R.S.M. Keen T.L. Military Cross 1079 Sgt. Baly B. Military Medal 3026 Tpr. Bell J.R. do do 1033 " Williams E. do do 2816 " Gilligan J.B. do do <p>Captain L.W. Davies returned from Detached duty with Desert Corps Hqrs. and posted to "B" Squadron. 1 O.R. evacuated to hospital sick.</p>	<p><i>epd</i></p>
WADI AUGUA 18-4-18	<p>Three troops of "C" Squadron under Captain Johnson and 1 troop of "A" Squadron under Lt. Riley left camp at 0430 to make a reconnaissance of the WADI BAKR. This party were able to reach the same position as the party the day before and were then held up by rifle and machine gun fire, a few shells were also fired but no damage done. Orders were received for the Regiment to concentrate at 2nd L.H. Bde. Hqrs. pending a demonstration to be made EAST of the JORDAN. The Regiment less two troops of "A" Squadron under Lt. Chapman, who were left at the TRUNI Post, moved out at 1400 and arrived at B.H.Q. at 1616. Men had tea there and Regiment moved on again at 1730, bivouacing for the night close to the JORDAN on the WESTERN side. Fine and warm throughout the day. 3 O.R. evacuated to hospital sick.</p>	<p><i>epd</i></p>

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WADI AUGUA 19-4-18	<p>The Regiment moved off at 0400, crossing the JORDAN at the GHORANIYEH Bridge, bivouacing about 600 yards to the EAST where the men had breakfast and horses were fed up. Horses were watered in the WADI NIMRIM. The Regiment then moved on a further half mile, remaining in reserve throughout the day. 1 troop under Lt. Riley was sent out as escort to the guns and came under heavy shell fire but no damage was done. At 1500 the Regiment received orders to withdraw about half a mile, the Bde. would concentrate there and would withdraw after dark. In the meantime the men had tea and horses were watered and fed. At 1800 the Regiment withdrew with Brigade, bivouacing for the night in Brigade area. "C" Squadron under Capt. Johnson were left out on patrol with orders to keep in touch with the enemy throughout the night. Lt. Donkin returned from detached duty with R.F.C. 1 O.R. was evacuated to hospital sick during the night.</p>	C/O
WADI AUGUA 20-4-18	<p>At 0815 the Regiment moved off and returned to the old camp site near the WADI OBEID. "C" Squadron rejoined the Regiment at 1330 and reported keeping in touch with the enemy throughout the night and withdrawing at 0800. Men engaged in erecting bivouacs. Major T.H. Bird returned from School of Instruction.</p>	C/O

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WADI AUGUA 21-4-18	<p>At 0500 Lieut. Ducker & Troop relieved Lieut. Chapman Chapman on the TRUNI Outpost Line. His patrols sent out from there were sniped at during the day, especially during the afternoon. At 1900 Lieut. Dowsett and troop were sent out to support this post during the night. Lieut. Riley and troop were sent as Guard of Honour to I.C.C. Bde. Hqrs. for presentation of medals. Lieut. Waddell & Walker and two troops carried out the patrol to the WADI BAKR. Parties from each Squadron commenced defensive defensive works NORTH of the WADI OBEID overlooking the low country across the WADI AUGUA to the N.W. 4 O.R. evacuated to hospt. sick Lieut. Chapman & 4 O.R. left for training Cadre, Moascar.</p>	<p><i>CPD</i></p>
WADI AUGUA 22-4-18	<p>Two troops under Lieut. Williams were sent out to carry out the BAKR patrol at 0600. They were held up on reaching Square Y.2, by rifle and artillery fire 1 horse being wounded. At 1730 1 troop under Lieut. Dalton proceeding to TEL EL TRUNI Post to reinforce Lieut. Stanley for the night. Parties from each Squadron continuing the work on the WADI OBEID Line after dark.</p>	<p><i>CPD</i></p>
WADI AUGUA 23-4-18	<p>Lieut. Dalton & 1 troop relieved Lieut. Stanley at TEL EL TRUNI Post. Enemy occupied TEL EL TRUNI during the but were driven off by Hotchkiss fire from post at Y.19.B, and a patrol sent out to the NORTH was fired on by the Turks from Square Y.20 central and then withdrew. Lieut. Waddell's troop was sent out to support Lieut. Dalton during the night. Usual parties after dark digging and improving trenches on WADI OBEID Line.</p> <p>The BAKR Patrol was carried out by Capt. Davies and 1 other officer and two troops who made the followi</p>	<p><i>CPD</i></p>

