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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1630 - July 1st, 1918

I.51/97

1 OPERATIONS

- (a) Right Sector: Situation normal. Nothing to report.
(b) Left Sector: Situation normal.
(c) Corps on our left: Nothing to report.
(d) Corps Coastal Sector: Situation unchanged. Quiet night.

2 MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA.

R.A.F. 0815 to 0825.
EL ADEIME area.
127.S.6.

Ref: 1/63,360.

30 to 50 bivouacs in wadi.
This is a new camp and is linked up by
communication branch to trenches reported
previously in this area.

RUJM EL OSHIR area.
127.W.23.
U.23

Four bombs dropped on 30 pack mules moving W.
120 infantry moving W.

SHUNET NIMRIN area.
127.W.19 to 20.
R.30

50 infantry scattered.
10 cavalry moving W. in wadi.
2 enemy aircraft observed and fired on.
NOTE: It appears that the enemy's air policy
in this area, is to protect the SALT -
NIMRIN road from observation.

UMM ESH SHERT.
127.C.7
C.16.

20 horses on lines.
10 H.T. stationary, facing S.

WADI FUSAIL area.
U.16.
V.1
U.13

15 H.T. moving E.
20 cavalry moving E.
10 cavalry moving W.

R.A.F. 0630/0925.

Ref: 1/40,000
NIMRIN - SALT.

BATANA.
K.15
K.10.

40 cavalry halted.
10 cavalry moving south.

SALT NIMRIN road.
L.31.a.
L.20

80 pack animals moving N.W.
150 infantry moving N.W.

RUJM EL OSHIR.
U.21

Hospital of 21 large shelters.

2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA (contd)

Ref: 1/83,360.

AIN ES SIR - AMMAN road.
142.Y.1 40 camels moving W.

AMMAN Town. 100 cavalry scattered N.E. of town.

AMMAN station area.
142.X.28.a. New camp of 8 B.T., 6 shelters.
30 infantry scattered.

AMMAN aerodrome. Normal.

AMMAN - SALT road.
W.13. 20 infantry moving W.

SUWEILEH.
142.O.24 40 cavalry scattered in N.W. of village.
30 pack animals moving W.
0.23 40 pack animals moving E.
127.J.18 100 infantry moving W.
J.9 50 infantry moving S.

ES SALT. 80 infantry moving into town from E.

SALT DAMIE road.
127.B.16 150 cavalry scattered.

LOWER WADI FARAH. Slight decrease in tentage.

UPPER WADI FARAH. Slight decrease in tentage.
112. Y.25 50 HT parked.
K.14. 30 cavalry moving S.W.

Ground observer's report:

Left Sector:

113.W.27.a. 12 packs moved to U.26.
X.14.b. 12 infantry cutting scrub.
U.20.a. 16 cavalry moved to W.2.a.

127.G.28. 50 dismounted men observed.
G.26.b. 20 infantry, and later 1 troop cavalry
moving N.

R.A. Report:

Left Sector reported at 1700, 30th instant. 100 wagons observed travelling from West to East on bearing 43° T.N. from J.5.a.6.2, range 15,000 yards approximately. Owing to lack of light, aerial reconnaissance sent out to find this convoy failed to do so.

127.U.33.b. 50 men on track proceeding.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Prisoners and deserters from May 8th to July 1st inclusive
P/W 74 - Deserters 134. Total 208.

(b) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 30/6/18.

Prisoner.	Unit.	Taken at	Taken by
1	2/58th.	DEAD HORSE HILL	Anzacs

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4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- 113.T.12.a. Small working party observed.
Dust rising behind small hill.
- 127.W.13 70 yards of breastwork facing N.W.
S.6 70 yards of trench (occupied) with
communication trench leading to Ford in wadi.
K.24 & 21. Fresh work on trenches.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY - for 24 hours ending 0900 July 1st 1918.

Enemy appears to have been registering his own line, and especially on tracks in 127.U.27.b. - P.29 - P.25 R.11 - R.5, and slopes of EL HELALI.

6. ENEMY DUMPS. 1 large green dump at 142.X.28.a.

7. TOPOGRAPHY.

Roads: From Nablus, south of Akrabeh - North of Mejdal Beni Fadl - West of Domeh - El Mugheir. This road is not metalled but is suitable for wheels. The two 15 c.m. guns were brought into position over this road. (P/W)

8. GENERAL.

i. Gallipoli Casualties: Greek officer deserter from Muhafaza Battn: states that his uncle, who is a Turkish Army Doctor, was told by Dr Kemal Bey, who is attached to the Vth Army and who kept the statistics during the campaign, that the Turkish losses through sickness, killed, wounded and prisoners was 675,000.

ii. Notes on the Rowalla Tribe:

This Tribe is the most powerful in the east. Its Chief Sheikh is Nouri Ibn Shalan. His son Nawaf is the Governor of Joffe.

In winter this tribe removes camp to El Joffe. In summer at Kasr el Azrak and in the Hauran.

Do not possess any cultivated land, but go in for extensive camel breeding.

Tribe is dependent on the Hauran for wheat and barley.

This tribe could raise a force of 10,000 footmen, cavalry and camelmen.

9. NEWS FROM OTHER FRONTS.

Arabia: It is reported that on June 22nd a Turkish force consisting of 2 battalions with machine guns and guns attacked the Arabs at El Hasa. After severe fighting the enemy were forced to retire to FERAIERA (7 miles N. of EL HASA) leaving 20 killed and 15 prisoners including 1 officer in the hands of the Arabs.

G.H.Q.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1630 - July 2nd 1918

I.51/98.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Right Sector Situation normal. Quiet night.

(b) Left Sector: i. Situation normal.

ii. Considerable shelling left group area 2230 to 2330 night 1st/2nd July. Bearings as follows 305° from Y.29.b.2.2., 295°, 350° and 57° from Z.20.a. central. Four white very lights fired at intervals of 10 minutes, apparently East of Jordan, bearing 95° from Y.29.b.2.2. Estimated number of hostile batteries active five. Our batteries retaliated on Wadi BAKR and in rear of TEL EL TRUNY and along the AUJAH gorge.

(c) Corps on our Left: Situation unchanged.

(d) Corps Coastal Sector: Situation unchanged.

Enemy fired M.Gs. and trench mortars, and threw bombs from MOGG RIDGE and GURKHA hill during the night. Cause of activity unknown.

2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA.

R.A.F. July 1st: 1600/1750.

Ref DAMIE 1/40,000.

ABU ZERKA area.

P.31.b.5.5.

4 well camouflaged gun pits, 5 tents and 10 bivouacs in vicinity.

R.24.central

Either a dump or big gun position very well camouflaged. Two tracks lead to it from the north. There are 5 tents in the wadi in the vicinity.

R.A.F. July 2nd 0645/0830.

Tactical area: No unusual movement.

Ground Observation:

Right Sector:

One troop cavalry moved N. from BILEIBIL. Two troops moved N. from P.17.d. to P.12. 30 enemy seen near TEL ER RAME moving North.

Considerable enemy movement in W. EL ADEIME probably infantry, numbers could not be estimated.

Left Sector:

25 cavalry and 8 packs moved between MAFID JOZELEH and RED HILL.

32 infantry moving about works in 113.X.8 and 113.X.17.

12 cavalry moving N. in 113.W.10.

6 H.T. 3 cavalry and 6 packs moved along Roman road in 113.X.1.

14 infantry moving from 113.W.2.c. to scrub in 113.W.5.

10 HT, N.E. of Red Hill moving S. disappeared behind RED HILL.

7 H.T. and 1 tractor halted in foothills

E. of Jordan. Bearing 53° from ABU TELLUL.

inf moving from 113.W.17.c. to 113.U.28.

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2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA (contd)

Corps on our Left: Day patrol from NEJMEH to T.1.a. (B.5 1/40,000) reported movement in R.30 and 36 all day. Arabs were seen dressed similar to our camel drivers and wearing small white caps. Two officers were seen in Wadi SAMIEH during the day with orderlies and dogs, shooting Gazelle.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Prisoners and deserters from May 8th to July 1st inclusive
P/W 76 - Deserters 138 - Total 214.

(b) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 1/7/18.

P/W	Deserters	Unit	Taken at	Taken by.
1	-	3/63rd	127.P.19.	Onediv
1	-	1/163rd	113.H.7.a.	Anzacs.
	1	3/143rd	AUJAH Front	"
	2	2/63rd.	" "	"
	1	24th Divn. Regt: unknown.	No.10 Post AUJAH Bridge- head.	"

(c) Fairly credible deserter from 3/143rd Regiment states from hearsay that Headquarters of 24th Divn with one battalion 58th Regt and 1st and 2nd Battalions, 143rd Regt proceeded to a village named BEIKOS (5 hours E. of Habis) 8 days ago. Thence they were to proceed to ADANA. 3/143rd Regt is 1½ hours E. of Jordan. 2nd Regt is W. of Jordan with 8th Cavalry Regiment in reserve. Two battalions 58th Regiment are on the left of 3/143rd Regt. The remnants of 24th Division are now attached to a Cavalry Division.

NOTE: Doubtless this would be 3rd Cavalry Division which P/W have previously reported between MAFID JOZELEH and ES SALT.

(d) A deserter states that 2 months previously he was employed by the Damascus corporation as a street sweeper. He was called up by the police and sent with a draft of 200 men to Nazareth. These men were all convalescents and deserters. He received 2 days training in Nazareth and then sent to the front.

(e) Deserter from the 48th Divisional H.Q. Cavalry at 127.M.26 approx states:-
Strength 40 men used as despatch riders.
Ration strength 48th Division, 4500 rations.
Four 7.5 cm. guns about 200 metres East of 48th Divl. H.Q.
Heard 10 days ago that a new division was about to arrive from Constantinople, and that an attack was to be made. He believes this rumour is circulated to encourage the troops.

(f) Deserter from 1st Squadron, Mule Mounted Infantry.
In reserve 127.W.18.a.
7th Cavalry Regiment in reserve in vicinity.
1st Squadron, Mule Mt Infantry 150 sabres.
Other squadrons are stronger.
Fresh mules have arrived from Damascus for this unit.
He left Damascus about a month ago with a draft of about 1000 men. The majority of these were men who had recovered from wounds.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS (contd)

They detrained at AMMAN and proceeded to the H.Q. of the 48th Division, where they arrived on about the 15th inst. From here they were distributed to various units. 50 men were drafted to the Mule Mtd Infantry.

AMMAN: Saw about 200 German infantry and some German gunners.

A native of his village was caught attempting to desert. He was taken to Headquarters and shot.

Troops are in a very weak condition owing to short rations.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

About 60 yards new wire with double posts observed at redoubt in 113.K.36.central.

15 feet of trench in 127.F.23.a. with 7 or 8 rifle pits between it and scrub 127.F.23.b.

Several shallow positions in 127.F. a & b.

5 snipers posts in 127.F.15.c.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. For 24 hours ending 0900 July 2nd 1918.

The principal feature was the shelling by the enemy of AUJAH and MUSALLABEE areas between 2230 and 2330 July 1st as reported in para 1 (b).

6. ENEMY DUMPS. Nil.

7. TOPOGRAPHY. Nil.

8. GENERAL.

An agent reports that the soldiers in the Hudeira region formed a "plunder battalion" which robbed and murdered civilians, and even killed the A.D.C. of the O.C. at HUDEIRA. The members of the battalion had a small bank and a thorough organisation. JEVAD Pasha (G.O.C. VIII Army) took strong measures, and some of the officers and men of the battalion were hanged in HUDEIRA, TIRIEH and KALKILIEH about 20th May. JEVAD Pasha is endeavouring to improve the behaviour of Turkish soldiers generally, and no soldier can go about unless provided with a pass by his officer.

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SECRET.

DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1830 - July 3rd 1918

I.51/09

1. OPERATIONS.

- (a) Right Sector. No change.
- (b) Left Sector: No change.
1100. Patrol to TEL EL TRUNY fired on from T.24.c. by enemy patrol, six dismounted men.
Enemy immediately retired.
- (c) Corps on our Left: No change.
- (d) Corps Coastal Sector: No change.

2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA.

(a) R.A.F. July 2nd.

i. Seen on H.A. patrol 1300/1530.

AKRABEH - MEJDEL BENI FADL road. 6 M.T., 14 H.T.,
250 to 300 infantry moving S.
1000 infantry in 5 parties moving S. from MEJDEL BENI FADL.
On tracks running S.E. from SURTULEH towards BEISAN road scattered parties of infantry, approximately 1,000 in all.

1630/1830.

DOMEH - MEJDEL BENI FADL Tentage and movement normal.

WADI ABU ZERKA & WADI EL DALIEH. No movement observed, camps normal.
4 bombs dropped and 600 rounds M.G. fired on camps and infantry.

ii. R.A.F. July 3rd. Reconnaissance 0515-0700.

SHUNET NIBRIN area. Tentage unchanged.
WADI FUSAIL area. 50 cavalry going East U.16.b.
4 camouflaged emplacements built into trench V.31.b.
300 yards trench facing S. U.24.b. - V.19.a
BEISAN road. No movement.
Tentage unchanged.

iii. R.A.F. Tactical tent counting reconnaissance 3rd July, 0500/0730.

No change.

EL MUGHEIR area.
O.29.d.

100 infantry, 5 H.T. going south.
500 rounds M.G. fired. Infantry scattered and did not reform.
14 infantry.

Q.14.a.

DOMEH area.
P.1.a.

50 infantry, 3 H.T. in WADI BARSHEH going E.
50 infantry approx: scattered on road between F.30.d. and P.7.

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2. MOVEMENT IN FRONT AREA (contd)

KURIYUT. 0.7.d.

50 Infantry going N.
Plenty of water in wadi which joins WADI
SUKRA and KUSRAF.

(b) Ground Observation.

Nothing unusual to report.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Prisoners and deserters from May 8th to July 2nd inclusive:
P/W 76. Deserters 139. Total 215.

(b) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 2/7/18.

P/W	Deserters.	Unit	Taken at.	Taken by
-	1	2/152nd	127.R.S.c.	Onediv

(c) Prisoner, recently arrived on this front, 6th Coy: 2/58th Regt states:

Position: East of Jordan.

Unit on Right: 143rd Regt: West of river.

(This has apparently relieved the 2nd Regt).

Strength 6th Coy: 90 rifles, 100 rations.

6th Company has 2 heavy and 2 light M.Gs.

Defences: 1 long trench about 4 feet deep. Saw no wire on his front. Company occupy trenches night and day. At night one Manga (1 Corpl: and 8 men) take up position about 100 metres in front of trench.

Left Damascus hospital about the 10th June with a draft of 200 men. Half this number remained at AMMAN, the other proceeding to SALT. 3 men of this draft were sent to the 24th Division.

G.O.C. 24th Division. DOLAN (?) Bey.

O.C., 58th Regiment. RUSHAN Bey.

O.C., 2/58th Regt. ALI RIZA Eff:

O.C., 6th Coy: DJERAL Eff:

(d) Prisoner, transport driver of the 9th Coy, 3/63rd regiment, captured whilst harvesting states:

2/63rd. 127.G.21.a.

1st & 3rd Batts: East of 2/63rd Regiment in reserve.

Unit on left: 23rd Regiment, followed by 1 Coy Germans in SHUBET EL RIN valley.

Unit on right: Cavalry Regiment (number unknown).

Strength: 9th Coy: 3/63rd Regt: 100 rifles, 120 rations.

Other companies about the same.

9th Coy has 1 heavy machine gun.

Heard on his arrival that the 146th Regiment had proceeded to the Nablus front.

About the 15th June 20 men were drafted to each Coy of the 3/63rd Regiment.

Left Constantinople about 5 months ago with the 3rd Battalion, 17th Depot Regiment. 3 Battalions, each 300 strong.

Prisoners battalion proceeded by train as far as MAMURIEH, which was reached in 4 days. Marched to DAMASCUS following the line the whole way. On hearing ALEPPO Cholera broke out in the battalion, and the battalion was segregated in a camp on the outskirts of Aleppo. About 10 deaths resulted from this, after which the disease was stamped out.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(d) continued.

Proceeded to DAMASCUS and then to AMMAN where they arrived 200 strong, reduced by sickness and desertion.

After two days march they reached the 48th Divisional H.Q. on about the 10th June, from where they were distributed to various units; 50 men being drafted to the 3/63rd Regiment.

NOTE. This draft is not to be confused with the above-mentioned 20 men who were drafted to the 3/63rd Regt on the 15th June.

(e) Deserter from 11th Coy, 3/59th Regiment states:

Position: East of the Jordan, approximately 127.C.13.

Left Damascus on the 20th June with a draft of 100 men and proceeded by train to MESSOUDIYEH. From there they marched to NABLUS. 50 men deserted during this march.

They then proceeded to the Jordan which they crossed in a ferry, and were drafted to the 24th Division.

DERAA (about 22/e/18) saw, south of this place East of the AMMAN line, 4 aeroplanes on the ground near a large hangar. There were no German infantry in the town on that date.

(f) Deserter from 9th Coy, 3/59th Regiment, in reserve, states:-

Strength: 9th Coy 35 rifles, 39 rations.

Other Coys about the same.

9th Coy has 2 light M.G.

3/59th Regiment has 4 Light M.G.

Two lines of trenches 100 metres long by 2 feet deep.

Each manned by 1 Company night and day. Generally fired on when being relieved. No wire.

Left Nazareth about the 10th June with a draft of 200 men and proceeded to the 26th Divisional H.Q. where they arrived about the 15th instant. Here they were distributed, 11 men being drafted to the 3/59th Regiment which was then in line. Remained in line 3 days when they were relieved by another battalion of the same regiment. On the evening on which they were relieved they were each given one bomb and were told that the Germans were going to make a raid that night.

Company O.C. stated in prisoner's hearing, that General Lemay von Sanders had inspected the Division and that he was massing troops on the Nablus front with a view to taking to Jerusalem. The day he left HUWARA (13th or 14th June) he saw 2 heavy guns each drawn by 6 horses, proceeding south on the main road. From description these would appear to be 3".

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Blasting on EL HAUD near RED HOUSE, and on J. DERFASI was heard.

(b) Enemy post behind sangars located at 113.T.24.a.1.9. strength approx 10 men.

Party appeared to be digging new redoubt approx X.22.a.central. It appears from observation that the enemy are making a second line of trenches on edge of rough ground running through squares X.22, 29 and 36.

5. HOSTILE ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

2/7/18.

0530. Battery in 113.W.5 & 6 fired 16 H.E. on MUSALLABEH.
 0715 Light field gun sound bearing 40° from 113.K.13.d. fired 3 shells on WICK PO. 2.
 1615. 2 guns 113.R.30 d. fired about 20 H.E. on 113.Y.23.a. & c.
 1707. 2 guns opened fire, smoke bearing 891° from W.35.b.1.
 1930. 77 mm battery 9° from W.35.b.1 fired 1 shot at 2 minutes interval into BLUFF - MUSALLABEH area.
 2030- 70 H.E. at Reserve Regiment, 113.Y.23, 6, 3, and B.H.Q. area
 2200. in Y.29.a.7.3. from W. 3 H.E.
 2245- Batteries, bearing 90° and 320° respectively from MUSALLABEH
 2400. fired salvos at 2 minute intervals on VISE, MUSALLABEH and MASKERAH

6. PROPOGANDA.

Enemy propoganda found in 127.Q.35. & S.5.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1630 - July 4th 1918

I.51/100

1. OPERATIONS.

- (a) Right Sector: Situation unchanged.
2/7/18: Patrol via S. bank NIKRIN to P.20 fired on by patrol of 10 enemy and 1 M.G. about P.20.d., rifle fire 50 yards range. Simultaneously 5 rifles fired from GHUBBE. Our patrol fired on GHUBBE to cover retirement. M.G. then opened fire from P.19. Patrol to P.20.a., P.13.b., O.12 fired on from short range from P.13.b. Enemy squadron advancing from House 22.c. to P.21.c. retired N.E. when fired on.
- (b) Left Sector: Situation normal.
11-1600. Patrol to TEL EL TRUNY reported all clear.
Patrol drew fire from about T.18.a.11.
2250. Attempted raid on MUSSALABEH dispersed.
2315. Enemy commenced bombing about TAIL POST. X.35.c.
- (c) Corps on our Left: Nothing unusual to report.
- (d) Corps Coastal Sector: Nothing unusual to report.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

(a) R.A.F. Reports.

- i. 4/7/18. Tactical tent counting reconnaissance 0440 to 0635 reported area unchanged.
- ii. Reconnaissance 0500/0700. Nothing unusual observed.

(b) Ground Observation.

