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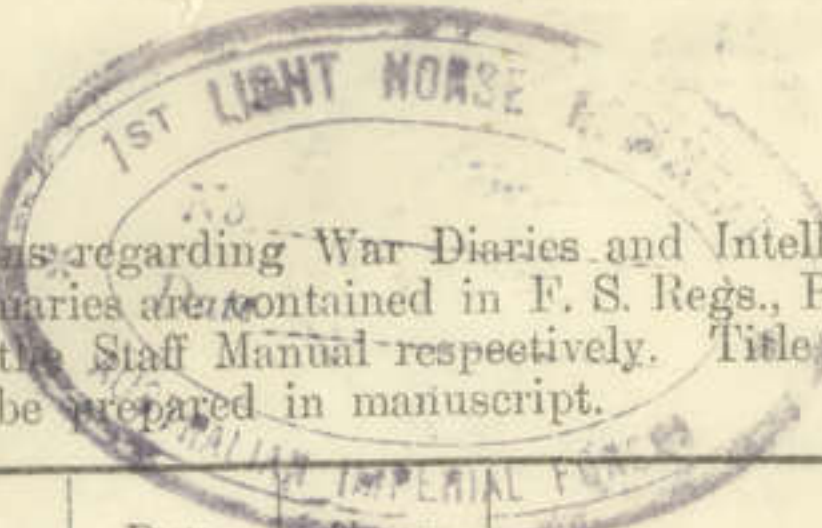
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| RAMADAN MAY | 1.6.18 | 1000 | CAPT. P. J. DONOVAN, R. Co. Padre, reported from 3rd L. H. Regiment, with 10/2. CAPT. H. J. CLARKE Co. E. Padre, with one 7/2 & two horses, marched out, 16 2nd L. H. Regt. | |
| | | 1200 | 10/2 marched out, to 1st L. H. F. A. & one 7/2 marched in from 1st L. H. F. A. | |
| | | 1600 | 10/2 Reinforcement marched in, & 10/2 from Cadre, 10/2 from X Regimental employed list | |
| " MAY | 2.6.18 | 0900 | 12/2 as working party, at No 1 hill. All horses watered at Solomons Pools in the morning, & from no 2 in the afternoon. 2/2 to Hospital. 10/2 marched in under escort. | |
| | | 1600 | Lumber arrived from Ludd, with Dump material. | |
| " MAY | 3.6.18 | 0800 | CAPT. S. M. MOORE & LT. C. S. FROST, & 60 7/2 proceeded to Bethlehem, to take part in Kings Birthday celebrations | |
| | | 1900 | LT COL GRANVILLE D.S.O. proceeded to Bethlehem to take part in Kings Birthday celebrations. LT W. D. JARRETT, & 12 7/2 proceeded to JERUSALEM, on leave | |
| | | | 2/2 struck off strength from RICHMON DUMP. | |
| " MAY | 4.6.18 | 0800 | Court of Enquiry, held in the lines, with Major F. V. WEIR as president. | |
| | | 1025 | All Transport, inspected by Major LOVERIDGE. Candidates for cadet school, paraded to G.O.C. 1st L. H. Sde. | |
| | | 1545 | The Regiment was inspected by G.O.C. ANZAC DIVISION. | |
| | | 1700 | CAPT. E. C. BATTYE, LT. S. R. MACFARLANE marched in from School Zestoun. CAPT MCKEOWN. marched in from leave in ALEXANDRIA. 2/2 to Hospital. | |
| " MAY | 5.6.18 | 0900 | Orders received to be prepared to move to the JORDAN VALLEY on night of 6th & 7th inst. 12/2 as working party, report to Capt M. ALLEN. | |

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1st Lt. M. Allen
1st Lt. H. Regt



