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OF

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113 H 34 B North of JERICHO Mtd.	1/7/18		G.S.O. 1 visited No. 2 Subsector, 2nd L.H. Bde Intelligence Summary No. 11 issued Relief of 2nd Mtd. Bde by 4th L.H. Bde in No. 1 Subsector completed at 0045. Corps Commander visited G.O.C. at 1500. Later G.O.C. visited No. 4 Subsector. Intelligence	Appen. 1
M.S.	2/7/18		Summary No. 12 issued. G.S.O. 1 visited 4th L.H. Bde to select positions on the third Defense line. Corps Commander accompanied by G.O.C. inspected No. 4 Subsector M.Z.M.R. Bde. Intelligence Summary No. 13 issued.	Appen. 2.
M.S.	4/7/18		G.S.O. 1 selected positions on EL MADHBEH. G.O.C. and G.S.O. 1 visited Maj. Gen. DE S. BARTON G.O.C. 1st Mounted Division at 1600. Intelligence Summary No. 14 issued.	Appen. 3.
M.S.	5/7/18		G.S.O. 1 inspected No. 2 Subsector, 2nd L.H. Bde, and on return inspected new Camouflage Camp. G.O.C. visited Corps Commander at TALATED Dumm. Intelligence Summary No. 15 issued.	Appen. 4.
M.S.	6/7/18		G.S.O. 1 and Lt. Col. Partridge inspected new works on EL MADHBEH. G.O.C. visited ABU TELLUK in the afternoon. Intelligence Summary No. 16 issued.	Appen. 5.
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B6/H34 to North of JERICHO	7/7/18	M.S.	G.S.O. 1 inspected No. 4 Sub. Sector, M.Z.M.R. Bde and laid out wire for new Post W.A.S.P.	Appendix 15
M.S.	8/7/18		Intelligence Summary No. 17 issued	Appendix 16
M.S.	9/7/18		G.O.C. visited 1st L.H. Bde and inspected VIEW and VAUX POSTS. G.S.O. 1 inspected No. 2 Sub. Sector. Intelligence Summary No. 18 issued.	Appendix 8
M.S.	9/7/18		A. + M. Z. Mhd. Div. Order No. 132 issued.	Appendix 9
M.S.	10/7/18		Intelligence Summary No. 19 issued.	Appendix 10
M.S.	10/7/18		Corps Commander visited ABU TELLUH with G.O.C. Intelligence Summary No. 20 issued.	Appendix 11
M.S.	11/7/18		Intelligence Summary No. 21 issued.	Appendix 12
M.S.	12/7/18		G.O.C. and Corps Commander inspected No. 3 Sub. Sector. Intelligence Summary No. 22 issued.	Appendix 13
M.S.	13/7/18		G.S.O. 1 laid out the wiring around TRINGDOVE POST. Corps Commander inspected MUSALAHABEN and MASKERAH. G.O.C. visited VALE, VIEW and VAUX POSTS during afternoon. Intelligence Summary No. 23 issued.	Appendix 17
M.S.	14/7/18		At 0230 heavy attacks on VIEW, VAUX and VALE Posts by German Infantry who pushed through and reached ABU TELLUH but were thrown back by counter-attacks. Report on Operations.	Appendix 14

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B6/H346 North of JERICHO	M.S. 15/7/18		attached. Dispositions for the night issued. Copy attached. G.O.C. inspected ARU TELLU with Capt. Com- mander in the morning. G.S.O.I. visited STAR POST to see ground on which 2nd L.H. Bde. encountered force of Germans. Situation during day quiet, but enemy artillery activity above normal. 2 of R's killed 2 of R's wounded.	Appen. 15. Appen. 16.
M.S.	16/7/18		G.S.O.I. visited No. 3 Subsector. Situation for the day unchanged but considerable enemy artillery activity throughout the day on all bank areas in No. 3 Subsector, causing follow- ing casualties. 2 officers 5 of R's killed, 10 of R's wounded. 48 horses killed and 39 wounded. Intelligence Summary No. 24 issued.	
M.S.	17/7/18		Relief of No. 3 Subsector completed and command passed to G.O.C. 3rd L.H. Bde at 0035. 2nd L.H. Bde occupied TALAT ED DUMM at 0715. Situation quiet. Intelligence Summary No. 25 issued.	Appen. 17. Appen. 18
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B6/H34 North of JERICHO M.R.	18/7/18		G.O.C. (Maj. Gen. HODGKINSON) and G.S.O. I (Lt. Col. Osborne) arrived at Div. H.Q. at 1100 to arrange transfer of LEFT SECTOR. G.S.O. I visited RIGHT SECTOR Posts during the afternoon. Intelligence Summary No. 26 issued. Situation quiet.	Appen. 19.
M.R.	19/7/18		5th Mounted Bde. assigned in LEFT SECTOR Area. Brig. Gen. GODWIN, B.G.G.S. Disbanded Coops with G.S.O. I inspected the W. MELKHAM POSTS leaving D.H.Q. at 0930. Relief of No. 4 Subsector completed and command passed to G.O.C. 5th Mtd. Bde at 2000. Intelligence Summary No. 27 issued.	Appen. 20.
M.R.	20/7/18		A. & M. 2. Mtd. Bde arrived TAKAT ED Dumm. 1st L.H. Bde moved from TAKAT ED Dumm to SOLOMAN'S POOL. Relief completed and command passed to G.O.C. AUBDIV at 0900, and A. & M. 2. Mtd Div H.Q. opened at the CARMELITE MONASTERY BETHLEHEM at same hour.	

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CARMELITE MONASTERY, BETHLEHEM	21/7/18	MR	G. S. O. 1 remained with A. & N. Z. Mtd Div. Headquarters during the day and moved with Divisional Troops at 1900 for BETHLEHEM arriving at BETHLEHEM 0400 21/7/18. A. & N. Z. Mtd Div. Q. established at the CARMELITE MONASTERY, BETHLEHEM. 1st A. L. H. Bde bivouaced at 100 P. Q. G. O. C. inspected 1st L. H. Bde water area.	
MR	22/7/18	MR	G. O. C. and G. S. O. 1 visited 22nd Mtd. Bde Headquarters during the afternoon. Desert Mounted Corps Signaller School commenced at BEIT JALA.	
MR	23/7/18	MR	Major Urquhart proceeded on leave in Egypt. Lieut Stevenson rejoined 1st L. H. Bde as Acting Staff Captain. 1st L. H. Bde left bivouac area at ARKUB <del>at</del> at 1530 and marched via BETHLEHEM and JERUSALEM to ENAB.	
MR	24/7/18	MR	1st A. L. H. Bde left bivouac area ENAB at 1900 and marched to LATRON arriving bivouac area at 2200.	m. Stevenson

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CARMELITE MONASTERY BETHLEHEM.	25/7/18.		1st A L H Bde moved out of bivouac area at LATRON and marched to new camping area. GSO 1 visited H.Q. 12th Cavalry Brigade. No Regimental training is being carried out while Brigades are JORDAN VALLEY but all specialists are being trained and brought up to strength.	
	26/7/18		1st A L H Bde arrived in their new camping area in 0715. Sheet 13 PALESTINE 1/63360 at 0145 this morning. GSO 1 visited Corps Signal School at BEIT JALA.	
	27/7/18.		H. G. R. Brigade left Corps area at TALAT ED DUMMI and marched to bivouac area at 1100 G. H. near KHUOR. B.H.Q. at BETHLEHEM. 12th Cavalry Brigade left bivouac area near KHUOR and marched to Corps area at TALAT ED DUMMI. GOC and GSO 1 inspected Signal Squadron.	
	28/7/18.		Relief of 2nd L H Brigade was started by 12th Cavalry Brigade in N° 2 Sub sector. Enemy artillery shelled 5th L H Regiment causing following casualties. 2 off killed, 4 off wounded; 16 horses killed, 36 horses wounded. GSO 1 visited 20th Corps. GOC left BETHLEHEM to visit Signal School RICHON.	





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CARMELITE MONASTERY BETHLEHEM M/R.	29/7/18		2 <sup>nd</sup> L.H. Bde left No. 2 Subsector and marched to Camps Area TALAT ED DUMM at 1930. G.S.O. 1 visited 20 <sup>th</sup> Coops. to make arrangements for officers of A. & N. Z. Mtd. Div. to visit 20 <sup>th</sup> Coops front. G.O.C. left BETHLEHEM to visit Desert Mtd. Coops School at RICHON LE ZION. G.S.O. 2 ordered to report G.O.C. ALEXANDRIA for subordination for U.R. to report War Office.	
M/R	30/7/18		Practice carried out by Wireless Section of Signal Squadron with Desroops. G.S.O. 1 visited H.Q.s Desroops. G.O.C. returned from RICHON LE ZION at 1900.	
M/S.	31/7/18		G.S.O. 1 visited Desert Mtd. Coops Signal School at BEIT JALA.	
M/R			Report on Operations July 14 <sup>th</sup> attached Sketch to illustrate operations July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Appen. 15 Appen 21
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AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(For 24 hours ending 0700 June 30th 1918.)

1. OPERATIONS. Usual patrols.
2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. Quiet, few shots during the day on TOOL POST from direction of 113.X.15.b.  
0100 Enemy patrol heard  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile W. of ZOO POST.
3. ENEMY MOVEMENT.  
0800 12 packs moved from 113.W.27.a to 113.U.26.  
0830 10/12 dismtd. men observed moving N.W. along UMM ESH SHERT Road.  
0900 4 men with shovels seen in 113.T.12.a. Dust cloud observed rising behind small hill.  
1530 2 packs & 5 Inf. moving S. along foothills to WADY RISHEH.  
1545 12 Inf. cutting scrub in 113.X.14.b.  
50 men seen in 127.G.28.  
1800 16. Cav. moved from 113.U.20.a. to 113.W.2.a.  
1800 2 H.T. moved from 113.U.29.c. to 113.J.27.  
1800 20 Inf. moving in 127.G.26.b.  
1835 1 troop Cav. moving N. in 127.G.2.6.b.  
0600 3 packs from WADY RISHEH to 113.U.27.
4. R. A. F.  
1720-1900 (Ref.DAMIEH C.6) WADY FUSAIL Area, 20 Cav. stationery U.21. 6 pack mules going W. in V.34.d. (Ref.Pal 1/63,360) UMM ESH SHERT Area, 50 Cav. staty. ES SALT - NIMRIN Rd Area. Column 500 inf. going S. scattered by M.G.Fire M.21. SHUNET NIMRIN Area, Horse line 50 horses P.6.b. 10 Cav. going S. U.7. 5 M.T. going S. & 5 N. between P.22 & M.26. 100 Inf. going W. U.21. Tentage in area 250 T. & S. N. of ES SALT Rd & 500 S. of Rd. Decrease of approx 100 T. & S. at W.26. EL ADELME Area. 30 Cav. going N.W. Y.28 scattered by M.G. fire. Out of area col. of 500 Inf. going W. Y.11. Observation good 3000 ft.
5. ARTILLERY.  
OURS. 1800 A/H.A.C. fired on enemy patrols E. of UMM ESH SHERT Crossing.  
1810 2 rds H.E. on 127.F.19.b.  
0800 C/301 ~~fixed~~ registered trenches in W.25.a.8.3.  
0915 C/301 fired 11 rds on enemy gun in R.35.b.7.1.
- ENEMY.  
0730 77mm battery in vicinity of 113.V.29.d. fired 24 rds on MUSALLABEH.  
0800 77mm battery on bearing of 40° from 113.W.35.a.8.8. fired 40 H.E. & S. on MUSALLABEH.  
0900 77mm MUSALLABEH probable location of gun C.19.  
0900-1000 77mm shelled MUSALIABEH SOUND bearing 97° from X.34.b.4.0.  
1830 77mm fired 15 H.E. on MUSALIABEH sound bearing 305° from 113.W.35.a.3.8. Same gun shelled WADY MEKUB EDH DHIB intermittently from 1930-2030.  
2100 77mm shelled BLUFF flash 8° from Y.23.b.2.8. gun probably in U.30.c.  
0630-0650 77mm fired from R.17.b. into 127.O.13.d.
6. GENERAL. Deserter:- Corpl. transport 58th Regt, 24th Divn. Unit on left 2nd Regt. On right 143rd Regt (E. of JORDAN). Strength Unit:- 200 Rifles (Approx) *h*  
220 Rations "  
*which may be the morning*  
Deserter three days ago saw 5.9 gun on road JISR ED DAMIE - ES SALT one hour from ES SALT. About 200 Germans in town ES SALT.  
Rations:- good. 2 meals per day (stew) Rice very often.  
Moral:- good.  
Tents have disappeared from vicinity of 113.V.14.  
11 white and 3 green flares fired in foothills opposite AUJAH Bridgehead during night.

