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10TH LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT For OCTOBER 1918

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10th A.L. H. Regt. Original ES/11

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DAMASCUS.	11/10/18.		<u>Operations Continued</u> at 0400 the 10th Regt was detailed to take up the duties of Advance Guard to the Brigade with orders to push out to the ALEPPO road which leads out of DAMASCUS in a N.E. direction and to get astride it near DUMA. Sheet Syria - Beirut 250000. Sq F. 2. Regt moved out at 0500 "C" Sqdn under Major Timperley as Vanguard "A" Sqdn in support and "B" Sqdn in reserve. The track from Hironas area to DUMAR Rd. was very rough and steep and the Advance Guard was not formed up until the Regt had watered and reached DUMAR village Sq. E. 2. The Advance troops then pushed on at the trot to DUMAR railway station where a troop train loaded with troops but without an engine was standing in the station. On the main road immediately opposite the station about 800 Turks were formed up. These with the troops on the train threw up their hands when called upon to do so by Lt. G. J. McGregor M.C. who with troops was advancing with drawn swords. A small guard was placed over the prisoners and the advance resumed but was soon checked on account of the road being blocked for several hundred yards by dead and wounded Turks and	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DAMASCUS	1/10/18		Operations Continued Germans, stock, transport animals, and abandoned transport and equipment of all kinds with which the road was thickly strewn as the M.G. cars were playing on the road and played ^{made} havoc with a column that was trying to escape. "A" Sqdn were sent forward dismounted to assist in clearing the road. The advance was delayed here for about 45 minutes. A further ^{batch of} prisoners mostly German were captured in a stone house by the River. The total captures along this road included 2 batteries of Field Guns 1 battery of Mountain Guns 1 battery of Galling machine guns and a motor car. As speed was essential only two of the field guns and the motor car were marked 10th A.L.H.R. On entering DAMASCUS huge cosmopolitan crowds were rushing about cheering and firing rifles. Major Olden who was riding with the advanced troops was met by an arab representative who conducted the column to the arab Municipal chamber where AMIR SAID who had taken over the city the previous day from JEMAL PASHA formally surrendered DAMASCUS. AMIR SAID detailed the chief of the Gendarmerie to guide the column to the N.E. road where our objective lay. Pushing through	

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10th A.L. 2nd Regt.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DAMASCUS	1/10/18.		The crowded streets the populace gave every indication of their great joy at the occupation of the city by British troops. The troops were sprayed from the balconies with champagne, perfumes, rose leaves & confetti. On leaving the city through the suburb AMARA information was received that a force of Germans were holding a bridgehead where the WADI MARABA crosses the main road. By Fz. about 4 miles SW of DUMA. Major ROEN with advanced troops pushed forward to clear up the situation which gradually developed into an attack by the whole Regt. "C." Sqdn were on the right flank, A. Sqdn in centre and B. Sqdn on left. The enemy after a determined resistance in which Machine Guns played a large part was forced back and B. Sqdn who had swung well out to the left and behind the village of DUMA By Fz captured 81 officers and 452. opr. with 37 Machine guns. The prisoners were sent to the rear under 1 troop as escort and the Machine guns destroyed. C. Sqdn on the right of the road captured 2 Machine Guns and 12 prisoners. The enemy were pursued to KHAN KUSSEIR where they made another attempt to hold up our advance. This position was soon captured and yielded.	

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KHAN KUSSEIR

50 prisoners 39 of whom were Germans. The work of C. Lyden on the right and stoop of A. Lyden under Lt Rose resulted in the enemy left flank being driven in and he was forced to leave the road and take to the hills. It was then seen that he had a force of about 1500. A determined attempt was made to seize the pass above KUBBETH SAFIR Sq G. 2 through which the enemy column must proceed, but a strong rearguard with approx 20 M.G.'s who held KHAN AYASH a strong fortress covered their retreat. Several attempts were made to force this position but without field guns it was not possible. The rear of the enemy column was considerably harassed by pursuit and by M.G. fire and more prisoners both German and Turk. were captured. At 1900 the Regt concentrated and returned to bivouac at KHAN KUSSEIR reaching that place about 2200. where B.H.Q. had camped.

