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OF

9th LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT.

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Place	Date	Hour	August, 1918.	Summary of Events and Information	Page 1	Volume 59.	Remarks and references to Appendices
MADHBEH	1st	0200 2200	Standing Patrol from B Squadron returned to camp and reported all clear. Our artillery having pushed guns forward shelled enemy water and camping area with harrassing fire till 0330 6 O/Ranks marched in from Reinforcement Camp, JERICHO.				JERICHO B 6 1/40000
	2nd		Lieut. KILDEA and 32 O/Ranks marched in from MOASCAR. Usual Routine carried out during the day.				
	3rd		Weather still hot and dusty. Enemy artillery exceptionally quiet during the day.				
	4th	0330 0700	Standing partol returned and report all clear Very quiet night No lights or movement of any description seen. to 0730. Enemy artillery fired a few small calibre shells at watering area without effect. Our artillery kept up harassing fire at intervals at intervals during the night on enemy positions				Appendix
	5th	1700 1700 - 1800	Revised Orders for standing patrol issued. 2/Lieut. MASSON and 2 O/Ranks proceeded on short leave to ALEXANDRIA. 15 O/Ranks marched in from MOASCAR. Our artillery shelled enemy watering area Enemy artillery quiet				
	6th	0430	Standing patrol returned to camp and reported that during the night an enemy patrol had been encountered and one post under Sergt. LOGAN had had to withdraw. This was reported to O.C. Patrol, Lieut. McDONALD at 0100 and he immediately ordered patrol to reoccupy the position Lieut. McDONALD personally led the patrol out and during advance L/Cpl McINTOSH was wounded by a bomb. The enemy patrol retired and we reoccupied position, and situation remained quiet for remainder of night. L/Cpl. McINTOSH was removed to 8th L.H. Hdqrs. at the BLUFF at dawn, where his woundswere found to be only slight. Lieut. WASTELL and 2 O/Rs returned from School of Instruction, ZEITOUN.				AUG 1918

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MADHBEH	7th			Capt. Chaplain TURNER returned from leave in EGYPT. F.C.C.M. held at 10th L.H. Led Horse camp WADI NUETAMEH to try the undermentioned: No 5210 Trooper (E.R. Sergt.) TURNBULL 9th L.H. Regt. No 3007 Trooper C.S. STUART. 9th L.H. Regt.			JERICHO B 6 1/40000
	8th			Capt. SHEELEY reported from 3rd L.H. Fld. Ambulance for duty as R.M.O. Capt. QUINLAN marched out to 8th L.H. Regt. No 119 Sergt. R.C. ELEY to Bayonet Fighting School, ALEXANDRIA. Lieut. McDONALD detailed for a special patrol to report on nature of country, enemy defences etc. between Sq. X 1 and EL BACHALAT. Patrol moved out at 2030 and returned at 0200 having successfully carried out their reconnaissance. Copy of patrol report attached Personnel of patrol as follows: No 956 Sergt. H.E. RUNN No 261 L/Cpl A.C. GILSON. 1531 Tpr M. DALY. 605a Tpr F.R. MORGAN. 1017b Tpr W.H. EVANS. Tpr ClbARK.			Appendix 2
	9th	2030		Warning Order Received that 9th L.H. Regt. would relieve 8th L.H. Regt. as garrison of "F" Section Defences on night 10/11 August. G.O.C. Brigade sent letter of congratulation on work carried out by Lieut. McDONALD. Copy attached. Lieut. LANE moved out with special patrol to reconnoitre between Sq. W 12 central and X 7 centr. to reconnoitre and report on enemy positions and works and nature of country. Copy of pptral report attached Personnel of patrol: No 856 Sergt. H. GANDY. No 1504 L/Cpl C.A.P. REES. 410 Tpr T. FRY. 1184 Tpr W.J. CLARIDGE. 1603 " W.L. SHIPWAY. 2396 " T.W. FORREST.			Appendix 3 Appendix 4
	10th			Sentences of the following promulgated No 439 Shg. Sm. Cpl. (Tempy. Farr. Sgt.) B. LINDSAY 9th L.H. Regt. Charge: When on Active Service, Absenting himself without leave.			

