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H BEERSHEBA	Wednesday. October 31		The Brigade was engaged in the successful attack on BEERSHEBA, as per report.	Appx. 5 (Octor).
" "	Thursday. November 1		<p>Casualties :                      Offs.                      O/R.                      Horses.</p> <p>                    Killed                      2                      17.                      Killed                      68.</p> <p>                    Wounded                      5                      66.                      Wounded                      23.</p> <p>Brigade in Camp in the WADI SABA. Headquarters at Point 960 on WADI. One Sqn. 2nd. L. H. Regt. occupying the Ridge KHASHM EL BUTEIYIR, this position to be held until touch is established between the N.Z.M.R. Brigade on KH. EL LEKIYEH and the Camel Brigade on TOWAL ABU JERWAL.</p> <p>Two Squadrons despatched at 1700 to take up an Outpost Line at KH. EL LAKEYIH and to gain touch with the I. C. Bde. on the Left, N.Z.M.R. keeping touch on the Right.</p>	
" "	Friday. November 2		<p>Outpost Squadrons returned to Camp at 1400.</p> <p>Reference Map: Beersheba 1/125,000. - At 2400 the Brigade moved from Bivouac Area via the BEERSHEBA - HEBRON Road, thence via black Track to just North of track leading to AIN KOHLEH to support the 7th. Mounted brigade.</p>	
KHUWEILFEH	Saturday. November 3		The Brigade operated against the enemy position TEL KHUWEILFEH as per report attached.	Appx. 1 (November)
BEERSHEBA	Sunday. November 4		Brigade in Bivouac, BEERSHEBA.	

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BEERSHEBA	Monday November 5.		<p>Brigade in Bivouac, BEERSHEBA. The following reinforcements joined the Units of the Brigade.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1st. L. H. Regiment</td> <td>11</td> <td>O/Ranks.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd. L. H. Regiment</td> <td>10</td> <td>O/Ranks.</td> </tr> </table> <p>61 Riding Horses received.</p>	1st. L. H. Regiment	11	O/Ranks.	2nd. L. H. Regiment	10	O/Ranks.	
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" "	Tuesday. November 6.		<p>Reference Map : BEERSHEBA , 1/125,000. One Squadron, 2nd. L.H. Regt. despatched at 0800 to take up a Line of Day Posts from TOWAL EL MAHDY to WADI KHASHIM ZANNA. One Troop, 2nd. L.H. Regiment despatched at 0800 to provide protection for Engineers working at BIR SALEM ABU IRGEIG. These parties were withdrawn at 1100, as the Brigade was required to be intact in case of immediate move.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>48 Heavy )</td> <td rowspan="2">Mules received.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>23 Light )</td> </tr> </table> <p>Brigade moved from Bivouac Area at 1710, formed up on Point 970 and moved at 1835 to join D. H. Q. on the BEERSHEBA - AIN KOHLEH Road. Joined the main body, A. &amp; N.Z. MOUNTED DIVISION at Point 1 1/2 Miles East of the first "A" in TEIAHA at 2015. Moved at 2125 to take over the Line held by 6th Mounted Brigade, just South of the SHARIA - AIN KOHLEH Road from WADI GHUZALEH to Road Junction 2 1/4 Miles West of AIN KOHLEH. Relief completed at 0300.</p>	48 Heavy )	Mules received.	23 Light )				
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	Wednesday. November 7.		<p>Brigade moved out at 0645 to push forward and capture the Line KH. SHUTEIWY EL OSEIBY to AMEIDAT Railway Station as Advanced Brigade of DESERT MOUNTED CORPS. Arrived junction of WADI SHARIA South East of KH. UM EL BAKR at 0715. At 0850 the 2nd. L. H. Regiment moved out from the WADI SHARIA, keeping touch with the Infantry on the Left. This Regiment moved forward at the gallop, towards the Line KH. SHUTEIWY EL OSEIBY to AMEIDAT, followed <del>by</del> in Echelon to the right by the 1st. L.H. and 3rd. L.H. Regts. Although the enemy shell fire from both flanks was very persistent, this dashing move</p>							

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JEMMAMEH	Thursday. November 8.		<p>At 0545 the 1st. L.H. Regiment pushed North on the Right of the 2nd. L.H. Bde. to capture TEL EL NEJILA.</p> <p>The 3rd. L.H. Regt remained in position protecting the right flank.</p> <p>At 0900, the Brigade (less 1st. L.H. and 3rd. L.H. Regts) took up a position on the WADI ABU DILAKH on the Left of the 2nd. L.H. Bde. and in touch with AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION on our Left.</p> <p>Excellent Artillery targets were obtained on the retreating enemy just North of KH. JEMMAMEH.</p> <p>At 1300 the 3rd. L.H. Regt. was relieved from the S.E. flank of AMEIDAT by one Squadron of 2nd. L.H. Regt., and 1st. L.H. Regt. (less one Squadron) was brought from the right flank of 2nd. L.H. Bde.</p> <p>At 1500 the 3rd. L.H. Regt was pushed through the Line held by the 2nd. L.H. Regt. and the JEMMAMEH Water Supply with Pumping Station, Machinery, gear and everything completed captured at 1545.</p> <p>The advance was pushed forward and the enemy dislodged from the high ground North of WADI JEMMAMEH at 1620.</p> <p><u>Casualties.</u> 18 O/Ranks wounded.</p> <p><u>Prisoners captured.</u> 4 Medical Offs. 34 O/R. wounded. 5 Officers. 196 O/R.</p> <p><u>Stores.</u> Reservoir with Pumping Plant complete. 1 Mill with quantity of wheat. 2 Machine Guns. 2 Howitzers. 3 Wagons with oxen. 1 Telephone. 38 rifles and bayonets.</p> <p>The Line now held was maintained as an Outpost Line for the night and the gap between this Brigade right and the left of the 2nd. L.H. Bde. filled by the 2nd. L.H. Regt. &amp; AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION kept touch with our Left with 10th. L.H. Regiment.</p> <p>"C" Squadron 1st. L.H. Regt. rejoined from right of 2nd. L.H. Brigade.</p>	

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EL MEJDEL	Friday November 9.		<p>Ref. Map. :- PALESTINE Sheets 20 and 16. <sup>63360</sup></p> <p>Brigade pushed on in pursuit of the retreating enemy, leaving JEMMAMEH at 0600 and passed via KH. UMM RUJUM - BURIER -BJJE - KH. ERZEH, which Point was passed by our advanced troops at 1100 and EL MEDJEL captured at 1230.</p> <p><u>Prisoners</u> : 8 Medical Offs. 162 O/Ranks. <i>captured</i></p> <p>Brigade watered at EL MEDJEL and HAMMAMEH and pushed on at 1600 towards ET TIME, leaving one Squadron to hand over to incoming Infantry and to guard prisoners.</p> <p>After dealing with considerable enemy opposition at BEIT DURAS, the brigade bivouacked just West of the cultivation and 3 miles South of ESDUD.</p> <p><u>Prisoners</u>. <sup>2</sup> 20 O/Ranks. <i>captured</i></p> <p><u>Stores captured en route</u> : 26 Ammunition Wagons with harness, loaded with Gun Ammunition. - 6 gun limbers - 1 heavy gun - 3 Cookers - 15 G.S. Wagons - 1 Water Cart - 1 travelling bakery.</p>	
ESDUD	Saturday. November 10.)		<p>) The Brigade pushed on at 0600 in a Northerly direction to take ESDUD, the 1st. L.H.Regt. Sector being ESDUD (inclusive) to WADI MEJMI, the 3rd. L.H.Regiment protecting the right flank and directed on EL BUTANI EL GHARBIYEH.</p> <p>The advanced troops of 1st. L.H.Regt. reported ESDUD "All Clear" at 0830, but the Hills to the North and North East still held by enemy Cavalry.</p> <p>The Regiment pushed on between ESDUD and the WADI MEJMI AND MADE THE Bridge at JISR ESDUD good by 1015.</p> <p>The 3rd. L.H.Regt. met very strong opposition from the Hills 3 miles S.E. of ESDUD, where the enemy held a strong line running from NEW BEIT DURAS to Point 60 through EL BUTANI EL GHARBIYEH - BURKA -NAHR SUKEREIR.</p> <p>The "INVERNESS" Battery attached to this Brigade did excellent shooting on Ridge in vicinity of Point 60 and silenced two Field Guns which we afterwards captured.</p> <p>B. H. Q. entered ESDUD at 1335.</p> <p>The Outpost Line for the night ran from SAND HILLS North West of JISR ESDUD to Bridge at JISR ESDUD and down the West bank of the WADI to opposite Point 60.</p> <p>The 157th Brigade entered ESDUD at 1510 and at 1735 developed an attack on our right and</p>	<p><i>1st. A.L.H. Bde A.I.F.</i></p> <p><i>Nov 10 1918</i></p> <p><i>1st. A.L.H. Bde A.I.F.</i></p>