30th June 1918.

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AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(For 24 hours ending 0700 2nd July 1918.)

1. OPERATIONS. Usual patrols.
2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. Sniping during day in No.3 subsector.  
~~0715~~ 1100 Patrol to TEL EL TRUNY fired on from T.24.c. by enemy patrol, six dismtd. men  
 Enemy immediately retired.
3. ENEMY MOVEMENT.  
 0715 19 camels from 113.U.9.c. moving E. to UMM ESH SHERT.  
 0725 50 Cav. moving N. on W. side of RED HILL.  
 0820 8 packs moved S. from 113.U.20.a. to W. ABU TULWAN.  
 0915 12 packs moved E. from 113.W.3.d.  
 1130 6 camels & 4 mules loaded moved from 113.U.35.b. S. to 113.W.3.d.  
 1215-1510 Considerable movement in 113.X.17.  
 1600 8 men and 5 packs mules moved E. from 113.X.8.d. to JORDAN.  
 1800 10 packs moved S. along foothills to WADI MAHMUD.  
 1810 10 packs E. from 113.U.9.c.
4. R. A. F. NIL.
5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Enemy post behind sangars located at T.24.a.1.9. strength approx 10 men.  
 Party appeared to be digging new redoubt approx X.22.a.central.  
 It appears from observation that the enemy are making a second line of  
 trenches on edge of rough ground running through Sqs. X.22, 29 & 36.
6. ARTILLERY.  
OURS. One gun A/H.A.C. moved forward to Z.18.d. and fired on track in C.26.a. and  
 on hut in C.33.d. and in F.5.b.  
 C/303 registered barrages and hostile gun positions.  
ENEMY. 0530 Batty in 113.W. 5 & 6 fired 16 H.E. on MUSALLABEH.  
 0715 Light fld gun sound bearing 40° from X.13.d. fired 3 shells on WICK POST.  
 1615 2 guns 113.R.30.d. fired about 20 H.E. on 113.Y.23.a. & c.  
 1707 2 enemy guns opened fire from smoke bearing 291° from W.35.b.1.  
 1930 77mm Batty 9° from W.35.b.1. fired 1 shot every 2 minutes into BLUFF -  
 MUSALLABEH Area.  
 2030-2200 70 H.E. at Reserve Regt. Y.23.6.3. and B.H.Q. area in Y.29.a.7.3. from W. & N.E.  
 2245-2400 Battys bearing 90° and 329° from MUSALLABEH fired salvos at two minute intervals  
 on VYSE, MUSALLABEH and MASKERAH.
7. GENERAL. Large column of smoke just N. of TEL EL ABRID 113.N.13.b. Tents located  
 in 113.U.12. were removed during the night 30th June/1st July.  
 1815 4 enemy planes flew over our line dropping 2 bombs in No.4 subsector.  
P. of W. 2 Deserters 2/63 Regt, 48th Divn. and one Deserter 3/143 Regt, 24th  
 Divn. in front of AUJAH DEFENCES. Location not yet reported.

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M. *[Signature]*  
for  
Lieut. Colonel,  
General Staff.

2nd July. 1918.

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OPERATIONAL & UNIT ACTIVITY REPORTS  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT  
(for 24 hours ending 0700 July 3rd 1943.)

1. OPERATIONAL - usual patrols.

1100-1600 patrol to TEL EL KHAYR reported all clear. patrol area fire from about 2.10.0.1.0.0.

2. UNIT ACTIVITY - none.

originating during day from 2.10 into 20.5 subsection.

1745 heavy patrol seen leaving TEL EL KHAYR proceeding N. through U.55.0.0.

3. UNIT ACTIVITY.

0435 small enemy mounted patrol left road at U.55.0.0.0. & proceeded N.  
0445 two patrols 6 men each moved from TEL EL KHAYR in N.E. direction.  
0635 150 animals apparently watering at houses at TEL EL KHAYR.  
0700 mule working 1000 yds N. of TEL EL KHAYR.  
0800 inftry observed in small parties at 2.10 & 17.  
0815 motor car moved N. along TEL EL KHAYR rd, first seen into observation behind TEL EL KHAYR.  
0835 50 men in small parties moved from N. side of TEL EL KHAYR down to JERBAH.  
0845 (ref. 1/43, 500) 40 men moved along foothills and disappeared in the hills 2.7.0.

four transport wagons moving N. from TEL EL KHAYR.

0900-1200 4 disint. men moved N. from TEL EL KHAYR to 2.7.0. 0.0.

0930 two motor cycles moving N. along TEL EL KHAYR rd.

1015 100 men going N.E. along TEL EL KHAYR rd with 2 bullock wagons 200 yds in front.

1230 2 disint. small parties moving N. & N. along road 2.10.0.0. & U.55.0.0.

1300 3 inftry moved from 2.0.0.0. S. towards TEL EL KHAYR.

12 ambulance wagons came down road U.55.0.0. & U.55.0.0.

1535 5 teams moved N. along foothills and entered U. 1.55.0.0.

1535 white flag waved on that appeared to be a dump near U. 1.55.0.0. on bearing 70° from TEL EL KHAYR.

1640-1650 (ref. 2.7 & 0.7) movement of car. seen in foothills 2.10 proceeding in direction TEL EL KHAYR.

1615 (ref. 1/43, 500) 40 horses grazing in U.55.0.0.0.0.

1730 3 linears unloading at works 500 yds N. of TEL EL KHAYR POST. 50 men approached same post at 1900.

1935 2 troops car. moved from TEL EL KHAYR U.55.0.0. along foothills disappearing in 2.7.0.0.

0700 18 inftry, 4 packs, 3 car. moved N. from U. 1.55.0.0. 2 wagons moved N. from TEL EL KHAYR disappeared 2.10. 50 inf. left works 2.0 & travelled N. to north.

1600-1700 considerable movement observed in U.55.0.0.0. & U.55.0.0.

4. U. 1.55.0.0. (ref. 1/43, 500 TEL EL KHAYR 0.0 & TEL EL KHAYR 2.7).

0815-0700 TEL EL KHAYR AREA. 3 M.C. going N. from 2.17.0. 6 bats held. 10 bats held. TEL EL KHAYR AREA. 50 car. going N. from U.10.0.0. 1 M.C. going N. U.10.0.0. 6 camouflaged emplacements built into trench U.55.0.0. 500 yds trench facing S. U.55.0.0. U.55.0.0.

1300-1600 on **ARRAHN** - **TEL EL KHAYR** **REF. FADL Rd 200-500** inf moving N. 1000 in five parties moving S. from **HEJUEL** **REF. FADL** area. (on tracks running S. towards TEL EL KHAYR rd scattered parties inf. approx 1000 in all moving S. S. Remaining areas normal.

5. UNIT ACTIVITY. Heavy continue digging at height 500 yds N. of TEL EL KHAYR POST.

small trench located with barb wire in 2.55.0.0.

Three trenches 50-60 yds long camouflaged with bushes in 2.55.

2 small mounds about 2.10.0.0.0. strength of enemy uncertain.

6. ARTILLERY.

0815-1500 47mm gun registered barrage in U.55.0.0. & U.55.0.0. U.55.0.0. with forward gun fired on floating targets N. of TEL EL KHAYR during the day.  
0845 80.11 mm. 47mm registered hostile 47mm in U.55.0.0.  
0845 80.11 mm. 47mm fired on to U.55.0.0.0. (ref. 1/43, 500).  
0700 6.300 fired on by in U.55.0.0.  
1600 heavies dispersed 50 horses grazing in U.55.0.0.

TEL EL KHAYR. 1015 77mm gun fired S. S. on TEL EL KHAYR from N. of TEL EL KHAYR POST.

Ref. 47mm which fired on TEL EL KHAYR on night 1/43. flash bearing 80° from U.55.0.0.0. believed to be in junction of small TEL EL KHAYR 17.0.55.0.0.0. (1/43, 500).

1400 47mm gun shelled vicinity of U. 1.55.0.0.

1545 47mm gun fired S. S. on TEL EL KHAYR & TEL EL KHAYR POST from vicinity TEL EL KHAYR.

1900 47mm V. TEL EL KHAYR fired S. S. on rd between TEL EL KHAYR & TEL EL KHAYR.

0400 mule bearing 200

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6. ARTILLERY. (contd). INDIA.

- 0400 Batty bearing 264° from MURALLAKH C.P. fired 20 shots towards W. AIRAH.
- 0415 Gun firing into Y.29.b. R.26.a & R.35.c bearing 308° from SWISS POST.
- 0420 77ms firing into Y.29.b. sound bearing 294° from Y.10.d.3.2. & sound bearing 272° from Y.11.b.0.6. (REF. 1/53, 260).
- 0420-0500 77ms on L.36.b. sound bearing 97° 30 m. E from Y.36.b.4.0. time of flight 6 secs. approx location of gun C.19.
- 0500 77ms battery in U.8.b. fired 14 H.R. on MURALLAKH.
- 0500-0600 77ms firing on U.29.d. bearing 10° from Y.10.c.9.8. probable location W. SWISS U.30.
- 0600 77ms firing on T. P.2023 about 60 yds. this bty was engaged by 60 pdrs & silenced.

7. TOPOGRAPHY. Officers patrol from WAR POST to P.33.c.3.3. report:- between T.29.c. & P.16.d. India & hills run E. & W. Hills very steep & stoney difficult for mtg or dismtg. troops by night. In the top of A. HINDY HILL P.16.d. there are ruins and ruined stone walls which offer excellent protection for a defending force. A well defined track runs from T.16.a. to P.23.a. All other tracks were just tracks and had not been used.

- 8. GENERAL. 3 S.S. observed in WADI HANISH C.33.d.
- 9. P. 21 B. 2 deserters from S/145 Regt 24th Div. captured P.23.a.

*M. R. ...*

Lieut. Colonel,  
General Staff.

3rd July 1918.

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*Appendix 4*

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*Original*

No.14.

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
(For 24 hours ending 0700 4th July 1918.)  
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1. OPERATIONS. Usual patrols.  
0830 Our patrol to T.16.b. on reaching T.23.c. were fired on from TEL ER RISHAH T.17.b
2. ENEMY ACTIVITY.  
2250 Enemy patrol about 20 strong approached MUSALLABEH No.4 Post and drove in our listening Post. This patrol was driven off by rifle and grenade fire and listening Post took up former position.  
2345 Enemy made a demonstration in the rough ground X.35 after which his Arty. opened fire on TEA & STAR POSTS.  
0100 4 hand grenades and burst from about 8 rifles in T.17.d.3.3.  
0220 6 grenades and burst of rifle fire from TEL EL MUSEMTERAH.
3. ENEMY MOVEMENT.  
0530 Mtd. patrol moving along JORDAN about G.20.cent.  
1530 small parties of horsemen in vicinity of SH. NIMRIN.  
12 Cav. moving between RED HILL and foothills.  
1600 70 camels grazing G.23 - 29.  
1800 Considerable movement N.E. RED HILL. Pack animals & a motor car seen going N. from RED HILL. 200 horses seen grazing E. of RED HILL close to foothills.  
1830 2 Wagons, 7 camels, 16 Inftry going W. along ROMAN RD X.36.a.  
1845 30 camels, 6 horses going W. along ROMAN Rd X.36.a.  
0740 2 cars going W. along ROMAN RD X.36.a.  
0500 9 cav. 4 packs going N.E. from W.14.  
0530 9 Inftry & 2 Mtd men W.22.b. went towards W.14.a.
4. ENEMY DEFENCES. Sangar observed on TEL ER RISHAH. Also on TEL EL MUSEMTERAH.
5. R. A. F. (Ref. DAMIRH C.6 & NIMRIN B.7).  
0500-0700 EL ADBIME Area. 4 H.T. & 12 horsemen going N.W. T.15.d. & T.22.a.  
SH. NIMRIN Area. 2 M.T. going N. P.18.a. & P.12.b. Tentage no change.  
Remaining areas normal. Observation fair, height 3000 ft.
6. ARTILLERY.  
OURS. 0915 C/301 fired 9 rds on enemy party in vicinity of W. AUJAH.  
0930 10 rds on enemy outpost camp in T.10.d.  
1100 Few rds on party at TEL EL ERUNY T.24.a.2.2.  
1600 Few rds on party returning to camp in T.10.d.  
Forward gun of A/H.A.C. fired on various targets during the day.  
Also registered enemy wire in X.36.cent.
- ENEMY.  
0630 A.A. gun approx W.3.d. fired 32 shells at our plane.  
1830-1930 section 77mm shelled X.34.a. & c. intermittently about 30 rds. sounds bearing from X.34.b.4.0. 345° M.N.  
2030 About 40 rds fired by 77mm guns in W. AUJAH & MUSALLABEH bearing from Z.20.a.cent to flash 350°.  
2110 Above burst of fire repeated about 25 rds being fired.  
2215 Enemy guns put up a barrage lasting 10 minutes on post of MUSALLABEH.  
2200 2 77mm batteries fired 30 rds on MUSALLABEH bearing 20° also 20 shells at 2230.  
2130-2400 Enemy shelled vicinity of TEA & STAR POSTS.
7. PRISONERS & DESERTERS.  
2 Turks belonging 3/143 Regt. 24th Div. deserted to our patrols in F.20.a.  
2 Arabs 1/163 Regt, 53rd Divn. deserted to our ~~posts~~ Posts in W.35.a.  
Prisoners and deserters from May 8th to July 2nd inclusive on Palestine Front  
P. of War. 76 Deserters 139 Total 215.
8. GENERAL. 20 bivouacs observed in W.2 & 3 in trees.
9. CASUALTIES. For 24 hours NIL.