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MADHBEH	10th			<p>The Court found the accused "GUILTY" and sentenced him to revert to substantive rank of Shoeing Smith Corporal.</p> <p>No 627 L/Cpl. (Tempy. Corpl.) J.W. WALDON. 9th L.H. Regt.</p> <p>Charge: When On Active Service, Absenting himself without leave.</p> <p>The court found the accused "GUILTY" and sentenced him to forfeit Tempy. Rank of Corpl.</p> <p>No 916 Sergt. (Tempy. S.S.M.) R.A. VIRGO, 9th L.H. Regt.</p> <p>Charge: When on Active Service Absenting Himself without leave.</p> <p>The Court found the accused "GUILTY" and sentenced him to revert to the substantive rank of Sergt.</p> <p>G.O.C. Brigade sent a letter of appreciation of work carried out by Lieut. B.G.B. LANE.</p> <p>Corpy attached</p> <p>1400 Regtl. Order No 5 issued</p> <p>1930 Regt. Moved out to "F" Section Defences to relieve 8th L.H. Regt. as garrison. Relief completed by 2200. Led Horses under Capt. RAGLESS returned to 3rd Bde. Led Horse Camp, Wadi NUEIAMEH.</p>			<p>JERICHO B 6 1/40000</p> <p>Appendix 5 Appendix 6</p>
	11th	0330		<p>Regt. Stood to arms. Everything quiet. Posts report all clear.</p> <p>0700 Heavy enemy machine gun fire on our aeroplane fired from direction of EL BACHALAT.</p> <p>0700-0745 Our artillery shelled enemy positions on BAKR RIDGE and EL BACHALAT.</p> <p>0930-1030 Enemy artillery fired 26 77mm H.E. on Sq Y 6 a occupied by Reserve Squadron. (A Sqn)</p> <p>No 1579 L/Cpl J.P. MOORE was slightly wounded but not evacuated, and no other damage was done.</p> <p>Patrol of 30 men observed in Sq W 16 grazing horses. This was reported to our heavy batteries and fire brought to bear on them w They moved later N.W. into hills.</p> <p>Capt LUXMOORE (Sick) evacuated to Hospital.</p>			
	12th			<p>2/Lieut. CRUDDAS and 2 O/Rs proceeded on short leave to EGYPT.</p> <p>Lieut. C.J. SHAW returned from Short leave in EGYPT.</p> <p>Regtl. Order No 6 issued</p> <p>2000 Heavy bombardment observed North west which proved to be 60th Division carrying out a trench raid.</p>			Appendix 7
	13th			<p>Enemy exceptionally quiet.</p> <p>Advance Officers from 1st Battalion B.W.I. took over Area Stores at 1500.</p> <p>1720 Enemy artillery fired 5 rounds</p>			

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BLUFF asb	13th	1720 1830	Enemy artillery fired 5 rounds 13 pdr. H.E. on MUSSALLABEH. A Body of mounted men 60 strong observed travelling below foothills towards GRANT HILL Small parties of men were frequently seen during the daytravelling in the foothills and leading packhorses down WADI EL MUDAH-QDIRAH No 1 Battln. B.W.I. relieved this regiment as garrison "F" Section Defences. Relief completed by 2330. Regiment concentrated at No 1 Crossing WADI AUJAH and moved off via Roads 26 33 and 27 to AIN ED DUK arriving at 0230. Major BLEECHMORE and 35 O/Ranks remained as Close Support to B.W.I on "F" Section.				JERICHO B 5 1/40000
AIN ED DUK asb	14th		The day was spent in laying out the camping area. All ranks greatly appreciated being near water also Shower Baths which had been erected by previous units. Lieut. HARGRAVE, M.C., and 41 O/Ranks marched out to report to 2nd Batt. B.W.I. as close support troops in No 4 Sub-Sector relieving personnel of 10th L.H. Regt. Patrols were supplied on No 4 Sub-Sector as per orders attached				Appendix 8
asb	15th		Orders issued re Cleaning of Saddlery and Metal Work. The weather at AIN ED DUK appeared to be much cooler than that of front line. Capt. SHELLEY marched out to attend F.C.C.M. at 75th Division. Capt. ANDREWS attached from 3rd L.H. Fld. Amb. temporarily during absence of Capt. SHELLEY.				
asb	16th		2/Lieut. STEPHEN and No 1360 L/Cpl BLIGHT marched out to School of Insten. EL ARISH. WICK Day Patrol reported that patrols which were sent periodically to TEL EL TRUNY were fired on by enemy machine guns from TEL EL RISHAH. M.C. was located approx. Sq T 4 c 4.6 Patrol also reported smoke which appeared to come from an enemy camp approx. 2000 N.W. TEL EL TRUNY and WADI AUJAH.				
asb	17th		2/Lieut. Masson from Short Leave in Egypt and 2 O/Rs. from Escort Duty. Enemy aeroplane flew overhead at 0930, this being the first plane for several days. Orders received that patrols supplied by this Regiment on No 4 Sub-Sector would consist in future of part B.W.I. personnel and this was arranged accordingly with C.O. 2nd Batt. B.W.I.				

