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Place	Date	Hour	MAY 1918. Summary of Events and Information Page 1. Vol. 56. Remarks and references to Appendices
ES SALT.	1-5-18	0415	Stood to arms at 0400 when verbal orders were received from 3rd Bde.Hqrs. to move immediately and occupy high ground to the NORTH and NORTH WEST of ES SALT and to gain touch with the 3th b.H. Regt., on our right who were holding a position astride the ES SALT AMMAN Road. The Regiment with Lt. HARDY and sub-section of Machine Guns attached moved through ES SALT and occupied tactical features in Sqs. 127 J 19 d and b J 13 b .5.2 J 13 a 2.9 H 12 a and d H 11 c by 0800 without opposition. Lt. SHARP with small patrol from A Squadron captured 1 Turkish Officer 1 Sqt. and 1 Corporal. R.H.Q. was established near a large cave in J 19 a .9.2 One prosoner was taken here who was being roughly handled by the natives. The natives around ES SALT were of a very different type to those we had been used to . They were mostly armed with Modern Rifles of both English and Turkish pattern and were in the habit of firing suddenly into the air as a means of showing their pleasure. This was rather puzzling to us at the commencement of our occupation and at times we were inclined to look upon their actions as hostile. The country here was fairly thickly populated altho very few native houses were to be seen actually valley.
		0800 Infor 0900	Nature of the country here very hilly and stoney but well grassed and with good crops and vine- yards everywhere. Several good wells were located in vicinity of 9th Regt Sector which supplied all needs during our term of occupation. Small parties of enemy were observed on ridges from 2000 to 3000 yards in advance of our line but no shots exchanged. mation received from natives that 20 Turks with 50 Camels and 40 Pack Mules and dump of ammun- ition were hidden in vineyard two miles to the North. Lt. P.T. SMITH with histroop was sent to reconnoitre with a view to our making an attempt to capture. He reported back to R.H.Q. at 1130 reporting that he had located the position and that it could be captured with two troops. Information was received that this party of enemy together with all pack animals had moved North. A patrol of 10 Turkish cavalry approached under cover of thick mist to within 500 yards and between two posts of A Squadron EAST of KEPR HUDA. A Squadron posts opened fire, killing one horse, wounding one man and one horse. D.D. & L. London, R.C. (Avec) We Weight Meet 750,000 5/17 Sch.52 Forms Ca5/14

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WJA Pridgehead	2nd		KEFR HUDA Tomb to H 22 central Total Length of line held by 9th L.H. Regt approximately 5500 yards	1/33330 Composite
es salt.		1000	Much enemy movement was observed moving towards 9th L.H. Sector. Capt. LUXMOORE, O.C., B. Squadron, reported about 1000 enemy with guns observed at 0900 moving WEST ones SALT - AMMAN Road about 5 miles distant.	ES SALT
			A Squadron reported 200 enemy infantry and cavalty advancing into 127 H 5 & 6 from a North- westerly direction. Several smaller bodieswere located advancing along wadis Two to Three miles distant North West of 9th Regt SectorL	2nd Editio
		1100	Most of enemy were observed moving back WESTWARDS thence NORTHWARDS and again at 1300 they were reported moving EAST From this it appeared as if the enemy force coming from the JORDAN were endeavouring to join up with their force which was moving from AMMAN towards ES SALT	
Sp.			Enemy artillery opened fire from the AMMAN Road on to A & M C Squadron sections but no casualf ties were caused.	
		1400	About 1900 information received that the 4th A.L.H. Bde who were holding positions in vicinity of UMM SHERT and DAMIEH on the JORDAN had been driven back thereby losing command of the ET DAMIEH to ES SALT Road thus giving the enemy a clear run from the JORDAN on to positions held by 3rd A.L.H. Bde North and West of ES SALT.	
		1930	Ordersreceived to hold the following line. Night Outpost Line 2th L.H. AMMAN Road exclusive thence Westerly to KEFR HUDA inclusive. 10th E.H. Regt KEFR HUDA Exclusive to present junction with 3rd L.H. REGT Orders were issued for A Squadron to hand their rector over to 10th L.H. and return to C Squadron command post and remain there during the night in support to 9th L.H. Sector.	
		1945	Ordersewere received from 3rd A.L.H. Bde for 9th Regt to hold present day line as a night outpoline. This was done. Disposition of the night outpost line as follows: B Squadron on the right holding Sq J19b.8.5 to J 13 central with standing patrol in Sq J14c.8.6 and Two troops in support at J 19 a .9.2 C Squadron J 13 central to KEFR HUDA exclusive four troops. A Squadron KEFR HUDA inclusive to H 22 central 4 troops. The great length of outpost line 5500 yards necessitated its being lightly held. Fortunately the night was free from mist,	E
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One troop of A Squadron was withdrawn from A Squadron section and

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HIA . Pridgehead Defences ES SALT	2nd		imity and in large num		1/63360 Composite mastof ter Jordan 2nd Editio
57		2100	The expenditure of amm from ammunition convoy only road open to us for the Regiment was now be on the night of 29th A tactical situation no	that 1000 enemy on AMMAN Road between AIN HEMAR and J 17 dunition on Both April was 8000 tounds S.A.A. 5000 rounds was drawn today which succeded in getting through the UMM ESH SHERT (Route 13) now the rom our base at JERICHO seginning to feel the pinch for rations having marched out from JERICHO pril carrying 2 days special rations and Iron ration. Owing to the mation convoys were able to get through. Luckily there was plenty of corses and a small quantity of barley had been requestioned by Brigade.	
				spatched in the Field attached.	Appendix To 3 Appendix
of the second	3rd	0400	flank in Sq 127 J 2 a Information now receiv	rd and occupied TEL EL JALUDI with right flank Sq 127 J 3 central and Left.3.1 ed that a strong enemy attack was being made on 9th L.H Squadron reported that this attack had been repulsed and that 8th L.H.	t - MAY 19

O640 Lieut. HARGRAVE reported a strong enemy movement on his front endeavouring to work round his

Advanced party of the enemy estimated at 50 to 60 men with about 150 in support

0915 The enemy attacked position held by left flank of C Squadron in Sq H 11 b .8.4 and H 12 central

left flank towards KEFR "UDA.

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and sent to reinforce KEFR HUDA

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AUTA Bridgeher Befehees ES SALT	3rd		The enemy attackxwas pressed with great determination a strong party of bombersadvanced to within 15 yardsof our post which as held by Lt MASSON one Sergt., L Cpl., and 12 O/Ranks including Composite a Hotchkiss Rifle. There put up a plucky resistance but their casualties were severe, caused mostly by bombs. Lt. MASSON was slightly wounded Sergeant SMITH was believed to be badlyfordan wounded (now missing) Corporal BAKER and Tor. S.P. McGINTY were killed and 2 O/Ranks asserted.
			Wounded and 3 0/Ranks wounded. The Hotchkiss Rifle The enemy were reinforced from their support troops and was smashed kept pressing on forcing the post to withdraw about 500 yards Lance Corporal MORRISON with great iniative and determination covered the withdrawal of the wounded. Sergt SMITH was missed in the withdrawal. On information reaching Regtl. Hors. regarding this attack, Major DALY moved forward to the front line and on arrival there saw the withdrawal of this post in progress, immediately caused the two left flank roops of B Squadron to comform thus securing the line. The right flank troop of A Squadron withdraw about 500 yards. Whilst the attack wasin progress all Headquarters Batmen, grooms and Artificers were quickly despatched to reinforce 6 Squadron.
SP		1100	2 extra Machine guns arrived and were put into position in Sq H 17 b .9.7 also Squadron of SHERWOOD RANGERS but these were not used until the evening. Major DALY with Sherwood Ranger Squadron Leader made a personal reconnaisance with a view to our recapturing post N.E. of KEFR HUDA but in view of later orders this counter attack did not eventuate.
			Orders were issued to Squadrons that the present line running from J 3 central— J 7 central— H 18 a — H22 central would be held by night. Verbal orders were received that the whole Division would gradually withdraw that night down the UMM SHERT Track All Squadron Leaders were rought to R.H.Q. hen the C.O., gave the following orders verbally reference the withdrawal of the Regiment tonight. O.C. Squadron SHERWOOD RANGERS was to reconnoitre a line which he was to occupy covering the Northern exits to ES SALT through J 25 a and b until relieved by 0th L.H. Regt. Snipers to remain on tracks until 2400 The withdrawal to commence at such a time that the

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Place	Date	Hour	MAY 1918 Summary of Events and Information Page 6 Volume 56 Remerks and references to Appendices
AUJA Perances ES SALT	10000	1730 1900 2015 2200 2300	whole of the Regiment less enipers were to be on a line at H 24 and J 13 central at 2300 All packsto be sent immediately to R.H.Q. Silence was to be maintained throughout withdrawal Composite Two troops of SHERWOOD RANCERS were put into the line to fill a gap between A & C Squadrons The 2nd A.L.H. Bde who were on the right of B Squadron withdrew to a position covering the Eastern Exits of ES SALT. Three right flank troops of B Squadronwere withdrawn to J 13 d L J 19 b & d. Desultory firm ES SALT continued until withdrawal of Squadrons. All packhores which had concentrated at R.H.Q. were sent forward under Lt STEVENS to withdraw down the UMM SHERT Track. SHERWOOD RANCERS left R.H.Q. to take up their allotted positions R.H.Q. followed by B Squadr n withdrew along track to ES SALT remainder of Regt. falling in en route. Lt. HAHN reported that shortly after his troop withdrew from the line the anemy attacked his position withdrew from the line. Several shells were fired on to A Squadron as they withdrew from the line.
		2345	A Squadron and Two troops of C Squadron took over line J 25 a and J 25 b with the remainder of the Regiment in support in J 25 central. 2nd Bde were passing through ESSALT on to U.M SHERT track and at 2430 the Regiment oined the rear of the 2nd Bde, SHERWOOD RANGERS and A & two troops of C Squadron joining in at rear of Regiment. The Regiment had passed through the 2nd Bde on the Umm Shert Track. Which This Brigade was detailed to do the rearguard.
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Place	Date	Hour	MAY 1018 Summary of Events and Information Page 7 Volume 56	Remarks and references to Appendices
ES SALT	3rd		The most critical stage of the withdrawal was now over and up to the present everythin had gone smoothly. All ranks fully realised the difficulty of withdrawing from an aggressive enemy, handicapped as we were by having to withdraw down rocky, singlefile tracks over very broken country. The 1st L.H. Brigade piquetted the heights on either side of rest the UM SHERT Track. From ES SALT to where the UM SHERT Track meets the plain country EST of the JORDAN represents a drop of 4000 feet in approximately 10 miles. Shortage of rations was now very acute. Practically all ranks were without rations of any description and many had been without for 24 hours. Two head of cattle were requisitioned from the natives at ES SALT but the withdrawal had prevented this being distributed. Our casualties for the 3rd May were as follows.	ng 1/33330 Composite East of Jordan ES SALT 2nd Edittio
Sp?			2 Officers Wounded. Killed. 373 Cpl. W. Baker. 1159 Tpr. S.P. McGinty. 1577 " P.W. Medhurst. Wounded. 11 O/ Ranks.	
			Missing. 2 O/Ranks. Animals. Killed. 1 Ride. Wounded 4 Rilles. Missing. 1 Ride 1 Pack.	MAY 1918
			Summary of Messages Despatched in the Field Attached	Appendix Appendix
			Commending Officers Dannet Comment to the start of	No 6 Appendix
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1 ½ Miles SE AUJA Fo		30400	the Plain country EAST of as it proceeded in single	int where the UMM SHERT Track leads do of JORDAN. Several well ranged at le file down the narrow track fully en A Squadrons were diverted to side track.	raphel shells xposed to the	were fired on to Reg	1/63360 tComposite East of Jordan
EP.			The Regiment was clear of and bevougeked. Horsesand men were thore	of the foothills and proceeded to a poon oughly tired after the strenuous kink ith remainder of Brigade moved via GHO	and anxious w	ork of the past 5 day	ES SALT
li Miles NW JERICHO			Order received for Brigathead at once. The Interpretate Proceed, mostly at the translater in the day was now quiet. How The Regiment dismounted	ade to turn out mounted and reinforce Regiment moved off independently at 13 rot and arrived at AUJA Bridgehead at there had been much enemy movement a res were now handed over and Major Cl leading all packs and crossed over ne enced taking over sector from AUCKLAN	345 leaving th 1445. New long the footh HARLEY left in ewly erected p	Tealanders reported ills but the situation charge. Contoon bridge to EAST	
			This Regiment held the 1 127 0 13 b .1.9 A Squadron held the right C Squadron were in reservable xcept 3 men per tro Two night reconnoitring orders to reconnoitre \$\frac{1}{2}\$ Several parties busy dur	ht sector B Squadron the left with 10 rve with R.H.Q. at 127 0 13 a .3.5. oop were brought up from led horses and detachments moved out mounted streng mile in advance of Regiments sector. ring night bringing ammunition and borall night consolidating the position	th L.H. holding the of each 1 0 mbs from river	s - 127 0 13 a .8.8 to ag the left their respective Sqdn officer 8 O/Ranks with	· NAX
AUJA Bridge head Defen- ces		18		emy rifle fire. A line of observat:	rol moved out	orders to patrol to about 2 miles when put out and the Patro	1918

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JA Bridge- ead DEFENC	ES		Information received that t	ark 1900. I out and remained in position all night. the enumy had attacked 5th Mtd. Bde West of the JORDAM. East of Jordan ES SALT
87	7-5-1		Orders issued to Squadrons during night and after all returning to their squadron During Day & night large pages	rties engaged in digging and wiring defences. Shells were dropped in 9th Regt. Sector doing no damage.
9	9-5-18		No damag e done. Usual day and night patrols Very little enemy movement Large partiesworking trench	
4			was completed. A Squadro B Squadron from 127 0 7 d Attack position 127 07 a. C Squadron with two troops c.l.l Remaining Tw 127 0 7 c.7.8 R.H.Q. was established in Ordersreceived were to the Remaining two Regiments o	n held from 113 J 18 g .7.5 to 127 0 13 b .1.9 4 troops. .3.3 to 127 0 7 a .9.9 Two Machine Guns with one troop in Counter 9.2 and one extra Hotchkiss Rifle held from 113 J 6 d .7.9 to 113 Z 30 controops of C squadron were on counter attack transk position in 127 0 7 c .4.5. effect that AUJA BRIDGEHEAD DEFENCES would be held by one Regt.

