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2nd L H Bde
A & K L mounted Bde
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ES SALT SHUNET NIMRIN	1	0930	Moved out of bivouac site at ES SALT, & proceeding through the village down towards at a point about 2 miles below, on the JERICHO Road, at 1130 then moved on towards the JORDAN Plain, bivouacing for the night at SHUNET NIMRIN. Before leaving ES SALT it was reported that some wounded men were held up on the Road from AMMAN, near SUWEILEH & Lieut Hedley with 20 men & 20 led horses went back to pick them up. They returning with the wounded he was cut off by enemy cavalry, but by leaving the road & making his way over the hills, he was able to bring his party back to ES SALT safely, having 1 Casualty.	Reference map: sheets, 18, 15 YES SALT 1/63360.
WADI KALT	2	0545	Moved off along the main road crossing the JORDAN at GHORANIYEH crossing bridge, arrived at bivouac site on WADI KALT, 1 mile from JERICHO, about 1100. Lieut. Newstead & Sharpley reported back to Regt	MEM
	3	-	Regiment resting.	MEM
	4	-	Working party of 1 off + 25 OR on twin dump. 1 off (Lt Bone) reported to Camel Tpt Corps for duty.	MEM
	5	-	Regimental duties. Guard of 10 CO + 8 men on GHORANIYEH bridge head. Turn of duty 1 unit.	MEM
	6	-	Regt duties.	MEM
	7	-	"	MEM
	8	-	working party of 1 off 25 OR with horse holders to report at GHORANIYEH Ford (clearing road through scrub). Major H Skyrill awarded D.S.O.	MEM
	9	2300	Moved out & proceeded to WADI OBEIDEH, arriving 0230. Reported to I.C.C. Bde Hqtr	MEM
	10	-	& remained in reserve to I.C.C. Bde until patrols reported all clear at 0700.	MEM
	11	0730	Proceeded back to WADI KALT. Moved out from WADI KALT, proceeding to WADI OBEIDEH, reported to I.C.C. Bde at 0945. coming under their command. At 1245 a Squadron relieved Squadron of 7th Regt at Sqrn 113 J 5a. At 1325 Remains of Regt proceeded to T 25C in WADI AUTAH, forming bivouacing there. 1515 1 Troop of B Squadron relieved Troop of 7th Regt at junction of WADI AUTAH & River JORDAN (EL AUTAH FORD).	MEM

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2nd LHBde E4 1/2
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WADI AUJAH	12 April	0400	Stand to. Csqds relieved a Sqdn at 0500, Square T5a. a Sqdn moved forward relieving Sqdn of 7th Regt in WADI EL MELLANAH about 3 miles from junction of WADIS MELLANAH & AUJAH.	Reference maps: Sheets 18, 15
		1100	Ordered to withdraw & concentrate in WADI OBEIDEH, along joining up with 2nd LHBde, then proceeded along BEISAN Road to EL MUSALLABEH & remained in reserve to the Brigade. At 1600 withdrew to bivouac site in WADI AUJAH.	1/533 to.
	13	0430	Stand to. 0500 Csqds found 2 patrols of 2 troops each, 1 under Major O'Brien to UMM ESH SHERT, & the other in charge of Lt HARDY along BEISAN Road. BEISAN patrol was heavily shelled as far as WADI BAKR. Enemy positions Square 113 W 28 d in WADI RISHAH. Patrols withdrew behind EL MUSALLABEH & put out an observation post. 1 HB & 5 Horses wounded. UMM ESH SHERT took up position at 0745 in Square 113 Z 11 a central & remained on observation during day. Patrols withdrew at 1500, returning to camp.	
	14		Bsqds found 2 patrols of 2 troops each. Lt Allan in charge of Beisan patrol & Hunt Newton of Umm Esh Shert patrol. BEISAN patrol advanced to within 1000 yards of EL BASHALAT, meeting with heavy rifle & MG fire, & was forced to withdraw behind EL MUSALLABEH. UMM ESH SHERT patrol reports unable to get closer than within 300 yards of the crossing. 30 enemy cavalry on EAST bank of JORDAN also infantry. Unable to estimate numbers. Patrols withdrew 1500.	
		1200	A Squadron under Major Tooth was sent out to make reconnaissance on left flank of L.C. Bde & report. Patrol sent out towards WADI BAKR advanced to within 1000 yards of the Wadi when they came under heavy Rifle & MG fire. Enemy M.G. located at 113 W 29 ab, also M.G. in Caves at 115 R 36 b & 113 T 12 b. Enemy position very strongly held. Casualties nil.	
	15	0500	C Squadron found a patrol. 0600 1 Squadron of HYDERABAD Lancers reported for duty. BEISAN patrol under Lt Hardy reports after passing MASKERAH was heavily shelled & retreated with enemy 1500 yards S.E. of BASHALAT.	

