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OF

5th Light Horse Regiment A.I.F.

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SHEET I

For Month of April
5th Light Horse Regt
2nd Light Horse Brigade
A & N Z Mounted Division I. F.

Army Form C. 2118.



Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1 st	1800	Regt in Bivouac two miles NORTH of ES SALT Regt Marched to ES SALT for rations, and forage after which Brigade withdrew to SHUNET NIMRIN and went into bivouac for night. <i>GH</i>	
	2 nd	0600	Regt detailed to act as Rear Guard to 180 Bde in retirement.	
		0700	One troop was detailed to proceed to KARR MUTAHID, two troops took up position on TEL EL MUSTA and two troops sent to support troop at MUTAHID.	
		1400	Infantry retirement commenced, and all were clear of foothills at 1630. Rear guard commenced to retire at 1700 supported by one Battery. Armoured Car patrol. Regt crossed the JORDAN at 1900 and reached bivouac one mile SOUTH of JERICO at 2000. <i>GH</i>	
	3 rd	1000	Marched at 1000 & crossed JORDAN and reported for duty to 101 LH Bde. detailed to relieve one Bttn 180 Infantry Bde in sector of outpost line covering bridge head GHORANIYE Crossing. Relief was completed by 1400. Two Squadrons A. & B. with four MG's were placed in front line and one Sqn in support. Lieut. Fredericks who had been detached with his troop as Camel escort since Regt left EKTEIF rejoined Regt. <i>GH</i>	
	4 th	0400	Regt in outpost line GHORANIYE Bridge head, Two dawn patrols sent out at 0400 returned 0600 & reported all clear. at 0800 two more patrols were sent out both were fired on by Artillery. <i>GH</i>	
	5 th	0400	Stand to Arms. and sent out two dawn patrols who returned at 0700 and reported having been fired on by Rifle & Machine guns. Capt Fitzhardinge Medical Officer to Regt proceeded to RECHON as witness in Court Martial Case. Lieut G. HEIDKE and DELPRATT rejoined Regt - HEIDKE from Junior Officers School and DELPRATT from Cadet School ZEITOUN. <i>GH</i>	

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SHEET II

For Month of April

5th Light Horse Regt

2nd Light Horse Brigade

A + N.Z. Mounted Division

Army Form C. 2118



Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	6 th	0400	Stand to Arms, Dawn patrols sent out strengthened to one Squadron with instructions to obtain information as to strength of enemy. Patrol heavily shelled and forced to retire. Estimated strength 1000. Patrol had six Casualties - Major W Chatham rejoined Regt from hospital Capt B Mahoney rejoined from Cavalry School. <u>GH</u>	
	7 th	0400	Stand to Arms, Dawn patrols sent out returned at 0600 reported all clear. Lieut Col Newton and official photographer arrived to obtain photographs of outpost line inspected by Generals Shea, Chaylin & Cox. Capt B Mahoney marched out to detail Camp Moascar. <u>GH</u>	
	8 th	0400	Stand to Arms, Dawn patrols reported scattered parties of Mounted enemy seen near foothills. Engineer Officer reported to supervise erection of barbed wire. <u>GH</u>	
	9 th	0400	Stand to Arms, Dawn patrols sent out and reported all clear. Erection of barbed wire commenced. <u>GH</u>	
	10 th	0400	Stand to Arms, Dawn patrols sent out and reported all clear, wiring continued. <u>GH</u>	
	11 th	0400	Stand to Arms, Dawn patrols sent out - at 0430 heavy Rifle & M.G. fire commenced on Right front and at daylight it was seen that the Turks were attacking with an estimated force of from 800-1000 men. (Report attached.) Lieut Col Cameron rejoined Regt from leave in United Kingdom. Sig Sgt McIndoe A.C. and Pte Goston S.I. were awarded the Military Medal. <u>GH</u>	
	12 th	0400	Stand to Arms, Dawn patrols reported all clear. Contact patrol sent out at 1100 returned 1300 with two prisoners of War. C Sqn relieved A Sqn in front line. <u>GH</u>	

