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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SOLOMONS POOLS	1-7-18		Reveille 0500. Usual stable routine and training of signallers and Hotchkiss gunners. Port Said Rest Camp party returned and next party left. Major Hamlin was engaged on a F.G.C.M. at Divisional H.Qs. H.M.O. Bethlehem. Major C.G. Dunckley returned from Port Said and Lt. H.M. Macnee D.C.M. from School of Instruction. Lt. J.G. Finlay admitted to 31 <sup>st</sup> St. Hospital at Imperial School of Instruction Zeitoun. Pay was received and issued. A party of men (approx 50) was paraded to Ordnance Boot-repair workshops Jerusalem for exchange of boots. Usual leave parties to Jerusalem and Bethlehem.	H.C.A.
	2-7-18		Reveille 0500. Duty Regt. Usual leave parties to Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Mail arrived.	H.C.A.
	3-7-18		Usual duties and routine. Leave parties to Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Regimental canteen proving itself a great convenience to <sup>the</sup> men.	H.C.A.
	4-7-18		Usual leave parties and training of signallers and Hotchkiss gunners. Divisional Commander inspected the Regt in lines during midday stables and expressed his satisfaction with the condition of the camp, horses and saddlery. Six men were appointed T/Drivers. Half the Regiment was inoculated against Cholera and Typhoid. Preliminary instructions for the move to TALAAT EL DUMM were received.	H.C.A.

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SOLOMONS POOLS.	5/1/18		Reveille 0500. Duty Regt. Usual stable routine and training of Signallers and H.K.R. gunners. Daily leave parties to Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Cricket match 10 <sup>th</sup> V. 3 <sup>rd</sup> L. H. Bde F.F. won by Ambulance.	H.C.A
	6/1/18		Canon Moore took a Church parade to Jerusalem for confirmation service. Lt Col T. J. Todd, D.S.O. resumed duty as Regimental Commander & duty at D.H.Q. as G.O.C. Brigade. Party left for Ludd to bring back remounts	H.C.A
	7/1/18		Voluntary Church Parade. General Channell visited Brigade area. Balance of Regiment inoculated against Cholera & Typhoid	H.C.A
	8/1/18		Training, Routine & Leave parties as usual. Lts Richardson and Thompson returned from School of Instruction. Richard	H.C.A
	9/1/18		Owing to an outbreak of skin disease among the horses all saddlery & grooming kits had to be disinfected. Training, routine, leave etc as usual. By courtesy of A.F.C who loaned a car a party of officers visited Hebron. Cricket match 10 <sup>th</sup> V. 8 <sup>th</sup> by the A.F.C. and was much appreciated. In the evening a concert was given	H.C.A

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SOLOMAN'S POOLS	10/7/18		Reveille 0500. Usual routine until 1200 when bivouacs were struck and camp area cleaned in readiness for the move to TALAAAT EL DUMM. Regiment was ready to move at 1400 and joined in Brigade Column at 1810. After many halts and a very wearisome ride Brigade arrived at bivouac area Kilo 17 on JERICHO road at 0035. Horse lines put down and all hands turned in for the night.	H.C.A.
TALAAAT EL DUMM Kilo 17	11/7/18		Reveille 0600. Horses fed, lines straightened and camp generally cleaned up as the camp area was very dirty. Owing to a breakdown of a pump horses had to be taken three miles to water at water area junction of old and new Jericho roads. Gifts from the Australian Comforts fund were received and issued making a very welcome addition to the ordinary rations.	H.C.A.
	12/7/18		Reveille 0500. Owing to the very stony nature of the country parties had to be put on to clear roads leading to and from Camp area. Lt. McWhirter left for School of Instruction, Richon. Candidates for next course at Cadet school were interviewed by Brigadier. A number of tents were drawn from Ordnance & erected in Squadron lines.	H.C.A.
	13/7/18		Road making and camp cleaning continued. Lt. Gen. Sir H.G. Chauvel G.O.C. visited and addressed the Brigade on the subject of Crime and Discipline.	H.C.A.