KHAN KUSSEIR

2/10/18

At 0630 orders were received to saddle up and stand to and at 0800 the Regt was ordered out to support the 9th A. L. H. Regt. who were in touch with about 1200 enemy attempting to retire Northwards. The Regt moved out at a very fast pace to the vicinity of KHAN AYASH but the enemy had already realized the hopelessness of his position and surrendered. Orders were

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
KHAN AYASH Sq F2	2/10/18		received to occupy and hold the pass and 'A' Sqdn was sent in to hold the hills covering the road. 'B' Squadron was sent to reconnoitre Eastwards and 'C' Sqdn held in reserve. At 1730 the 8 th A. L. H. Regt reported to relieve this Regt and on completion of relief this Regt marched back to bivouac at KHAN KUSSEIR.	
	3/10/18 4/10/18.		Camped all day at KHAN KUSSEIR and at night two troops of 'A' Sqdn were sent out as local protection. At 0900 'C' Sqdn marched out to report to D. H. Q. A.M.O. DAMASCUS for duty in the town. At 1500 the remainder of the Regt marched out with the Bde to a camp site S.W. of DAMASCUS. This was a dusty uncomfortable ride through portion of the city and along the road towards KATANA. At 1930 the Brigade bivouacked by the roadside until morning.	<i>CA</i>
	5/10/18.		'A' Sqdn was detailed at 0600 to proceed at once to MEZZE Sq. F.3. to report to A/A.P.M. to guard prisoners of war. At 0800 the Regt less the two detached Sqdns resumed the march with the Brigade and at 0930 reached the bivouac site - a bare shelterless plain near EL MAUDHAMIYE. Sq. E3. The remainder of the day was spent in making a camp.	<i>CA</i>
EL MAUDHAMIYE	6/10/18		Further improvements were made to the camp but at 1500 orders were received for the Regt with two Sqdns 8 th L.H. attached (to replace our 2 detached Sqdns)	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>6/10/18.</i>			<i>to move out to KAUKAB and take over the Prisoner of War Compound there. The column arrived at KAUKAB about 1900 but as the then P/W Compound Major BAILEY had no instructions re relief the taking over was postponed until morning and the Regt bivouacked for the night.</i>	<i>CH</i>
<i>KAUKAB Sq. E. 3.</i>	<i>7/10/18.</i>		<i>Took over guard over P/W from 2 Sqdns 4 ALH Regt and 1 Sqdn of 11th ASA Regt under Major BAILEY. Reliefs completed by midday. Prisoners of war area in a very insanitary state - dead and dying lying around everywhere and receiving no attention. About 14000 prisoners were taken over and divided into 3 groups each group being put in charge of a Sq. dwn. Rations poor and no provision made for cooking. No drugs, or bandages for sick and wounded of whom about 3000 urgently required medical attention. 4 enemy doctors had been taken from among the officers for work in the compound but none spoke English and there were no interpreters. The doctors were helpless without drugs or bandages. The work of burying the dead and of cleaning up the filth was pushed on at all speed and gangs of prisoners were organized under their own</i>	

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10 A. L. H. Regt.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>KAUKAB</i>	<i>7/10/18.</i>		<i>N.C.O's, supervised by our men, to assist in the clearing up. The total of dead buried the first day was 69 but this in a couple of days increased to 170. All day all hands worked with a will but the task assumed giant proportions as the P/W were so callous of the sufferings of their fellow prisoners that they allowed their sick friends to die untended and without water though a stream runs through the compound. During the day Major Erskine Jackson H.Q. A.M.D. visited the compound and conferred with Col Todd re the bettering of the conditions.</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
	<i>8/10/18.</i>		<i>Still battling under difficulties to improve the conditions. 5 Turkish Cooks were received and immediately utilized for making soup for the sick. Prisoners included nearly 1000 Officers who were gradually evacuated by returning motor lorries to SEMAKH & HEULE. Lt Eruse was placed in charge of road evacuation work. Majority of motor lorries going S were already loaded with British sick from DAMASCUS. 4 Water troughs and 4 pumps were erected along the stream for use of P/W and to help to prevent the pollution of the water supply, as the prisoners seemed ignorant of the most elementary laws of hygiene.</i>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
KARKAB			at 1200 B Sqdn marched in from DAMASCUS and during the afternoon received B Sqdn of the 8 th L. A. Regt who were guarding No 2 group. A party was sent out to collect petrol drums (30gal) and returned with 18. Daily report sent in stressing the urgency of the need of blankets, drugs, and disinfectants. During the day 762 Turkish Officers and 598 of ranks were sent in to the compound. These were received under protest as the camp was already greatly congested. Evacuations to the JORDAN. Wn.	HA
	10/10/18		Work of organization continued. 2 Interpreters were received from Basra and proved of great assistance. A dismounted party of 10 off and 50 men reported from SEMAKH to do the escorting on motor lorries and allow the Regt to conserve its members for administrative work. Lt Col G. J. Toda DSO was appointed Commandant P/W DAMASCUS area. A Sqdn reported back from MEZZE Compound and next morning received H Sqdn of 8 th L. A. as guard over No 3 group. Divisional escort troop returned. Lieut W. HITTALL. Div Interrogation Officer and 2 interpreters marched in. P/W rations now fairly satisfactory, but drugs, blankets and disinfectants urgently required. 109 Sheep were requisitioned locally under instructions from Basra.	HA
	11/10/18			