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1st Month of April

5th Light Horse Regiment

2nd Light Horse Brigade

A & N Z Mounted

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5th LIGHT HORSE

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	13 th	0400	Stand to Arms. Dawn patrols reported at 0615 "all clear" Party of one officer and 25 other ranks sent out to bury dead Turks in front of lines. GH	
	14 th	0400	Stand to Arms Dawn patrols reported at 0630 "all clear"	
		0700	Lieut Delprat left to attend three days course of instruction with Flying Corps on Methods of working Contact patrols	
		1600	Regt was relieved by 3rd Light Horse Regt. The erection of barbed wire entanglements round the entrenched position held by Regt was completed. 2500 yards of single apron entanglements had been erected. GH	
	15 th	0700	Left bivouac S.E. of Jordan and crossed GHORANIYE pontoon bridge. one troop at a time to avoid attracting shell fire. Crossed without being shelled and arrived at 2nd Bde Camp at TEL ES SULTAN. 3 miles NORTH of JERICO at 1000. Capt H. McNeill rejoined from Mwasar, posted to 1st Bn. Lieut Radcliffe rejoined from details with 32 reinforcements. GH	
	16 th	0530	Camped among thorn bushes on WADI NUHMEIER. Mount of Temptation overlooks camp. Weather excessively hot. Lieut G. Hanson left with his troop for duty at Div Hd qrs near JERICO relieved a troop of New Zealanders. GH	
	17 th	0530	Camped three miles NORTH of JERICO. Weather excessively hot. This bad. advised of Memorial to be erected for all those who have fallen in PALESTINE - Acquittances rolls for Memorial fund prepared. - Advised that Lieut DRB BROUGHTON had been awarded the Military Cross. GH	

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1st Division of up to
5th Light Horse Regt
2nd Light Horse Brigade



Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	18 th	0530	Weather conditions improved but still very hot. Lieut. D. Macarosh left to be attached to 20 th Army Coyos during forthcoming operations EAST of JORDAN	
		1745	Regt marched to point 1 1/2 miles WEST of GHORANIYE pontoon bridge, and went into bivouac for night with instructions to March at 0400 next morning. Only three half limbers accompanied Regt. remainder brigaded under Capt. S Luxford remained at JERICO GH	
	19 th	0400	Marched and crossed JORDAN at 0435 using two pontoon bridges. Narrative of days operations attached GH	
	20 th	0530	In bivouac at WADI NUEIAME B. Gan under Major Nimmo left to take up position about two miles up WADI GH	
	21 st	0530	Capt J M BOYD rejoined from leave in United Kingdom Capt S LUXFORD left in charge of Brigade transport to bring limbers from WADI HENEIN. Horses watered in troughs they had previously been watered in open Wadi GH	
	22 nd	0530	Major W CHATHAM left to proceed to MOASCAR to take charge of 2nd Training Regiment. All "shorts" returned to store in accordance with Surrender Order. Supply of Conting goods received and distributed GH	
	23 rd		In bivouac WADI NUEIAME weather excessively hot and flies bad. GH	
	24 th	0530	Three officers and four other ranks left to attend schools of instruction at ZEITOUNI	
	25 th		Lieut ROB BROUGHTON left on two days leave to JERUSALEM GH	
	26 th	0530	Regt moved to Camp Site one mile SOUTH of JERICO near WADI KILT Major Nimmo left to join Col BROWN for reconnaissance of fords along JORDAN between GHORANIYE and HAJLA GH	