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TALAAT EL DUMM.	14/7/18.		3 officers went to WADI FUJA to determine roads and tracks to and from front line. At 0600 orders were received to saddle up and move down to the valley at once. The Regiment was on the road by 0730 and arrived in the JORDAN valley at 0930. At 1035 we had taken up bivouac area. Lines were then <del>put</del> <sup>found</sup> down and horses watered at 1530 the Brigade ceased to be Corps reserve and came under the command of G.O.C. Arzac Mounted Division. 2/Lt Guyone returned from school of instruction EL ARISH	H.C.A
TEL. Es. SULTAN.	15/7/18.		Stood to arms at 0400 and drew rations at 0500. Ceased standing to arms at 0615. Orders were received that Brigade would move at 1940 on 16 <sup>th</sup> and take over the front line. 8 <sup>th</sup> Regt and 10 <sup>th</sup> Regt to hold front line with 9 <sup>th</sup> Regt in reserve. A terribly hot day caused distress to everyone after the cool change at Solomon's Pools	H.C.A
	16/7/18		Stood to arms 0400. Lieut A.D. Gollan went to Egypt on leave. C.O. and Squadron leaders went to see the line to be taken over and returned at 1530 when H.Q.s and signallers were sent forward to take over from the H.Q.s 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lt. A. L. Albert, Y23.a. Sheet JERICHO $\frac{1}{40,000}$ . Regt moved out from SULTAN at 1940 and arrived at WADI FUJA Y23 at 2050. Line from VALE post Y4 d.s.s. X VIEW Y10.a. 47 <sup>VAUX</sup> Y96 a.2 ZOO Y15.b. 52 ZEISS Y15.c. 7.4 ZERUM Y21 a. 2.0. was taken over. Taking over completed 0030 on 17/7/18. Led horses returned to SULTAN under command of Major Oldens. Area stores taken over by Lt H.M. Mcnee R.C.M. & receipts sent to H.Q. 8 <sup>th</sup> Lt. Albert on right 4th Brigade on left.	H.C.A

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WADI AUJA Y23.	17/7/18		Stood to arms 0330. All clear report sent to B.H.Q. 0445. The day was fairly quiet throughout. Trenches and approaches inspected by C.O. who suggested new wiring. A Squadron of 9 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt reported as a working party on the defences. This party reports daily for work from 2000 to 2400 nightly. Liaison Officer from Artillery reports each evening at 1800. Pigeons are released daily at 1800 for training as carriers. During the morning 1 Sqdn enemy cavalry emerged from WADI BAKR W27.d and moved N.E. Salvaged operations are being conducted nightly and quantities of enemy ammunition, arms, bombs etc are being brought in.	H.C.A.
	18/7/18		Stood to arms 0330. Usual reports, all clear, progress of work and situation. Enemy fired 3 shells on C. Sqdn in Y21.G. Enemy moved in half squadrons backwards and forwards to BIRKET FUSAIL.	H.C.A.
	19/7/18		Usual stand to arms. VIEW & VALE posts shelled also VAUX. 16 shells were fired into Y10.C & Y10.D - mostly sharpnel. 2 N.C.O.s wounded by shell fire (Sgt Redshaw & Sgt Meredith) Usual movement of small enemy parties during the day.	H.C.A.
	20/7/18		Enemy commenced shelling at 0410 and continued until 0630. 2 men left for Signal School BEIT JALA. 2 Lieut. C.F. Taylor to Cavalry School Richon. 2 Lt Hammersley and 20 Gv arrived from Moascar. Major Hamlin returned from leave. Generally quiet all day. 9 L.H. Squadrons in support of our posts had 1 Gv killed and 1 Gv wounded by shell fire while returning to bivouacs.	H.C.A.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WADI AUJAH Y23	21/7/18		Usual stand to arms and reports. Artillery unusually quiet all day. 120 enemy were seen moving E from JORDAN towards RED HILL and 120 moved W from JORDAN towards Roman Road.	H.C.A.
	22/7/18		Routine much as usual. Guns of small calibre fired 6 shells on VALE # 2, on ABO TULLEL left. Usual movement of small parties and packs on Roman Road. A. Sydn's patrols brought in an enemy trench howitzer and ammunition for same. After a good deal of experimenting the gun was put together and a firing mechanism improvised so that the gun could be used against the enemy.	H.C.A.
	23/7/18	My	General Hodgson and Brig. Gen. Wilson visited the Regt and inspected the front line. Enemy shelled WADI AUJAH Y23 and put 3 shrapnel shells on VAUX post.	H.C.A.
	24/7/18		A very quiet day. Usual small parties moving about in front. Stand to arms, working parties etc as usual.	H.C.A.
	27/7/18		439 battery having relieved the 301 <sup>st</sup> battery the barrage was repositioned. Lt Kingdon & Lt J.K. Lyall M.C. left for Schools of Instruction. 32 reinforcements arrived from MOASCAR. Several shells were fired over VIEW post also Y10c Y16c.	H.C.A.