4th July 1918.

*M. Sturges*  
Lieut. Colonel,  
General Staff.

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APPENDIX 5  
No. 15. E1/14

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
For 24 hours ending 0700 5th July 1918.

1. OPERATIONS. Usual patrols.  
Officers night patrol found AMUDUCT HILL T.16.d. all clear.
2. ENEMY ACTIVITY.  
1100 A rifle fired on our patrol to TEL EL TRUNY from TEL ER RISEH.  
1100-1400 Six rifles opened fire on our patrols to TEL EL TRUNY from WADI AUJMI near TRUNY, and 4 dismtd. men immediately retired. N. Intermittent rifle fire near TEL ER RISEH at various times.
3. ENEMY MOVEMENT.  
0740 2 Cars moved W. along ROMAN ROAD K.36.a.  
0800 60 Camels moving S.E. to D.13.  
0810 20 pack animals moved E. from K.30.c.  
0820 40 camels moved N. along Road from RED HILL.  
0900 6 dismtd. men appeared in R.35.e. and disappeared after moving 1000yds W.  
0940 11 packs moved E. to U.15.  
1300 2 H.T. and 2 packs moved S.E. to W.8.  
1345 Considerable movement of Infty along W. FUSAIL U.31 to KH. FUSAIL, U.27. estimated about 200E.  
1455 4 packs & 3 Infty moved S. to W.14.b.  
1500-1630 40 animals grazing about C.35.b.  
1515 30 horses grazing in W.3 & 4.  
1530 40 enemy cav. moving S. behind MILK HOUSE SR. NIBRIN.  
1550 20 horses driven N. from U.20. to U.16.  
1600 Another party about 40 moving in same direction apparently to water. About 30 mules and camels grazing in D.13.  
1740 26 Infty in W.4.a.  
1800 Party of 25 men moving from foothills towards RED HILL. Cav. estimated about 100 proceeding S. on track in S.20 followed by mule transport.  
1810 20 packs U.20 moved S.E. to W.3.  
1800 40 packs, 8 ltd. men U.20 moved W. to hospital U.15.  
1800-1830 Considerable movement of Infty W.3.4.9.10.15 & 16.  
1910 2 parties of 50 men seen leaving camp 73° N.H. from J.5.a.6.2. going W.  
0430 20 packs on track W.14.a.  
Considerable more movement than usual on roads in W.2 - 8 - 14.  
0505 8 packs, 6 ltd. men W.9.c. moved W. to W.3.  
0600 40 Infty moved E. on road K.36.b.  
0630 40 ltd men towards WADI FUSAIL about U.36.b.  
0900 2 enemy armoured cars in U.26. moving S. now taken cover in W. ABU ZERKA.  
4. ENEMY DEFENCES. 20 men digging in foothills 90° N.H. from F.9.a.2.7.  
1300 2 men entrenching K.19.d.  
5. R. A. F. (Ref. C.6., B.7., and C.7.)  
1625-1750 EL ADELLE Area. 150 horsemen stationery F.29.a. 30 Inf. scattered round trench B.15.a. Ref. 1/63,360. 40 men going E. T.11.b. 200 horsemen & 6 B.T. Y.8.c. 3 H.T. going E. Y.1. Tentage no change.  
SHUHET NIBRIN Area. 20 men going E. R.24.d. 4 H.T. going W. F.22. 2 H.T. going S. P.35. 5 H.T. parked S. of road P.22. 50 men going W. U.13.  
5 H.T. & 5 H.T. going W. & 5 H.T. going S. P.12 to 13. 100 men going between M.21 & P.18. 50 horsemen stationery P.4.c. 20 men stationery G.28.a. 80 Cav. scattered G.21 - 16. Tentage no change.  
UMI ESH SHUHET Area. 6 H.T. going N. F.5. 50 horsemen stationery C.26.b. 25 horsemen scattered C.20.d. 30 horsemen scattered C.31.b. 40 men going W. C.7 - 8. 100 men going towards BRIDGE V.23.c. 20 horsemen & 2 H.T. going towards bridge V.23.c. Tentage no change.  
WADI FUSAIL Area. 30 men scattered K.24.b. 6 H.T. going N. K.11 - 5. 40 horsemen going N. K.5. 4 H.T. going N. W.20.a. 20 horsemen U.31.c.



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5. R. A. F. (Contd).

30 horsemen U.21. Tentage no change.  
SURTUBEH Area. 50 men going W. U.15.a. Observation good. Height 3000 ft.

6. ARTILLERY.

CURS. Fired on enemy wire in X.36.central. from Z.18.d.2.6.  
1725 No.11 ltn. Batty fired 28 rds on enemy gun in about R.30.d.  
During the day forward gun of A/H.A.C. engaged enemy transport in U.20  
and also indulged in sniping fire on enemy movement with good results.

BUFFY.

1650-1800 77mm shelled MURALLAHIN & BLUFF intermittently sound bearing approx  
540° from R.34.5.4.C. and 45° from W.29.3.8.1. probable location of  
gun X.5.8.

1745 10 pdr batty fired on MURALLAHIN sound bearing 4° from W.29.3.8.1  
0700 New rds fired on our patrol vicinity of SHURBT HIRIN.

7. PRISONERS & DESERTERS.

1 Turk, 6th Coy, 2nd Btn, 56th Regt, 24th Divn gave  
himself up to our No.10 J.I.2.c. States 3/56th Regt moved from line in  
direction HABLEH. This completes the move of the 24th Divn from the line  
The 19th Divn have relieved the 24th Divn. Deserter rather stupid.

*Height 3 1/4 miles*

8. HOSTILE AERIAL ACTIVITY.

A hostile machine was observed over MURALLAHIN. 1 G.H. 1/7/35.

9. CASUALTIES.

Nil.

*M. B. ...*  
Lt Col. ...  
General Staff

5th July 1919.

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No.16.

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
For 24 Hours ending 0700 6th July 1918.

1. OPERATIONS. Patrols found TEL EL TRUNY all clear but were fired on from TEL ER RISHEH T.17.b.
2. ENEMY ACTIVITY.
  - 0115 Enemy raiding party of about 50 rifles approached No.3 & 4 posts MUSALLABEH driving in listening post in front of No.4. 1 white flare from W.21. was fired and gun R.33.b. fired a few 77mm shells on MUSALLABEH. About 20 rifles opened fire from W.22.d. raiding party did not reach our wire and were driven off by rifle fire and grenades.
3. ENEMY MOVEMENT.
  - 0700 100 Inf. moving from T.7.d. in direction of NIMRIN.
  - 0730 4 Mtd & 20 dismtd men from G.27. in E. direction.
  - 0740 20 Mtd men moved from EL HAUD towards NIMRIN.
  - 0745 60 camels grazing in D.20.b. 4 H.T. moved S.W. to W.3.
  - 0800 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 40 Mtd men & 8 H.T. of 4 horses each moved N. U.32.a. 15 camels to MAFID MOZELEH to RED HILL.
  - 0815 20 packs moved S. to W.3.
  - 0830 20 dismtd men moved S. to W. AUJAH T.23.b.2.6. These were dispersed by gun fire at 1000.
  - 0850 40 packs moved S.W. U.20. 15 Inf. moved behind TEL ER RISHEH to W. AUJAH.
  - 1030 1 man from O.P. seen to move towards Wady W.22.c. fired on by outpost  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour later a man came out from the outpost in search of deserter but returned without him.
  - 1045 About 20 Cav. moved N. along ROMAN Rd.
  - 1030-1700 Considerable movement of Inf. about X.17.
  - 1100 3 B.T. erected in U.2.b.
  - 1115 60 horses driven from U.15.b. to U.20.
  - 1230 30 Mtd men moving E. in C.29.a. 30 Cav. moving E. in C.29.a.
  - 1400 7 packs moved W. from U.9.a. to U.8.a.
  - 1515 Camel convoy moving N.E. to foothills in D.21.b.
  - 1530 6 packs moved S. to W.21.c.
  - 1615 16 packs moved W. from X.36.b.
  - 1620 35 Inf. and 2 vehicles apparently bivouacking in Wady at C.14.d.
  - 1635 Helio showing quarter light in C.28.
  - 1640 ~~XXXX~~ 8 packs moved S. to W.14.b. from W.8.d.
  - 1700 small parties during day at enemy works in F.12 - 18
  - 1745 20 Inf. proceeded along Road S.W. from NIMRIN accompanied by 12 pack mules.
  - 1800 50 Inf. moving N. in P.22.a. 25 Mtd Men moving along foothills from NIMRIN. 20 camels 4 H.T. 2 Mtd men 6 packs moving E. from X.36.b.
  - 1900 40 packs going S.E. from X.30.c. 12 men wiring at X.17.
  - 0400 Outpost of 7 mtd men withdrew N. from Y.13.a.
  - 0630 40 packs going N.E. from X.30.c.
  - 0700 patrols of 4 mtd men seen in F.15.a.
4. ENEMY Defences. Considerable movement all day in large redoubt 3000 yds N. of TOOL POST. 6 men reported working in small trenches X.36.a.5.5.
  - 1900 12 men seen wiring in X.17.
5. R.A.F. (Ref. C.6., B.7. C.7. 1/40,000)
  - 1615-1800 EL ADEIME Area. 4 H.T. 10m Cam. going N. P.16.b. T.22.a. SH. NIMRIN. 20 men on track R.12.d. 2 M.T. 4 H.T. 10 Horsemen going N. at T.6. No change in tentage. UMM ESH SHERT Area. 10 bivouacs in D.19.c. W. FUSAIL Area. 3 men on road in X.11.a. 3 H.T. U.16 going E. 20 bivouacs U.18.b. Ferry being worked U.23.a.8.2. by 6 men. No movement observed. Observation fair.
  - 0510-0740 ADEIME Area. 50 horsemen stationery T.22.c. 20 animals stationery in T.29.a. SH. NIMRIN Area. 20 men halted R.12.c. 3 M.T. stationery facing W. P.6.d. 2 H.T. stationery facing E. R.17.c. No change in tentage. Remaining areas normal. No change in Tentage. Observation good. Height 3000 ft.

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6. ARTILLERY.

OURS. 1000 C/301 fired 37 rds at enemy O.P. R.35.e.2.8.

A/H.A.C. fired intermittently during the night on enemy wire and trenches in front of SHELL POST.

ENEMY. 1830 few rds fired in vicinity of W. AUJAH sound bearing  $298^{\circ}$  from W.29.c.8.1.

2030 77mm fired on MUSAILABEH from direction of W. FUSAIL. This was repeated at 0550.

Enemy How. fired in W.29.c. sound bearing  $308^{\circ}$  from W.28.c.8.1.

7. PRISONERS & DESERTERS. 1 Turk, 1st Coy, 32nd Regt gave himself up at WART POST 113.H.1.d.8.1. Has never been in the front line is in reserve to his regt. about 30 hours ride S. from MEJDEL-BENI FADL. States regt on right 136th, on left 133rd. There is a post of about 10 turks on TEL ER RISHAH.

Has heard of no preparations for an attack.

8. CASUALTIES. For 24 hours. NIL.

6th July 1918.

*Lt Col Donald*  
for. Lieut. Colonel,  
General Staff.

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AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(For 24 hours ending 0700 7th July 1918.)

Original E/18  
No.17.

