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| ES-SALT | 2/4/18 | | <p>Ref. Map East of Jordan Composite ES-SALT.</p> <p>Moved to arms at 0415. Detailed officers patrol (Major W. Brooks DSO) & Lieut Greaves to patrol our left flank. This patrol left camp at 0530 & returned at 0900 & reported as per Appendix I. Received orders at 1200 that column will be withdrawing to SHADAT-NIM RIN (foothills) tonight as per Appendix II.</p> <p>Detailed Patrol of 1 officer (Lieut. Bennett) & NCOs & 12 men to patrol W of ES-SALT at 1630 & when this is completed to divide into 3 posts to frequent ARSENİYET road there, posts to rejoin rear guard as column moves down road tonight. Detailed 4 Mtd. Orderlies from 4 Sqdn to report to Capt. Anderson & Coy 2/4 Batta at 1800. 3rd Lt. Regt is to cover the withdrawal of the Infantry, the Infantry to withdraw from their line at 1900 & Regt. to move at 2100. Moved at 2100 in rear of Inf. column. 6th Sqdn. (Capt. Clarke) doing rear guard. We marched all night & halted at 0400 & units along WADI ARSENİYET & fed up. 1 Turkish prisoner passed to 179 Bde. gave himself up.</p> | I II |
| WADI ARSENİYET | 2/4/18 | | <p>Ref. Map East of JORDAN Composite ES-SALT.</p> <p>After feeding up, column moved on again at 0515 & arrived at edge of JORDAN VALLEY at 0630 where Regt. halted while Adj. (Lieut. Bean) went forward to get into touch with 1st B. Hq. as had instructions to rejoin Bde. Received orders that all troops were withdrawing from E to W side of RIVER JORDAN commencing at 1400 & leaving Bridges Head only on E. side & 3rd. Regt. was detailed to do night flank guard along foothills to Bde as they withdrew.</p> <p>Swobell Lieut.-Col. Commanding 3rd L.H. Regt.</p> | - APR 1918 E 1/11 |

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| River Jordan | 4/4/18 | 4:30 | <p>Withdrawal started at 1200 & 3rd Regt. crossed to W bank of River at 1245 & moved to bivouac area just S of GHORANIYEH - JERICHO road & 2 miles from JORDAN. B. Regt. (Lt. Brumpton) rejoined Regt. at 12:30 today and reported as per Appendix III.</p> <p>Many places were seen throughout the JORDAN VALLEY at 07:30 but did not see any near 3rd Regt. camp.</p> <p>Ref. Map PALESTINE Sheet XVIII & East of JORDAN Composite E.S. SALT.</p> <p>Received orders that Bde. would move to E side of JORDAN this morning & this independently to take over Bridge Head from 150th Inf. Bde. relief to be completed by 1200. 3rd & 4th Regt. moved from its bivouac area at 1100 & marched across RIVER JORDAN by Barrel Bridge at GHORANIYEH & bivouaced 400 yds. N of bridge & 300 yds. from River on E side. We are Brigade reserve the line being held by 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Regts with 5th Regt. attached to support. 1st & 2nd Regts inspected line held at 1800 today so that will be acquainted with line if we have to reinforce same. Posted post of 1400 & 2 on a track running through dense scrub up river behind Bivouac Area to guard rear from anyone creeping down through scrub. Watched Regt. in WADI WILHAIN during afternoon & also watched them down. Capt. C. N. Griffin MC & 1000 returned from detachment for duty to both Div HQs. Sgt. Davies (C. Coy) & 1800 returned from detachment for duty C.R.E. Mujac. 4th Division. Hunters were ordered to withdraw to W bank of River tonight & bivouac there this being done at 1930.</p> | <p>III</p> |
| River Jordan | 4/4/18 | 4:30 | <p>Ref. Map East of Jordan Composite E.S. SALT.</p> <p>Bivouac in Bivouac area during day. Horses of 1st Div grazing.</p> <p>Geo Bell Hunt-Capt. Commanding 3rd L.H. Regt.</p> | <p>APR 1918</p> <p>E.W.D.</p> |

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| RIVER JORDAN | 4/4/18 | 2.30 | <p>during morning. Disinfecting of many clothing carried out during afternoon at Steam Disinfecter in Bde Area. Bakers delivered in Regt Area at 1700 by 1st Coy Camels. Detailed 1 N.C.O. & 6 men to keep watering troughs full while Bde is watering.</p> <p>Ref. Map East of Jordan Composite ES-SALT.</p> <p>Detailed working party of 50 offrs to report to O.C. N.Z. Field Troop at BHORAN. 1 Veh Bridge to make emergency crossing over river so that horses can swim across if necessary. Detailed party of 7 offrs to fill watering troughs while Bde is watering. Disinfecting carried out at Steam Disinfecter in parties of 12. at intervals of 1 hour throughout day. 10 off (Capt Kelly) & 14 offrs arrived from RICH on Details & were taken on the strength of Regt. also 15 horses (Crutings)</p> | |
| RIVER JORDAN | 6/4/18 | 2.30 | <p>Ref. Map East of Jordan Composite ES-SALT.</p> <p>Detailed working party of 50 offrs to report to O.C. N.Z. Field Troop at BHORAN. 1 Veh bridge at 0730. B.O. reconnoitred ground on W Bank of river near BHORAN. 1 Veh bridge with Brigade Major (Mr. A. Christophers) & Capt. G. J. Derrington to pick out defensive positions for a covering force in case of a withdrawal from E of JORDAN.</p> | |
| RIVER JORDAN | 7/4/18 | 2.30 | <p>Ref. Map East of Jordan Composite ES-SALT.</p> <p>The Church Parade held during morning near WADI NIMRIN. O.P. Church Parade held in same place at 1600. 6 offrs & 2 lumberers arrived from BETHLEHEM details at 1130. B. Capt. (Mr. G. B. Derrington) went across RIVER JORDAN on to W. Bank to take up defensive position covering E Bank near BHORAN. 1 Veh Bridge. Menal Regiment of 1 N.C.O. & 6 men posted on road N of A. Sqdn. Bivouac Area & running up river.</p> <p>G. W. Bell - Capt. Commanding 1st. L. H. Regt</p> | |