1015. 100 men going N.E. along BEISAN road with 2 bullock wagons 500 yards in front.
- 1600- Considerable movement observed in (Ref C.6) U.22,23,23,29.
1700.
1800. Considerable movement E. of RED HILL.
Pack animals and a touring car seen going N. from RED HILL.
200 horses observed grazing E. of RED HILL and foothills during the day.
1840. (Ref B.7 & C.7) Regiment of cavalry seen in foothills D.19 proceeding in direction UMI ESH SHIRT.

3. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- (a) Enemy continue digging at redoubt 3000 yards N. of TOOL POST.
- (b) Following information from prisoners:-
- i. 2/1/63rd Regiment (position Ref B.7 & C.7. M.14 approx)
Defences are lengths of stone breastworks, each capable of sheltering 8-10 men; height $4\frac{1}{2}$ feet, width 3 feet. No parapet or fire step. Barbed wire was being erected; no landmines.
2 Coys of 1st Battn man the breastworks day and night, with one Coy in reserve. For the past 6 weeks the 1/63rd Regt has been making traverse trenches in this area.

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3. ENEMY DEFENCES (contd)

ii. No trenches or barbed wire on 2/143rd Regiment's front: position approx O.5 (Ref B.7 & C.7).

4. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Prisoners and deserters from May 8th to July 3rd inclusive
P/W 81. Deserters 141. Total 222.

(b) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 3/7/18

P/W	Deserters	Unit	Taken at	Taken by
1	-	1/63rd Regt	127.Q.1.b.	Onediv
2	-	1/63rd Regt	127.P.21	
2	-	1/191st Regt	127.P.21.cent	
	2	3/143rd Rgt.	127.F.20.	Anzacs.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

1830-1930. Section 77 mm shelled X.34.a. & c. (O.6)
2030 Battery 77 mm fired 40 rounds on W. AUJAH and MUSSALABEH, bearing to flash 350° from Z.20.a. central.
2130. Above battery fired a further 25 rounds.
2340. Above battery fired on Z.23.a.
0615. Enemy registered with heavy shell, believed 5.9", area of DECCAN HOUSE. P.16.b. & P.23.b. (B.7 & C.7)

6. ORGANISATION.

(a) Railways: A reliable agent reports that on an average four trains each of 10 trucks leave RAYAK daily for Damascus. The Germans at RAYAK are of the opinion that under German control it would be possible to increase this to twelve trains daily.

(b) Machine Gun Units: A deserter from the 70th Regiment, taken 21/6/18, states that a week previously a number of men were picked from his battalion and sent to the rear for instruction in machine gunnery, as it is intended to increase the strength of machine gun units.

7. PROPAGANDA.

Right Sector: (a) Our patrol to R.20.b. and R.22.d. on 2/7/18 dropped propaganda in R.22.c. Pamphlets placed at EL FAIZ and Ford (T.1.a.) on 28/6/18 have been removed, also pamphlets placed in P.21.

(b) Enemy propaganda picked up in O.12. (B.7 & C.7)

8. TOPOGRAPHY. East of Jordan.

(a) EL KUTRAMI - EL KERAK road. (Ref Jerusalem 1/250,000)
A considerable amount of work is being done on this road. Embankments and cuttings are being made and wadi crossings improved. R.A.F. report that it appears as if preparations were being made to run a railway parallel to the road, as in some places there is an embankment alongside the road which is not being used for traffic.

8. TOPOGRAPHY. (contd)

(b) Ref B.7 & C.7 1/40,000.

Wheel tracks have been observed running east from KAER SAID (Y.1) This may indicate that the Turks have made the road to LADEEA via KAER ABDALLA fit for wheeled traffic. The road ascends 3,000 ft. between KAER SAID and KAER ABDALLA; but the ascent is generally gradual and not intersected by deep valleys.

(c) Ref: 1/63,360.

District between TELL GHUBEE (127.0.23) and P.21.d. For about 300 yards to the east of TELL GHUBEE the bushes are very thick. Thence to P.21.d. the ground is open, but bad going owing to the presence of large stones and boulders. The stream in the Wadi MIRIN cannot be crossed in the open ground as it flows about six feet below the level of the banks, which are very steep. There are bushes in the bed of the stream. At P.21.d. the stream crosses to the N. bank of the wadi, which in this place is a cliff about 20 ft. high. The bushes here are very thick and there is only room for movement in single file between the river and the cliff.

West of Jordan.

(d) Ref C.8 1/40,000.

H.T. have been seen at X.1.d. showing that the road joining the Jericho - BEISAN road at U.28.d. is now fit for H.T. Aeroplane photographs, show that the road along the wadi EL HUMR from U.13.d. to the Jericho - BEISAN road in U.17.b., is very heavily used and is probably fit for light cars.

(e) Where the JERICHO - BEISAN road crosses the WADI EL HUMR in U.17.d. aeroplane photographs show that it is cut through precipitous cliffs. This bit of the road would probably be impassable for wheeled traffic in wet weather.

(f) Ref C.5 1/40,000.

H.T. have been seen at Q.4.d. and M.T. going North in Q.9. There therefore appears to be a road fit for H.T. running from KEW HILL in Q.9.b. through Q.4. & 5. to #EL MUGHEIR.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.
Intelligence Summary.
Up to 1630 - July 5th 1918

51/101.

1. OPERATIONS

- (a) Right Sector: Usual patrols
29th Lancer patrol to Ford (T.1.a.) brought in
1 bedouin, believed to be enemy agent.
Small patrol 29th Lancers met 2 troops enemy
O.8.a. and O.12. Our patrol returned under heavy fire, capturing
one Turk, 2/74th Regiment in O.11.b.
- (b) Left Sector: Usual patrols.
0830. Our patrol to T.13.b. on reaching T.23.c.
was fired on from TEL ER RISHER (T.17.b.)
- (c) Corps on our left: Situation normal. Nothing to report.
- (d) Corps Coastal Sector: Situation normal. Nothing to report.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

(a) R.A.F. reports:

- i. 4/7/18. Tactical reconnaissance.
1535-1900.
DOMEH area. 5 H.T. and 50 infantry going N. on road between
DOMEH and MEJDEL BENI FADL. Tentage appeared
to have decreased but light too bad for accurate
counting. Several new trenches in course of
construction around DOMEH.
Tentage unchanged in other areas and no unusual
movement observed.
- ii. 4/7/18. 1625/1750. Tentage and movement normal.
- iii. 5/7/18. 0500/0640. Strategic reconnaissance:
LOWER WADI FARAH. 5 dumps along road in L.20, L.27, L.28, 115
H.T. parked near dumps, also 300 men scattered.
22 HT moving N. along BEISAN road.
30 H.F. parked at point 320. Other areas normal.
- iv. 5/7/18. 0435/0800. Tent counting tactical reconnaissance.
Large camp previously reported in the DOMEH area
has disappeared. Possibly a labour unit, as much
digging has been done around DOMEH village.
ABU ZERKA P.17-18. 100 tents.
Number has increased and is now best bombing
target in area. No unusual movement or
concentration observed in other areas.

(b) Ground Observation.

1800. 1 squadron Turkish cavalry proceeding S. on track in C.20
(B.7) followed by pack mule transport.

• ENEMY MOVEMENT (contd).

(b) Ground observation (contd).

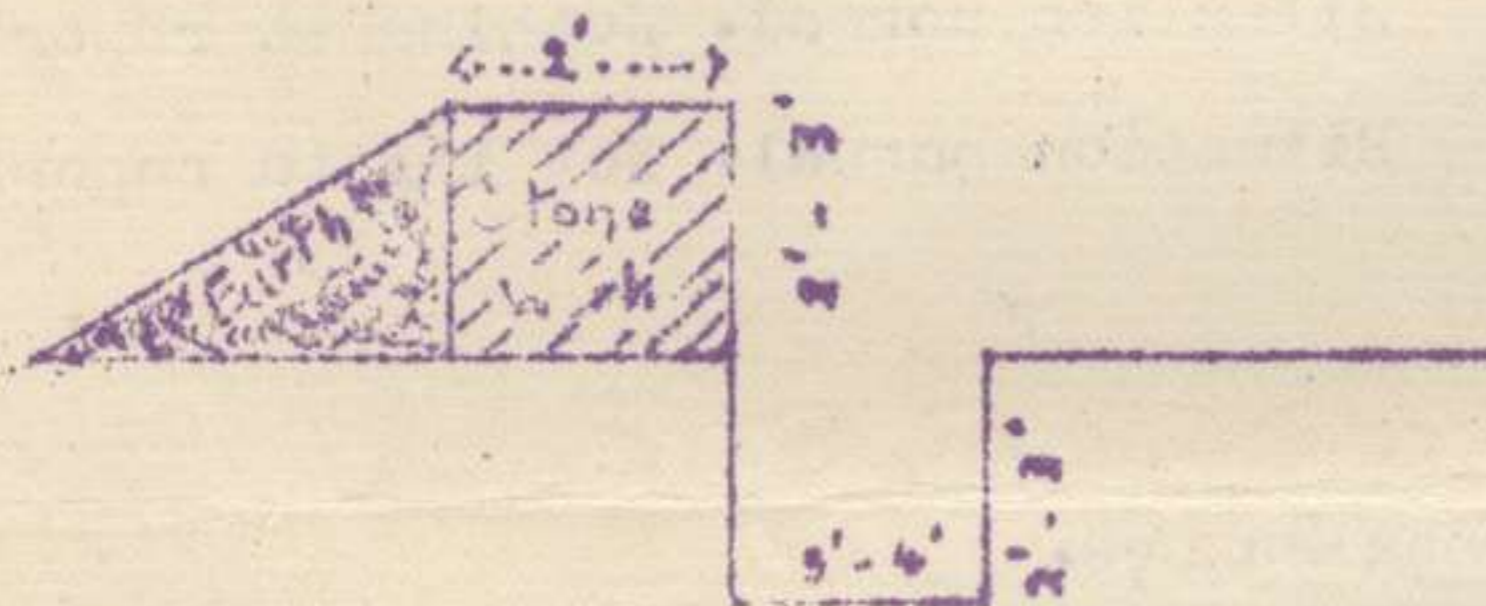
0600. 100 cavalry in extended order in G.26 and P.1 & 2 (B.7)

0900. 2 armoured cars moving S. on road in (C.6) U.26 disappeared into WADI ABU ZEKKA.

Considerable movement in U.16 & 17 (C.6) throughout the day.

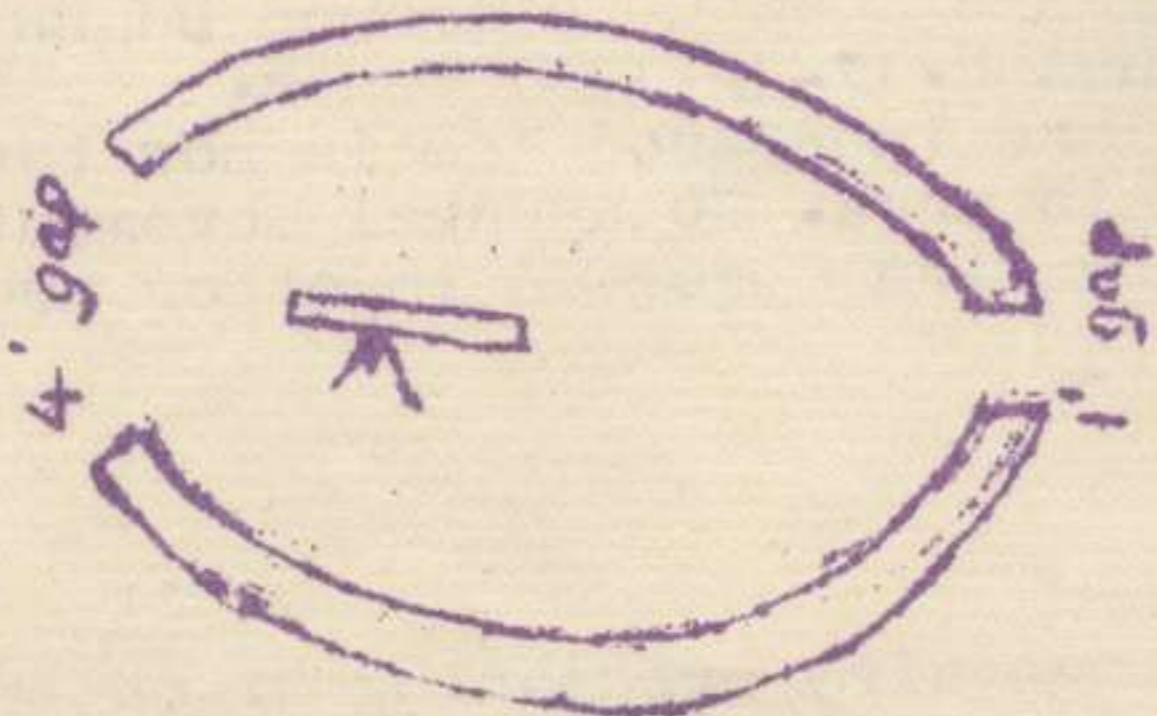
• ENEMY DEFENCES.

- (a) 1. Following is a précis of information given by recently taken D.A. and deserters with regard to the enemy's system of defences East of Jordan. Trenches are traversed, and are made in short and varying lengths to hold from 15 to 100 men. Owing to the rocky nature of the ground in places dynamite is sometimes used, and for the same reason very often breastworks of stones are built to a height of 2 to 3 feet. In many instances only the front side of the shallow trench is protected in this manner. Earth is thrown up against the stone work as shown in the sketch of trench section below:-



- ii. Barbed wire is put up on wooden and iron stakes to a depth of about 4 yards and height of about 4 feet at a distance of 50 to 150 yards from the trench system. Some positions have no wire protection.
- iii. Sandbags are used to make a fire parapet on the 152nd Regt (Composite Division) front, position ref: B.7 and C.7 P.36.c. approx, and are put on top of breastworks in 2 layers about 10 inches high, placed so as to provide loop-holes through which the men can fire. Land-mines are reported on these defences, laid out 8 yards from the wire. No wires connect these mines with the trenches.
- iv. It is stated that the 23rd Regiment, position G.21.a. approx: has an entrenching detachment (about 70 strong) who are busy making trenches in this area.
- v. Machine guns are in the front line in emplacements built of stones Sketch below.

Height of work 3'
width " " 1 1/2'



3. ENEMY DEFENCES. (contd)

vi. Communication trenches back to dugouts and caves are made when necessary.

vii. During the day only sentries or small garrisons are left in the trenches.

4. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Prisoners of War and deserters from May 8th to July 4th inclusive
P/W 83. Deserters 148 - Total 239.

(b) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 4/7/18

P/W	Deserters	Unit	Taken at	Taken by
2	-	1/66th	127.P.53.a.	Onediv.
-	1	2/152nd	127.P.31.b.	"
-	2	1/163rd	113.W.35.a.	Anzacs.
-	2 *	3/143rd	127.F.20.a.	"

* State 1st and 2/143rd are W. of JORDAN.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

- (a) During day forward gun engaged enemy transport in C.20 (C.6) also other various enemy parties with good results.
1600. H.B. fired 30 rounds H.E. on enemy gun position in U.29.d.7.3 (C.6)
1700. Our forward 75 mm fired 30 rounds on pack animals and small parties on track in P.9 and 17 (B.7).
1725. Mountain Batty fired 28 rounds on enemy gun in U.30.d. (C.6)
0705. H.B. fired 22 rounds H.E. on bivouacs and cavalry in G.13.b. (B.7) Party dispersed and camp damaged.
- (b) 1605. A.A. gun in action - probably in V.25 (C.6)
1630-1800. 77 mm shelled MUSSALABEH and the BLUFF.
1745-1845. 10-pdrs firing on MUSSALABEH.
1855. 77 mm registering trench in G.29.c. (B.7)
0515-0715. 77 mm bearing 50° from L.6.b.5.5. (B.6) active.
0700. Few rounds fired on our patrols, vicinity of SHUNET NIMRIN.

6. TOPOGRAPHY.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1630 - July 6th 1918

I.51/102.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Right Sector:

At 1200 on 4th patrol of 6th Mounted Brigade went along S. bank of Wadi RAMEH to Ford at S.11.a. and then about 500 yards S.W. to Ford in S.10.b. Wadi was found to be passable in half-sections but approaches only practicable in single file.

At 2030 Jacob's Horse sent fighting patrol 1 I.O. and 30 O.Rs. dismounted through O.30 central E. to small Hut P.27.a., thence cross roads P.20.c. At P.27.a. they charged and captured 3 men without firing. Prior to capture prisoners shouted and fire immediately opened on our patrol by 40-50 enemy concealed in crops near Hut.P.27.a. Patrol fired 2 rounds rapid, enemy fled, patrol followed to P.27.d. but unable to get close quarters owing to broken ground and darkness.

(b) Left Sector: Nothing to report.

(c) Corps on our Left: Nothing to report.

(d) Corps Coastal Sector:

Patrol encountered strong enemy patrol about 2330 (on coast V.4.b.) In ensuing skirmish 1 wounded Turk captured, but enemy casualties thought to be numerous. Ours nine.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

(1) Aerial observation.:

Reconnaissance this morning (0500/0700) reports EL ADEIME, -BHUNET NIMRIN - SALT NIMRIN road areas normal.

3 motor lorries halted on ES SALT road in P.6.d.

Tents showed no change, and there was no movement of importance. WADI FUSAIL, EL DALIEH, AEU ZERKA and DOMEH areas normal.

(2) Ground observation:

Right Sector: DEAD SEA POST report small party, possibly cavalry, going N. towards TEL ER RAME on a bearing of 73 degrees from post at 0730 on 5th.

GHORANIYEH Bridgehead report 1, 4 and 2 small motor cars going N. on HELALI road at 1300, 1445, and 1448 respectively, on 4th.

Left Sector: 4th. Considerable movement of infantry - estimated 200, along W. FUSAIL (U.31) to KH FUSAIL (U.27), about 1345, and again in W. 3, 4, 9, 10, 15 and 12 about 1800, cavalry, estimated 100 going S. on track in C.30, followed by mule transport.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS

(a) Captures for 24 hours ending 5/7/18:

Deserters	Unit	Taken at	Taken by
1	M.G.Coy: 2/74th	O.11.b.	Onediv.
1	M.G.Coy: 74th Regt	P.20.d.	"
2	3/125th Regt	P.19.b.	"
1	3/83rd Regt	P.27.a.	"
2	H.Q. Comp: Divn.	P.27.a.	"
1	2/58th Regiment	113.J.12.c.	Anzacs.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) contd:

Deserter from 2/58th Regt locates Battn 1 k.m. E. of JORDAN with 3rd Battn of another regiment on its right (probably 3/143rd Regt). Hearsay whole of 58th Regiment was due to arrive last night en route for Constantinople.

(b) The following is information sent by resident agent attached to the A.S.C. at DERRA.

Since the 1/6/18 the following regiments have passed through DERRA by train for the Nablus front, to be attached to the XXth Army Corps:- 73rd, 18th, 27th and 51st Regiments.

(Note: 18th Regiment was last identified in Mesopotamia, and 27th and 51st in the Caucasus).

(c) On the 4/6/18 400 German cavalry, arriving from Damascus, passed through DERRA for NAELUS. They were armed with short rifles and sabres. They had with them 20 M.Gs. carried on mules.

(d) Agent states that he was informed by his O.C. at Damascus (Major REMZI Bey), of the A.S.C. that the Turks will take the offensive on the NAELUS and JERICHO fronts about 15 days after Ramadan (about 24th July).

(e) NAZARETH is G.H.Q. of the Turkish forces in PALESTINE. Lemman Von Sanders is C.in C. of this force, and frequently makes inspections of the Nablus and TUL KERAM fronts.

(f) Two credible Roume lian deserters state:

Three battalions and one machine gun company of 74th Regt (25th Division) in line north and south of 127.W.7.

Both are positive of this.

Two battalions 63rd Regiment transferred on 2/7/18 to Composite Division. 1/17th and 1/63rd Regiments and one other Battn withdrawn to form regiment with orders to go to Mesopotamia. 1/17th and 1/63rd Regiments joined up now in reserve near SALT. Arab deserter 1/63rd Regiment states: Composite Battalion 3 Companies each 50 strong, with M.G. Company 8 M.Gs, and 60 men arrived this front 20 days ago, attached 63rd Division.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. Prisoner of 152nd Regiment gives the following account of trenches of his regiment in about P.23.b.

(NIMRIN). Traverse trenches 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet deep, 3 ft. wide. On top of the trench a small parapet, 1 ft. high by 3 ft. broad.

Barbed wire about 60 yards in front of the trenches, about 3 ft. high, and criss-crossed between 3 rows of stakes. Width of wire/averages about 13 ft.