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Sp	12th			2nd Sditio
67	13th		50/Ranks and 8 Remounts marched in from Reinforcements Camp, LUDD. The excessive heat dust and flies now very pronounced. Strict sanitary measures were taken.	
FJ	14th		Usual routine digging and wiring. Very little enemy movement observedP	
Sp	15th		Information received that Indian Lancer Post on right had been driven in. Later information received that enemy had withdrawn to foothills at dawn. Our artillery carried out practice barrage in front of our own wire Chap.Capt. TURNER proceeded on leave to JERUSALEM.	
A.	16th		Quiet day with the usual wiring and digging parties. Reserve tranches now called Inner Bridgehead Defences now being constructed by parties from 8th and 10th Regts under direct super vision of Major DALY.	
Sp	17th	1800	Two deserters Turks surrendered to B Squadron Relieved by 10th Regiment. Regiment moved by Squadrons to Led HorsesBivouacs WEST of JORDAN. Orders received to supply daily natrols two day patrols each strength one Troop and Two night patrols each strength one Officer and 3 O/Ranks. Brigade issued orders for practice turn-out the Regiment parading mounted in fighting order within 36 minutes.	- MAY 1918

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UJA Bridge Head EFENCES	18th		proceeded on reconnaisance to 5th Mtd.Bde. Sector.	/83360 omposite
9	19th	1800	Stood to Arms. Regiment Mounted Reserve. Lieut. SHARP patrolled to 127 F 14 15 21 He captured 2 Turkish prisoners with Two Pack E	ordan S SALT nd Edition
δĵ	21st	1	Lieut STEVENS proceeded to Division as Intelligence Officer. Stood to Arms 0330 The strenuous work of the past few weeks and the unhealthy surroundings of the JORDAN VALLEY	
.67	22 nd		now commenced to affect the health of the Regiment. Capt. BEALE, R.M.O., with his Medical Staff were having a strenuous time. B Squadronwere being treated daily for a week with Anti-Malariil Treatment.	
9	2 3r d		Lieut. CRUDDAS and 2 0/Ranks proceeded to School of Instruction, EL ARISH. Lieut. SHARP with A Troop of A Squadron patrolled to Sq 127 F 20 a OneDeserter surrendered to his patrol. Patrol came under heavy fire from Sq 127 F 16 b North-East Patrol shelled for about 3 hours during morning 9 remounts arrived.	
op	24th		From \$200 to 0000 Regimental Bivouac AREA was shelled by an enemy 4.1 Mayal gun. 25 H.E. and Shrapnel shellsfell in vicinity of Regtl. Area. H.E. Shells were mostly Armour Piercing and buried themselves 5 or 6 feet before exploding. No damage done except 3 saddles blown up on Regtl. Horse Line Shell speciming were collected and forwarded to B.H.Q.	0
ogn .	25th.		Lieut P.T. SMITH with his troop, B Troop of B Squadron patrolled to Sq F 20. Small enemy patrol of 5 endeavoured to reach our NORTH EAST Patrol but were prevented from doing so by	8161 AVIN

9th Light Horse Regiment,

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
JJA Bridge head EFENCES	25th 26th	1900	Usual Day and Night Patrols Nothing unusual occurred.	/63360 lomposite last of lordan
69	27th		Major W.T. CHARLEY and 2 0/ Ranks proceeded on ALEXANDRIA Leave 1 0/ Rank CAIRO Leave.	ESSALT and Editi
न	28th		Usual Routine.	
er	29th		Capt. NELSON evacuated to Field Ambulance. 12 Reinforcements marched in from Reinforcements Camp JERICHO	
· of	30th		Lieut G.E.H. MUELLER evacuated to Field Ambulance.	
	31st		Major BLBBCHMORE, Lieut BURNS and 3 0/ Ranks proceeded to School of Instruction ZEITOUN Sgt. E.P. LEE with D Troop of A Squadron patrolled to Sq 127 F 20 b at 0530 a strong enemy patrol of about 50 advanced from the North. Simultaneously with another from the North East on to Sgt. LEEs Command Post forcing him to withdraw about W 700 yards to a more favourable position. A brisk fire was kept up for several hours from both sides and at 1300 the enemy commenced to withdraw. Sgt. LEEs patrol then moved forward and reoccupied Sq F 20 b	l ti
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			Fluctuations for Month of MAY attached.	pendix
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" Despatched " 5th-31st. 8. 9 Fluctuationsfor Month of MAY 1918

R.S. 1 To 9th L.H. 1-5-18 A Squn command post and Composit e map ES SALT 127H24b3.7 A Sq dn 0710

C.B.1 To 9th L.HM 1-5-18 Holding Posit ion from KHFR-HUDALt Sq H 12d aaa Bedou ins reports ten Turks on ridge 2000 y ards N A Sqdn 0725

To 9t h L.H. 1-5-18 Can see B Madn post on right but cannot get touch with anyone on left About 30 Bedou in s or T urks on hill about 3000 yards EAST of C Sqdn H.Q. C Sqdn 0745

C 3 To 9t h L.H. 1-5-18 My rig ht appears unprot ect ed small party Turks seen approaching there f ron front asa Have sent 1 Sgt 3 men to hill on my right asa Could these be relieved with about 8 men aaa My force numbers 20ff150/r 0 Sqdn 0880

C.B 2 T o 9t h L.H. 1-5-18 6 T ur ks obser v ed in position 1000 y ds N aaa Present posit ion of comman d post 1000 yds 110 deg True Kefr HUDAS line held by Squadron H 12a H 11c and D H L2a 1442 aaa Wat er at KEFR HUDA would water Regt twice asa . Fit for drinking aft er boiling only . A Sqdn 0915

C.B.4 9t h L.H. RRTRX 1-5-18 Command po st moved to 1000 y ards 80 deg T rue bearing KEFR HUDA A Sqdn 1115

C.B"5 9th L.H. 1-5-10 Patrol of 10 T urkish Cav alry approached to 5 00 yards East of KEFR HUDA at 1120 under cover of fog our post opened rapid fire but all escaped A Sqdn 1130

C.B. 6 9t h L.H. 1-5-18 No sig n of enemy since last report We killed one horse of cavalry pat rol mentioned in C.B. 5 report A Sqdn 1000 yards East of KEFR HUDA 1310

C.B. 8 9t h L.H. 1-5-18 Situ at ion nnchang ed C Sq dn 1440

C.B. 7 9t h L.H. 1-5 -18 Am det ainting two armed Arabs who toured our out posts and attempted to pass ou t aft er being ordered to go in direct ion of ES SalT A Sqdn 1440

W.S. 148 9th L.H. 1-5-18 Have two Officers per squadron at R.H.Q. at 15 45 to see night out post line' C.O. 9t h L.H. 1445

SC 27 1 9t h L.H. 1-5-18 Wat er y our horses by reliefs at ES SALT aaa Troughs erected 3rd B de 1000

C 2 9t h L.H. 1-5-18 In mosque in Sq H 11d patrol report s g ood supply of wat er sufficient for horses and men aaa Costern with good access aaa Length to wat er 5 ft aaa Dept h of wat er more t han 6 ft No applian ced for drawing aaa qualit y g ood. C Sqdn 0320

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SC 282

9th L.H.

1-5-18

Owing to tactical situation convoy of rations for tomorrow are notexpected tonight Units will therefore consume iron rations tomorrow 2nd inst., Horss will have to be grazed as a Drinking water can be obtained outsideMosque nearhorsewatering areasas Until further instructions Units will water horses intheirown timesinvillage as Units mustre port immediately any new wateror grain located Menare to be warned that the streamin the village is a sewer fromt hev illage and dangerous to drink 3rd L.H. Bde 1515

PT 1 9th L.H. 1-5-18

Reconnoitred position and No Turks visible and Bedouin states they are under a shelf and If Bedouins story correct could capture position with two troops and P.T.Smith 1130 Galloper

Rx##x 9th L.H. 15-18
Situation Report and Pickets posted and All clear and 2020

B 31 3rd AL.H. Bde. 1-5-18.

- MAY 1918 - 850/16

Have occupied line approx. Sqs H 22 central - H 17.9.1 - H 18 central-H 13 and 14 cent ral aaa No enemy observed aaa Could a forward sig. station be sent out please to gain touch with 9 Hqrs in Sq H 30b aaa 9th L.H. 065 0

B 36 3rd A.L.H. B de. 1-5-18.