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17th N.Z. Mounted Division

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	27 th		Left Bivouac SOUTH of JERICHO at 2100 and crossed JORDAN on pontoon bridge at GHORANIYE at 2300 and marched on EAST bank to HASLA ford. B. Sqn this Regt formed advanced guard for Bugade, A Sqn left flank guard, arrived at HASLA at 0100 6th LH Regt and Infantry took up position guarding bridge. Regt went into Bivouac in WADI at 0245 <i>GP</i>	
	28 th	0400	Stand to arms. Three patrols sent out under Lieutenant's Waiti, Macamh, & Currie. These patrols remained out all day withdrawing to HASLA at 1700	
		1800	One troop B Sqn under Lieut DELPRATT on night outpost. Lieut COGG rejoined the Regt from MOASCIAR <i>GP</i>	
	29 th	0400	Stand to Arms. In bivouac at HASLA. Three days emergency ration drawn for men & two days forage for horses. This ration was carried on man and horse.	
		2300	Regt Marched and moved to Concentration Area at BUTMUT HALUL arrived at 0100 & took up concealed position. 7th LH Regt with one Ptn Infantry made attack on KABR MUJAHID, 2 Bugades of Infantry & New Zealanders attacked SHUNUT NIMRIN, MUSTA and EL. HAUD <i>GP</i>	
	30 th	1530	Bugade was ordered to move and report for duty to Australian Mounted Division. Bde marched by EM SHURT road. 5th Regt in Advance, arrived at Hagh's Aul Dew two miles from ES SALT at 0445 on 1/5/18 Road very rough and impossible for wheels. <i>GP</i>	

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About 2200 on 10th a sharp burst of firing was heard in direction of WADI IMRIN. This lasted for about two minutes, then died down and all was quiet during remainder of night.

We stood to arms as usual at 0400, and our two dawn patrols were sent out at 0415. At about 0430 firing was heard from the direction of the front of the 2nd L.H. Regt, this continued till daylight when it was seen that an attack was in progress. Up to this time the front of our sector seemed clear. At about 0530 our dawn patrols returned, the one working up the JORDAN reported all clear & no sign of enemy. The one working just north of No 6 Road reported having been fired on from the direction of SHUNET NIMRIN, but they had actually seen few enemy & all those east of No 6 Road. At about 0530 enemy infantry were seen advancing towards the right flank of our sector, their objective appearing to be No 6 road between our sector and the 2nd L.H. Regt. When it was seen an attack was threatening, my dispositions were as follows:-

A Squadron under Major Patrick held the right half of my sector with two troops & two Hotchkiss rifles in the line, plus two Vickers guns under Lieut Perrottet of the 2nd M.G. Sqn, and two troops and two Hotchkiss rifles in support. The left half of the sector commanding the JORDAN was held by Major Nimmo^{3rd Sqn} with two troops and two Hotchkiss rifles in the line, plus one Vickers gun under Lieut Cornett M.C. 2nd M.G. Sqn; and two troops with two Hotchkiss rifles plus one Vickers gun in support. I also had one Squadron under Major Chatham standing by for any emergency. At about 1130 this latter Squadron was placed at the disposal of the 2nd L.H. Regt as reserve. As far as this sector was concerned the enemy never got closer than 1000 yards, and I was able to bring a heavy cross fire to bear on their right flank across the front of the left sector of the 2nd L.H. Regt, from Vickers guns, Hotchkiss guns & rifles, nor did the enemy at any time cross No 6 road. On several occasions the enemy

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Operations of 11th April (Conts)

attempted to bring up a machine gun to enfilade the left of the 2nd L.H., but every such attempt was frustrated by our fire, and our artillery from time to time kept the enemy down by heavily shelling in front of my sector. At 1230 the 3rd L.H. Regt passed through my line and went round the enemy's right flank, and I brought all my rifles and machine guns into the line on my right sector, reinforced by two Lewis guns under Capt James of the Light Car patrol and opened a heavy covering fire, occupying the attention of the enemy & keeping their heads down & pinning them to their ground. My left sector (B squad) was never engaged during the day and all was clear on their front. At about 1700, two squadrons of the 3rd L.H. withdrew through our lines, leaving one squadron still in front, which withdrew at dusk. During the day this sector was intermittently shelled by an enemy 4.2 gun, also by mountain guns, but they caused little loss, two horses being killed and half a dozen wounded - In addition to these two men slightly wounded by long range rifle fire were my only casualties; though two enemy machine guns firing from WADI NIMRIN caused us some annoyance. At dusk the firing died down and after dark all was quiet, except for some enemy shells dropping in direction of GHORANIYE bridge. Strong patrols were sent out at dawn the following morning, when it was apparent the enemy had evacuated their position.

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 5th L.H. Regt.

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Reference Map. Composite Map. East of Jordan. (ES. SALT). - APR 1918

Left Brigade bivouac W. of LE GHORANIYE crossing at 0400 - The Regt. started crossing at 0430, and moved out along No 3 Road at 0450. After passing out's defences C Squadron under Major Chatham was sent out to reconnoitre towards KABR MUTAHID, and B Squadron under Major Munro was sent south to reconnoitre the Colubiy as far as MARKADET HAJLA and then swing East and move up towards KABR MUTAHID keeping in touch with B.H.Q. and the Third Squadron who were moving along No 3 Road. One Troop M.C.S. was attached to Major Chatham and another Troop to the Squadron in support. At 0630 when at the junction on Nos 2 & 3 Roads (127 R/L) we were being shelled by enemy guns from direction 810 (R/L). MUTAHID patrol sent negative report at 0610 from position (R. 20.6). No report had at this time been received from the right flank Squadron. At 0740 a message was received from B.H.Q. as follows: 'Division direct the KABR MUTAHID patrol push on and send report as quickly as possible'. At 0755 from R. 23.2 MUTAHID patrol reported that they were in touch with enemy estimated thirty rifles, two machine guns firing from MUTAHID. They were also being shelled by a battery East of MUTAHID and by three guns from the North. I made personal reconnaissance and decided to send two troops under Lieut Bronghton across the WADI KEFREIN to endeavour to locate enemy's left flank. At this time we were being very heavily shelled by two 4.2 guns from direction of HELAL - this was apparently caused by the 6th Regiment & Ayrshire Battery moving up in rear of us - although we had no idea they were doing so until I received a message from Col. Fuller asking me to report to him. At 1110 a message was received from B.H.Q. as follows: 'Col. Fuller with 6th L.H. 4 machine guns and Ayrshire Battery has been sent out to clear KABR MUTAHID of enemy. Will you please cooperate'. Col. Fuller instructed me to cross the WADI KEFREIN and advance as far as possible towards KABR MUTAHID while he would be in support with the 6th Regt & the Battery - making his headquarters at our present position R. 23.1. Meanwhile at 0930 my right flank Squadron reported they were in touch T. 30. with advance patrol held a mile forward

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in direction of KABR MUTAHID having patrolled country as far
 South as HATLA Ford and Square S.1. without observing any
 hostile movement to the South or South East. Two prisoners were captured
 by them in Square S.9.a. Upon moving out across the WADI KEF
 we were very heavily shelled by enemy guns East of MUTAHID.
 The country was very open and afforded practically no
 cover for horses. The enemy having splendid observation
 of every movement we made - and our advance parties
 almost immediately came under machine gun & rifle fire.
 Lieut Broughton, from a small Tel (127 T 12 a) had observed
 considerable movement of enemy on foot hills East of
 MUTAHID and estimated force holding No 3 Road at
 1000. At 1330 the following message was sent to Col. Fuller:
 Can Artillery search No 3 road just west of point where
 guns were turned back acc. Also rocky knoll 1000 yards
 SE of No 3 crossing over WADI KAFREIN also gullies
 N. of No 3 road up WADI KEFREIN enemy camps
 located there positions. Estimate enemy strength holding
 foot hills either side No 3 road 1000. At 1345 the
 following message was received from Col. Fuller - Batter
 about to open fire do not push on unless certain of
 position. We received another message from Col.
 Fuller at 1420 - You will withdraw at dusk and
 have no idea of target acc. Do not push on.
 At this time the Batter had not opened fire - and the
 enemy guns were keeping up an intense shelling
 of our position. Later the Artillery Batter did open
 fire, shelling the Tel at KABR MUTAHID also No 3 Road E of the
 Tel - enemy guns shelled our battery position immediately
 our guns commenced firing. One prisoner was captured at R.23
 we started to withdraw at 1800. Reached bivouac
 area WADI NUERAME at 2300. Our casualties were 1
 other tank killed 7 wounded, 14 horses killed and a number
 wounded. We were exposed to heavy artillery
 fire throughout the day - the country afforded very
 little cover and the enemy had perfect observation
 of every move we made.

Donald Cameron

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Ref. maps. AMMAN

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Composite EAST of JORDAN (ES SALT) 1/63360

OPERATIONS ROUND AMMAN AND ES SALT FROM 23rd. MARCH TO 2nd. APRIL.