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ESDUD	Monday November 12.	(cont).	At 1700, the 8th. Mtd. Bde. relieved the 1st. L.H. and 2nd. L.H. Regts. on the Left flank of the Infantry, and these Regiments withdrew at dark to new bivouac Area at SIDRET EL HARIRIYEH. B. H. Q. was established at SIDRET EL HARIRIYEH. at 1845.  <table border="0" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td><u>Casualties</u></td> <td><u>Offs.</u></td> <td><u>O/R.</u></td> <td><u>Horses</u></td> <td><u>Killed</u></td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wounded</td> <td>2</td> <td>12</td> <td></td> <td>Wounded.</td> <td>15</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Casualties</u>	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O/R.</u>	<u>Horses</u>	<u>Killed</u>	6	Wounded	2	12		Wounded.	15	
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SIDRET EL HARIRIYEH	Tuesday November 13		The Brigade moved from SIDRET EL HARIRIYEH at 1300 and proceeded to report to D.H.Q. at KH. LEZKA, then bivouacked for the night on Eastern side of the main road just <sup>1500</sup> South of YEBNA. Outpost Line - 2nd. L.H. Regt. held a line from the Sea to YEBNAH and joining up with the 157th. Bde. at YEBNAH.													
NEW DEIRAN	Wednesday November 14.		The Brigade left YEBNA at 0745 with the intention of watering at ZERNUKAH, but the water at NEW DEIRAN (Jewish Colony) being much better supply, the Brigade passed ZERNUKAH and arrived at NEW DEIRAN at 0950. Our advanced troops got touch with the enemy 1500 yards N. and N.E. of NEW DEIRAN and <del>xxx</del> excellent Artillery targets were obtained. The enemy was very active throughout the day, apparently affording protection for large columns which were observed moving in a North Westerly direction across our front, The dense growth of Olive trees, cactus and shrubbery gave the enemy excellent cover from view. The Outpost line for the night was taken up on the line held during the day, 3rd. L.H. Regt. getting touch with N.Z.M.R. Bde. on the Left, and 1st. L.H. Regt. getting touch with 8th. Mtd. Bde. on the right. One squadron, 2nd. L.H. Regt., was sent to N.Z.M.R. Bde. to be at the Brigadier's disposal for the night.  <table border="0" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td><u>Casualties</u></td> <td><u>Killed</u></td> <td>1 O/R.</td> <td><u>Prisoners.</u></td> <td>8 O/R.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Wounded</td> <td>4 O/R.</td> <td><u>Captured</u></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	<u>Casualties</u>	<u>Killed</u>	1 O/R.	<u>Prisoners.</u>	8 O/R.		Wounded	4 O/R.	<u>Captured</u>				
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NEW DEIRAN	Thursday November 15.		The daylight Patrols having reported "All Clear" for 3 miles towards RAMLEH, the 2nd. L.H. Regt. was pushed at 0810 to occupy tactical Points overlooking the town. One Squadron 2nd. L.H. Regt. entered RAMLEH at 1100. The 1st. L.H. Regt. moved along the Southern Road to RAMLEH, entering the town at 1230. This Regiment pushed forward and occupied LUDD under considerable shell fire at 1350, and captured prisoners and stores as detailed below: -													

