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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Umm-esth-Sherf	14.18.	M.W.	<p>Stood to arms at 0400. Slight activity on the part of the enemy, on our sector. Lt. C.R.T. PARBURY, on patrol on right flank. Usual night patrols carried out to 2nd Regt. 2nd Lt. A.S. GOODCHILD proceeded to, & reconnoitered the EL-MANDESI FORD, & found it impassable, for mounted troops. 1 Qr with 1 horse to M.V.S.</p>	
" " "	24.18.	M.W.	<p>Stood to arms at 0400, & early morning patrols reported situation unchanged. Received reports at 0930, that enemy were reinforcing their line. Received orders to evacuate position at 1430, & return to vicinity of 127.0.21. Lt. C.R.T. PARBURY, patrolled on right of position held by the Regiment, reported that enemy appeared to be active. Lt. W.D. JARRETT & Lt. R.R. MATHESON, sent forward to cover right flank at 1200. Enemy shelled our front line constantly, during the morning. B Sqdn, under Capt. O.B. RYRIE withdrew from front line at 1430, & the enemy immediately advanced & took possession of our trenches at 1445. The retiring Squadron was heavily shelled, with one enemy battery, of 77 mm guns, but only had one Qr wounded, & two horses wounded. On reaching Brigade concentration area, orders were received to water in body NIMRIN & move across the JORDAN, to bivouac area, on the WEST ^{RIGHT} bank. Bivouac area was reached at 1915, & camp settled for the night. Lt. F.H. OTTON & Lt. C.R.T. PARBURY, reported from escorting guns. Lt. S.E. GREGORY returned from liaison officer with 60th DIV. H.Q.</p>	

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W. NUEIAME	3.4.18	Mid W.	<p>Drew rations at 0800 & received orders to move at 1030 & relieve Infantry, on the EAST of the JORDAN covering the bridgehead. Relief effected at 1300 with C Sqdn. holding right sector, under Major G.H.L. HARRIS M.C. & one ^{sub} section of machine guns under LT. AHERN & A. Sqdn under Capt. E.C. BATTYE, & one ^{sub} section of machine guns under Lt. GREATOROX, holding left sector & in touch with the 2nd Regt, on our left, & our right flanks resting on the JORDAN. Lt. W.G. DRUMMOND & troop reported from escorting 2nd Line camels. Limbers & 1st Echelon camels brought to Regimental area at 1500, & ordered to return to WEST ^{RIGHT} bank of JORDAN & bivouac at 1700. An enemy patrol of five was sighted 2000 yards in our front, at 1600, & a party was sent in pursuit & two enemy Cavalrymen were captured. Lt. S.E. GREGORY sent forward with his troop, to patrol our front at 1400, & returned at 1600, reporting only a few enemy on our front 1 ^{of} ambulance 1 horse to m.v.s. One horse died.</p>	
EL GHOMANIE FORD.	4.4.18	Mid W.	<p>The Regiment stood to arms at 0400, nearly morning patrols reported all clear on our front. Lt. R.G. FAWCETT & troop left bivouac at 0730, & proceeded on patrol to 127. Q. 36, returning at 1200, reported having seen an enemy troop, about BUTMET HALHUL which retired in an easterly direction on the approach of our troops. All ranks busy putting our front line in a state of defence, trenches being dug, also Hotchkiss Gun, & machine Gun positions. Rations were drawn to area by 1st Line Camels. Lt. W.T. MORRICE & troop on patrol from 1400 to 1800 & saw a few enemy at foothills. One deserter entered our lines. 4 ^{of} ambulance.</p>	

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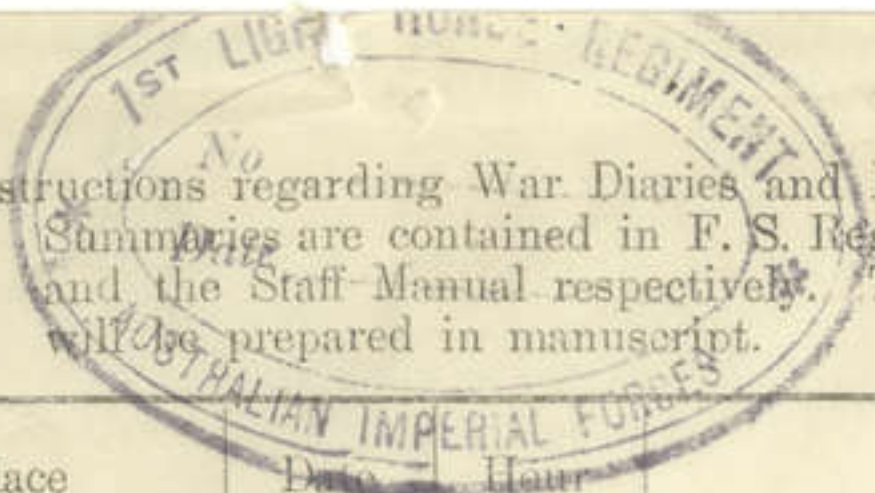
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EL GHORANIYE FORD.	5.4.18	M.W.	<p>Stood to arms at 0400. Early morning patrols reported all clear, on our front. 2nd Lt C.E. UPTON took up a position in some undergrowth, in front of lines to try & ambush an enemy patrol, but saw no sign of the enemy. Lt R.G. FAWCETT & troop on patrol. A few enemy were sighted in the hills, east of our position. Barbed wire was erected on portion of our front, last night, & trenches improved. Lt G.H.S. CUNDY, & four ^{Qs} from School Beitoun. 1 ^Q from ambulance 2 ^{Qs} from 1st Training Regt. 1 ^Q from Super list. 6 horses from detachment, 10 remounts received. Lt J.A. MARKWELL & 25 ^{Qs} with 7 riders, 10 draughts, 9 draught mules, 6 donkeys, 3 G.S. Haggons, 2 G.S. Limbers, 1 Maltese Cart, marched in from Details at Bethlehem.</p>	
"	6.4.18	M.W.	<p>The Regiment stood to arms at 0400 & the usual daylight patrols were sent out for one hour, & on moving through our front line discovered an enemy troop about 1000 yards from our lines, dismounted, & apparently waiting to ambush our patrols. The enemy opened fire at fifteen yards range, but missed our patrol. One of our patrol fired one shot, as he galloped for cover, wounding one of the enemy, who then made off. One troop from A Sqdn under Lt R.R. MATHESON, proceeded on patrol for about three miles due EAST of our position at 1400, & returned at 1800 & reported having seen a few Turks among the foothills. B Sqdn, under Capt. O.B. RYRIE, relieved A Sqdn under Capt. E.C. BATTLE in the front line at 1200. Barbed wire was erected by C Sqdn, in front of their position last night, & all works were improved by deepening trenches, erecting overhead cover. 1 ^Q to Ambulance - 2 Horses from Brigade.</p>	APR 1918