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| RAMADAN. | 5.6.18 | 0900 | at No 1 Well. 1 st Lt. marched in from Hospital. | Palestine Spec XVIII |
| " | 6.6.18 | 0700 | Orders received to move to TALAT ED DUMM with the Brigade at 1800, but owing to the water failing, at No 1 Well, the Regiment moved & watered at SOLOMONS POOLS. All transport moved in rear of the Regiment. | 1.63360. |
| | | 2300 | On arrival at BETHANY the Brigade halted, & allowed the 2 nd L.H. Cole to pass. 1 st Lt. injured by a kick from a horse. | |
| 112G 13d. | 7.6.18 | 0830 1500 1900 | The Regiment moved with the Brigade to TALAT ED DUMM arriving after daylight. All horses watered from troughs at TALAT ED DUMM as per APPENDIX ①. The Regiment moved with the Brigade. All transport moved under LT. HAMILTON, Brigade transport officer, via new road to NEBY MUSA. Lt. L.H. ROGERS went forward with the Staff Captains during the afternoon, to see new bivouac site. | Appendix ① |
| | | 1130 | Arrived new Bivouac area, after a very dusty trip. Transport reached camp. Lt. G.H. TAYLOR, & Lt. F.H. TOMLINS, with 1 st Lt. & nine horses, marched out to school of instruction at Pichon. | |
| 113Z.26. | 8.6.18 | 0900 | Horses watered in WADY AVJAH. C.O. proceeded with Brigadier, to inspect the line, to be taken over from the 4 th Brigade. | |
| | | 1230 | Squadron Leader & Adjutant proceeded to front line to meet C.O. & inspect area to be taken over from 4 th L.H. Regiment, in No 3 sector from 113Y12 to W 34 to Y 10. Linking up with the 3 rd L.H. Regiment on our left, 5 th MOUNTED | |

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| M.S.W. | 8.6.18 | 2300 | <p>BRIGADE, on our right, with an interval of about 1500 yds between their left flank & our right flank.</p> <p>Relief of 4th L.H. Regiment completed. All horses returned to Devouac Area, under Major T.E.H. IRWIN, second in commands of squadron, & one man to four horse A Sqn under Major F.V. WEIR took over posts THE BLUFF, EL MASKERAH, and MUSALLABEH NO I & NO II posts. C Sqn relieved posts MUSALLABEH NO 3rd and No 4 & Vyse Post, in 113Y SC. D Squadron, under Capt F.M. MACK in Regimental reserve in 113Y 11a. & supplied one party for Barning Post in 113Y 10a. 2nd Lt W.L. DUNN placed two machine guns in position ^{on right flank & Lt Creators placed two in 113Y} on left flank. Trenches are well dug, & front line is wired. Enemy are very quiet. The nearest post is about 1700 yards in front of our position.</p> | |
| M.S.W. | 9.6.18 | 1930 | <p>Slight enemy shelling into posts MUSALLABEH NO 3 & NO 4. Rations & water, brought to posts by Camels. LT. G.H.S. CUNDY & 1st Lt to school at Beit Jala. LT. R.G. FAWCETT & 4th Lt to Egypt for 7 days leave. CAPT S.M. MOORE detailed to carry out the duties of Assistant Adjutant.</p> | |
| M.S.W. | 10.6.18 | 0600 | <p>G.O. visited front line, held by A Squadron.</p> | |
| | | 1100 | <p>Enemy fired into sector with a Battery of 77^{mm} guns, firing 107 shells during the day. No casualties.</p> | |
| | | 1600 | <p>G.O.C. visited the sector held by the Regiment, & inspected the front line. Major O.B. RYRIE, & 4th Lt marched in from leave in Egypt.</p> | |
| | | 1900 | <p>Water & Rations brought to sector by camels. <u>ret Lt. Col</u></p> | |