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SAFIRIYEH	Sunday November 18.		<p>YEOMANRY DIVISION being moved towards JERUSALEM, the 3rd. L.H.Regt. was sent to occupy the YEODIV. Line until the arrival of the 2nd. L.H.Bde.</p> <p>The 3rd. L.H.Regt. pushed forward and reported the German village (WELHEMINA) and YEHUDIYEH clear. The advanced troops were engaged 1 1/2 miles N. of RANTIEH by a considerable enemy force with Field Guns, who shelled persistently throughout the afternoon. 3rd. L.H.Regt. withdrew on the line Point 222 to KEFR'ANA being taken over by the 2nd. L.H.Bde.</p> <p>The Outpost for the night was held on a line KEFR'ANA (inclusive) to Point 275 (exclusive) by 2nd. L.H.Regt. with 4 Machine Guns, with 2nd. L.H.Bde. on the Right and N.Z.M.R.Bde. on the Left.</p> <p>Brigade moved from SAFIRIYEH to YASUR, a more central position in the new line. Move completed at 1300.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Prisoners</u>                      2 O/Ranks. <i>Captured</i></p>	
YASUR.	Monday. November 19.		<p>Ref. Map. - PALESTINE Sheet XIII. <sup>1/63360</sup></p> <p>Patrols reported Dam in Square Z 17 b 4 and Bridge in Square Z 18 a 3 held by enemy, also enemy entrenched at KHURBET HADRAN and along North bank of the NAHR EL 'AUJA.</p> <p>One Squadron with 2 Machine Guns was sent to cover the Right flank of the N.Z.M.R.Bde. operating against the force holding the NAHR EL 'AUJA and one Squadron to EL YEHUDIYEH to push patrols out in a Northerly direction. Patrols reported "All Clear" to MULEBBIS.</p> <p>The Outpost for the night was held by 3rd. L.H.Regt. with 4 Machine Guns on a line EL YEHUDIYEH (inclusive) to Square Z 30 d (exclusive) with 2nd. L.H.Bde. on the Right, and N.Z.M.R.Bde. on the Left.</p>	
YASUR.	Tuesday. November 20.		<p>Ref. Map. PALESTINE Sheet XIII. <sup>1/63360</sup></p> <p>Patrol to FERRIKHIYEH reported being fired on by Machine Gun from Point about 500 yds. N.W. of MULEBBIS. This machine gun was with one troop of cavalry which made off in a N.W. DIRECTION. On reaching FERRIKHIYEH, a heavy fire was opened on patrol from houses and the concrete wall of the Dam. Patrol moved down N.E. bank of WADI ABU LEJJA under fire from one Battery which was not located. Patrol crossed WADI ABU LEJJA at 'N' of AYUN and returned via MULEBBIS. The North bank of the <del>XXX</del> NAHR EL 'AUJA from the Railway to the Sea is strongly held.</p> <p>The Outpost was held on the same line as the previous night by the 1st. L.H.Regt with 4 M.Guns, the 54th. Division who relieved the 2nd. L.H.Bde. being on the Right.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Prisoners.</u>    3 O/R.    -    3 Turkish spies. <i>Captured</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Casualties.</u>    Horses    2    wounded.</p>	<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Bde Major, 1st. A. I. H. Bde A. I. F. 6/16/19</p>



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SHEIKH ABU JAHM.	Thursday November 22		<p>Brigade left Point 2 miles South of YEBNA and marched to SHEIKH ABU JAHM, 2 miles South West of ESDUD. Move completed at 1050</p> <p><u>Remounts received.</u>                      95    rides.</p> <p><u>Reinforcements received.</u>                      <u>Offs.</u>                      <u>O/R.</u></p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>1st.L.H.Regt.</td> <td>-</td> <td>24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd.L.H.Regt.</td> <td>1</td> <td>15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3rd.L.H.Regt.</td> <td>-</td> <td>19</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1st.L.H.Fd.Amb.</td> <td>-</td> <td>2</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">TOTAL</td> <td style="border-top: 1px solid black;">1</td> <td style="border-top: 1px solid black;">60</td> </tr> </table>	1st.L.H.Regt.	-	24	2nd.L.H.Regt.	1	15	3rd.L.H.Regt.	-	19	1st.L.H.Fd.Amb.	-	2	TOTAL	1	60						
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SHEIKH ABU JAHM.	Saturday ) 24/11/17.	)		
"	Sunday ) 25/11/17.	)	Brigade in Bivouac, SHEIKH ABU JAHM.	
"	Monday. ) 26/11/17.	)		
	Tuesday 27/11/17.		<p>Ref. Maps: PALESTINE, 1/63360 - SHEETS XVI and XIII.            Brigade left SHEIKH ABU JAHM at 0800 and marched to AYUN KARA.            2nd. L.H. Regiment with 4 Machine Guns left the Column at YEBNA and proceeded direct to RAMLEH to report to and come under the orders of 54th. DIVISION.            Move of Brigade ( less 2nd. L.H. Regt. and 2 sub-sections, Machine Gun Squadron ), to AYUN KARA completed at 1500.            Move of 2nd. L.H. Regiment, with 2 sub-sections M. G. Squadron, to RAMLEH completed at 1600.</p>	
AYUN KARA (RICHON)	Wednesday 28/11/17.		<p>Brigade ( less 2nd. L.H. Regt. and 2 sub-sections, M. G. Squadron ) in bivouac AYUN KARA ( RICHON )            2nd. L.H. Regiment, with 2 sub-sections, M. G. Squadron, attached to 54th. DIVISION as Divisional <del>xxxxx</del> Mounted Troops:-            ( 1 Squadron attached to 162nd. Infantry Brigade ).            ( 1 Squadron attached to 163 rd. Infantry Brigade ).            2nd. L.H. Regiment ( less 2 Squadrons ) attached to 54th. Divisional Headquarters.</p>	
"	Thursday 29/11/17.		Brigade ( less 2nd. L.H. Regt. and 2 sub-sections M. G. Squadron ) in bivouac	
"	Friday 30/11/17.		AYUN KARA ( RICHON ). 2nd. L.H. Regiment with 2 sub-sections M. G. Sqdn., attached to 54th. Infantry Divn.	
			( List of HONOURS and AWARDS and SUMMARY of DAILY STATES attached ).	

*Ref. Maps: PALESTINE, 1/63360 - SHEETS XVI and XIII.*  
*Brig in bivouac*  
*S.O. to 1st A.L.H. Bde*

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IN THE FIELD.  
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HEADQUARTERS,

A. & N.Z. MOUNTED DIVISION.

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Report on the part taken by the 1st. A. L. H. Brigade in the operations against BEERSHEBA on 31st. October, 1917.

Reference Map.- BEERSHEBA, 1/125,000.

The 1st. A. L. H. Brigade marched from ASLUJ with A. & N.Z. MOUNTED DIVISION, leaving Bivouac Area at 1800 and passing the Starting Point ( ASLUJ Railway Station ) at 1900, as Rear Brigade of the Divisional Column.

The Brigade proceeded with D.H.Q. up the G. EL SHEGHIB Road ( the advanced troops being 2nd. A.L.H.Bde. along the BIR ARARA Road and the N.Z.M.R. Bde. along the G. EL SHEGHIB Road ) to a point on the 1100 Contour Line just West of K of KHASHIM ZANNA.

At 1000 I was instructed to push on one Regiment against the position TEL EL SABA ( 1007 ), which was seen to be occupied, and to protect the Left Flank of the advancing N.Z.M.R. Brigade.

I moved the 3rd. L. H. Regiment, with one Sub-section of M. G. Squadron, out at 1015. This Regiment moved smartly across the plain and took up a position on the WADI near the E of KH EL WATAN. Advanced scouts got touch with the enemy near the bend in the WADI SABA, South East of TEL EL SABA at 1100. Under cover of the small WADI, one Squadron with one sub-section, Machine Gun Squadron, was pushed forward to the WADI SABA and a dismounted attack against the position was launched along the South Bank of the WADI SABA and it was agreed that they would push home the attack on TEL EL SABA, the AUCKLAND Mounted Rifles operating on the North Bank of the WADI SABA



and the 3rd. L. H. Regiment on the South.

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On account of the WADI Bed being swept by enemy Machine Gun fire, our Machine Guns were placed in favourable positions to afford covering fire and a dashing advance made by the Regiment across the open ground to the last A in WADI EL SABA. Two Squadrons advanced to the bank of the WADI, South of and immediately opposite Point 1007, TEL EL SABA, from this position, although it afforded very scant cover, they were able to bring heavy Machine Gun, Hotchkiss and Rifle fire to bear on the enemy position and afforded covering fire for the advance of the AUCKLAND Mtd. Rifles.

At 1300, I ordered the 2nd. L.H.Regiment in on the Left of the 3rd. L. H. Regiment. The right Squadron of 2nd. L. H. Regt. with one sub-section Machine Gun Squadron arrived in position just as the assault was commenced at 1400 by the 3rd. L.H.Regt. and AUCKLAND Mtd. Rifles, and afforded most effective covering with Machine Gun, Hotchkiss and Rifle fire. One Squadron of 3rd. L.H.Regt. crossed the WADI to TEL EL SABA, while the troops of N. Z. M. R. Bde. closed in from the North East and the position fell at 1530.

One Squadron of 2nd. L.H.Regt. and one Squadron of 3rd. L.H.Regt. followed the retreating enemy and took up position near the junction of the WADIS West of TEL EL SABA, and were able to bring heavy fire to bear on the enemy retiring over the high ground in a North Westerly direction. At the same time one Squadron of the 2nd. L.H.Regiment made a dashing advance against an enemy counter attack launched from BEERSHEBA, and drove it off.

The advance on the final objective was begun at 1615, the Sector to be occupied by this Brigade being MOSQUE (inclusive) to Point 970 (inclusive), the 3rd. L.H.Brigade being on the Right, and the 4th. L.H.Brigade on the Left. I sent the 1st. L.H.Regt. in on this Line, which was occupied by 1730, and all exits from the Town in the vicinity of the MOSQUE, Hospital and Barracks blocked.

Following prisoners were taken: - 11 Offs 85 O/R.



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This Sector was held as an Outpost Line and several small parties captured during the night.

A very careful reconnaissance of the Railway Station and buildings was carried out in the daylight and guards mounted on all places suspected of being mined.

Throughout the action, the "INVERNESS" Battery under Capt. BAILLIE did excellent shooting with good results. Three troublesome machine guns were silenced, and the trenches on TEL EL SABA subjected to heavy bombardment prior to the assault.

Ammunition expended.

S. A. A.	Rifle	7451	rounds.
	Hotchkiss)	6669	"
	Rifles )		
	Machine )	17,200	"
	Gun.		
13	Pounder.	610	"

Casualties.

