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Regiment

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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

3rd Light Horse (Erase heading not required) Australian Imperial Force.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
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	1		Major Mills, with 'C' Squadron held the Out Post line.	
	4		Major Lewis with 'A' Squadron held the Out Post line.	
	2		Lieut R. A. MacFarlane returned to duty from rest camp Port Said.	
	7		Major J. J. Brooks with 'B' Squadron held the line of Out Posts. Enemy aircraft, bombed, and turned Machine Gun on camp area at 2120, No casualties in Regiment.	
	8		The Regiment formed up with the Brigade at 1525 and moved off at 0600 with the Division en route to SHEIKH ZOWAID, arriving there at 2200. A halt was made here and the horses fed at 2215 the Brigade moved off and marched via 210, 250 to KARMIBU MUSLEH arriving at 0500. At 1030 the Regiment received orders to advance to the attack on the left of 1 st L.H. Regiment and support them in an attack on C 3.2.41. (Tracing Map) trenches opposite Trig 255. On receiving this order, the Regiment moved to the attack mounted in line of Squadron column extended down a long slope to within 1760 yards of the enemies trenches. They dismounted behind a low bank, and the horses were sent back out of range with only a loss of two wounded. The Regiment was then formed up in line of half Squadron column, and the Squadron Leaders were called up and each allotted a sector and the objective and situation explained to each. An advance was then made in line of half Squadron column with 150 yards distance between lines to a low ridge within 700 yards of the enemies trench. This advance was down a gradual slope with no cover and in full view. The enemies fire was scattered, (but heavy) and no check was made, and only 4 men hit during the advance.	

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R. H. Aerial, Major
3rd L. H. Regt

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	8 th		<p>On reaching the position the second line immediately joined the first, and the Machine Guns and Lewis Guns which had been covering the advance immediately came up into this position. The fire here was very heavy, and it was some time before superiority of fire was gained. A telephone wire was immediately run out the length of the firing line, and each Squadron was in touch with Regimental Headquarters the whole action. The Regt. Hqrs. telephone in to the Brigade line and perfect communication was kept throughout the action. Only 3 bocallages of explosives, and a helio was used to forward messages to the Brigade, in every case the wire was used and needed in time to receive the reply was cut more frequently but were soon repaired. The losses in Equallers were one killed and two wounded. The enemy had designed moon trenches on this ridge and they were made use of, although only 12 inches deep.</p>	<p>Phaurie Major 3rd Lt 29th Regt</p>

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	8 th		<p>and unfinished. They could not accommodate men but were used as Machine Gun and Lewis Gun positions. The First Regiment was on my extreme Right and the Second Regiment beyond, both in view and in touch by phone. There was no one on my left. The ground between our position and the enemy's trenches was as level as a tennis court, and afforded no protection. As it was impossible to advance across this until further developments took place, heavy fire was kept continually on the enemy's position to afford cover to the Right Flank who were steadily pushing forward. At 1300 the 10th Regiment came up as Reinforcement to my line and as we had gained superiority of fire and the Right flank of the Brigade were doing well, it was decided to press forward with the frontal attack. This was done in 700p trenches and ground made to within 400 yards of the enemy's position. Ammunition had been brought up and distributed before this advance was made. This was done by Pack horses under heavy shell fire, but the</p>	<p>Officer Major 3rd & 9th Regt</p>

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	8 th		<p>losses were slight, Owing to the rapidity with which the movements were carried out. Heavy enfilade fire was experienced on this position, the left Squadron receiving the heaviest casualties. At 1515 a message was received from 'A' Squadron asking permission to withdraw back to their original position, and at the same time orders were received that a general attack was ordered at 1520. This was communicated to the firing line with instructions to hold on. At 1520 no movement was visible on the left, except at a very long range, and at 1545 permission was granted to this Squadron to withdraw to their original position. Orders were then received to work to the right and support the Second Regiment. One Squadron and Machine Gun were left on the position and two Squadrons were moved to the Right, but before a proper junction could be made, the Redoubt at 255 fell and I ordered another frontal advance, which was carried out</p>	

P. H. M. Major
 2nd Lt. 96. Regt

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	Jan 13.		and all the ground made good to the trenches. Our led horses were brought up to this position and I received orders to concentrate at once on the Mud Hut as enemies reinforcements were expected. This was done at once, and the wounded immediately collected. The Regt. lost 10 killed 49 wounded.	
	Jan 13.		The G. O. C. Major Maudslayi addressed the troops of this Brigade at 10.30.	
	14.		The 5th Mounted Brigade commenced taking their turn on Out Post.	
	14.		Capt. J. J. Bigg evacuated sick to Hospital.	
	19.		C Squadron took over the Out Post line at 12.00 from 5th Mounted Brigade.	
	20.		Six Troops gave themselves up to the Out Post.	
	21.		A Squadron relieved one Sqn. of the 2nd L. A Regt. on Out Post duty at 12.00.	
	22.		One Bedouin gave himself up to the Out Post.	
	23.		B Sqn held the Out Post line taking over at 12.00.	
	26.		Serg. C. H. Howard, Sgt. C. J. Tongue, Troop Sgt. M. H. Soden and Sergt. M. H. Sandland first appointments to Commissioned ranks. vide D. R. O. No 3	
	27.		Lieut. Col. D. Fulton, Lieut. Barnett, marched out to Cavalry courses of Instruction Ziboun, and Lieut. H. Soden & M. H. Sandland, to Officers course.	
	31.		C Squadron relieved one Sqn. of the 2nd L. A Regt. on Out Post at 12.00. Lieut. N. H. Mc Bride returned to duty from Hospital.	

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WAR DIARY ., 3rd LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT. AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE.
Appendix 3.

CASUALTIES. from 1st Jany., to 31st ., 1917.

Jany : KILLED			WOUNDED.			
%				Jany.		
9	113	Sgt Bowyer S.E,	A	747	Cpl. Gourlay T.P.	B
	932	" Rogers E.A.	B	738	" Clarke A.	B
	100	L/C Bax M.	A	1470	L/C. Knox W.	B
	1093	" Donnellan W.J.	A	1571	" Mates J.A.L.	B
	103	Pte Brown R.W.	A	21	Pte. Mooney J.	A
	903A	" Roberts C.	A	290	" Ellis M.A.	A
	1510	" Taylor T.B.	A	496	" Harvey F.A.	C
	1417	" Bennett C.P.	A	993	Dr. Price E.J.M.	C
	2992	" Bolt A.C.	A	704	Pte Cameron A.W.	A
		<u>DIED OF WOUNDS.</u>		941	" Ellis J.H.	A
9	803	Pte Butler H.E.	C	768	" Symonds F.H.	B
	910	" Dawson J.W.	C	958	" