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WAR DIARY

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COMMANDING 11th. LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT

FOR PERIOD 1st. to the 31st. JANUARY 1918

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P. J. Bailey, Major
For Lieut Colonel
COMMANDING 11th. Light Horse Regiment

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NALIN	1st.	0500	The Regiment stood to arms and all clear.	Reference Maps Gaza Shellal 1.40000 Rafe 1.125.000 Jan 1918 Col. J.W. Parsons
		0700	The Pack horses under N.C.O. were sent to KUDDIS to bring over the balance of the Regimental Dump and also ammunition. Twenty four horses were required to move the Dump and it took three hours to go and return over particularly rough country.	
		1400	Pack horses went to MIDIEH to draw current days rations. It began to rain very heavily at this time, rain was accompanied by wind and hail	
		1745	The Pack horses returned to bivouac. Ration drawn was a bread and fresh meat issue The bread had got wet and was spoilt.	
	2nd.	0900	The pack horses again had to go to the Dump at KUDDIS to bring over Dump, The weather cleared slightly again today but later on in the afternoon it continued to rain heavily bringing the Wadis down about eighteen inches high.	
		1200	Drew rations today from B.H.Q. at Midieh. Noting of importance to report today.	
	3rd.	1000	1 N.C.O. Marched Out to a School of Instruction today	
	4th.	0900	All ammunition and bombs reserve were taken down to the Bed to the Wadi when the horses went down for rations and there transloaded on to Camels which took them to the 4th. L.H. to be kept by them and handed over to the relieving Regiment on the night of the 5th. The whole of the Regimental Dump was removed today on camels to new camping site at Midieh. This was in view of an order from Brigade that one Regiment of the 1st. L.H. Brigade would relieve the 4th. Brigade and that the Regiments would march out to Midieh after handing over.	
		1500	A Message was received from Brigade that the 11th. was to move out tomorrow at 0900 to new bivouac site at Midieh.	
	5th.	0830	Left old camp and marched to Kh Midieh which was reached at 1200. Rations were drawn here and bivouac for the Night.	
		1200	Lt. Clifford and three O/R from "C" Squadron were detailed as bivouac party to leave with the Staff Capt in the morning at 0700	
		1600	The led horses arrived from Nahr Sukerier at this Time under Major Bailey. Major Loynes had command of the Regimental Horses.	
		1800	A Message was received to say that the Regiment would leave next morning at 0900 and march to Sukerier via Ramleh bivouacing the night of the 6th. at Dieran.	
			About 1900 it commenced to rain very heavily and continued to rain all night.	
	6th.	0900	Moved out of camp in pouring driving rain and marched Via JIMZU through the eastern side of Ramleh to camp site at Dieran. The road down after leaving Jimzu was very sticky the	

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DIERAN	6th.	1400 1600	horses having to move over heavy blacksoil plains where they sunk frequently up to the hocks in the mud. It rained incessantly all day. Dieran was reached and horses fed. Rations were drawn and distributed Received orders that the Brigade would move in the morning to Sukerier at 0900. It rained all night bring the Wadis Katra down a banker .	Reference Maps Gaza Rafe Shellal 1:40000 1:125,000 Jan 1918. John 10/1/18
	7th.	0900 1200	Received a message to say that as the wadis were impassable the Regiment would not move until final notice was Bde. The Regiment marched out at this time, the rain had ceased and the wadis slightly lower When crossing a section was sent ahead to pick the best track across, the worst going was across the wadi Katra near Yeabna to the stone viaduct just north of this village. The horses got across safely and the bivouac camp and Nahr Sukerier was reached at 1600 It began to rain very heavily again and continued raining until about 1630 Reached camp and reported all rank s in to the Bde Hqrs. Drew rations and received a message from Brigade that the Regiment would continue its march to Belah on the 9th.	
SUKERIER	8	0900	The dismounted men under Lt. Moyle entrained at ESDUD. 1 Officer and 40 O/R were sent down by train to Belah as well as all surplus baggage that could not be carried in Wagons. The Balance of the heavy baggage was loaded at Esdud today. One Other Rank marched out to school of Cookery Ismailia.	
	9	0900	The Regiment left at 0900 for Mejdal. 2/Lt Kreigg and bivouac party moving on ahead to allot camp. The ground was particularly sticky and boggy at Esdud and the horses were only with difficulty able to plough through it.	
Mejdal		1430 1700	Arrived at bivouac first watering at pool near the wine press in Mejdal. The camp site was pitched about one mile towards the beach in the heavy sand and consequently rations which had to be drawn that night could not be hauled to the Regiment The liners were able to haul to within about 3/4 mile of bivouac.	
		0600	Moved to old wine press and rationed and fed up.	
	10	0700 0800 0900	Lt Gordan and party moved over to Bde as advanced bivouac party. Watered horses at wine press and marched out at 0900 for Gaza	