Bedouin reports about 20 camels and 20 camel loads of ammunition guarded by 20 T urks in v ineyard 1/2 hours walk due north from 9 th Regt sector & Am reconnoit ring to see if possible to capture. 9t h L.H. 0900

B 37 3rd A.L.H. Bde. 1-5-18.

Ref my B 36 another Bedouin reports that in same vineyard are 50 camels and 40 mules. 9th L.H. 0915

B 38 3rd A.L.H. Bde. 1-5-18.

Convoy of camels and mules previously reported in yiney and have now retire retured to GERASH. 9t h L.H. 1245

B 46 O.C., C. Squadron 1-5-18.

Major Charley will report to R.H.Q. at once aaa C squadron will send out montt ed st anding patrols on roads thro their sector and to be particularly act iv e. 9th L.H. 2110.

B 47 C Squ adron

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2-5-18 9th L.H. Patrol reports all clear and Intend to establish day post as yesterday when mist lifts and Sending remainder of men down to horses unless you have other instructions and Please reply and Capt. Luxmoore v 0615

2-5-18 9th L.H. C5 Right standing patrol repors all clear on line from Mosque H 11d to J7 b mLeft standing patrol not yet reported and Patrol of men under Lt HARGRAVE sent forward to reconnoitre my entre front and Right flanking outpost reports all clear J 13 b miststill heavy aga C Sqdn QHW2 9720

2-5-18 9th L.H. Ll 0400 patrol texxxxxx 12738d central aaa Capt Luxmoore 8755

2-5-18 L.4 9th L.H. Turks still being stronglyreinforced with what appears to be guns and men along AMMAN Road and OurMounted Troops have retired just behind the pool and seem to be waiting for the Turks to attack anaThe M.G.S. has come up on the right flank 0900 O.C. B Sqdn

2-5-1 8 C B 10 9th L.H. Party of enemy working around my right have sent MR WAGG to intercept them and C Sqn 3th L.H. are coming into position between me and 10th am not yet in touch with 10th 9930 A Sqdn

2-5-18 C B 11 9th L.H. About 200 Turkish inf antry and cavalry advancing into 127/65 and 6 from a N.W. Direction 0945 A Sadn

2- 5-B 9th L.H. C B 12 Sgt Field standing patrol at KEFR HODAS is in touch with C San troops and Distance between my right and C Sqdn left about 2000 yds in an Easterly direction 1020 A Sqdn

9th L.H. 2-5-18 In reply to B 53 C B 13 A & B Troops at command post C & D troops between me and KEFR HUDAS 1030 a Sqdn

9th L.H. Lt HARGRAVE troop is in touch with right flank of A Sqdn aaa Our right flank reports all clear C S dn 1120

C.B. 15 2XXX 9th L.H. 2 -5-18 In reply to B 4 54 Command post is at 127H22b 1145 O.C., A Sadm

2-5-18 9th L.H. Things have quietened down in my sector in last half hour small parties of cavalry still retiring W 1145 A Sqdn

2-5718 9th L.H. C.B.14 One hundred and fifty enemy cavalry retiring west from my front aga Their position at 1045 was approx 127D5 aaa Other bodies have retiredfirst West then N this morning about 250 have been observed from KEFR HUDAS aga Third Brigade informed aaa O.C. A Sqin

1280

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C B 18 9th L.H. 2-5-18

Position held by Sqdn runs from 127 M 22 central to KEFR HUDAB this included Sgt Field standing patrol which has been converted into a unit of resistance 0.C. A Sqdn 1210

L.H.3 9th L.H. 2-5-18

About 150 Cavalry with 20 packs proceeding east on bearing 302 from KEFR HUDA

C Sqdn 1245

L.H.4 9th L.H. 2-5-18
Lt Masson reports 500 cavalry 2 miles due east of KEFR HUDA advancing mounts
C Sqdn E300

C B 19 9th L.H. 2-5-18
Lt WAGG reports 150 cavalry and 30 pack camels travelling E point about 3 miles N.W. of KEFR HUDAS at 1300
O.C. 9th A Sqdn 1330

2-5-18

Large body of infantry advancing in this direction from due EAST about 3 to 4 miles from here and heavy firing going on 2/L& CRUDDAS 1350

L.H.5 9th L.H. 2-5-18

Ref B58 about 3½ miles and They have since disappeared into hilly ground half mile east of where first seen

Lt Hargrave 1355

C.O. 9th L.H. 2-5-18

Infantry has disappeared behindbridgein front of this position about two miles in front 2/Lt CRUDDAS T355

L.H.7 9th L.H. 2-5-18

Ref L.H.4 Lt MASSON R rts cavalry moving off E N E in column of route

Lt HARGRAVE 4410

L4 S S M B Sqdn 2-5-18
Send up biance of B Sqdn bombs
Lt McDONALD 1500

C B 21 9th L.H. 2-5-18
The cavalry were atSq 127H 19 and Gun hasdropped 6 shells in this vicinit
A Sqdn 1550

C B 20 9th L.H. 2-5-18
About50 cavalry travelling S W from Sq 127H19 at 1500aaa Quiet in my sector A Sqdn 1520

L.H.11 C Sqdn 2-5-18

Ref 1/63360 enemy shelling our position with shrapnel from about bearing 140 from J7c central

Ltx##xxxxxxx HARGRAVE 1645

The following is distribution of outpost for tonight and Sth L.H. less one Sqdn is attached to 2nd Bde fortonights outpost and 9th L.H. AMMAN Road exclusive thence westerly to KEFR HUDA inclusive and 10thL.H. Exclusive to present junction 3rdBd L.H. Regtand O.C. 3rdMG S will detail M Gs as follows and 8thLH 4 guns and 9thL H 2 guns 10th L.H. 2 guns and Bde reserve B Sqdn 10thL.H. lessone troop and 4 machine guns and Location Bde Reserve at B H C and Bde will stand to arms at 0330 tomorrow and

3rd Pde 1925

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Messages Received in theField 2-5-13 B M 783

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9th L.H. Retention of ES SALTmost important feature of operations and Absolutely

BM 790 . 9th L.H. 1000 enemy grereported by aeroplane on AMMAN road between AIN HEMAR and 2000

8 M 734 9th & 10th L.H. 9th L.H.Regt states it is occupying today linefrom H22 central to KEFR HUDA an As this is your sector please relieve Major BLEECHMORE 9th L.H. on line EFR HUDA exclusive to H 22 central assoon as possibletonight ana 2015

Messages Despat ched in the Field 2-5-18. (Conta) Appendix 4.

B 59 3rd A.L.H. Bde. 2-5 -18. - MAY 1918 - 50/50

At 1300 150 Cav alry and 30 Pack Camels travelling EAST 3 "iles N.W. of KEFR HUDA aaa at 1300 500 Cavalry reported advancing WAST 2 miles dee EAST of KEFR HUDA. 9th L.H. 1355

B 58 A B C Squadrons 2-5-18. Dismount ed Standing Pat rols will be placed in adv ance on roads leading into Squadron sectors 9th L.H. 1815

B 59 C Squadron 2-5-18 Will send up t roops if possible aga Mu st hold position at all costs Will send up support s if you are attacked. 9t h L.H. 1855

W.S. 149 3rd A.L.H. Bde. 2-5-18. Disposition of out Post line and From J 19 b 8.5 to J 13 central to KEFR HUDA four troops aaa KEFR HUDA to H22 central Four troops aaa Supt Su pport 2 t roops J 19 a 3.9 aaa Length of outpost line 5000 yards aaa If sector from KEFR HUDA to H22 wentral could be taken over by some one else it would make the position more secure as I could then reinforce the centre of my line. 9th L.H. 1920

B. 60 A B C Squadrons 2-5-18 Very Light Flares will be used as fo llows Enemy attacking Two Reds in quick succession fired at half minute intervals Artillery Barrage required Green and Red Cease Barrage T wo g reens. White flares 20 for illu minating. 9t h L.H. 1935

B 61 3rd A.L.H. Bde 3-5-18 In view of B.M. 77 8 will 10th L.H. Be instructed to take over from MAJOR BLEECHMORE Sq H 22 cent ral t o Kefr Huda exclusiv e. 9t h L.H. 1945.