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EL GHORANIYE FORD.	7.4.18	M.W.	<p>Mood to arms at 0400, & usual early morning patrols were carried out by A Sqn, who reported all clear on our front. G.O.C. both Division inspected our section of the line held by ^{the} Brigade. Lt W.D. JARRETT & troop, carried out a patrol for about three miles south east of our position & reported all clear. Lt L.W. ROGERS reported from 1st Training Regt, with 14 of from Brigade Details at Bethlehem, with 7 horses, three donkeys & one limber, one troop from B Sqn as working party erecting wire in front of our sector. 1 of to Ambulance.</p>	
"	8.4.18	M.W.	<p>Two early morning patrols of four men each, left our lines at 0400 & returned at 0500 reporting all clear. One troop from A Sqn erecting barbed wire on our sector from 0700 to 1000. Somerset Battery registered onto ground in front of C Sqn from 1400 to 1500. Large enemy column reported passing our front, at a distance of about three miles at 1530, & shelled by 60 pounders at 1545 ^{2/3} Lt R.R. MATHESON & troop proceeded on patrol at 1600, & proceeded to about 127 Q.36, but saw nothing, & then to vicinity of R.20 where one enemy troop was observed one mile due EAST. Patrol returned at 1830. Four limber loads of wire were drawn into our line by our transport from WEST of EL GHORANIYE bridge at 1800. 700 Hand Grenades drawn from JERICHO for the brigade, by our transport, & two limber loads of A.I.F. Canten stores drawn to bivouac area from JERICHO.</p>	
"	9.4.18	M.W.	<p>Three Bedouins & two deserters entered our lines during the day. 1 of to Ambulance. Early morning patrols reported all clear in front of our sector. Three troops from 3rd L.H. Regt, erecting wire on our sector from 0800 to 1600.</p>	

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EL GHORANIYE FORD.	9.4.18	M.W.	One troop from A Squadron under Lt. S. K. MACFARLANE proceeded on patrol at 1400 to vicinity of 127 K 32. central, about where a patrol of enemy Cavalry, was noticed. Our patrol gave chase & captured a Turkish Artillery Officer & three who were well mounted on Turkish ponies, but easily caught by our men. All trenches on our sector improved & deepened. 2 TR to Ambulance 1 Riding to M.V.S.	
"	10.4.18	M.W.	Lt. F.W.M. ROSS & troop proceeded to square 127 Q 34 central. at 0400 & remained out on observation until 0800, when he returned to bivouac, & reported no enemy sighted. The Regiment stood to arms at 0400, & stood down on receipt of all clear report from Brigade at 0515. At 0910 enemy shelled on to the left of our sector with a small gun & a large one, the latter probably a four inch. At 1215 enemy shelled our sector, with a battery of small guns, about 77 ^m fm until 1315. with shrapnel & H.E. No damage was done. At 1315 the <u>Lowest Battery</u> reported an enemy battery, escorted by fifty cavalry moving N.WEST about 127 R 7 or 13. A Squadron under Capt EC. BATTLE was sent forward at 1405 to investigate, & get in touch with enemy squadron, but on getting into position, no enemy were sighted & patrols were pushed EAST to 127 R 13 A, & had a few rifle shots fired at them from vicinity of 127 R. 20. One patrol proceeded to 127 S 5 C. noticed small enemy posts of mounted men about 127 36 A & K. 31. C. with three enemy troops in a patch of scrub about Q 36 C all of which galloped off in a NORTH EASTERLY direction on our approach.	