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Place	Date	Hour	AUGUST, 1918.	Summary of Events and Information	Page 5 Volume 59.	Remarks and references to Appendices
AIN ED DUK asb	18th		2 O/Rs proceeded on short leave to EGYPT. Brigade Order No 19 re. Relief of 3rd L.H. Bde. as Garrison on No 3 & 4 Subsectors by the 1st L.H. Bde. on Night 22nd/23rd. 9 O/Rs. evacuated with suspected Malaria.			JERICHO B 6 1/40000
asb	19th		15 O/Ranks Reinforcements and 2 N.C.Os from Cadre MOASCAR marched in.			
asb	20th		Usual Routine and Patrols supplied. Trial was carried out during morning of new Grenade Dischargers. These are small cylindrical metal cups which fix to top of rifle. Experiment proved very satisfactory and grenades were discharged accurately at a distance of 250 yards. Promulgation of Sentence of No 3007 Tpr C.S. STUART, 9th L.H. Regt. Charges: (1) When on Active Service, Disobeying an order given by his superior officer. (1) (Alternative) When on Active Service, Conduct to the prejudice of Good Order and Military Discipline. (2) When on Active Service, Using insubordinate language to his superior officer. The Court found the accused "Not Guilty" on the 1st Alternative Charge but "GUILTY" on 1st and 2nd Charges and sentenced him to undergo 9 months I.H.L. Regtl. Order No 7 issued			Appendix 9
asb	21st		A Cross was erected on Cpl. FLETCHER'S Grave in No 3 Subsector. 3 G.S. Wagons and personnel rejoined Regt. From Divisional Train.			
asb	22nd		Led Horses were forwarded sent and personnel from No 3 and 4 Subsectors (Close Support) were collected and rejoined Regt. about 0630. Lieuts. SHARP, WAGG, KILDEA and LANE evacuated sick to Hospital. Advance party from 1st L.H. Regt. reported at 1100 and took over Area Stores. Day was spent in cleaning area preparatory to move. Regiment relieved by 1st L.H. Regt. at 1930 and moved via Old Road to TALAT ED DUMM arriving at 2345. Splendid march discipline was observed throughout.			