B 63 A C Squadrons 2-5 -18. 10th L.H. Reg t will take over line held by A Squadron 9 th L.H. tonight A Squadron 9th L.H. on relief will report to C Squadron (Major Charley) command post and remain there in reserve to 9th Sector tonig ht.44a Maj or BL EECHMORE will arrange to send guides to 10th L.H. Hars to guide 10th Regt Party to & Squadrons line aaa A Squadron will report when relief completed 9th L.H. 2100

B 64 A.B.C. Squ adr ons 2-5-18 Message received that retention of ES SALT most important feature of operations as Absolutely essential that Squadrons hold the line at all

9th L.H 2205

B 60 A.B.C. Sqdns Hqrs., 3rd M.G.Section 2-5-18 Enemy put t in g in heavy at tack AMMAN ES SALT Road All ranks will have equipment on ready to move at moments no tice. 9th L.H. 1405

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B 47 C Squadron 2-5-18.

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Push y our patrols out if you have not already done so aaa Report sit uat ion. 0525 9t h L.H.

B 48 3rd A.L.H. Bde. 2-5 -18.

Forward patrols report all clear altho mist still hampers visibility. 9 th L.H. 06 20

B 50 B C Sqdns. 2-5 -18.

lot h Reg t report touch gained with 200 enemy infantry. 0700 9t h L.H.

W.S. 147 10th L.H. Regt 2-5-18 .

Have sent two troops to wat ch your right under Lt SHARP aaa Inform me when they get in touch with you. 07 5 5 9th L.H.

B 51 3rd A.L.H. B de 2-5-18.

Have patrolled Squ ares H 11d J 7 B to J 8 d, 5.5 Patrols report all clear aaa Have posted standing patrol H 11 d. 9t h L.H. 0800

B 52 3rd A.L.H . Bde 2-5 -18

200° T URKISH Infant ry and Cavalry advancing int o Sq 127 H 5 & 6 from a NORTH WAST ERLY direction. 1010 9th L.H.

W.S. 148 A Squadron 2-5-18

Hold WEFR HUDA and dont withdraw unless absolutely overwhelmed aaa Are you in touch with C Squadron T roops. 1015 9th L.H.

B 55 A Squadron 2-5-18.

How many t roops have you with you and how many troops on NEFR HUDA 9th L.H. 1040

B 56 3rd A.L.H. Bde. 2-5-18

Major DALY aft er personal reconnaisance reports 20 infantry 9 Cavalry advancing NORTH 3 miles from KEFR HUDA bearing 200 degrees also 150 Pack animals being led ret iring WEST along WADI ES SIDR Sq 127 b 12b.5.9 aga At 1045 lar g e movement of mounted men observed advancing North over broken g round NORTH of UM SHERT. 9th L.H. 1130

B 57 3rd A.L.H. Bde. 2-5 -18 Du ring morning large numbers of inhabitant s with stock are entering ES SALT v ia KEFR HUDA Road aaa During last half hour small parties of cav alry or packs ob served moving WEST aaa Stivation quiet aaa 9th L.H. 1300

3-5-18

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B.M. 784 Oth 10th L.H. 3-5-18

For defence every man must be made available if necessary and Horses usually should be linked and I f necessary horseswill be driven down in mobs towards UMM SHERT.

3-5-18

I f necessary horseswill be driven down of the state of the

Mounted patrol report all quiet last might and Have now moved out 500 yardsto high hill due north and B Sqdn 0510

BM 876 Sth 9th 10th 325-18
A message dropped 0556 states as 500 enemy holding trenches on ridge 142018 and 22 both sides of road as 500 reinforcements at P19

3rd Bde 0600

M.C. 12 9th L.H 3-5-18

Lt Hargrave reports strong enemy position on his front trying to work around his left flank towards KEFR HUDA and Could a troop of men be sent up to reinforce that post and C Sqdn 0640

C B 27 9th L.H. 3-5-18
C troop being sent to reinforce Lt HARGRAVE does this troop remain under my command orais it attached to C Sqdn

A Sqdn 0700

B M 789 9th L.H. 3-5-18
Aeroplanes flying at night will be treated as hostile unless previousk warning given

3ed A.L.H. Bde 0710

9th L.H. 3-5-18
Approximate line from H 12 c central through J13b central to J20 a central,
C Sqdn 0755

C13
Have moved my command post to J 13 c 52
Sqdn
Osco

Command post TELL EL JALUDI right of line 127 J3 central in touch with 10th L.H. left of line 127 J 2 a 31 not in touch with 6 S dn. 8th L.H. just taken see prisoners here as a Strong enemy reinforcements moving up AMMAN Road RXRR 0300

BM 792 9th L.H. 3-5-18
Aeroplane reports 0530 aaa RRR M00 enemy holding ridge 14207 13 and19a 50 enemy cavalry 142030 aaa 1000 cavalry 142 R 14 8 & 2 and on ridge 50 cavalry 142 Q 15 to 036 a a 50 cavalry 142 A8 Stationary 100 cavalry in Wadli

3rd A.L.H. Bde 0830

Send a stretcher at once one man very badly wounded one wounded one killed

Outpost

0845

BM 793 9th L.H. 3-5-18

Following Ausdiv telegram for your information begins as Enemy are concentrating in front of 2nd L.M. Pde as 5th Bde will send one R gt into Divisional Reserve at Junction J32b as 3rd Bde will be prepared to strengthen own right if ordered as ends 3rd Bde 6845

Massages Received in the Field 3-5-18

Appendix 5

C.B. 37 9th L.H. 3-5-18

Four machine guns reported by Sgt MYREN Sq 127 H12 a digging in Snipers unable to shift them

A Sodn

0900

C B 29 9th L.H. 3-5-18

Approximately 20 cavalry observed and 1 s men dismounted and 1 packhorse observed 500 yards W KEFR HUDA think it likely after personal observation that machine gun was being placed inposition under face of cliff for purpose of enfilading our line

A lagan

0925

9th 4.H. 3-5-18

Enemy has driven back my left and has occupied the high hill about 800 yards N E of KEFR HUDA Am engaging him lower down the valley Major W.T. CHARLEY 0935

B M 795 9th L.H. 3-5-18

Report situation fully now and situation every hour by wire and lst hourly r eport to reach this office by 1045

3rd Bdo

1000

S C 295 9th L.H. 3-5-18

Report by 1600 today amount of stock you have requestioned up to that time 3rd A.L.H. Bde 1035

B M 800 All units 3-5-18

314 prisoners captured by 8th L.H. Regt this morning belong to 3rd Battin 66th Regt and They state the three battlns detrained AMMAN yesterday Two battlns came forward one battln remained and is probably coming forward t today and Also tate there are 7 guns at SUWEILEH 1100

3rd Bde

C B 30 9th L.H. 3-5-18 At 0030 about 200 infantry entered hills by JISR ED DAMIEH ES SALT road and Two machine guns have come into position in Sq 127 H 16 a .1.1 This position estimated from "qdn Scouts report and 5 snipers have been told off to deal with them

A Sqdn

1125

C B 33 9th L.H. 3-5-18

C and A sqdns have linked up

1200 A Sqin

C B 31 9th L.H. 3-5-13

Lt RICKABY and Bde Scouts have reported to me am using them temporarily

as supports

A Sgdn 1230

TMH 6 9th L.H. 3-5-13

Two German Artillery men found in cave TELL ELJDLUDI one slightly wounded as

sending to R.H.Q immediately

A Sgdn

1205 B Sadn

CB 34 Oth L.H.