Trenches are held by 1 company during the day and the remainder of Battalion being in reserve about 100 yards (sic) behind.

At night they are held by 2 Coys.

5. ARTILLERY REPORT.

Ours:

0630. 91st H.B. fired 87 rounds H.E. on hostile gun positions in (C.6) V.31.1.2.5. (near WADI FUSAIL) 4 O.Ks., 9 Ys, 8 Zs, were recorded. Direct hits were reported on No.1, 2 and 3 pits. After 3rd round 5 wagons were observed to canter away from the position.

Enemy:

1135-1200. MUSSALABEH bombarded by hostile gun.

2030-2045. 77 mm gun fired on MUSSALABEH from WADI FUSAIL.

6. Air reconnaissance reports a ferry over JORDAN worked by 6 men in V.23.a.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1630 - July 7th, 1918
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1. OPERATIONS

RIGHT SECTOR: 0400 (5th) Patrol of 8th Mounted Brigade to Ford of WADI RAME in S.10.b. marked the ford on the south bank by a mound of reddish soil with a dead branch stuck in it. This is distinguishable from the surrounding scrub which is greenish.

LEFT SECTOR: 0115 (6th). Enemy raiding party of 50 men approached Nos. 3 and 4 Posts MUSSALABEH, driving home our listening post in front of No.4. At the same time a white flare was fired from about EL BAGHALAT (W.21), a 77 mm gun from WADI BAKR (R.35) fired a few rounds, and about 20 riflemen opened from about W.32.d. The raiders did not reach our wire and were repelled by rifle fire and grenades.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

Aerial observation: Reconnaissances report in EL ADJINE area 200 cavalry S. of TEL EL JORFE.

SHUNET NIMRIN area normal.

UMM ESH SHERT area 150 infantry approaching JOZELE bridge from W. Tents in ABU ZERKA area have increased to approximately 170, about 100 being at P.17,18.

4 suspected gun pits and 12 bivouacs at F.31.a.

DOMEH area: Large camp previously signalled at O.11 has disappeared. Perhaps this was a labour unit as much digging has been done round village of DOMEH.

Ground observation:

RIGHT SECTOR:

0700. 5th. Squadron of 100 enemy cavalry moved S. from G.29.central (W. of EL HAUD).

Enemy's patrol activity on right sector front appeared to have increased in strength, though not in frequency.

LEFT SECTOR: 0700. 100 infantry in T.7.d. moving southwards. 60 camels grazing in D.20.b.

1030-1700. Considerable movement of infantry in X.17 - about a mile N.E. of SHARK'S TOOTH. 12 men seen wiring here in evening. Enemy working parties during day on works in F.12 & 13 (WADI ABU LAHOUR), and considerable movement during day in large redoubt $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles N. of TOOL POST.

3. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) Good deserter of 74th Regiment Machine Gun Company describes defences about 127.W.7. Says about 250 metres in front of the trench wire has been put up, supported by iron stakes 1 metre high and 2 metres apart. Deserter saw our wire when coming in and says their own is not to be compared with it. Wire has only been put up where the ground is easy to traverse. Where ground is steep, no wire is put up. There are 6 heavy machine guns with deserters Company in line behind stone built breastworks.

(b) Officer deserter of 152nd Regiment says there is wire about 40 cm high in front of trenches in 127.P.17.c. There are, however, no mines or trip-wire. In front of trenches on hill P.23.b. there is about 600 metres of wire on stakes 80 cm. high. The barbed wire is not camouflaged. There are 4 M.G. emplacements in these latter trenches. In trenches at P.25.d. (on left of above mentioned) is 1 M.G. and 1 automatic rifle and 1 Lewis gun.

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3. ENEMY DEFENCES (contd)

- (c) Deserter of 125th Regiment which is south of pits in 127.G.13.d., says his regiment, though in front line, has no trenches or wire. (Compare statement in (a) above).
- (d) Deserter of 3/143rd Regiment, 34th Division (who un-successfully tried to desert from 63rd Regiment, but joined 143rd, apparently unnoticed, in order to desert therefrom) says trenches immediately E. of Jordan (about UMI ESH SHELT) are 1 1/2 metres deep and 150 metres long, and have wire 200 metres in front of them.
- (e) 3/163rd Regiment has a number of scattered lengths of zig-zag breastworks on hills about R.26. Each accommodates about 20 men and is camouflaged with bushes.

4. ENEMY INTENTIONS. Prisoners from North (143rd, 36th, 32nd and 143rd Regts) deny any knowledge of an intended attack by enemy. Officer of 152nd Regt says attack will now be made in 4 months, while an O.R. of this regiment says on 9th July.

5. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 6/7/18.

P/W	Deserters.	Unit	Taken at	Taken by
2	-	2/152nd Regt	P.14.	Onediv.
-	1 Off.	2/152nd Regt	P.30.b.	Onediv.
	1 O.R.	3/143rd Regt	113.X.34.d.	Anzacs.
	1 O.R.	1/143rd Regt	113.X.32.b.	Anzacs.
	2 O.R.	3/163rd Regt	113.T.24.c.	Anzacs.

(b) The following have been located, or confirmed, from prisoners and deserters during last day or two.

G.H.Q. (enemy)	NAZARETH.
H.Q. IVth Army	ES SALT.
" VIII Corps	On road between EL HAUD and SALT.
" Composite Divn.	U.14.d. (S.E. TEL EL MUSTA).
" 48th Division	P.6.c. (W. thereof)
1/152nd Regiment	KUTRANI
2/152nd Regiment	P.23.a. (near 'CAVES')
3/152nd Regiment	In reserve
1/146th Regiment	On left of 2/152nd.
2 Coys: Panderna Muhafaza Bn.	Behind 1/146th.
1 Coy "	WADI SIR.
23rd Regiment	On right of 2/152nd Regt across road.
1/143rd Regiment	About KH ARAKAB (no one between them and Jordan).
3/143rd Regiment	E. of Jordan, S. of JOZELE Bridge
1/163rd and 3/163rd Regiments	In hills about 113.R.26.

6. GENERAL.

- (a) Officer deserter says there is a bell on TEL EL NIMRIN, and this is to be rung to give warning of an English attack. Three red lights would also be fired by night with this object. Same officer says that about 15 Germans occupy DECCAN HOUSE during the day.
- (b) There is an ammunition dump at P.17.d. about CAVE RIDGE containing 65 boxes of S.A. Ammunition for 2/152nd Regt - also 3 boxes of bombs.

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6. GENERAL. (contd)

- (c) R.A.F. report much movement of horses at evening time at DOMEH village, indicating watering place.
- (d) It is reported that espionage is run from ES SALT by a German Lt S.V. NEUMAN, who sends his agents across to our lines by boats across the DEAD SEA.
- (e) The relations between Turks and Eulgars have become more and more strained. The latter want ANDIANOPLE, but the Turks refuse to give it up, and Germany has threatened the Eulgars with war if they try to take it by force.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1630 - July 8th 1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

- (a) Right Sector: Usual patrols.
(b) Left Sector: Usual patrols.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

- (a) R.A.F. reports 6/7/18. 0500/0805.
300 cavalry in blue uniforms were seen N. of AMMAN.

(b) Ground Observation.

i. Left Sector: 6/7/18

0800. Considerable movement in X.17.

0830. 20 mounted and 15 dismounted men observed in X.15.b.
coming from N.W. Mounted men returned same direction.

1830. About 1500 horses seen grazing vicinity of wadi in C.13.

ii. Right Sector. 6/7/18.

1700. 100 infantry moving N. on the Derbasi road followed
by 14 pack mules.

- (c) An increase of 66 TS was observed since 3rd instart in SALT -
NIMRIN road area.

GHQ. 6/7/18.

3. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- (a) During the week ending 6/7/18 most work on enemy defences has
been reported astride the Nablus road, extending from just East
of El Mugheir (C.5 Q.5) to Amursh (C.5 H.9). There are also
a number of new dugouts behind the trenches east and west of the
road. A fair amount of work appears to have been done in the
Jordan Valley along the high ground overlooking the Wadi el
Mellahah (C.6 X).
East of Jordan very little work has been reported.

- (b) Deserter 3rd Company, 163rd Regiment, 53rd Division states day
and night post of 10 to 20 men under an officer on TEL ER RISHAH.
No barbed wire or trenches.
Enemy O.P. and trench digging in vicinity of G.21.d. (B.7) small
sandbag trench in F.13.c.3.1 (B.7).
Credible deserter of 2/163rd Regiment captured in H.25.d.5.9.
states regiment is 2 hours N.W. of place of capture.
There are no trenches on this part of the front.
Barbed wire fences have been put across 4 wadis, with the object
of preventing our cavalry getting through. Height of this
wire is about 5 feet.

4. IDENTIFICATIONS.

- (a) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 7/7/18.

Deserters	Unit	Taken at	Taken by
2	2/163rd	113.H.25.d.5.9	Anzacs.

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4. IDENTIFICATIONS. (contd)

Unit.	Date.	Position or move	Source	Remarks.
611th M.G. Coy	18/6/18	Disbanded.	Prisoner formerly this unit, now 9/2/136 Regt.	Unit and guns absorbed by 1st and 2nd Bns 137th Regt.
78th Regt.	4/7/18	(C.5) Q.14 area.	Prisoners 1/78th Regt.	
145th Regt.	5/7/18	West of 127.G.13.	Prisoner 3/125th Regt.	Took over line 3/7/18. Requires confirmation.
143rd Regt.	6/7/18.	113.X.	Deserters 1st & 3rd Bns.	West of Jordan.

NOTE: The taking over of the line previously held by the 24th Division east of Jordan by the 125th and 145th Regts confirms the reported move of the 24th Division to west of Jordan.

GHQ 7.7.18.

(b) ii. BAALBEK DEPOT:

A deserter from 1/78th Regiment states that he left Baalbek on June 12th, with 300 men from the 13th Depot Regt. Some of the men had received only 10 days training. When they left no troops remained at Baalbek.

GHQ 7.7.18.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

(a) i. Our artillery:

During the day left group, Left sector 13-pdrs. shelled enemy gun position and bivouac areas in retaliation.
1800 Our 75 mm fired into enemy rush huts where movement was observed.

ii. Hostile artillery.

1035.77 mm fired into (C.6) W.35.a.
1100. Hostile gun shelling (B.6) Y.6 sound 24° from (E.6) Y.30.a.3.G.
1110 10-pdr shelled 1. of the BLUFF, sound 30° from (E.6) Y.5.a.2.8.
(1520-77 mm fired on VALE POST and MUSALABEH, sound 270° from (B.6)
(1540.Y.5.a.2.8.

(1535-10-pdr firing on THE BLUFF.
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(b) Following results of pre-arranged shoot on 4 gun pits in V.31.b.
2.3 (C.6) made by 91st H.B. with aeroplane co-operation:
4 OKs. 8 Ys., 9 Zs., 17 As., 14 Bs., 3 Cs., 3 Ds., 11 Ws.

(c) For the week ending 6/7/18.

Activity generally has been slightly below normal.

East of Jordan, the enemy has registered the road from Ghoraniyeh to Kebr Mujahid (B.7/7.19).

In the Eastern sector, the majority of fire has been directed against Musallabeh (C.6/W.35) and The Bluff (B.6/Y.5) Jericho has again been shelled by long range guns. There has been considerable activity astride the Nablus road. The 24 cm. Mortar has been active during the week.

6. GENERAL.

(a) The following ^{copy} of a reconnaissance report by an artillery officer, on the estuary of the Jordan, with a view to finding a crossing, may be of interest:

"A.9.a.9.1. appeared to be the most feasible place. The river has no banks, and is bounded on either side by thick mire about 10 yards wide and 2 feet deep. An attempt was made to advance into the river mounted, but it was found impossible to go more than 8 yards when the mud became about 4 feet deep and the horse could not move backwards or forward. The river is from 50 to 60 yards wide here. The mud exists from the DEAD SEA up stream for about 2000 yards. It did not appear possible for any mounted or dismounted troops to ford the river in that locality."

(b) The 6th Mounted Brigade report the following as the corrected locations of the southern crossings of Jordan

YEHUD (boat)	Q.33.b. 6.9
MAKHADET HAJLEH (bridge)	S.2.d. 8.9.
HENU.	" S.14.c.10.5.

(c) WESTERN ANATOLIA.

It is stated in a report, dated 23rd June, that the railway manager at Smyrna was to be prepared for early departure of the 47th Division, and to retain half the number of wagons which had been ordered for the transportation of wheat from Afium Karahissar. On the 21st June a medical examination and equipment inspection was held in the 47th Division. It has previously reported that this Division was to move to the Palestine front.

(d) Meteorological report: Observations taken at Jerusalem.

1. Temperature:

		Differences from previous week.
Mean of week.	73.	+2
Mean maximum	86.	+4
Mean minimum	60.	+1
Highest recorded on 4th & 5th July.	88.	0
Lowest recorded on 30th June, 1st and 3rd July.	57.	+2

2. Humidity.

Mean of week.	44	- 14
Highest recorded on 1st July	67	- 8
Lowest recorded on 4th July	26	- 3.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1630 - July 9th 1918

I.51/105.

1. OPERATIONS.

RIGHT SECTOR: Usual patrols. Nothing to report.

LEFT SECTOR: 0500. 8th. Patrol of N.Z. Brigade went as far as the old flour mill in T.17.d. on N. bank of the Aujah and then crossed the wadi to "Aqueduct Hill" and drew sniping and rifle fire from hills in T.6.b.

20th CORPS: Heavy and field artillery carried out an elaborate programme of harassing and destructive fire on enemy defences from 2030 till 2045, and again from 2200 to 2215 on 8th.

COASTAL SECTOR: Nothing of interest.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

Air Observation: Reconnaissances report tactical areas E. of Jordan normal, with no marked change of tents.

A touring motor car was seen moving N. between "pit" and M.26. in SHUNET NIMRIN area.

Ground observation:
Right Sector: 70 enemy cavalry moving S.W. into scrub in P.23.c. were seen from Ghoraniyeh Bridgehead, otherwise little movement in this sector.

Left Sector: 1100 (7th). Convoy of 150 pack animals moved from X.9.d. and went into broken ground N. of wadi. FUSAIL about V.31. A few men were seen erecting a small camp on hill in G.21.b. (S. of WADI ABU TURRA) at intervals during 7th.

3. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) A few short lengths of trenches have been started in X.10.c. (Ground observers by A. N.Z. Div)

(b) A very good deserter of 163rd Regiment says his regiment have no trenches in their actual position (S.13.d., N. of NEJMEH). The spaces between spurs of hills have been wired with three lines of wire supported by wooden stakes. North of their position, however, about S.12.d., is one line of trenches 5 feet deep. At night one M.G. is put in this trench, but withdrawn during the day. No patrols cross wadi DAR EL JERIA.

4. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 8/7/18

P/W	Deserters	Unit	Taken at	Taken by
2	-	1/191st Regt	P.13.d.	ONEDIV
-	1	1/191st Regt.	P.20.	

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4. IDENTIFICATIONS. (contd)

- (b) Deserter mentioned in para 3(b) fixes position of 2/163rd Regt in line about S.18.d. Succession of units from enemy's right to left in this area he gives thus: 136th Regiment, 1/163rd, 2/163rd, 3/163rd, then an Attack Battalion newly formed from various units. (Above corrects announcement with regard to 163rd Regt in Intelligence Summary of 7/7/18, para 5).
- (c) The 25th Division formerly in Roumania, seems to have been now definitely accounted for. The 1/73rd has been absorbed, partly into 163rd Regiment, and partly onto TUL KERAM sector. The remaining battalions of this regiment are reported to have been at KONIA and CONSTANTINOPLE early in June. The 74th (less 1 Bn.) has been identified in line 3 miles S. of SHUNET NARIN, and 2 battalions of 75th Regiment are reported, on good authority, to have arrived at AMMAN from northwards and gone to KUTRAMI in last few days.

5. ENEMY INTENTIONS.

- (a) A deserter says he heard on his arrival at 163rd Regt that an attack was to be made, but seeing the troops and their condition came to the conclusion that this was impossible. The troops intention is to desert North if an attack is to take place. They have the same intention if we attack.

6. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

- (a) At 0700 today "A" Battery, H.A.C. fired on an enemy watering order going to UMM ESH SHERT.
- (b) Usual shelling by enemy of the BLUFF and MUSHALABEH throughout the day.
- (c) A deserter says 3.15 cm. guns were brought to NEJMEH sector. One of these was destroyed by our fire, and the other two were withdrawn. The gun which was destroyed had been shelling JERICHO.

7. GENERAL.

- (a) The following information regarding the new Caucasus Army (Caucasus "Islam Urdu") which was obtained from an officer deserter, may be of interest. The formation began the first week in May, and is composed of Circassians, Kurds, Tartars and Arabs. It was lately reported that its strength was between 30 and 40,000. There are three A.C. under the command of VEHIB PASHA. SAID PASHA is C.O.C. of one A.C., ATTIF BEY, the Cavalry Miralai, is C.O.C. of another. The name of the G.O.C. of the third is not known. The Headquarters of this Army are reported to be at KARS. Officers don't belong to fighting units will be accepted in this Army and will receive promotion on joining. Arabs officers will be offered administrative posts in the occupied territories. The reason for this, it is believed, is to stop desertion among these officers.
- INTENTIONS: This army, after occupying the Caucasus, will, with German and Austrian troops, march through PERSIA and AFGHANISTAN and invade India.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1830 - July 10th, 18

I.51/106.

1. OPERATIONS.

RIGHT SECTOR: 0400 (9th). Patrol going in direction of TEL EL NIMRIN was heavily fired at from close range on reaching O.9.c. by two parties of enemy, estimated 6 and 20 concealed in a small nullah. Casualties 1 N.C.O. wounded, 1 Sowar missing. Patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 5 O.R. failed to trace missing sowar.

At 0400 today, 10th, enemy estimated strength 50 attacked our night outpost troop at O.23 (E. of CHORANIYEH Bridgehead). One party attacked from N.E. and other from S.E. Indian officer commanding troop finding he was getting surrounded withdrew eastwards with a view of outflanking hostile attack. Two British Officers were at this moment moving out from the bridgehead to visit the post and carry out relief. Hearing firing as this was after the withdrawal of the post eastwards, these officers rode into the enemy and were surrounded. One officer is missing, believed prisoner, and the other succeeded in returning to our lines. He states that the enemy with whom he spoke were Germans. Our casualties: 1 Indian O.R. killed, 1 British officer missing, 1 British Officer wounded, 2 horses killed.

LEFT SECTOR. Nil.

20th Corps and Coastal Sector: Nil.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

(a) Air observation: Reconnaissance 1600/1700 yesterday reports 4 camouflaged guns in pits in V.31.b.O.5. (Wadi FUSAIL area). 100 men in the wadi in W.9.c. Remainder of tactical area normal. Tents no change.

(b) Ground Observation:

Right Sector: Nil.

Left Sector: (8th) 40 horses grazing at midday W. of Roman road in W.9. well attended and kept together. 30 pack animals appeared on plain in A.19. W. of Red Hill, and remained grazing.

1800. Convoy of 100 pack animals appeared at V.17.d. and disappeared behind Red Hill (This seems to be a regular occurrence).

0600 (9th). Convoy moved from Red Hill to V.17.d.

3. ENEMY DEFENCES.

8 men seen working on new trench about X.10.c. A new trench has also been begun W.33.a.9.9. about 1 mile N.W. of MUSSALABEH.

4. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 9/7/18.

P/W	Deserters	Unit	Taken at	Taken by
1	-	H.Q., 66th Regt.	P.20.b.	} Onediv.
1	-	Unknown.	P.14.b.	

(b) P/W of 63rd Regiment gives his Headquarters at one hour N. of DECCAN HOUSE. (This is approximately confirmatory).

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Ours: At 0550 (10th) 60-pdr. engaged 4 gun pits in V.31.b.0.5. with aerial observation. 4 Y's. and 14 Z's.

Enemy: Usual shelling of MUSS LABEH and the BLUFF.

1800 (9th) Enemy shelled their own convoy of men, mules and camels, causing them to scatter in all directions. They fired a few H.E. as ranging rounds and then went to gun fire with shrapnel. They fired about 100 rounds in all.

6. MORALE. During the weekending July 8th 12 prisoners were captured and 40 deserters, including an officer, surrendered on the whole front. Last week the deserters totalled 36.

7. GENERAL.

(a) Gas: An intelligent and credible Arab officer prisoner from the 2/152nd Regiment, who deserted East of Jordan on July 6th states that:-

On the 14th June, German Officers, Gas Specialists, arrived at VIIIth A.C. H.Q. They selected two officers, one sergeant and three O.R.'s from each battalion, and these were trained at the H.Q. to use the gas, and have now returned to their units.

Following information is obtained from them: They were trained to throw hand gas bombs when the wind was blowing in the direction of the enemy. After this another bomb is thrown which causes a loud explosion and produces a thick smoke NOT GAS.. On these bombs exploding the attack is made. (GHQ)

(b) G.O.C., Composite (enemy) Division stated in the hearing of troops that the British in the Jordan valley are well fed and looked after, they suffer severely from the heat.

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Intelligence Summary.
Up to 1830 - July 11th 1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

RIGHT SECTOR: 9.7.18. - Night standing patrols at Q.34.b. and S.9.b. Nothing to report. ~~No~~ Patrol reconnoitred KH.SUEIME (B.7. IS SALT sheet, 1/33,360). Fresh pony tracks and droppings were found between the WADY ADEIME and the village. KH.SUEIME was found unoccupied. WADI ADEIME was dry. Patrol followed course of WADY ADEIME as far as marshes which border the DEAD SEA. No enemy were encountered.

LEFT SECTOR: Usual patrol returning from TEL EL TRUNY established a post about T.18.c. with a view to capturing prisoners coming down the Wadi. At 0800 (9.7.18) 1 prisoner was captured and two more at 1330.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

RIGHT SECTOR: 10.7.18. C.R.A. reports 1015, 6 motor lorries going south of HELALL, U.33.b. 1045 - Patrol of 5 enemy cavalry entered scrub in P.16.a. 1715 - 6 wagons moving South along road in P.17.d. 1700 to 1830 - Pack animals and Infantry in groups of threes and fours at intervals of 100 yards moved continually along road in P.17.d. in a Southerly direction. They were dealt with by our guns.

LEFT SECTOR: (9th). Motor car seen going south on road at P.13.c. at 0800. Continual movement in afternoon of single men and pack animals N.W. on Roman Road from U.17 - N.14. Small hill in F.1 (by UMM ES SHEHT) seems to be a day post. Men noticed changing packs during the day at intervals.

1815. A large convoy of packs and transport came South on Roman Road. They had just cleared from Wadi when enemy Battery put a heavy barrage across and E. of Roman Road. Convoy stopped to watch. No guns could be heard firing.

1830. Column seen going North about TEL EL ABEID (N.14.) Hard to distinguish if Infantry or transport.

3. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a). An intelligent deserter of 32nd Regt. describes his trenches as of the usual type, and in scattered lengths with a line of barbed wire 50 yards in front of the trench. 14 feet wide by 5 feet high. He located 32nd on left of 163rd Regt. (which is about S.12.) Behind the first line trenches, about 100 yards distant, is another line of the same dimensions but no wire.

(b). Prisoner of 11th Cavalry Regiment describes trenches around TEL ER RAHEH, which his Regiment holds, as being four feet deep and protected by a belt of wire 6 feet high and three feet wide, some 50 metres in front.

The Tel is always held by 1 Squadron of 11th Cavalry Regiment and 1 M.G. Company. Prisoner saw three Machine Guns. During the day the Squadron is encamped in trees about 100 yards S.E. of the Tel, leaving 1 Sergeant and 1 Corporal in a sangar at T.6.b.9.7. provided with a telescope. From dusk to dawn the trenches are held by the Squadron. There are M.G. emplacements about 4 yards away from either end of the breastwork in T.6.b.9.7. and one just E. of the tomb on top of the Tel. The other three Squadrons of the 11th Cavalry Regiment are $\frac{1}{2}$ hour behind the Tel in Wadi or Rameh.

(c). A deserter of the 133rd Regiment says his Regiment (on right of 133rd) has no trenches or wire. Apart from the sangars built by outposts, deserter has seen no defences.

4. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a). Captures from 24 hours ending 1900 10.7.18.

P/W.	Deserters.	Unit.	Taken at.	Taken by.
2		3/133rd Regiment.	113.Y.19.	
1		M.G. Coy. (1/32nd Regiment).	113.Y.19.	
2		11th Cavalry Regt.	113.16.2.5.5.	

(b). Intelligent deserter of M.G. Company, 32nd Regiment fixes units in his area from enemy's right to left thus: 133rd Regt., 32nd Regt., 8th (7th?) Cavalry Regt., then Attack Battalion of 53rd Division. (This confirms statement of deserter in para. 4(b) of summary of 9.7.18. as regards Attack Battalion). He also says 16th Division was relieved 15 days ago in TULKERAM front by Germans and that it is to relieve 53rd Division. This is rather borne out by statements of refugees from MESHHA who said, "RUSHDI Bey's Division was just being relieved".

Deserter further says 24th Division has come from E. of JORDAN and is now in reserve prior to relieving 26th Division. The 4th Cavalry Regiment, formerly on left of 133rd, has, he says, gone off to BAGDAD, and has been relieved by 8th (7th?) Deserter is not certain which, but 8th would appear the most likely as it was identified last W. of the JORDAN.

5. ENEMY INTENTIONS.

(a). Latest prisoners deny any intention on the part of the enemy to attack.

(b). According to native gossip in MAELUO Area. Turks will not attack just now but are apprehensive, owing to British Mesopotamian Army's proximity to ALEPPO. They heard it was only 30 miles off.

6. GENERAL.

(a). Gas. Intelligent P/W from 1/32nd Regiment, 53rd Division states that, the Turkish Batteries have supplies of gas shell. He has seen about 600 cases of it at one Battery, in front of the 1st A.L.H. Brigade, near which he was camped, and heard from his Officers that other Batteries had it. He says that the shells are painted Green (?) with a Yellow head and there is a large Black Cross on the head. He saw no other kind but his

(3).

Battalion Commander said that the Artillery has several other kinds ready for use. He states that only the German and Austrian troops have respirators, which are the Rubber Mask pattern and not the leather. Has heard nothing about the issue of respirators to the Turkish troops, and there have been no lectures to them since GAZA, in fact nothing at all has been done for them. He was on the GAZA front and although he did not experience gas himself, his Officers told him that between 500 and 1,000 casualties occurred through it.

(b). Crops. The crops are excellent in NABLUS area, and grain is cheap at the moment, but it will shortly be scarce as the enemy are transporting as much as possible to the North; not to supply the North but to make a main store at a safe distance. The enemy is also collecting the remaining cattle, and the populace are generally rather anxious.

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Intelligence Summary

Up to 1630 July 12th 1918.

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I.51/108.

1. OPERATIONS.

RIGHT SECTOR.	NIL.
LEFT SECTOR.	NIL.
20th CORPS.	NIL.
COASTAL SECTOR.	NIL.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

Air Observation. Reconnaissance 1600 - 1800 (11th) reports about 40 Infantry going North in P.1.c. near DOMEH, who fled on approach of aeroplane. Remainder of tactical area quiet. This morning no movement of interest.

Ground Observation. (RIGHT SECTOR) 7th Mounted Brigade report 17 men in blue clothes and arab headdresses on road about P.17.c. at 1330 (11th).

LEFT SECTOR. (10th) 1100: 25 motor lorries were seen going North about U.27.d. on road. Usual grazing of animals North of RED HILL during the afternoon.

1350: 150 Infantry moving North along Roman Road thought to come from broken ground in V.21.

11th - 0400: Considerable movement in North end of GRANT HILL - enemy seemed to be quitting the post.

Again yesterday afternoon enemy put up a barrage in 113.V.7.b. About a Battalion of Infantry were seen to advance up close under the barrage. This continued for about 15 minutes, after which they marched into the Wadi. Perhaps a practice attack being carried out.

3. ENEMY DEFENCES.

A. & N.Z. Mounted Division continue to see an working on trench at X.10.c. (broken ground North of SHARK'S TOOTH). Work proceeding still on EL HAUD, and blasting being done at JOBET DERBASI (P.35)

4. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a). Captures for 24 hours ending 1900, 11th July.

P/W.	Deserters.	Unit.	Taken at.	Taken by.
-	1	H.Q. Panderna Muhafaza	127.R.14.c.	
		Battn.		

(b). Deserter (Greek, stupid) of PANDERMA MUHAFAZA Battn. confirms position of his Battalion as about W.15, with Mule. Ltd. Inf. Bn. on his left, and 7th Cavalry Regt. on their left.

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Beyond these again are some 500 Germans including Engineers and Machine Gunners (Prisoner saw these himself).

(b). An Officer deserter of the 3/76th Battalion H.Q. Transport reports that there are three German Battalions in reserve to 26th Division, two of which are at NEJEL BENI FADL. This is consistent with previous reports that there are three German Battalions in this area and with statement of H.O.O. prisoner from 703rd Battalion that the 701st, 702nd, and 703rd Battalions are in reserve to the 26th Division.

(d). Deserter from 33rd Regiment who arrived in a draft on the 6/7th saw three Battalions of Germans training and drilling at BEITA (S.E. of SHECHEL).

5. ENEMY INTENTIONS.

Very good deserter-Officer of 76th Regiment says that when he arrived on the front there were rumours that an attack was about to taken place. Now nothing is heard of this but rumour now has it that 40,000 Germans are coming with many armoured cars after which an attack will be made on the Coastal Sector. While he was in Constantinople he heard that the 15th Division which was in ROUMANIA had gone by sea from CONSTANZA to ODESSA.

6. ARTILLERY.

A 60-pdr. reduced an enemy gun, in P. 16.d. (TEL BILIBIL) to silence this morning. Our Field Artillery dispersed parties of cavalry and transport during yesterday about P. 17.

7. GENERAL.

(a). A sergeant-major deserter says our leaflets have had an excellent effect on the Turks. It was through these leaflets that the Sergeant Major decided to desert. He had been taken prisoner by the Bulgars in the Balkan War and, thanks to the British Consul, the prisoners received good treatment. Deserter swears that he has never fired a direct shot at an Englishman. All the Turks fully realise that they are not fighting for Turkey but for the Germans.

(b). According to an Officer deserter it is reported that the Bulgarians are not now allowing traffic between Turkey and Bulgaria also that they have either declared War against Turkey or intend to do so. The report is current that the 24th Division, 26th Division, and he believes the 19th Division are to leave for CONSTANTINOPLE. The 24th Division has already withdrawn and are awaiting orders to move. Another report is that only two Divisions are to leave this front. These will form the XXth Army Corps.

This statement must be accepted with reserve but reports continue to be received about the strained relations of Turkey and Bulgaria, and the recent appointment in Bulgaria of the Russophil Minister MALIMOF will not have improved matters.

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Intelligence Summary.
Up to 1630 - July 13th.

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1. OPERATIONS.

RIGHT SECTOR. (11-12/7/18). Patrol strength one Squadron, reached KH. SUEINE at 2130 where they remained during night. Soon after daybreak a party of 30 Turks were located 500 yards E. of S.11.a. Squadron attempted to cut them off but Turks retired. KABB FENDI was found clear of enemy.

LEFT SECTOR. - NIL.

20th CORPS. - NIL.

COASTAL SECTOR - NIL.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT. - Air Observation.

Air reconnaissance 1600-1900, 12th reports normal movement throughout tactical area. 6 motor lorries seen going N.E. at P.14. (near DO TH). Tents showed no material change. Early morning reconnaissance today reports SHUNET NIMRIE and EL ADHINE Areas normal. About 50 cavalry going East near EL HAUD. Otherwise nothing of interest.

A long distance reconnaissance (0700-1000) noticed large brown dumps on ES SALT Road about L.32 and 10 lorries parked. At AMMAN Station dumps, tents and train of 18 trucks. About 2,000 camels S. of AMMAN in Y.12, 24, 30 and 500 cavalry moving S. from SUWEILEH at P.20. At J.17 (N.E. of SALT) what appeared to be a 10-horsed gun moving West.

Ground Observation.

RIGHT SECTOR. 20th Indian Inf. Bds. report unusual movement during 11th near LONDON HOUSE; a light burned here from 1900 - 2200.

LEFT SECTOR. 0600 - (11th) : 100 horses or mules going W. along track in 127.C.7. (E. of JORDAN)
0630 - 2 troops cavalry moved from 113.U.18 to V.20.

0700.- 40 cavalry moved N.E. into broken ground in C.12.b. and vanished. Usual movement of horses N. and W. of RED HILL.

Motor lorries seen on track in C.25.b. and on track between SHUNET NIMRIE and P.5. during 11th.

0520 (12th): 14 horse vehicles with small cavalry escort moved from U.15.a. on to Roman Road and then went N.E.

1200 (13th): Considerable movement of Infantry and packs in small parties from BIRKET FUSAIL to WADI LAKR.; also a party estimated at a battalion moving in the same direction from BIRKET FUSAIL.

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3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a). Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 12th July.

P/W.	Deserters.	Unit.	Taken at.	Taken by.
1	-	2/63rd Regt.	127.P.19.	-
-	1	PANDERMA MUHAFAZA Bn.	127.R.31.c.	-

(b). Prisoner of 26th Division, 59th Regiment was taken on 10th inst. Division had not then been relieved, as Officer deserter in Intell. Summary of yesterday, 12/7, said it was going to.

4. ARTILLERY.

Our 195th Heavy Battery engaged enemy Battery in P.17.c.6.8. (SHUNET NILRIN), with effect, yesterday afternoon. Usual shelling of MUSALABEH.

5. ENEMY INTENTIONS.

Prisoners of last two days continue to deny intention on the part of the enemy to attack. They have seen no preparations or heard more than rumour of a projected attack.

6. GENERAL.

(a). Intelligent Armenian deserter of 10th Coy. 3/59th Regt. states his O.C., said that men would be selected from volunteers of the 59th Regt. to be sent to the Bulgarian front and that the best men would be selected. The report is that relations between Turkey and Bulgaria are very strained, and that it is expected war will be declared. So far, deserter has only heard of Germans leaving this front but of no Turkish units.

It is reported that 10,000 Arabs from DAMASCUS Area are to be collected and sent to the Bulgarian Front.

(b). Morale - Some deserter stated that Turks are gradually beginning to disbelieve that we illtreat or kill our prisoners. He has seen propaganda pamphlets picked up and read. These made a good impression and the men believed what was said. N.C.Os. and men in conversation state that the British would never have harmed the Turks had it not been for the Germans. The Turks, whenever Germans are mentioned, curse them.

(c). The following itinerary of the 1/66th Regt. from CONSTANTINOPLI to AMMAN gives an idea of how long troops may be expected to take coming to this front.

Place.	Arrived.	Left.
CONSTANTINOPLI.		22nd April 1919.
KENIA.	24th April.	29th ..
GELEBEK.	30th ..	30th ..
HAHOUREH.	1st May.	1st May.
ISLAHIEH.	2nd ..	2nd ..
ALEPPO.	2nd ..	4th ..
RAYAK.	5th ..	6th ..
DAMASCUS.	8th ..	9th ..
DERAA.	10th ..	10th ..
AMMAN.	11th...	

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Intelligence Summary
Up to 1630 - 14th July, 18

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1. OPERATIONS.

(a) RIGHT SECTOR: Enemy holding W. RAMEH, W. of crossing in T.1.a. were charged at 1315 by two regiments of 2nd Mounted Division, one attacking from S. and one from N. Attack appears to have been entirely successful. 60 enemy killed and 35 captured. Also 2 M.Gs. Enemy withdrew to position E. of crossing in T.1.a.

(b) LEFT SECTOR: After bombardment of MUSSALABEE and the back area enemy heavily attacked on the front VALE - VIEW and VAUX Posts about 0400 today. They penetrated between VIEW and VALE posts and obtained a footing on ABU TELLUL and part of No.2, thus temporarily cutting off MUSKERA, MUSSALABEE and THE BLUFF. By 0525 ABU TELLUL was reported retaken by counter attack, and by 0900 enemy had been driven from the BLUFF and communication with all posts restored. It appeared that all posts attacked held out except troop in VALE POST which fell back, but was re-occupied at 0900 when valley in rear of VYSE, VALE & VIEW Posts were clear of enemy and the situation in this sector was restored and no less than 500 prisoners remained in our hands, including a considerable proportion of Germans.

At day-light this morning a party of Germans were discerned in front of STAR POST. These were attacked by 5th A.M.E.H. Regiment and 15 prisoners taken and 6 enemy killed. At the same time a party of 20 outflanked enemy estimated at 150. In the bomb and bayonet fight which ensued enemy lost 25 killed, 30 wounded, and 11 prisoners, 1 machine gun and 4 automatic rifles. Enemy retired to wired redoubt

(c) 20th CORPS, report that enemy fired approximately 1,000 shells on line 099.L.4, L.12 between 1715 and 1930. Casualties during this bombardment were one killed and 10 wounded. 0430: Enemy shelled whole of 10th Divisional front, also L.12 and Q.7. 0200-0430. Enemy made infantry demonstrations against L.12 and Q.7 but no attack developed.

2. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Large number of prisoners taken belonged to 702nd, 703rd German Regiments and 11th Jaeger Battn. These state they were supported or supposed to be - by 53rd and 24th Divisions. They however complained of lack of support by Turks.

3. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

R.A.F. Tactical reconnaissance 0430/0635. 250 infantry moving towards Jordan from behind four enemy batteries which were firing from the open in U.20, U.23, and U.27. 50 infantry in wadi in P.9.b. Large numbers of transport moving in different directions from wadis U.14 to U.26. Special 0645. 200 men in wadi W.14. and 15. 80 men on hill W.7 and 8. 100 men on hill W.31 and 32. 1000. 2000 infantry advancing from foothills towards UMM ESH SHERT. (see artillery activity para 5).

4. ENEMY INTENTIONS.

Prisoners say this morning's attack on ABU TELLUL was main enemy attack, and was to synchronise with demonstrations on NAELUS front and near Dead Sea. Germans say they gained their objective and attribute failure to hold to non-support of Turks, whom they bitterly vituperate.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Ours:

2,000 enemy infantry advancing from foothills towards UMM ESH SHEH were effectively engaged by 60-pdr batteries.

195th F.B. heavily engaged enemy battery in (C.G) W.I.d. S.S. with aeroplane co-operation. Enemy battery retired and was bombed by our planes.

Enemy:

At intervals between 0200 and 0800 enemy concentrated a heavy fire on most parts of our line.

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Narrative of Operations, 14th July 1918.

Ref. Map. 1/40,000. B.6 C.6 B.7 C.7.

Information from prisoners and deserters pointed to the fact that, during the Balram period the enemy's intention was to attack on the HALLUS Road and our defences in the JORDAN VALLEY.

A. & N. Z. Mounted Division reported on the 13th an unusual movement of troops with packs from KH. FUBAIL (C.6) U.27 to the WADI BAKR (W.26) throughout the day. The enemy's artillery was more active than usual shelling MUSALLABEH and our posts along the MELLAAH (B.6) (X.33 to Z.1F). During the night 13th/14th a long range gun firing at intervals of 40 seconds shelled areas (B.6) H.11, H.12, 17, & 18.

1. Night Report

Reconnaissance squadrons and patrols from 2nd Mounted Division reported strong opposition on the line S.23.b. northward to WADI RAHEH, thence N.W. along WADI RAHEH, with the ford at T.1.a. held. Later these reports were confirmed, the enemy approximately 300 strong holding a North and South line from S.23.a. to the WADI RAHEH S.11.a., thence to the ford at T.1.a.

G.O.C. 2nd Mounted Division decided to attack and issued orders for 2 Squadrons JODHPUR LANCERS with 2 Machine Guns, to cross at HENU and attack the enemy's left flank from the South, their objective being the ford at T.1.a.

2 Squadrons MYSORE LANCERS and 2 Machine Guns to attack in the centre and to maintain touch with the JODHPUR LANCERS on the right and the SHERWOOD LANCERS on the left.

2 Squadrons SHERWOOD LANCERS to attack from the North, their objective being the turks on the North bank of the Wadi.

At 1200 the situation was as follows :

2 Squadrons JODHPUR LANCERS and subsection M.Gs. about S.21.c. working round the enemy's left flank with orders to attack the enemy line from South to North.

1 Squadron JODHPUR LANCERS along WADI RAHEH through S.15, in touch with MYSORE LANCERS, who had one Squadron on the line S.5.b. to Q.33.d., 1½ squadrons in reserve mounted, 1½ squadrons dismounted holding defences.

1 Platoon of Pioneers holding wired posts at HENU and NAJLA.

2 Squadrons HYDRABAD LANCERS in reserve about S.13.central.

The attacks were to be made simultaneously. MYSORE LANCERS could see and be seen by both JODHPUR LANCERS and SHERWOOD LANCERS.

It was arranged that as soon as the JODHPUR LANCERS were seen to be in position the MYSORE LANCERS should advance. This would be the signal for the other two regiments to attack.