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| M.S.W. | 11.6.18 | 0330 0900 1400 | <p>Stood to arms, & waited for all clear message from Brigade before standing down.</p> <p>2⁹/₁₂ to Ambulance. 1⁹/₁₂ Reinforcement marched in. All ranks issued with mosquito nets.</p> <p>G.O.C. 1st L.H. Bde. visited our sector. Enemy shelled positions with 77^{mm} guns. Throughout the day no casualties.</p> | |
| M.S.W. | 12.6.18 | 1100 | <p>45⁹/₁₂ Reinforcements marched in 3⁹/₁₂ evacuated to hospital.</p> <p>Enemy fired 97 77^{mm} shells into MUSALLABEH post, but did no damage, although some burst among the bivvys. One horse was wounded while watering at WADY through shell fire.</p> | |
| M.S.W. | 13.6.18 | | <p>2⁹/₁₂ evacuated to Ambulance. One troop as working party on Vyse post at 1930 digging machine gun positions. Patrol in front of MUSALLABEH, saw an enemy post.</p> | |
| M.S.W. | 14/6/18 | 1100 0200 | <p>An A.S.G. officer inspected Rations on all posts.</p> <p>Stood to arms, & stood down, on receipt of all clear message from Brigade as usual.</p> | |
| | | 1100 | <p>1⁹/₁₂ Reinforcement marched in 4⁹/₁₂ marched in from leave in Egypt.</p> | |
| | | 1130 | <p>G.O.C. ^{Plus} DIV. visited sub sector.</p> | |
| | | 1430 | <p>G.S.O. NO.1. ANZAC DIV. with Bde Major, visited works in the sub sector.</p> | |
| M.S.W. | 15/6/18 | | <p>Major F.V. WEIR, CAPT M.E. WRIGHT, LIEUT. C.S. FROST, & CAPT. S.M. MOORE with 3⁹/₁₂ returned to led horse bivouac, 16 attend an F.G.C.M. 4⁹/₁₂ to Ambulance.</p> | |

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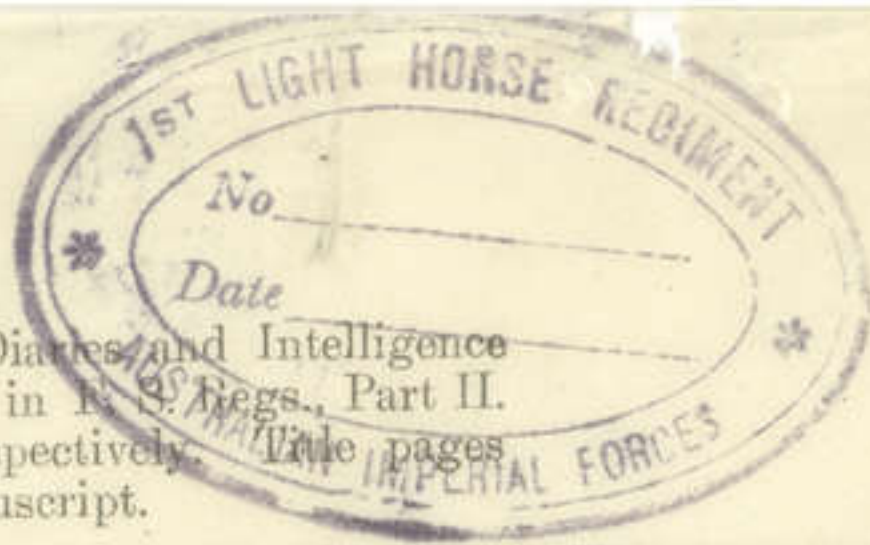
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| M.R.W. | 15.6.18 | 0900 | 1 Troop Det. 19 th to Moascar 19 th to Rest Camp. Lt. A.I. McDONALD MC. rejoined from B.H.Q. | |
| M.R.W. | 16.6.18 | 0900 | 19 th to Moascar. All area now checked & inspected. 19 th marched in. | |
| M.R.W. | 17.6.18 | 0800 | 19 th to Farrus School MOASCAR. 49 th to Hospital. | |
| | | 2300 | LT. R.R. MATHESON took a patrol from EL MUSALLABEH towards GRANT HILL & observed enemy sentries & saw lights, but owing to rough stony ground, were unable to get closer to the ridge than 150 yards. Enemy shelled MUSALLABEH throughout the day with 77 ^{mm} gun, but did not inflict any damage. | |
| M.R.W. | 18.6.18 | 0730 | Enemy shelled R.H.Q. with 77 ^{mm} Battery, killing 19 th , & wounding 19 th . | |
| | | 1600 | Enemy again shelled R.H.Q. damaging the tents. | |
| | | 1730 | R.H.Q. moved to 113 Y 10d. 1 enemy deserter entered our lines. | |
| 113 Y 10d M.R.W. | 19.6.18 | 0100 | Patrol under LT. R.R. MATHESON left MUSALLABEH, & investigated GRANT HILL in 113 W 28d. Enemy sentry was observed, & voices heard. 29 th to Ambulance. 149 th reinforcements marched in. | |
| * M.R.W. | 20.6.18 | 0200 | Two troops under Lt. C.S. FROST, & LT. R.R. MATHESON made a raid into an enemy post in 113 W 28d. Troop under LT. C.S. FROST assaulted from the SOUTH EAST, & troop under LT. R.R. MATHESON, assaulted from a NORTH EASTERLY direction. Enemy patrols saw our troops, & garrison was prepared for them. Enemy fire proved to be too heavy, both rifle, automatic rifle, & machine gun, for our men, who were forced to retire, after having inflicted casualties, on the enemy with hand grenades. LT. R.R. MATHESON & 29 th wounded. | |