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| RIVER JORDAN | 8/4/18 | | <p>Ref Map East of Jordan Composite ES-SALT Detailed working party of 1 off 840 ops to report to Capt Stoneruff RE at GHORAN IVH Bridge at 1500. Detailed 6 troops, 3 A. Sqdn. to report to 1st L.H. Regt. as working party to put up Barbed Wire etc. & a similar party of 3 troops from C. Sqdn. to report to 2nd L.H. Regt. for same work. The horses of these working parties were brought back to bivouac area from grazing. Major J. Brooks DSO President of F&CM. in lines of 2nd L.H. Regt.</p> | |
| RIVER JORDAN | 9/4/18 | 213 | <p>Ref Map East of Jordan Composite ES-SALT Detailed 2 troops of C. Sqdn. to report to 1st L.H. Regt. at 0800 as working party to erect wire etc. & detailed 2 troops of C. Sqdn. to report to 2nd L.H. Regt. for similar duty. C.O. with 2 troops under Capt. J. J. Bigg (A. Sqdn.) did a patrol towards SHANET NIMRIN leaving camp at 1400 & were fired on by enemy M.C. from ridge 400 yds. W of SHANET NIMRIN & at a distance of 1000 yds. Patrol was also shelled by a long range gun said to be at a 7 1/2" gun. Patrol captured 2 Turkeys, 3 horses, & 1 white, casualty for the day Nil.</p> | |
| RIVER JORDAN | 10/4/18 | 213 | <p>Ref Map East of Jordan Composite ES-SALT. The Adjutant (Lieut. A. Hean) proceeded to Cairo on special duty. The Regiment remained in bivouac area & grazing was carried out during morning. C.O. went out to F.O.C. to observe shooting on enemy gun positions by our Heavy Battery. £100 of goods purchased from A.I.F. Canten, and distributed among the members of Regt. Pay drawn from B.H. & paid out.</p> | |
| | | | <p>Geo Bell Lieut. Col. Commanding 1st L.H. Regt.</p> | |

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| RIVER JORDAN | 11/4/18 | | <p>Ref. Map Jordan Compositio Es-SALT.</p> <p>Regt stood to arms at 0400. At 0430 heavy machine gun fire was heard and a report was received from B.H.Q. that enemy were attacking bridge head defences and that Regt would be ready to move at short notice. The enemy attack developed on front of 2000 yards along Wadi Nimrin and in front of sector held by 2nd Regt and about the centre of Bridge Head defences. The attack was checked at the outset, the enemy advance having come under our Machine Gun fire close to the wire, heavy casualties being inflicted. The enemy did not press the attack with determination though he continued to bring heavy fire to bear on our advanced defences until 1000. Enemy's strength estimated 1000 men. The B.C. reported to B.H.Q. and received orders to move the Regt out through line held by 2nd L.H. Regt and operate on the enemy's right and gain information as per Appendix IV.</p> <p>12 Turkish Prisoners were taken. Our casualties being 10 killed & 10 of R. wounded. Horses 14 killed 21 wounded. 1 Regt returned to bivouac area at 1630. Capt. R.A. Mayall reported to B.H.Q. for duty as A/Staff Captain. Lieut Kemetto reported to 2nd L.H. Regt as liaison officer. Situation as last night with alterations as per Appendix V.</p> | <p>IV - APR 1918</p> |
| | | | <p>Geo Bill Hunt - Col. Commanding 2nd L.H. Regt</p> | |

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| RIVER JORDAN | 12/4/18 | | <p>Ref. Map Jordan Composite ES-SALT.</p> <p>CO reported to 1st Bn at 0600 & received orders that Regt would move out as soon as A & B Sqdns were concentrated in area from their detached posts. Regt moved out on reconnoissance towards SHUNET NIMRIN under orders given personally by Lt Col 1st Lt. H. Bde. at 0800 with instructions to gain touch with the enemy who had withdrawn from the immediate front of our positions during the night and early morning. Patrols had reported all clear for 1 1/2 miles along WADI NIMRIN. B Sqdn (Mr. Harrington) in advance moved in one extended line across the valley their right resting on WADI NIMRIN and their left about No. 6 road, this formation was adopted for the purpose of ensuring that no small posts of enemy were concealed in the thick scrub. The Sqdn leader also had instructions to gain information re the enemy dead lying on the field, also to make careful search for abandoned arms and other war material. A Sqdn (Mr. Dick) moved in support with one sub. sect. of 1st M.G. Bde. C Sqdn & 1 sub. sect. of 1st M.G. Bde. being Regt reserve. Touch was gained with the enemy's rear guard in scrub 1000 yds W of SHUNET NIMRIN, the enemy rear guard withdrew rapidly to the foothills. Our advance guard coming under heavy machine gun fire were checked close to the foothills, at the same time the whole of the Regt came under</p> | |

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| | 12/4/18 | | <p>heavy shrapnel fire from battery of 47 mm. Guns in position just N of SHUNET NIMRIN. The Regt. was also shelled by one enemy gun (4-5) located on Northern slopes of E.L. HADD. Large numbers of the enemy were plainly visible along foothills and it was obvious that their position was being entrenched, estimated number of enemy seen 2000 Infantry also small patrols of Cavalry moving into hills between SHUNET NIMRIN and No. 6 road. Reports were sent to B.H. of our position and enemy strength. The Regt. was withdrawn under instructions from B.H. at 1000 patrols being left to keep in touch with the enemy. The withdrawal was successfully carried out under enemy Artillery fire and the Regt. passed back into GHORAVIYE Bridge-head defences at 1045. Casualties during the reconnaissance were 4 OFR wounded, 2 Horses killed, and 11 Horses wounded. 1 Machine Gunner of No. 4 Section 1st A.M. Co. which was attached to 3rd Regt. was killed. 190 enemy dead were found in the line of our advance on the plain. 6 Prisoners were captured.</p> <p>A Coy. withdrawn from Sumner Bridge-head defences. Maj. J. Brooks D.S.O. with 2 troops patrolled towards SHUNET NIMRIN and sketched enemy trench positions N. & S. of White House. Message was received that Corps Commander had awarded Military Medal to 489 Sgt. Stewart for work done at E.S. S.H. Lt.</p> | |