The 2 Squadrons of JODHPUR LANCERS crossed the JORDAN at 1100 and while this force was collecting in A.3.central the Commanding Officer ascertained from the O.C. Dismounted Squadron the exact position of the enemy's left flank and arranged for supporting fire from the troops holding the river bank in S.21.a central.

From A.3. central the JOZHPUR LANCERS advanced up the WADI JORFE until they reached open ground, where they extended and galloped the high ground in S.22 and S.23.

The attack was pushed home simultaneously from three directions and supported by Machine Gun fire.

All objectives were reached, but owing to the very broken ground and thick scrub, many of the enemy escaped. The JOZHPUR LANCERS and the MYSORE LANCERS captured 71 prisoners, including 6 officers, 40 horses, and 4 machine guns. At least 90 of the enemy were speared. The enemy in front of the SHERWOOD RANGERS escaped into the wadi on the first sign of the advance.

As soon as it was seen that the charge was successful the HYDERABAD LANCERS were ordered to move out by the South and the POONA HORSE from GHORANIYEH to exploit this success. This they did but further progress was not possible owing to heavy gunfire from the foothills and M.G. fire from the WADI RAMEH East of AIN GARABA and KABA PENDI. The ground east of these points being thick scrub and practically unrideable gave the enemy a line of retreat through which mounted pursuit was impossible.

These two regiments picketed the enemy throughout the night while the remainder of the force withdrew to their original position.

The approach march of the three units was practically concealed and the hostile artillery did not open. During the attack itself there was again no artillery fire, the attacking squadrons giving only a very fleeting target. The POONA HORSE, however, both while crossing the JORDAN at GHORANIYEH and during their advance to BULLET HALUL were subjected to heavy shell fire.

Total prisoners in Right Sector.

-	officers	1	O.A.	German.	} Unwounded
6	officers	20 35	O.A.	Turkish.	

Our casualties in the Right Sector were :-

	<u>Killed.</u>	<u>Wounded.</u>	<u>Missing.</u>
British Officers	1	-	1
Indian Officers	3	3	-
British other ranks	-	4	-
Indian " "	19	22 33	8
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>29 40</u>	<u>9</u>

2. LEFT SECTOR.

At 0120 the 3rd A.L.H. Regiment reported movement in the WADY between VALE and VIEW POSTS (B.6) Y.4.d., 1.10.a., and in front of VIEW. Artillery barrage was called for and opened at once in front of VALE POST, which forced the enemy to deploy and take cover in a deep Wadi just north of VIEW POST.

MUSALLABEH and the back areas, as well as the posts on the BELLAAH were heavily shelled at 0230. Enemy in force was reported in front of VALE and VIEW POSTS, held by 1st A.L.H. Brigade. A party of enemy cavalry approximately 40 approached our posts, held by a Regiment of the 4th A.L.H. Brigade on the East Bank of the JORDAN at the AUJAH Bridgehead; when fired on this party withdrew eastwards.

At 0315 orders were sent by 1st A.L.H. Brigade for 2 squadrons reserve Regiment to move out and occupy ABU FELLUL Right and Left.

At 0330 the enemy, who had been massing in the WADY, advanced and broke through the line between VALE and VIEW POSTS. They rushed over the north side of VALE and between VALE and VIEW, having many casualties on the way, and pushed through under heavy fire, passing along the WADY DHIB over 2nd A.L.H. Regiment Headquarters and occupied ABU FELLUL Right posts 1 and 2 and the BLUFF (Y.5.b.-d. Y.6.a.).

The troop on VALE POST was obliged to fall back after enemy had passed and occupied ABU FELLUL Left No. 1. VIEW POST was surrounded, and VAUX POST (Y.9.b.) pressed heavily from the West. VYSE POST (Y.5.a.), MUSALLABEH and LASKRAH were cut off and for the time being out of communication. The G.O.C. 1st A.L.H. Brigade gave orders for ABU FELLUL to be retaken and the line to be restored. Orders were sent by the Division to the 4th A.L.H. Brigade to send one Regiment and one Section Machine Guns to report to the G.O.C. 1st A.L.H. Brigade.

At 0430 orders for the following moves were issued -

The 3rd A.L.H. Brigade was ordered to move at once from TALAT ED DUMM to WALI MUGIALEH.

5th Mounted Brigade was ordered from SOLOLONS POOLS to TALAT ED DUMM.

5th Mounted Brigade was ordered to be prepared to move to the Valley at short notice; and one 13-pdr Battery in the Right Sector to be prepared to move to the Left Sector on receipt of orders.

The 1st A.L.H. Brigade counterattack on ABU FELLUL commenced at 0435 with 1st and 2nd A.L.H. Regiments, and by 0505 the enemy was driven from ABU FELLUL leaving many dead, but continued to hold part of the BLUFF where a small party of our men with a Hotchkiss Rifle were still holding out. The 1st A.L.H. Brigade continued the operation of clearing our line of the enemy and a further reinforcement of one Regiment M.Z.L.H. Brigade and 1 section Machine Gun Squadron was ordered by the Division to report to the G.O.C. 1st A.L.H. Brigade. The enemy was still in considerable strength in front of VAUX POST.

About this time seven enemy aeroplanes appeared and bombed camps in the vicinity of LALABEH, the chief damage being done to a company of the 1/34th Pioneers, who were working on the road near the AUJAH, and the anti-aircraft gun team.

On the right of the Sector, near the WADI BELLAHA, the 2nd A.L.H. Brigade encountered a party of Turks in the high ground 1000 yards East of SALT (Z.13.b.) and BEAR (Z.5.d) POSTS. These were shelled by our artillery. SALT and POOL (Z.33.b.) POSTS were heavily shelled and enemy snipers were active opposite POOL POST. The 5th A.L.H. Regiment attacked the enemy in front of SALT POST and took 26 prisoners, 12 being Germans, leaving 50 wounded and 25 killed in the broken ground. The ground in front of SALT POST was then occupied by our troops for the rest of the day.

At 0750 the 1st A.L.H. Regiment attacked the BLUFF, supported by the fire of the MORTARS and B/A.A.G. Batteries, and recaptured it with 100 prisoners. The enemy surrounding VIEW POST now began to withdraw, leaving 22 prisoners behind. Pressure on VAUX still continued and one squadron WELLINGTON MOUNTED RIFLES, at that time under orders of G.O.C. 1st A.L.H. Brigade were sent forward west of ZEISS POST (Y.15.b.) to occupy a position to deal with the enemy facing VAUX who were reported to be digging in. The WADI east of VISE, VALE and VIEW POSTS was cleared of the enemy, VALE POST was reoccupied about 0900 and the situation was restored.

On the left of the 1st A.L.H. Brigade the remainder of the WELLINGTON MOUNTED RIFLES were ordered out to protect the left flank of the A. & N. Z. Mounted Division, as reports showed that enemy in small parties were moving south under the foothills towards the WADI AUJAH.

At 1045 the 3rd A.L.H. Brigade, who were in Corps Reserve at TALAF ED DUMM, arrived at WADI MUDIAMEH and were temporarily bivouaced there.

Our artillery engaged a regiment of enemy about 2000 yards east of ULM 13H SALT at 1130. Many riderless horses were seen galloping away.

At 1245 orders were sent to the N.Z.M.A. Brigade to support the WELLINGTON MOUNTED RIFLES and prevent the enemy from getting to the water in the AUJAH, and take every opportunity of capturing prisoners. The WELLINGTON MOUNTED RIFLES returned to the command of the Brigade on its return and the N.Z.M.A. Brigade took over the responsibility of the area from and exclusive of ZERUL POST (Y.21.a.) westwards.

The 3rd A.L.H. Brigade was placed at 1445 under the command of A. & N. Z. Mounted Division.

At 1630 the N.Z.M.A. Brigade started their move Northwards having to cross through heavy shell fire on the AUJAH. By 1825 the 1st A.L.H. Brigade reported that there were no enemy within 1000 yards of VAUX and VIEW POSTS, only a little sniping and machine gun fire being met from the west of the N.Z.M.A. Brigade who completed their move northwards by 1945 and returned leaving one squadron to watch the upper reaches of the Wadi AUJAH opposite TEL ER RISHAH.

Total prisoners in Left Sector.

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Cadets</u>	<u>Other ranks</u>	<u>Total</u>	
9	3	364	376	German. } un- Turkish. } wounded
5		57	63	

Captured material.

Machine guns	6
Automatic rifles	42
Ammunition	5300
Ammunition M.G. Boxes with ammunition in belts.	38
Ammunition boxes empty	9
Spare barrels M.G.	4
Rifles	185
Bayonets	84
Gas masks	58

Also telephone and signalling apparatus and articles of equipment.

Our casualties in the Left Sector were :-

	<u>Killed.</u>	<u>Wounded.</u>	<u>Missing.</u>
Officers	2	10	-
Other ranks	33	95	-

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GRAND TOTAL

(a) Prisoners (including wounded not shown in Sectors)

<u>Officers.</u>	<u>Cadets.</u>	<u>Other ranks.</u>	<u>Total</u>	
9	3	369	381	German
11	-	124	135	Turkish.
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20	3	493	516	
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(b) Casualties.

	<u>Killed.</u>	<u>Wounded.</u>	<u>Missing.</u>
British Officers.	3	10	1
Indian "	3	3	-
British Other ranks.	27	78	-
Indian " "	25	54	8
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	38	145	9
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H.G. Chauvel
Lieutenant-General,
Commanding DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

20th July 1918.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1630 - July 16th, 1918

I.51/112.

1. OPERATIONS.

RIGHT SECTOR: The following account of the demonstration in front of EL HENU on 14th was obtained from officers of 11th Turkish Cavalry Regiment.

A reconnaissance in force to test our strength and our defences at EL HENU. The attack was undertaken by the 11th and 9th Cavalry Regiments, with the 7th Cavalry Regiment in reserve. Each regiment was accompanied by I.M.G. Company - strength 80 men with 8 M.G.'s. 10 men of the 701st German Pioneer Abteilung accompanied the attack to report on the bridges, one of whom was taken prisoner. The N.C.O. in charge was wounded but escaped. The 11th Cavalry Regiment left HESKAN which appears to be the Headquarters of the 11th Regiment at 2300 13/7/18 and reached MADAEA which is the advanced Headquarters. The Regiment will return to HESKAN night 14/15th and do not expect to attack again in the near future.

LEFT SECTOR: (NIL).

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

Air Observation: Reconnaissance 1500/1700 yesterday saw no special movement on our front W. of Jordan. Some practice trenches were observed at KUSRA in F.21.d.

This morning 0500/0700 HT and small bodies of infantry moving W. in X.25.b. (wadi FUSAIL).

The "emergency" bridge constructed over Jordan by 146th German Regt was seen in C.19.c.6.3. otherwise no movement of note.

Ground Observation: Right Sector:

About 1400 on 14th a great explosion was seen on a bearing of 125° from TALAT ED-DUM. It was a great distance away, over the sky-line and was probably about EL KASTAL or LEBAN. It seems to have started a conflagration as smoke was visible an hour later.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Captures from 0800 - 1900 July 15th:

2nd Mounted Divn:	2 O.R.	Mule Mt Inf.
	2 O.R.	11th Cavalry Regt.

(b) One prisoner of Germans taken 14th by 2nd Mounted Division near HENU, belonged to 701st Pioneer Abteilung (Ignorant). Arrived here from BIDIEH with 3 other men. The Abteilung are now 60-70 strong and are Army Troops. They are attached to other units as required. Only 3 were present in Sunday's operation E. of Jordan and were to make a report on HENU bridge. Prisoner was employed as horse holder to O.C., 11th Cavalry Regiment, during the operation.

(c) Signalling Sergeant of 58th Regiment deserted to 20th Corps at BEJIEH yesterday, says: Strength of Regiment was 2800 before attack, of which 800 were casualties - mostly from M.G. fire.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

AMMAN. There is a defence line running from 142.X.27 south-west to W.35 south to Y.16, east to Y.24. In places there are only short lengths of trench, much scattered. The strongest trench works are astride the Amman - Es Salt road, and to the south of the town.

(G.H.Q. 14/7)

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Ours:

- 4.5" and 3.7" batteries engaged various targets during the day, chiefly in Wadi BAKR (C.6) R.36., Infantry in (C.6) W.31.a.5.3, and (B.6) Y.7.c.
1230. Our 75 mm shelled SHARK'S TOOTH. 25 enemy withdrew. 45 rounds fired on snipers in (C.6) X.22 and 23.
- 1520 } Heavies fired on (B.7) P.21.a.3.6. and P.20 central.
1630 }
- 1800- Heavies and 75 mm shelled transport in (B.7) P.17.
- 1830.

Enemy:

- Enemy shelled MUSALLABEH and ABU TELLUL road in (E.6) Y.17.a. Northern and eastern slopes of MADEEH and watering areas all day at intervals.
- Hostile 5.9" fired morning and evening. Bearing 360° from (B.6) F.13.a.2.5.
1520. 4.2" fired 20 rounds on our cavalry at (B.7) P.24.c.
2200. Enemy guns active on western posts left sector.
- 0540- Hostile guns shelling AUJAH and road.
- 0700.
0730. 4.2" shelled AUJAH (B.6) Z.25. and 26. and S. of THE BLUFF.

6. GENERAL.

- (a) Captured enemy map referred to in yesterday's Intelligence Summary gives the following enemy names of our posts:*

Our Name.	Enemy name.
Vale Post.	Wall Hill.
View Post.	Green Hill.
Vaux Post.	Middle Hill.
Zoo Post.	Pointed Hill.
Wick Post.	White River Hill.

Vyse Post is shown on the map, but does not appear to have been named.

Also (enemy 53rd Division H.Q. just S.W. of "Ruins" in W.3.c. and a. (53rd ?) Division C.P. in W.19.a.

- (b) The following are the true shade temperature for the week ending July 13th 1918, taken in the Jericho plain:-

	Maximum.	Mean.
July 7th.	94°	86.5
" 8th.	98	82.75
" 9th.	98	83.63
" 10th.	102	85.75
" 11th.	105	87.13
" 12th.	104	90
" 13th.	107	86.5

The mean temperatures given above are arrived at by dividing the sum of the temperatures at 0800, 1400, and the minimum, by 3.

R. H. H. H.
Major,
General Staff,
Desert Mounted Corps.

TRANSLATION OF GERMAN DOCUMENT

11/146.

1st SECTION.

5/7/18.

Scheme of Defence.

1. On the East bank of the Jordan there are only weak enemy detachments, mainly cavalry have been identified. The River crossings from MANDESI Ford and about 8 Km. south are covered by a fortified line protected by a line of posts. These, in front of the JERICHO - EL SALT road are organised into a bridgehead.
No indications of hostile attack are met, for the moment, to hand.
2. The 11th Coy. 146th Regiment belongs to the sector of Von HAMMERSTEIN and is part of the "ACRE" Group.
In conjunction with the M.G. Company's of the Turkish 74th and 71st Infantry Regiments, the 24th Mountain Artillery Abteilung and 10 Cavalry it defends the heights on the UMM ESH SHERT and MANDESI Roads.
3. The 11/146th Regiment occupies
 - (i) The outpost position on the heights north of UMM ESH SHERT rd.
 - (ii) The outpost position S. of these heights, in each case with 2 groups of Light M.Gs attached. Also main position on the heights due West of the "ACRE" camp, with 1 Group (of M.G's ? Tr.) on the UMM ESH SHERT road and one light M.G. group on the MANDESI road.

The remainder of the Company and one light M.G. Section remain in reserve encamped 1000 metres East of the Main Position on the EL SALT - UMM ESH SHERT road (The "ACRE" camp).

Each post has a single look-out man and an alarm post.
At night these are doubled.

On the main position by day single look-out men and alarm posts are to be kept on the MANDESI road. By night sentries on the UMM ESH SHERT and MANDESI roads are to be doubled. The reserve finds a single sentry and lookout post in the camp "ACRE".

4. When an enemy attack has been signalled or special readiness for action has been enjoined the entire garrisons of the outpost line and main position hold the line at full interval without any further order. The two telephonists occupy the signallers post.
The line of outposts is to be held.
If the enemy penetrates our line of outposts the garrison will withdraw on the main position, and the order for the counter-attack will be issued by the Company Commander.
5. Communication is kept up as follows:-

- (1) From the Company Commander forwards
 - (a) By courier
 - (b) By very lights.

1 white very light fired vertically = enemy is attacking our front.

1 white Very light fired obliquely to the left. = enemy is attacking on the left.

1 white Very light fired obliquely to the right. = enemy is attacking on the right.

(ii) From Company Commander to the rear.

(a) By telephone to section commander.

(b) By lamp signal to section commander.

6. Ammunition depot in the Camp "AGRE".

7. Dressing Station " " " "

8. Field Kitchen " " " "

9. Company Commander is to be found in the camp "AGRE" on the UMM ESH SHERT - EL SALT road.

(NOTE: "AGRE" appears to be a local name. Position of it not clear).

1. On the east bank of the Jordan River...
2. The 11th Coy. 1stst Battalion...
3. In conjunction with the...
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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.
Intelligence Summary.
Up to 1830 - July 17th 18.

I.51/113.

1. OPERATIONS

At 0600 on 15th patrol encountered enemy outpost in T.6.a. TEL EL RAMEH appeared to be held in strength. Further S. all seemed clear.

NOTE: The operation against the enemy about Wadi RAMEH on the afternoon of the 14th, mentioned in I.S. of 14th and 15th, was undertaken by the Jodhpore Lancers, Mysore Lancers and Sherwood rangers. The subsequent clearing up of the situation was the work of the Hyderabad Lancers and Poonah Horse.

15th.
LEFT SECTOR: 1100. 4th L.H. Brigade patrols from F.21. 1 section went in a N.E. direction got into touch with enemy about F.3 position held by approx 50 rifles. 1 section went in S.E. direction to vicinity of O.4 and 5 then in a N. direction along foothills got into touch with enemy vicinity F.5 and 6. position held by approx 50 rifles.

20th CORPS: At 0400 this morning a party of 2/153rd Infantry lay up for Turks in wadi SAMIEH (Q.20.a.). The ambushade was successful, 3 enemy being killed, 2 wounded and 5 captured.

COASTAL SECTOR: Enemy patrol of 30 rushed a sentry group at IKBA (V.5) 2 of our men are missing.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

Ground Observation:

Right Sector: 7th Mounted Brigade report considerably more than usual movement N. & S. on HELALI road during 15th.

Left Sector: (15th)

1320. 70 cavalry rode to X.16 dismounted and walked S. and disappeared in broken ground at X.28.
1400. About 200 men with packs noticed moving behind MUSETTERAH and RISHEH ridges in S. direction to W. AUJAH.
1420. 30 men appeared in broken ground X.28 and walking S. in extended order assembled in broken ground about X.28.cent. They were here joined by about 40 more men then all moved a little S. in two's and three's at the double, position about X.28. d.2.8.
1830. Party from 50-100 with packs moving N. along track from TEL EL MUSETTERAH.
Great deal of movement Infantry and packs in area N. of No. 3 subsector.

Enemy seen to be still occupying broken ground South end of GRANT HILL (W.28 a & b). They have 2 A.R's and 1 L.G., firing on No. 3 and 4 posts (MUSALLABEH).

Air Reports:

Reconnaissance this morning reports slight increase of tents in Wadi FARA area (112.K.L.N.) 600 infantry and 8 horse vehicles seen entering SALT from N.W. and about 100 infantry and 14 vehicles entering from S.W.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

Air Reports (contd).

An increase of 70 tents in the EL DALIYH area, and 55 in the ABU ZERKA area, has been noted since July 5th. A decrease of 135 and 60 has been noticed in the DOUHA and EL MUGHDIR areas respectively. This is very likely indicative of a redistribution and moving up of troops prior to Sunday's attack. An increase of 70 bivouacs in X.7. 14. 21 was also seen.

3. ENEMY DEFENCES.

On the afternoon of the 15th 100 infantry seen digging in J.1.cent. Also some new work has been done in X.13.a. and c. and in X.19.d. and 21.d.

4. IDENTIFICATIONS.

- i. 7 prisoners of 191st Regiment were taken by 2nd Mounted Division near SHUNET NIIRIN.
- ii. Reliable deserter of 75th Regiment says this regiment arrived at KUTRAMI on June 13th - about 4,000 strong. It was then thought to be going to MEDINA.
- iii. Intelligent sergeant prisoner of 56th Regt says the 24th Divn had received orders to withdraw to Constantinople, but this was cancelled for them to participate in Sunday's attack. It had been actually withdrawn about 4/5th and handed over line to 6th and 8th Cavalry Regiments, but was subsequently brought back into line for the attack.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

- i. Enemy intensely bombarded SUBAL BEH and back areas during yesterday. Our casualties: 3 officers and 4 other ranks killed. 12 O.R. wounded. A number of horses were also killed.
- ii. Our 60-pdrs engaged enemy gun position in C.32.b.5.5. with aeroplane. Result: 1 O.K., 3 Y's, 4 Z's.