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WADI AVJAH	15		Patrol then withdrawn behind MASKERAH, leaving a demomined observation post on WADI BAKR. This post was heavily shelled during the day. Patrols withdrawn at 1500. Casualties nil. UMMESH SHERT patrol reports reached position 113 Z 12 d/2. Sent out demomined patrol to reconnoitre Ford. This patrol reached within 300 yards of crossing & report Ford strongly held by force of enemy cavalry. Patrol commenced to withdraw 1500 men.	Reference maps sheets 15 + 18 1/183360.
	16	0500	B Sqds found daily patrols, with 1 troop of Hyderabad Lancers on each patrol. BEISAN patrol reports pushed on towards BAGHALAT, arrived within 1000 yards of it but were forced to return owing to heavy shelling & rifle & MG fire. Took up position behind MUSALLABEH, putting out observation post on WADI BAKR X 31 a. This post reported Squadron of enemy cavalry moving in easterly direction NORTH of BAGHALAT, & small parties of enemy on eastern bank of WADI MELLAHAN. Patrol withdrawn at 1500.	
	17	0500	UMMESH SHERT Patrol took up position at 113 Z 12 d & reported a troop of enemy cavalry on East bank of JORDAN about 1 mile North of Ford; a few infantry at 127 F 9 & 127 C 35. Ford held by 20 enemy infantry & troop of Cavalry. Withdrawn 1500 men. A Sqds found usual patrols. 1 troop of C Sqds & 1 troop of Hyderabad Lancers on each patrol. BEISAN patrol reached 113 X 19 a/b & reports "enemy post observed along WADI EL MELLAHAN, also enemy post observed at BAGHALAT." Patrol found on fire these posts. UMMESH SHERT patrol reports "reached within 400 yards of Ford. Enemy still holding Eastern bank of JORDAN. Patrol withdrawn 1500 men."	
	18	0500	C Sqds found daily patrols. BEISAN patrol was found on from WADI MELLAHAN by MG & rifles. Enemy still holding BAGHALAT; also enemy cavalry in foot hills West of BAGHALAT. Patrol heavily shelled. UMMESH SHERT patrol report enemy still holding same position. Patrols withdrawn at 1000. Regiment moved out from WADI AVJAH at 1300, joining up with 2nd LHBde at 1430 at 113 K 6a. Moved off with Bde at 1755, moving towards GHORANIYEH bridge, crossing the Jordan proceeded 2 miles West of bridge & bivouaced for the night. 2 miles West of JORDAN.	MEN MEN MEN