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TALAAT ED DUMM <i>asb</i>	23rd		A quiet day was spent at TALAAT ED DUMM and regiment moved out at 1920 for ENAB. The travelling and march discipline was good. 2nd L.H. Bde. was passed, halted, at Kilo 3 Arrived at KULONIEH at 0105 and Regiment was watered. Moved off at 0200 and arrived at ENAB at 0300. Lieut. Col. SCOTT, C.M.G., D.S.O., assumed command of the Regiment. <i>Major W.T. CHARLEY</i>		XXXXXXXX Palestine Sheet 17, 18 1/63360
ENAB <i>asb</i>	24th		Capt. ANDREWS evacuated sick to Hospital Regt marched out from ENAB at 1930 and arrived at LATRON at 1030.		
LATRON <i>asb</i>	25th		Lieut. Col. W.H. SCOTT, C.M.G., D.S.O., evacuated to hospital. Regt. moved out at 1930 and arrived at LUDD Camping Area at 0030.		
LUDD AREA <i>asb</i>	26th		Capt SHELLEY from F.C.C.M.2/Lieut. CRUDDAS from Leave, Lieut. FREEBAIRN and 20 O/Ranks Reinf's. from MOASCAR marched in and taken on Strength Camping Area laid out and Bivouacs erected The camp is situated in an Olive Plantation which is cool and pleasant and greatly appreciated after the period spent in the heat and dust of the JORDAN VALLEY. Major W.T. CHARLEY assumed command of the Regiment on evacuation of Lieut. Col. Scott, C.M.G., D.S.O. to Hospital.		Sheet 13
<i>asb</i>	27th		Capt A.H.H. NELSON and 1 O/Rank marched in from MOASCAR. Parade for cleaning and equipment carried out. Camp Area reorganised and extended Area for each squadron being increased		
<i>asb</i>	28th		Usual Routine carried out. 10 Remounts received, ordinary class. Marquee Tent obtained and a Regimental Officers Mess inaugurated.		
<i>asb</i>	29th		Inspection of all kit and equipment carried out by Squadron Leaders also inspection of all Packsaddlery and Lead Harness carried out by Regtl. Q.M. Lecture delivered at B.H.Q. at 1700 to all Officers of the Brigade by Lieut. Col. FOWLER, A.D.M.S.		

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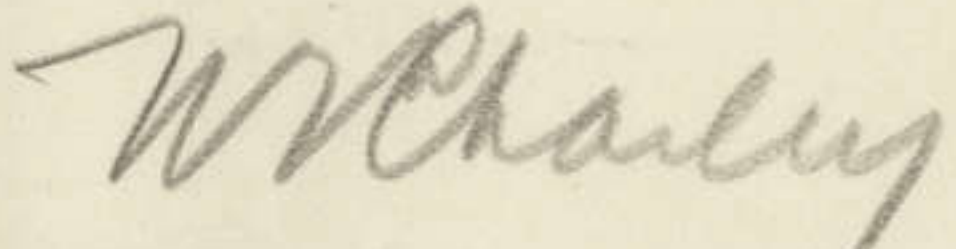
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LUDD AREA	30th			Usual Routine carried out. 24 Reinforcements arrived from MOASCAR Preparations carried out for Inspection of C.O.C, 3rd A.L.H. Bde.			Palestine 1/63360 Sheet 13
	31st			Lieut. A.S. BARKER and 1 O/Rank proceeded to School of Instruction, ZEITOUN. 1 O/Rank proceeded to School of Instruction, ALEXANDRIA. C.O. made a detailed inspection of the Regiment.			
				Summary of fluctuations for month of AUGUST attached.			Appendix
				 Major, A/C.O., 9th Light Horse Regiment.			

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10.	Summary of Fluctuations for Month.

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Appendix 1.

SECRET.

Orders for Standing Patrol No 3 Sub-Sector.

1. "B" and "C" Squadrons will alternately supply Standing Patrol taking up a position approximately 1000 yards in front in front of VANCE, VYSE and VALE Posts with a view of intercepting enemy patrol from GRANT HILL. Patrols will consist of 2 troops strength was under: 1 Off. 2 Sgts. 2 Cpls. 18 O/Ranks. Squadron Leaders and 2nd in Command Sqdn. will alternately take command of patrol and will keep a proportion in Reserve. Patrol will be dismounted and move out after dark, withdrawing behind wire by 0330. If attacked every effort will be made to delay advance of enemy so as to enable the Defence Trenches to be manned. The patrol will then withdraw to a position near 10th L.H. Hdqrs. and become Counter Attack Troops. Each man will carry 2 Mills Grenades & 2 Rifle Grenades per post. Location of Patrol will be altered ~~daily~~ each night and advice of approx. position rendered to R.H.Q. as early as possible and not later than 1600 daily. O.C. Patrol will report to C.O. "F" Section on departure and return ~~adv~~ advising him of probable position and routes. It should be impressed on all ranks that the capture of prisoners is more important than killing or driving off. In the event of enemy being killed, bodies will be carefully searched for any identification discs or orders.