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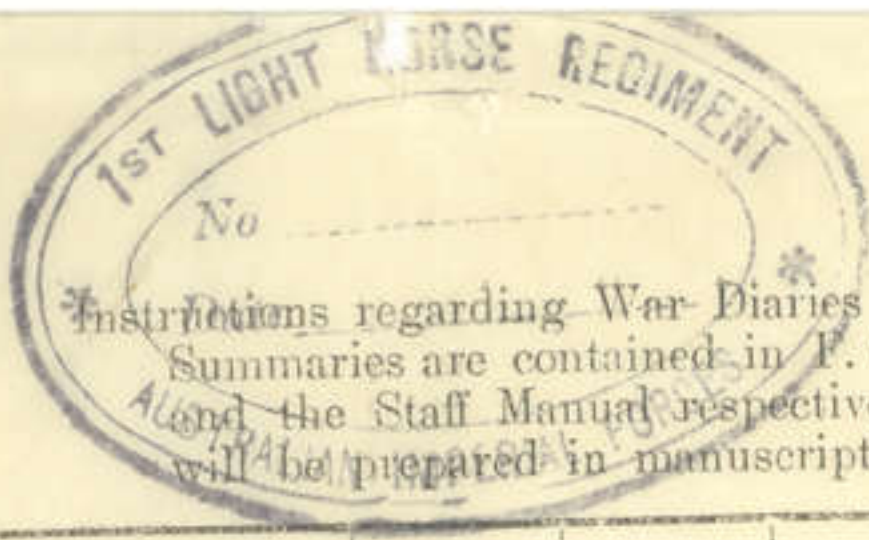
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EL. GHORANIYE FORD.	10.4.18	M.W.	Trenches were improved last night, & more were erected. Barbed wire drawn to our sector by Regimental limbers from 100 yards WEST of JORDAN at GHORANIYE bridge. 1 R to Ambulance 1 Horse wounded.	
	11.4.18	M.W.	At 0100 sharp rifle & m. g. fire opened in the enemies lines, lasting for fifteen minutes. The Regiment stood to arms at 0400, & at 0425, rifle fire opened in front of the 2nd Regt lines, which developed into heavy rifle & machine gun fire by 0440, with one battery of 77 m/m. guns, firing into the rear of the 2nd Regt lines. Our patrols, which moved at 0400, due EAST & SOUTH EAST, reported at 0500, reported all clear for one mile, in front of our sector. At 0700, a few 77 m/m shells, were put over our sector, by the enemy. The 2nd Regt reported enemy attacking their sector in force at 0730. Our artillery doing splendid shooting from WEST ^{RIGHT} bank of the JORDAN. Enemy shelled our right sector, held by C Squadron, at 1100, seriously wounding two horses, otherwise no material damage done, from 16 shells. At 1245 A Squadron, under Capt E.C BATTYE, was ordered forward, to try & envelope the enemy, in front of the 2nd Regt, by combining with the 3rd L.H. Regt who were moving south. Enemy proved to be holding a line about 127 R. it to R. 26 too strongly for any sweeping movement, to be carried out. Our artillery did great execution amongst the enemy, during an intense bombardment, from 1230 to 1245. A Squadron were	

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EL GHORANIYE FORD.	11.4.18	Midn.	ordered to withdraw at 1450. A patrol SOUTH to Q 34 b. observed two enemy cavalrymen, & gave chase. One was killed, & the second captured, after his horse was shot. 2 Horses killed 2 bounded horses to M.V.S. 10/R to M.V.S. 2/R to Ambulance.	
"	12.4.18	Midn.	Early morning patrols reported all clear, for two miles, in front of our sector. Lt. W.D. JARRETT patrolled to about P. 15 & captured 11 prisoners & saw a number of enemy dead, mostly killed by shell fire yesterday. Enemy holding line about P. 23 to P. 35, in strength. Lt. F.W.M. ROSS patrolled at 1400. in an EASTERLY direction to 127, R, 21, then SOUTH to 127, T. 1 & NORTH to camp. A few evening patrols, were seen about R, 23, otherwise no movement. One enemy deserter entered our lines, at 1300 & a number of Bedouins during the day. Kantan goods drawn from JERICHO by Regimental Limbers, & sold to the men, under Regimental arrangement. 10/R to Ambulance.	
"	13.4.18	Midn.	All ranks stood to arms at 0400. Early morning patrols reported all clear for two miles in front of our sector. A working party of 25 men detailed to bury enemy dead at 0545. A day observation post, left at 0700 & moved to 127, Q, 21a. returning at 1200. No enemy were seen. One troop under Lt. R.R. MATHESON, proceeded EAST at 1400 to 127, R, 15. A small enemy working party were observed at R. 16 a. Patrol moved south to the body KEFREIN at 127, T. 1 & then returned NORTH to camp. No further	- APR 1918

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EL GHARANIYE.	13.4.18	M.W.	Enemy movement was seen. 1 Co. extra regimentally employed. at B.H.R. 3 Co. to Ambulance.	
"	14.4.18	M.W.	Early morning patrols moved out at stand to arms, 0400, returning at 0500, & reported all clear for two miles in front of our sector. One section under an N.C.O. sent out as day observation post at 0700, returning at 1200 & reported an enemy camel post was observed about 524. A troop under Lt. S.R. MCFARLANE left bivouac at 1300 to proceed SOUTH & investigate. Reported post. Patrol reached S. 13. but no enemy post was observed. Lt. O.N. HAYES & 60 Co. with 63 horses marched in from RICHON. 1 Co. to Ambulance 1 horse from M.V.S. 1 Sqdn. HYDRABAD LANCERS, & 1 company ALWAR INFANTRY, attached for duty.	
"	15.4.18	M.W.	Early morning patrols reported all clear. Day post was established about Q 21, six men strong. Lt. R.R. MATHESON & troop with one troop of HYDRABAD LANCERS proceeded SOUTH to T.1. & then NORTH to about 127. R. 13 & returned to camp. Lt. W.D. JARRETT proceeded with one troop at 1700 to R. 15. to try & discover what line was held by the enemy by night. One Cavalry post of 6 men was observed to take up a position in R. 16.a, & another of similar strength took up a position in 127. 10 b. at 1815. Posts were also seen in P. 28. Signal lights were used by the enemy, from 127. R. 11 to 127. W. 19. 1 Co. to Ambulance. 1 Co. & horse to 2nd Regt. 1 Co. marched in. One platoon placed in front line under Capt O.B. RYRIE & one platoon of ALWAR infantry, placed in the line with C. Squadron under Major G.H.L. HARRIS. M.C.	