	<u>Officers.</u>	<u>O/Ranks.</u>		<u>H O R S E S.</u>
Killed	2	17	Killed	68
Wounded	5	66	Wounded	23
Missing.	-	-	Missing	2

The following prisoners and booty were handed over by this Brigade :-

<u>Prisoners</u>	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O/Ranks.</u>
	11	85.
Complete Hospital with -		
7 Medical Officers.		
1 Priest.		
65 A.M.C. Details.		
5 Wounded officers.		
63 Wounded O/Ranks.		
21 Sick.		

Railway Stores containing military equipment and Stores, Forage, Wood, Railway material etc. Railway Station.

Brig.-General,  
G. O. C. 1st. A. L. H. Brigade.



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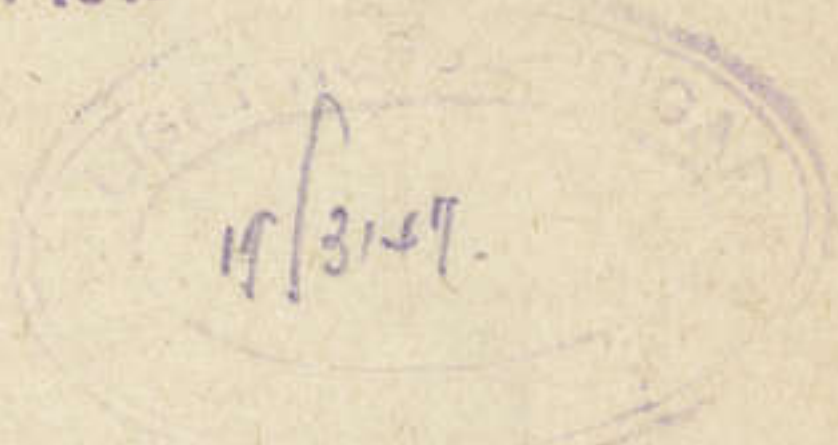
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HEADQUARTERS,

A. & N.Z. MOUNTED DIVISION.



Report on the operations by this Brigade at  
TEL KHUWEILFEH, on 3rd. Novr., 1917.

Reference Map, - BEERSHEBA, 1/125,000.

1st. A. L. H. Brigade moved from bivouac area,  
BEERSHEBA at 2400 on 2nd. November, and proceeded via  
BEERSHEBA to HEBRON Road and black track running North through  
"A" of ARAB EL KEDEIRAT, to a point just North of the branch  
track leading to AIN KOHLEH. At this point the Brigade joined  
the 7th. Mtd. Brigade Headquarters at 0415 on Novr. 3rd.  
to act as support to that Brigade on the line half mile West  
of AIN KOHLEH - Point 1580 - Point 1910 EL JABRY.

The objective to be obtained was a line BIR  
KHUWEILFEH to RAS EL NAGB, the objectives of the 53rd.  
Division on the left being AIN KOHLEH and BIR ABU KHUFF.

By 0700 the 7th. Mounted Brigade had made RAS EL  
NAGB good with one Regiment.

I had the 1st. L.H.Regt. in a position of readiness  
and this Regiment with two sub-sections of M.G.Squadron  
pushed forward at 0700, with the intention of getting possession  
of the rough Ridge to the immediate East of TEL KHUWEILFEH.

The advanced squadrons gained a position on the  
Eastern end of the rough ridge, on a horse-shoe shaped position  
with their Right  $3/400$  yds. from the enemy's left flank by  
0750.

The enemy position was strongly held and the fire was  
very heavy, but the fire power developed by our troops ( 2  
Squadrons with 8 Hotchkiss Rifles and 4 Machine Guns ) on any  
attempted movement of the enemy towards our flanks, partic-



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ularly to the right flank, was very effective.

The position held being comparatively safe from enemy Machine Gun fire, which was converging 100 yards behind the position, I instructed the C.O. 1st.L.H.Regt., not to push on any further, but to hold on and await the development of the Infantry attack, which was being pushed on from TOWAL ABU JERWAL.

At 0810, I sent one squadron of the 2nd. L.H.Regt. to relieve the troops of the 7th. Mtd. Brigade on RAS EL NAGB, relief being completed at 1015.

At 0925, I sent the remaining two Squadrons of 2nd. L.H.Regt. to a position near the H.Q., 1st. L.H.Regiment, to remain in readiness as support to the 1st. L.H.Regt. when the attack on TEL KHUWEILFEH was pushed home.