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10th F. L. A. Regt.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	11/10/18.		General SHEA. GOC 60 th Division visited the camp and remained the night. Two syrian doctors T. JEREISATI + O. SA'ADEH who were captured in the Turkish Hospital JENIN when the Regt captured that place, reported in for duty among P/W. Received orders from Brigade to be ready for an early move.	A
	12/10/18.		A place for P/W hospital was selected in the village of ARTUZ and big parties of P/W were set to work cleaning out the building and improvising a roof. Accommodation was made for 500 patients.	A
	13/10/18.		3 buildings in ARTUZ were cleaned out and filled with fever patients. 15000 tabs of quinine were received. These were delivered by Major COATES of HQps. DESCORPS who visited the compound to confer with Col. Todd. A scheme for the evacuation of 1000 P/W daily by road was drafted and sent to Descorps for approval.	A
	14/10/18.		Rations now very good. 25000 loaves bread $\frac{1}{2}$ ton Dr. Apricots 49 Sheep 8 bags lentils, 1 bag salt and fresh vegetables. During the day 36000 rations comprising 375 cases meat and 720 cases biscuits were received at compound as a reserve ration.	A

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10th F. L. H. Regt

65/10

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HAUKAS	15/10/18.		500 Sick P/W now accommodated in temporary hospitals and the daily death rate steadily decreasing. 30 Cavalry P/W marched out to lead sick horses from M.V.S. to NAZARETH. 43 P/W were sent in by the Sherifian forces. These had been collected in the DAMASCUS hospitals and were in a very weak emaciated condition, poorly clad and with no blankets.	A
	16/10/18.		Lt A.R. Strutton took a party of P/W six miles along the road towards DAMASCUS and buried all dead bodies by the roadside. Lt WHITTALL and interpreters commenced on making nominal rolls of dead P/W. All P/W were ordered to label themselves before night or no issue of soup would be forthcoming. This will enforce the wearing of identity discs as not 2% of the prisoners are carrying discs.	A
	17/10/18.		Medical comforts consisting of 10 lbs Tea 80 lbs Sugar and 1 case milk were received for P/W. Permission was granted to evacuate 6000 P/W by road in batches of 1000 daily. 15 Reinforcements marched in from MOSCOW.	A
	18/10/18.		First batch of 1000 P/W were evacuated by road. These were taken from Nes Groups and had been organized into parties each of 100 under their own N.C.O.s. The thousands were watered and rationed with two days supplies and handed over to escort furnished by 8 th Regt by 0700. 19 Reinforcements were received from remount depots.	A

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10th A/LH Regt

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
KARAKAB	19/10/18		2 nd batch of 1000 P/W were evacuated by road. These were taken over by an escort furnished by the 5 th A/LH Bde. Lt Fg McGregor MC was sent in to DAMASCUS to visit all sick of this Regt and to see that they were supplied with any requirements that were procurable. Notification was received that nine military medals had been awarded to members of this Regt. List in Appendix III. Hon Capt R. A. Cupron FT was promoted Hon Major dated 10/6/18.	
	20/10/18		3 rd Party of 1000 P/W were evacuated by road and handed over to escorting party, with water bottles filled and with 48 hours rations before 0400. A number of canvas sheets for roofing the hospital and a number of enamel pots for use in hospital were supplied.	
	21/10/18		4 th Party of 1000 P/W marched out and were handed over to escort supplied by 5 th A/LH Bde. 50 sick P/W were evacuated from temporary hospital to Turkish Barracks Hospital DAMASCUS. Arrangements were made to form a quarantine camp in which to receive all P/W sent to the Compound from Hospitals.	