The only flares that will be used will be White for illuminating purposes. A single Green Flare fired horizontally in the direction of wire when withdrawing in the face of the enemy. NO FLARES will be fired on normal withdrawal in the morning.

Report on nights operation will be rendered to R.H.Q. by 0500 as per proforma issued.

Issued at 1700
4-8-18.

(Sgd) A.S. BARKER, Lieut. & A/Adjutant,
9th L.H. Regiment.

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Appendix 2.

Report of 9th L.H. Regt. Special Patrol for 8th/24th August, 1918.

Reference Map: DAMIEN 1/40000.

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Strength. 1 Off. 1 Sgt. 5 O/Rs.

Patrol passed MASKERAH at 2100. On reaching point W 30 a 10.5 the horses were left with 9th L.H. Standing Patrol and Special Patrol proceeded on bearing about 350, travelling dismounted a distance of about 3500 yards.

I detailed Sgt. RUNN to pace the distance.

Left point W 30 a 10.5 at 2130 and reached point about W 5 d 9.0 at 2350. This was most northerly point reached by patrol.

Bamboos with white paper were erected at points about W 24 a 8.5 and W 5 d 9.0

These were erected so that ranges could be taken on them early on 9-8-18.

Country. The country traversed was dry, marshy at present time being suitable for all arms.

It was thickly covered by bushes averaging 3 feet high. No wadis or impassable grounds were encountered.

Tracks. Many fresh enemy tracks crossed. Most of these were made by horses and were running W.S.W. These in majority of cases were probably made by enemy patrols as the halting place of two patrols was observed.

A large burnt patch about 100 yards in width was crossed about W 18 a 50 This was evidently burnt from East to West

Enemy Defences. No indications of enemy defences were seen and there was no sign of any wire. the front of patrol sometimes covered about 300 yards.

Miscellaneous. As the last bamboo was being erected movement was heard and three figures were seen about 70 yards to WEST. This indicated an enemy patrol which we managed to avoid. My patrol then left to return to horses. It was then 2355. The patrol had returned about 200 yards when a long burst of Machine gun fire was heard from the direction of W 4 central. After five minutes a similar burst was fired. I came to the conclusion that the enemy must have heard our patrol was in the vicinity. On return journey the distance was again checked.

The patrol returned rapidly to Led Horses which were reached at 0040.

I reported at MASKERAH and arrived at 9th L.H. Regt. at 0200

(Sgd) J.M. McDonald, Lieut.,

9th L.H. Regt.,

O.C., Patrol.



Appendix 4.

Report of 9th L.H. Regt. Special Patrol for night 9th/10th

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Reference Map DAMEEN 1/40000

Strength. L Officer 1 Sergeant and 5 O/Ranks.
Arms carried, 2 Rifles, 6 Bayonets, 5 Revolvers.
Ammunition - S.A.A. 50 per Rifle.
Revolver 12 per revolver
Mills Grenades 1 each all ranks.

Pace & Distance. Marched from W 30 c 10 4 on a bearing of 10° for a distance of 1500 yards where a flag was placed about W 24 b 5.4, thence to edge of swamp, 2500 yards X 13 a 4.6. From this point on a ~~fixed~~ bearing varying from 15° and 18° for a distance of a further 700 yards to Wadi about X 7 c 5.8 where a second flag was placed. This was about 250 yards from enemy's position.

Method of obtaining direction and distance.
Myself and one of the advance points each used compasses.
Distance was paced both outwards and on return.

Country. The country is very heavily bushed, but passable for cavalry in troop columns, and half sections.
It is not intersected by deep Wadis until the Wadi in X 7 is reached, which has a wide bed with sloping banks, and is swampy along the northern side of the depression, which would not carry horses.
The swamp in W 12 d and W 13 b and X 13 is fair going, sandy and horses would sink over the fetlock. There is no surface water.

Enemy Tracks. Camel tracks are very frequent, and appear to move from an easterly to a westerly direction, through Squares W 24, and W 13 with a few visible in X 7 c.