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<p>WADI AUGUA 23-4-18</p>	<p>report;- "I left camp at 0900 and proceeded north through Squares Y.21 & 15. When about Square Y.8. Central I was fired on by a party of enemy Infantry in Square Y.2. Central. and a certain amount of artillery fire from approximately Square T.6. Central. Under cover of Hotchkiss fire my screen pushed forward across Wadi in Squares Y.8 & 9. About 12 enemy Infantry then retired into the WADI EL MEREIGHAT. The screen then came under fire from Ridge in W.31.C. Small parties of enemy Infantry could be seen on the SOUTH Bank of the WADI BAKR, also a trench was observed in Square W.32.C. EAST of and guarding the road, also a line of trenches along ridge running through Square R.36.D. and W.31.C. Total number of enemy seen approximately seen about 40. At 1200 I withdrew to camp." At 2000 Lieut. Ducker and 20 O.R. moved out to carry out a minor enterprise NORTH of TEL EL TRUNI. Usual parties sent out to work on the WADI OBEID line after dark.</p>	
<p>WADI AUGUA 24-4-18</p>	<p>Lieut. Ducker and party returned to camp at 0500 and made the following report;- "At 2000 on the night 23/24th I moved out with 20 O.R. via STANLEY'S HILL to gorge in the WADI AUGUA. My objective being to surprise any enemy parties coming to water from posts in Square T.17. I made TEL EL TRUNI good by 2100 and reached Square T.23.A. by 2145 where apparently this post was accustomed to water. I remained in this position until 0230 on 24th and observing nothing withdrew back to camp. On the journey outwards I left my horses about 500 yards N.N.E. of TEL EL TRUNI and proceeded to point of objective on foot." At 0500 Lieut. Dalton and troop returned to camp</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">- APR 1918</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Edg</i> <i>Edg</i></p>

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WADI AUGUA 24-4-18	<p>from the TRUNI Post leaving Lieut% Waddell and 1 troop in charge. The usual patrols were sent out from this post during the day and were fired on at long range from the N.W. of TEL EL TRUNI. At 1900 Lieut. Walker and troop went out to reinforce this post during the night. Lieut. Dalton and two remaining troops of his Squadron commenced digging a new defensive line running from the WADI AUGUA through Squares Y.10.D. and 20.C & D. on the left of the I.C.C.Line, returning to camp at 2300. At 1700 Lieut. Riley and troop were sent to report to I.C.C. Brigade Headquarters to carry out a night patrol between the MESALLABEH Post and the MELLAHAH Post.</p>	
WADI AUGUA 25-4-18	<p>At 0900 the C.O. and Major Willsallen and 4 men made a reconnaissance of the line to EN NEGME, visiting the Headquarters of the Cyclists Battn., 53rd Division, returning to camp at 1930. At 0430 troop under Lieut. Williams relieved a troop of "C" Squadron at TRUNI Post. Usual patrols were sent out during the day, position normal. At 1800 Lieut% Riley and troop went out to reinforce this post during the night. At 0600 Lieut. Waddell and two troops carried out the BAKR Patrol, reaching Square Y.2. A few shots only were fired at them and no artillery fire. After dark parties from "B" & "C" Sqdn. under Major Bird and Capt. Davies continued work on the new defensive line NORTH of the AUGUA. Lieuts. Ducker & Walker & 6 O.R. left for Schools of Instruction. R.S.M. Keen left for 14th A.G.H. to undergo medical test for A.F.C.</p>	