At 0530 on 23rd. March the Regiment crossed the JORDAN at HADJLA ford over a pontoon bridge. The ground was very boggy, and difficulty was experienced in getting the limbers across the broken ground, and one of them smashed a pole. This was soon put right, and the Regiment formed up with the remainder of the Brigade on the flat East of JORDAN. The Brigade was operating on the right of the 60th. Division, who were advancing to attack ES SALT via SHUNET NIMRIN. We marched by No.3 road and occupied KABR MUJAHID without any opposition, and waited orders from Division. In the afternoon General CHAYTOR arrived and we had orders to advance along No.3 road. About 2 miles North of KABR MUJAHID the road became impracticable for wheels, it being a mere goat track up the rugged side of a hill, and after we had manhandled most of the guns and limbers up the first steep bit, it was decided to send all wheels back. Captain Luxford our Quartermaster was put in charge of the Brigade transport. Shortly after dark it started to rain and we were marching all night up steep hills and through narrow gorges. The road was practically nonexistent and horses and men were having great difficulty, in many places scrambling over the bare rock all slippery with rain and mud, and great difficulty was experienced in keeping touch. At 0130 on the 24th. the Brigade bivouaced at WADI LASBUR and remained in concentration until 1930. It rained steadily all day, and anywhere off the hills was a sea of water, and horses bogged to the girths ^{away from} the roads. Horse rations had run out, and we had to draw a ration of Doura from some of the Camel Corps that arrived that day. At 1930 the Brigade marched for AIN ES SIR and this Regiment was advance guard. "C" Squadron under Lt. Waite M.C. was in advance, and Lt. Broughton M.C. had charge of the screen. About 2100 we passed through the Circassian town of NAAUR, but though the place seemed full of men with every appearance of being soldiers, there was no opposition. The rain which had ceased for a time now came on again and continued steadily all night. It was ~~awfully~~ cold and progress was extremely slow. It was impossible to move anywhere off the road owing to the country being under water and boggy, and the men being worn out with want of sleep made passing of orders very difficult. Arrived at AIN ES SIR at 0500 on 25th. where we met the NEW ZEALANDERS, and we then marched on to camp near AIN HEMAR, arriving there at 0700. At about 0845 an enemy convoy was reported and I took 2 Squadrons under Major Nimmo and Lt. Waite M.C. to capture same. (full details are in appendix 1 Diary of March 1918) After the capture of the convoy the Regiment returned and bivouaced for the night. Next morning 26th. we had to send pack horses back to the I.C.C. Bde. at AIN ES SIR to draw more grain for the horses, as forage had run out. At 0800 the Brigade marched to attack AMMAN from The North. The 7th. Rgt. were in advance guard and this Regiment in the mainbody. We again were unable to move off the road, the country being exceedingly boggy and over some of the bad places the Brigade was moving in single file so it was a slow business. On approaching AMMAN the enemy started shelling from a mountain battery, one shell exploding in the middle ~~in the middle~~ of the leading troop of "A" Squadron, fortunately the ground being so soft not a single man was hit and only 3 horses slightly wounded. The dispositions of the Brigade were; 1 Squadron of the 6th. Rgt. with 2 Machine Guns on the right, linking up with the I.C.C. Bde. The 7th. Rgt. in the centre and 2 Squadrons of the 6th. Rgt. on the extreme left guarding our northern flank. This Regiment was kept in reserve with B.H.Q. - Owing to all wheels having been left behind the only artillery available was the Hong Kong Camel Mountain Battery, and as the enemy were strongly entrenched with numbers of machine guns and well supported by artillery, the advance was held up, so we bivouaced for the night where we were. ~~Next~~ Next morning at daylight a battalion of the 60th. Division had arrived from ES SALT, and a resumption of the attack was ordered. I now received instructions to put 2 Squadrons in the line to link up the Infantry on the left and the I.C.C. Bde. on our right. "A" Squadron under Major Patrick was the left Squadron and was to gain touch with the Infantry, and "C" Squadron under Lt. Waite M.C. was to get in touch if possible with the I.C.C. Bde. These 2 Squadrons advanced mounted as far as possible, and were under heavy shell and machine gun fire all the time, but never wavered or hesitated an instant, even though it was impossible to extend owing to the boggy nature of the ground which also made it

