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**WAR DIARY**

OF

7th LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT, A.I.F.

FOR

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TALAAT ED DUMM	1.8.18.		Remained in camp at TALAAT ED DUMM. Usual Regtl. duties and Guards were found. After lunch very heavy wind got up and blew until sundown 5 o.r. evacuated to hospital sick during the day.	YMS
"	2.8.18		Lt.Col. Onslow resumed command of the Regiment on the return of Brig.Gen. Ryrie to B.H.Q. Usual Regtl. duties. Very heavy wind blowing. 3 o.r. evacuated to hospital sick during the day.	YMS
"	3.8.18.		Brig.Gen. Ryrie visited the lines and conversed with the men. Regtl. duties only found. 8. o.r. evacuated to hospital sick during the day.	YMS
"	4.8.18.		Divine Service was held at B.H.Q. in Commemoration of Declaration of War. As this was a Compulsary Parade there was a large attendance. 3 o.r. evacuated to hospital sick during the day.	YMS
"	5.8.18.		Usual camp duties. Nothing to report.	YMS
"	6.8.18.		do do 3 Off. 6 o.r. evacuated sick during the day. 14 o.r. Reinforcements reported.	YMS
"	7.8.18.		Usual camp duties. 2 o.r. evacuated to hospital sick during the day.	YMS
"	8.8.18.		Usual Camp duties. 3 o.r. evacuated to hospital sick during the day.	YMS
"	9.8.18.		General Chauvel inspected the Brigade dismounted. The Regt. formed up and moved off the lines at 1000 and formed up at B.H.Q. at 1045 in a hollow square, when the General inspected and addressed the troops. 1 o.r. evacuated to hospital during the day.	YMS E N

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TALAA T ED DUMM	9.8.18.		cont. The Regt. formed up ready to move off the lines at 1915. Work parties were detailed to clean the lines and have them ready for inspection by 1830. The camp was left in the usual clean and sanitary condition. The Bde. moved off at 1930, and marched in column of Sections to camp site alongside reservoir at BEIT UM MAR	YHWS
"	10.8.18.		Arrived at 0430 at camp site after a very good march. Horse lines were at once put down and bivouacs erected. It is a very good camp site, being adjacent to water and motor lorries bring rations and forage right on to the area, and are then drawn by Div. Train to Regimental lines. A Picquet of 1 Officer (Lieut. Ducker) 3 N.C.O's and 26 o.r., having been previously detailed, fell out as BETHLEHEM Picquet, reporting to D.H.Q. for instructions. Tour of duty; 3 days. 4 o.r. evacuated to hospital sick during the day.	YHWS
"	11.8.18.		Usual Regt. duties were carried out and the camp site put in order. The Y.M.C.A. Recreation Tent and the A.I.F. Canteen is right alongside the camp, and the Comforts Fund run a Picture show at the same place for the entertainment of the men. 2 o.r. evacuated to hospital sick during the day.	YHWS
"	12. 8.18.		Usual Regt. duties. Nothing to report. 2 o.r. evacuated to hospital sick during the day. 1 Off. & 29 o.r. sent to PORT SAID Rest Camp for a fortnights spell. 1 Officer (Lieut. Gibbs) and 36 o.r. reinforcements arrived during the day.	YHWS - AUG 1918
"	13.8.18.		The BETHLEHEM Picquet was relieved by the 6th L.H. and water duties were supplied, which comprised 1 Officer (Lieut. Dowsett) 3 N.C.O's and 9 o.r. as Guards, 4 o.r. reporting in the morning to assist at the drinking water.	YHWS