Enemy positions. There are trenches not occupied large enough to hold 50 men in W 24 b also an unoccupied trench in X 13 c. These trenches were about 4ft, 6 in. deep and well dug.
The north bank of Wadi in X 7 is strongly held, between 30 and 50 men were seen here.
On returning occupied posts were encountered
(1) At W 24 b about 100 yards to the west of the unoccupied trenches.
(2) At X 19 a central.
Strength of these posts is not known.

Obstacles. No wire or other obstacles were encountered.

Attitude of enemy. We were not interfered with on going out, but on return the enemy outpost (1) at W 24 b was observed and 5 or 6 men were seen to move either to try and surround or to occupy trenches. No shots were fired, when manoeuvring to get away from these, No 2 post at X 19 a fired a number of shots and sent up a flare. After that intermittent firing took place along a line running East and West through X 7 central on a front of about 2000 yards also 2 more flares were fired from along this line.

Mosquitos. At every halt it was noticed that the mosquitos were extremely vicious especially on the swampy area.

Note. Two bamboos (called flags in this report) were erected, bearing and distances will be taken on these this morning to verify positions. Propaganda papers were placed in foremost position reached and also in trenches X 24 b.

(Sgt) B. B. Lane Lt
O. C. Patrol
9th L.H. Regt



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Commanding Officer,
9th Light Horse Regiment.

3rd L.H. Brigade, A.I.F.
G/ 69 9-8-18.

The G.O.C. wishes his appreciation of the very excellent work carried out by Lieut. J.M. McDONALD's patrol last night conveyed to that Officer and to the members of his patrol.

9th August, 1918.

(Sgd) W.M. ANDERSON, Major,
Brigade Major, 3rd A.L.H. Bde.



Appendix 3.

Commanding Officer,
9th Light Horse Regiment.

3rd L.H. Brigade, A.I.F.
A/ 105 10-8-18.

The Brigadier directs me to convey to you his appreciation of the very excellent work carried out by the patrol under the command of Lieutenant B.G.B. LANE last night.

Please convey the Brigadiers appreciation to Lieut. LANE and the members of his patrol.

10th August, 1918



(Sgd) W.M. ANDERSON, Major,
Brigade Major, 3rd A.L.H. Bde.

Appendix 5.

Appendix 6.

2th L.H. Regimental Order No 5.

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SECRET.

10th August, 1918.

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Reference Map: Jericho (BS) 1/400000

1. The 2th L.H. Regt. will relieve 2th L.H. Regt. tonight 10/11 inst.

2. The Regiment will be ready to move by 1900 tonight
Order of March.

C.O.,

R.H.Q.

"D" Squadron

"C" Squadron.

3. Baggage: All Baggage for Front Line will be ready for loading at 1630. This only applies to Officers' Valises, Camp Kettles, and Office Stationery.

Men will carry Bivy Sheet, Moccinto Mats etc, on their saddles.

One man for each post will accompany the baggage and escort same to proper destination.

4. Equipment. All Moccinto Mats will be taken into front line. Iron Rations will be carried by all ranks. *All wire cutters & frogs will be taken into front line. also 20 Picks. & 40 Shovels per Sqdn*
No personal gear of any description is to be left on saddles. All saddles will be sent back complete with straps coiled, nosebags, Corn Bags, Grooming brushes etc.

5. Camel Escort. Squadron will detail men for Camel Escort as under

A Squadron

1 C/Rs

B Sqn.

1

C Sqn.

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(one for each post)

The above men and all S.C.M.S. will report to R.Q.M. at No 1 Crossing near Watering Area at 1800 today.

6. Rear Party. Regtl. Orderly Officer and 3 C/Rs per squadron and Sanitary Cpl. will remain as rear party to hand over camp

7. Lines will be ready for C.O. inspection by 1830.

8. Surplus Baggage for Led Horse Camp will be ~~ready~~ stacked in Lines ready for loading at 1700.

9. Utmost silence will be observed during handing over of horses in front line. No smoking will be permitted North of Wadi ALJA. Led Horses will proceed under Officers detailed to 3rd L.H. Bde. Led Horse Camp, Wadi Maclameh. Carrier Sergeants will proceed to Led Horse Camp reporting to Lieut. SHARP at 1800 and will act as Guides.

Issued at 1400
10-8-18.

A.L. Barker

Lieut. & A/Adjutant,

2th L.H. Regiment.