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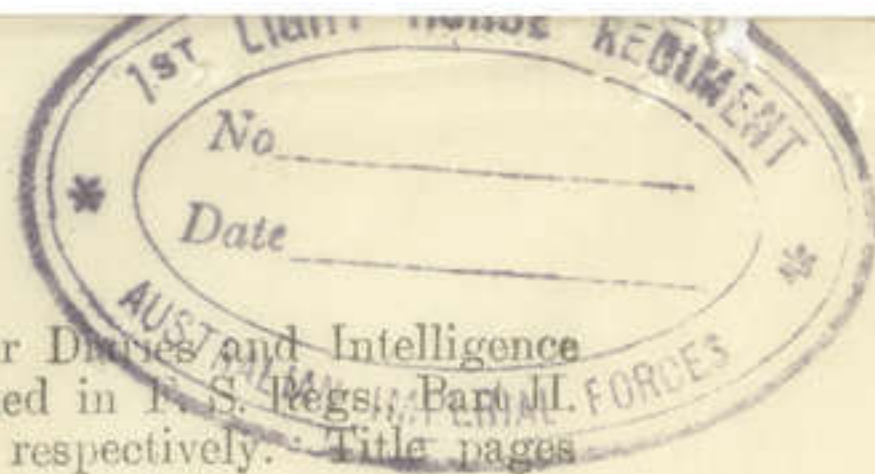
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| 113 Y. 10d N.W.U. | 20.6.18 | 0230 0300 | Ow's Artillery put down a barrage into enemy position. Raiding party returned with wounded, who were immediately evacuated. LT J.A. MARKWELL + 2 ^o /R to school | |
| N.W.U. | 21.6.18 | | 4 ^o /R marched out to Hospital. 10 ^o /R Reinforcement marched in. | |
| N.W.U. | 22.6.18 | | CAPT. ME. WRIGHT, CAPT. SM. MOORE & LT. C.S. FROST. sitting on a Court Martial in the lines of the 1st Regt. Led Horses. | |
| | | 1000 | Enemy shelled MOSALLABEH. 2 ^o /R Reinforcements marched in. All trench stores checked, rifle grenades tested. | |
| N.W.U. | 23/6/18 | 0900 | LT. C.S. FROST evacuated to Hospital. with 7 ^o /R. LT. G.H.S. CUNDY + 3 ^o /R. marched in from Divisional School at BEIT JALA. 8 ^o /R reinforcements marched in. | |
| | | 1700 | Enemy shelled sector with Battery of 77 m/m guns. Long Range enemy gun shelled in vicinity of Led Horses. | |
| N.W.U. | 24/6/18 | 0700 | Enemy fired twelve shells on to MOSALLABEH. posts, but did no damage. | |
| | | 1600 | Enemy shelled vicinity of R.N.Q. | |
| N.W.U. | 25/6/18 | | 10 ^o /R to Hospital. 2 ^o /R HUNT MENZIES. H.C. marched in from cadet school. LIEUT. W.G. DRUMMOND marched in from school of Instruction at EL. ARISH. | |
| | | | Enemy shelled sub sector during the morning, & afternoon. | |
| N.W.U. | 26.6.18 | 1000 | Capt S.M. MOORE, & Capt M.E. WRIGHT. on Court Martial in the 3 rd Regt. Led Horse lines. | |
| | | 1900 | 4 ^o /R marched in from Training Regiment. 9 ^o /R marched out to Hospital | |
| N.W.U. | 27/6/18 | | Enemy shelled sector during the night & early morning. Lt Col | |