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impossible to gallop and deprived them of their mobility. After getting their horses under cover they advanced dismounted, but were met by such a storm of machine gun and shell fire from front and right flank ^{that} they were unable to advance further and had to hang on where they were, building small sangars for themselves as they lay there. Unfortunately some shells dropped among the led horses of "C" Squadron in a gully, and killed and wounded some 20 of them. One man also being blown to pieces (Trooper F. Brown) and Corporal Mouritz M.M. and several men wounded. Trooper Goffon the Medical Orderly displayed great gallantry in attending to wounded under shell fire, though himself temporarily knocked out by concussion. L.Cpl. McIndoe also specially distinguished himself. Lying on his back under intense machine gun fire and continuing to send and receive messages from Headquarters with the ground literally ploughed up by bullets all round him. The 2 Squadrons could do nothing but hang on doggedly until they could be relieved at dusk, when Infantry took their place in the line. Considering the intensity of the fire our casualties in the men were light. 2 Officers; Lt. Waite M.C. and Lt. Crawford being wounded. 2 men killed (L.Cpl. Lumley and Trooper Brown) and about half a dozen wounded. But in both Squadrons the losses in horses were severe, fully 30 being either killed or badly wounded and numerous others with slight wounds. Rations and forage were issued and ~~subsequently~~ ^{fortunately} we were able to supplement the latter by the excellent grazing from the green crops growing everywhere. Meanwhile Division decided an attempt should be made to blow up the railway line at some place north of AMMAN, wherever it was possible to force a way in. I was given the task with 2 Squadrons and a demolition party of New Zealand ~~ers~~ Engineers under Lt. Lockington. As it was impossible to make any attempt in daylight, it was decided to wait till dark, and then make a detour to strike the railway North of AMMAN. I fully understood that we could hope for no support should we get into difficulties, so it was a case of getting through as quickly and silently as possible. "A" Squadron under Major Patrick and "B" Squadron under Major Nimmo formed the force to protect the demolition party. "B" Squadron were in advance and were handled in a masterly manner by Major Nimmo, and Lt. Jones in the advance screen did especially well in getting us through undetected, as it was impossible to go in anything like a straight course owing to the precipitous nature of the country. On several occasions parties of Bedouins were surrounded, but proved to be friendly, but were not allowed to escape in case they might give the alarm. (particulars given in appendix 11). The force arrived back in camp 0500 next day after successfully carrying out their object, and General Ryrie received a wire from Division congratulating the Brigade and all concerned in the success of the enterprise. On 28th. "A" & "B" Squadrons were in reserve, while "C" Squadron was holding an outpost line linking up the Infantry & I.C.C. Bde. at 1800 "B" Squadron relieved them. Rations (including a rum ration) were sent out by pack horse after dark, but the men missed the way in the dark and decided to wait till daylight, when they ~~were~~ under such a heavy fire they were unable to move all day, and were given up as missing, but fortunately they turned up the following midnight with rations intact, though pieces had been chipped from the rum jars by bullets. At daylight on the 29th. "A" Squadron were sent to reinforce the 6th. L.H. Rgt. and "C" to the 7th. L.H. Rgt. on the left flank of the position. At 1700 "B" Squadron were relieved by the Infantry and came out into Brigade Reserve. I then took Regimental Headquarters to the left flank, and withdrew "A" & "C" Squadrons from the 6th. & 7th. Rgts. and took over a sector of the line between these 2 Regiments: our task being to guard against any attack from the North. The enemy reinforcements could be seen marching towards AMMAN from the North and they held a ridge about 1500 yards from our line, and kept up a very hot fire from numbers of machine guns, especially if anyone showed up on the skyline. Several men and horses were hit by "overs" from these guns and various snipers, but there was no appearance of any attack in force from that quarter. On the 30th. another attack was ordered by the Infantry, I.C.C. Bde, and N.Z. Bde. Our Brigade to hold the northern flank against any possible counter attack.

if further
S. & K. Sept.