Appendix 7.
SECRET.

9th Light Horse Regimental Order No. 6. - AUG 1918

12th August, 1918.

1. The 9th Light Horse Regiment will be relieved by 1 Company B.W.I. Regiment as garrison of "F" Section on night 13th/14th August, 1918.
On relief 9th L.H. Regt. will move to AIN ED DUK, via Roads 26, 33 and 27, occupying present camp of Worcester Yeomanry.
2. Led horses will move from K6 via Road 23 to "F" Section at 1930, and on relief to AIN ED DUK.
3. The Command of all troops in "F" Section will pass to O.C. incoming on the completion of reliefs. Until such completion troops will respectively remain under the Command of the present C.Os. The fact of completion of reliefs will be advised R.H.Q. immediately.
4. During relief Op C. Posts will hand over to the incoming Op C. all stores, documents, information etc. relating to their respective posts. Receipts for Area Stores will be obtained in quadruplicate, one copy being handed to incoming troops, and triplicate copies sent to R.H.Q. Every care will be taken in handing over the stores etc.
5. The following detail will remain at each of the posts as close support to the Infantry:-

1 M.C.O. and 9 W/Banks.

Special attention to be paid to selection of above personnel, who will be under the command of the Officers in charge of respective posts for tactical purposes, and Major BLECHMORE for Administrative purposes.
6. From night 13th/14th inclusive, this Regiment will supply reconnoitring patrol in front of No. 4 Sub-sector at present detailed by Worcester Yeomanry.
7. Lieut. BANN, 1 M.C.O. and 4 men will proceed to AIN ED DUK on 13th inst. and take over all Area Stores, Camels etc. and Administrative Instructions from Worcester Yeomanry. Copies of all receipts given and taken will be forwarded in duplicate to R.H.Q. as soon as possible after relief.

AS Barber

Lieut. & A/Adjutant

Copies to:-

1. R.H.Q.
2. A Sqn.
3. B Sqn.
4. C Sqn.
5. O.C. Maskerah.
6. R.Q.M.
7. O.C. Led horses.
8. File.
- 9, 10, 11. War Diary.



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Appendix 8.

To Officers Commanding:

A Squadron B Squadron C Squadron.

Whilst in present subsector reserve the following patrols will be supplied daily.

Standing patrol by day.

Leaves bivouac at 0300 and remains in observation on WICK Post until ~~dark~~ after dusk then returns to Bivouac.

Strength: 1 Officer 2 Signallers with telephone, 1 Hotchkiss Rifle and Team and 16 O/Ranks.

At frequent intervals during the day this patrol will send out small detachments to reconnoitre TEL EL TRUNY and country in vicinity of WICK Post.

This patrol will report to WOOD Post both going and coming. Reports by telephone addressed 2nd Battln B.W.I. and 9th L.H. Regt.

TEL EL TRUNY Night Standing Patrol.

Leaves present bivouac at 1820 daily and proceeds via WAX Post to TEL EL TRUNY and remains in observation there until 0345 when it returns to Bivouac.

Strength: 1 Officer 16 O/Ranks.

This patrol will report at WAX Post both going and coming. Observation posts will be established on TEL EL TRUNY to give early warning of any hostile movement.

Reports by telephone addressed 2nd Battln. B.W.I. and 9th L.H. Regt.

Standing Patrol Sq Y 13 Central.

Strength 1 Sergt. 1 Cpl. 9 O/Ranks.

This patrol will leave bivouac at 1820 daily and proceed mounted to Sq. Y 19 where horses will be left in charge of piquet and patrol proceeds dismounted to Sq Y 13 central where it remains in observation until 0345 then returns to bivouac.

This patrol will report from WOOD Post to ZERUM Post both coming and going.

(Sgd) O.J. SHAW, Lieut. & Adjutant,

14th August, 1918.

9th Light Horse Regiment.



Appendix 9
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9th L.H. Regimental Order No 7.

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- AUG 1918

20th Aug. 1918.