3-5-18

Line very quiet qt present

WWXX1240

SC 297 9th L.H. 3-5-18

No more enemy bombs will be drawn from ES SALT withour reference to thisoffice 3rd Bde 1340

3-5-18 C B 35 9th L.H.

Observed 10 Turks going to Ruins Sq 127 Hile on at 1400 Turks are lining

Appendix 5.

= MAY 1918 C B 35 2th L.H. 3-5-18 Observed 10 Turksgoing into Ruins Sq 127 H 11 c27at 1400 Turks are lining ridge in Sq 127 H 11 A & B 12 Our machine guns are in Sq 127 H 17 d 9 5

A Sqdn 1430

T.M.H. 8 9th L.H. 3-5-18 Situation Normal Lt McDONALD reports having seen a machine gun placed in old building behind fig tree at KEFR HUDA B S dn 1430

C B 36 9th L.H. 3-5-18 Am I receiving more troops in this sector tonight A Sadn 1450

C B 37 9th L.H. 3-5-18 Four machine guns reported by Sgt MYREN Sq 127 H 12a digging in Snipers unable to shift them aaa Have instructed m.G. officers to deal with them if they are a target 1520 A Sqdn

W S155 9th L.H. 3-5-13 Have Sqdn Leaders and 1 N C O per troop at R.H.Q. on my return to see new outpost line and I dont know when I will return 9th L.H. 1620

B M 809 10th 99th Life: 3-5-18 The Division will gradually withdraw UMM SHERT track and No movement before dark aga Third Bde will ret ire to GHORANIYEH Bridgehead aga The 9th L.H will hold the Northern exit of ES SALT till 2400 midnight and Immediately a after dark the 2nd =de will atke up position to cover its own retirement through ES SALT to ES SHERT track and At midnight 2nd Bde will retire from ESTSALT and take upmrearguard position South W of ESSALT about J 31 and will not retire intil ordered to do so by Divsnl Commander and Gen Cox will picket the heights the whole way down from 2nd Bde Rearguard westerd aaa The 3rd & 2nd Bdes will leave small parties on al trackNorth and East of ES Salt to keep up intermittent firing all night and They will not withdraw till dawn and The 9th Regt will perform these dubies on the northern track 10th Regt will proceed in terms of instruction given to Lt Col BELL 3rd Regt M Gunners now with units will proceed with thode units anathe Bde less (9th'& 10th 4egts) will move from present location B.H.Q. qt 1930 aaa C.O. 9th L.H. will and off Packs and .pares under Officer as soon as posible after 1930

3rd A.L.H. Bde 1350

BMN810 9th Regt 3-5-1 Ref B.M. 809 On reaching the plain the Bde will be in support of ANZAC Mtd Div on next Bde reaching plain this Bde will proceed to GHORANIYEH 3rd A.L.H. Bde 1920

- MAY 1918 6 50/25 B 65 3rd A.L.H. Bde. 3-5-18 - MAY 1918 6 50/25 Situation quiet on 9th Regt Sector aaa Have sent two troops and two machine Guns to right of my line who will be able to support 8th Regt 9th L.H. 0520

B 68 A Squadron 3-5-18 Wit hdraw one t roop want from y our line and reinforce Lt HARGRAVE KEFR HUDA soon as possib le. 9t h L.H. 0645

B68 C Squ adron 3-5-18 In reply to M.C. 12 All t roops no w in the line aaa Have ordered A Squ adron to reinfoce Lt HARGRAVE wit h one troop. 0645 9th L.H.

B 6 9 3rd L.H. Bde 3-5-18 9th Reg t line rums 127 H 22 central KEFR HUDA J2a.3.2 Je central 9t h L.H. 085 5

WS 149 3rd L.H. Bde 3-5-18 Enemy pushed one troop off hing h ground at MEFR HUDA also off J 13 a.2.9 this lat t er place was recapt ured aaa Strength of enemy unknown Can g et no information from my right aaa telephone cable evidently broken aaa Left flank of rig ht squadron J 3 central seen to fall back 9 th L.H. 1030

WS 150 3rd L.H. Bde 3-5-18 Enemy streng th estimated by Major CHARLEY as 300 9t h L.H. 1035

B 71 A B 3-5 -18 Send to R.H.Q., S.Q.M.S. Leading on e pack horse to requisition rations 9th L.H. 11.30

WS 15 1 3rd L.H. Bde 3-5-18 Sit wat ion report and Right sect or a little sniping Centre Sector line holding the enemy Left Section two enemy machine guns have come into posit ion Sq 127 H 16 a.l.1 aaa About 200 Infantry seen ent ering hill by JISR DAMIEH at 0930 Squadron of Sherwood Forresters arrived. 9th L.H. 1145

WS 15 2 A Squ adron 3-5 -18 Get your M.G.S and troops in position to give covering fire for at tack 9 th L.H. 1230

W.S.15 3 3rd L.H. Bde 345 418 T wo German Ar t illery men one slig htly wounded evidently observers captured in cav e at TEL EL JAHIDER 9th L.H. 1245

A Squ adron B 74 3- 5-18 Our effort to recapt ure High hill near KEFR SABA will not eventuate aaa Can youb ring Machine gun fire to bear onto above posit ion. et h L.H. 1330

WS 15 4 3rd L.H. Bde 3-5-18

WS 15 4 3rd L.H. Ede 3-5-18

The enemy seen seen going into ruins Sq 127 H 11 c .2.7 at 1400 aaa Turks are lining ridge through Sq 127 H 11 a &b and H 12 A&B otherwise situation normal 9th L.H. 1445

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The enemy seen seen going into ruins Sq 127 H 11 a &b and H 12 A&B

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Otherwise situation normal

B 75 3rd L.H. Bde 3-5-18
4 enemy machine gu ns being emplaced Sq 127 H 12a Snipers unable to shift them
9th L.H. 15 50

B 7 6 3rd A.L.H. Ede 3-5-18
Right flank of 9 th L.H. Regt state t hat half an hour ago they were only about 500 yards from left flank of Major HAMLINS Squadron aaa
Has this Squadron moved.
9th L.H. 1550

B 77 3rd L.H. Bde 3-5-18
Send a patrol to gain touch with left flank of sqdn on your right and report distance between squadrons also whose squadron on your right 9th L.H. 1610

Report on Enemy attack on Centre of 9th L.H. Sector at KEFR HUDA, ES SALT 3-5-18.

W.S. 165 3rd L.H. Bde 6 -5 -18.

