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1914-18 War**

Artillery

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Horse Artillery, Australian and New
Zealand Army Corps Mounted
Division

August 1918



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WAR DIARY

or

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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19th Bde RHA

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Sheet I

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL MADHBEH WADI AUTAH	1/8/18		Command of RA. Left camp passed to Major E.G.W. CARTER at 1800 Bn HQ left at 1830. Brigade concentrated at TEL EL SULTAN ^{at 2100} & marched to TALAAT ED DUMH ^{marched}	Recd
	2/8/18		Arrived TALAAT ED DUMH about 0400. Remained there for day & at 1830 ^{to} ENAB	Recd
	3/8/18		Arrived ENAB about 0500. Remained there for day, marching to LATRUN at 1830, arriving there	Recd
	4/8/18		from 2200 to 2300.	Recd
	4/8/18		Remained LATRUN for day, marching to BIR SALEM area starting at 1830 to 1930.	Recd
BIR SALEM.	5/8/18		Arrived BIR SALEM area 0100	Recd
	10/8/18		Received letter through RA Descrips appointing Captains in Batteries, W.M. GARTSHORE to A/HAC K.F. HAWKINGS (from Bx A.C.) to B/HAC, A.W. FOSBROKE-HOBBS to No 6 RHA, and R.H.H. WHITEHEAD to command Bx A.C.	Recd
	12/8/18		Brigade graduated training commenced. BGRA Desert Mounted Corps visited Batteries in afternoon.	Recd
	19/8/18		M.G. RA. rode round Batteries chiefly to see condition of horses.	Recd
	23/8/18		One section of A/HAC B/HAC & later Bty under Major R.H. ALLEN M.C. marched to SARONA Coming under orders of <u>XVI</u> th Corps.	Recd In appan I
	24/8/18		Above sections marched into 7 th Div area near EL HARAM. Two officers from RA A.I.F. (CAPT. ROURKE ¹⁹¹⁸ and LIEUT. NOURSE) arrived from FRANCE to be attached to the Brigade to learn how Artillery work. CAPT. ROURKE being attached to B/HAC & LT. NOURSE to A/HAC.	Recd With Recd
	23/8/18		B/HAC were today officially left the Brigade and joined the 5 th Cav. Divisional Artillery.	Recd

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AIR SALIM.	25/8/18		A/HAC, B/HAC & E SAC sections registered evening trenches on in coasted area.	Ref
	26/8/18		Sections above again registered, marching back to SARONA after dark.	Ref
	26/8/18		Order was received that the Brigade was to march to RATHLEN area to rejoin the Australian Mounted Div. advance parties went on to the new camping sites. Section from SARONA marched straight into new camping site from SARONA, arriving about 2100.	Ref
	27/8/18		B/HAC Sec. marched from SARONA, arriving AIR SALIM about 2200.	Ref
LUDD	28/8/18		Brig. Gen. B/HAC & part of one sect. BAC. marched to new bivouac area in olive grove N. of LUDD, starting at 0900.	Ref see appendix II
	21/9/18		<p><u>GENERAL REMARKS.</u></p> <p>(i) <u>Weather.</u> Average daily maximum temperature during the month has been only 90°F, or 22.7° lower than the average experienced last month in the JORDAN VALLEY. A cool breeze commencing about 0930 each day, made work possible at all hours.</p> <p>(ii) <u>Troop. Strength.</u> No material change from last month. All units are up to strength. Health has deteriorated, due probably to the sudden change of climatic conditions. Most cases that had had malaria or other fever in the valley developed it again. There were a considerable number of cases of feverish influenza, and a certain number of catarrhal jaundice. There has been a considerable improvement towards the end of the month, as the troops became acclimatized. From the very beginning there was a marked increase in energy among all ranks.</p> <p>(iii) <u>Animals.</u> Donkeys from the valley poor in condition and extraordinarily spiritless. The change in spirit and increase in "life" among all animals has been most marked, but condition is improving slowly. This is perhaps due, in part at any rate, to the constant irritation from flies.</p>	Ref

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See diary. LUDD	21/8/18		<p>from which they did not suffer in the Valley, as most of the flies had died in the hot weather. It was found necessary to crenulate some 100, mostly horses, as it would have taken about 3 months to get these into condition again. Strength at the end of the month about 120 under Estab.</p> <p><u>II Training</u> Commenced in full on 12th of the month, and has gone fairly well. All kinds of ground H.A. work have been practised. The utter lack of riding knowledge of recently joined recruits, of whom there are many, has tended to keep back the training, but all units are now fit to take the field with Cavalry.</p>	<p>Rem?</p> <p>W.H.</p> <p>Amberley 1909 Aug. 19th Bde. RMA 31/8/18</p>



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Appendix I
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VERY SECRET.