1. The 1st L.H. Brigade will relieve the 3rd L.H. Brigade as Garrison No 3 and 4 Subsectors on the night 22/23 August, 1918.
2. The 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will be in Corps Reserve from 1900 on 22nd August, 1918 until it leaves TALAAT ED DUMM.
3. The Regiment will be ready to move to TALAAT ED DUMM at 1910 22nd Aug
Order of March.
C.O.,
B Squadron.
Headquarters,
C Squadron.
A Squadron.
Route (a) The Regiment less Transport via Roman Road (Northern)
(b) The Transport via New Road (Southern).
4. Personnel of 9th L.H. Regt at present in Close Support to Infantry in Nos 3 & 4 Subsectors will be withdrawn after Stand Down on 22nd Aug. Led Horses for personnel in No 3 subsector will leave present bivouac 0230 on 22nd inst. and proceed to BLUFF (recently R.H.Q) and report to Major BLECHMORE there by 0400.
C Squadron will detail an Officer to take charge of this party.
B & C Squadrons will each detail a senior N.C.O. to assist.
Led Horses for personnel in No 4 Subsector will leave present bivouac 0300 22nd inst and proceed direct to respective posts.
Each posts Led Horses will be in charge of a full Corporal or Sergt., who will notify by telephone Lieut. HARGRAVE M.C., at WANE Post when all personnel are ready to return to bivouac.
5. Baggage will be ready for transport at 1630 22nd inst. No transport will pass TEL ES SULTAN before 1930. Strict march discipline is to be observed by transport.
6. Bivouac Parties. Next for Duty Orderly Officer and 2 O/Ranks per Squadron will parade at R.H.Q. 1400 22nd inst. thence reporting at TEL ES SULTAN at 1500 to Officer to be detailed by 8th L.H. Regt. an move off to TALAAT ED DUMM under command of this officer.
7. Rear Party. One Section per Squadron will remain as Rear Party. Regtl. Orderly Officer will collect all details left behind and march same in one formed body to TALAAT ED DUMM
8. SANITATION. Special care will betaken that Squadron Areas are left clean for incoming unit.
Lines will be ready for C.Os inspection by 1830.
9. The usual halt of 10 minutes to each clock hour will be observed.

Issued at 1800
20 Aug. 1918.

G. Shaw
Lieut. & Adjutant,

9th Light Horse Regiment.

Copies to:

1. A Squadron.
2. B do
3. C do
4. R.Q.M.
- 5,6,7 War Diary
8. File.



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Appendix 9.

Continuation to Regimental Order No 7.

9th L.H. Regt.

21st August 1918.

1. The subsequent moves of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will be as follows:-

- (a) At 1930 on 23rd August.
Leave TALAAT ED DUMM for ENAB passing 2nd L.H. Bde.
halted at Kilo 3.
- (b) At 1930 on 24th August.
Leave ENAB for LATRON,
- (c) At 1930 on 25th August.
Leave LATRON for LUDD AREA.

2. From TALAAT ED DUMM to LUDD Area Transport will march in rear of its own unit.

3. Place and time of Regtl, Parades will be notified en route.

Issued at 0900
21st Aug. 1918.

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Lieut. & Adjutant,
9th Light Horse Regiment.

Copies to:

- 1. A Squadron.
- 2. B "
- 3. C "
- 4. R.Q.M.
- 5,6,7. War Diary.
- 8. File.



Instructions regarding War Diaries and Intelligence
Summaries are contained in F. S. Regs., Part II,
and the Staff Manual respectively. Title pages
will be prepared in manuscript.

WAR DIARY
or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

(Brass heading not required.)

Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and
references to
Appendices

Place

Date

Hour

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Appendix 10.

31st August, 1918.

Fluctuations in Personnel.

	Off.	O/R.	Total.
Effective Strength 1-8-18	29	440	469
do 31-8-18	23	391	414
From Moascar	2	39	41
" Rest Station		9	9
To Hospital	8	144	152
" Wounded & Evac.		2	2
" Cadet School.		1	1

Fluctuations in Animals.

	Rides	Drgt.	Pack	Mules.	Donkeys.
Effect. Strength 1-8-18	444	39	2231	23	9
do 31-8-18	445	39	2231	23	9

From Remounts 11 Rides.

S.O.S. from M.V.S. 10 Rides.

