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of

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for

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WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE-SUMMARY

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For month of December 1918.
5th Light Horse Regt. AIF.
2nd L.H. Brigade.
A & N.Z. Mounted Divn.

Army Form C. 2118.
Sheet I.

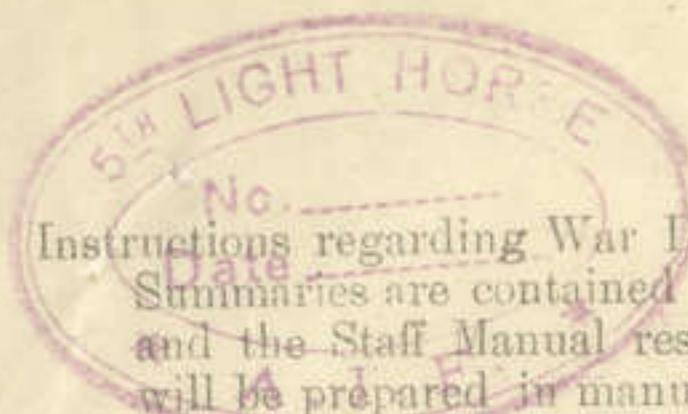
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Remarks and
references to
Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
SEMAKH.	I918. Dec. I.		Capt. Fitzhardinge arrived with detachment L.H.F?A. <i>ll</i> Lt. Scott and Cpl. Burton returned from Headquarters, 2nd L.H.B'de. <i>ll</i> 3 O/Rs. reinforcements arrived <i>ll</i> Major Chatham returned from Damascus. Usual camp routine. <i>ll</i> Major Bolingbroke and 1 O/R. left for Egypt. <i>ll</i> Capt. Fitzhardinge and Capt. Marsh left for Damascus. Guard of 1 Off. and 30 O/Rs. guard drill. Sgt. James returned from Ludd. <i>ll</i> Transport drivers (temporarily attached to Aust. Engineers) returned. C.in C. arrived SEMAKH. Guard of 3 N.C.O'S and 9 men over C.in C's coach at SEMAKH. <i>ll</i> Usual camp routine.
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	7		I OFF; 30 O/Rs., guard of honour for C.in C. Major Chatham and 8 O/Rs., keeping traffic off roads. I N.C.O. and 2 men escorting prisoners to Tulkaram. <i>ll</i>
	8		Very wet and windy night. "B" Squadron left for Beisan at 0900 to search villages under instructions from P.L of C.
	9		Usual camp routine. Raining throughout the day. <i>ll</i>
	10		Usual camp routine. Bright clear morning. <i>ll</i> Usual camp routine. Lt. Scott left for Moascar (1914 Leave - Australia) Col. Cameron visited Beisan, returning in the evening.
	II		Capt. Boyd promoted to Temporary Major. Capt. Fitzhardinge and Capt. Boyd returned from Ludd - (B'de duty) Visits by Col. Garland and Major Bowman. Weather bright and clear. <i>ll</i>
	12		Usual duties. Escort of 2 men to Tulkaram. 14 reinforcements from Moascar. Escort of 3 men returned from Tulkaram. C.O. visited Beisan. <i>ll</i>
	13		Usual duties. "B" Squadron obtained possession of person of chief Sheik, causing Beisan trouble.
	14		Free distribution of canteen goods. 2 flags sent by the women of Australia, reached the Regiment, with letters from Mrs. Hughes, on behalf of the women of Australia, and from Lady Robinson, on behalf of the women of Queensland. <i>ll</i>
	15		Usual duties. Capt. Luxford left to draw pay and get Canteen stores. <i>ll</i>
	16		Usual duties. I N.C.O., and 10 men guarding station and keeping road clear for C.in C. who arrived Hammie at 0730 and left SEMAKH at 0930. Successful day's races; Entries from
	17		3rd Batt., Egyptian Army and Camel Corps. <i>ll</i> Usual duties.
	" "		I9 O/Rs. arrived from Moascar. <i>ll</i>
	" "		Escort I N.C.O and 3 O/Rs. to Tulkaram. Heavy rain all day (150 pts.)
	Capt. Luxford and 1 O/R returned from Brigade. <i>ll</i>		

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SEMAKH.	1918. Dec 18.		Usual duties. Pay to Regiment. Major Chatham left for Cairo. Lt. Haddon with 3 O/Rs., reported for duty. Fine day. Capt. Fitzhardings and Major Bowman returned from Damascus. Weather fine but threatening.	
	19		Capt. Fitzhardings and Major Bowman returned from Damascus. Weather fine but threatening.	
	20		Usual routine.	
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	22		Very wet day. Started class Junior N.C.O's; Sgt. Young acting as instructor; Guard duties etc. Limber returned from Safed, bringing eggs, Pumpkins etc.	
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	24		" "	
	25		Major Chatham returned from Cairo. Issue of goods from Comforts Fund, also eggs pumpkins etc., obtained from Safed. Very wet day. One bottle beer per man issued, also 61 cases X'Mas goods from Aust. Comforts Fund. Weather showery.	
	26		Issue of one bottle beer per man A/C Regimental Funds. Races postponed. Weather cleared.	
	27		Extra guard for Field Cashier cancelled after mounting. X'Mas Races - A great success; "Kensington Cup" won by Major Boyd's "Chummy" - "Jordan Valley Cup" won by Capt. Smith's "Chance" Cups presented by Lieut. Col. D.C. Cameron, "D.S.O."	
	28		"B" Squadron returned from Beisan. Lieut. Col. Cameron left under orders to report to Div. Headquarters.	
	29		Orders to withdraw Rosh Pina detachment. Rosh Pina detachment rejoined Regiment. Usual camp routine. 1 N.C.O., and 4 men left at Rosh Pina to guard rations left behind. 1 N.C.O. and 3 men left to salve guns on Jordan. Names for Audit work and for Telegraphy School submitted.	
	30		E/C visited Beisan to see Military Governor. Bright cool day. Usual duties. Capt. Luxford left for RAFA to pay Canteen a/c's etc. 1 O/R sent to Haifa to take delivery of gift of oranges from Y.M.C.A. Squadron 2nd L.H. Regt. passed through.	
	31		Rain in evening and night. Usual duties. Capt. Mailey (Chaplain) 7th L.H. Regt. visited Regt., bringing as a gift from Y.M.C.A. foodstuffs and cigarettes, which were distributed today. Rain in the evening.	

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