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Mejdel	10	0900	The Regiment moved out to Gaza which was reached at 1300. The road was in good order except at Dier Sineid where the cross of the Wadi Hessy was particularly boggy.	Reference Maps Gaza Shellial 1.40.000 Rafa 1.125000
GAZA	11	1300 0830	Arrived Gaza and bivouaced there for the night Drew rations and distributed them Left here for Belah, the horses were watered the previous night and did not require a watering this morning.	
		1100	Arrived in Belah at 1100 which was ^{to be} the site of the Standing camp. Lt. Farlow reported from hospital and taken on Strength Lt. Moyle and dismounted party reported and removed dump to present site 24 O/R reinforcements marched in and were taken on strength The balance of the day was spent in watering horses at holes made in a depression in the sand hills and pitching camp.	
	12	1000	Thirty seven bags of mail and parcel arrived today and were distributed Part of Belah Dump was shifted to permanent site, the balance was moved the following day, arrangements were made to draw tents thirty nine bells and one marquee 10 O/R reinforcements arrived and taken on strength. The following recommendation were sent into Brigade. <u>For Distinguished Conduct Medal</u> No. 1955 Tpr Edgar Thomas JOHNS No. 767 L/Cpl John Edgar Hamilton <u>FOR MILITARY CROSSES</u> No. Lt Charles Joseph Clifford. Lt. Leslie Arthur Gordon	
			For outstanding devotion to duty as a stretcher bearer in rescuing three wounded men under heavy rifle fire at Mesmiye on 13:11:17 On 7:11:17 at Tel el SHERIA in the face of heavy machine Gun and rifle fire he carried out his duties as hotchkiss gunner for over six hours on end. For coolness and judgment in the attack at SHERIA on 7/11/17. At Kustine on 12/11/17 and at Mesmiye on 13/11/17 where he seized a point of high ground on the right of where the infantry were advancing and allowed them to operate more freely. For Coolness dash and judgment at KUSTINE on 12/11/17 in a reconnaissance gaining valuable information of the enemy's dispositions On 13/11/17 in quickly seizing up a position and occupying same through a barrage of artillery and rifle fire.	

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11/11/17

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Commanding // Austrian L.H. Regt.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
BELAH	13 JAN		<p><u>FOR MILITARY CROSS</u></p> <p>Lieut Alwyn Robert BRIERTY</p> <p><u>FOR DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL</u> <u>FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER</u></p> <p>Major Percival John Bailey</p> <p><u>SPECIAL MENTION</u></p> <p>Major Leslie Strath Alexander</p> <p>Major Charles Alexander Richmond MUNRO</p>	<p>for so olness dash and bravery in leading an attack at attack at Sheria Mounted on 7/11/17 when he led his troop mounted galloping up and capturing one trench and then a series of another trenches and continued fighting until exhausted through loss of blood through wounds received in arm and leg</p> <p>For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty under most critical and dangerous conditions at Sheria on 7/11/17 persistently holding to a position with one troop he held on for six hours although pressed on both flanks and again at Point 248 on 13/11/17 he had command of two squadrons in the firing line and the main cause of defeat of Turkish attack was due to his iniative and good judgment.</p> <p>For conspicuous devotion to duty as squadron leader through the operations He handled his squadron with great ability through the operations.</p> <p>For conspicuous devotion and gallantry to duty as a Squadron leader both at Sheria on 7:11:17 and at Mesmiye on 13/11/17 he showed remarkable initiative and courage in handling the situation. At Sheria under heavy Artillery and Rifle fire he stubbornly held on to a position notwithstanding the repeated attempts of the enemy to drive him off and again at Mesmiye on 13/11/17 he seizing rapidly a position and heavily engaging the enemy and allowing the infantry on left to operate freely.</p>	<p>Reference Maps</p> <p>Gaza Shellal 1.40000 Rafe 1.125.000</p> <p>JAN 1918</p>

