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Light Horse

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**Title: 10th Australian Light Horse**  
**Regiment**

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SHELLAL	1/10/17		Routine work. Training as per syllabus.	<u>Acuo</u>
RAFA- BEERSHEBA 1/125000	2/10/17		Regt. under Lt/Col TODD D.S.O. left Bivouac at 0625. Watered at URGAN where a sub-section of M.G.S. reported for duty. Moved out via GOZ LAKHEILAT, crossed WADI at RASHID BEK where a patrol of 9 enemy cavalry were driven off. Occupied 910 GOZ SHEHIL and 940 IBN SAID at 1330 without opposition. Patrol in vicinity of 960 offered resistance but withdrew on our advance, 960 being occupied by 1400. Lt H.C. PALMER'S horse was shot dead whilst his troop were advancing along WADI MIRTABA. Much enemy movement observed along line RAS HABLEIN - 1070. UM FARRATH also in vicinity of G. EL NA'AM Sq. D. 9. A patrol under Lt W.M. LYALL reconnoitred crossings of KHALASA-BEERSHEBA Road over WADI HALGON and were fired on from works constructed near heads of this wadi. Another patrol under Lt DURACK reconnoitred KHALASA which was found all clear. The C-in-C Gen ALLENBY visited our sector at 1500 remaining about 20 minutes and displayed great local knowledge. Our portion of line near 960 was shelled intermittently during day but no casualties resulted. Withdrawal was commenced at 2200, the squadrons withdrawing independently & the Regt concentrated at RASHID BEK at 0030. Bivouac reached at 0400. Camelties 2 horses one shot and another destroyed.	See R.O.  <u>Acuo</u> OCT 1917
SHELLAL	3/10/17		Routine work. Party left for PORT SAID	<u>Acuo</u>
do	4/10/17		Routine work. Training as per syllabus. C.O.O. visited camp.	<u>Acuo</u>
do	5/10/17		Routine work. Training as per syllabus. 48 men instructed by Major OLDEN in aeroplane communication and use of flares etc. Officers lectured in mess on same	<u>Acuo</u>
do	6/10/17		Routine work. Inspection of lines by C.O. Sergeants' mess completed & opened. Greatly appreciated.	<u>Acuo</u>