6. ENEMY STRENGTHS.

Officer prisoners say German units went into battle on Sunday as under:-

702nd Regiment	-	600 strong.
703rd Regiment	-	800 strong.
Coy: 11th Jaegers	-	150 strong.

7. GENERAL.

- i. Some prisoners say 20 per cent of troops in Jordan valley have fever. This is an exaggeration, but others testify to the existence of much fever. *Each man in valley has to take 2 Tab: 1 each of Quinine weekly. This is compulsory and is administered by*
- ii. Horse rations among Germans are 6 to 8 lbs. of barley, and *M.O.* plenty of Ghusa. Horses graze daily at 0530 where grass exists.
- iii. An intelligent prisoner from 56th Regiment says he heard a telephone conversation with Liman von Sanders, wherein the latter is alleged by prisoner to have said that a German and Austrian Divn will arrive here in a few days, and that a main attack will be made in about 12 days (i.e. 9 days hence) when the water supply arrangements will be completed.

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Major,
General Staff,
Desert Mounted Corps.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1630 - July 18th, 1918

I.51/114.

1. OPERATIONS

RIGHT SECTOR. 1200 (16th).

Patrol to P.20.c. and d. were heavily fired on by rifle and M.G. from P.21.a. whereupon they took cover in Wadi NIMRIN at P.19.b. Meanwhile No.1 post observed a party of about 10 enemy infantry following up our patrol. Another patrol was instantly despatched along edge of wadi. They came upon the enemy unexpectedly, capturing 7 prisoners.

LEFT SECTOR. 1645. Patrol from 4th L.H. Brigade left 127.F.20 and went N. to F.8.c. and were fired on from F.2 and 3. by 30 rifles. Patrol observed considerable movement of pack animals carrying scrub moving E. Wagons and small parties of infantry and cavalry moving between Jordan and F.1.

Patrol from N.Z.M.R.Bde to 117.F.24.d. reported scattered parties approx 30 in all going to and from Aujah during day, some with pack animals.

0900. (17th) Patrol left 127.F.27 and moved N.E. through F.23.d. and found wadi unoccupied. Fired on from C.35.d. and F.6.a. by 30 rifles.

Patrols to F.20 reports trench system in F.2 is small and has 6 to 8 yards single apron of wire in front capable of holding 30 men. Similar system in F.3. 2 M.G. positions in F.14 and earthwork running E. of F.15. Probably dug while enemy was occupying position on day of attack.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

RIGHT SECTOR: Bridgehead defences report (17th) Much movement of small parties of troops going North on HELALI road U.33.b. Troop of cavalry observed advancing from P.22 to R.5.c. where it appeared to relieve another troop which returned along the same track towards LONDON HOUSE. Much movement round LONDON HOUSE seen during the day.

LEFT SECTOR: 1200 (16th). 100 infantry and 100 cavalry moved from Wadi BAKR towards UMM ESH SHERT.
1500. 200 pack animals moved from U.20. to W.20.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Captured enemy map has the following H.Q. positions chalked on it:-

20th Corps	-	BJDEL BENI FADL.
26th Division	-	JALUD.
11th Division	-	KALMINEH (Z.13.a)
3rd Corps	-	ISKAKA.
1st Division	-	BERDA
46th Division	-	DEIR ESTIA.

Ours:	XXth Corps	-	KULONIEH.
	Parts of 54, 53rd		
	& 3rd Indian Divs		about JERICOH.
	Parts of 53rd Div	-	SILWAD.
	10th Division	-	UMM

5UPPAA

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(2) An intelligent and credible, but apparently imaginative deserter, attached signals 24th Division, stated:-

On the 11th inst the 24th Divisional Staff with transport, together with the 58th, 143rd and 2nd Regiments, 2 Entrenching Battalions and one attack Battalion, with steel helmets, arrived within a kilometre of Nablus. Here they were met by General Liman von Sanders, and the Division was ordered to return to the front, to a spot about 3 kilometres north-east of the source of the Wadi Auja, where the Battle Headquarters of the 24th Divn was installed. A meeting took place between Von Sanders, the G.O.C., 24th Division and two Turkish Staff Officers. The O.C. 58th Regt also attended the meeting.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- i. 2nd Mounted Division reports there are 30 rifle pits 100 yards E. of the ford at T.19 with 2 M.G. emplacements at each end of the row.
- ii. The enemy was also seen wiring in P.8.a. and P.15.c.
- iii. Deserter of 191st Regiment says that from DECCAN HOUSE to SALT road is held by about 200 German infantry with 6 M.G.'s. These probably are the 2/143rd Regt, though deserter does not know it. What sounds to us like blasting is the Germans destroying fish in the NILRIM (with bombs).

5. WATER.

i. A captured German sketch gives the following details regarding water supplies in the vicinity of the DALIS - ES SALT and the UMM ESH SHEER - ES SALT tracks.

Altogether nine wells or cisterns are shown, but owing to discrepancies between sketch and our map it is impossible to give any more than a very approximate idea of their location.

1. 126.T.12.	Little.
2. 127.H.14.	Enough (horses only).
3. 127.H.20.	Sufficient
4. 127.H.19.	Enough (horses only).
5. 127.D.29.	Plenty.
6. 127.D.29.	Dry.
7. 127.K.central	Very little.
8. 127.D. 21 or 22	Enough
9. 127.D. " " "	Dry.

ii. A deserter from 58th Regiment says troops N. of AUJA are very hard up for water. Deserter was without it for 36 hours and says other men were so for 48 hours. He was in a shell hole with 10 other men and a M.G. The gunners drank the water in the M.G. chamber, and when that was finished, he saw 4 men drink their own urine.

6. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. 195th H.B. engaged enemy gun position in C.32. b.5.5. with aerial cooperation yesterday, between 0500 and 0800. 1 OK, 3 Y's, and 4 Z's. obtained.

7. GENERAL. A German officer was very much interested to learn if our troops from Mesopotamia, who were marching through PERSIA had linked up with the Russians in the Caucasus.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

I.51/115.

Intelligence Summary
Up to 1830 - July 19th, 18.

1. OPERATIONS.

RIGHT SECTOR: (17th) Usual patrols. Exceptionally quiet day.

LEFT SECTOR: Auja Bridgehead area.

1530 (17th). Patrol of 4 men moved from F.20 to F.8.b. Located M.G. in F.9.a. Observed no movement on W. side of river. Patrol of 4 left F.21 moving N. through F.23. F.29. G.25.a. F.24.a. &c. Observed no enemy except O.P. C.36.a. & 30-40 infantry in F.9.10 & 11.

1430. Patrol to TEL EL TRUNY reached north bank of Wadi Auja in T.24.a. 4 enemy only seen on foothills at TEL ER RISHH.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

Air reconnaissance this morning 0700/0900 saw 650 cavalry halted and scattered just E. of AIN ES SIR, also 650 in 3 parties along AMMAN - ES SALT road, of which 200 were going W, remainder halted.

Ground observation:

Right Sector: 1830. Large clouds of dust seen in hills about G.16.

Left Sector: 0900. 100 cavalry emerged from Wadi EAKR at R.33.b. and moved N.E. During afternoon quieter than usual on the whole sector.

0445. (18th) 200 infantry and 5 wagons moved N. along road in C.38.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 18/7/18.

P/W.	Deserters	Unit	Taken at	Taken by
1	-	143rd Regiment	W.36.d.	Anzacs.
	1	2nd Regiment.	Y.27.a.	"
	3	58th Regiment	H.2.a.7.2.	"
	2	163rd Regt	H.7.a.	"
	2	18th Trench Bn.	Y.15.b.6.	"

(b) Prisoner of 191st Regiment says on right of his regiment is 66th Regiment. 23rd and 17th are in reserve. About 8 days back the 191st Regiment relieved the 23rd. At that time a battn of the German 148th Regt was on their left, but this subsequently went away - prisoner does not know where. The 23rd Regiment is now resting 2 miles S. of SALT.

(c) On the night of 17th/18th July a pack containing a German overcoat, marked "701", was found by a patrol near RAFAT. This is strong presumptive evidence that the 701st took part in the attack at RAFAT on 13/7. (XXIst Corps).

(d) According to one prisoner the 18th Trenching Battalion, which arrived on this front about the 15th, is attached to the 163rd Regt. This however requires confirmation.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- (a) A number of earthworks have been thrown up in F.7.a. since yesterday.
- (b) An enemy O.P. is reported in C.3g.c.
- (c) A prisoner of 191st Regiment says his regiment have no trenches but a line of small redoubts have been built, each holding 10 men and a M.G. These are 7 - 10 yards apart. There is a line of barbed wire entanglements, 15 metres in front of these redoubts. This is apron style and starts on the N. bank of Wadi NIMRIN at SHUNET NIMRIN.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Our 60-pdrs retaliated on enemy bivouacs in W. square. Enemy spasmodically shelled the AUJA with 5.9, 4.2, and 77 mm during the day.

6. GENERAL.

Prisoner states that when on sentry-go the challenge on the approach of strangers is "Who is it". A Turk replies with the name of Company, Battalion, and Regiment. A German says "OSMAN OSMAN STAMBOUL". If the sentinel hears no reply, he fires or throws a bomb.

The undermentioned instructions were found on a man of 11th Coy, 146th Regiment, by 5th A.L.H. Regiment. The instructions were illustrated by a sketch (of which a copy is attached).

The sketch was very rough and not to scale.

These appear to be Section Commanders instructions, based on the general Defence Scheme, a translation of which was issued with Intelligence Summary of 16th July 1918. (Herein word 'AIRE' was wrongly rendered 'AIRE')

Outpost instructions for the Outpost Position No.1.

1. By day a single lookout man is posted, armed with field glasses and a Very Light pistol.
By night the post is doubled
2. The outpost is responsible for the immediate foothills and the plain between the Wadi ABU TURRA and the UMM ESH SHERT road.
3. Any activity on the part of the enemy, and also any change of position of our own troops, will be reported at once by the outpost to the Section Commander.
4. On the right is the 66th Turkish Infantry Regiment; on the left the Turkish artillery O.P., about 200 yards away.
Further south on the UMM ESH SHERT road is No.2 section of 11th Coy, 146th Regiment.
About 1500 metres further left is the Turkish 63rd Infantry Regt. Behind (about 1500 metres to the East), is the 3rd Section of 11th Coy, 146th Regiment in the main position at AIRE.
About 1000 metres East of the main position is the Company Command and the remainder of the Company.

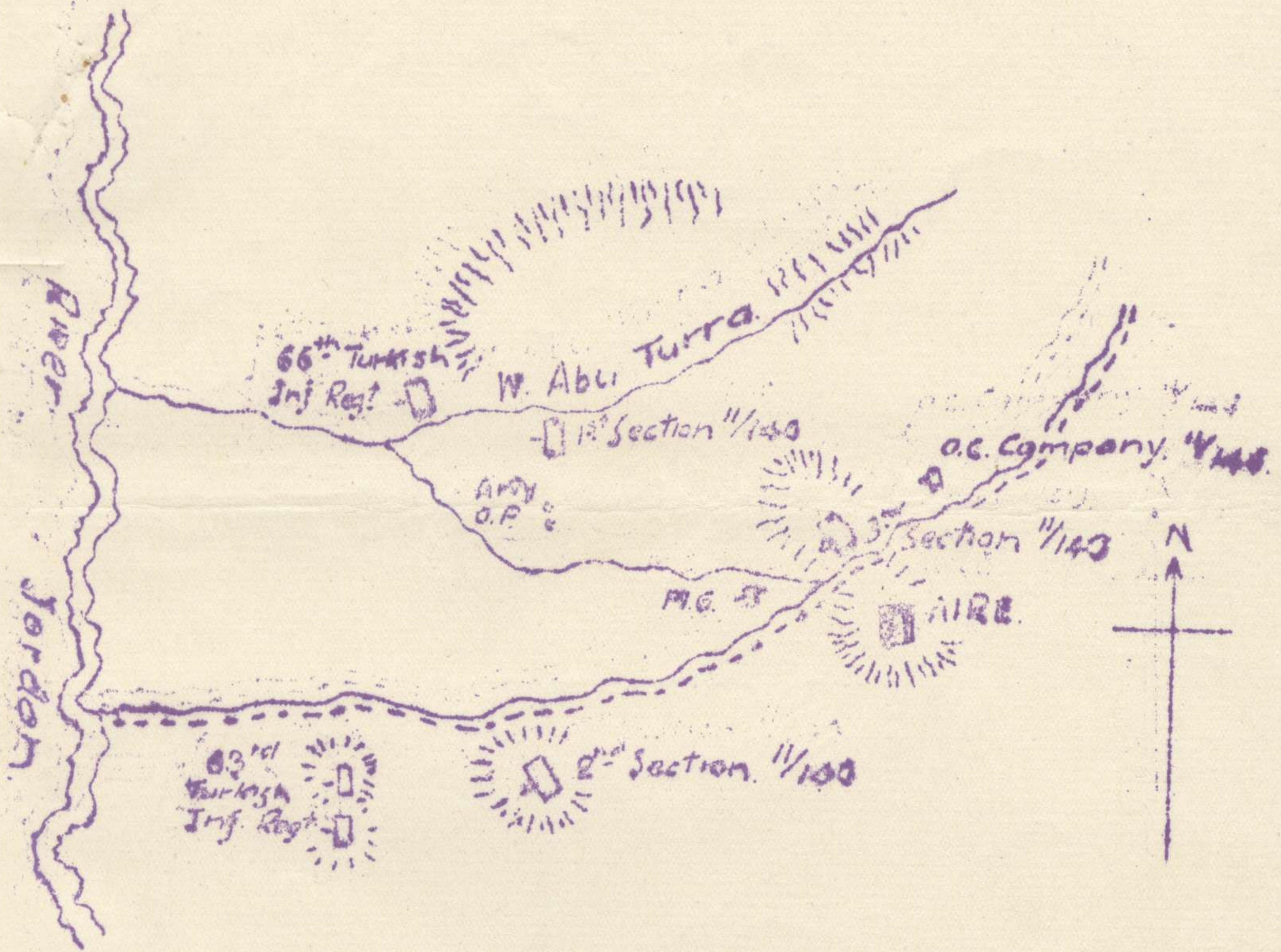
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1st Section, 11th Company,
146th Regiment.

NOTE: In Intelligence Summary No. I.51/114, of 18th.
T.19 in para 4 (1) should read "T.1.a."

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS,
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1830 - July 20th, 18

I.51/118.

1. OPERATIONS.

RIGHT SECTOR: Usual patrols.

Enemy fire experienced from TEL ER RAMEH, KABR SAID
P.14, P.22, P.17 and O.12.

LEFT SECTOR: 0415. (19th) Patrol pushed forward from 127.F.21 and
found enemy in F.3.b. He opened fire with 6 rifles
and 1 machine gun.

20th CORPS) Nil. Situation unchanged.
COASTAL SECTOR)

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

Right Sector:

0730 (20th) 5 light cars proceeded N. in P.17.d.
Otherwise no movement of importance.

Left Sector: Continuous movement throughout the forenoon of small
parties of troops - estimated at 100 all told,
in foothills about G.22, 28, 29.
0940. Parties of mounted troops about Bk. FUSAIL
(U.33) - estimated number 60.

Air reconnaissance:

Reconnaissance 0500/0700 this morning reports no unusual movement
in EL ADEIME, SHUNET NIMRIN, ES SHERT, or W. FUSAIL areas.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 19/7/18

P/W.	Deserters	Unit	Taken by
-	1	Not known.	Two div.
	1	3/152nd Regt	"
	1	2/66th Regt	"
	1	2/191st Regt.	"

(b) Deserter officer of 58th Regiment states:

JISR ED DAMIE. The white building at C.6/L.27.b. near and south
of the road is being used as a hospital and telegraph and
telephone exchange station.

One kilo North of this building, among some trees, there is a
ration and ammunition dump supplying the 24th, 53rd and 3rd
Cavalry Divisions.

The H.Q. of the 3rd Cavalry Division is 300 yards north of
Jisr ed Damie.

West of this place at C.6/S.1.b. there is a M.G. for A.A.
defences on the summit of the hill.

When the 58th Regiment crossed the Jordan from East to West
on the 6th instant, they crossed by a pontoon bridge at
Jisr ed Damie.

It is also reported that there was a bridge at Mafid Jozeleh
over which guns were taken.

The correct position of the 24th Divisional H.Q. is C.6/U.13.d.
near the mill and pool.

The 58th Regimental H.Q. at C.6/W.8. central.

(c) Armenian deserter of 1/143rd Regiment says 3 days ago a new
Attack Battalion took up its position on left of his Regt,
but he does not know number.

4. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY

The bivouacs in W.25.a. & b., on which our 60-pdrs. retaliated yesterday, are reported by R.A.F. as having been badly knocked about.

Enemy artillery showed slightly increased activity. A 77 mm (or 13-pdr) shelled AJJAH bridgehead. 13-pdr fuze heads were picked up near Notts R.H.A. Deserter, Sergeant of 163rd Regiment says, however, there are no captured English guns near his regiment, neither has he heard of any. He has only seen a couple of English captured horses.

5. GENERAL.

The following from an Armenian Doctor, intelligent, but of unknown credibility - who recently left Damascus, may be of interest:- The report in Damascus on the 2/7/18 was that Djemal killed the Sultan, and either wounded or killed Enver and Talaat. Other reports state that these have fled to Germany. The reason for this, it is stated, is that Enver and Talaat had decided to get rid of Djemal, to have a free hand in matters, but Djemal learning this took measures to get them out of the way. This report is believed by the intelligent class in Damascus also by Turkish officers attached to the A.S.C. That Djemal Pasha was acting Grand Vizier and Izzet Pasha had been appointed Minister of war. The other members of the Cabinet retained office.

No civilians or officers were permitted to proceed from or arrive at Damascus from Constantinople.

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Note Captures reported in yesterday's Summary should be 8 prisoners and one Deserter and not vice versa as stated

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.
Intelligence Summary.
Up to 1830 - July 22nd, 18.

I.51/118

1. OPERATIONS.

RIGHT SECTOR: Patrols came under enemy rifle fire in T.S.d.

LEFT SECTOR: A patrol 1 N.C.O. and 11 O.R. moved out from WICK Post at 0200 and proceeded to TEL EL TRUNY for purpose of capturing water parties.

8 dismounted men of patrol moved up from TRUNY towards AUJA gorge at 0800. 2 Turks were followed by patrol but latter was fired on by small parties coming down gorge, and returned to TRUNY. 20 Turks were seen in all.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT. 20/7.

RIGHT SECTOR: Considerably more than usual movement near DECCAN House and LONDON house during the day.

DEAD SEA Post report about 100 men seen on road on top of TALAT el BENAT moving N.E. (1400).

LEFT SECTOR: Transport traffic along the foothills between CAVE HILL, WADI BAKR and W.14.b. was greater than usual.

Also increased movement on UMM ESH SHERT track of small infantry parties and pack animals going W.

Air reconnaissance 1800 to 1800 21st reports movement in DOMEH, ABU ZERKA and EL MUGHEIR areas restricted to usual small parties. Suspected battery position in R.7.a. E. of wadi SAMIEH, with 3 bell tents alongside.

This morning's reconnaissance reports WADI FUSAIL, UMM ESH SHERT, SHUNET NIMRIN and EL ADRIME areas normal.

20 men were seen crossing the new bridge in C.19.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Prisoners and deserters for 24 hours ending 1900 July 21st - None.

(b) Prisoners of 11th Coy, 3rd Battn. 146th German Regiment, taken on 14/7 further interrogated, say H.Q., 146th Regt was at SALT in a building 50 metres from the large mosque about 4th July. H.Q., 3rd Battn were 20 metres away from Regimental H.Q. On the night of the 13/14th July, before the attack, prisoner's company after crossing Jordan (by bridge in C.19) met the 3rd Coy, 1st Battn in a Turkish position about F.1.a. (other prisoners of this company stated previously that 1st Bn had remained at Nazareth). Prisoner's do not however know whereabouts of remainder of 1st Battn - but they left 3rd Coy in position F.1.a. when they moved to the attack, in the small house of 14th.

11th Coy on leaving Macedonia was 280 - 300 rations strong, but on the 9/7 was only 120 (100 rifles including those of light M.G. personnel). About 150 men had stayed at SALT. (transport details and men sick with malaria and diarrhoea).