1. OPERATIONS. Usual patrols.  
Patrols to TEL EL TRUNY - 2 snipers on AQUEDUCT HILL otherwise all clear.
2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. During the day 2 enemy snipers firing 1000 yds N. of TART POST.  
0900 Several shots fired from direction of F.15 also 2 M.G. bursts from F.15.
3. ENEMY MOVEMENT.  
0645 30 Inf. in D.21.a. disappeared into broken ground.  
0745 Mtd patrol of 8 men in C.30.b. moving N.W.  
0800 Considerable movement in X.17.  
15 Inf. moving N.E. in C.30.d.  
0700-0900 10 Inf. in small parties moved S. from W. AUJAH.  
0810-0950 25 packs in small parties of 2/3 moved S. from W.8., W.2 & W.1. to W.20.  
0815 16 cav. and packs on road N.E. of NIMRIN moving N.  
0830 20 Mtd & 15 dismtd men observed in X.15.b. coming from N.W. Mtd men returned same direction.  
0915 30 Inf. moving S.W. along road from NIMRIN.  
0930 5 Mtd men galloped into scrub from road in P.9.b.  
0945 10 Cav moved from X.16.a. to X.10.d.  
1000 4 Ambulance wagons left hospital U.16 and moved N.E. along road U.12.d.  
1015 3 H.T. moved N. from W.21. to U.32.  
1350 14 Inf. & 3 packs moved S. from U.26.a. to U.32.d.  
1400 30 horses grazing U.34.a. & b.  
1515 Troop of Mtd men moving S.W. in C.30.d.  
1545 12 Inf. seen about F.12.  
1600 Odd men seen moving about in X.24.  
4 H.T. moved S.W. from U.7.b. to U.28.a. During the day scattered Inf. and packs moved between W.4.a. & W.16.a.  
1700 10 pack camels V.7.b. moved S.W. to U.23.  
1730 1 H.T. and 13 packs S. from U.26. to W.8.a.  
1700-1800 Considerable movement of Inf in 2/3 proceeding S.W. along track W.2.c.(1/63560).  
1830 About 1500 horses seen grazing vicinity of Wady in C.18.  
1845 40 Cav. moved W. to E. in V.16.  
1800-1900 60 packs S. from U.23. to W.5.9. & 15.  
0500 30 horses preceded E. from UMM BSH SHERT.  
4. ENEMY DEFENCES. Deserter 3rd Coy, 163rd Regt 53rd Divn. states day & night post of 10 to 20 men under an Officer on Hill TEL ER RISHEH. No barb wire or trenches.  
1300 Enemy O.P. & trench digging at G.21.d. G.27.a. & G.14.a. Small sandbag trench in F.13.c.3.1.
5. R. A. F.  
0910-1040 EL ADEIME. SH. NIMRIN. UMM BSH SHERT & W.FUSAIL Areas. No movement. Tentage no change. Observation fair. Height 3500 ft.
6. ARTILLERY. OURS.  
1400 No.11 Mtn. Bty engaged party of 30 Turks on TEL EL TRUNY.  
1700 A/H.A.C. fired on M.G. post EAST of JORDAN (F.13.c.) & carried out registration with 13 pdrs & forward 75mm on new enemy trenches & redoubt in X.36.a & b.  
2000 Our forward 75mm gun fired intermittently short sharp bursts of fire on enemy new wire in X.36.a. during the night until 0330.  
ENEMY. 0700 Batty R.35.b. & one gun 519<sup>0</sup> from MUSALLABEH fired 40 H.E. on MUSALLABEH.  
1245-1310 Gun from X.6.d. fired 32 H.E. & S. on MASKERAH.  
0715 A.A. gun fired 10 rds at plane from G.30.cent.  
1500 77mm fired few rds on MUSALLABEH.  
1800 Enemy shelled old position of Ayrshire Batty Z.22. and flat ground S. of MELLIAH.  
from direction of C.13.  
0030 15 rds 77mm fired on X.34.a. & a. approx bearing from X.34.b.4.0. 345<sup>0</sup> & bearing to flash taken from Z.20.a.cent 339<sup>0</sup> M.N.  
0720 77mm fired on W.35.a. sound bearing from VYSE POST 270<sup>0</sup> and from Y.28.b.o.5. 348<sup>0</sup>
7. CASUALTIES. For 24 hours NIL.

M. Stewart  
Lieut. Colonel,  
General Staff.

7th July 1918.

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**AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION  
ORDER No. 132.**

Copy No. 17

Ref. Map 1/40,000

JERICHO, 8th July 1918.

**1. INFORMATION.**

- (a) Command of LEFT SECTOR will pass from G.O.C., A. & N.Z. Mounted Division to G.O.C., Australian Mounted Division at 0900 on 20th July 1918. At the same hour command of all troops in SOLOMONS POOLS Area will pass to G.O.C., A. & N.Z. Mounted Division.
- (b) 3rd L.H. Brigade march from TALAAT ED DUMM to LEFT SECTOR on the night 17th/18th July.
- (c) 5th Mounted Brigade march from TALAAT ED DUMM to LEFT SECTOR on night 18th/19th July.

**2. MOVES.**

- (a) Moves and Reliefs will take place in accordance with attached March Table.
- (b) Reliefs will be carried out under arrangements to be made direct by Brigades concerned. Completion of relief and handing over of command will be wired 'PRIORITY' to Divisional Headquarters.
- (c) While at TALAAT ED DUMM Brigades will be tactically in Corps Reserve.

**3. ACKNOWLEDGE.**

Lieut. Colonel,  
General Staff.

Issued at 2100.

- Normal distribution plus -
- No. 20 C.R.A. LEFT SECTOR.
  - 21 2nd Mounted Division.
  - 22 53rd Division.
  - 23 Australian Mtd Division.
  - 24 3rd L.H. Brigade.
  - 25 4th L.H. Brigade.
  - 26 5th Mounted Bde.

**AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.  
MARCH TABLE ISSUED WITH ORDER No. 132.**

Unit.	Night July 18th/19th.	Night July 19th/20th	Night July 20/21st.
3rd L.H. Bde.	Bivouac area in LEFT SECTOR to No. 33 Subsector, relieving 1st A.L.H. Bde.		
1st A.L.H. Bde.	LEFT SECTOR to TALAAT ED DUMM.	TALAAT ED DUMM to SOLOMONS POOLS.	
5th Mtd Bde.		Bivouac Area in LEFT SECTOR to No. 4 Subsector relieving N.Z.M.R. Bde.	
N.Z.M.R. Bde.		LEFT SECTOR to TALAAT ED DUMM.	
H.I. & Divn Troops A. & N.Z. Mtd. Divn.			LEFT SECTOR to KETHLEHEM.

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AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
(For 24 hours ending 0700 8th July 1918.)

No.18.

1. OPERATIONS.

1300 Patrol left WICK POST (Y.14.c) but was unable to proceed along N. bank of W. AUJAH owing to rifle fire from TEL ER RISHAH.

0500 Patrol left WICK POST, patrolled along N. bank of W. AUJAH as far as OLD FLOUR MILL (U/17.d) and then crossed Wadi towards AQUEDUCT Hill (T.16.d) and drew sniping rifle fire from about T.16.b.3.4. All clear at that hour RISHAH, AQUEDUCT, TRUNY HILLS.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. NIL.

3. Enemy movement.

0700 100 horses grazing in U.14 & 15.

0710 8 Cav. moved N.W. from U.27.b. to U.13.d.

0715 6b horsemen moving E. along road from P.16.a.

0730 12 packs moved N.E. from X.36.a. to X.9.c. Camel convoy moving N. from RED HILL.

0745 14 cav. 6 packs moved from W.8.a. N. to U.20.a. 2 enemy patrols about 25 strong moved N. along ROMAN ROAD. Several wagons and large cloud of dust proceeding N.E. through P.16.d & b.

0300-1000 About 20 enemy disntd dribbled down into Wadi at T.16.d & 23.b. Not in any formation. 3 H.T. moved S.W. from U.15.a. to U.20.

0900 M.G. opened fire on our plane from BAKR RIDGE.

0940 8 packs moved E. to U.18.d.

1000 8 cav. 4 packs moved N.

1055 20 Cav. moved N.E. from X.6.b. to A.31.b.

1100 Convoy 150 packs moved N. from X.9.d. and disappeared in broken ground in V.31.c.

10 H.T. moved N.W. from KH FUSAIL and disappeared about U.9.

1130 7 packs moved S. to W.8.a.

1225 6 packs moved N. to U.20.c from W.8.a.

1500 Several shelters erected on Hill in G.21.b & c. Movement at intervals during day.

1630 40 horsemen and 7 ambulance wagons at D.14.d. moving N. returned same route at 1700 and disappeared in broken ground S.W. of D.14.

1840 50 Packs moved S.S.E. from MAFID JOZELEH along plain E. of JORDAN and disappeared behind RED HILL.

0455 7 packs and 4 cav. at W.2.b. moved S. to W.20.d.

0500 12 Transport and small escort moving W. from C.8.

0550 6 packs moved along ROMAN ROAD X.36.b. to X.16.a.

0620 9 pack camels from U.14.c. to U.16.a.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. 2 short lines of trenches started in X.10.c.

5. R.A.F. Nothing to report. Tentage and movement normal.

6. ARTILLERY.

OURS. During day 13 pdrs of Left group in retaliation engaged suspected gun position and bivouacs areas.

1100 Ayrshire registered enemy wire X.20.d.

1700 Registered enemy post X.24.c.

1830 Tested TAIL barrage .

1800 Right Group 75mm gun fired in enemy rush Hut E. of JORDAN where movement was observed.

ENEMY 0800 77mm Batty bearing 276° from O.P. MUSALLABEH fired 18 H.E. & S. on MUSALLABEH.

0830 Enemy shelled water troughs at T.22.a. gun not located.

1100 77mm Batty bearing 276° from O.P. MUSALLABEH fired 28 H.E. of No.2 Post MUSALLABEH damaging portion of the wire.

77mm gun fired 25 H.E. on No.1 Post MASHERAH gun not located.

1115 Enemy batty bearing 44° from O.P. MUSALLABEH fired 10 H.E. on VYSE POST from direction of W. BAKR.

1540-1615 77mm batty bearing 276° from O.P. MUSALLABEH fired 14 H.E. on MUSALLABEH.

7. PRISONERS & DESERTERS. 2 N.C.O's belong to 3rd Coy, 163rd Regt, 53rd Divn. gave themselves up to N.Z.M.R. Bde at H.25.d.5.9. heard that 3 15 cm guns had been brought to XXth A.C.H.Q. and that one used to fire in this direction and two towards HABLUS One was put out of action by our artillery and then all three were moved further back.

8. CASUALTIES. NIL.

8th July 1918.

*M. Stevenson*  
Lieut. Colonel,  
General Staff.

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AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTAIN DIVISION  
INTERLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
(For 24 hours ending 0700 9th July 1943.)

1. OPERATIONS. Usual patrols to V.17.d. reported all clear.
- 1940 (Night 7/8th) 1 off. 8 O/S patrol from TONG POST to about 2 miles N.E. of SHARPS TOWER. At 2100 the enemy opened fire at about 2,000 yds N.E. from patrol's position. pamphlets were left and patrol withdrew at 0200. No further reports.
2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. quiet.
- 0600 5 small bursts N.E. fire from vicinity S.21.a.
3. ENEMY MOVEMENT.
- 0430 Party working in trenches X.25.c.
- 0700 20 packs from HAFID JOURNAL to RED HILL.
- 0740 7 pack animals moved N.E. to U.17.d. from U.34.cent.
- 0755 100 horses & cattle in U.14.a.
- 0800 9 transport moved from X.2.cent to KH. FUSAIL appeared to unload and the proceeded to W. TURKAR, E.2.c.
- 0820 40 pack animals appeared from behind RED HILL and moved towards HAFID JOURNAL.
- 0845 small body of pack animals moving S.E. at P.15.b.
- 1000 80 men apparently carrying water from JOURNAL to redoubt X.10.cent.
- 1050 2 Mtd men and quantity of dust P.15 - P.15.
- 1025 12 Cav. moved from S.2.a. to U.17.d.
- 1055 4 packs, 10 inf. moved S. from U.27.c. to S.20.b.
- 1130 12 dimtd men seen at VAL BL SHUY.
- 1200 40 horses grazing at W.9. well attended and kept together.
- 1530 10 packs moved S. from U.20.d. to W.8.a.
- 1535 20 horses moved N.E. from U.14.b. to U.10.c.
- 1600 4 packs, 4 inf. moved S. from U.26.a. to W.8.a. Motor Car moved from KH. FUSAIL to hospital U.16. A white bivouac erected E. end of SHANT HILL.
- 1625 22 Mtd men going E. in C.16. Small party Mtd men & packs S.15.
- 1635 30 packs animals appeared on plain A.19.a. and remained grazing. Usual movement of packs in S.10 & 14.
- 1650 10 packs moved S. from U.26.a. to W.8.a.
- 1640-1900 2 H.T. 15 packs, 8 Mtd men, 20 Inf. in small parties moved to and from U.20.c. & W.18., S & S.
- 1700-1830 continuous movement on track S.8.a & b.
- 1800 70 Cav. with pack animals on ridge of RED HILL moved S.E. probably to water.
- 1805 convoy 100 packs appeared U.17.d. disappeared behind RED HILL.
- 1820 150 animals grazing in S.7.d.
- 1915 6 men working on new trench X.10.c & d.
- 0600 Convoy moved along plain from RED HILL to V.17.d.
- 0630 10 packs from RED HILL to V.17.d. 30 packs at KH. FUSAIL.
4. R.A.F.
- 1700-1900 SH. HIRSHIN Area. 6 H.T. and 1 touring car going W. & 4 H.T. going S. between PIG and S.26. Remaining areas usual movement of small bodies. Tentage no change. Observation poor. Height 3500 ft.
- 0625-0900 EL ARBINE Area. No movement Remaining areas usual movement of small bodies. Observation good. Height 3500 ft.
5. ARTILLERY.
- 0600-1100 Ayrshires registered enemy wire X.30.d.3.2. and X.30.d.3.3.
- 1315 G/Sol fired 9 rds retaliation in X.25.a and few rds night group. 70mm fired at intervals throughout the night on enemy positions in front of STAR POST.
- 0700 A/S.A.C. fired on enemy watering order proceeding to USEH KSH STREET.
- ENEMY.1000 77mm shelled HIRSHALAH bearing 270° from Y.5.a.2.3.

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5. ARTILLERY. contd.

- 1110 77mm fired on flat E. of BLUFF bearing 30° Y.5.a.2.8.
- 1300 77mm fired 8 rds on MUGALLABEH.
- 1520 77mm fired on VALE POST 370° from Y.5.a.2.8.
- 1540 Same gun fired 25 rds on BLUFF.
- 1745-1815 77mm fired 45 rds on TANT POST approx 355° N.N. from X.34.d.4.8.
- 1815 77mm fired 25 rds on X.34.b & c.
- 2330-2345 77mm shelled BLUFF and MUGALLABEH bearing 280° from X.34.d.4.8.
- 2540 87mm gun fired on vicinity Ayashire old position X.22.
- 0400 77mm shelled MUGALLABEH sound bearing 350° from X.34.d.4.8.
- 0720-0755 77mm fired 12 rds neighbourhood of O.P. in X.34.d.4.8. bearing 350° N.N. from this O.P.

6. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- New short trench W.55.a.9.9. Additional has been done to the new trenches X.10.c. & d.
- 0450 New work observed in X.10.d.
- 0620 5 men appeared to be working on W. bank of JORDAN on bearing 45° from O.P. HAKHURAH.

7. GENERAL.

Enemy camp bearing 72° N.N. from X.34.d.4.8. increased during night of 7/8th. A fair amount of work appears to have been done in the JORDAN VALLEY, along the high ground overlooking the WADI EL MELLANAH X.6.c. E. of JORDAN very little work has been reported. The following are the corrected locations of the southern crossings of JORDAN.

- YASUD (Bent)      Q.52.2.6.9.
- HAKHURAH MAJLA (Bridge)      S.2.d.8.9.
- Bent (bridge)      S.14.c.10.5.

8. CASUALTIES.      NIL.

9th July 1916.

*Jan McDonald*  
for, Lieut. Colonel,  
General Staff.



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AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
(For 24 hours ending 0700 10th July 1918)

1. OPERATIONS. Our snipers on SHARKS TOOTH engaged enemy snipers in X.22.a. When the usual patrol was returning from TEL EL TRUNY a post was established about T.18.c.5.10. with a view to capturing prisoners coming down to Wady. at 0800 1 prisoner was captured and two others were captured at 1330. At 1800 2 offs. & 4 O/Rs proceeded in direction of WHITE TRENCH X.36.c.9.5. and reached a position immediately in front of it. Nothing was observed & patrol returned at 2100.
2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. At 0445 enemy fired from F.16 on one of our patrols. They jumped out of a small trench, fired a few shots and then withdrew.
3. ENEMY MOVEMENT.
- 0600 30 packs at KH. FUSAIL small parties of Inf. about GRANT HILL.  
3 enemy observed in F.14.
- 0700 15 men travelling N. along road running N. from UMM BSH SHEET crossing also 30/40 horses led along road towards crossing. Our guns shelled them causing them to disperse.
- 0715 20 packs & 2 vehicles moved N.E. to H.14.b.
- 0730 7 packs & 5 Cav. moved to U.26.b.
- 0735 10 Cav. move E. along ROMAN Rd.
- 0800-1000 Usual small parties about 12 altogether moved down to water at T.17.c.
- 0800 20 horses moved W. to U.13.d.
- 0840 15 Cav. moved E. along ROMAN Rd.
- 0845 Motor proceeded S. on road at P.13.c.
- 0900 12 packs moved W. to U.13.c. Camel Convoy of 20 moved S.W. along ROMAN Rd at U.17.cent. 12 horsemen going N. same place. 2 Troops moving E.N.E. at P.21.
- 0915 10 packs moved W. at U.13.c.
- 0930 9 packs moved W. at U.13.c. 12 horsemen going S. at C.8.a. 30 Mtd men including W. flank guard proceeded N. from P.1. to G.14. 30 minutes returned towards NIMRIN. Appeared to be on tour of inspection.
- 1000 8 packs & 3 Cav. moved N. to U.26.d. Enemy post observed in F.1.b.
- 1430 3 men moved S. & disappeared in T.12.c. 9 men moved from AUJAH to TEL EL MUSSEPTEREH and then to T.6.a.
- 1450 9 packs moved E. from U.17.a. to ROMAN RD.
- 1500 30/40 horses grazing at C.8.a.
- 1600 small hill at F.1. appears to be a day post men seen changing & packs seen at intervals during the day.
- 1630 15 mtd men proceeded S.E. at P.16. 16 Inf. 1 pack from hospital to U.27. Continual movement of single men & packs along ROMAN Rd between U.17.b. & N.14.b.
- 1740 11 Cav. 1 H.T. in U.15. moved along ROMAN Rd.
- 1820 10 Cav. U.33.b. moved S. to W.16.a.
- 1830 Column moving N. in vicinity of N.14. unable to discern whether Inf. or transport.
- 1905 12 men walked from X.11 to K.17.
4. ENEMY DEFENCES.
- 1400 ~~ENEMY~~ small working party at W.8.a.
- 1440 2 men working in new trenches at X.10.c.
- 1845 5 men working on W. bank of JORDAN at X.5.d.
- 1915 6 men working in new trenches at X.10.c.
5. R.A.F.
- 1600-1735 AL ADEIME Area. No movement. W. FUSAIL Area 4 camouflaged guns in Pits in V.31.b. O.5. 100 men seen in Wadi W.9.c. and 3 H.T. going N.E. remaining areas not movement tentage normal.
- 0455-0715 Usual movement. Tentage normal.
6. ARTILLERY.
- OURS. 1100 No.11 Mtn. Bty fired 10 rds R.56.cent. 6 rds T.12.c.0.8.
- 1130 27 rds on TRUNY. T.23.d.
- 1330 4 rds R.30.b.8.4. 4 rds R.30.b.cent.  
C/501 fired 11 rds R.35.a. & W. RISHM.
- 1600 Right group 75mm fired on enemy patrols near foothills.
- 1800 A/H.A.C. fired on watering area UMM BSH SHEET Ford.
- 0300 Right group 75 mm fired on enemy wire in front of STAR POST.
- 0555 60 pdrs carried out shoot with aeroplane observation.

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6. ARTILLERY. Contd. ARMY.

- 1600 4.2 fired 6 rds on TICH POST sound bearing 45° from X.36.d.4.8.
- 1605 77mm fired on BLIFF sound bearing 5° from Y.6.a.3.3.
- 1630 same gun shelled HIRALLAH.
- 77mm fired on ASU THILUL 510° from Y.6.a.3.3.
- 1900 77mm fired 6 rds in WADI behind TICH POST 335° from X.36.d.4.8.
- 0610 77mm battery fired 30 H.E. on HASKIRAH from direction HIR. HILL.
- 0630 enemy 4.2 & 77mm shelled Y.6.cent also Y.30.a with 77mm.

7. PRISONERS & DEATHS.

The following prisoners were captured by a patrol of N.S.M.A. 300 at T.18.c.5.10. 1 Turkish corpl. of 6th Coy, M.C. 53rd Regt 53rd Divn. 2 Turkish privates 10th Coy, S/163 Regt, 53rd Divn. They were captured while coming down to the well for water and berries.

8. GENERAL.

~~Refugee~~ A refugee who left HALKILISH 4/7/18 states that all Arabs of that village fit for military service are being conscripted. A report from two sources indicates that classes 1516 - 1518 (ages 16-18) are being called up in Western ARABIA. This is said to be causing grave dissatisfaction among the population. One report is from a Syria Agent and another from an officer deserter.

At 1510 bursts were seen in N.13.cent thought to be French mortars. Our Artillery silent from 1800 to 1845.

Enemy fired about 90/100 rds on HIRAH rd about Y.7.b. on their own convoy of men, mules & camels, causing them to scatter in all directions. This was a 4 gun battery which fired ranging H.E. and then went to gun fire dump. Our guns were not firing at the time.

9. CASUALTIES.

- 1 O/R died of wounds.
- 1 " wounded.
- wounds caused by shell fire.

*John J. Donaldson*  
for. Lieut. Colonel,  
General Staff.

10th July 1918.

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
(For 24 hours ending 0700 11th July 1918)

1. OPERATIONS. Usual Patrols.  
2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. Quiet.  
3. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

0500 50 Inf. moving S.W. on road at P.16.d.  
0900 40 animals thought to be cav. moved from V.17.d. to U.20.a. & disappeared.  
1000 About 40 Cav. moved from V.17.d. to U.20.c. & 30/40 cav. in C.16. moving S.W.  
1050 50 Cav. moved from C.20.d. & disappeared C.7.a.  
1100 25 motor lorries moving N.E. along rd at approx U.27.d.  
1330 30 animals grazing in D.21.  
1525 30 Inf. 2 Cav & 20 horses moved E. from U.14.d. to V.2.d.  
1530 30 horses moved N.E. from U.15.d. to U.10.c.  
1540 40 horses moved N.E. from U.15.d. to U.10.c.  
1600 Mtd patrol of 20 men in C.10. moved E. into broken ground C.12.  
1655 150 Inf. moving along ROMAN RD in N. direction thought to come from broken ground near JORDAN V.21.  
1700 150 animals grazing on plain A.25.  
During day at intervals camels & packs came down WADI TULWAN and WADI ALI to green strip in W.5. with fanatis for water.  
1830 100 animals grazing A.25.  
1835 20 pack animals C.20 disappeared in Wadi C.26.  
1855 50 packs moved S.W. along ROMAN RD N.26 - W.17.  
1900 30 loaded camels moved from Bk. FUSAIL and disappeared in W. BAKR at W.21.  
1930 Considerable movement of men & packs at BK. FUSAIL.  
1945 60 packs moved S. about W.20.  
0400 Considerable movement N. end GRANT HILL, enemy appeared to be leaving Post.  
0545 20 packs from MAFID JOZELIHH moved S.E. along plain E. of JORDAN disappeared behind RED HILL.

4. ARTILLERY.

OURS.1000 C/303 fired 6 rds enemy O.P. R.35.c., 6 rds enemy Bty W.19.c. 6 rds R.34.b.cent.  
1640 C/303 fired on suspected H.Grs., in T.11.a.  
1730-1830 Right 75mm fired on led horses & Mtd troops E. of UMM ESH SHERT & at enemy wire in K.36.b.

ENEMY. Considerable shelling during day on MUSALLABEH.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

1905 5 men working at K.10.c. New work added to trenches in K.10.c.

6. R.A.F.

1545-1715 EL ADEIME Area. 30 horsemen stationery at T.22 & 2 M.T. going N. T.15.  
SH. NIMRIN Area. 50 men going N. P.16.a. 50 horsemen going W. G.29.d.  
UMM ESH SHERT Area. 2 barges midstream 100 yds N. of Bridge U.23.a.  
W. FUSAIL Area. 100 men stationery V.32. 70 men scattered U.27.  
SURTUBEH Area. 10 M.T. ~~stationery~~ going E. U.17. 100 men & 100 horsemen going S. U.7. Observation good. Height 3500 ft.  
0600-0840 Areas usual movement of small bodies. Tentage no change.