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| M.S.W. | 28.6.18 | 1600 | Enemy artillery active on our sub sector & throw bombs during the night about GREEN HILL. C-in-C. visited our sub sector Enemy shelled MUSALLABEH. Killing 19a. Wounding 39a. Received orders to be ready to be relieved, by 2nd L.H. Regiment tonight | |
| M.S.W. | 29.6.18 | 1700 | Order with reference to being relieved cancelled owing to pending attacks, all listening posts pushed forward. Capt S.M. MOORE to Hospital. Lieut W.G. DRUMMOND wounded but not evacuated 29a marched in from school of instruction 19a marched in from Moascar 79a marched out to Hospital. | |
| M.S.W. | 30.6.18 | 1400 | Received orders that the 2nd L.H. Regiment will take over our sub sector tonight Enemy fired a few shells into the BLUFF. Our led horses moved into area occupied by 2nd REGT. led Horses after dark. 2nd REGT. arrived at sub sector & commenced to take over at 2000. Relay completed at 2235, when units marched independently to bwouac area, vacated by the 2nd L.H. Regt, which was reached at 0010. All squadron pack horses, were brought to benches, extra gear was packed on camels, taken to new bwouac area. | |

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Move of 1st A.L.H. REGIMENT.



1. AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCES

REGIMENTAL ORDER No. 8.

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By

C. O. G. H. Grenville, D.S.O.
Commanding 1st Light Horse Regiment

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Headquarters
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Reference Maps Palestine 1/63,360 sheet 17, 18, and 19.

1. Moves

1st L.H. Regiment will ~~move~~ leave the present bivouac area at 1800 on Thursday 6th June and march with the 1st L.H. Bde to Telat Ed Dumm, leaving Telat Ed Dumm at 1830 on June 7th for the Left Sector of Desert Mounted Corps Line

Night 6th/7th June

All Units will be formed up on their present area ready to move in Column of Route at 1800 in the following order

Headquarters
Signallers
A. Squadron
B. Squadron
C. Squadron

2. Transport

Night 6th/7th

All Transport will move in rear of the Regiment

Night 7th/8th

All Transport will move by the New Road via Neby Musa to Jericho and will be under command of Lieut. K. T. Hamilton, Brigade Transport Officer

Transport will proceed along Tel El Sultan road which runs West of the Jericho Supply Dump

3. Halts

The head of the Regiment will halt at 10 minutes to each hour and will move punctually at each hour

At 2300 on night 6th/7th June the Regiment will halt closed up clear of the road at Kilo 3 near Bethany to allow the 2nd A. L. H. Brigade to pass.

4. Discipline

March discipline must be observed throughout the move

5. Bivouac areas must be left perfectly clean and ready for inspection by C. O. at 1700

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REGIMENTAL ORDER No. 4

By

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Commanding 1st L. H. Regiment

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Reference Map Palestine Sheet 15 1/63,360

INFORMATION 1 Enemy are holding " Brown Hill " in 113 W21b and " Green Hill " in 113 W 28 d.

Strength was given by enemy deserter taken on night of 17th/18th June as 400 men on " Brown Hill ", which were covered by a post of TP men on " Green Hill "

Our patrols on night 18th/19th inst. to " Green Hill " estimated enemy strength ~~strength~~ at from 12 to 14 men on latter post.

INTENTION 2 It is intended to raid enemy post on " Green Hill " with two troops during the night of 19th/20th June and if possible capture the garrison.

TROOPS 3. One troop under Lt. R.R. Matheson will follow Roman Road from 113 W 35 central to 113 W 28 d and endeavour to get in rear of enemies position on " Green Hill " and assault it from a North Easterly direction in conjunction with a troop assaulting from the South East under Lt. C.S. Frost at 0200 on 20/6/18.

ARTILLERY 4 Required Artillery will open onto " Brown Hill " and also place a Barrage midway between " Brown Hill " and " Green Hill " F.O.O. will accompany the raiding party

AMMUNITION 5 Thirty rounds per man S.A.A. and two hand grenades per man will be carried

MEDICAL 6. R.M.O. will establish a Dressing Station in Wady in 113 W 35 a

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