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**Regiment**

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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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10th L.A. Regt.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BELAH	1/24/17	AM	Church Parade. Moved out 12 noon & took up position as Reserve <sup>Outpost</sup> Regt for the night. Horses saddled throughout the night.	
"	2/4/17	AM	Stood to arms 03.30 until 09.40, very heavy mist, returned BELAH 1600. Town Proquet sent to BELAH, 24 hours. One Troop from each Sqn under Major Dimesly went out as working party to Jemini. Hotchkiss Rifles arrived today.	
"	3/4/17	AM	Hotchkiss Rifles issued to Sqns. also one Gun returned to 22 <sup>nd</sup> mounted Bde. "Tambi" flew over 1100 and 1520.	
"	4/4/17	AM	Left Belah 0330 en route to Jemini arriving 0800. C. Sqn took up Observation posts. Got into touch with enemy Cavalry in several places. Left Outpost 1350 and Regt returned to BELAH Camp watered & fed horses time 1700. Small mail arrived. Whilst on Outpost several General Staff Officers visited the line.	
"	5/4/17	AM	G.O.C. inspected Hotchkiss Rifles this morning. Brigade submitted one officer's name per Regt as Orderly Officer to Division.	
"	6/4/17	AM	Reveille 0430. One Troop from A+B Sqns <sup>went out as covering party</sup> sent to 9th Lt Regt. working party. Remnants & reinforcements arrived KHAN YUNIS today & were escorted to Regt.	
"	7/4/17	AM	Sqn Ldrs visited Outpost line & Regiment moved out of Camp 1200 to take over Outpost. Tambi flew over Camp.	

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BELAH	8/4/17	evening	Regiment returned from Outpost 1400. Taubes flew over Camp this afternoon.	
"	9/4/17	evening	40 Remnants arrived today. 4 Troops went out as company party to Working Party.	
"	10/4/17	evening	6 Troops left BELAH <sup>1500</sup> as working Party under Col Todd DSO. & returned 0300 11/4/17. Lt W.C. Palmer did a reconnaissance job today. Hotchkiss Rifle Team exercised every day. Gas helmets issued today.	
"	11/4/17	evening	Col Todd went to Durrison. Emergency ration eaten today. Shooting by Hotchkiss Rifles.	
"	12/4/17	evening	Bag Bond held at 1000. 4 Troops as working party left Camp 0700.	
"	13/4/17	evening	Day fairly quiet. Taube flew over am & pm. Plenty of Fatigue work. Good weather.	
"	14/4/17	evening	Shot bombardment by Enemy this morning. Col Todd & party visited Outpost line. Taube dropped 8 bombs, damage very slight.	
"	15/4/17	evening	Ordinary kept today. Church Parade 0900. 2 Officers per Squad under Major Olden visited Outpost Line at 1400.	
"	16/4/17	evening	1st Sgt left for Outpost Line & remained out during the following day. Horse Lines were put down & at 1930 moved out in direction of Jemmi. A Squad night flank on Wadi Shernay. C Squad flank on Hill 280. B Squad Centre flank between A & B Squads. Enemy Outpost was encountered by C Squad about	+ 30 2

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WADI SHERIA	16/4/17	None	2100. In the dark enemy evacuated + Sqdn took up its position.	
"	17/4/17	None	Stood to arms 0400. 0510 Artillery opened fire as preceding infantry attack. Regt occupied position near 250 until 1000 + then proceeded to water base at MENDUR. Crossings were made over Wadi Sheria during morning. About 1700 left MENDUR for JEMMI. 3 Taubers flew over forces for about 1 1/2 hours + were unmolested. Spent night at JEMMI and	
JEMMI WADI SHERIA	18/4/17	None	Moved out at 0230 + proceeded to Hill 250, feed horses in Barley crop + at 0500 moved into Wadi SHERIA for protection purposes. 0800 returned to JEMMI watered horses + took up position about 1 mile E. of JEMMI. 1400 watered horses at HISEIA. 1/2 Gal drinking water issued. 25 Reinforcements arrived.	
JEMMI WADI SHERIA + SIHAN ATAWINEH	19/4/17	None	Regt moved out from JEMMI 2100 (8:00) + found balance of 5 <sup>th</sup> Brigade. Crossed Wadi Sheria 2200. Halted + moved off again along Wadi SIHAN. Remounted for action + moved from near Wadi in extended order on ATAWINEH at 0315. Continued advance dismounted until dawn when enemy opened fire at about 600 yds range. Halted + remained in the position for about 3 hours during an Artillery bombardment. At 0900 took first position which proved to be an outpost. At 0918 orders were received from 7 <sup>th</sup> Div to move on. Advance continued in short pushes. At this juncture enemy art'y became active causing many casualties. A second position was taken with consistency of small ridge with trench + rifle pit system. Prisoners were taken + sent to the rear. From this position 5 <sup>th</sup> M. Brigade	130/3