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WADI AUJAH ABU TELUL.	26/7/18		Enemy commenced shelling at 0350 and continued until 0510. Shelling was continued intermittently all day. Beer at the rate of 1 bottle per man was available today. Lt. W.C. Palmer reported for duty from 13 <sup>th</sup> Cavalry Brigade. One man wounded but remained on duty.	H.C.A.
	27/7/18		a very hot disagreeable day. A party of officers from 12 <sup>th</sup> A.L.H. Regt visited the line to be shown suitable places for mounted men to go forward through the wire. Brigadier visited the Regt and inspected the front line trenches. Day generally quiet	H.C.A.
	28/7/18		at 0400 about 20 enemy opened fire on WALE post but retired on being fired on. Intermittent shelling throughout the morning and at 0445 37 shells were fired over Regimental area. No casualties. Brig. Gen. Kelly of 13 <sup>th</sup> Cavalry Brigade visited and inspected the front line looking for suitable ground for cavalry to pass through the wire. Lieut A.B. Gollan returned from leave and Capt O'Halloran arrived from Sheyreh.	H.C.A.
	29/7/18		at 0230 an enemy patrol opened fire on VAUX post and retired after exchange of shots. 9 <sup>th</sup> A.L.H. Regt sent one squadron about 1000 yards in front of our wire with the idea of capturing the enemy patrol which attacked our posts. One Turk was killed but remainder escaped.	H.C.A.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
WADI. AUJAH ABU TELLUL	30/7/18		<p>The day was much as usual. In aerial fighting two enemy planes were driven down. Maj. Gen. Hodgson visited the front line trenches. Asst. Commissioner Goward of Australian Comforts Fund called to see C.O. The squadron of 9<sup>th</sup> A. L. H. Regt. again took up a position in front of our line and made another endeavour to capture Turkish patrol. No sign of enemy.</p>	H.C.A.
	31/7/18		<p>Very quiet day. Enemy did not commence to shell until 1400. Two men were killed today. Cap<sup>t</sup> O'Halloran left for Shezueh. Lt J.G. Finlay and 41 reinforcements marched in from Moascar. Our guns commenced shelling at night in order to harass the enemy. The squadron of 9<sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt again went out but did not come in contact with the enemy.</p>	H.C.A.