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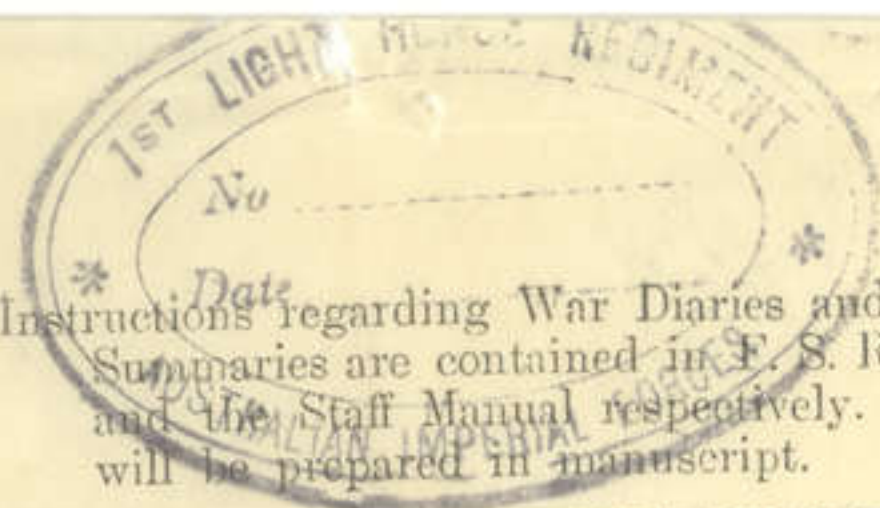
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EL. GHOKANIYE FORD.	15/4/18	M.W.	<p>MAJOR GENERAL CHAYTOR presented the following ribbons to the following at 1100 CAPT. M.E. WRIGHT Order of the Nile 4th Class, No 1567 Cpl POOLE. J.W. No 3065 TPR. KELLEHER, C.E. No 2649 Tpr WEST. W. Military medals.</p>	
"	16/4/18	M.W.	<p>Two sections of HYDRABAD LANCERS accompanied our early morning patrols, at 0400 returning at 0500, & reported all clear on our front. One troop under Lt. S.R. McFARLANE erected wire defences from 0700 until 1000. One troop under Lt. F.W.M. ROSS & one troop of the HYDRABAD LANCERS attached, proceeded on patrol at 0700 & moved to T.1. & it then to 127. S.27. & EAST to 127. S.17 where an enemy cavalry patrol twelve strong wire noticed about 127. S.18 & chased, five Turks being captured. Patrol returned at 1200 1 Horse to M.Y.S. 2 Platoons from the ALWAR INFANTRY. went into the front line, one platoon reporting to CAPT. O.B. RYRIE, & one to Major G.H.L. HARRIS. M.C Trenches improved & wiring done on all sectors. Lt. W.G. DRUMMOND to JERUSALEM for reinforcements.</p>	
"	17/4/18	M.W.	<p>Early morning patrols moved out at stand to arms, 0400, returning at 0500 & reporting all clear. Lt. W.D. JARRETT, & one troop of HYDRABAD LANCERS attached to his troop, moved at 0700 to point about 127. T.1, where a few enemy opened fire at long range, but retired, on our troops advancing. Both troops remained in hiding, in hopes of capturing an enemy patrol until 1600, when they returned to camp, without seeing further movement. One troop under Lt. R.R. MATHESON erected wire defences, from 0700 till 1000. One platoon of the ALWAR INFANTRY attached to C. Squadron</p>	

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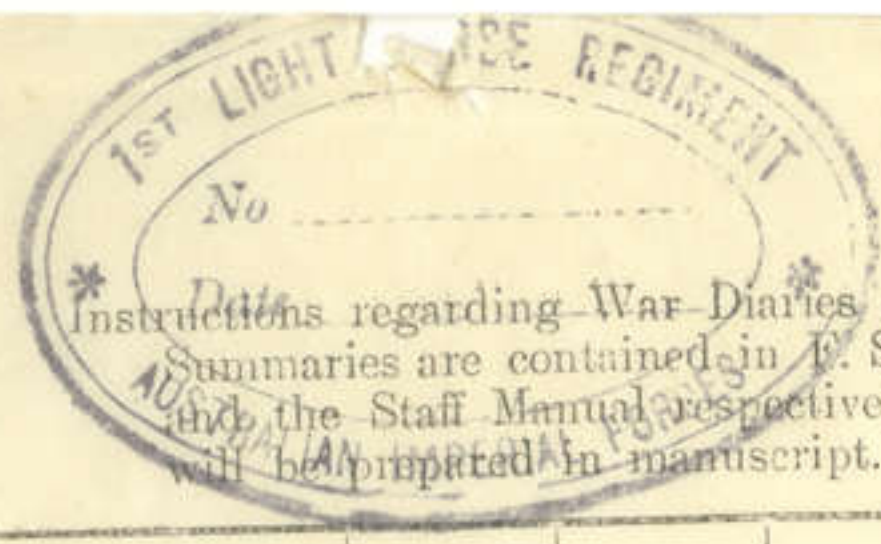
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EL. GHARANIFE. FORD.	17/4/18		* one to B. Squadron last night. Sarsen goods drawn from JERICHO for the men, & beer drawn from Brigade & sold to the men. 2 1/2 R from Detachment & 2 1/2 R to hospital.	
	18/4/18	7.30 AM	Early morning patrols reported all clear on our front. Lt. S.R. McFARLANE & troops, with one troop of HYDRABAD LANCERS proceeded SOUTH EAST to vicinity of 127. S. 22, then EAST to T. 4. & NORTH to R. 27. Then returned to camp. Only a few enemy seen. Lt. F.W. M. ROSS & one troop, with one troop of HYDRABAD LANCERS moved at 1300 & proceeded to 127. R. 15. where our patrol came under shell fire from direction of SHUNET NIMRIN. Patrol kept touch with 2nd Regt patrol, working on its left, & with Lt R.R. MATHESON & troop, with one troop of HYDRABAD LANCERS, who left bivouac at 1400 & proceeded to 127. S. 11. then EAST to get touch with Lt. Ross about 127. R. 27. Received orders from Brigade, to hand over our trenches, to the ALWAR INFANTRY, & ready to move at short notice, after relief effected. B. Squadron under Capt. O.B. RYRIE, & C Squadron under Major G.H.L. HARRIS, M.C. handed over trenches at 1700. Lt W.G. DRUMMOND, 12 1/2 R, 19 horses, & 9 mules, marched in from JERUSALEM & RICHON Details. 3 1/2 R to Ambulance.	
127. O. 2A. Composite Map. (ES SALT).	19/4/18	7.30 AM	The Regiment moved at 0300 across the wady NIMRIN, & moved along the NORTHERN bank, until clear of the wire defences, & halted until 0430, when C. Squadron under Major G.H.L. HARRIS, M.C. moved along the wady NIMRIN, with B. Squadron under Capt O.B. RYRIE on their left flank & in touch. Touch with the enemy was obtained at 0500. B Squadron reported a squadron of enemy cavalry, on their left flank, & C Squadron reported enemy firing on their screen from left bank of wady NIMRIN.	