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SAVSAGE HILL	19/4/47	1900	<p>could be seen on right flank of 9 Lt. &amp; in order to connect up the line was moved slightly half-right thus making our front extend from DUMBELL HILL across the neck to SAVSAGE HILL where the Zomanay linked up with their line through across the wadi through a open barley field &amp; thicket, what appeared to be the left flank of ATAWINEH redoubt. Advance continued until 9 Lt occupied SAVSAGE HILL while 10 Lt (less A Coy) moved forward to near the Wadi down the Reverse Slope of the Neck. A Coy still holding the high ground to the left. During this portion of the advance enemy Artillery fire was very heavy shrapnel &amp; H.E. frequently sweeping the line. This shelling was mainly accentuated &amp; concentrated particularly on that portion of the line occupied by the 10<sup>th</sup> owing mainly to the presence of two armoured cars which came right into the centre of the forming line, remaining stationary. This drew very heavy fire apparently to no purpose. This position was maintained until about 1400 when the Regt conformed to a general movement of the Brigade &amp; took up a position on DUMBELL HILL slightly to the left of one held previously in the day. This position was maintained until dark altho many casualties were sustained by MG, rifle &amp; percussion shrapnel fire. An order was received from Brigade to withdraw at 1945. This was accordingly carried out &amp; Regt marched back to the led bases, moved off with Brigade later &amp; halted at MUNKHEILEH where Regt remained in support of our support line for the night.</p>	<p>Officers Casualties. ATAWINEH 19/4/17.        Killed Lt. F. S. Thrusell        Wounded Lt Col Todd J.S.O (1030) Major Grimmond (9400) Capt. Hamlin Capt. Johnston Lt Palmer W.C. Lt Fisher Lt Thrusell W.V.H. (V.C.) Lt Martin A.S. Lt Woodrow, Lt Myles &amp; Co.</p>
MUNKHEILEH	19/4/47	1930	<p>1875 W.L. W593/826 1,000,000 4/15 J.B.C. &amp; A. A.D.S.S./Forms/C. 2118        Lt Todd was wounded 10.30 am altogether there were 10 officers wounded &amp; killed &amp; 73 other ranks wounded.</p>	

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Asufriya - Atawneh	20/4/17	None	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Asufriya - Atawneh</i></p> <p>Regt took up line of defence, at 0800 + completed trenches, commenced by 9 AM. Enemy seen all along high ridges apparently digging in, about 2 1/2 miles distant.</p>	
MENDUR	21/4/17	None	<p>Stood to arms 0700 - 0800 then continued work on trenches + cuttings into Wadi. 1000 moved defence line forward about 800 yds to straighten same. Relieved at 0830 by 6<sup>th</sup> mounted Bge. + proceeded to MENDUR arriving about 2030.</p>	
" "	22/4/17	None	<p>Stood to arms 0400. Horses watered 0730 whilst 1/2 of balance of men went out as working party. 2 Hotchkiss Rifles received back from 8th. One of which had been taken to pieces + handed all over the Regt.</p>	
ABASEN el KEBIR			<p>Moved out from MENDUR 1900 + proceeded to ABASEN el KEBIR, arriving 2300. All officers of Regt went to B.H.Q. to run over details of recent fighting.</p>	
" "	23/4/17	None	<p>Remain 0500. Horses watered 0700 + 1330.</p>	
Belah	24/4/17	None	<p>27 reinforcements arrived. Board proceedings commenced, postponed on 0700 of Regt proceeded to Belah for swimming parade at 0800 25/4/17.</p>	
" "	25/4/17	None	<p>Regt returned to ABASEN el Kebir 1700 when all officers of Regt interviewed General Chauvel. He having taken over command of Desert Column again.</p>	

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AAASAN el Kebi	26/4/47	day	Left AAASAN el KEBIR 0630 on route to Marakech Summer Term issued this morning.	
Marakech	27/4/47	day	List of NCO. promotions appeared in ROK Order today. Day quiet.	
"	28/4/47	day	Equipment Board finished its proceedings today also Horse B <sup>d</sup> . Lt Nomura to F. ambulance.	
"	29/4/47	day	Chimely Parade Lt Hall & Coe proceeded to Outpost Line in Company with GOC party.	
"	30/4/47	day	Day quiet.	

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