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SAHELLAL	7/10/17		Routine work. Church Parades in morning.	<u>acw</u>
do	8/10/17		Routine work. Training as per syllabus.	<u>acw</u>
do	9/10/17		Routine work. TB + C Squadrons completed part II of Musketry course at 181st Inf Bde's range at HISEIA. 210 feet through at 400 yds + 500 yds range. Shooting only fair.	<u>acw</u>
do	10/10/17		Routine work. Training as per syllabus. Party left for PORT SAID c-o-a. Camp	<u>acw</u>
do	11/10/17		Routine work. Training as per syllabus.	<u>acw</u>
do	12/10/17		Routine work. Training.	<u>acw</u>
do	13/10/17		Routine work. Training. A sgdn to RASHID BEK to cover reconnaissance to	<u>acw</u>
do	14/10/17		Routine work. Church Parades. A sgdn completed pt II of musketry. also <sup>Am. M.D.</sup> <del>Met this team</del> <sub>free</sub>	<u>acw</u>
do	15/10/17		Routine work. Syllabus	<u>acw</u>
do	16/10/17		Routine work. Training. Stood to Arms. 0430.	
Beersheba 1/125000	17/10/17		Day outposts. Enemy patrol on ELBUCCAR driven off at 0750. Shelling by enemy at 0900. Touch with G.C.C. on Pt 680 at 0815. Occupied Pt 720 at 0820 having driven off an enemy cavalry patrol of 12 cavalry. Occupied Pt 630 at 0830. At 0835 a patrol E of Pt 510 fired on by 5 Turkish <sup>cavalry</sup> <del>infantry</del> . At 1045 Turkish freight train heavily loaded passed along BEERSHEBA - SHERIA railway going N. At 1045 a Squadron enemy cavalry moved from Kh SUFI (sg C. 6) towards Pt 840 (sg C. 7) + occupied ridges from 840 S.W. at 1130 snipes fired at our patrol on 630. Withdrawn from 630 + 720 at 1500 which posts were almost immediately occupied by enemy. Shelled by enemy at 1615 near 510. Outpost withdrawn at 1730. No casualties.	<u>acw</u>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BEERSHEBA 1/12500	18/10/17		Night outpost on line NACLI - IMARA - ATBU SOSEIN. Situation normal	<u>acc</u>
SHELLAL	19/10/17		Routine work. Stood to arms 0430	<u>acc</u>
BEERSHEBA 1/12500	20/10/17		Day outposts. occupied pt 630 without opposition at 0430. at 0740 on patrol on 630 fired on. Touch with I.C.C. on 680 at 0450. Occupied pt 720 + EL BUDGAR at 0800. At 0945 3 troops enemy cavalry observed N of BIR IFTEIS. At 1250 post of 15 enemy cavalry took up position near grove <del>to</del> E of 630. At 1545 posts on 630 + 720 withdrawn. Outpost withdrew at 1715.	<u>acc</u>
do	21/10/17		Night outposts on same line as 18/10/17. Situation normal	<u>acc</u>
do	22/10/17		Routine work. Stood to arms 0430	<u>acc</u>
do	23/10/17		Routine work. Stood to arms 0430	<u>acc</u>
do	24/10/17		Night outpost. Regt. concentrated 1 1/2 miles N of BASAL at 1430. At 1730 took over posts at 550 (N) and 510 ATBU SHAWISH. Observation posts sent out. Commenced trench digging on both posts.	<u>acc</u>
do	25/10/17		Posts relieved by 9th L.H. and Regt. withdrew to water. At 1000 concentrated E of WADI GHUZZE opposite URCAN. Moved to 510 and continued digging trenches until 1630. Regt. then withdrew to bivouac.	<u>acc</u>
do	26/10/17		Routine work. Preparing to move out for extended operations. Three days rations + fringe issued + retained. Orders received for outpost operations for 27/10/17	<u>acc</u>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ref RAFA BEERSHEDA 1125000	27/10/17		Regt move to E of WADI GHUZZE watering at URGAN. At 1245 advanced troops occupied EL BUDGAR ridge coming under fire of enemy machine guns + rifles from ridges about 1500 yds E. Turks observed to be strongly holding line 720-820 + ridges covering these pts. Brisk fire. Shelling commenced about 1330 + with m.g. + rifle fire kept on intermittently till dark. Four machine guns observed. H.A.C. battery at 1430 shelled pt 720. Turks seen to evacuate + their horses stampeded. At 1620 our guns shelled ridges N of 720 the enemy abandoning them. Light armoured cars travelled road and drew enemy fire on them. Enemy also fired briskly with m.g. at one of our planes. At 1750 our advanced troops were relieved by infantry (portion of 74th Div). Moved from main positions at 2200 arrived bivouac at 0300 (28th). Casualties one O.R. Killed two wounded. Three horses wounded.	accs.
do	28/10/17		Regt left SHELLAL at 1630. Arrived ESANI at 2100 and bivouacked. Prepared for coming battle. All ranks very confident.	accs
do	29/10/17		Left ESANI at 1710 arrived at KHALASA 2100 watered at well which had been blown up by Turks + repaired by our engineers. Bivouacked about 1 1/2 miles S.	note.
do	30/10/17		Left KHALASA at 1700 as advanced guard for Aust. Mtd. Division arrived ASLUN at 2000. Halted and moved again at 2045 along track in direction of ISWAIWIN, via WADI EL IMHASHH. Continued march all night.	Battle of BEERSHEDA etc.
do	31/10/17		at 0510 our advanced troops obtained touch with ANZAC MTD DIVN. near pt 1480 Sq. Eq. Halted near ISWAIWIN and at 1500 moved N + entered WADI near BIR SALIM	accs

