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| | 1st. | | Regiment still on outpost duty HISHA, ABD and BADA. Patrols found Turkish deserters and brought them in (one an officer of the ambulance) | |
| | 2nd. | | Patrols collected 5 Turkish deserters and one Turk who had lost himself. | |
| | 3rd. | | Regiment moved to HOD EL FATIR and became attached to the 3rd. L. H. Bde. | |
| | 10th. | | Lieut. Col Wilson and a party of officers visited BAYUD. | |
| | 11th. | | This Regiment took over the outpost line from the 9th. Regiment, and occupied same until the morning of the 16th. One Squadron did a tour of 24 hours duty, S.W. headquarters at HOMOSSIA with two troops, one troop on hill about three quarters of a mile S. and one troop about one mile N. Each of these three posts supplied three Cosack posts at night and an observation post by day, the central post sending out three Patrols at 0530 until dawn. | |
| | | | The 2nd. L. H. Bde. less this Regiment relieved the 3rd. L. H. Bde. which took up to. Qrs. at HASSANIYA. The 6th. Regiment on ridge half a mile N. and the 7th. Regt at HABIT. | 2nd. L. H. Bde |
| | 17th. | | C.O. accompanied the B.G.C. to BAYUD and then to BADA. | |
| | 16th. | | operations to MAZAR. — The following is the official report. | |
| | 18th. | | Report on operations 16th. to 18th. September 1916. FATIR to MAZAR | |
| | | | This Regiment less one Squadron ^{then on outpost} left HOD EL FATIR at 0205 on 16th., left HASSANIYA with Brigade at 0230. Outpost Squadron joined Regiment at BADA. Brigade arrived GEIILA at dawn, remained there during day, horses watered 0830 and 1400. Brigade left GEIILA at 1645, arrived Divisional Rendezvous on MAZAR road at 2030. Division left this point for MAZAR. This Regiment formed the advance guard, C. Sqn. the van guard and two troops from A. Squadron flank guards to the main guard. | |

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| | | | <p>at point on Southern road N. of HILL 157 the 3rd. Brigade moved S.E. at 0745., the 2nd. Brigade moved E., this Regiment still forming the advance guard as before, on arriving at a point about a mile W. of point 30 on the MAZAR Road the Brigade was halted and instructions were received for this Regt. to reconnoiter the country to the E. on arriving at the line running N. and S. through HILL 30 our advance screen located two enemy outposts, - one on the road and one half a mile to the N. Two troops then advanced dismounted on the S. Flank and three troops were sent to outflank it on the right, the machine gun troop taking up a position to cover the advance, one troop was sent N. to Point 50. Before the attacking troops could reach the enemy outposts, the enemy retired on Camels. The Regiment then advanced to a ridge overlooking MAZAR. Three troops of "A" Squadron advanced on the right and two troops of "C" Squadron to the front a thousand yards further on a N. and S. line the left flank of the advanced line was within 200 yards of the enemy's trenches and the right flank within 300 yards. Fire including one Lewis Gun was opened on the enemy. A message was then received from Brigade that MAZAR was said to be to the S. and not to advance any further E. At 0610 I intercepted a message from the 3rd. Brigade that it had decided to withdraw. Shortly afterwards I received a message from Brigade to keep the 3rd. Brigade in view and conform. on the Regiment arriving at HILL 30, the flash of the A.A. Guns could be distinctly seen, this fact was reported, also that our position was a good</p> | |

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| | | | <p>Artillery observation Post. An Artillery officer afterwards arrived and inspected the position, and said he would bring up the ^{Inverness} Battery. The Battery however took up a position and observation Post from which the A.A. guns could not be seen. They were not shelled during the day. at 0925 I intercepted a message from the 7th. Regiment to Brigade that 3rd. Brigade retiring and that 7th. Regiment withdrawing less one Squadron which was waiting for wounded men. I withdrew my advanced Squadron to line occupied by Regimental Headquarters. General Chauvel and General Rypie then arrived at R. T. Q., and I was instructed not to retire beyond position occupied by guns until satisfied that 3rd. Brigade and last Squadron 7th. Regiment had retired. The Regiment then withdrew to line occupied by Battery leaving observation Posts overlooking MAZAR. I shortly afterwards ascertained that 3rd. Brigade and final Squadron 7th. Regiment had withdrawn. The guns then retired and this Regiment escorted them into the rendezvous. During the latter part of our stay at MAZAR the A.A. guns were converted into field pieces and shelled us. The Regiment marched to a point N. of MOSEIFIQ and where it halted for water. The Regiment less one Squadron was unable to obtain same and moved on to SALMAYA arriving at 1900, camped there until 0330 the following morning, then moved on to 'Bassaniya with Brigade. Casualties during these operations, one man killed and three men wounded. The Regiment moved from 'FATIR to ROMANI, where remained until 2nd. October</p> | |

29th.
to
30th.

L. Wilson
Commanding 5th. L. T. Regd. ^{h.Q.} *W. J.*