7. GENERAL. Enemy batty again fired on V.7.b. a few registering rds at 1730. At 1815 a large convoy of packs & transport came S. on ROMAN RD. They had just cleared WADI when enemy batty put up a heavy barrage across & E. of ROMAN RD. Convoy stopped to watch. No guns could be heard firing. A large cloud of dust observed behind stony knoll N.25.b. accompanied by a noise like S.A.A. explosion this continued for 5 minutes.  
Dead Turkish Sergt. discovered N.W. of No.4 MUSALLABEH. Small piece of paper found in pocket of coat gives following particulars 26th Divn, 73rd Regt, 2nd Btn. This Sergt. evidently took part in raid on MUSALLABEH on night 3/4th July. Was wearing a German Uniform.

7. CASUALTIES. 1 O.R. Killed.  
2 O.Rs wounded.

11th July 1918.

M. *Stewart*  
Lieut. Colonel,  
General Staff,

Diary

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AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
(For 24 hours ending 0700 12th July 1918).

1. OPERATIONS. Usual patrols.
2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. NIL.
3. ENEMY MOVEMENT.
  - 0600 About 100 horses moved along rd in C.6/C.7. towards JORDAN.
  - 0630 2 troops observed passing along rd from C.6/U.18. to V.20.
  - 0620 40 Cav. moved N.E. in C.7/C.12.b. and disappeared in broken ground in same vicinity.
  - 0700 60 packs moved N.E. to C.6/N.26.b.
  - 0915 40 horsemen moved E. to C.6/U.16.d.
  - 1035 10 wagons drawn by bullocks moved N.W. to C.6/V.2.c. to V.12.d.
  - 1100 2 Motor lorries moved S. along road C.6/C.25.a.
  - 1210 11 2 horse vehicles with small party Inf. moved W. to C.6/U.13.d.
  - 1330 3 Motor Lorries from ES SALT RD about B.7/P.22.a. - b to P.5.d.
  - 1345 2 Motor lorries from B.7/P.11.b. to P.22.a.
  - 1645 Troop of Cav moved W. along Rd in C.6/U.18.
  - 1715 50 packs moved E. from C.6/V.17.d. to C.17.c.
  - 1722 50 horses ridden and led moved along track in C.6/C.14 to RED HILL.
  - 1850 50 cav. moved N.W. to C.6/V.13
  - 0520 14 H.T. small escort of cav. moved from C.6/U.15.a to ROMAN Rd & moved N.E. 40 inf. followed.
  - 0600 100 horses grazing in C.6/U.27.
  - 0620 40 packs moved along rd at C.6/U.17.
4. ENEMY DEFENCES.
  - 2000 Party heard ENEMY working in enemy works in C.6/K.36.a.
5. ARTILLERY.
  - ENEMY. 0915 77mm shelled K.34.a & d. THIN CART & WOOL POSTS sound bearing 45-50° from K.34.d.4.8.
  - 1730 Enemy 4.2. opened fire <sup>in</sup> E.30.a. from direction of RED HILL.
  - 1845 77mm shelled MUSALLABEH & BLUFF sound 5-30° from Y.5.a.2.8. & 345° from K.34.d.4.
  - 0645 Enemy gun situated 100 ft below summit of EL HAUD Fired on our aeroplane.
  - OURS. 1030 No.11 Btn Bty fired few rds on TRINY C.6/T.23.b.
  - 1700 Right 75mm fired on watering parties & wagons N.E. of UMM BSH SHEBT. Ayrshire fired 15 rds on enemy C.P. about K.20.d.5.8. with good results.
  - 1730 No.11 Bty fired 24 rds retaliation in T.23.b.
  - 1815 Notts fired on GRANT HILL.
  - 1850 C/301 fired 20 rds on GRANT HILL.
6. R.A.F. Ref. maps B.6. C.6., B.7. 1/40,000.
- 0600-0800 Normal amount of movement, no change in tentage.
7. GENERAL. On July 7th a successful bombing raid was carried out on Constantinople by 5 British Aeroplanes. Over 1 ton of bombs was dropped and many direct hits observed hostile aircraft attacked our machines but the latter drove them off and all returned safely. (G.H.Q. Intell. Summ).  
Enemy again put up a barrage in V.7.b. about a battalion of Inf. seen to advance up close under barrage, this continued for about 15 minutes after which they were marched down into the WADY. Probably practice attack being carried out.

*Jan M. Donald*  
for  
Lieut. Colonel,  
General Staff.

12th July 1918.

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY .  
(For 24 hours ending 0700 July 13th 1918).

1. OPERATIONS. Usual patrols.  
2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. Quiet.  
3. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

- 0430 40 horses moved N.E. from U.17.b along ROMAN RD.  
24 horses moved from W.14.b. and disappeared in W.3.b.  
0520 14 H.T. with small party of Cav. moved from hospital U.15.d. to ROMAN RD and went N.E. 40 Inf. followed behind these wagons at 0620.  
0500 30 packs moved from W.21.b. to BK. FUSAIL. 8 wagons moved N.E. from U.17.d. along ROMAN Rd also small parties of Inf. in same direction. 15 packs moved S.W. along ROMAN Rd to U.17.  
0550 25 packs moved N.E. from U.17 along ROMAN Rd.  
0600 100 horses grazing in U.27.  
0620 40 packs moved S.W. from U.17 along ROMAN Rd.  
0630 Lot of movement around BK. FUSAIL of pack animals & Inf.  
0615 9 wagons in V.7 travelling W.  
0700 4 motor lorries moving from B7/P.16.b.  
0720 40 animals grazing on flat A.25.  
0730 50 Inf. in B7/P.16.b. disappeared in foothills behind DECCAN HOUSE.  
0840 11 packs, 1 H.T. moved N. from U.14.d. to U.16.a.  
0930 20 packs, 12 mules moved down W. BAIR to U.27.a.  
0855-1140 22 packs in all between W.2.,8., 20 and U.13.a. going both W. & S.  
1018 Several H.T. moving both N. & S. in B7/P.16.d.  
1100 7 H.T. moving S. in B7/P.16.d.  
1350 30 horses driven W. from U.16.d. to U.13.c.  
1440 16 Cav. 20 packs & 8 Inf. 1 H.T. moved W. from U.16.a. to U.13.d.  
1525 38 Cav. 6 packs moved N. from U.14.a. to V.2.c.  
1530 20 Cav. passing S. along track V.7.c. to V.19.c.  
1600 20 horses moved W. from U.16.c. to U.13.c.  
1740 35 Cav. proceeding E. in U.31.c & d.  
1805 16 H.T., 4 Cav. 12 horses moved E. from U.13.c. to ROMAN Rd thence N.  
14 packs 30 Inf. 14 Cav. S. along ROMAN Rd thence E. to U.13.c.  
100 animals grazing A.25.  
1815 40 packs from BK. FUSAIL to W.15.  
1910 20 packs moved from BK. FUSAIL, N. on ROMAN RD.  
0500 30 packs moved N. on ROMAN RD from BK. FUSAIL.
4. ENEMY DEFENCES. About 300 yds new wire observed at redoubt in X.9.cent. Improvement still continues in trenches in X.10.c. Working going on W. bank X.5.d.
5. ARTILLERY.  
OURS. Ayrshire Bty fired on enemy wire and trenches E. of wire X.30.c.8.4.  
1400 C/303 fired on suspected enemy guns position R.27.d.0.7.  
ENEMY. 77mm Batteries shelled H.13, X.34.a & b. MUSALLABEH, E.20.a. 4.2 shelled E.22 cent. Y.6.cent. and E.9.a.  
10 pdr fired on W.35.c & W. 33.a.
5. R.A.F.  
1615-1745 } In all areas, usual movement of small bodies. Tentage no change.  
035-0740 } Observations good. Height 3500 ft.
7. CASUALTIES. 4 O.Rs wounded.  
2 horses wounded.

13th July 1918.

M. Stumpson  
for  
Lieut. Colonel,  
General Staff,

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War Diary Appendix 5  
E1/28  
ATTACK OF TURCO - GERMAN FORCE ON  
LEFT SECTOR JORDAN DEFENCES JULY 14th/1918.  
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July 13th.

During the day of July 13th the enemy shelled THE BLUFF and MUSALLABEH, the fire increasing towards evening. After dark, when the flashes could be plainly seen, this fire was kept up by 3 or 4 batteries and certain dispersed sections of Artillery.

A 4.2 battery continued this fire at intervals up to midnight. The shells falling mainly near Road 29 between EL LADHBEH and OSK EL GHARAB.

July 14th.

- 0120 At 0120 the 3rd L.H. Regiment reported movement in the Wady between VALE and VIEW POSTS, and, in front of VIEW. Artillery barrage was called for and opened at once in front of VALE POST which forced the enemy to deploy and take cover in a deep Wady just North of VIEW POST.
- 0230 At 0230 the enemy began to shell MUSALLABEH heavily, and also opened on the area just North of EL LADHBEH. The garrison of VIEW and VALE POSTS reported considerable movement on their front. No activity was reported on other sectors except a patrol of 40 which approached the AUJAH Bridgehead and were driven off and Very Lights were fired from the hills opposite the Bridgehead.
- 0315 About 0315 orders were sent by 1st L.H. Bde for 2 Squadrons, Reserve Regiment to move out and occupy ABU TELLUL Right and Left.
- 0330 At 0330 the enemy who had been massing in the Wady advanced and broke through the line between VALE and VIEW POSTS. They rushed over the North side of VALE and between VALE and VIEW having many casualties on the way and pushed through under heavy fire, passing along the WADY DHIB over 2nd L.H. Regiment H.Qrs., and occupied ABU TELLUL Right Posts 1 & 2 and THE BLUFF. The troop on VALE POST was obliged to fall back after the enemy had passed and occupied ABU TELLUL Left No. 1; VIEW POST was surrounded, and VAUX POST pressed heavily from the West. VYSE POST, MUSALLABEH and MASKERAH were cut off and for the time being out of communication. The B.G.C., 1st L.H. Bde gave orders for ABU TELLUL to be retaken and the line to be restored. Orders were sent by Division to the 4th L.H. Bde to send one Regiment and 1 Section Machine Guns to report to B.G.C., 1st L.H. Bde.
- 0435 At 0435 the 1st L.H. Bde counter-attack began on ABU TELLUL by 2 Squadrons 1st L.H. Regt and part of the 2nd L.H. Regt and by 0505 the enemy were driven from ABU TELLUL leaving many dead but continued to hold part of the BLUFF where a small party of men with a Hotchkiss Gun were still holding out. The 1st L.H. Bde continued the operation of clearing our line of the enemy and a further reinforcement of 1 Regiment N.Z.M.R. Bde and 1 Section Machine Gun Squadron was ordered by the Division to report to the B.G.C., 1st L.H. Bde. The enemy were still in considerable strength in front of VAUX POST. Enemy aeroplanes appeared at this hour and bombed camps in the vicinity of LADHBEH, the chief damage being done to a Company of 1/34th Sikh Pioneers, who were working on the road near the AUJAH, and the Anti-aircraft gun Team. On the right of the sector, near the WADY LELLAMA, 2nd L.H. Bde encountered a party of Turks in the high ground