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(c) Deserter (very ignorant) of 2/58th Regt says 6th and 7th Coys of Regt are now in line. They have no trenches or sangars, but wire on stakes 1 1/2 feet high in front of their position. On their left are Germans. Deserter knows little else.

4. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Our 60 pdr. fired on camp in 127.P.17.d.9.1. - also on hostile battery at 113 V 23 b 9.7.

Some enemy shelling of MUSALLABEH during day.

5. GENERAL

(a) Prisoner of 1400h German Regt saw a new water distillery apparatus on wheels, about 150 litres capacity, which arrived lately for the sanitary company of his Regiment.

(b) The following are the true shade temperatures for the week-ending July 20th, 1918, taken in the Jericho plain:

	Maximum.	Mean.
July 14th.....	110	92.25
15th.....	110	91.25
16th.....	107.5	89.37
17th.....	106	92.75
18th.....	107.5	92.13
19th.....	107	91.13
20th.....	107	92

AVERAGE MEAN: 91.62.

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(a) Prisoners and deserters for 24 hours ending 1900 July 1918. (b) Prisoner of 1400h German Regiment, taken on 14th July, 1918, in a building 50 metres from the large mosque in a building 30 metres away from Regimental H.Q. On the night of the 15th July, before the attack, prisoner's company after crossing Jordan (by bridge in G.19) met the 3rd Coy, 1st Battalion in a Turkish position about 5.1.a. (other prisoners of this company stated previously that 3rd Coy had remained at Hazzarath). Prisoner's do not however know whereabouts of remainder of 3rd Coy - but they left 3rd Coy in position 5.1.a. when they moved to the attack in the night of 14th. 11th Coy on leaving Masebia was 200 - 300 rifles strong, but on the 17th only 120 (100 rifles including those of 11th M.G. personnel). About 150 men had stayed at BALT. (transport details and map also with salaries and allowances).

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS
Intelligence Summary
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I. 71/119.

1. OPERATIONS.

LEFT SECTOR:

0630. Patrol to WADI EL JORFE, T.14.d.2.7., thence to Wadi ADIAB in T.20.d., thence to T.12.a.7.6. From here patrol leader and 4 men proceeded straight towards TEL EL IAB but withdrew on 3 machine guns opening fire on them. Patrol leader states he saw the lead horses of a squadron in KABR SAID. The enemy stood to their horses and tightened garths when their M.Gs. opened fire.
(NOTE: Compare with translation of captured Turkish document).

LEFT SECTOR.

0500. 40 rifles in F.10 and F.11, and machine gun in F.9.a. opened fire on north patrol from No.1 sub-sector.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

RIGHT SECTOR:

1835. 33 enemy cavalry with armed animals in 3 columns proceeded from LONDON House in a southerly direction.
1840. Native observer reported 300 men in 6 formed bodies moving south from LONDON House.
During yesterday continuous movement along SHUNET NIBRIN road in both directions.

LEFT SECTOR:

1020. 8 mounted men appeared in F.12.a., they dismounted and appeared to study maps and plans, then mounted and moved north, disappearing in G.16.c.
1330. Considerable movement of cavalry at water in W.14.b. No.2 sub-sector reports slightly more movement than usual of small parties between redoubts. Increased movement heard at UMM ESH SEERT during night.

While Notts R.H.A. registered GRANT HILL several infantry, dressed in khaki, and 1 horseman ran to cover. Thought to be Germans.

R.A.F. Reconnaissances 0445/0700 and 0625/0805.

No unusual movement observed. Tentage normal.

Water observed in WADI ARAK HAJAJ near P.18. (c.6)

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Captures for 24 hours ending 1900, July 22nd, 1918:-

Deserters	Unit	Taken at	Taken by
2	3/163rd Regt	WAX POST	Ausdiv.
1	Unknown	Y.24	"

4. ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

1030. 77 mm active on bearing of 35° from (B.6) Z.27.b.3.5.
1800. 4.2" shelled MUSALLABEE. Just bearing 71° from (B.6) Y.3.b.3.4.
77 mm fired 25 rounds on TEIN and TOOL Posts.
4.2" firing on (C.3) W.25.
0630. Enemy gun E. of EL HAUD fired 4 rounds at our cavalry patrol.

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Appendix to Desert ~~and~~ Intelligence Summary No. 1.51/119.

Translation of a Turkish document.

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REGIMENTAL ORDERS.

Headquarters,
11th Cavalry Regiment,
13.5.18.

1. Commencing today there will be a squadron on patrol from each of the 7th, 9th and 11th Cavalry Regts.
The patrolling squadron of the 7th Regiment will be at KASR MUJAHID (127.W.20.a.).
The patrolling squadron of the 11th Regiment will be at TELL ER RAME (127.Y.1.).
The patrolling squadron of the 9th Regt will be on the ridge situated between the ER RAME - HESLAN (127.F.13) and MADEBA (143.Q.17.a.) roads.
The country situation between the DEAD SEA and ER RAME must be vigilantly patrolled in order to prevent the enemy's communication with the ORBAE (Sherifial forces) in the direction of MADEBA.
2. The 3rd Squadron is the patrolling squadron of the 11th Regt. It must move immediately to ER RAME accompanied by the M. Gun troop. It will carry out reconnaissance in the direction of Wadi el JORFE (127.T.19-16) and Wadi ROZR (?), and it will be in contact with the other patrolling squadrons on its flanks.
3. The patrolling squadron will immediately fortify the hill of ER RAME.
4. In order to fill the gap which is left uncovered by the 3rd Squadron, the 4th Squadron will extend its centre towards the right and will place an officer's post on the EL LENTERKE ridges (127.Y.14-15). The 4th squadron will secure the ER RAME - HESLAN road and the rear of its left flank. It will move the officer's post at TELL IKTABA (127.Y.9) to the rear. One M. Gun from the 4th squadron will join the M. Gun section of the 3rd squadron. The 4th squadron will be responsible for the defence of the artillery.
5. In order to fill the gap left between the 3rd and 4th Squadrons a troop from the 2nd Squadron will be placed on the ridges situated S.E. of TELL KAMEL (127.W.28.a.).
At night this troop will come down the valley and will keep contact with the 4th squadron.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1830 - July 24th, 1918

I.51/120.

1. OPERATIONS.

RIGHT SECTOR (22nd).

044 0415. Patrols saw 4 dismounted enemy at 127.R.3.a., whom they pursued, but lost sight of in the thick scrub at R.3.d.

LEFT SECTOR: Nil.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

RIGHT SECTOR: Nothing unusual.
Movement below normal during 22nd.

LEFT SECTOR:

0650: 200 horses driven from S. end of RED HILL to river.
0600-0730. 60 pack animals seen moving to and fro between O.34.a. and UMM BSH SHERT.

0730. 100 cattle moved N. from watering place in W.14.b.
1730. 2 gun limbers moved from O.34.a. to UMM BSH SHERT.

AIR REPORTS: Reconnaissance 0500/0630 today saw the usual movement of small bodies in FUCALIS, UMM BSH SHERT, SHUNET NIMRIN and ADELIS areas. Long distance reconnaissance 0800/0800 saw 1300 cavalry between AIM ES SIR and AMMAN, 600 of these were going N.W. at 148.R.11.
There is a net decrease of 125 tents in the Wadi PARA area (112 H.S.K.L.N.) and a net increase of 196 in the AMMAN area.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 July 23rd, 1918

Deserters	Unit.	Taken at	Taken by
1	3/103rd Regt	WAX POST	Ausdiv

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

There are what appear to be small redoubts at P.7.b.2.9., P.1.d.5.1, P.1.d.7.2. They are 40 to 50 yards in circumference, 10 ft high with well worn paths round them. No wire was seen round them. A single air line was seen in P.8.a. running North and South, probably to LONDON HOUSE.

New sandbags have been put on the enemy work in X.30.d. and a working party were heard about X.36.a. at 2000 on 22nd.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Our 60-pdrs engaged hostile battery in V.31.a.9.4. by air observation with signal success yesterday evening. 4 O.K's, 3 Y's, and 3 Z's were recorded. Notts R.E.A. effectively sniped reliefs coming up on BROWN HILL.

Rather increased enemy shelling of MUSALLABEH during the day. 12 4.2's were fired just N. of TOOL POST.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1630 - July 25th, 18

I.51/121.

1. OPERATIONS.

RIGHT SECTOR: Patrol of 12 enemy approached our night post at 0.21.b. at about mid-night 23/24, and fired from 250 yards range, but retired on being fired on. This they did again at 0200 24th.

LEFT SECTOR: 0400 (25th) Patrols made good as far N. as F.15, 16 and 17.central. 12 infantry withdrew from F.17 and took up position in F.11.a.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

RIGHT SECTOR: Normal.

LEFT SECTOR: 0730 (24th) 50 infantry moved from W.14.b. (watering place) to WADI EAKR.

Enemy snipers in X.21.b. were active against our post on SHARKS TOOTH.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 24/7/18

Deserter.	Unit.	Taken at	Taken by
1	Unattached	T.1.a.	5th Cav Div

(b) Deserters of 59th and 76th Regiments (26th Divn) say German troops E. of Jordan have been seen retiring northwards, and are reported to be all going to Constantinople.

(c) A deserter of no special unit, but who has been employed as a telephone operator with 22nd A.C. ^{7th} ET TIREH states that he deserted from 22nd Corps about a month ago and joined the 1/74th Regiment about 1 hour N. of ES SALT. 1/74th were then in reserve to 4th Army and were digging trenches.

2/74th Regt deserter locates in KALKILISH area and 3/74th in reserve to VIIIth Army (but this last is unlikely). He further states that the 3rd Caucasus Cavalry Brigade is in Wadi HEBBAN, commanded by a German. There is one German M.G. Coy of 4 M.Gs. and 3 automatic rifles attached - also a wireless set.

The Brigade H.Q. are, he affirms, in telephonic communication with the squadron that comes out patrolling at night.

4. ENEMY INTENTIONS.

From the statements of various prisoners it is evident that there is a persistent rumour amongst the enemy that the Germans are being withdrawn to Constantinople or beyond. More than this it is impossible to say because it is clear that tension between Turk, Bulgarians and Germans have given birth to the most extravagant rumours and inferences amongst all ranks of the enemy.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) A deserter of 1/74th Regt saw trenches being dug about JEBEL JELAAD a few days ago.

(b) Barbed wire has been put up in F.3.a.5.1. The sangar on GRANT HILL has been built higher during the night 23/24th.

6. ARTILLERY.

(a) 1520-1845. 195 H.B. engaged two active A.A. guns in (B.7) U.27.b.1.3. with aeroplane co-operation 10 Y's, 5 Z's, 2 A's, and 6 B's being recorded. After third round detachments ceased firing and took shelter in their pits. These were heavily shelled with excellent results. The battery then switched on to a camp in (B.7) U.27.a.9.5. 4 O.K.s, 8 S's, 1 A, 3 B's, were registered. Men were seen running in all directions. Their consternation was completed when the observing machine came down and machine gunned them.

(b) Enemy activity somewhat below normal.

(c) Deserters of 38th Divn (to our east) say 14 or 16 77 mm. guns are being taken to MAELUS for embarkation for CONSTANTINOPLE. (This is confirmatory).

7. GENERAL.

(a) Deserter mentioned in para 3 (b) says of the 1/74th Regt that though their morale is very low the men are kept from deserting at present by the quantities of grapes at ES SALT.

(b) Arab deserter, whose unit could not be ascertained, says on the 14/7 he saw 200 Germans on the N. outskirts of FURKA. A concert was being held and a band (German) was playing. (Compare para 3 (b)).

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Intelligence Summary
Up to 1830 - July 26th 1918.

1. OPERATIONS.

RIGHT SECTOR (24th).
Patrol along Wadi er RAMEH to T.5.b.10.5. came under fire of a party of enemy infantry about 25 strong who were hiding in WADI RAME.

LEFT SECTOR: Morning and evening patrols to TEL el TRUNY were fired on from T.16.d.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

RIGHT SECTOR: Nothing of interest.

LEFT SECTOR: 0900 (25th).
15 pack animals were met on the road by 8 mounted men in W.14.d. and moved S. to W.20.d.

1200-1600. Continual movement of small parties of pack animals to and fro between UMM ESF SHERT and C.21. about 800 in all.

Air reconnaissances this morning report no abnormal movement in the tactical area. 14 mechanical transport seen moving into SALT from E. about 0700.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 25/7/18 - NIL.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

(a) A patrol reports 800 yards of wire along the foothills S. of KABR SAID (further particulars of this required).

(b) Digging seen in progress at 113.X.14.d.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

Ours:

1800. Notts R.H.A. 75 mm. shelled bivouacs in WADI ALY in (C.6) W.9.c. & d., W.10.a. & c., and O.P. in W.14.a.7.6.

0705-0715. 60-pdrs fired on enemy camp in (B.7) P.18.c.1.1. in retaliation for enemy shelling.

0750-0756. 60-pdrs fired on camp in (B.7) P.23.d.9.7. in retaliation.

Enemy artillery rather more than usually active.

5.9 fired on Z.20.a. (just N. of Auja) and X.34.d. (TICK POST).

6. GENERAL.

A very intelligent Arab sergt of the 3/76th Regt states he heard six days ago that the Turks informed the Germans of their intention to sign a separate peace with the allies. The Turks will allow the free passage of the Dardanelles to the allies and hand over Palestine as far North as ALEPPO to the Sherif of Mecca. The Germans are making preparations to withdraw from Palestine for Constantinople.

He also heard a speech given at HAILUS 20 days ago by a Hodja - Special Envoy of the new Sultan of Turkey. The speaker begged the troops to "stick it" until COURAN BAIRAM and said the SULTAN had decided to sign peace by then with the allies.

He went on to say that the Sultan realised the loss the Empire had sustained these four years of war, both from the point of view of lives and territory, and that the country was unable to stand it much longer, therefore they must not lose heart but try and carry out his wishes.

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Intelligence Summary
Up to 1630 - July 27th 1918

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1. OPERATIONS.

RIGHT SECTOR: 0530 26/7/18.

No. 2 subsector: Patrol to P.16.b.0.3. was fired at by M.G. when about 150 yards from DOCCAN HOUSE. Patrol withdrew to P.15.a.0.0., but being still under M.G. fire moved S.E. across WADI NEMRIN to P.22.d.0.7. where it again came under M.G. fire from TEL NEMRIN. Patrol took cover in dry nullah about P.22.c. then returned to 0.13.a.

Patrol of 5 other ranks attacked enemy convoy of 7 camels, 2 Germans and 3 Turks in P.8.a. 1 German and 1 Turk killed, 1 German and 2 Turks wounded.

LEFT SECTOR. 1055. 26/7/18.

A patrol from No.4 subsector to NEJMEH reports that the track up through B. central, B.2.b., T.26.central, T.20.c., to NEJMEH is fit for cavalry in single file, but would be difficult in many places for led horses. What appears to be an observation post (T.10.d.9.0.) is all that was seen of enemy.

1130. TEL EL TRUNY patrol was fired on by snipers from mill (T.17.d.2.4.)

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

RIGHT SECTOR: Transport seen going E. on road in (B.7) P.10.a. (F.O.O.)

LEFT SECTOR:

0500. 15 infantry retired from ridge in F.9.a. on approach of our patrol.

0640. Movement of small parties of pack animals between UMM ESH SHERT and G.7. 100 animals in all.

1000) About 500 infantry and 30 packs moving north along

1035) foothills in C.23.

1130. Small parties pack animals, with 5 minutes distance, moving to and fro between G.7 and UMM ESH SHERT.

All animals moving east heavily laden. 200 animals in all.

1650. 150 infantry moving West in hills from EG SALT disappeared in G.3.

1830. 2 troops enemy cavalry observed N.W. GRANT HILL.

No.1 sub-sector reports more movement of troops than usual during period.

R.A.F. Usual movement of small bodies. No unusual movement or concentration observed in tactical area.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 26/7/18

Deserters.	Unit	Taken at
1	3/23rd Regiment	P.19.d.
1	Not known	-

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Trenches in (B.7) P.16.b. & d. and P.17.c. were unoccupied at 0430. No wire at P.9, P.15, P.16, P.22. The presence of small rifle pits in (B.7) 0.12 and 0.18 previously reported is confirmed.

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SECRET MOUNTED CORPS
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OPERATIONS

RIGHT SECTION: 0830

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

- 1200. 77 mm. fired 5 rounds into (B.7) P.31.
- 1500. 77 mm shelled (C.3) K.33 and 34.
- 1728. 77 mm fired 5 rounds from bearing of about 70° from (E.6) L.6.b 6.5.
- 1740. 77 mm. fired 6 rounds into (B.7) O.33
- 1745. 77 mm. fired 5 rounds into GHORANIYEH bridgehead.
- 1815. 77 mm. shelled (B.6) Z.14.20 & 21.
- 1850. 77 mm. shelled MUSAALLABEH.
- 1900. Enemy heavy gun shelled (E.6) Z.21. and 22.
- 2000

6. GENERAL.

Greek deserter (regiment unknown) who left Constantinople on 1st July states that while his draft was in Konia station about 9/10th inst. he saw a train-load of German troops on their way to Constantinople. Between Konia and Mesoudieh he also saw 4 trains of Germans on their way north. He heard from several soldiers that the German troops were being withdrawn from this front.

Another deserter (3/23rd Regt) who left Constantinople with a draft about the same time states that at a station just north of Bezzanti he saw a train of 10 to 15 wagons, all full of Germans going North.

Deserter who was a gendarme in Constantinople before he was recently drafted down to this front, says that there are thousands of deserters in Constantinople. 20 to 30 arrests were being made daily. There had been no riots there, but trouble was expected.

Boys of 16 had been called up to serve, but all had refused to go. There have been riots at Bursa. Deserter was certain of this, but could give no details, because, he says, the matter had been kept very quiet. The army expects the new Sultan to sign peace soon. If peace is not signed before the winter there will be wholesale desertion.

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Deserters	1
Not known	1
3/23rd Regiment	
Unit	
Taken at	
E.14.d.	

Previously reported in (B.7) P.31 & d. and P.14.c. were unaccompanied
The presence of small parties of deserters in (B.7) O.33 and O.15

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS. I.51/124
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1630 - July 28th, 18

1. OPERATIONS.

RIGHT SECTOR: The following enterprise was carried out by Poona Horse this morning:-

At 0340 a patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men moved out via R.1.b. through R.2.c. & d., R.3.c. & d., and drew fire from R.3.a. about 0510. Meanwhile a troop 30 strong, which was lying hid in scrub in P.33.a. moved round enemy's right flank under cover and charged enemy in rear from the N.E. at 0515, taking them completely by surprise. The strength of the enemy was estimated at 1 company. At least 15 of enemy were killed and several wounded. Remainder made for the hills hotly pursued by our men until they got under cover of their own M.Gs.

1 officer and 4 O.R's of 66th Regiment remain in our hands.

Our casualties: 1 Indian Officer, 6 Indian O.R's killed.
9 Indian O.R's wounded.

LEFT SECTOR: N 1 1.

COASTAL SECTOR: 7th Indian Division carried out a very successful raid about A.26.b. last night. (IMILW of TABSOR) 2 Bergmann rifles, 31 unwounded and 2 wounded prisoners were taken. Enemy casualties were estimated at 150, chiefly due to our artillery barrage. Ours: 1 Indian O.R. killed and 3 wounded.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

RIGHT SECTOR: 0730 (26th.)

About 1 squadron of cavalry observed moving S. on tracks E. of DECCAN HOUSE.

Constant movement between 1200 and 1400 of men and horses along track P.10 - P.16 (N. of DECCAN HOUSE).

1600 (27th) About 8 motors seen at intervals on the road from P.18.a. to P.17.d.

LEFT SECTOR: 0800 (27th).

100 men mounted, with wheeled transport, moved N.W. from Kh. FUSAIL along Wadi ARAK PAJAJ (U.21 and 14).

1130 to 1600. Continual movement of pack animals about 200 - in small parties to and fro between UMN ESF SHERT and D.8.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 27/7/18.

Deserters	Unit	Taken at
2	1/191st Regiment	WADI NIMRIN
2	1/23rd Regiment	No. 4 Post

(b) Prisoner of 3/191st Regiment says sector between DECCAN HOUSE and SALT road still held by a company of about 50 Germans with M.Gs.

About 15 days ago prisoner saw 100 - 150 Germans in motor lorries going to AMMAN. He was told these were going to Constantinople.

