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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
W NUEIMAH	1st	0330	Four Officers from "A" Squadron reported to the Stafford Regiment and accompanied their patrols on the East side of the Jordan. One officer each from "B" and "C" Squadrons reported to 6th Cavalry Regiment and inspected second line of defence on Wadi AUJA.	
		2000	The Regiment - less "A" Squadron left its present bivouac area and marched to W. AUJA and relieved 6th Cavalry Regiment. Relief was completed by 2200, this Regiment - less one squadron being in Anzac Divisional Reserve. "A" Squadron, 4th L.H. Regiment, attached to 12th L.H. Regt marched to AUJA Bridgehead and relieved Stafford Yeomanry. Two troops from this squadron patrol the area East of the Jordan daily, leaving at daylight and returning at dusk.	
		2200-2300	Enemy shelled W. AUJA on our front. JHO	
J. l. c. JERICHO. 1-40000	2nd		All horses are well concealed in branch Wadis. A large number of tents are available for the men. During the day the Officers of the Regiment carried out a reconnaissance of the roads and routes in this area. JHO	
	3rd		A very hot day. Very little movement anywhere in valley. Enemy artillery very active against front line and supports between 2200 and 2300. JHO	
	4th		Working party of 1 Officer and 50 O/ranks commenced wiring second line of defence. Hours of work 1930 to 2230 nightly. JHO	
	5th		Reconnaissance of roads leading to left sector carried out by two Officers. JHO	
	10th	1400	"B" Squadron relieved "A" Squadron of patrol duties on East of Jordan. Relief took place by troops, commencing at 1400. Work on RAEBURN post completed. Commenced work on ROLLO post. JHO	
	13th		Enemy brought rifle fire to bear on patrol from "B" Squadron on East of Jordan. Casualties 1 O/R and 1 riding horse wounded. JHO	

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JERICHO 1-40000 J.l.c	14th	0430	<p>Enemy attacked and broke through defences to the right of ABU TELLUL at about 0400 but were driven back by counter attack of 1st L.H. Brigade.</p> <p>The Regiment stood to and remained saddled up until 1430.</p> <p>This bivouac area was under heavy enemy artillery fire during the early part of the morning, casualties being 1 O/R Killed; 2 O/Rks wounded and 4 draught horses killed.</p> <p>Six hostile aircraft also flew over the bivouac at a very low altitude but no bombs were dropped in the immediate vicinity. <i>FWP</i></p>	
	16th		<p>This area was again heavily shelled by enemy artillery at intervals throughout the day and sustained the following casualties; 1 O/R killed; 3 O/Rks wounded, by H.E. shell fire.</p> <p>The 11th L.H. Regiment took over the line from 12th L.H. Regiment and "B" Squadron of this Regt. remained at AUJA Bridgehead attached to 11th L.H. Regiment for patrol duty East of the Jordan. <i>FWP</i></p>	
	19th		<p>"B" Squadron patrol on East of Jordan fired on by enemy. Our casualties 1 O/r wounded (later died of wounds) <i>FWP</i></p>	
	20th		<p>"C" Squadron relieved "B" Squadron as patrol squadron. Relief took place by troops commencing at 1400.</p> <p>"B" Squadron when relieved returned to bivouac area vacated by "C" Squadron at J.l.c. <i>FWP</i></p>	
	22nd		<p>"C" Squadron patrol on East of Jordan fired on by enemy. Casualties 1 O/r severely wounded. <i>FWP</i></p>	
	23rd to 31st		<p>The usual patrols and working parties carried out as usual. <i>FWP</i></p>	

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			<p>Work on AUJA defences consisting of ROLLO, RAEBURN, STAFFORD, STEVEN A, STEVEN B, TOMMY 1,2 & 3, TABOR, TENNENT, and UGLY. Wiring consists of a five wire sheep fence and double apron with five strands in each apron, and iron standards about 6 yards apart. lately, owing to shortage of wire only single apron has been erected. The ground is generally good for entrenching but where rock is met with this has to be blasted out by Engineers. Most of the defences consist of three to four posts each capable of holding 10 to 15 men and with a M.G. emplacement at either end. Communication trenches from these run into the Wadis in rear which afford good natural cover for troops to mass before entering the trenches or during a heavy bombardment. The barb wire can in all cases be enfiladed from these posts, and the defences command all approaches to the AUJA in this sector and from each post there is a good field of fire. No difficulty has been experienced carting material to these posts as there is a good wagon track along the bed of the AUJA immediately in rear of these posts.</p> <p>During the month reinforcements received from MOASCAR totalled 6 Officers and 142 O/Ranks and 2 officers and 44 O/Ranks were evacuated to Hospital with sickness. A considerable number of the reinforcements received were men from the Camel Corps which has been disbanded. Gas drill has been carried out with P.H. Helmets during the month and these are carried by all ranks when on working parties and away from the camp. Owing to our proximity to the Wadi AUJA water has been plentiful, this has also been the case with the detached squadron at AUJA Bridgehead which is camped close to the Jordan. The weather during the month has invariably been hot and often very dusty. During the month the War Establishment for the Regiment has been altered by Part XI War Establishment, the numbers now being rather lower than previously. e.g.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Old Establishment</td> <td>24</td> <td>Off</td> <td>499</td> <td>O/Rks</td> <td>491</td> <td>rides</td> <td>62</td> <td>draughts</td> <td>37</td> <td>packs</td> <td>22</td> <td>donkeys.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Establishment</td> <td>24</td> <td>"</td> <td>454</td> <td>"</td> <td>448</td> <td>"</td> <td>62</td> <td>"</td> <td>37</td> <td>"</td> <td>22</td> <td>"</td> </tr> </table>	Old Establishment	24	Off	499	O/Rks	491	rides	62	draughts	37	packs	22	donkeys.	New Establishment	24	"	454	"	448	"	62	"	37	"	22	"	
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