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127. O. 24 d. Composite Map (ES. SALT)	19/4/18	MOR.	<p>Head Quarters were established in 127. O. 24 d. at 0500. Lt. W.D. JARRETT & Troop detailed to escort sub-section of 4.2 Howitzers Battery to 127. P. 20 d. which opened fire on enemy sangars at SHUNET NIMRIN at 0600. A small patrol pushed forward SOUTH from right flank of C Squadron, to get touch with N.Z.M.R. Bde which was obtained about 127. P. 32. A line was formed by B & C Squadrons at 0600 from P. 9. central, through P. 15 a & d to 127. P. 21. d. 9.4. with one Troop of C Squadron in 127. P. 21 d. Enemy shelled our led horses, & front line heavily, with 77^{mm} Guns. at 0800 inflicting casualties. Touch was obtained with patrols from 3rd L. H. Regt. on left flank at 0900. Enemy appeared to be holding sangars, on high ground in our front, & orders to remain on present line were issued. Heavy batteries from 127^{316TH} bank of the JORDAN shelled enemy's positions throughout the day, & orders were received at 1700, that we were to be prepared to retire at short notice. From 1830, at which time the sub-section of guns retired, & A Squadron under Capt E.C. BATTYE who had been in reserve during the day, was ordered to return to camp, at 1900. Order to withdraw was received at 2015, & after watering on the Wady NIMRIN, the Regiment returned to camp, which was reached at 1045. Our casualties were 10/2 killed 7/2 wounded. 9 horses killed, 11 horses wounded from shell fire.</p>	
EL. GHORANIYE FORD.	20/4/18	MOR.	<p>Lt. W.D. JARRETT & Troop with one Troop of HYDRABAD LANCERS attached, left camp at 0600 & proceeded EAST to R. 14. & to 127 T. 1. returning to camp at 0800. Only a few enemy were seen, at a long distance. Lt. S.E. GREGORY & Troop, left camp at 1800 and proceeded EAST to patrol our front.</p>	

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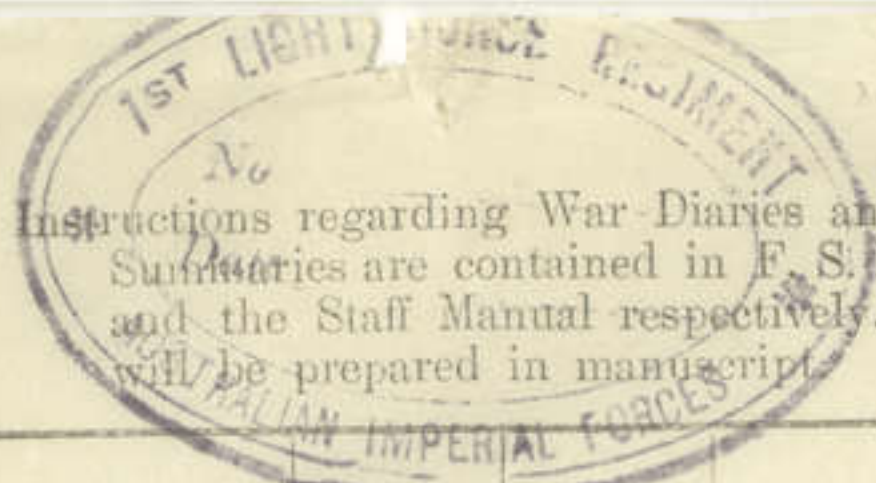
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EL. GHORANIYE FORD.	20/4/18.		Tro 16 & 2 Tro. MCINNES A. awarded M.M. for gallantry in the field. 10% to Ambulance. 25% with horses, marched in as reinforcements.	
"	21/4/18.	M.S.W.	Lt S.E. GREGORY & troop returned from night patrol at 0600. An enemy plane flew over our position, at about 1500 feet. Rifle & Hotchkiss rifle fire, was opened on it, but without result. Lt. C.R.T. PARBURY & troop with one troop of HYDRABAD LANCERS attached left camp at 0600 & proceeded EAST to R. 15, & then south to 127.T. 1, returning to camp at 1800. No enemy were seen, but one enemy gun was located in the foothills & heavy Battery informed. Lt. S.R. MACFARLANE & troop with a troop of HYDRABAD LANCERS, left camp at 1800 to carry out patrols on our front during the night. 4% to Ambulance. Voluntary Church Parade held in lines at 1930. 12% under Lt. W.T. MORRICE, detailed as a burying party, to report to ANZAC CLEARING STATION JERICHO at 1600.	
"	22/4/18.	M.S.W.	Lt S.R. MACFARLANE with troop, & HYDRABAD LANCERS, attached, returned from night patrol, at 0600 & reported all clear. Lt. R.G. FAWCETT & troop, with one troop of HYDRABAD LANCERS attached, left at 0600 on patrol to the SOUTH EAST, returning at dark. C.O. inspected all sqdn camp areas, at 1000. All horses watered at troughs on Wady NIMRIN at 0830 & 1500. 1 N.C.O. & 8 men detailed as pumping party, for the Brigade, watering on the Wady NIMRIN. at 0830 & 1500. 1 N.C.O. & 4 men detailed as guard on drinking water reservoir, mounting at 0700 for 24 hours. Lt. W.G. FAWCETT, & troop, with Lancers attached, returned to camp at 1800 having patrolled to 127. R. 22 & to 127. T. 1 & 4. No enemy were seen throughout the day. Two H. K. guns from B & C Squadrons placed in the trenches, with the ALWAR INFANTRY, until further orders. 2% to Ambulance. Remount received. Lt. Col. 1st A.L.H. Regt.	