(c) Same prisoner also affirms that the 17th Regiment has been absorbed into the 191st as this last was very weak.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Work in progress on TEL BILIEBIL, also on trench in X.15.b.
A working party in X.11.c. was dispersed by A/H.A.C.
An enemy O.P. was seen in C.33.

5. ENEMY INTENTIONS.

Deserters of 191st Regiment say no attack on the part of the enemy is premeditated, but that he daily awaits an attack from us. They further say that if they were opposite white troops they would desert wholesale. At present they are deterred from this by the fear that the Indians cut their throats.

6. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

0545 (28th) 60-pdrs fired on enemy battery position in V.26.b.3.8.

Deserters mentioned above say that they watched our 60-pdrs bombard the H.Q. of the Composite Division a few days ago (U.33). Our shells fell right in amongst the H.Q. camp. They do not know how much damage we did, but say our aeroplanes descended very low so much so that they thought it was making a forced landing, and were much surprised to find it had come down to machine gun them.

7. GENERAL. The following translation of some rather disjointed notes, kept by a German officer on his journey from Constantinople to Deraa, describing his impressions of the journey through the Taurus Tunnels, may be of interest. He left Eski Shehir on the 16th May and was at Deraa on the 23rd of May. There is no clue to the unit or identity of the writer:

Along the railway, high up in the Taurus and Amanus mountains, one may see hordes of labourers forcibly collected from all parts - Kurds of all ages, from old men to boys of 11, Indians, Australians, Negroes, Arabs, Bedouins, and white Englishmen, captured at Kut-el-Amara working in their thousands on the most difficult part of the line, at a height sometimes of 3,000 metres. At the point where freight is changed from one train to another, one sees a mass of humanity which recalls the building parties of Ebel. In places the track goes along the ancient road made by Alexander the Great. The narrow railway goes past ancient fortresses, aqueducts, and over the deepest gorges, spanned by high flimsy looking bridges. At the chief stations snow ploughs are to be found, which have to be used even in the late spring. The narrow railway winding its serpentine course between Adana and Aleppo through 70 tunnels makes a never-to-be-forgotten picture for the traveller who sees it for the first time.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1630 - July 29th, 1918.

I.51/125.

1. OPERATIONS.

RIGHT SECTOR: (Enterprise reported in yesterday's summary)
Otherwise nil.

LEFT SECTOR: Patrol of 1 N.C.O. and 4 O.Rs. went to F.17 and 23
Saw no enemy.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

RIGHT SECTOR: 1200 (27th). One troop of enemy cavalry appeared
out of the W. JOUF ABU EZ ZIGHAN about R.26.d.
and moved N. for about 500 yards. After a short halt they
galloped off towards KABR MUJAHID.

LEFT SECTOR: Very little during day.
2100 (28th) 2 enemy appeared close to the wire
NE. of MUSALLABEH, but withdrew on being fired at.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 July 28th 1918.

P/W	Deserter	Unit	Taken at
1 Off.	-	Panderwa MuhaSaza En.	R.3.
2	-	3/191st Regiment	P.20.c.

(b) Deserter sergeant of 191st Regiment says 1st and 2nd Bns
23rd Regiment in reserve about 3 kilometres behind the
191st. 5 Sers also in reserve at L 32 on the SALT road.
152nd Regiment he says was relieved about 3 nights ago.
He does not know by whom.
H.Q. 48th Division at M.25 c (confirmatory).

(c) This deserter says the 1/17th Regt has been absorbed into
the 3/33rd.
(c.p. statement of sergeant of same regt yesterday, who
said 17th had been absorbed into 191st).

(d) Sergt-Major deserter of 3/191st Regt who appears credible
confidently states that 7 days ago he saw a force of
1,000 German Infantry. These now occupy a position on the
extreme left of the enemy line towards the Dead Sea. He
also says the 7th Cavalry Regt which was on the left with
the 9th and 11th Regts has moved N and is now right of
the 191st.
(This is the first report of any such movement having
taken place and wants confirmation).

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. About 1000 yards of wire erected about G.23.a.
Sangars on GRANT HILL have been improved.
A small trench between GRANT HILL & BAGHALAT.

5. ENEMY INTENTIONS.

Evidence continues to accumulate in support of the rumours that the Germans - or some of them - are withdrawing from this front. A prisoner states that on his way down here, just N. of Bozanti, he saw a train of 15 coaches of Germans, northward bound. Another prisoner saw 150 Germans going in motor lorries to Amman. These, he was told, were going to Constantinople. A third, a Greek, when at Konia station about the 25th inst saw a trainload of Germans en route for Constantinople. Judging from the dates, these may not possibly have been the same as were seen by the first named at Bozanti.

6. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

1340. Our 50-pdrs retaliated on camps in 113.W.8 and W.7.
1400. 'C' Battery, 267th Ede retaliated on various bivouacs in W. square.
0700 (29th) 60-pdrs engaged an "Archie" in W.3.a.2.3. and also 50 horses watering about U 27 b.
1345-1430. Enemy shelled wadi AUJAH from Y.22 to Z.27. with 4.2 and 7 1/2 mm. Damage 2 O.R. and 13 horses killed. 5 other ranks wounded (2 remaining on duty).

7. PATROLS.

- (a) Officer captured yesterday by Poonah Horse gives the following account of the affair:
He was out on a scouting expedition to report on the movements of our patrols, strength of our patrols, and the direction they moved in.
He says he has often been on this expedition.
Last night he states he saw no movement on our part.
Just before dawn he arranged to withdraw and return to his Bn. He had given the order to fall back and his men, who never thought of any chance of being attacked, slung their rifles and moved anyhow. He suddenly heard a shout, and on turning round he saw a body of Indians about 30 yards away charging him. He ordered his men to open fire, but before he knew what he was about, he was surrounded by Indians and spent all his time warding off lance thrusts. He lost his head, and does not know what happened after.
The strength of his party consisted of himself and 20 O.R. He does not know what his casualties were.
He had no M.G. with him.
- (b) Sergeants of 191st Regiment give the following account of the patrol system in force in their regiment:-
Patrols from 191st Regiment leave Batta H.Q. as soon as it becomes dark. If a moonlight night, they wait till the moon sets. Patrol generally consists of 1 Sergt, 1 Corpl and 8 O.R. An officer does not accompany them every time. Patrols never go out far from the unit, they come down as far as the foothills, where they stop, throwing out two sentries about 50 yds in front of patrol. The rest of the patrol go to sleep, leaving one man on watch so as to keep in touch with the two forward sentries. Patrol withdraws at dawn. On approach of enemy, patrol immediately falls back, firing three white very lights, warning both the infantry and artillery, the latter opening fire.
Germans do not patrol often. They sometimes come down as far as P.13.c.

8. GENERAL.

- (a) Deserter reports Germans have a bombing school at Wadi NIMRIN. Men are selected from different units and go there for a few days and are trained by Germans.

8. GENERAL (contd)

(a) contd:

(c.p. previous reports of blasting in this area, also statement of Turkish prisoner that what appears to be blasting is the Germans destroying fish in NIMRIM !)

(b) It is stated that the camel convoy, attacked by us on 26th, where 1 Turk and 1 German were killed, was taking barbed wire to the 3/86th Regiment.

(c) At 0530 today one of our aeroplanes fell, apparently in flames, having been hit by enemy A A.
It came down on a bearing of 340° from VAUX POST.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1630 - July 30th, 1918

I.51/126

1. OPERATIONS.

RIGHT SECTOR: 0845. Patrol to F.20.b. was heavily fired on by M.G. from a post about P.21.a.8.2. and also from direction of LONDON HOUSE and DECCAN HOUSE. No enemy seen.

0520-1020. Usual patrols to T.1.a. and R.36.d. encountered no enemy.

LEFT SECTOR:

0600. Patrol - 1 N.C.O. and 3 men - made good the ground from to F.20. to F.2.b. 2 M.Gs. opened fire from redoubt in C.52 central, and 10 infantry were observed in trenches. No barbed wire in front of trenches. Patrol withdrew along river to F.20.b.2.2.

1400 1 N.C.O. and 3 men patrolled E. bank of river from F.20.a. to O.1.b. in search of crossing or ford.
1530. They were unable to locate same.

0150. Strong patrol to Y.3.central observed 2 enemy approaching. These were fired on, one being killed; the other retired. Patrol of 8 men met enemy patrol of 17 men at X.23.a. Another 10 men reinforced enemy. Shots were exchanged without result.

(28/29) Patrol reported TEL EL TRUNY all clear at 2230.

1 Officer and 3 O.Rs. then patrolled as far as T.16.a. (approx) following the course of the stream. Patrol remained in observation for half an hour, but nothing was seen or heard of enemy.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

RIGHT SECTOR:

0915. 13 cavalry going N. on road in P.22.a.
1245. Enemy estimated about 1 troop halted for a short time about P.33, perhaps searching for missing men.
1340. 10 camels moving N. on road in P.22.a. and returned at 1400.

LEFT SECTOR:

0930. 50 infantry marched south and disappeared behind BAKR RIDGE.
1545. 40 infantry marched south-east on track through U.20. and disappeared in scrub at junction of roads U.23.d. Continuous movement to and fro of pack animals along road at foothills W.8 and W.20.b. during day.
Otherwise exceptionally quiet throughout the sector.

R.A.F.

1535 - 1845 (29/7/18) No unusual movement or concentration
0435 - 0635 (30/7/18) observed in Tactical area.

0500-0745. AMMAN - ES SALT road: 45 HT, 40 infantry, and 20 cavalry going E. at 142.0.21. 5 MT, 11 HT, 160 cavalry going W.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 20/7/19.

Deserters	Unit	Taken at
3	3/191st	-
1	Attd: 24th German M.G. Coy:	-
1	3/23rd.	-
1	Attd: Austrian gunners.	-

(b) Jew Cadet Officer, deserter, 191st Regiment gives following order of battle:-
On right of 191st: 23rd, 63rd, 7th Cavalry Regiments.

(c) Serjt deserter of 3/23rd Regiment fixes his battalion as on the right of 191st Regiment. On their right, he states, there is cavalry, but does not know number of regiment. He bears this out by saying that the patrols of his regiment have orders to be careful about firing on mounted men, as their own cavalry are on the right. Another deserter of 3/191st Regiment confirms statement that 23rd is now on right of 191st.

(d) Another prisoner of 191st confirms statement of Serjt. Major in yesterday's summary (para 3 (d)), regarding move of 1,000 Germans in direction of DEAD SEA.

(e) Turkish Sergeant deserter, attached 24th German M.G. Coy, gives position of company at P.16.d. and 17.c. with 3/66th on their left and 191st on the right.

(f) From the above the re-arranged order in this sector seems to be from (enemy) right to left in IVth Army.
63rd Regiment (this not identified since 8/7).
7th Cavalry Regiment
23rd Regiment
191st Regiment
24th German M.G. Company
66th (Less Battrn).

This seems to point to a re-arrangement after the withdrawal of 125th Regiment to rejoin 16th Division, and the absorption of all or part of 17th Regiment.

4. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

(i) 0845. 15th Cavalry Brigade reported flash and smoke 86° from (B.C) 1.2.a. (MONASTERY). Shells dropped on HAJLAH bridgehead.

- (ii) 1045. 77 mm fired few rounds N. of TOOL POST.
1745. Enemy gun firing on MUSALLAESE. 35° from (C.3) X.34.d.4.8.
77 mm shelling (B.6) Y.3 b.
1810. 77 mm and 4.2 active on sound bearings 17° and 23° from (E.6) Z.27.b.5.5.
1845. 77 mm put 5 rounds H.E. near JACOBS HOUSE.
1900. 77 mm fired into scrub in (L.6) Z.14.
0010. Section 77 mm fired on (B.6) Z.7 and 8.
0607. 4.1 shelling (B.6) Q.3.b.

5. MEDICAL.

There is no truth in the rumour that Cholera had broken out in Damascus.

6. METEOROLOGICAL.

The following are the true shade temperatures for the week ending July 27th, 1918, taken in the Jericho plain:-

	Maximum	Mean.
July 21st.....	105	89.87
22nd.....	105	91.37.
23rd.....	103	90.5.
24th.....	103	90.37.
25th.....	103	89.62
26th.....	102	89.62.
27th.....	104	90.25.

Average mean:- 90.37.

Note: Mean = readings taken at (0800, 1400, 2000 plus minimum) divided by four.

7. GENERAL.

At 0725 this morning a hostile plane was driven down in enemy lines on a bearing about 17 degrees N.N.E. from Z.27.b.5.5.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1830 - July 31st, 1918

I.51/127.

1. OPERATIONS.

RIGHT SECTOR: Usual patrols, who met with no adventures.

LEFT SECTOR: 1230. A Turkish patrol of 7 men was observed on TEL EL TRUNY. At 1415 an Indian patrol under a British officer galloped through TRUNY, capturing four prisoners of the 3/143rd Regiment. Our casualties nil.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

RIGHT SECTOR: 1115 (29th). A group of enemy cavalry seen going S. from EL HAUD towards DECCAN HOUSE.
1700. Convoy of 12 wagons on road in P.19.d. moving N.
0310 (30th). Many Very lights and some M.G. fire seen near DECCAN HOUSE - also some M.G. fire.

LEFT SECTOR: 1330. About 200 pack animals were seen moving to and fro between 127.P.18 and P.26. These going E.S. heavily laden.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) Captures for 24 hours ending 1900 30/7/18.

Deserters	Unit	Taken at:
1 Cadet Offr: 5 O.R.	3/191st Regiment.	WADI NINRIN
3 O.R. 1 O.R.	3/83rd Regiment 2/98th Regiment	P.29. NASKERAH.

(b) The following may be taken to be the evidence so far to hand regarding the arrival of Germans on the enemy left flank.

i. Sergt 191st Regiment states:

A Christian interpreter attached to a German M.G. Coy told him that about 12 days ago the German 143 Regt had come down from ES SALT and occupied a position on the left flank of the Turkish line.

He also states that the 47th Divn arrived at AMMAN about 10 days ago but does not know its ultimate destination.

ii. Sergt: 23rd Regiment states:

17 days ago he heard that a force of 1000 Germans had come down from SALT towards the DEAD SEA.

iii. Sergt attached to 77 mm Battery states:

7 days ago he saw about 1000 Germans infantry with 4 M.Gs. and 2 mountain guns moving south. They marched at night, and have taken up a position near the Dead Sea. They came from ES SALT. He has not seen them since.

No increase of tents has been reported in this area so far.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

The following works not hitherto reported from air reconnaissances are reported by ground observers:

- (i) In X.14.d.0.8. a strong post on S. bank of marshy country, encircled by some barbed wire.
- (ii) In X.15.d.8.7. redoubt on forward slope, and at the foot of a distinct feature, jutting out from broken ground towards the marsh. It appears to be encircled by wire on iron standards. Movement was seen in the trench here at 1130 on 30th.

4 men seen digging yesterday in G.32.d.

5. ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

(30th)

0615. 60-pdrs carried out very successful shoot on 2 enemy A/A guns in (C.6) U.31.a.3.2. Aeroplanes observations - 5 O.Ks. 5 Ys. 17 Zs. 13 As. 11 Es. were registered. Switched on to two large tents and recorded further O.Ks. Observer reports 1 gun completely destroyed and 3 hits on the 2nd pits.

As a result of this shoot these A.A. guns were silent today when our aeroplanes flew over.

Our 60-pdrs subsequently engaged the following targets:

- Suspected hostile gun positions in X.3.a.
 - Gun in U.26.a.
 - Bivouacs in U.32.c.
 - 4.2 howitzer in W.1.a.5.5. (reducing it to silence)
 - Enemy camps in U.55. W.7. W.8. and U.32.c.
- Observer reports considerable damage and havoc in these camps.

6. ENEMY SIGNALLING.

DEAD SEA Post reports signalling by lamp from E. side of Dead Sea. The I.S.C. Brigade confirm this. Orca bearings locate it about 128.D.12.a.

Next further reports on night 29/30 an unusual number of Very Lights fired along foothills between KALB GARD and AIN SUEID. (Compare statement of deserters as to move of 1000 Germans to Turkish left flank).

7. GENERAL.

Deserter, orderly room sergeant of 3/191st Regt stated enemy expect us to attack them on 1st or 2nd of August. When asked why this was thought, he said there had been a very noticeable increase in the activity of our patrols during the last two weeks which he thought portended an attack on a large scale. Further they think we have a very large force here and cannot be content with remaining in our present position.

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DAILY NEWS LETTER.

WEDNESDAY, 31ST JULY, 1918.

British News. Sir Douglas Haig (Tuesday).—We carried out successful raids in the neighbourhood of Ayette. Australian patrols entered positions near Merris, taking 40 prisoners. Hostile gas-shelling north-west of Albert.

Mokattam (Tuesday).—On Monday night we bombed Stuttgart, Rastatt, Baden, and Offenburg.

French News. OFFICIAL (Tuesday).—During the night nothing to report north of the Marne.

BERLIN SEMI-OFFICIAL (Tuesday).—The withdrawal of our line from Fere-en-Tardenois-Ville-en-Tardenois was carried out at night only after the complete destruction of everything likely to be of use to the enemy, from whom our withdrawal was at first hidden.

Reuter (London, Tuesday).—The Allied capture of Butte-de-Chalmont, where it was thought the Germans might make a stand, proves that the German retreat is not yet ended. It is now even doubtful whether the enemy will succeed in holding the line of the Vesle. Allied pressure on the two pivots of defence south of Soissons and south of Reims may still turn retreat into disaster. Hence the Germans are desperately defending the triangular bastion between Soissons, Oulchy and the Aisne, which Mangin is hammering from the west while Degoutte is advancing northward from Fere.

Hitherto the enemy has used 71 divisions in the Marne salient. Of these, 10 belonged to Rupprecht's reserve.

Mokattam (Tuesday).—The heights of Grand-Rozoy, captured by the British, dominate the positions south of the Vesle. Allied gains near Aubilly menace the German's eastern flank, and the enemy's plans may again be upset by Foch. Dense formations of Germans are defending the flanks of the retreating army. Apparently Foch has forced the Crown Prince to give battle before the latter could fortify the Vesle positions. The enemy is resisting stubbornly from Buzancy to south-west of Reims. The French have captured Romigny, and Franco-Americans repulsed heavy counter-attacks at Sergy and Fere. The French have reached the southern edge of Saponay.

Great congestion was observed behind the German lines.

The *Homme Libre* estimates German losses in 1918 at 1½ millions; of these a third may be considered permanent casualties.

GERMAN WIRELESS OFFICIAL (Monday).—In face of strong attacks by the enemy at and south-east of Fere-en-Tardenois, our field garrison, after fulfilling its tasks, withdrew to its lines in obedience to orders.

American News. *Reuter* (American H.Q., Monday evening).—There was hard fighting leading up to the final capture of Sergy by the Americans, who had a fierce struggle with the 4th Guards Division, one of the crack divisions of the German Army. The Guards swept down the hill at the moment when the Americans were reorganising their line. The Germans were all picked men, and fresh, determined to strike terror into the *hated Yankees*, with whom this was their first engagement. The Americans, owing to the vast weight of numbers,

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gave ground foot by foot to the very brink of the Ourcq; then, fiercely reacting, they drove the Germans headlong at the point of the bayonet from the ruins of the village. The Germans suffered fearfully heavy losses, their dead lying in heaps in all parts of the field.

Mokattam (Tuesday).—South of the Ourcq the Americans captured huge German supply dumps.

Italian News. OFFICIAL (Tuesday).—Only moderate artillery activity along the whole front. We carried out counter-battery work. Our advanced posts repulsed enemy detachments in Vallarsa and Giudicaria.

Intense aerial activity on both sides. We successfully bombed an enemy aerodrome and other military objects behind the lines. Two enemy planes were brought down in air-fighting, and another by our anti-aircraft fire in the Asolo neighbourhood.

General News. HOUSE OF COMMONS (Sir Eric Geddes).—Enemy submarines now find it too dangerous to work inshore, and are again going far out to sea. The number of damaged ships, as well as of sinkings, is steadily declining. Up to now Britain has borne most of the burden of the fight against submarines, but the flow of anti-submarine craft from the United States will ere long become a formidable torrent, enabling Great Britain to divert some of her resources from naval to mercantile construction.

LORD CURZON (at Gray's Inn).—Great Britain during the war has been clothier, banker, almoner and universal provider for all the Allies, and Allied efforts in France would have been impossible without Britain's aid. In view of our own great industrial services, what is remarkable is that our army is so large, not that it is so small.

GENERAL SMUTS.—Britain's mighty efforts have not been given sufficient publicity. During the past four years she has raised 8,000,000 men. Of all the Allies Britain has the greatest army in the field, and she is the only country which, in war time, has increased her food capacity.