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WADI AUGUA 26-4-18	<p>were</p> <p>Two troops under Lieut. Riley relieved the at TEL EL TRUNI Post by Lieut. Dowsett and 1 troop. Lt. Stanley's troop carried out the BAKR Patrol. He reported reaching Square Y.2. and that his troop was shelled both going and returning, no casualties. After dark parties from the three squadrons continued digging the new line of trenches.</p>	LGD
WADI AUGUA 27-4-18.	<p>Lt. Williams and 1 troop made the BAKR Patrol, reaching Square Y.2. He reported that a few shells were fired and usual rifle fire. Usual parties employed after dark digging the new line of trenches. 2 o.r, evacuated to hospital sick. At 1700 the Regt prepared to move out to rejoin the 2nd Bde. as soon as it relieved by the Stafford Yeomanry.</p>	LGD
WADI AUGUA 28-4-18 WADI AUGUA 28-4-18	<p>The Regiment was relieved at 0130 less 1 troop under Lt. Dowsett at TRUNI Post, who was relieved later. The Regiment moved out at 0215 and proceeded to Dump 1½ miles S.E. of JERUCHO, arriving there at 0530. Rations were then drawn and issued. Men had their breakfast and horses were fed up and watered. At 0800 the C.O., Major Bird with "C" Squadron as escort, left to make a reconnaissance EAST of the JORDAN, crossing by a pontoon bridge near the HAJLA Ford. The remainder of the Regiment with Major Willsallen in charge moved to bivouac site half a mile beyond the JORDAN and alongside Brigade. During the day the C.O. carried out a reconnaissance with a view to an attack on KABR SAID and KABR MUJAHID returning to camp at 1700. After dark a guard was mounted over the HAJLA Pontoon.</p>	LGD
HAJLA FORD 29-4-18	<p>The C.O. made further reconnaissances during the day. - During the morning with Capt. Cates, Patailla Infantry and 1 troop of "A" Squadron as escort - during</p>	LGD

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<p>HAJLA FORD 29-4-18</p>	<p>cont, the afternoon with Lt.Col. Eughster, 28th R.H.A.Bde. Commander, with 1 troop of "C" Squadron as escort. The C.O. selected a position for his Hqrs. in Square R.27.C. (ES SALT Composite Map) for the forthcoming attack and R.H.A. Commander selected positions for his battery. Capt. Williams and four relay riders went to view the route on which the relay posts were to be placed in order to connect with the 60th Division during the attack. The following troops came under command of C.O. 7th L.H.Reg't. at 2000x* for the purpose of attacking the Turkish positions extending from KABR SAID to KABR MUJAHID</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">7th A.L.H.Regiment.20th Bde. R.H.A.1 Battn. Patiala Infantry1 Squadron Hyderabad Lancers2 sub-Sections 2nd Bde. M.G.Sqdn. <p>Orders were issued to each of these Units to concentrate at the old Turkish Huts in Square Q.34. The column marched from this position at 2000 2000 toplace of deployment in Square R.27.C. "A" Squadron forming the front and flank protection as far as this point.</p>	<p>EGD</p>
<p>HAJLA FORD 30-4-18</p>	<p>At 0200 the Patiala Infantry marched out to attack the position at KABR MUJAHID. Simultaneously "B" Squadron moved out on the right to attack KABR SAID. Two troops under Lieut. Dalton were detailed to protect the left flank of the Infantry. Captain Johnson with remaining two troops of "C" was detail ed as escort to the Artillery "A" Squadron, the Hyderabad Lancers and two Machine guns were held in reserve, the remaining two Machine guns reported to Major Willsallen.</p>	<p>EGD</p> <p>- APR 1918</p> <p>E. W. P. 19</p>

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<p>HAJLA FORD 30-4-18</p>	<p>cont. The attack on the two main posts of the enemy's position commenced at 0200. The Infantry after slight opposition at SALHA occupied KABR MUJAHID at 0300. A slight counter-attack was made against them at 0430. At 0530 they were compelled to withdraw a short distance owing to heavy shell fire. During these operations the Infantry sustained 13 casualties. At 0300 Major Willsallen's Sqdn. occupied KABR SAID after slight opposition. Patrols were then sent out who reported that the enemy had withdrawn to high ground about 2000 yards to the EAST. The positions gained were held through the day. The R.H.A. bombarded the enemy with intensive fire at intervals, drawing heavy enemy shell fire. At 1400 orders were received for the 7th Regt. would be relieved by the remainder of the HYDRABAD Lancers the Command then to be taken over by General Harbord. The relief was completed at 1630, less the two troops under Lieut Dalton, who withdrew with the Infantry at 1930. The Regiment concentrated at BUTMED HALUL about two miles S.E. of the GHORANIYEH Bridgehead at 1830 with two sub-sections of 2nd Bde. Machine Guns. The Regt. bivouaced at this position. Lieut. Dalton's two troops rejoined at 2230. During the day 7th L.H. sustained the following casualties;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 o.R. wounded 3 horses wounded. 	<p><i>CyD</i></p>

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