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/high ground

- 1000 yds East of SALT and STAR POSTS. These were shelled by our Artillery. SALT and TOOL POSTS were heavily shelled, and, enemy snipers were active opposite TOOL POST.
- 0645 At 0645 the 5th L.H. Regt pushed out and captured 15 prisoners opposite STAR POST. Enemy were found digging in in the rough ground East of the Post and preparations were made to drive them out. The 4th L.H. Bde pushing out East from the Bridgehead found the enemy occupying their usual day posts.
- 0750 At 0750 the 1st L.H. Regt attacked the BLUFF supported by the fire of the Notts and E/H.A.C. Batteries and recaptured the place with a hundred German prisoners. The clearing of the Wadis South of LUSALLABEH and VIEW POST was taken in hand. The enemy surrounding VIEW POST now began to withdraw leaving 22 prisoners behind. Pressure on VAUX still continued and 1 Squadron Wellington Mtd Rifles, at present under orders of B.G.C., 1st L.H. Bde, sent forward West of ZEISS POST to occupy a position to deal with the enemy facing VAUX who were reported to be digging in. Communication was re-established with all posts at this hour. The Wady East of VYSE, VALE and VIEW POSTS was cleared of the enemy and, VALE POST reoccupied about 0900, the whole original line being occupied by 0930. Prisoners began to come in in considerable numbers. Two large parties of enemy estimated 2000 each were reported moving from the foothills towards ULL ESH SHERT and into SHUNET NILRIN
- 1020 and at 1020 the 2nd Mounted Division reported 300 enemy digging in opposite HENU FORD and a similar party holding North bank of WADY RALEH. On the left of the 1st L.H. Bde remainder of the Wellington Mtd Rifles were ordered out to protect the left flank of the Division, and reports showed that enemy in small parties were moving South under the foothills towards the Wady AUJAH.
- 1045 At 1045 the 3rd L.H. Bde who were in Corps Reserve at TALAAT ED DULL arrived at Wady MUEILAH and were temporarily bivouacked there.
- 1130 At 1130 our Artillery engaged a Regiment of enemy about 2000 yds East of ULL ESH SHERT many riderless horses were seen galloping away.
- 1145 At 1145 2 Officers and 20 Other Ranks of the 5th L.H. Regt outflanked and attacked enemy about 150 strong digging in East of STAR POST. A bomb and bayonet fight ensued and the enemy retreated hurriedly to his wired redoubt leaving 25 killed, 30 wounded and 11 prisoners, a Machine Gun, 4 Automatic Rifles and much ammunition. The 5th Regt lost only 1 Officer and 1 Other Rank slightly wounded. Opposite the 1st L.H. Bde enemy were still strong on GRANT HILL and in the swampy ground North of MASKERAH. The 3rd L.H. Regt were clearing the ground West of VIEW and VAUX POSTS.
- 1245 Opposite the 4th L.H. Bde the enemy now fell back and the usual day observation posts were occupied, and patrols pushed forward East and North. At 1245 orders were sent to the N.Z.L.R. Bde to support Wellington Mtd Rifles and prevent enemy from getting to the water in the AUJAH, and take every opportunity of capturing prisoners. The Wellington Mtd Rifles returned to the Command of the Brigade on its return and the N.Z.L.R. Bde took over the responsibility of the area from and exclusive of ZERUL POST Westwards.
- 1430 At 1430 orders were sent to the Brigade to clear up the situation North of the AUJAH for 1500 yds West of VAUX and VIEW POSTS.
- 1445 At 1445 3rd L.H. Bde were placed by the Corps under the command of G.O.C., Anzac Mounted Division.

## /Anzac Mounted Division.

Information was received at the same hour that 2nd Mounted Division had disposed of enemy opposite EL HENU, a successful charge of the Sherwood Rangers and JODHPUR Lancers completing the rout of the enemy.

1630

At 1630 the N.Z.L.R.Bde started their move Northwards having to cross through a heavy shell fire on the AUJAH. By 1825 the 1st L.H.Bde reported that there were no enemy within 1000 yds of VAUX and VIEW POSTS, only a little sniping and Machine Gun fire being met from the West by the N.Z.L.R.Bde who completed their move Northwards by 1845 and returned leaving 1 Squadron to watch the upper reaches of the Wady AUJAH opposite TEL ER RISHAH.

REMARKS.

The main features of this fight were that although the enemy got through, no post (except VALE, which was vacated by order) gave way in spite of the very heavy bombardment to which MUSALLABEH and MASKERAH in particular were subjected.

The small garrisons of VAUX and VIEW also held on well against strong enemy attacks and in spite of the knowledge that the enemy were through the line and behind them.

The action of a small party of men on the BLUFF, who held on though enormously outnumbered when the enemy were all round them was very fine and gave the enemy a great deal of trouble. The enterprise carried out by the 5th L.H.Regt opposite STAR POST was particularly and deserves special notice.

COUNTER ATTACK.

The Counter Attack on the enemy who had broken through was ordered and carried out at once and gave them no chance of preparing the ground for defence.

ARTILLERY.

The work of the five batteries No 10s, B/H.A.C., C/301., C/303., and 11th Mountain Battery operating in the LEFT SECTOR was very good within their range and barrages were well placed. The enemy guns however outranged them and the heavy shelling of the Posts could not be kept down. The actual casualties from shell fire were however slight. The enemy flare signals to their Batteries appears to have worked well and to have been immediately complied with, White Very Lights were fired in

the direction of their batteries directly they had occupied the position and fire was at once switched off.

MACHINE GUNS.

The work of the Machine Guns throughout the operations was exceptionally good.

(1) The MASKERAH Guns were moved during the operation to positions in the rocky ground on the top of MASKERAH Cliff, and did excellent work when the enemy appeared on the Eastern slopes of the BLUFF.

Number of Guns - 2. Ammunition expended 1000.

(2) The VYSE POST Guns did exceptionally good work and had splendid targets throughout the operation.

The Right hand gun remained in its battle emplacement and brought fire to bear across the front of VALE POST in the enemy's first rush and after daylight dealt with excellent targets which presented themselves between MUSALLABEH and the VALE.

The Left hand gun first dealt with the enemy rush over the Eastern side of Vale POST and then moved to a position amongst the rocks and dealt severely with the enemy in the Valley in rear of VYSE POST and on the slopes of ABU TELLUL Right and THE BLUFF.

Number of Guns - 2. Ammunition expended 9000.



/Ammunition Expended 9000.

(3) The VIEW POST guns were most valuable, they dealt severely with the main attack which pushed through between VALE and VIEW POSTS.

The Right hand gun after dealing with the rush of the enemy into the Valley, inflicted heavy casualties on enemy in the Valley and on the slopes of ABU TELLUL Right. This gun knocked out the crews of an Automatic Rifle section coming into action, the five guns were captured.

The left hand gun after dealing with the rush into the Valley, was brought to the entrance of the communication trench and effectively stopped the enemy from surrounding VIEW POST and getting on to ABU TELLUL Left. This gun cut off 3 Officers and 25 Other Ranks into a small re-entrant near the gun and captured the lot.

Number of Guns - 2. Ammunition expended 7000.

(4) ZEISS POST Guns were engaged in affording fire across the front of MOO and VAUX POSTS and did excellent work at fairly long range.

The Right hand, gun, remained in its battle position and carried out the job which was normally laid down for it.

The Left hand gun, as the attack was not delivered against this Post, had to be moved into the front trench to get a target and acted in co-operation with the Right hand gun.

Number of Guns - 2. Ammunition expended 4000.

(5) ABU TELLUL Left No.4 Guns afforded overhead covering fire at effective and long ranges on good targets in front of VAUX POST.

Number of Guns - 2. Ammunition expended 4000.

(6) The two remaining reserve guns which were ordered on to ABU TELLUL Right did excellent work.

One gun took up a prepared position covering the gully in which the 11th Ltn and C/303 Batteries are located and dealt with targets on ABU TELLUL Right No.1 and distant targets in Wady running between VALE and VIEW POSTS.

The other gun pushed along towards ABU TELLUL Right No.2 took up position in the open near No.3 Post, and supported the counter attack on ABU TELLUL Right No.1. This gun then occupied prepared position on ABU TELLUL Right No.1 and dealt with enemy attempt to retire down the re-entrant on slopes of ABU TELLUL, in co-operation with the VYSE POST guns.

This gun assisted in the counter attack on THE BLUFF and eventually occupied prepared position on that post.

Number of guns - 2. Ammunition expended 5000.

Total Machine Gun Ammunition expended - 30,000.

When ABU TELLUL Right No.1 was captured two enemy Machine Guns fell into our hands and these were effectively used by Regimental crews in the attack on the BLUFF.

A. LOSS TO ENEMY.

(i) PRISONERS.

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Cadets.</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
German	10	3	364	377
Turk	7	1	63	71
	17	4	427	448

(ii) DEAD.

Counted by 1st L.H.Bde.	150
Estimated & counted by 2nd L.H.Bde.	35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>185</b>

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B. CAPTURED MATERIAL.

Machine Guns	6
Automatic Rifles	42
Ammunition	5300
Ammunition M.G. boxes	
with ammunition in belts	38
Ammunition boxes empty	9
Spare barrels M.G.	4
Rifles	185
Bayonets	84
Gas Masks	58
Also telephone and Signalling apparatus and articles of equipment.	

C. CASUALTIES.

(i) PERSONNEL.

	<u>Killed.</u>	<u>Wounded.</u>
	Offs. O.Rs.	Offs. O.Rs.
	2      27	10    69

(ii) ANIMALS.

	<u>Killed.</u>	<u>Wounded.</u>
Horses & Mules.	38	62
Camels.	1	

D. AMMUNITION EXPENDED.

S.A.A. 74,800 of which 1st L.H. Bde give details as follows:-

Rifle	19000
Hotchkiss	20000
M. Gun.	30000

Rifle Grenades	20
Hand Grenades	26

I would like to draw attention to the work of the 1/34th Sikh Pioneers, who made and kept the Motor Road in repair during the action thus causing the work of evacuation by Motor Ambulance to run absolutely smoothly. This Unit was very unfortunate in suffering casualties from shelling on the night of July 13th and from bombs on the morning of 14th July.

*J. G. ...*  
Major-General,  
Commanding,  
AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

19th July 1918. AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

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TO	1st L.H.Bde.	4th L.H.Bde	C.R.E.	Twodiv
	2nd L.H.Bde.	N.Z.M.R.Bde.	Sigs.	53rd Divn.
	3rd L.H.Bde.	C.R.A.	Descorps	'Q'

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Dispositions for tonight will be as follows aaa 4th L.H. Bde will hold same line as usual but Regiment at present with 1st L.H.Bde will remain at disposal of B.G.C., 1st L.H.Bde aaa 2nd L.H.Bde hold usual line and will have a garrison of one troop detailed to hold TURTLE POST aaa This may be withdrawn after all clear aaa 1st L.H.Bde will hold present line and will have garrison detailed to hold ABU TELLUL aaa This may be withdrawn after all clear aaa B.G.C., N.Z.M.R.Bde on completion of operation WEST of ZEISS and VIEW POSTS will withdraw and hold usual line sending back Regiment of 3rd L.H.Bde at present under his orders to rejoin its Brigade aaa The gap between WAX POST and the foothills will be carefully watched aa 3rd L.H.Bde will remain in present bivouac in Divisional Reserve.

From	. ANZACS	
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Time		

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. (Z)

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AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
(For 24 hours ending 0700 16th July 1918).

1. OPERATIONS.

Usual Patrols.

1100 4th L.H. Bde patrols from F.21. 1 Section went in a N.E. direction got into touch with enemy about F.3 position held by approx 50 rifles. 1 Section went in S.E. direction to vicinity of O.4 & 5 then in a W. direction along foothills got into touch with enemy vicinity F.5 & 6. position held by approx 50 rifles.

1600 Patrol sent forward from F.20. and reached trenches in F.2 & 3 met with no resistance. 100 Inf. observed digging trenches at F.1.cent.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY.

More aggressive on No.2 Subsector front. Snipers being pushed well forward.

3. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

0430-0630 200 Inf. moved S. from U.32.b. to W.23.b. 20 H.T. N.E. from U.32.b. to ROMAN Rd. 50 Cav. N.E. from U.27. to U.18.

0445 100 men left W.28.a & b. 15 camels escorted by 12 Inf. moving S. from F.30.a.

0515 20 enemy carrying packs & tins moved from S. end of GRANT HILL to W.28.a. Dispersed by our gunfire. 200 Inf. moved from U.27 along ROMAN Rd to W.20.d.

0530 30 camels going N. from W.20.d.

0700 50 packs moved S. from U.15 towards MUSALLABEH and disappeared.

1400 About 200 men with packs ~~MOVING ALONG MUSALLABEH~~ noticed moving behind MUSALLABEH and RISHAH ridges in S. direction to W. AUJAH.

1830 Party from 50-100 with packs moving N. along track from TEL EL MUSALLABEH. Great deal of movement Inf. & packs in Area N. of No.5 Subsector,

1320 70 cav. rode to K.16 dismtd and walked S. and disappeared in broken ground at K.28.

1420 30 men appeared in broken ground K.28 & walking S. in extended order assembled in broken ground about K.28.cent. They were here joined by about 40 more men then all moved a little S. in two's and three's at the double, position about K.28.d.2.8.

0700-1700 Enemy still occupy broken ground S. end of GRANT HILL, W.28.a & b, they have 2 automatic rifles & 1 M.G. firing on No.3 & 4 Posts, MUSALLABEH. Enemy appear to be in strength on N. end of GRANT HILL.

0530-0700 Packs and H.T. to and from Bk. FUSAIL and W. RISHAH.