BRASS OPERATION ORDER NO. 11

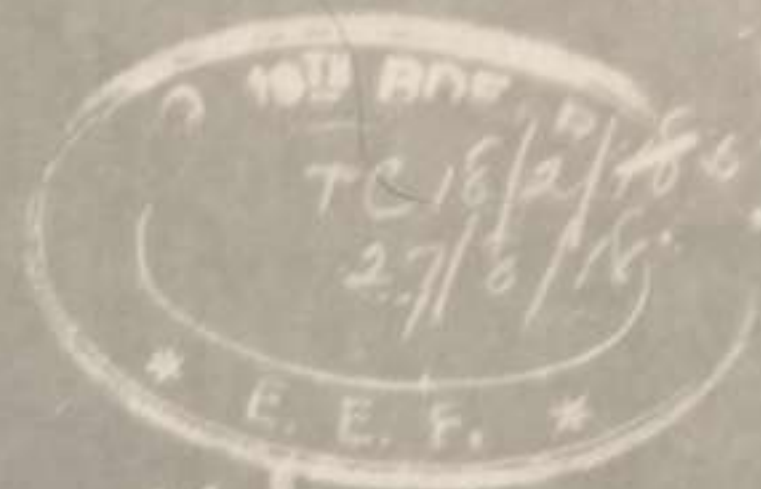
1. 1 Section each from A/H.A.C., B/H.A.C., and Essex R.H.A., complete with firing battery and first line wagons will march to SARONA on night of 23rd - 24th inst., as a battery under command of Major R.W. ALLEN M.C., R.H.A. Sections will rendezvous just East of this W.D., H.Q., at 1900 on 23rd.
2. Sections will bivouac at SARONA 500 yards S.W. of the 21st Corps Supply Dump on the day of the 24th.
3. They will march into positions in the 7th Divisional Area on the night of the 24th-25th inst., under orders to be issued by the Battery Commander, but will not commence the march till after dark.
4. An Officer to be detailed by the H.Q., with a guide from each Section will report to G.H.A., 7th Division at D.H.Q., not later than 1000 on the 24th, where he will be given final instructions. He will then proceed to H.Q., of the Group under which the Sections will come, and will show the guides the Gun Positions and Wagon lines of their respective Sections, returning afterwards with the guides to the Battery at SARONA.
5. An Officer will be sent to H.Q.R.A., 21st Corps at SARONA on the morning of the 24th to be given Maps for the Sections. These Maps are to be returned to R.A. 21st Corps on conclusion of the operations.
6. Sections will march out of positions under orders of 7th Division after dark on the 24th, and bivouac in some area at SARONA on day of 25th marching thence back to present camps on night 27th-28th.
7. Each Section will have with it 3 officers, 6 signallers with telephones, and 3 or 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ mile reels of wire. All communications are, however, being laid by 7th Div. 1 L.P.S. Wagon will accompany each Section.
8. Meteor telegrams will be applied for from 7th Div., on 25th, and Sections will take thermometers for measuring charge temperatures. Careful registration charts, corrected to normal, and gun boards will be made out for each Section, on the results of the shooting on the 25th, and all arrangements made to open fire on any point within the zones allotted at any time during the night of 25th-26th.
9. Rations for 24th will be drawn at SARONA on morning 24th from 21 Corps.
For 24th and 25th from 7th Division.
For 27th from 21st Corps.
Fantasies should be taken in L.P.S. Wagons.

R. H. H. H.
Lieut-Col.
Commanding 19th Brigade R.H.A.

Copy No. 1 A/H.A.C.
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Appendix II



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SECRET

A/H.A.C.
Notts R.H.A.
Section Div. Train.
B.A.C.

1. The Brigade, less B/H.A.C., and proportion B.A.C., will march into bivouac near LUDD to-morrow. The Section of A/H.A.C., returning from SARONA arrives in this ~~area~~ bivouac to-night, under orders already issued to it.

2. Order of March. H.Q., A/H.A.C., Notts R.H.A., B.A.C.; Head of each Unit will pass site of B.H.Q. at intervals of 15 minutes, commencing 0900.

3. Route. Track from SURAFEND through BIR JACOB and past water Tower in S 23 a.

4. Rations & Forage For current day will be carried by Units. Those for following day will be drawn by Divisional Train from LUDD Supply Depot at 1500 to-morrow. Train Wagons will return to AUSDIV. Train Camp.

5. Water. On Arrival. In future at the following times

A/H.A.C.	0800	&	1530
Notts.	0815	&	1545
B.A.C.	0830	&	1600

Drinking Water, which is limited to 1½ gallons per man for all purposes can be drawn at any time at Horse Watering Area.

6. Transport. Div. Train Wagons are allotted for carriages of tents and area stores as follows :-

H.Q.	2 G.S.
A/H.A.C.	2 G.S.
Notts	2 G.S.
Div. Train.	1 L.G.S.

These will march with Units to which they are allotted. All Tents and Area Stores will be taken.

Tents are to be camouflaged as far as possible, by being pitched under trees, and guns and Q.F. Wagons hidden.

7. CAMP Sites. To be left thoroughly clean. All refuse burnt; Horse Lines cleaned, any unburnt manure spread on the Units drying ground; incinerated tins heaped tidily in one place.

M.O. will inspect all Camp Sites after evacuation and report to this Office.

8. Acknowledge

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Capt. Adjt.,

27-8-18.

19th BRIGADE R.H.A.

Addressed. A/H.A.C., Notts R.H.A., B.A.C., Section Div. Train.,
Copy to B/H.A.C. for information.