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10th A.L.H. Regt

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Kaukab	22/18		A party of 1000 P/W were marched out and handed over to escort furnished by 3rd L.A. Bde. Later in the day orders were received that no more parties were to be evacuated by road. An arab commission reported during the day and picked out all arabs from among other P/W with a view to their ultimate release. 50 sick P/W were sent to hospital in DAMASCUS. During the day the Corps Commander (Lieut. Gen Sir H.G. Chauvel K.C.B. K.C.M.G.) visited and inspected the camp and seemed astonished at the change brought about in the conditions of the compound. A congratulatory letter was sent next day to Col. Todd and copies are appended Appendix V.	H
	23/18		No P/W were evacuated during the day. A disinfecter sent out yesterday from DAMASCUS was set working in the temporary hospital. A party of officers was sent round the adjacent villages to see what accommodation could be secured as the P/W are without shelter in the event of rain. On receiving their report that sufficient shelter could not be obtained a request for captured enemy tents was resubmitted and stressed.	H
	24/18		No evacuations except to Hospital. All arrangements for administration working smoothly and well.	H

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
KAUKAB	25/11/18		A second hospital was established at the village of TURIE. Work and routine much as usual. 50 Turkish sick evacuated to Damascus hospital. During the day a Zionist Committee reported and was granted permission to go among the prisoners and get the names of all Jews. Rain commenced in the morning and continued steadily all day, making things very uncomfortable for all hands. (A)	
	26/10/18		D.A.G. & D.M.S. of G.H.Q. visited the camp and conferred with the Commandant who urged that evacuation by road should recommence in order that the compound might be cleared before the rainy season set in. Approval was given for the evacuation of 500 P/W daily by train from KISWE Station. 3 rd LHBde less 10 th Regt marched out en route to HOMS. 50 P/W were evacuated to hospital DAMASCUS. (A)	
	27/10/18		1 st party of 500 P/W were marched to KISWE Station and entrained. Escort from Worcester Yeomanry took over P/W on the train. 6 Reinforcements marched in from Moascar. C. Sydn and 2 troops of A Sydn marched out to DAMASCUS to take over guards & garrison of DAMASCUS. Lt WHITTALL and interpreter rejoined Div. A.G. (A)	- OCT 1918

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10th F.L.H. Regt. 651/14

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
HAUKAB	28/10/18.		2 nd Party of 500 P/W were evacuated by rail from KISWE Station. Owing to escort from DAMASCUS missing the train our escort had to go on with prisoners to SEMAKH. Total of P/W buried today was only 8. This is the lowest yet but very soon it will be Nil. Staff Captain of 11 th Bde 4 th Div. reported to be shown the detail of duties required as 11 th Bde relieve this Regt very shortly. 2 nd Lt J. A. Brown & 9 reinforcements marched in	PT
	29/10/18.		Instructions to evacuate 500 P/W by rail were cancelled. The only evacuations for the day were 50 sick to Hospital. An officer of JACOBS HORSE reported in to learn the routine of the camp and was sent the following	
	30/10/18		morning with the 3 rd party of 500 P/W for evacuation by rail from KISWE Station. JACOBS HORSE Regt reported in about midday and took over the compound. Relief completed by 1500. A clean sanitary camp with plentiful cooking accommodation and ample accommodation for the sick and the daily death toll reduced to Zero was handed over & the Regt moved out at 1530 en route to Homs. Bivouacked near	PT
	31/10/18		MAUDHAM. Moved on again at 0730 and picked up detached 1 st Bde in DAMASCUS. Passed through DAMASCUS and reached Bivouac area KHAN KUSSEIR at 1530. Bivouacked for the night	PT

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SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION.Marched Out

No 1022 Sergt Hay J.V. to officers Cadet Unit Zeitoun 21-10-18
 No 296 S.Q.M.S. Knight E.N. " " " " "
 (Australian Engineers) "

31-10-18

Thos Podd
 Lieut Col.
 C.O. 10th A.L.H. Regiment

CASUALTIES

Lieut C.D. Foulkes Taylor M.C.	Wounded in action and remaining on Duty	1-10-1918
3609 Tpr Nordstrum J.J.	" " "	"
1178 Ty Corpl Langdon W.J.	Wounded in Action	"
779 Tpr Ashton F.B.	Wounded in Action	"
2828 Tpr Watt D.K.	Wounded in Action	"
3122 Tpr McClymans M.	Wounded in Action	"
50537 Tpr Gibson H.E.	Wounded in Action	"
894 Tpr Smith A.R.	Wounded in Action	"

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HONOURS AND AWARDS

No 400 Sergt Finlay D.H.	MILITARY MEDAL
1314 L/Cpl Craig B.M.	MILITARY MEDAL
1438 Tpr Sarre T	MILITARY MEDAL
726 Tpr Green Z	MILITARY MEDAL
1382 Tpr Edwards J.R.	MILITARY MEDAL
236 L/Cpl Beard E.G.	MILITARY MEDAL
359 Ty Cpl McKenna J	MILITARY MEDAL
1170 Ty Cpl Fraser C.P.E.	MILITARY MEDAL
1434 Tpr Spillman W.J.	MILITARY MEDAL