At 1050, as considerable enemy movement was taking place in the vicinity of RAS EL NAGB, I sent one squadron of 3rd. L.H.Regt. to reinforce this Post, and the two squadrons easily repulsed an attack from the North East by about two companies of enemy Infantry.

At 1230, the 5th. Mtd. Brigade moved forward to take up the right of the line and to relieve my two squadrons on RAS EL NAGB. These two squadrons were ordered on relief to join the 2nd. L.H.Regt. in the WADI UM EL RUMANIN, due South of TEL KHUWEILFEH. The relief was completed by 1600 and the two Squadrons reported to H.Q., 2nd. L.H.Regt. at 1715.

At 1245, I sent 2 sub-sections M.G.Sqdn. to report to C.O., 2nd. L.H.Regt. in WADI UM EL RUMANIN.

At 1415, I sent one squadron of 3rd. L.H.Regt. with two subsections M.G.Sqdn. to take up a position on Stony Ridge, South West of TEL KHUWEILFEH, on the right of the Infantry line, which was moving up at this time.

The position was principally one of observation, but excellent Machine Gun targets were obtained. Three enemy Machine Guns on a ridge, just to the North were compelled to change their position, and in doing so, afforded excellent targets for our



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Machine Guns.

Spotting for the 53rd. Division Howitzer Battery was also well done from this Post, and very effective Artillery fire was brought to bear on the enemy's position.

At 1430, I ordered the 4th. Battalion, I.C. Bde. and 8th. L.H.Regiment to withdraw and return to water, the Infantry having passed through the positions they were holding.

During the afternoon, it was decided that the Infantry attack would not be pushed further and the 5th. Mtd. Brigade were ordered to take over the line held by this Brigade.

I made arrangements to withdraw after dark.

At 1800, I sent the "INVERNESS" Battery under escort of one Squadron of 3rd. L.H.Regt. back to bivouac.

The remainder of the Brigade was withdrawn on B.H.Q.

The Brigade (less 1 Sqn. and "INVERNESS" Battery) moved at 2100, and reached the present bivouac area at 0030.

Throughout the day, the shooting of the "INVERNESS" Battery was excellent, and the fire was well directed both by the F.O.O. and by the forward Squadron leaders.

The Machine Guns were well and boldly used and especially good targets presented themselves, particularly on the right flank of the 1st. L.H.Regt. position and from the Stony Ridge to the South West of TEL KHUWEILFEH.

Cable Communication was established to all units with the exception of the Post on RAS EL NAGE. Communications worked splendidly, not one disconnection occurring during the day.

AMMUNITION EXPENDED.

S. A. A.

Rifle	...	...	22,765	rounds.
Hotchkiss Rifle		...	17,260	"
Machine Gun			29,000	"

13 POUNDER.

762 rounds.



Casualties.

	<u>Officers</u>	<u>O/Ranks.</u>
Killed.	3	13
Wounded	10	57

Horses.

Killed.	22
Wounded.	62
Missing.	<del>10</del> 4



Brig.-General,

G. O. C. 1st. A. L. H. Brigade.

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HONOURS and AWARDS for Period 31st. October - November 30th.