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| RIVER JORDAN | 13/4/18 | | <p>Ref. Map East of Jordan Composite E.S.S.A.L.T.</p> <p>Day patrol under Lieut. S. K. Ridman sent out towards SHONET N.W. R.N. and another under Lieut. J. T. Riley along No. 6 road. These patrols moved out at 0500. Party of 25 s/As with Lieut. J. Treloar in charge went off at 0500 as funeral party to bury the enemy dead in front of our line. Transport Camels attached to Regt. returned to Camel Transport line. Lieut. J. T. Riley reported back from Cavalry school at LEITOUN.</p> | |
| RIVER JORDAN | 14/4/18 | 4/12 | <p>Ref. Map East of Jordan Composite E.S.S.A.L.T.</p> <p>One Sqn. of Hyderabad Lancers were attached to 5th L.H. Regt. and were met by Maj. Derrington at GHORANIVE Bridge at 0500 and conducted by him to Pivnac area in left sector. Lieut. J. K. Read proceeded to Mouscar to await orders for embarkation to Australia for 4 weeks leave. C.O. visited C.O. 5th L.H. Regt. to arrange to take over sector held by 5th Regt. The three Sqn leaders (Maj. Dick + Derrington + Capt. Clarke) accompanied him. The usual day patrol under Lieut. McDonald + Bennett left camp at 0500. Relieved 5th Regt. in line at 1600 with A. Sqn + B. Sqn. Horses of A. Sqn + C. Sqn returned to reserve area for the night. 10 reinforcements with 10 remounts arrived from ARUN-KARRA at 1900, & were taken on strength.</p> | |
| RIVER JORDAN | 15/4/18 | 4/12 | <p>Ref. Map East of Jordan Composite E.S.S.A.L.T.</p> <p>Usual day patrols under Capt. Clarke + Lieut. Jones left camp at 0500 taking 8 Hyderabad Lancers with each patrol for instruction. 5th L.H. Regt. moved from sector at 0700.</p> <p>Lowell Lieut. Col. commanding 5th L.H. Regt.</p> | |

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| RIVER JORDAN | 15/4/18 | | <p>Divisional Commander was to have presented decorations at 1000 but arrangements were cancelled. Company of A.L.A.W.A. I.S. Infantry arrived in area for attachment to be used on the line to supplement strength. Lieut. J. W. Griffin M.C. returned from Aerial Contact Patrol School at 14th. R. G.C. JUNCTION STATION. Work on trenches & wiring commenced. Lieut. Col. G. J. Bell D.S.O. awarded C.M.B. and messages received conveying congratulations from C in C. Corps & Divisional Commander.</p> | |
| RIVER JORDAN | 16/4/18 | 2 1/2 | <p>Ref. Map East of Jordan Composite E.S. S.A.H.T. Usual officers day patrols moved out from camp at 0200. Divisional Commander inspected line. Lieut. H. E. McDonald with escort met C.R.A. and went out in front to select gun positions. 3 limbers loads of caution goods arrived 6th Regt.</p> | |
| RIVER JORDAN | 17/4/18 | 2 1/2 | <p>Ref. Map East of Jordan Composite E.S. S.A.H.T. Usual officers day patrols supplied with 12 Hyderabad Sanders attached to each. All available men in camp paraded on line at 1000 and the Col. Angus Division presented decorations to Major J. Brook. D.S.O. Lieut. Griffin M.C. Capt. Cunningham M.C. 1st Lt. A. M. G. Linn, 489 1st Lt. Stewart W.M.M. 596 1st Lt. Donovan T.M.M. Messages received that C in C. has awarded the Military Cross to Lieut. Kidman & Lieut. Bennett & congratulations conveyed to Lieut. Col. Commanding 5th L.A. Regt.</p> | |

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| RIVER JORDAN | 18/4/18 | | <p><u>Ref. Map East of Jordan Composite ES-SALT.</u></p> <p>Usual day officis Patrols under Lieut's Long & Griffen & Bennett with 12 Hyderabadancers moved out of Camp at 0500 Progress on trenches & wire continued, working parties supplied by ALAWA Infantry. CO inspected line of 3rd ALAWA Infantry took over left sector from Regt. at 1500 & Regt. concentrated in area. Lieut McDonald reported to C.R.O. to show him enemy's trenches and positions at 1600. CO reported to B.M. at 1800 for C.O. conference. Operations order received from Bde. reference demonstration by A.M.S. 10th Division on SHUNET NIM RIX on 18 & 19th.</p> <p>Sections of MG & Hotchkiss Rifle placed at disposal of Company ALAWA Infantry. Remained in forward area in state of readiness. CO personally issued instructions to Sqn. Leaders for operations. Regt. remained in area ready to move at any time during night. Lieut Long & Bennett with their troops relieved day patrols at 1800 and stayed put all night. One signaller, 2 horses, and 2 Mules arrived for Regt. at 1900.</p> | |
| RIVER JORDAN | 19/4/18 | | <p><u>Ref. Map East of Jordan Composite ES-SALT.</u></p> <p>Regt. standing to at 0400 and remained in readiness to move from 0430. Capt. Clarke with troops under Lieut's Griffen & Bennett relieved night Patrols at 0600. CO B Battery 50th FA Bde attached to 3rd Regt. for operations reported and placed his Battery in readiness on No. 6 road just W of wire entanglements. CO with Sqn. leaders (Maj's Dick & Derrington & Capt. Clarke) visited B.M.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Geo Bell Lieut. Col. Commanding 3rd L.H. Regt</p> | |

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| | 19/4/18 | | to receive orders personally from Col. 1st Bde. to move Regt and demonstrate N.E. along the JORDAN VALLEY and occupy if possible enemy positions at 127, 8, 13d. Report on operations Appendix II Regt withdrew to Luvonac area at 1830 under orders from Bde as per Appendix VII | VI |
| RIVER JORDAN | 20/4/18 | 4.30 | Capt. Blake remained with day patrols to keep in touch with enemy until relieved by 2nd L.H. Regt. patrols at 1930. All Hotchkiss guns and Machine Guns were warned to be prepared to reinforce the 1st Bde Infantry holding the defences. Ref. Map East of Jordan Composite ES-SALT | VII |
| | | | Lieut. Kidman & Riley with 16 of Rk and 8 Hyderabad Lancers each moved out at 0530 and relieved 2nd L.H. Regt's night patrols and were responsible for patrolling and from N. Bank of WADI NIMRIN to JORDAN. Situation reports to 0800 were sent in. Lieut. A. Bean reported back from leave to camp at 1230. Wire was laid out along No. 6 road during afternoon by Bde Sig. Officer to gain touch with the No. 6 road to JORDAN day and night patrols. At 1630 C.O. visited Bde. At 1830 Lieut. Kelly & Creba with 16 of Rk and 8 Hyderabad Lancers each moved out as Night Patrol to relieve Day Patrol & reported in position at 1915. 34 of Ranks & 34 horses arrived from Details at 1830 and were distributed to their respective units of the Regt. | |
| RIVER JORDAN | 21/4/18 | 4.30 | Ref. Map East of Jordan Composite (ES-SALT) 16 of Ranks and 8 Hyderabad Lancers under Lieut. Murray (R. Sqdn) as day patrol left camp at 0430 to relieve Night Patrol No. 6 road to JORDAN & work in conjunction with 4 Armoured Cars in that area. 16 of Ranks & 8 Hyderabad Lancers under Lieut. Kelly Lieut. Col. Commanding 1st L.H. Regt | |