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BELAH	13th. <i>Jan</i>	0900	<p>Forty four tents and marquee were drawn to day. Two Other ranks marched in from school of instruction . The balance of the day was spent in moving the Regimental Dump which had been left at Shellal and Gamli when the Regiment moved out on operations from Fara in October last year, to the Regiment. Some of the Dump such as Farrier tools, and clipping machines had previously been sent to Dier Sineid, but on enquiry there it was discovered that all these articles had been removed to Kantara</p> <p>1200 Captain Chaplain WEIR and 1 O.R. and two remounts rides marched in to day from 4th. L.H. Bde and attached this Regiment</p> <p>0900 Lt. Johnstone and 26 Other ranks were detached to Division as Divisional escort.</p> <p>1400 The Guard left in charge of Divisional Dump when situated at Shellal reported back to day.</p> <p>14 0900 A certain percentage of equipment and stores were drawn this morning. Officers Mess re-opened after about nine months. Cleaning of saddlery and all iron and steel work today for inspection by Corps Commander.</p> <p>15 0600 Day stablemen mounted at R.H.Q. at 0600, this was done in view of numbers of horses breaking away during the night, and also under orders from Brigade.</p> <p>16 0700 The following working parties and duties were detailed today as the Regiment was duty Regiment. 1 Officer and 50 O.R. to build range near mouth of the Wadi Ghuzze, 1 officer and fifty o.R. to work at supply depot Delah loading supplies for Division 1 N.C.O. and 20 O.R. to report to Field Squadron 1 N.C.O. and 6 O.R. to report to Water Piquet Belah for pumping purposes. The following officers having submitted their names as observers for the 67th. Flying Squadron marched out to report for examination to Mejdal Lts Clifford, Hoffman, Kreig and McElligott.</p> <p>0830 Pardes for cleaning of saddlery leather work and all steel and iron work. This cleaning parades was carried out throughtout the day as the squadron Leaders found times suitable for the Parades.</p> <p>17 0830 Cleaning up as per previous day. An Armourer from Des Corps inspected a percentage of rifles of the Regiment and on his report he mentioned that as a whole the rifles were</p>	<p>Reference Map</p> <p>Rafa 1135 000</p> <p>Gaza Shellal 1.40.000</p> <p><i>Jan 1918.</i></p> <p><i>good</i></p>

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Belah	17	1300	<p>The Brigade Gas N.C.O. held an inspection of all gas box respirators today. there were one hundred and one gas helmets either short or else unserviceable in the Regiment A Gas demonstration at Hqrs 3rd. Light Horses Brigade was held at 1330. Lt Hunter and the Gas N.C.Os. one from each squadron attending this demonstration</p> <p>Meat safes were drawn for the Regiment today.</p> <p>A notification was received from Brigade that musketry would start for the Regiment on the 10th. February on the range situated at the mouth of the Wadi Ghuzze.</p> <p>A parcel containing nine undershirts were received from the 11th. Light Horse Regiment comforts fund today</p>	<p>Reference Map Rafa. 1.135000 Gaza. Shellal 1.40,000</p>
	18		<p>Two parcels containing 118 plumes 37 pairs of sox 14 flannel shirts and 1 pair of mits and 1 cholers belt were also received today. Notification was received from Brigade that approval would be given to the quota of one officer and three other ranks from each Regiment having leave in Cairo or Alexandria for three clear days or four nights in Cairo, This leave to take place every twelfth day.</p> <p>Consequently Capt Costello and 3 O.R. marched out on leave to Cairo today on 1755 train from Belah.</p>	
		1000	<p>2/Lt Barton and One other rank marched in from School of Zastruction Zeitoun, after attend ing and ten days hotchkiss course.</p>	
	19	1000	<p>2/Lt McDonald and one Other rank marched in from School of Instruction Zeitoun Cavalry course today. Lt. Moyle left by the 0815 train for Deir Sineid today to enquire into whereabouts of Farriers tools etc sent there from Divisional Dump whilst on operations and also if it were possible to draw wagons in place of unserviceable ones.</p>	
		2100	<p>He returned and reported that all equipment had been sent to Kanyara and that wagons were available to replace unserviceable ones.</p>	
	20		<p>Notification was received that the Port Said Rest Camp was open again and that the next party would leave at 1755 from Belah today. The allotment to this Regiment was One Officer and 17 O.R. Lt. Gordon and 17 O.R. consequently left with this party</p>	
		1000	<p>Church Parade today. Two denominations protestant and C. of E. The parade was an "In memorium" service for those comrades who had fallen during the recent operations.</p>	
	21	1100	<p>The Corps Commander Desert Mounted Corps inspected the Brigade to day dismounted.</p>	

