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OF

5th LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT, A.I.F.

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Signature of Officer compiling *Agil & Scott* Lieut.

Howard Lawson Lieut. Colonel,
Signature of Officer Commanding
Commanding 5th Light Horse Regiment, A.I.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WADI AMMAN	1st		The day was spent in having general rest after the ZIZA operations. One officer and 26 other ranks left to escort captured animals down to WADI NIMRIN. Pumping Party of 1 sergeant & 20 men on Brigade watering troughs.	
	2nd		Orders to move to SIR. Left camp at 1000, halted at AIN ES SIR for lunch and to draw tibbin and grain from the village. Left AIN ES SIR at 1430, arriving at SIR at 1600. One section on outpost.	
SIR	3rd		Left camp at 0900, arriving at WADI NIMRIN at 1600. Consignment of canteen goods on account of Regimental Funds.	
WADI NIMRIN	4th		Left camp at 0830, marching via MAKHADAT HAJLA Bridge Head, arriving in camp near KASR HAJLA Monastery at 1200. Consignment of Canteen goods issued by Regimental Funds.	
KASR HAJLA	5th		Usual camp routine. Very hot day.	
	6th		Usual camp routine. One sergeant and 20 men pumping water for Brigade. Number of men evacuated sick.	
	7th		Left camp at 0830, arriving at KILO 17 (TALAAT ED DUMM) at 1100. Good march.	
TALAAT ED DUMM	8th		Left camp at 0800 and after a good march arrived in camp on the MOUNT OF OLIVES. Ten % leave granted to men to visit NEW CITY. One officer and 30 men on Town Picquet. Night quite chilly and day warm, very welcome after JORDAN VALLEY.	
MOUNT OF OLIVES	9th) 10th)		Usual camp routine. Large parties, under officers, sight-seeing in OLD CITY. Exceptionally large sick parades.	
	11th		All leave into JERUSALEM stopped. Voluntary Church Parade in St. George's Cathedral. Town Picquet of One officer and 30 other ranks. Colonel CAMERON left on 7 days leave.	

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2nd Light Horse Brigade.
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MOUNT OF OLIVES.	12th		Left camp at 0800 for LATRONNE, arriving there at 1530 after an exceptionally good march. <i>d</i>	
LATRONNE	13th		Left camp at 0800 and marching via RAMLEH arrived in camp at WADI HANEIN at 1430. <i>d</i>	
WADI HANEIN	14th		General BUTLER inspected horses at 1030. Picquet of one sergeant and 12 other ranks on Village and orchards. Pumping Party of 4 other ranks on drinking water. Settling down in camp. Sick parades still very big, numbers being evacuated. <i>d</i>	
	15th		Cleaning up saddlery and gear. Party of one officer and 30 other ranks making roads. <i>d</i>	
	16th		One N.C.O. and 16 other ranks on Brigade fatigue. Guard on water and orchard picquet. Usual camp routine.	
	17th)		Usual camp routine. <i>d</i>	
	18th)		Commenced football. <i>d</i>	
	19th)		Sick parades still big. <i>d</i>	
	20th)		Colonel D.C. CAMERON, D.S.O., arrived back from leave on 20th. <i>d</i>	
	21st)		One officer and 4 other ranks left for leave in Egypt on 21st. <i>d</i>	
	22nd)		Usual camp routine. <i>d</i>	
	23rd)		Training of Hotchkiss Gunners and Signallers commenced. Very heavy storm during afternoon of 23rd, numbers of tents being blown down. Guard of One N.C.O. and 4 other ranks on ammunition dump on 23rd. <i>d</i>	
	24th		Party of one sergeant and 20 other ranks pitching Y.M.C.A. tent. Usual camp routine. <i>d</i>	
	25th		Concert at night in Y.M.C.A. tent. <i>d</i>	
	26th		Usual camp routine. Training of Hotchkiss Gunners and Signallers. <i>d</i>	
			Party of one N.C.O. and 30 other ranks out building a rifle range. Ten men drawing remounts from LUDD. Captain J.M. BOYD, M.C. on F.G.C.M. in Machine Gun Squadron lines. Lieut. J.G. JONES also attending for instruction. <i>d</i>	
	27th		Usual camp routine. Regiment inoculated against Cholera. <i>d</i>	

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WADI HANEIN	27th		I officer and 4 other ranks left on 7 days leave in Egypt.	
	28th		Inter-Squadron football matches commenced.	
			One N.C.O. & 30 other ranks on building Rifle Range.	
	29th		One officer and 10 other ranks making a track for coming sports.	
			One squadron marched over to the beach to swim and exercise horses, also to carry out squadron training.	
	30th		Hotchkiss gunners and signallers being trained.	
			One sergeant and 30 other ranks building Rifle Range.	
	31st		One squadron marched to the beach for swimming of horses and a squadron training being carried out.	
			Training of Hotchkiss gunners and signallers carried on.	
			One officer and 30 other ranks on rifle range erecting targets.	
		One N.C.O. & 10 men on fatigue work at the Field Troop.		
		Training of Hotchkiss gunners and signallers carried out.		
		Lectures to N.C.O.'s on Topography.		
		Major W. CHATHAM over at LUDD for the day as President of a F.G.C.M.		
		One sergeant and 20 other ranks erecting targets on rifle range.		
		Training of Hotchkiss gunners and signallers carried out.		
		One squadron and Headquarters marched over to the beach and squadron training was carried out, and swimming of horses.		
		Inter-squadron football matches played.		
		As soon as the Regiment moved down from AMMAN into the VALLEY the sick parades increased and there were many evacuations daily from Malaria and other Febrile complaints. There were 122 evacuations from sickness during the month, exceeding the total evacuations sick during the previous two years.		
		On the 30th inst, of those original ^{members} of the Regiment who sailed from Australia in 1914, there remained 15 officers and 79 other ranks, of which 48 are N.C.O.'s. Only two officers are now with the Regiment who left Australia with commissioned rank. Approximately 33% of the men evacuated sick during the month were original members of the Regiment. Many of them had never been absent from the Regiment through sickness during their 47 months service. There can be no doubt that the period of six and a half months (23rd March to October 7th), spent in the JORDAN VALLEY during the unhealthiest time of the year undermined the general health of the /		

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