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| RIVER JORDAN | 21/4/18 | 4.12 | <p>(B. Sqdn) moved out at 0530 to relieve Night Patrol SHOMET NIMRIN. 3 half companies, 12 draught horses, 6 drivers under Lieut. Riley with instructions from B.M. proceeded at 0800 to BETHLEHEM to bring details to report. Lt. Maston proceeded at 0930 to RICHON to collect fuel & necessary stores from dump there. Lieut. Gullett, official War Correspondent visited Regt. and inspected War Drains. 1 NCO & 5 of ranks detailed for guard on Reservoir drinking water at 1200 hours of duty. 2nd hours Capt. Baker R.M.O. chlorinated water at 1400 at reservoir. A few Caution stores were collected at 12.5. Lt. H. B. H. at 1500. Night Patrol, 16 of the 88 Hyderabad Lancers under Lieut. Chambers & Gardiner (B. Sqdn) left camp at 1830 and relieved Day Patrols at 1915. Day Patrols returned to byouac area at 2000.</p> <p>Ref. Map East of Jordan Composite ES-SALT.</p> <p>Regt. stood to arms to arms at 0400. At 0515 two troops of B. Sqdn (Lieut. Touss & McDonald) left camp and proceeded to front line & relieved night outpost line. Each troop had attached to it 8 Hyderabad Lancers. Stand down was received at 0530. Night Outpost reported front all clear at 0515 & returned to byouac area upon being relieved by day posts. Major J. Brooks D.S.O. President of Sack Board which sat in line of Lt. H. B. Regt. at 1000. Enemy aeroplane made a reconnaissance of our positions at 1045. Two Troops of B. Sqdn (Lieut. Guffman M.C. & Bennett M.C.) with 8 Hyderabad Lancers attached to each troop left camp at 1830 to take over night Outpost line & relieved day Post. Day Posts upon being relieved at 1900 returned to</p> <p>Geo Bell Lieut-Col. Commanding Dd. L.H. Regt.</p> | |

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| RIVER JORDAN | 20/4/18 | 20/4/18 | <p>camp & reported situation as per Appendix VIII Lieut. Bennett M.C. holding sector N. Bank of WADI NIMRIN to No. 6 road & Lieut. Griffin M.C. from No. 6 road N.W. to RIVER JORDAN. Posts reported all clear at 2030. Red Map East of Jordan Composite ES-SALT. Moved to arms at 0400. At 0515 two troops of A. Sgdn. (Lieut. Kelly & Lieut. [unclear]) left camp & proceeded to front line to take over day out post line each troop had 8 Hyderabad Lancers attached to it. Received order from Bde. to Stand Down at 0540. Night Posts returned after having been relieved by day posts. Advance screen of day posts going out was fired on by enemy in a crop of wheat & one horse killed & one man wounded. Also post on E of Jordan was fired on by our artillery from W bank of River & one horse killed & one horse wounded. Lieut. Riley returned with party from BETHLEHEM at 1100 bringing with him Ambers left there when Regt. moved down to JERICHO. Night Outpost consisting of two troops A. Sgdn. (Capt. Ruff & Lieut. Kidman M.C.) with 8 Hyderabad Lancers attached to each troop left camp at 1815 & took over night O.P. line from Day Posts who returned to bivouac area at 2000. Night Posts were in position & reported all clear at 1900. 6 ofcs were detailed to report to O.C. 6th M.V.S. at 0800 at JERICHO today to look after sick horses there. 4 pack horses per Sgdn. were sent into Canteen at JERICHO to purchase canteen stores for men during morning. Maps. Brooks DSO made a personal reconnaissance of O.P. line Gen Bell Lieut. Col. Commanding 5th L.H. Regt</p> | <p>VIII APR 1918 E 14/14</p> |

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| RIVER JORDAN | 23/4/18 | 4.13 | <p>during afternoon returning to camp at 1900. CO. (Lieut-Col. G. J. Bell, CMB. DSO.) made a reconnaissance of road along JORDAN VALLEY suitable for taking guns up under cover from observation & reported road could be made suitable with about 2 days work for 100 men to a point about Q. 8. C. Ref Map East of Jordan Composite ES-SALT</p> | |
| | | | <p>At 0300 party of Turks attacked small outpost of 4 men (Cpl. Poole) on N. Bank of WADI NIMRIN forcing post to fall back 800 yds. Two troops of R. Sqn. (Lieut. Chambers & Gardner) with 8 Hyderabad Lancers attached to each troop left camp at 0500 & relieved night O.P. line. Posts were immediately pushed out and reported at 0945 as per appendix IX</p> | IX |
| | | | <p>At 1300 party of 11 Turkish cavalry pushed down from foothills & fired on small post causing our post to fall back to a new position as per appendix X</p> | X |
| | | | <p>At 1715 60 enemy cavalry moved from foothills along WADI-ABU-TARRA in small parties to about 120, E, 17d & fired on our post at 1, 23d, enemy remained in observation until 1800 & then withdrew as per appendix XI</p> | XI |
| | | | <p>CO. with CO. of 2nd L.H. Regt. made a reconnaissance of front line during morning & decided where our right post & the left post of 2nd L.H. Regt. for night line would be, so as to prevent overlapping. CO. then went with C.S.O. (Lieut. Col. Browne) in car to look at Northern Sector & view the general situation. Two troops of R. Sqn. (Lieut. Murray & Kelly) with 8 Hyderabad Lancers attached to each troop left camp at 1800 to take over night O.P. line & relieve day posts, relief being completed at 1900. Lieut. Murray reported by phone, front all clear by post at 2100. S.I.C. (Major. Brooks DSO.) & Adjutant (Lieut. Bean) visited front line at 1430 & took co-ordinates of our day posts.</p> | |
| | | | <p>Lieut. Col. Commanding 2nd L.H. Regt.</p> | |