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BEIT UM MAR	13.8.18.		cont. Troughs. Usual Regtl. duties. 5 o.r. evacuated to hospital sick during the day.	YHIS
"	14.8.18.		Usual Regtl. duties. Nothing to report. 3 o.r. evacuated to hospital during the day.	YHIS
"	15.8.18.		Usual Regtl. duties. 2 o.r. evacuated to hospital sick during the day.	YHIS
"	16.8.18.		Water duties were relieved by the 5th L.H. and a JERUSALEM Picquet of 1 Officer (Lieut. Waugh) 3 N.C.O's and 30 o.r. were supplied to assist the A.P.M. in the maintenance of order in JERUSALEM. This party bivouaced at the DesCorps Reinforcement Camp. 2 o.r. evacuated to hospital sick during the day.	YHIS
"	17.8.18.		Usual Regtl. duties and preparations were being made for inspection by Major-General Chaytor. All saddlery and equipment being thoroughly cleaned. 1 o.r. evacuated to hospital sick during the day.	YHIS
"	18.8.18.		Regtl. duties were carried out as usual, combined with cleaning of equipment and ammunition. Sqdn? Hotchkiss gunclasses have been conducted several days. 21 o.r. Reinforcements arrived during the day.	YHIS
"	19.8.18.		Usual Regtl. duties. Nothing to report. Everything in readiness for the inspection which takes place tomorrow. 5 o.r. evacuated to hospital sick during the day. 10 o.r. reinforcements arrived during the day.	YHIS
"	20.8.18.		Usual Regtl. duties. At 1215 Genl. Chaytor inspected the Regiment with Col. Brown and Col. Bruzner. The Regiment turned out very well and the General expressed his appreciation in the way the work had been carried out.	YHIS

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BEIT UM MAR	20.8.18.		cont. Lieut. Teschner's Troop being considered the best, and this Regiment was the best in the Brigade. Water dyes were again found and by Lieut. Gibbs.	
"	<del>20.8.18.</del>		Regtl duties as usual. N.C.O. & 3 o.r. were relieved from Area Store Guard and a similar number were sent to Guar R.E. Stores at SOLIMAN'S POOLS. Lieut. Waugh's Picquet from HERUSALEM was relieved by 6th L.H. and reported back here at 1630. 4 o.r. evacuated to hospital sick during the day.	y M B
"	21. 8. 18.		Usual camp duties and guareds were found. Nothing to report. Very windy day.	y M B

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BEIT UM MAR	22-8-18		All area stores returned to Ordnance. Usual Water Guards and duties found by Regiment.	YHAB
"	23-8-18		Moved out of camp, head of column passing starting point at 1600. Morning spent in cleaning camp, etc. The Brigade pulled off the road at Kilo 3 to allow 3rd L.H. Brigade to pass. The Regiment was clear of the road at 2130. Men fed horses, boiled up and then turned in for a few hours. 4 O.R. evacuated to hospital sick.	YHAB
TALAAT ED DUMM	24-8-18		Arrived at TALAAT ED DUMM at 0630, rested that day, very windy and dusty. 2 O.R. evacuated to hospital sick during the day.	YHAB
TEL ES SULTAN	25-8-18		Left TALAAT ED DUMM at 0400 for JORDAN VALLEY. 1 Officer and 12 O.R. left behind to clean camp. Arrived at TEL ES SULTAN at 0730 and went into bivouac for 8 hours. This Regiment was in reserve and at 1500 moved up into camp at WADI NIEUAMEH. Good camp site, plenty of water but fairly dusty. Area stores were taken over from 6th Cavalry Regt.	YHAB
WADI NIEUAMEH	26-8-18		Most of the day spent in cleaning camp, erecting water troughs, etc. 2 guards over area stores and usual Regimental duties supplied. 2 Officers were sent to visit front line in No. 2 sub-sector 1 troop detached for duty to D.H.Q.	YHAB
"	27-8-18		Usual Guards and Regimental duties. 2 Officers visited front line.	YHAB

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WADI NIEUAMEH	28.8.	18..	Usual Regimental Duties. Prseentation of ribbons by C in C. to Major T.H.BIRD, D.S.O. , Captain L.L.WILLIAMS M.C., No 1391 Sgt FORD G.H. M.M., and Nom1097 Sgt GYE.W. M.M.	YHIS
"	29.8.	18.	Usual Regimental Duties. 4 Officers were sent on patrol with 11th Cavalry Brigade, to make themselves familiar with the country east of the JORDAN. The C.O. attended a conference at Bde Hdqrs to discuss the new Mobilisation Store Table. 1 O.R. evacuat-ed sick to Hospital.	YHIS
"	30.8.	18.	Usual Regimental Duties. 1 O.R. evacuated to Hospital sic	YHIS
"	31.8.	18.	Usual Regimental Duties. Lieutenant C.G.Williamson joined the Regiment with 13 O/Rs.	YHIS

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