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The line held by the 9 th L.H. Regt., on the morning of 3-5-18 was f rom 127.J.9.c.0.8 - H.11.b.5. - H.11 central to H.22 central a line of 5300 y ards in length and posts were placed on all tactical features: each post as far as possible covering its n eighbour aaa At day break the whole Regiment were in the line less two troops an support at about H 18 centralaaa On a report being received that the 8th on the right was being attacked on my right these two troops were sent to assist in wat ching their flank aaa At the same time the 10th L.H. Reg t on my left were being attacked aaa troops wer eall that were available to protect the summit of the KEFR HUDA RIDGE. The most advanced troop was at H.11.b.8.4 with one troop to the right rear at H.12 cent ral and one troop to the left rear at H.11.d.3.8 aaa These were so placed as to give fire along the convex slopes in fr ont of the most advanced posts. The enemy opended up machine gun fire on all these posts and shelled the advanced o ne and th en adv anced in at tack formation wit h 5 0 to 60 men in the front way easa When the enemy arrived on the terraces on the hills they had a fair amount of cov er and advanced with a strong party of bombers on the post which consisted of Lt. MASSON one Sergeant, one Cpl. and 12 O/Ranks in cluding a Hot chkiss Rille aaa The troops on the flanks gav e all possible fire support but in spite of this Lt MASSON was wounded The Sergeant & Corporal and Hotchkiss Riflemen No 1 Willed and then Th ree others wounded or 1 Officer, xxxx wounded, 30/Rs Killed and 4 O/Rs wou nded aaa The enemy were t hen reinforced by about 150 men and kept pressing on and the post retired. Lance Corporal MORRISON most pluckily covering the withdrawal of the wounded aaa Mo st of the casualties were caused by bombs and the Hotchkiss Refle was smashed by a grenade asa While the attack was going on A Squadron on the left was detailed to send one t roop to assist and Capt ain LUXMOORE to ok t roop from the right and strengthened the position aaa Capt. LUXMOORE had to bring his troop up under very heavy fire and was himself badly wounded aga As I had no supports left all Hqrs. Batmen Grooms and Art ificers were sent up int o the line and the enemy were h eld up after the Line had withdrawn about 500 yards time the enemys strength on the ridg ewas fully 300 men aaa M.Gs and a Squadron of Sherwood Rangers came up in su pport but the latterwere not used this the evening aaa After a careful reconnaisan ce I found that it would be absolut ely impossible to recapture the po stwith the forces I had in h and aaa At least 12 of t he that the wi thdrawal took place but considering that the Regiment of about 300 Rifles had a 5000 (five T housand) yards frontage to hold against an active enemy and there were so many lines of approach to watch I co nsider t hat we were fort unate to be able to hold t hem up as The actual position lost was of no greater tact ical importance than any other po int on the line it only commanded one t rack which was pootected by other posts as a Nor was the post of any use for observation by t he enemy as the AMMAN ROAD near the town could not be seen from it and all he could see was a small part of our front line.

> (Sgd) W.H. Scot t, Lt. Col., C.O. 9th Light Horse Regiment.

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B M 843 9th 10th 5-5-18 Commencing tomor ow 5th May Regts holding the line will send out four reconnoitring detachmentsstrength one troop each at dawn whose duty will be to observe and report any hostile concentration or movement and oth L.H. detachments will econnoitreto EAST and and 10th L.H. to North and worth East On day reconnoitring etachments passing thro line of night reconnoitring detachments the latter will withdraw to bivouac and Day reconnoitring detachments will maintaina line of observation as near as possible tot he foothills and to the Red Will in Sq 127 D 19 3rd L.H. Bde 2200

B M 840 -9th 10th 5-5-18 Mounted reconnoitring detachments each of strength one officer and 8 men will be deatiled for duty from 2300 tonight until after dawn ana two detachments 10th L.H. one detachment Re the above three detachments will relieve thethree at present detailed by the 8th L.H. Regt and which will return to wire at 2300 tonight and The 10th Detachment will reconnoitre to the North and the two 9th Detachments will reconnoitre to N E & E respect Above detachments will warn the bridgehead defences of any hostile movements Addressed 9th and 19th repeated 8th Regt 3rd L.H. Bda 2040

M 2 9th L.H. 6-5-18 About 200 enemy cavalry moving on independent troops active in front of foot hills and Nothing d finite gained of their intentions and B Sqdn 1700

C B 37 __Oth L.H. 6-5-18 At 0945 __ infantry at 127 R 17 extended and moved west into bushes also Troop of cavalry riding in blobs at 127 P 3 travelling S E Former reported y Sgt LEE 0955 A Sqdn

C B 36 9th L.H. 3-5-18 Approximate line 'eld bu Suadron 113 J 24d 127 0 19 d 013 a command post in C.B 35 A Sqdb 0925

C.B. 35 9th L.H. 6-5-18 Command Post 127 0 13 d.3.3 will confirm or otherwise later A Sqdn -0810

S 2 9th L.H. 9-5-18 An Indian patrol with dismounted pointers out was fired on by my patrol at dawn No One hit O.C. CCSqin Patrol 0640

B M 805 9th 10th 9-5-18 From tonight inclusive 40th L.H. Regt will provide TWO reconnoitring detachme ments by night and day (a) one to NORTH (b) one to MORTH EAST aaa From tonight inclusive 9th L.H. will provide ONE reconnoitring detachment by night and day to the EAST ErdL.H. Bde 1005

B.M. 815 All uni 3 95-19 I S Cavalry Bde i carrying out operations East of JORDAN tonight in order to sweep up enemy patrols and MYSORE Lancers leave camp 2200 searching EAST of JORDAN on to line Osc Ollb 1.3 P8a thence to WADI MIMRIN at which points detachments are dropped asa These detachments then make sweep converging on CHORANIVEH Bridgehead 0415 and Armoured cars will be cooperating and Warn all concerned ana

1550 3rd A.LUBBde

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B.M. 305 All Units 14-5-18 -Aeroplanes flying etween the hours of 1930 and 0400 will be treated ashosy hostile unless previous warning has been given that our own machines re carrying out night flying 1800 3rd A.L.H. Bde

B M 890 9th L.H. Regt 14-5-18 4th Bde report timed 1230 begins and Strong enemy outpost observed 113 X 16 central caa Considerable movement between) 11 central and x16 central and Enemy have been dribbling in to Wadi MELLAHAH at point \$21 for last half hour in twos and threes has ends 3"d A.L.H. Bde 1400

BM 897 8 9 10 MGs 14-5-18 Following from Ausdiv timed 2025 begins and Enemy reported by 4th Bde at 1850 to be moving considerable numbers from X 11 to X16 central aga Movement fairly continuous and ends 3rd L.H. Bde 2040

B M 892 · 8th 9t 10th M Gs 14-5-18 Following from 20th Indian Infantry Bde timed 2255 begins and Is Cav report JODHPORE post on No7 Road being attacked and retiring on Bridge head ana Address One div repeated 3rd Bde and Ends 3rd L.H. Bde 2335

B M 902 All Units 15-5-18 The following from 20th Indian Inf Bde egins and Enemy have retired and JUDHPORE ave taken up former post aaa ends 0500 3rd A.L.H. Bde

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W.S. 160 3rd L.H. Bde 4-5-18 With reference to the withdrawal of an outpost troop this morning as a This was a Post supplied by C Squadron and it s strength 1 Sg t 1 Cpl and 12 Ors including Hot chkiss Rifle and was postedon track about squ are 127 H 11 b 8.4 with post about H 11d 3.8 and H 12 central This po st was at tacked by a party of about 50 enemy supported by about another 150 to 200 men aaa The Sergt was badly wounded and believed k killed The Corporal and one ot her man were killed by bombs and 4 other ranks wounded aaa Lieut MASSON who went to diret the fight was also slig ht lywounded and the Hot chkiss Rifle blown out of act ion by bombs before the post retired as The posts on the flanks were now under heavy fire from this position and took up new ground so as the make the line m o re secu re aaa This line was held aaa During this attack the two leading enemy bomb ers were shot at about 10 yards and at least 10 other en emy fell before our fire. 9th L.H. 1700

W.S. 162 3rd L.H. Bde 3-5-18 Sit wat ion has been cleared up aga The enemy movement evidently a reconn-. aisance in f orce of about 500 men aaa I am leaving my horses on the west side of the river as it is more convenient for watering and rations a Length of dront line about 1 1/2 miles from bend in river 113 J 12b to 113 # 24 d aaa As soon as Regiment is over I am going to start digging & 9th L.H. 1530

B 2 A B Squadrons 5-5-18 Squadrons holding the line will ensure that adequate protection is put out for all wor king parties. 9th L.H . 2100