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Belah	21 <i>JAN</i>	1100	The Brigade was formed in a hollow square. After an inspection the G.O.C. Corps spoke shortly on the recent operations of all the Brigades and Divisions in the Desert Corps, touching shortly on the charge of this Brigade at Beersheba and the work done there and the subsequent result thereof. Mention was made also of the Brigades operation during the whole period, from October 1917 to the present date.	Reference Map Gaza Shellal Rafa 1.40000 1.125000
		1400	Horses were grazed this afternoon ^{noon} instead of a parade.	
	22	0830	The Regiment was duty Regiment today. Gas Drill today until 0930, then instruction in signals both mounted and dismounted.	
		1400	Horses were grazed this afternoon on ground about one and a half miles east of Brigade Hqrs. 2/Lt KREIG and 2/Lt McElligott marched out today and seconded to the 67th. Australian Squadron A.F.C. as observers on probation and dated the 22/1/18	
		1500	Lieut Col J.W. Parsons D.S.O. and one O/R Batman marched out to Senior Officers course at Heiopolis today 2/Lt McDonald and two O/R marched in from School of Instruction Zeitoun. 2/Lt Leask reported from the 4th. Light Horse Signal Troop as Signalling Officer and taken on strength.	
	23	0815	A Delousing Parade was held to day at Belah, when all Other ranks parade and clothes and blankets were disinfected. The whole day was taken up in going through this disinfecting parade.	
	24	0830	Rifles exercises and the care of arms and accoutrements were given today. Parade lasting from 0830 to 1130. In the afternoon grazing and slow troop drill.	
	25	0830	Slow Troop Drill and Grazing for this mornings work and in the afternoon from 1400 to 1530 Guards and sentries were the parades for the day.	
		0900	Received notification from Brigade that Major Alexander would be seconded to the Australian Mounted Division as Staff Trainee to date 23/1/18 and that Lt Manning would be seconded to the 4th. Light Horse Brigade as Staff Trainee to the Brigade Major to day 25/1/18	
		2200	These Officers together with four other ranks and eight remounts rides were struck off strength. Captain H.J. Gee marched out to Com and 11th. Light Horse Training Squadron vice Capt Koch and would be seconded from the Regiment.	
		2310	Received notification that three weeks leave of absence to Lt. Col Parsons in Australia had been approved, and to notify departure.	

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Belah	35		Major P.J. Bailey assumed Command of the Regiment during the temporary absence of Lt. Col J.W. Parsons to School of Instruction Zeitoun as from the 23/1/18	Reference Map Gaza Shell 1 Rafa 1.135000 1.40000																								
	JAN 36	0900	The Cadre N.C.O. who had been relieved reported from Training Moascar and were taken on Strength																									
		0900	Cleaning Of saddlery Arms and accourtements today.																									
	27	1000	Church Parade today Church of England and Protestants other denominations, two parades Parade Drill order with Rifles.																									
	28	0615	F.G.C.M. against No. 338 Sgt Quinn W.H. of this Regiment were promulgated by insertion in Regimental Routine Orders and by a copy of the same being read out to the accused. This N.C.O. was charged with creating a disturbance and secondly drunkennes, the first charge he was found guilty on and forfeited seniority as from the 23/1/18 and on the latter charge he was found not guilty.																									
		0900	Received gift stores, of one packet per man from the Y.M.C.A. the packet contained cigars tobacco and sweets.																									
			The following are the statistics of casualties for the Regiment from the 29th. October 1917 to the 13th. January 1918.																									
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		0830	The following Classes commenced today N.C.O. Class for instruction in Bombing from 0830 to 1130 Intelligence Classes at B.H.Q for Intelligence Personnel of One Officer and Three N.C.O.s per Regiment, also parades for the Regiment for Instruction in preliminary Musketry. Notification had been received that 57 cases of Gift Stores had																									
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Belah	28	0830	been despatched from the Australian Comforts Fund Stores at Kantara Classes for N.C.O.s Gas Personnel and Intelligence were held today.			
	<i>JAN</i>					
	29	0900	I recommended leave of Capt Koch for three weeks leave to Australia <i>England</i> . Notification was received from Brigade that Lieut Bartlett was to report to Moascar forth- with as Musketry Instructor to the 4th. L.H. Bde Training Regiment			
		2200	Lt Bartlett marched out to report to Training Moascar and was seconded Training in Musketry N.C.O.s Bombing Classes and Slow Troop Drill Mounts with grazing between.			
	30th.	0830	Received and took delivery of fifty six cases of Gift Stores from A.I.F. Comforts Fund, twenty two of which had been sent over from Australia by the 11th. Light Horse H Q Comforts Fund. These gifts were distributed to the Squadrons etc by the Chaplain Capt Weir. Instructional classes from 0830 -1130 in Bombing Musketry Intelligence and Slow Mounted Troop Drill. Grazing for Horses. Lt. Farlow lectured to Officers on the mechanism of the Bomb and the art of throwing etc.	REFERENCE MAPS Geza Rafa Shellial 1.40.000 1.135.000		
	31st.	A Wire was received from Brigade that Captains Gee H.J. and Stumm C.P. of this Regiment had been granted the Military Cross. also that Lt. A.R. Brierty had been awarded the Military Cross. Lt Hoffman G.H. and two Other Ranks marched out on leave to Cairo for seven clear Days. Prior to leaving all other ranks were deloused at 8th. Sanitary Section, consequent upon a report from Cairo that men proceeding on leave to Cairo were verminous. Notification was received that the next Part for Port Said would leave on the 2nd. and that the Quota for this Regiment would be twelve other ranks. Each Squadron was allotted three Hqrs two and Transport one other rank.				
The following is a report of the Daily Strength of the Regiment on this Day.			<i>Jan 1918.</i>			
Distribution						
	Officers	O/R		Horses	Donkeys	Natives
Present with Unit and rationed	16	401		458	16	
Attached and rationed with unit	1	3		2		3
Detached Locally	2	40	45	-	-	
Detached Elsewhere	3	25	-	-	-	
Total	22	469	505	16	3	