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| RIVER JORDAN | 25/4/18 | | <p>Ref. Map East of Jordan Composite E.S.-S.A.L.T.</p> <p>Stood to arms at 0400. Two troops of C. Sqdn. (Lieut. Guffin m.c. & Barrett m.c.) under Capt. Clarke left camp at 1430 to relieve the night O.P. line. 8 Hyderabad Lancers were attached to each troop. The relief was completed by 0630 & the night posts returned to bivouac area. Situation on sector held by Regt. as per appendix <u>XII</u>.</p> <p>Lieut. Kidman m.c. proceeded to Physical & Bayonet Fighting School at MUSTAPHA per motor lorry & train. Lieut. J. E. Murray & 20th proceeded to H. E. Lawrence at Ep. ARISH per returning motor lorry from JERICHO, 20th proceeded to school of instruction & return by returning motor lorry. Situation on sector held as per appendix <u>XIII</u>.</p> <p>The CO. & Major Brooks D.S.O. made a personal reconnaissance of front line during afternoon. Rations drawn from side refilling point on W bank of JORDAN at 1630. 4 officers of 9th L.S. Troop were shown over line held, also enemy line pointed out to them for their own information by Major Brooks D.S.O. during afternoon. It being Anzac Day Capt. Lamborn delivered an address by "Anzac" to members of the Regt. at 1900. 2 troops of C. Sqdn. (Lieut. Long & McDonald) under Capt. R. A. McFarlane with 8 Hyderabad Lancers attached to each troop left camp at 1830 & relieved day O.P. which upon relief returned to bivouac area arriving in camp at 2100. Capt. R. A. McFarlane reported all quiet on sector held at 1000 & nothing unusual occurred during night.</p> | <u>XII</u> |
| RIVER JORDAN | 26/4/18 | | <p>Ref. Map East of Jordan Composite E.S.-S.A.L.T.</p> <p>Stood to arms at 0400. 2 Troops of A. Sqdn. (Lieut. Puley & Sgt. Marshall)</p> <p>Geobell Lieut.-Col. Commanding 1st L.S. Regt.</p> | <u>XIII</u> |

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| | 26/4/18 | | <p>with 8 Hyderabad Lancers attached to each troop left camp at 0430 to take over day posts & relieve night O.P. line. This was done & night patrols returned to camp at 0530. At 0730 situation on sector held was as per Appendix XIV</p> <p>Enemy on front was not active today & only usual posts were held by him. Rations were drawn from replenishing point on W bank of River Jordan at 1630 today by own transport. 2 Troops A. Coy. (Lieut. Kelly & Treloar) with 8 Hyderabad Lancers attached to each troop left camp at 1830 to take over night O.P. line. Capt. J. Bigg being in charge of line. Relief of line was completed by 1900 and day patrols returned to camp & reported situation up to 0900 as per Appendix XV</p> | <p>XIV</p> <p>XV</p> |
| River Jordan | 27/4/18 | 0730 | <p>Capt. Bigg reported line all quiet & nothing unusual observed. Reg. Maj. East of Jordan Component E.S.S.A.T.</p> <p>stood to arms at 0400. 2 Troops of B. Coy. (Lieut. Kelly & Sgt. Phelan) with 8 Hyderabad Lancers attached to each troop left camp at 0430 to relieve night outpost line. Major G. C. Derrington being in charge of Day Posts. The relief was completed at 0600 & night posts returned to bivouac area. Received all clear reports & stood down at 0530. Situation report of sector of O.P. line held by 3rd Regt. up to 0730 as per Appendix XVI</p> | <p>XVI</p> |
| | | 0730 | <p>Enemy fired a few shrapnel shells over water troughs while Regt. was watering at Bde watering area at 0900 this morning. Nothing unusual happened during the day. 2 Troops B. Coy. (Lieut. Chambers & Gardner) under Lieut. H.H. Bray with 8 Hyderabad Lancers attached to each troop left camp at 1830 to relieve day O.P. line. Relief was completed by 1900 & day posts returned to camp. OC Day Post (Major G. C. Derrington) reported situation on front up to 1900 as per Appendix XVII. Night outpost reported all clear at 2100 & enemy area quiet.</p> | <p>XVII</p> |

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| RIVER JORDAN | 28/4/18 | | <p>Ref. Map East of Jordan Composite ES-SALT.</p> <p>Went to arms at 0400. 2 Troops of 6. Sqn. (Chwick McDonald & Temp.) under Capt. J. M. Clarke left camp at 0430 to relieve night O.P. line. Relief was completed by 0600 & night posts returned to bivouac area. Situation on sector held by 3rd L.A. Regt. at 0845 was as per appendix XVIII.</p> <p>1430 went to bivouac fired 6 shells of small calibre into bivouac area at 1430 but caused no casualties. Major J. Brooks D.S.O. proceeded to Mouscar to take command of 1st L.A. Bn. Regt. by returning Motor Convey from TERICHO leaving Lt. ORANIE at 0800. Lt. Col. G. Bell C.M.S. D.S.O. & Lieut. Stevenson (Right Intelligence Officer) accompanied B.C.C. & B.C.C. 1st Lt. Division on a reconnaissance of front line held by 3rd Regt. at 1045. Rations drawn from Bde. refilling point on W bank of JORDAN at 1630 today by own transport. Some books and other reading material forwarded by the camp library association were distributed to members of Regt. by Padre Donovan. 2 Troops of 6. Sqn. (Chwick Griffin M.C. & J. Bennett M.C.) with 1 section of Hyderabad Lancers attached to each troop under Capt. B.A. McFarlane left camp at 1830 to relieve day Outpost line & establish night line. The relief was completed by 1930 & day posts returned to camp. Lt. day posts (Capt. J.M. Clarke) reported situation up to 1930 as per appendix XIX.</p> <p>Night posts reported, two, 179 Sgt. Bde patrols passed out through our line at 2000 towards EL-HAUD & all quiet.</p> | XVIII |
| RIVER JORDAN | 29/4/18 | | <p>Ref. Map East of Jordan Composite ES-SALT.</p> <p>Regt. less (A. Sqn.) saddled up & moved to W. bank of Jordan at 0400 & bivouaced on area about 2 miles E of TERICHO. Two Troops of A. Sqn. Lt. Col. Bell Lieut. Col. commanding 3rd L.A. Regt.</p> | XIX |

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| | 29/4/18 | | <p>Monday, Major A. Dicks moved from Beouac area at 0430 & relieved night O.P. line. The night O.P. troops then moving to Beouac area near JERICHO. Situation on sector held by A. Sqdn. during day as usual, and with no unusual movement on part of enemy. Regt. (less A. Sqdn.) saddled up & left Beouac area at 1800 & moved to E of JORDAN & held O.P. line with Regt. on usual line. Two troops of A. Sqdn. under Capt. J. D. Bigg being on the line supported by 2 troops of B. Sqdn. (Lieut. Bray & R. N. Kelly). R.H. being established at point 127-0-15d. & was in communication with Bde until 2300 by lamp. Detached Lieut. C. J. Long to meet 1st Lt. H. P. D. at HORANIVE bridge at 2400 & guided them to R.H. Regt. remained saddled & standing to all night. Nothing unusual happened during night.</p> <p>Lieut. Hamilton & Bean reported for duty from Mascher. R.H. East of Jordan Composite ES-SALT.</p> | |
| 127-0-15d. | 30/4/18 | | <p>Received orders to move at 0430 & reform Bde in vicinity of UMM-ESH-SHERT. This was done Regt. arriving at UMM-ESH-SHERT at 0645. Night O.P. line was withdrawn at 0600 as Aust. Mt. Division had passed out during early hours of morning & advanced N up JORDAN VALLEY. Regt. watered at UMM-ESH-SHERT at 0715. The dis-positions being 4th L.H. Bde. to get astride DANIE - ES-SALT road, 3rd L.H. Bde. to advance on ES-SALT by DANIE road, and 5th L.H. Bde. to advance on ES-SALT by No. 4 road. The 1st L.H. Bde. being in reserve about UMM-ESH-SHERT. Regt. watered again at UMM-ESH-SHERT at 1400. Moved off at 1515 & advanced to</p> <p>Geo Bell Lieut. Col. Commanding 1st L.H. Regt</p> | |