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By BEERSHEBA	31/10/17	Continued from Sheet IV	<p>Coming under heavy shell fire from behind TEL-EL SABA. Moved to pt. 1020 S.E. Y and from there went across at the gallop by squadrons in open line of troops columns under heavy shrapnel &amp; H.E. fire past TEL-EL-SABA across HEBRON road and seized line 970 - 1020 inclusive thereby cutting off enemy retreat along that road. Obtained touch with 1st L.H. Troop on our left and held this part of line during night. Many prisoners and much war material captured. Casualties 1 officer (Capt RODSTED) and 4 O.R. wounded</p> <p><i>Thos Goddard Co. 107th</i></p>	<p>note Battle of BEERSHEBA</p> <p><u>also</u></p> <p>Note for fluctuation in personnel see appendix I for Casualty list see appendix II for <del>see appendix III</del></p>

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Strength Fluctuation

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Date	Increase	Particulars	Decrease	Strength		
				Offs	O/R	Total
1-10-17	-	1 of rank to F/Amb.	1 of rank detached.	28	514	542
2-10-17	1 of rank from F/Amb.	4 of ranks to F/Amb. 1 of rank detached.		28	510	538
3-10-17	-			28	510	538
4-10-17	-	2 of ranks to F/Amb.		28	508	536
5-10-17	1 off 13 of ranks at F/Amb. included in Eff. Strength.			29	521	550
6-10-17	10 of ranks from Moascar.	2 of ranks to hospital. 1 of rank off attached.		29	528	557
7-10-17	-			29	528	557
8-10-17	-	1 of rank to hospital.		29	527	556
9-10-17	-			29	527	556
10-10-17	-			29	527	556
11-10-17	2 of rank from detached Rly. Co. 3			29	529	558
12-10-17	Major Greenwood from Moascar.			30	529	559
13-10-17	-			30	529	559
14-10-17	From Cadre, Moascar 5 of ranks.	3 of ranks to hospital. Part Said Party (1 of rank 16 of ranks off Eff. Strength).		29	515	544
15-10-17	1 -	5 of ranks to Cadre, Moascar.		29	510	539
16-10-17	1 of rank from Moascar.	2 of ranks to hospital.		29	509	538
17-10-17	-			29	509	538
18-10-17	-			29	509	538
19-10-17	-			29	509	538
20-10-17	-	3 of ranks to hospital.		29	506	535
21-10-17	1 off 16 of ranks (Part Said Party) included in Eff. Strength.	1 of rank transferred.		30	521	551
22-10-17	-	2 of ranks to hospital.		30	519	549
23-10-17	-	1 of rank to hospital.		30	518	548
24-10-17	-	5 of ranks to hospital. 1 of rank transferred.		30	512	542
25-10-17	-			30	512	542
26-10-17	-			30	512	542
27-10-17	2 of ranks from Moascar.	Lt. Lyall 2 of ranks seconded. 2 of ranks to hospital. Lt. Liddleburn to Australia.		28	510	538
28-10-17	-	3 of ranks. Casualties.		28	507	535
29-10-17	-	2 of ranks to hospital.		28	505	533
30-10-17	-	1 of rank to hospital.		28	504	532
31-10-17	-			28	504	532

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Casualty List

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No	Rank	Name	Nature of Casualty	Date	Remarks
2928	Tpr	Bannon R.M.	Killed in Action	27-10-17	
2811	"	Broadhurst E.	Wounded	"	
2889	"	Porter T.	"	"	
	Capt	J. Redsted	"	31-10-17	Died of Wound.
815	Tpr	Pratt E.	"	"	
1719	"	Ladyman H.F.	"	"	
3428	"	White W.	Injured	"	

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