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Title: Headquarters, 19th Brigade, Royal
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Division

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S. of E. & I.

DEIR EL BELAH 1918
April 1st. marched to CAZA with Divisional Troops, Batteries marching with their Bdes.

2nd. 1000 Marched to HEJDEL, arriving 1530.

3rd. 1200 Marched to Wadi SUKARIER arriving 1500.

4th 1230. Marched to KHIRBET DAIRAN.

5th 1230 Marched to SELHEH.

6th Reconnoitred country to RAS EL AIN.

15th Received orders that prospective operations under XXI. Corps have been cancelled.

18th Received orders that Div. was moving on 19th & 20th to JORDAN Valley for operation.

19th Notts. Batty. with 3rd Bde. group marched in advance of rest of Div. to KHIRBET DEIRAN.

20th Division marched to KHIRBET DEIRAN, B/H.A.C. under my command as 5th Bde. left behind temporarily.

21st Marched to LATRON.

22nd " " ENAB.

23rd " through JERUSALEM to TALAT ED DUMM.

26th " to new bivouac area two miles N. of JERICHO in JORDAN Valley.

29th " out at 1930 with 4th Bde. group A/H.A.C. & Notts. R.H.A. with us. Crossed the JORDAN at GHORANIYE Bridge at 2045 moving due N. for 3 miles where we rested for 1½ hours.

30th Started again at 0315, making for trench running East to ES SALT from JESERIDAMIEH crossing, 4th Bde. role being to hold this trench while ES SALT is being captured and held by 3rd & 5th Bdes. Came

under fairly heavy shell and machine gun fire from W. bank of JORDAN & RED HILL. A/H.A.C. losing 2 men killed and Notts. 2 wounded. A/H.A.C. in position in Wadi shelled JESERIDAMIEH crossing and silenced enemy battery. Notts. being in position of readiness in foothills. A/H.A.C. withdrawn in evening to foothills as outpost line was brought back.

WAR DIARY

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OR INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DEIR EL BELAH	1	1100	Marched to GAZA with Divisional Troops, Batteries marching with their Brigades.	Jac
	2	1000	Marched to HEIDEL arriving 12:30.	Jac
	3	1200	Marched to WADI SUKARIER arriving 1500.	Jac
	4	1230	Marched to KHIRBET DEIRAN	Jac
	5	1230	Marched to SELMEH.	Jac
	6		Reconnoitered country to RAS EL AIN under 221 st Corps	Jac
	15		Received orders that prospective operations have been cancelled.	Jac
	18		Received orders that Div was moving on 19 th + 20 th to JORDAN valley for operation KHIRBET	Jac
	19		North Bty with 3 rd B ⁿ group marched in advance of rest of Div to HEIDEL DEIRAN.	Jac
	20	0930	Division marched to KHIRBET DEIRAN, B/HAC under my command in 5 th D ⁿ left behind temporarily.	Jac
	21		Marched to LATRAN.	Jac
	22		Marched to ENAB	Jac
	23		Marched through JERUSALEM to TALAT ED DUMM	Jac
	26		Marched to new bivouac area two miles N of JERICHO in JORDAN valley	Jac
	29		Marched out at 1930 with South 4 th B ⁿ group. A/HAC + North with us. Crossed the JORDAN at GHORANIYE Bridge at 2045 moving due N for 2 miles where we rested for 1 1/2 hours.	Jac
	30		Started again at 0215 making for track running East to ES SALT from JESERIDAMIEH along 4 th B ⁿ side being to hold this track while ES SALT is being captured & held by 3 rd + 5 th D ⁿ . Came under fairly heavy shell & machine gun fire from W bank of JORDAN + RED HILL. A/HAC being 2 men killed and North 2 wounded. A/HAC in position in wood sheltered JESERIDAMIEH during & withdrew during Bty. North being in position of readiness in foot hills. A/HAC withdrew in morning to foot hills as outpost line was brought back.	Jac M/Lb 2/19

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19th. B de R.H.A.

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