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WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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5th Light Horse Regt. A.I.F.,  
2nd L. H. Brigade.  
For month April 1917.



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DEIR EL BELAH	1st.		Bivouaced at DEIR EL BELAH.	
	3rd.		B. Samadon (Lt. BARWISE) accompanied by Major Cameron, to TEL EL JEMMI to cover working party. Major FOSTER of D.H.G., anzac Mt. Div., Major CAMERON and Lt. HANSON'S troops went to AHMAR to bring in armoured car, but owing to threatened attacks by large body of Turks, unable to get car away. Turks fired at covering party at JEMMI but were driven off.	
	4/5th.		on outpost IN SEIRAT. Relieved by Bertr. yeomanry.	
	8/9th.		on outpost. In support N.Z. Bde.	
	10th.		B. Samadon to TEL EL JEMMI filling cisterns.	
	10/11th.		Balance of Regt. and 1 Samadon Staffed yeomanry on outpost IN SEIRAT. One Troop yeomanry on outpost duty at TEL EL JEMMI. during day.	
	16th.		Left DEIR EL BELAH at 1930, and	
	17th.		arrived at SHELLAL at 0530. at 0930 moved with Bde. to HILL 510. Sent B. Sam as left flank guard, who detached 1 Troop (Lt. BROUGHTON) to get touch Imperial Mta. Div. while on this duty Pte. WILLIAMS wounded. Returned to camp W. of SHELLAL at 2200.	
	18th.		Left camp at 1000 with Bde. and 22nd Mta. Bde. to demonstrate against HAREIRA. This Regt. in reserve. Returned to SHELLAL 2100. watered horses and left SHELLAL 2300.	
	19th.		Left E. bank of WADI at 0100 with Bde. and remainder of anzac Mta. Div. marched to HILL 280 near EL MENDUR. This Regt. then sent to occupy a line from ERK to EL DAMMATH. Outtrenched this line. 7th L.H. attached here, also.	





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	19th.		two armoured cars. Turkish Cavalry, from 2 to 3000 and 4 guns approached to within about 2000 yards. Shelled lines and armoured cars, and also opened with rifles. Our own Machine Guns replying the enemy retired. Left flank of outpost line then withdrawn to Point 310, then owing to withdrawal of Yeomanry on right, outpost line withdrawn to line 310 - EL NAGILI - HESEIA CROSSING. withdrawal completed at 2130 PM	
	20th.		held last mentioned outpost line. at dusk marched to WELI SHEIKH NURAN. bivouaced at Point 370. PM	
	21st.		Took over outpost line from Wellington M.R. Regt. at 1700. HILL 360 to HESEIA exclusive. PM	
	22nd.		Ordered to take over line from Point 330 through KARIM to 310 inclusive and entrench. moved off, when instructions they cancelled, B Squadron and 1 Troop M.G. Squadron went SHELLAL to relieve Squadron 7th L.H. and 2 Troops "B" Squadron occupied Posts on W. Side WADI GHUZZE between SHELLAL and HESEIA. Remainder of Regt. and 1 Troop M.G. Squadron bivouaced at 360. PM	
	23rd.		"A" Squadron and 1 Troop M.G. Squadron to letter "A" in ABU SHAWISH. Left at 1145. from SHELLAL. One Squadron of 7th L.H. at same time to GOZ EL GELEIB. Patrol reached bank of WADI IMLEIH. (410) Squadron heavily shelled, 2 casualties and 4 horses wounded. PM	





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	23rd		Sanadron returned to 360. <i>PM</i>	
	24th		"b" Sanadron patrolled to 410 on N. Side of WADI IMIEIH. "a" Sanadron in support at IMARA with B.O. "b" Sanadron in action with Sanadron enemy cavalry. 3 prisoners taken. Several other casualties inflicted on them. One Troop "a" Squadron (Lieut. WEBSTER) sent to support right flank of "b" Squadron. Troop of enemy cavalry got on Right flank of "b" Squadron. WEBSTER'S Troop forced them to vacate their ground 3 several times. This caused the enemy troops to work round to neighbourhood of the 7th. L.H. Sanadron, who cut them off and took them prisoners - 1 officer + 16 other ranks - "b" Sanadron was shelled during these operations. <i>PM</i>	
	25th		Similar reconnaissance by "B" Sanadron to HILL 410. "b" Sanadron being in support at IMARA. advanced Sanadron in action with enemy. Both Sanadrons shelled. casualties 2 wounded. 1 horse killed, 4 wounded. <i>PM</i>	
	26th		Similar reconnaissance to 410 by "a" Sanadron, "B" Sanadron in support at IMARA. No enemy fire. Regt. vacated line at 360 and occupied line 330 - KARIM. <i>PM</i>	
	27th		Regt. moved to position on flat behind WELI SHEIKH NURAN. Parties detailed for trench digging. <i>PM</i>	

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WELI SHEIKH NURAN.	28th.		"b" Squadron filling water cisterns. "B" Squadron entrenching. <i>R</i>	
	29th.		Regt. moved with Bde. to position between WELI SHEIKH NURAN and SHELLAL. <i>R</i>	
	30th.	0600	"b" Squadron on patrol to SAUSAGE RIDGE and SIHAN, during which heavy shelled by enemy. One troop "a" Squadron to HQ. "b" Squadron withdrew behind WADI SHARIA at 1330 owing to own artillery registers that district, then relieved by troops of "B" Squadron. <i>R</i>	
Shellal - Weli Sheikh Nurani	30/4/17.		<p style="text-align: right;"><i>F. Wisdom</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 5th. L. B. Regt. A.I.F.</p>	