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| | 5/4/18 | | <p>ES-SALT with Bde. 3rd L.H. Regt doing the advance guard and following in rear of 5th Mtd. Bde along No. 7 road. Caught 5th Mtd Bde at a point 1 1/2 miles W of ES-SALT at 1900 and remained there for the night. Lieut. M. Stevenson was attached to 5th Mtd. Bde during their advance on ES-SALT as Intelligence Officer and he was wounded during the afternoon.</p> <p>Geo Bell Lieut. Col. Commanding 3rd L.H. Regt.</p> | |

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SPECIAL ORDER BY

Lieut. Colonel G. J. Bell D.S.O. *****
 Commanding 3rd L.H. Regiment.

The 3rd L.H. Regiment with two Sub Sections of 1st A.M.G.S. will move with the 179 Inf. Bde. to Foothills via No. 6 road tonight. The Regiment and M.G. Sections will saddle up at 1900 and will move at 2100 in the following order:-

- R.H.Q.
- 1 Sub. Sec. A.M.G.
- "A" Squadron.
- 1 Sub. Sec. A.M.G.
- "C" Squadron which will be rear guard.

Absolute silence must be maintained during march and no smoking will take place until orders are received.

During march which will be in single file touch must be maintained from front to rear and Os.C. Units will ensure that this is understood by all ranks. Units will report ready to move to R.H.Q.

(Sgd) Angus Hean Lieut. Adjutant.
 3rd. A.L.H. Regiment.

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REPORT OF "B" SQUADRON ON DETACHMENT 28th. to 31st. MARCH 1918.

Received instructions on 27th. March to move "B" Squadron at 0530 on 28th. March to SWELIH. Left ES-SALT at 0530 moved along metalled road towards AMMAN. Road badly in need of repairs owing to heavy Motor Transport traffic. Arrived at SWELIH at 1130, took over instructions from O/C. H. Company London Regt., 179 Brigade, to keep communication open between troops attacking at AMMAN and ES-SALT, 179 Brigade, and quieten attacks and disturbances amongst surrounding villages and the Circassians at SWELIH, exmity being due to Turkish Government 6 years previous depriving Arabs of EL-FUHEIS of ground and placing Circassians uponit. So once the Turk was out ofit the Arabs were at them. We succeeded in settling all disturbances, Cpl. prince being of great value knowing and speaking Arabic. Much trouble was caused by Natives cutting communications and this necessitated a detached troop towards ES-SALT (Lieut. Gardiner) working in conjunction with a two post signalling station. Much patrolling and line mending was done an many escorts to Ammunition Columns and wounded convoys were required. Wheat found belonging to a German was boiled for horses and also ground with a Mill and bread made on Easter Sunday. Captured 4 prisoners, 24 Motor Transport Lorries had been abandoned by the Turks having bogged, these we completely smashed on withdrawal. Withdrew at 1800 on 31/3/18 reporting to B.G.C. 179 Brigade and camping near ES-SALT. Conforming with 179 Brigade in retirement at 1800 on 1st. April to SHUNET NIMRIN where under orders of 180th. Brigade we connected up between SHUNET NIMRIN-WADI ARSENIYET along road below foothills with 3rd. Regiment and conformd to 1st. Brigade withdrawal. No Casualties.

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E. Derrington Major.
O.C. "B" Squadron 3rd. L. H. Regiment.

3rd. L. H. REGIMENT.

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To/
Headquarters
1st. L. H. BRIGADE.

Reference Operations of 3rd. L. H. Regiment on
11/4/18.

Acting under orders given personally by G.O.C. 1st. L. H. Brigade the 3rd. L. H. Regiment moved out through the 5th. L. H. Regiment's Defences to day post O. 15, B.

INTENTION. To make a reconnaissance in force against right flank of enemy attacking centre of 1st. L.H. Brigade at WADI NIMRIN.

DISPOSITION. One Squadron (A) moved rapidly from O. 15, B. to within 500 yards of Foot-hills South Of No. 6 road. The 2nd. Squadron (C) following in support. These Squadrons meeting with no opposition ~~XXXX XXXXXX~~ I ordered my 3rd. Squadron (B) to move towards house P, 17, O. This Squadron moving rapidly across the open valley met with no opposition until reaching P, 15 and 16, here they met with heavy Machine Gun and Rifle fire in thick scrub. Having moved my C. Squadron up on right flank of B. Squadron P, 13 & 14 they too came under heavy Machine Gun fire at the same time the whole of the Regiment was shelled by enemy 77 m.m. Guns. Reported position to B.H.Q. at 1420, and at 1515 decided to withdraw Regiment as could make no progress against enemy Machine Gun fire and was having considerable casualties amongst the horses. Withdrew to broken ground ~~ground~~ about P, 16a, and there received orders to withdraw to bivouac area which was carried out at 1630.

RESULT. Enemy found to be holding ground North of WADI NIMRIN O, 23, to hills about SHUNAY NIMRIN. Strength impossible to estimate owing to dense cover, at least 6 Machine Guns firing into Regiment.

CAPTURES. 12 Turkish prisoners.

OUR CASUALTIES. Killed 1 O/Ranks. Wounded 10 O/Ranks.

HORSES. 13 Killed. 17 Wounded.

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(sgt) Geo. Bell Lieut-Colonel.
Commanding 3rd. L. H. Regiment.

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11th.

The dispositions for tonight will be same as last night with following alterations. C.O. 3rd. Regt., will detail one Squadron to remain in reserve to C.O. 2nd. Regt., AAA C.O. 3rd. Regt., will be responsible for inner Bridge-head and will hold this with one Squadron the horses of this Squadron will be sent to West Bank of JORDAN. He will detail one Squadron to hold defences on West Bank of JORDAN and will take all measures to cover any retirement that may be necessary across the JORDAN all spare horses and vehicles will be sent across JORDAN ^{early} ~~early~~. All clear reports will be given unless situation demands more frequent.