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EL. GHAMANIYE FORD.	22/4/18		Lt W.G. DRUMMOND & troop with one troop of HYDRABAD LANCERS, left on night patrol at 1800.	
"	23/4/18	7.30 AM	Lt W.G. DRUMMOND & troop with HYDRABAD LANCERS ATTACHED returned to camp at 0600, & reported all clear on our front. Lt. F.W.M. ROSS, with one troop, & one troop of HYDRABAD LANCERS attached, left camp at 0600 on patrol, & proceeded to R. 23, where fire from one machine gun, & twelve rifles, was opened from 127. R. 24 central. Patrol then moved to 127. T. 6, & was fired on by an enemy post, in 127. W. 31d. An enemy column of 150 pack mules, was observed about 127. W. 19, & one Squadron of enemy cavalry, in 127. R. 23. Patrol proceeded south, to 127. T. 27, but saw no further movement. The C.O. proceeded to 127. T. 2 at 1430 returning at 1600. Major F.V. WEIR with 7/R, 5 horses & 10 mules, marched in from BETHLEHEM Details. 2/R to Ambulance. Camp area inspected by sanitary inspector at 1630. Lt. W.T. MORRICE & troop with one troop of HYDRABAD LANCERS attached left camp on night patrol at 1800.	
"	24/4/18	7.30 AM	Lt. W.T. MORRICE with troop & one troop of HYDRABAD LANCERS, returned to camp at 0600 & reported all clear, on our front. Lt. J.A. MARKWELL & troop with one troop of HYDRABAD LANCERS left camp at 0600 & proceeded SOUTH EAST to 127. T. 1. sending patrols from there towards 127. R. 24, where patrol came under rifle & shell fire in 127. R. 23d. Patrol towards TEL EL MESELHA in W. 31.d., were fired on when reaching 127. T. 6. & from the TEL, by about 12 rifles. Lt. R.R. MATHESON, & troop, with one troop of HYDRABAD LANCERS moved at 1800 from camp, to carry out night patrols, on our front. 1/R to Ambulance.	

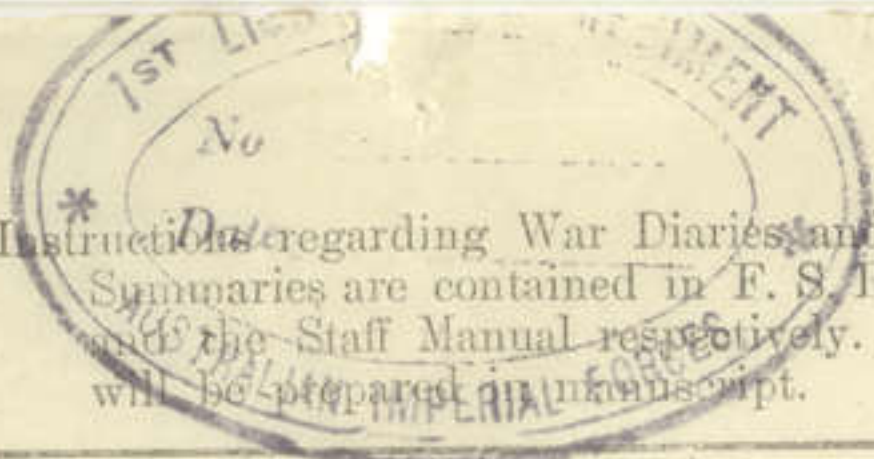
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EL. GHORANIYE FORD.	25/4/18	Mid. M.	<p>Lt. R.R. MATHESON & troop, with one troop of HYDRABAD LANCERS, returned to camp at 0600, & reported all clear. Lt. C.E. UPTON with troop, & one troop of HYDRABAD LANCERS moved on patrol at 0600, to vicinity of 127.T.1. Patrol was fired on from 127.R.22 when they reached 127.R.21d. C.O. left camp, at 0830 in light cars accompanied by BRIGADE STAFF, & armoured cars, & proceeded to the head of the DEAD SEA. A few old boats were recovered, but no movement seen. Cars returned at 1300. Capt. E.C. BATTYE, LT. SR. MACFARLANE, with batman & 1/2 R to schools at ZEITOUN. Lt. W.D. JARRETT with one 1/2 R & batman to school at EL. ARISH. Officers from 9th L.A. inspected our defences at 1230. 2/2 R to Ambulance. Lt G.H.S. CUNDOY & 30 1/2 R with Lt. A.I. McDONALD from B.H.Q. left camp at 1900 under orders to move to MADEBA in 143. Q.16. under special orders. Lt. C.R.T. PARBURY with troop, & one troop of HYDRABAD LANCERS left camp at 1800, to carry out night patrols on our front returned to</p>	
"	26/4/18	Mid. M.	<p>Lt C.R.T. PARBURY with troop, & one troop of HYDRABAD LANCERS, left camp at 0600 from carrying out night patrols on our sector, & reported all clear. Lt. F.W.M. ROSS & troop, with one troop of HYDRABAD LANCERS attached, moved from camp at 0600, to patrol SOUTH to T.1., & then due EAST. Patrols reached 127.R.23, before being fired on from W.31a. At 1115 a messenger arrived from Lt. G.H.S. CUNDOY. Stating he was held up by a superior enemy force about 128.B.22. Patrols from troop under F.W.M. ROSS, on patrol were immediately pushed forward towards 128.B.8. & the Regiment moved at 1225. C. Sqdn, under MAJOR G.H.L. HARRIS. M.C. was ordered to move direct to 127.T.27. B. Sqdn under Capt. O.B. RYRIE was ordered to move towards T.17. & act as left flank guard. A. Squadron under Major F.V. WEIR was ordered to stand by in reserve</p>	