4. R.A.F. Ref. B.7 1/40,000.

1550-1815 EL ADEIME Area. 15 men in T.15.d. going S.E. 20 men in Y.1.c. going S. Ref. C.6 1/40,000. WADI FUSAIL Area. 60 horsemen going N.E. U.18.a. 35 men scattered W.31.b. & W.32.a. 7 H.T. & 30 men K.15 parked. Tentage slight increase.

0445-0645 All areas usual movement of small bodies.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Small trench and sangar in F.14 also M.G. Post. New works have been done in K.13.c. K.13.a. K.19.d. K.21.d.

1400 100 Inf. observed digging trenches in F.1.cent.

6. ARTILLERY.

ENEMY. 0900 4.2 shelled SAFE POST. During day shelled by 77mm & 4.2 on MUSALLABEH. ABU ZELIUL. MASHKRAH & W. AUJAH.

1700-1900 77mm bearing 277° from O.P. MUSALLABEH & 4.2 W.20.d. shelled Y.5.c. & MUSALLABEH.

2200 Same fired on MUSALLABEH & Y.5.c.

4.2 & 77mm shelled 1st L.H. Regt bivouac area with 200 H.T. for about 3 hours.

7. GENERAL. In the unsuccessful enemy attack on ABU ZELIUL morning 14th July prisoners were captured from 702, 703 & 11th Jaeger Bttn. Only 1 company of the 11th Jaeger Bttn took part in the attack. Prisoners state that the 50rd Divn were to have supported them on their right and the 24th Divn on their left, but failed to do so. The first objective is said to have been ABU ZELIUL and the second the AUJAH line. Demonstrations were to have been made on the HANUS Rd front near the DEAD SEA at the same time. E. of the JORDAN the enemy occupied a line B.7/0.28 - 35 - S.5 - 22, but were ejected with heavy loss, 90 killed 35 prisoners, including the C.O. & 5 Officers being captured. Identifications - 11th & 9th Cav. Regts with the 7th Cav. Regt in reserve. (G.H.Q. I.S. 15/7/18).

7. PRISONERS & DESERTERS.

4 Germans	703rd Btn.	by 1st L.H. Bde.
3 "	702 "	by "
1 Arab Deserter	2/32 Regt.	by "
1 Greek	1/58 Regt	by "
1 Turk	"	by N.Z.M.R. Bde.
3 Turk deserters	"	by "

8. CASUALTIES.

19 o.rs. wounded.

*John W. Donald*  
Lieut. Colonel, C.S.

16th July 1918.

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AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
(For 24 hours ending 0700 17th July 1918)

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## OPERATIONS.

1645 Patrol from 4th L.H. Bde. left B.7/F.20. and went N. to F.8.c. and were fired on from F.2 & 3 by 30 rifles. Patrol observed considerable movement of pack animals carrying scrub moving E. Wagons and small parties of Inf. & Cav. moving between JORDAN and F.1.

Patrol from N.E.M.R. Bde to F.24.d. reported scattered parties approx 30 in all going to and from AUJAH during day, some with pack animals.

0900 Patrol left B.7/F.27 and moved N.E. through F.23.d. and found wood unoccupied. Fired on from C.35.d. and F.6.a. by 30 rifles.

Patrols to F.20. reports trench system in F.2 is small and has 6 to 8 yds single apron of wire in front capable of holding 30 men. Similar system in F.3. to M.G. positions in F.14 and earthwork work running E. in F.15 Probably dug while enemy was occupying position on day of attack.

ENEMY ACTIVITY 5 snipers active in front of 2nd Bde advanced posts.

ENEMY MOVEMENT.

0530 50 Inf. moved S.W. in B.7/P.16.a.

0630 30 Inf. from C.6/W.21.a. to W.15.a.

0700 30 Inf. moved S.W. on road B.7/F.16.d.

0830 40 Mtd men in small parties moves from C.6/W.14 to U.20. 15 Mtd men from U.20. to W.20. 7 H.T. from U.26.d. to U.16.d. 20 horses & 4 camels from C.6/W.20. to U.26.d.

1100 20 Inf. moved toward JORDAN in B.7/F.8.b.

1120 12 wagons moved N.E. along road in C.6/V.7.

1200 100 cav. & 100 Inf. from W. BAKR towards UMM BSH SHERT.

1530 20 Cav. 15 packs C.6./U.20. S. to W.20. 150/200 pack animals from U.20. to W.20.

0500 About 50 men withdrew from trench in C.6/X.36.a. These were harassed by our M.G. fire.

ENEMY DEFENCES. New trench with wire running from B.7/F.1.c. into F.7.b. Men observed working on this during the day. New work observed in trenches in C.6/X.13.c., K.18.a., K.10.d., K.21.b.

R.A.F. Ref. Maps C.6., B.6., B.7. 1/40,000.

1705-1845 W.FUSAIL Area tentage increase 70 in K.21., K.14. K.7. remaining areas normal. Usual amount of movement of small bodies.

0440-0700 W.FUSAIL 50 men scattered in W. BAKR remaining areas nothing to report.

ARTILLERY. ENEMY.

0600-0730 Enemy heavily shelled reserve Regt of 1st L.H. Bde in Y.23.c.

Enemy heavily shelled camps and watering parties during the day.

0930 Shelled WADI AUJAH & OBEIDEH with 4.2 & possibly 5.9.

0945 Shelled MULLAHAH about Z.29.b & d. section of enemy guns seen in F.2.d.o.2. again active.

1715-1830 77mm shelled approx Z.26 & swept J.2 & 3 bearing 55° and 340° from Y.30.c.o.6.

1900 enemy barrage between SAFE POST & his own trenches with 4.2 & 3 light guns.

1845 Enemy shelled scrub with 77mm about Z.7.

1930- Medium gun fired on A/H.A.C. direction unknown.

930-2015 4.2 How. shelled scrub are W. AUJAH & 5th Regt flash bearing 192° from Z.34.d.4.8. 8 seconds flash to report. Flash bearing from Y.30.c.o.6. 53°. Flash bearing 56° from Y.30.d.9.6.

URS.1040 C/303 fired 6 rds on R.30.b. & R.24.a.

1600 3rd rd on Z.16.d.

C.301 fired 12 rds retaliation.

A/H.A.C. fired 180 rds retaliation on SHARKS TOOTH & UMM BSH SHERT.

Somerset's registered posts 12, 13 14.

0700 Right group 75mm fired with effect on hostile M.G. in C.6/X.35.d.7.3.

PRISONERS & DESERTERS. 1 Turk deserter 16th Pioneer Btn by 1st L.H. Bde at Y.15.d.

1 " " " " " " " " N.E.M.R. Bde Y.27.a.

4 " "3/163 Btn 53rd Divn. " " " "

1 " "(Corpl)2/2 " " " " " "

Prisoners all state that there is a general shortage of water and the object of the attack was to secure the AUJAH water. Up to two or three days ago men used to get 2 water bottles a day but now very little is issued & they have to go down to the wadi for it. One deserter stated that many of his btn would desert if they were sure they would be treated well by us. Many are unable to read & pictures in our propaganda would have more effect than written accounts.

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KILLED WOUNDED.

Offs. O.rs. O.rs.

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Jan McDonald  
for Lieut. Colonel,  
General Staff,

7th July 1918.

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SECRET.

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
(For 24 hours ending 0700 18th July 1918).  
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1. OPERATIONS.

- 0500 Small patrol left F.21 and got into touch with enemy in F.9, 10, & 11. Enemy strength 30-40 rifles.
- 1530 Patrols of 4 men moved from F.20 to F.8.b. Located M.C. in F.9.a. Observed no movement on W. side of river. Patrol of 4 left F.21 moving N. through F.25, F.29, G.25.a. F.24.a & c. Observed no enemy except O.P. in C.36.c. & 30-40 Inf. in F.9. 10 & 11.
- 1430 Patrol to TEL EL ERUMY reached right bank of W. AUJAH in F.24.a. 4 enemy observed on foothills at TEL ER RISHAH.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY.

- 0500 From 30-40 rifles fired on out patrol from F.9, 10 & 11. One M.C. opened fire from F.9.a. Snipers active throughout the day in No.2 subsector.

3. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

- 0445 200 Inf. & 5 wagons moving N. along road in C.36.
  - 0700 30 M.C. men appeared at W.20.d.
  - 0900 100 Cav. emerged from W. BAKH at R.56.b. & moved N.E.
  - 1200-1300 Column of packs & H.T. moved N.E. from below CHALK RIDGE W.20.c.
  - 1500 30 pack animals entered W. ER RISHAH from N. at R.25.d.
- Small parties of enemy totalling 22 observed during the morning coming from direction of TEL EL MUSHTERAH to W. AUJAH, W. of TEL EL ERUMY. 24 observed during afternoon returning. During morning & afternoon quieter than usual on whole sector. No activity throughout the night.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

A number of earthworks thrown up in F.7.a. since yesterday.  
Enemy O.P. established in C.36.c.

5. R.A.F.

- 0500-0715 W. FUSAIL Area. 60 men & horses piequetted W.8.c. In remaining areas usual movement of small bodies.

6. ARTILLERY.

- OURS. Somerset Bty registered barrages in front of POSTS 12 & 13, 14, AUJAH Bridgehead.
- 0300 303 Bty registering in front of No.4 Subsector POSTS.
- ENEMY. 77mm shelled WART POST K.33.d. & K.34.c. from direction W. HUR.
- 77mm & 4.2 shelled MUBALLABEH from direction RED HILL.

7. PRISONERS & DESERTERS.

- One Turk 2nd Btn 58th Regt 24th Divn. captured by N.Z.M.R.Bde patrol at F.24.a.
- One Turk 1st Btn, 143rd Regt 24th Divn captured between MASHRAH and 2nd L.H. Bde posts by 3rd L.H. Bde.

8. CASUALTIES.

NIL.

M. Stamper

Lieut. Colonel,  
General Staff,

18th July 1918.

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AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.  
(For 24 hours ending 0700 19th July 1918.)

1. OPERATIONS. Enemy snipers have withdrawn from rough ground in front of MELBAHAN Posts and our observation posts have now pushed further out.  
0415 Patrol pushed forward from B.7/F.21. and encountered enemy in F.3.b. who opened fire with 3 rifles and 1 M.G.  
1530 Patrol moved out from F.20 and found trenches in F.3.b unoccupied.
2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. NIL.
3. ENEMY MOVEMENT.  
0530 20 mtd men observed in C.6/W.22.c. and moved N.W.  
0730 Small parties observed at and around GRANT HILL.  
0800-1400 Continuous movement of small parties of troops in foothills in G.22., 28., 29 estimated number 100.  
0835 30 horses driven North along ROMAN Rd C.6/U.17. 20 packs animals moving N. through U.32 & 26.  
0855 75 animals grazing about C.6/W.2.  
0940 Parties of Mtd troops in vicinity of BK. FUSAIL C.6/U.27 estimated number 60.  
1600 16 Mtd men moving S.W. along ROMAN Rd in C.6/U.17.  
1640 20 Inf. moving N. in B.7/C.34.
4. ENEMY DEFENCES. NIL.
5. R.A.F. Ref. C.6., C.7., B.7., 1/40,000.  
0500-0640 W. FUSAIL Area. U.20 50 men stationery. 30 Cav. going N. U.15. No other special movement. URBESH SHERT & MIBRIN Areas normal. EL ADHIME no movement observed. Observation good.
6. ARTILLERY.  
ENEMY. 0905 77mm section shelled AUJAH bearing 80° to 85° from X.34.d.4.8.  
1030 77mm shelled X.34.a & c. sound bearing 355° from X.34.d.4.8.  
1100 5.9 shelled AUJAH gun believed behind FEEB HILL.  
77mm shelled same place sound bearing 64° from X.6.a.3.4.  
1115 4.2 & 77mm fired on AUJAH. Sound bearing 4.2 - 355° to 360° and 77mm 5° from X.34.d.4.8.  
1715 4.2 shelled X.33.b TOOL POST and X.34.c.  
1800 77mm shelled W.35.b. very long range. Sound bearing 5° from X.3.4.d.4.8.  
OURS. A/H.A.C. forward gun shelled URBESH SHERT.  
Notts registered 75 mm on to GRANT & BROWN Hills. from Y.23.b.o.4 and reached C.6/W.3. without digging in.
7. PRISONERS & DESERTERS. 1 Turk captured by 2nd L.H.Bde at Z.9.a belonging to 3/143v Regt 24th Divn.
8. GENERAL. Enemy movement in this sector for the last 24 hours below normal.  
A Turkish deserter from 3/143 Regt gives following information. He heard German Officer state that 160 wounded had been brought back on day of the attack 14/7/18 and he himself saw 35 Turkish wounded.
9. CASUALTIES. 2 O.Rs wounded by shell fire.

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