B 4 C Squadron 5 -5 -18 Y ou will send out at dawn one troop mounted to move EAST to as nearxs as possible to the foot hills and Duty to watch and report any hostile mov ements aaa Sig naller will be sent aaa 10th L.H. will send a mixi. similar broop. 9th L.H. 2400

B 6 O.C. Day lig ht Patrol 6-5-18 Your duties are to ob serve and report any unusual movement or concentrat tion of enemy aga 10th L.H. Patrol will reconnoitre to North and N. East and 9th Rat rol to the EAST aga Day reconnoitring Patrols will maintain a line of observation as near as possible to the facthills EAST of JORDAN and do the REDHILL in sq 127 0 19 9th L.H. XXXX 045 0

B 11 3rd A.L.H. Bde 6-5 -18 Four enemy small calibre H.E. shells have fallen near wire in front of the left flamk 9th L.H. Sector at 085 0 9th L.H. 085 5

B 14 3rd A.L.H. B de 6-5-18 Pat rol r eport s small part ies of enemy with pack horses cont inually moving SouT Halong floot hills asa 9th Patrol in touch with 10th L.H. pat rol on left and Indian Pat rol on right aaa Right flank Squadron xxiv report sat 0945 50 Infantry at 127 R 17 extended and moved WEST into b ushes also troop of Cavalry riding in b lobs at 127 P 3 travelling S.E. 9t h L.H. 1000

B 18 C Sqdn, 6-5-18 C Squadr on will supply the following pat rols No 1 Reconnoiting Patrol No 2 Reco n noit ring Pat rol Strength of each 1 Off 9 ORanks The above two patro is will move thro the outpost line mount ed immediately aft er dark returning to R.H.Q. 1/2 hour aft er dawn Dut ies To ob serve and report any enemy movement or concent ration Reports by orderly to B Squadron in addit ion to the above C Squadron will det ail one t roop to move thro out post line mounted at dawn 7th isst to reconnoitre to the East and maintain a line of observation as near the foothills as possible and to the Red Hill in Sq 127 019 10t h will send out a similar patrol also two night Reconnoitrig

B 18 C Sq dn (Contd) 6-5-18. - MAY 1918 pat rols tonig ht to work in conjuct ion with 9th L.H. Patrols. 9th L.H. 15 00

B 21 A B C Sqdns & -5 -18 Battery will be regist ering in front of wire b etween 1600 and 1700 today aaa Withdraw all patrols et c. 9t h L.H. 16 45

. B 25 3rd A. L. H. Bde 7-5-18 Situation quiet on the Regt Sect or againg ht patrols report no enemy movement ob served -9 t h L.H. 05 5 0

B26 3 A.L.H . Bde 7 -6 -18 9th Day Pat rols linked up with 10th L.H. Patrol on left and INDIAN LANCER past on right aaa INDIANS have patrolled 1 1/2 miles in front and r eport all clear asa 0 740 Enemy dropped 9 small calibre H E. Shells on 9th Reg t Sector and Hqrs. 9t h L.H. 07 5 0

B 38 Lt STEVENS O.C. 9th L.H. PATROL . 7-5-18 Withdraw pat rol today in sufficient time to be within our wire bt 1650 Art illery registering 1700 to 1800 aaa Acknowledge. 9t h L.H. 1435

B 41 3rd A.L.H. Bde 7-5 -18 Situation quient aaa Desultory enemy sh elling with small calibre gun fir ing H.E. has cont inu ed t hroug hout day aaa 9th L.H. 1730

B 39 A B C Sqdn s 7 - 5-18
A and B Sqddron s will each supply one mount ed reconnoitring pat rol
Strengt h each 1 Of ficer 8 ORanks aaa T hese pat rols will move thro h h e wire immediat ely aft er dark and reconnoitre A Sqdn 1/2 mile to the EAST B Sddn 1/2 mile N.E. Both patrols returnin to Sqdn 1/2 hour after dawn aaa 10th L.H. are sending similar patrols aaa Mission to observe and report any hostile mov ement or concentrat ion as Report to Sqdn Hdqrs.aaa C Sqdn will supply day patrol 8th inst under same orde issed to C Sqdn 6th inst aaa Ou r artillery will be reg istering in b front of our wire 1700 to 1800 today asa warn all Concerned. 9t h L.H k400

B4 C Squadron 8-5-18 C Sqdn will supply the Day pat rol st reng th 1 Troop for 9th inst under same orders as previously issued. 9t h L.H. 1620

B 45 3rd L.H. de 8-5-18 Situation quet aaa Night pat rols report no enemy movement observed & Since 0430 enemy have been shelling this sector with small calibre H.E.

> 9t h L.H. 0600

W.S. 167 A & B Sqdns by orderly to C Sqd n 9-5-18 The 9t h L.H. Regt will take over the whole of the AUJE Bridg ehead Defences all mov es to be completed by 17 30 today aas Pack horses hve been sent for aga Sect ors A Sqdn on the right from river to left of pr esent B Sqdn position. B Sqdn t p resent position held by 10th LL.H. Reg t anaTwo troops C Sqdn under Capt WILKINSN N will take over po sit ion held by squadron 8th L.H. Regt on West bank of JORDAN When mov e is complete O.C sect ors will inform R.H.Q. who with remaining two troops of C Sqdn will be at present Hars 10th L. H. Reg t . 9t h L.H. 1540

B 40 3rd A.L.H. B de Enemy H.E. Shells b urst ing one mile to the right of our sect or aga Report of the g un appear to come from TELL NIMRON 9t h L.H. 0630

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be inside wire by 1700 9 th L.H. 1040

B 18 A B C Sqdns 8th 10th Day Pat rols 14-5-18 Ou r Art i llery will be ranging on AUJA Bridgehead at 1700 toad Ensure all patrols are inside wire by 1700 9t h L.H. 15 45

B 19 A B C Sqdns 14-5-18 Following for your information aaa 5 th Mtd. Bde are carry ing out practice art ilery prot ectiv e b arrag etonight bet ween 2000 & 2030 Call f or Barrag e in t onights pract ice Green lights in pairs at 30 secon ds in t erv al bet ween pairs. 9 th L.H. 16 5 5

B 36 3rd A.L.H. B de 15 -5 -18 Main exit thro Wire A Section Defences. 9t h L.H. 0805

B 30 A B C Sqdns 15 -5 -18 Ref my Blo 14t h inst aaa Artillery Prot ect ive Barrgae will be x carried out on this Regts Sector between 2000 & 2030 t onight aaa The signal will be pairs of Red lights at 30 seconds interval between pairs ada S.O.S. Sig nal will be sent up by right Squdron leader t hen cent re Squadron leader t hen leftSquadron leader in t his order Sig nals to b repeat ed until answered by barrag e aaa Night reconno it ring detach ment s will not move thro wire t ill 2045 9thL.H. 1485

B 31 F.O.O., 3rd L.H. Bde 15-5-18 1440 Small calib re eamy gun shelling out post in Sq 127 04 aaa Adress F.O.O.repeated 3 L.H. Bde 9t h L.H. 15 00

B 36 A B C Squ adrons 17-5-18 10th L.H. Will relieve 9 th L.H. today aga Redief to be complete by 1800 9t h L.H . 0930

B 37 A.B.C Sqd n s 17 -5 -18 On relief doday Full establishment of ammunition will be taken out Ammunit io n in excess will be handed over to 10th L.H. and receipt ob t ain ed aaa 9 th L.H. 0705

B 38 A.B C. Sadn 17 -5 -18 C Sqdn will su pply the two night reconnoit ring detachments tonight On e to the North on e to North East aaa Stren &th each 1 Off 6 O/rs 8th L.H. Will supply night reconnoitring detachemt n to he East aaa Adressed all sedn s repeat ed C Sedn reserv e t roops 9t h L.H.