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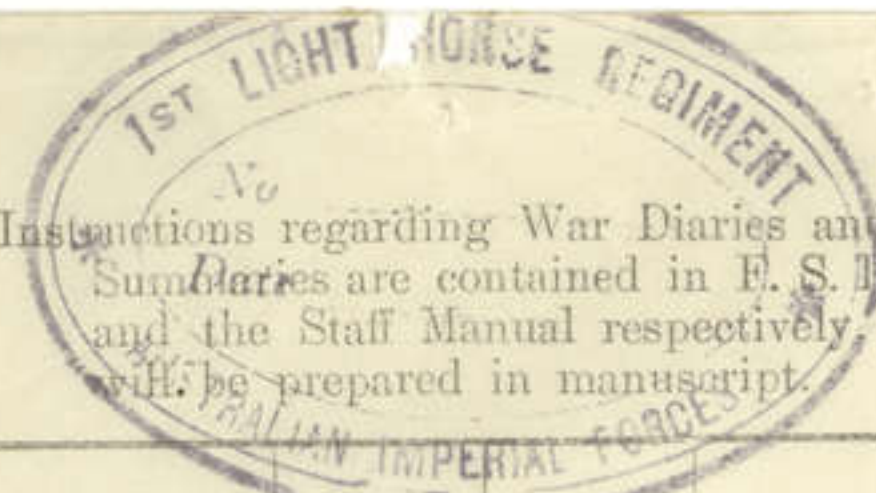
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EL GHORANNE FORD	26/4/18		<p>about 127.5.6. One section of machine guns, accompanied B. Sqdn & one section accompanied C. Squadron. A messenger was received by mounted orderly at 1240 from Lt. G.H.S. CUNDY, stating he had pushed through enemy, & making his way to ford in 127.T.1. and asking for ambulance to be sent there to pick up wounded. A & B Sqdns were ordered to stand by about 127.Q.10d. & the C.O. pushed forward with C sqdn towards ford in 127.T.1. where Lt. G.H.S. CUNDY & troops were met. The Regiment was ordered to return to bivouac area, and stand down at 1320. Lt. G.H.S. CUNDY reported having reached MARRIN, reference map. JERUSALEM 1:250,000, where he gained information that the enemy knew of his whereabouts, & were advancing to attempt to cut off his retirement. He immediately started on the return journey, but was held up for some considerable time about 128.B.2of., by superior enemy force of Infantry, & Cavalry. He eventually drove them off, & inflicted casualties on them. Our casualties 3% wounded, 3 horses killed, 3 wounded evacuated 1 Horse to M.V.S. One Hatcher's rifle lost in action. Lt. S.E. GREGORY & troops, with one troop of Hyderabad Lancers, attached, moved at 1800 to carry out night patrols on our front. 2/A to ambulance. Received orders at 1900 from Bde, to be ready to move, to relieve 2nd L.A. Brigade, in 113. K. S tomorrow. Lt. F.W.M. ROSS, returned from day patrol, at 1800. Lt. 'R.A. MATHESON carried out a road reconnaissance, to HAJLA FORD, along the bank of the JORDAN, during the day. The C.O. inspected B Sqdn, in full marching order, at 1000. Lt. S.E. GREGORY & troops returned to camp, at 0600, & reported all clear.</p>	<p>APR 1918</p>

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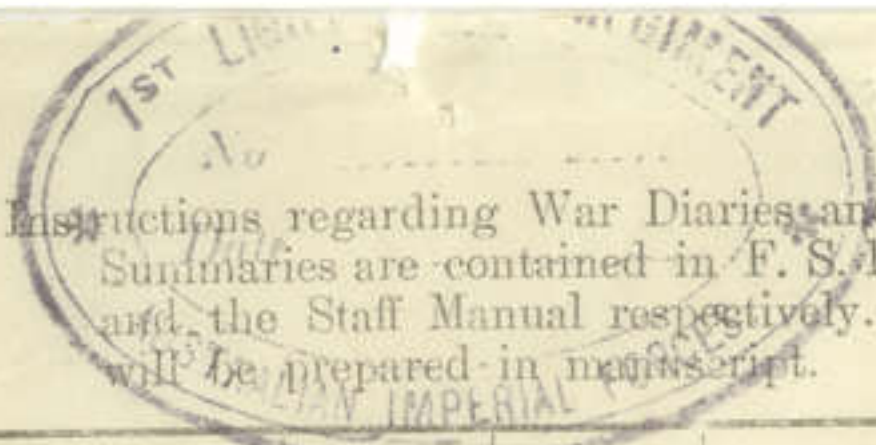
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EL. GHORANIYE FORD	27/4/18		on our sector. Orders received that the intended move of the Brigade was cancelled, until further orders. Lt. W. G. DRUMMOND & Troop, left camp at 0600 to carry out day patrol, to the SOUTH. Enemy were discovered to be holding 127. R. 3rd in strength with machine guns & rifles. Also an enemy post as usual in 127. W. 3rd. with a small post in 127. Y. 25th. & one in Y. 14. d. In approaching the post in 127. R. 2nd. heavy rifle fire was experienced from the enemy's position, & one of our was wounded. & one horse killed. Court of Inquiry held in the lines of this Regiment, at 11.00. Major G. BIRKBECK D.S.O. 2nd L.H. Regt. President. Capt. R. A. MACFARLANE 3rd L.H. Regt & Capt. F. M. MACK members. Lt. W. G. DRUMMOND & Troop, returned to camp at 1800. Lt. A. S. GOODCHILD & Troop, with one Troop of HYDRABAD CAVALRY attached, left camp at 1800 to carry out night patrol. 3 of our to Ambulance.	
"	28/4/18	0600	0600 One Troop (Lt. A. S. GOODCHILD) returned to camp & reported all clear. No day patrols sent out, as 2nd BRIGADE took over sector viz. MAKHADET-HAJLA FORD to BUTMET HALHUL 127. Q. 11.	
		0945	C.O. attended conference at B.H.Q. & accompanied Brigadiers to position near UMM ESH SHERT.	
		1240	C.O. returned.	
		1500	Capt M. E. WRIGHT proceeded to 2nd L.H. Bde as staff Captain. Promotion Capt O. B. RYRIE to be MAJOR. 2 Horses to M.V.S. 2 of our & four horses marched out.	
		1800	One Troop (Lt. J. A. MARKWELL) with Troop HYDRABAD LANCERS attached, left Camp to carry out night patrol.	
		2230	Order received from Brigade, that Regiment would move to be at BRIDGE HEAD at 0530 to bivouac on site. WEST side of Jordan	
		2340	Order received cancelling above & to leave to be at BRIDGEHEAD at 0330.	