4th. Light Horse Bde

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Schedule No?	UNIT	Regt'al Number	Name and Rank	Action for which commended	Recommended by	Honor or Award
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11th. L.H.

CAPTAIN COLIN PRIDE
STUMM

For devotion to duty, as adjutant of the Regiment he carried out his duties in a most cheerful and courteous manner, thereby creating a good and cheerful feeling through the Regiment, often under most trying circumstances. In rendering returns whether by day or night he gave them his personal attention and was always prompt and punctual. he gave me great assistance in seeing that my orders were carried out promptly and correctly and often by his forethought anticipated events thus saving the men of the Regiment a lot of discomfort.

C.O. 11th. Light Horse Regiment.

Special Mention

11th. L.H.

LIEUT. GEORGE
HENRY HOFFMAN

Coolness of Judgment in handling his troop at SHARIA on 2/11/17. The enemy were trying to get round our left flank and the it was only by the resourcefulness of this troop leader with his troop that they were prevented from doing so. Again on the early morning of the 13/11/17 he patrolled past El KUSTINE in spite of shell fire and gained useful information. Also for good work and devotion to duty through the operation.

Lt. Col

Special Mention

Jan 1918

George Hoffman

11² ALH
Jan 1/18

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11th. L.H.	1133	Tpr. F.S.J. LEAHY
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for bold and vigorous work with his hotchkiss rifle team near Tel et TERMUS 12:11:17 outstanding initiative and courage in getting his gun well forward enfilading approaches for enemy during his counter attack at 348 Good work at Sharia on 7/11/17 and when the squadron was on reconnaissance he drove back the enemy's advance posts near El KUSTINE on 12/11/17

C. O. 11th. Light Horse Regiment

Special Mention

11th. L.H. 2004	Tpr C.O. BROWN
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devotion to duty as a stretcher bearer he went under heavy fire to attend a wounded man being wounded himself he still carried on with his duties.

Lt. Colonel

Special Mention

Jan 1918.

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4th. Light Horse Bde

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Date of Recommendation

Jan 1/18

Schedule No.	UNIT	Regt'l No.	NAME AND RANK	Action for which Commended	Recomm- ended by	Honor or Award
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11th. L.H.

LIEUT JOHN SIDNEY BARTLETT

For bold and vigorous Troop leading. On the night of the capture of BEERSHEBA he did good work in pushing his way into the dark out to the outpost line in spite of snipers and captured a number of prisoners. Again at SHARIA on 7/11/17 when Lt. Brierty's Troop was cut up he bodily went to his assistance and it was mainly due to him that the Turks paid so dearly for this. He kept their fire down and prevented the turks from taking Lt. Brierty prisoner. Also for Good troop Leading through -out the operations.

C.O. 11th. L.H. Regt A.I.F.
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SPECIAL MENTION

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LT. JEAMES KENNETH JOHNSTONE

For bold and vigorous troop leading through the operations Particularly at BEERSHEBA he did good work on the night of the capture getting prisoners out of houses. As it was dark some of them gave a lot of trouble often shooting at his men through doors and windows. His troops alone accounted for over 150 prisoners in this manner. He did some good scouting on several occasions through the operations.

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For A.I.F. 11th L.H.