Reg. No.	Rank.	Name.	Unit.	Award.	Action.	Date.
	Major	R. N. FRANKLIN.	2nd. L.H. Regiment.	D. S. O.	BEERSHEBA.	31. 10. 17.
	Lieut.	J. N. GRIFFIN.	3rd. L.H. Regiment.	M. C.	BEERSHEBA.	31. 10. 17.
157	Sgt. (now 2/Lt.)	D. H. KILLICOAT.	3rd. L.H. Regiment.	D. C. M.	BEERSHEBA.	31. 10. 17.
11	Sgt.	A. G. WILSON.	2nd. L.H. Regiment.	M. M.	BEERSHEBA.	31. 10. 17.
2193	L/Cpl.	G. VOLP.	2nd. L.H. Regiment.	M. M.	BEERSHEBA.	31. 10. 17.
396	L/Cpl.	V. DONOVAN.	3rd. L.H. Regiment.	M. M.	BEERSHEBA.	31. 10. 17.
538	L/Cpl.	H. KILLALEA.	3rd. L.H. Regiment.	M. M.	BEERSHEBA.	31. 10. 17.
312	L/Cpl.	A. C. KEANE.	1st. A.M.G. Squadron.	M. M.	BEERSHEBA.	31. 10. 17.
46	Tpr.	A. C. SOUTH.	1st. A.M.G. Squadron.	M. M.	BEERSHEBA.	31. 10. 17.
1120	Tpr.	J. WADE.	1st. A.M.G. Squadron.	M. M.	BEERSHEBA.	31. 10. 17.
1090	Tpr.	C. E. DUFF.	2nd. L.H. Regiment.	M. M.	BEERSHEBA.	31. 10. 17.
391	Tpr.	A. E. COOK.	3rd. L.H. Regiment.	M. M.	BEERSHEBA.	31. 10. 17.
3295	Tpr.	T. HOGARTH.	3rd. L.H. Regiment.	M. M.	BEERSHEBA.	31. 10. 17.
50	Sgt.	R. R. HAMILTON.	1st. L.H. Regiment.	M. M.	KHUWEILFEH.	3. 11. 17.
3065	Cpl.	C. E. KELLEHER.	1st. L.H. Regiment.	M. M.	KHUWEILFEH.	3. 11. 17.
2467	Tpr.	E. DOWLING.	1st. L.H. Regiment.	M. M.	KHUWEILFEH.	3. 11. 17.
<del>1567</del>	<del>Sgt.</del>	<del>J. W. POOLE.</del>				
1088	Tpr.	S. J. CROSS.	1st. L.H. Regiment.	M. M.	KHUWEILFEH.	3. 11. 17.
2649	Tpr.	W. WEST.	1st. L.H. Regiment.	M. M.	KHUWEILFEH.	3. 11. 17.
2818	Tpr.	W. J. GRIMSHAW.	1st. A.M.G. Squadron.	M. M.	KHUWEILFEH.	3. 11. 17.
15506	Dvr.	E. B. HOLLOWAY.	1st. L.H. Fd. Amb.	M. M.	KHUWEILFEH.	3. 11. 17.
955	Tpr.	A. J. BENNETT.	1st. L.H. Fd. Amb.	M. M.	KHUWEILFEH.	3. 11. 17.
6051	Dvr.	S. FLINT.	1st. L.H. Fd. Amb.	M. M.	KHUWEILFEH.	3. 11. 17.
=	Captain.	E. S. KATER.	1st. L.H. Regiment.	M. C.	KHUWEILFEH.	3. 11. 17.
	Lieut.	W. H. JAMES.	1st. L.H. Regiment.	M. C.	LUDD.	15. 11. 17.
573	Sgt.	D. MYCHAEL.	1st. L.H. Regiment.	M. M.	LUDD.	15. 11. 17.
1567	Cpl.	J. W. POOLE.	1st. L.H. Regiment.	M. M.	LUDD.	15. 11. 17.
288	Cpl.	A. R. ASHWORTH.	1st. L.H. Regiment.	M. M.	LUDD.	15. 11. 17.
23	Cpl.	F. D. BURRELL.	1st. Signal Troop.	M. M.	KHUWEILFEH.	3. 11. 17.

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Major,  
Brigade Major, 1st. A.L.H. Bde.





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SUMMARY of DAILY STATES for NOVEMBER, attached to WAR DIARY.

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<u>Date.</u>	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O/Ranks.</u>	<u>Horses.</u>	<u>Mules.</u>	<u>Donkeys.</u>	<u>Camels.</u>	<u>Nativ</u>
Oct (31st.	88	1913	2289	19	82	33	20
Nov. 1st	81	1830	2231	70	81	38	23
2nd.	81	1820	2254	70	81	33	23
3rd.	81	1826	2253	70	81	33	23
4th.	82	1746	2212	70	81	33	23
5th.	82	1745	2127	70	81	33	23
6th.	93	1743	2228	70	78	33	23
7th.	93	1739	2224	103	80	33	23
8th.	94	1730	2219	103	78	33	23
9th.	93	1711	2219	102	78	33	23
10th.	94	1697	2208	103	78	33	23
11th.	94	1690	2215	103	78	33	23
12th.	94	1681	2204	117	78	33	23
13th.	92	1667	2198	117	78	33	23
14th.	93	1673	2192	117	78	33	23
15th.	93	1680	2187	117	78	33	23
16th.	92	1659	2190	117	78	33	23
17th.	94	1672	2203	117	78	33	23
18th.	94	1669	2211	117	78	33	23
19th.	93	1676	2217	117	78	33	23
20th.	94	1704	2218	114	68	33	23
21st.	94	1709	2116	114	68	33	23
22nd.	94	1706	2115	114	68	33	23
23rd.	94	1714	2113	114	68	33	23
24th.	94	1707	2109	114	78	33	23
25th.	94	1702	2116	114	77	33	23
26th.	96	1732	2147	113	70	33	23
27th.	96	1765	2124	113	70	33	23
28th.	95	1800	2203	113	70	33	23
29th.	96	1815	2215	113	70	33	23
30th.	97	1806	2207	113	68	33	23

*[Signature]* Major,

Brigade Major, 1st. A.L.H. Bde.