*Thos Goddard  
Corporal*

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	Increase	Decrease	off	O/R	Total
June 30th			25	432	457
July 1st		3 O/R to Hosp	25	429	454
2	1 O/R from F.A.	Lieut J.G. Finlay & 2 O/R to Hosp.	24	428	452
3		3 O/R to Hosp	24	425	449
4		6 O/R to Hosp	24	419	443
5		1 O/R to A.I.F. Hqdqrs. 1 O/R to attached	24	417	441
6	1 O/R from Moascar	1 O/R to Hosp	24	417	441
7		2 O/R to Hosp	24	415	439
8			24	415	439
9			24	415	439
10	8 O/R from Moascar	3 O/R to Hosp	24	420	444
11		4 O/R to Hosp	24	416	440
12	1 O/R from F. Amb.		24	417	441
13		2 O/R to Hosp	24	415	439
14		1 O/R to Hosp	24	414	438
15		5 O/R to Hosp	24	409	433
16		4 O/R to Hosp	24	405	429
17		7 O/R to Hosp	24	398	422
18		1 O/R to Hosp	24	397	421
19		2 O/R wounded to Hospital	24	395	419
20		Lieut W. C. Palmer & 2 O/R to 5th Mtd Bde			
		1 O/R to Hosp	23	392	415
21	2/Lieut A. B. C. Hammersley & 21 O/R from Moascar		24	412	436
22	1 O/R from Moascar	2 O/R to Hospt.	24	411	435
23		1 O/R to Hosp	24	410	434
24		6 O/R to Hosp	24	404	428
25		2 O/R to Hosp	24	402	426
26			24	402	426
27	31 O/R from Moascar		24	434	458
28	Lieut W. C. Palmer & 2 O/R from 13th Cavy. Bde.	2 O/R to Hosp.	25	434	459
29		10 O/R to 3rd Bde Band, 2 O/R to Cadet Unit, 1 O/R to A.M.D.			
		3 O/R to Rest Camp	25	418	443
30		1 O/R to Hosp			
		2 O/R to Rest Camp	25	415	440
31	2 O/R from R. G. Jerusalem		25	417	442

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No 86	Sergt	Redshaw	E. R.	Wounded in Action	18-7-18
444	"	Meredith	W.	Wounded in Action	18-7-18
1721	Tpr	McCormick	C. R.	Killed in Action	31-7-18
794	Tpr	Dwyer	M.	Killed in Action	31-7-18
2220	Tpr	Morgan	C. E.	Wounded in Action & Remaining on Duty	26-7-18

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Lieut A. W. M. Thompson M. C.	From School of Inst Richon	8-7-18
Lieut E. F. Richardson	" " " "	"
3041 Tpr Hickey J.	" " " (Batman)	"
1577 Tpr Gorard E.	" " " (Groom)	"
2932 Tpr Doust A. H.	" " " (Batman)	"
2/Lieut S. Gwynne D. C. M.	" " El Arish	15-7-18
3667 Tpr Rodwell L. A.	" " " (Batman)	"
656 Cpl Hiscox H. F.	" " " "	18-7-18
2953 Tpr Snythe A. W.	" Cookery School Alexandria	26-7-18
648 TySgt Butt E. E.	" Gas School Rafa	30-7-18
Lieut H. M. Macnee D. C. M.	" Imp. School of Inst Zietoun	1-7-18
3483 Tpr Brooks H. A.	" " " "	"

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1601 Sig Jones R.	Imp. School of Inst Zietoun	6-7-18
2995 Sig Duff T.	" " " "	"
3366 Tpr Newman E. R.	Cookery School Lsmailia	9-7-18
2/Lieut C. J. McWhirter M. W.	Jun. off's School Richon	12-7-18
3115 Tpr Fletcher D. R.	" " " (Batman)	"
3672 Tpr Warburton P. E.	" " " (Groom)	"
648 TySgt Butt E. E.	Gas School Rafa	17-7-18
2/Lieut C. D. Foulkes-Taylor	Cavalry School Richon	20-7-18
3261 Tpr Debnam G. A.	" " (Batman)	"
3193 Tpr Skuthorpe W. S.	" " (Groom)	"
1600 Tpr John D.	Signal School Beit Jala	"
2986 Tpr McSwaine E.	" " " "	"
Lieut H. R. Kingdon	Imp. School of Inst Zietoun	25-7-18
3409 Tpr Armstrong J.	" " " (Batman)	"
1018 L/Cpl Hamilton R. G.	Scouts School El Arish	"
3428 Tpr Cadd C. E.	" " " (Batman)	"
Lieut J. K. Iyall M. C.	" " " "	"
3063 Tpr Moriarty E. W.	Cookery School Alexandria	29-7-18

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