1st. L. H. BRIGADE
1845.

3rd. L.H. REGIMENT.

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To/

Headquarters
1st. L. H. BRIGADE.

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Report on Operations of 3rd. L. H. Regiment
North and East along JORDAN VALLEY on 19/4/18.
Reference Map ES-SALT (Composite Sheet) 1/63,360.

At 0830 I received orders personally from G.O.C. 1st. L.H. Brigade to move the 3rd. L. H. Regiment North and push out patrols to the North and East towards foot-hills.

INTENTION. To demonstrate towards high ground about WADI ABU-TARRI about 2000 yards North of No. 6 road, and if possible to seize hill 127, G, 13d., reported occupied by enemy, with a view of gaining information and obtaining observation of enemy about No. 6 road.

DISPOSITIONS. At 0845 the Regiment with 2 guns, B. Battery, 302nd. F.A. Brigade, 2 Sub-Sections of Machine Guns, and 1 Squadron of Hyderabad Lancers moved North up Valley and were heavily shelled on moving out from the Defences. Advance Guard "A" Squadron (Major Dick) on reaching F, 16b, swung East towards hill 127, G, 13d., 2 troops advanced and occupied low hills about G. 7b., and Guns at O, 3b., were brought into action against enemy post on hill 127, G, 13d., At 1300 hill was occupied by our troops, enemy retiring to high hills at G. 15, C., G. 27, A., and ground immediately South of No. 6 road. These hills were held with Machine Guns and dominated our position at G. 13d., positions and situation reported to Brigade that I could make no further advance enemy holding commanding ground, message received from Brigade at 1530 that enemy was being reinforced on my left and not to press the attack, at 1715 G, 27, Da., was shelled by our guns. Shots appeared accurate but effect could not be observed. Orders received from Brigade at 1810 to withdraw to old bivouac area. Withdrawal took place at 1850 which was successfully carried out. 2 troops were left to watch enemy until relieved by 2nd. L.H. Regiment's night patrol. Towards dusk more enemy appeared on positions held by them and commenced sniping on our troops when withdrawing, enemy in considerable numbers seen on high hills North of EL-HAUD. 77 m.m. guns and 4.2" fired from behind EL-HAUD but could not be accurately located.

Enemy's numbers could not be estimated on account of them being well concealed in the hills.

OUR CASUALTIES. Nil.

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(sgd) Geo. Bell Lieut-Colonel
Commanding 3rd. L. H. Regiment.

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B.M. 26. 19th.

Artillery will commence to withdraw at 1830 each Brigade will leave out patrols to keep in close touch with enemy during the night if enemy retires patrols will send in information at once and follow him up AAA 1st. Regiment will detail escort and send back Howitzer Battery at 1830 but will wait for further orders before withdrawal of Regiment this order will be given as soon as both flanks are sufficiently back in Bridge Head. 302 Brigade Artillery will send Officer on ahead to A.P.M. stating time the Brigade will reach Bridge Head Artillery Brigade will occupy same positions as they occupied last night AAA Units of 1st. Brigade will occupy old camp areas B.G.C. 20th. Infantry Brigade will be in charge of Bridge Head defences and will have placed at his disposal the necessary machine guns and automatic rifles for defence of Bridge Head AAA C.O. 2nd. Regiment will detail necessary patrols to take over sector from North of No. 5 road to Jordan on 2nd. Regiment patrols taking up position patrol of 1st. 3rd. Regiments will withdraw to camp.

1st. L. H. Brigade
Field 1730.

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To/ 1st. L. H. Brigade
L.C. 14 24th.

Situation to 0945 AAA North Bank WADI NIMRIN to No.6 road patrol report fired on by enemy post from about 127,P,21a. One horse killed AAA No other enemy posts observed W of foothills reported enemy defences held by few men AAA Our line of observation posts 127,P, 19b. to first post in Wadi of WADI MEIDAN AAA No.6 road to JORDAN patrol report 30 enemy cavalry scattered along foothills for one mile North of BELL'S BLUFF AAA Enemy Guns fired on our patrol from E Bank of JORDAN in vicinity of UM-ESH-SHERT co-ordinates will follow later AAA Line of observation posts 127,F,24, F,17b., F,20b., held by our patrol.

3rd. Regt.
1050.

Angus Stewart
Lieut. Adjt.

MESSAGE

To/ 1st. L. H. Brigade
L.C. 15 24th.

N. bank of W. NIMRIN patrol reports patrol along No.6. road about 127,P,1a fired on by about 11 Cavalry enemy who occupy now post held by our patrol AAA line of our observation posts at 1300 from about 127,O,24 central to 127,O,6b, and d. AAA Nothing further to report.

3rd. L. H. Regiment
1335.

Angus Stewart
Lieut. Adjt.

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To/ 1st. L. H. Brigade

L.C. 20

24th.

Day patrols returned Night patrols in position AAA Situation to 1900 AAA North Bank of W. NIMRIN to No. 6 road report enemy still holding positions in timber at 127, P, 1a, & c., otherwise front unchanged enemy anti-aircraft gun located 127, G 30a, 5, 2, AAA No. 6 road to JORDAN patrol report at 1715, 60 enemy cavalry moved from foothills along N. bank of W. ABU-TARRI in small parties to about 127, F, 17a. Fired on patrol in F, 23d. remained in observation until 1600 then withdrew to foothills along W. ABU-TARRI AAA otherwise front unchanged enemy M.G. reported on hill in 127, G, 16a, 2, 5.

3rd. Regiment.
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Angus Stewart
Lieut. Adj. t.

MESSAGE.

To/ 1st. Bde.

L.C. 26

25th.

Situation report to Q 1030. patrolled N to 127, F 11a. enemy opened fire on patrol with M.G. and rifles from F, 18a. enemy also shelled patrol from W. bank of JORDAN from direction of UMM-ESH-SHERT. Now have observation post on N bank of WADI ABU-TARRI in F, 22b. Usual enemy posts on all foothills to 1 mile N of Bells Bluff small enemy cavalry posts in timber about 900 yards W of where No. 6 road enters foothills. Otherwise all quiet.

3rd. Regiment.
1055

Angus Stewart
Lieut. Adj. t.

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To/ 1st. L.H. Brigade.

L.C. 29

25th.

N bank of W NIMRIN to No. 6 road patrol reports. Situation to 1200 AAA Our observation posts hold line from O, 17d. to O, 6d. original line 800 yards in advance but owing to enemy fire was forced to withdraw AAA Enemy posts in W edge of timber from about 127, P, 13c, to 127, P, 1c & a.