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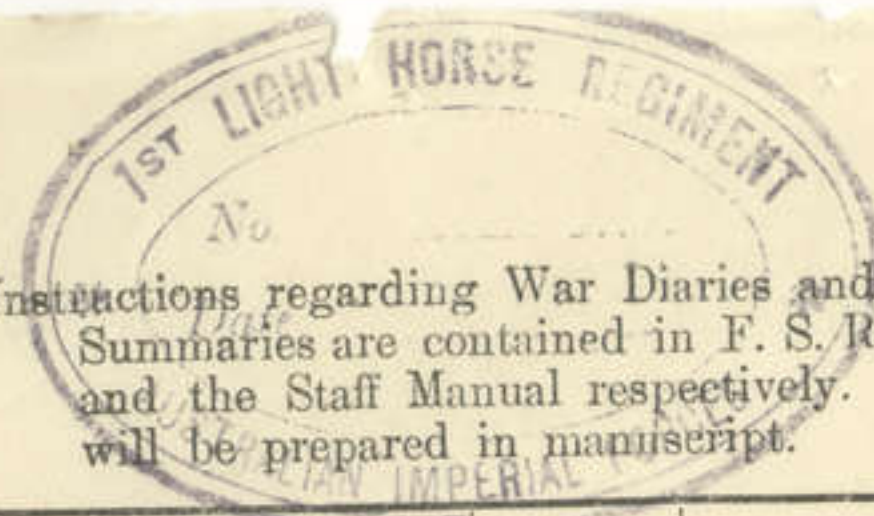
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	29/4/18 M.W.	0310	Regiment left camp in the following order Hd. Quarters, Signallers, A, B, C. Sqdns. crossed bridge at 0330 & arrived at bivouac area WEST of JORDAN, at 0445.	
		1010	One Troop. (Lt. MARKWELL) returned from night outpost & reported all clear.	
		0530	Capt. F.M. MACK left with Regimental Details & moved to Regimental Transport Lt. CUNDT. detailed as Transport Officer.	
		1500	C.O., Adjutant, & Q. Mv. reported to 1st L.A. Bde for orders in connection with forthcoming operations. This Regiment being detailed to attack UMM ESHSHERT at dawn on 30th. Lt. W.F.M. ROSS & 6 7/8 to ambulance.	
		2320	Regiment left Bivouac area & joined Brigade at 2330. Order of march, Hd. Quarters, Signallers, Mv. G. Section B.C.A. Squadrons.	
	30/4/18 M.W.	0120	crossed Bridge, & one troop B Squadron (Lt. S.E. GREGORY) sent out as advance guard. At 0300 the Regiment left Brigade, & proceeded towards UMM ESHSHERT.	
		0330	B Squadron, (MAJOR O.B. RYRIE) advanced to attack UMM ESHSHERT from the SOUTH.	
		0620	Occupied UMM ESHSHERT & pushed on to RED HILL.	
		0700	Regimental Hd. Quarters moved forward to 127.C. 32.C.	
		0830	Occupied RED HILL & C Squadron ordered to proceed towards NORTH of RED HILL. Held this position, but enemy were holding right bank of the JORDAN in considerable force including battery of 77 mm Guns, also a number of machine guns, & observation of ford in e. 17. was impossible.	
		1145	A Squadron (MAJOR F.V. WEIR.) sent out to relieve B Squadron whilst they watered horses. C.O. reported to Brigade as follows:— Holding line 127.C. 14a. — 19b. & patrolling. Enemy holding right bank of JORDAN.	
		1310	178 Flares drawn from Brigade.	
		1410	B Squadron withdrew ^{retreated} to their former position, having watered horses & A Squadron ordered to relieve C Squadron.	
		1415	Message received from Brigade, that Regt. would be in readiness to	

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UMM ESH SHERT.	30/4/18 M.S.D.	1415	proceed to ES SALT, leaving one Squadron & section of M.G.'s to hold RED HILL & cover ford. B Squadron (MAJOR. O.B. RYRIE) detailed. <i>Went to work</i>	
		1430	Regiment less one Squadron moved <i>moved</i> independently to K.28. JEBEL UMM AWE.	
		1630	Received orders <i>B Sqd reported</i> that enemy were advancing on RED HILL	
		1750	B Squadron reported that enemy had stopped advancing on RED HILL.	
		1830	A & C Squadrons joined Reg'tl Hd. Quarters.	
		1915	Regiment less one Squadron left for (ES SALT).	
			4 ^o / _R wounded. 1 Horse killed 3 wounded 1 ^o / _R to Ambulance	
			Lt. W.F.M. ROSS rejoined.	

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