Corps, Divisional, Brigade Commanders and C.O. convey congratulations to Recipients:- (Authy. Bde Wire B.M. 423 17-10-1918)

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 C.O. 10th A.L.H. Regiment

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PRISONERS OF WAR COMPOUND

This Camp with its huge number of prisoners totalling about 17000, became the next care of the Regiment on October 7th, and the Herculean nature of the task, the indescribable conditions prevailing at its commencement, and the subsequent results in which the organizing and administrative ability of Lieut Col T.J. Todd D.S.O. shone out at its very highest, make a story of which the 10th A.L.H. Regiment might well be proud, and a record of which should certainly be preserved.

Briefly, and without drawing upon the imagination, the facts are, that the Regiment arrived to find these countless thousands in a condition of despair, starvation, and disease, with death taking its large daily toll, and departed a few weeks later leaving these same thousands healthy, well fed, well clothed, and in cleanly surroundings who cried like children with grief at our departure, and kissed the hands and feet of their erst-while warders. This result, as Col. Todd's daily reports will show, was not attained by sitting down Micawber-like and waiting for "something to turn up". Speeding up of all hands, and as far as possible, of Higher Authority was urgently necessary to prevent the Compound from becoming and remaining a terrible blot on the British conquest of SYRIA, and, as subsequent events proved, this task could not have been put in better hands than Lieut Col T.J. Todd's. In a masterly persistent manner, he immediately set about to bang on the doors of those who controlled supplies of food, clothing, fuel and Medical and Sanitary equipment, whilst at the same time utilising the labour of his own men and many of the healthy prisoners in transforming the ~~xxxx~~ compound into a place fit for Human habitation. He took possession of portion of the village of ARTUZ hitherto unoccupied, and in a very short space of time, had built a large roomy Hospital in which a daily average of 500 patients were tended and nursed. In this he was ably assisted by two captured Syrian Medical Officers, Drs Yusef Jereisati and Osman Saaden, who worked with untiring energy the whole time. This effort must be held responsible for the saving of hundreds of lives, as a glance at the daily death rate will show. On our taking over the Compound, the average daily number of deaths was 170 and on our departure, this was reduced to Nil.

Of course, one cannot claim that this was entirely the result of our efforts, but certainly a large portion of it was.

Another Hospital was later established in the village of JUNIE, nearly which also accommodated about 500 patients. The prisoners, apart from the Hospital patients, were divided into three equal groups, each group under the control of a Squadron of the Regiment. Three groups of soup kitchens were built from stone mud and petrol Drums and each of these had its own cooking staff with an interpreter attached. Each morning the respective groups were formed up and marched to the brook where they filled their water bottles, and then out to their "day camps" where they remained amusing themselves by card playing, buying and selling, and various other ways until, about 1530 in the afternoon. They were then ~~xxx~~ marched back and paraded to their kitchen where they were issued with a hot evening meal such as they never dreamt of in their lives before, and then back to their night camp, nappy and contented.

The Corps Commander (General Sir H.G. Chauvel) paid a visit to the Compound on October 22nd and spent a considerable time inspecting the whole of it in addition to the Regiment. He expressed himself as delighted with the change that had taken place, and a day or so later sent a most cordial congratulatory letter to Lieut Col Todd expressing his extreme pleasure at the efforts of the Colonel and all ranks under his Command. On our handing over the Compound to the relieving Regiment, several very touching scenes and incidents occurred, not the least of the being a presentation in the form of a letter from the Mukhtars of the surrounding villages, expressing sorrow at our departure, and gratitude at the kindly and just treatment the Arab population had received at our hands.

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Commandant
Prisoners of War Compound
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I wish to express my extreme gratification at the very changed conditions existing in the Prisoners of War Compound Karkab today, as compared with the state of affairs on my last visit.

I consider that it is entirely due to your efforts that such a clean camp now exists.

The prisoners themselves seem perfectly happy and content, which would appear to be due to the thorough arrangements you have made with regard to the provision of food. I shall be obliged, therefore, if you will kindly convey my appreciation to all Officers and other Ranks of the 10th Australian Light Horse Regiment for the work they have performed under your Command since your appointment as Commandant Prisoners of War Compound Karkab.

I would also like to add that I was very pleased indeed with the Hospital, and I consider that the success of this Hospital is to a large extent, due to the fine efforts of the two captured SYRIAN DOCTORS, Captain YOSEPH JEREISATI and Captain OSMAN SAADEH.

22-10-1918

(Sgd) H.G. Chauvel Lieutenant General
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