3rd. Regt.
1445.

Angus Stewart
Lieut. Adjt.

MESSAGE

XIV

To/ 1st. L. H. BRIGADE.

L.C. 37

26th.

Day patrols report situation to 0730 AAA Our line of observation posts from O, 24b. to F, 22b. AAA Enemy quiet from W NIMRIN to No. 6 road enemy post in timber about 127, P, 1a. AAA Our patrol fired on from G, 19c. and d. also from BELLS BLUFF and on hill in F 18b. Patrol to the North reached F, 17a. and fired on by 20 cavalry at F, 11a. no further movement seen in valley AAA Enemy in G, 19c. and d. appear about 30 rifles and some dismounted cavalry.

3rd. Regiment.
0830.

Angus Stewart
Lieut. Adjt.

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XV

To/ 1st. L. H. BRIGADE.

L.C. 42

26th.

Day patrols returned and Night patrols in position AAA Situation report to 1900 AAA Observation line remained unchanged during day small scattered groups enemy observed along W edge of timber AAA At 1530 5 machine guns fired on our aeroplane from timber but not located AAA Little movement seen on enemy defences in vicinity of SHUNET NIMRIN AAA At dusk 20 cavalry moved from foothills along W ABU TARRI but later withdrew AAA During day small party enemy appeared to be digging on W slope of BELLS BLUFF AAA Enemy positions reported in L.C. 37 still strongly held AAA M.G. fired from 127, P, 4 and 127, G, 2, 9.

3rd. Regiment
2035.

Angus Stewart
Lieut. Adjt.

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MESSAGE.

To/ 1st. L.H. BRIGADE.

L.C. 46

27th.

Situation report to 0730 AAA Our line of posts from P, 19a. P, 13a. P, 7, central, F, 30 central, F, 29b, and a. F, 28b, F, 21c. AAA Regt flank report enemy posts in timber P, 20--P, 2 who occasionally snipe no further movement observed AAA Left flank report strong enemy post on BELLS BLUFF fired on our patrol AAA Enemy cavalry seen watering in small groups at G, 13d, 3. AAA patrol North to F, 17d. report all clear AAA Our plane dropped bombs and machine gunned enemy positions among foothills.

3rd. Regiment.
0815.

Angus Stewart
Lieut. Adj..

MESSAGE.

To/ 1st. L. H. BRIGADE.

L. C. 53

27th,

Day patrols returned and Night patrols in position AAA Situation to 1900 AAA Observation line unchanged AAA A few dismounted enemy observed all along timber during day and on defences in vicinity of SHUNET NIMRIN AAA Our post at G, 25c snelled at 0700 gun not located AAA patrols North to F, 16b. observed cavalry about 40 move to about F, 4 AAA No further movement observed.

3rd. Regiment
2115.

Angus Stewart
Lieut. Adj..

XVIII

MESSAGE.

To/ 1st. L.H. BRIGADE

L. C. 58

28th.

Situation report up to 0845 AAA Line held extends from P, 13c. to P, 1d. to F, 2, 3a. patrolled North to F, 17a. all clear AAA patrolled along close to Bells Bluff all clear in front but usual post on top AAA patrolled along No. 6 road fired on from crop usual enemy posts on foothills otherwise situation unchanged.

3rd. Regiment.
0940

Angus Stewart
Lieut. Adj..

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XIX

To/ 1st. L.H. BRIGADE

L.C. 63

28th.

Day patrols returned and night patrols in position AAA No further change in situation AAA party of 20 enemy working on South slope of position in P. 10a. AAA 1st Infantry patrols passed through night line at 2030.

3rd. Regiment
2100.

Argon
Lieut. Adjt.

3rd. L. H. REGIMENT.

CASUALTIES FOR MONTH OF APRIL 1918.

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KILLED.

1289 Tpr. Wells W.H.

WOUNDED.

92a. Tpr. McGregor A.
876 Tpr. Rosser O.H.
496 Cpl. Vincent R.
32 L/Cpl. Vohr S.
3058 Tpr. Groves H.G.
2371 Tpr. Walding A.A.
Lieut. J.T. Riley.
2809 Tpr. Praeter W.

81 Sgt. Hatherly J.E.
2889 Tpr. Finn G.D.
726 " Phillips A.C.
212 Cpl. Slater H.A.
3075 Tpr. Williams L.G.
35 " Wilson C.I.
Lieut. M. Stevenson.

INJURED.

2178 L/Cpl. Fitzsimmons J.F.

SICK

1616 Tpr. Lough W.G.
186 Dvr. Grassie F.
340 F/Sgt. Sugars H.W.
3229 Tpr. Bryant F.T.
1438 Sgt. Crase M.T.
3509 Tpr. Fitzmaurice H.
3165 " Schmidt H.
2928 " Ackland G.E.
2943 Sgt. Rickaby D.
2350 Tpr. Possingham C.A.
1152 Dvr. Mann H.E.
2890 Tpr. Horsell F.D.
3409 " Bays J.
3236 " Hywood J.A.
3107 " Knappstein F.W.
1624 " Maurice T.
2454 " Davey C.F.
165 Sgt. Rogers P.T.
3134 Tpr. Sutton J.J.
1607 " Johns C.J.
1200 " Size W.
2812 " Skene T.
1521 L/Cpl. Alcock R.T.
3510 Tpr. Gilbert A.E.
2834 " Houston F.F.
298 Cpl. Weeks L.E.
768 L/Cpl. Symonds H.
3428 Tpr. Watchell A.H.
3350 " Biggins C.H.
2490 " Hudd J.Y.
3888 " Glover A.W.

321 Sgt. Mussen G.
1297 Dvr. Baker W.J.
158 Tpr. Kennedy R.P.
2930 Butler C.R.
1416 " Bell R.
745 " Featherby W.
291a Dvr. Atkinson C.O.
684 L/Cpl. Watson H.P.
2803 Tpr. Gammon A.W.
1295 Dvr. Frankcomb F.C.
1015 L/Cpl. Black W.J.
345 Cpl. Stokes T.
1307 L/Cpl. Austin T.T.
1177 Tpr. Curry P.
1442 Douglas T.E.
500 " Whitney T.
90 " Ryan G.G.
3408 " Algie T.E.
1182 Dvr. Gregory E.H.
3074 Tpr. Potter G.L.
1787 Cpl. Poole E.
2247 Tpr. Mc Bride M.V.
3628 " Gates S.J.
939 " Davies J.
1236 Dvr. Houston W.
5413 Tpr. Marshall R.B.
3192 " Hall R.H.
285 Dvr. Dawes J.
2945 Tpr. Ryan J.H.
747 Sgt. Goulay T.P.