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On the field	19 April	0400	Moved out & crossed the JORDAN by CHORANIYEH bridge, halting on East bank about 1000 yards from bridge under cover of high sand dunes.	Reference map: Sheets 15 18 1/63360.
		0900	Moved out with 1 Section of MG & Agshire Battery to support 5th Regt along N° 3 Road. Regt came under very heavy shell fire while crossing the flat, were forced to take cover in WADI KEFREIN. At 1130 5th Regt moved forward with this Regt in support. A Sqdn under Major Tooth arriving a sqdn of 5th on right flank. R.H.Q. in position at 127 & 23 C. 1300 sent 1 troop under Lt Steyns on left flank to try & get in touch with NZ Mk Bde. Keep in touch with left flank of 5th Lt.	
		1340	5th Regt report enemy holding KABR MUTAHID foothills very strongly. about 1 Regiment of enemy Cavalry at 127 W 28 D. Battery was brought up & commenced shelling KABR MUTAHID. Enemy artillery fire very heavy at this time.	
		1400	5th Regt report "Salmah strength of enemy about 1000 holding foothills on both sides of N° 3 Road. 1515. Unable to advance on account of enemy strength. Still being shelled. 1800 commenced to withdraw. 5th Regt as near guard. Cas. 3 of wounded & 1 horse killed & 2 wounded. 2030 crossed the JORDAN & proceeded to bivouac site on WADI NUEIAMEH.	
	20	0900	Moved out from WADI NUEIAMEH, & proceeded to WADI AUTAH, bivouaced in old site.	MEM J25C.
	21	0500	A Sqdn found two patrols, BEISAN & ESHSHERT. BEISAN patrol reports "Took up position behind EL MASKERAH at 0630 & sent out small patrol across WADI BAKR reaching Sqaan 113 X 19 a b. a few enemy posts observed along WADI MELLAHAN & were fired on from this direction. Also came under heavy shell fire from the direction of 113 X 1 C & also from the N.W." ESHSHERT patrol reports "Ford strongly held, under Eastern bank. Patrols withdrew 1500. Cas. nil.	MEM
	22	0500	B Sqdn found daily patrols. 0600 BEISAN patrol reports "In position at 113 X 12 b. Sending out small patrol in direction of BASHALAT. Patrol reached 113 X 19 d - Enemy movement on left flank south of BASHALAT & East bank of WADI MELLAHAN, also 1 troop of enemy cavalry patrolling East from BASHALAT. ESHSHERT patrol reached with 400 yards of ford. Fired on by enemy from East bank. Enemy shelled post at 112 Z 12. Patrols withdrew at 1500.	MEM

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WADI AUJAH	23 April	0700	Csqd found daily patrol. at 1450 BEISAN patrol reports "1 Sqn of enemy Cavalry in WADI EL MUDANDERAH. Otherwise enemy in same position. ESH SHERT patrol reports "Enemy holding eastern bank of River in force". Post heavily shelled."	Reference MEN 15, 18 +
		1500	Patrols withdrawn.	
	24	0600	a Sgd found daily patrols. BEISAN patrol reached 113 X 19a & came under MG & rifle fire & snipers along WADI MELLANAH. Patrol shelled on way out. ESH SHERT patrol reached to within 500 yards of Ford & was fired on from enemy entrenched on east bank of River. also was shelled during the day.	ES SALT 1/03360.
		1500	Patrols withdrawn.	MEN
	25	0800	Bsgds found daily patrols. BEISAN patrol reached 113 X 19a report "Enemy holding same position as day before. Patrol shelled during day. ESH SHERT patrol report enemy still holding same position. Slight shelling. Patrols withdrawn 1500."	MEN
WADI KELT.	26	1230	Regt moved out of WADI AUJAH & proceeded to bivouac site on WADI KELT, joining up with rest of 2nd Lt Bde.	MEN
HAJAH crossing.	27	2100	moved out with Bde crossed River by GHORANIYEH Bridge at 2500, & moved down eastern side of River towards Dead Sea to HAJAH Crossing, reaching there	MEN
	28	0400	0130. Csqd found outpost line. Stand to. Working party of 43 men digging trenches, also 2 observation posts, during day. Infantry look over outpost line. Bsgds found two standing posts 1 mile in front of Infantry line.	MEN
	29	0400	Stand to. 0430 Csqd sent out 3 patrols of 1 troop each, to the following places: TELEIL MUSLIM, 127 T4 central, -1040 in T19. Patrol to MUSLIM fired on & shelled from enemy in foothills. Patrols withdrawn at 1700. A Sgd under Major Troth sent in detached duty with 179th Infantry Brigade. Remains of Regt moved out 2345 (with Bde less 7th Regt) & proceeded north along River arriving at BUMET HALUL at 0100. Remains then awaiting orders. Received orders to move with Bde at 1600 & proceeded along UMM ESH SHERT Road, branching off on to ES SALT Road (No 7), halted from 2100 to 2200, & then moved off towards ES SALT.	MEN
In the field.	30			

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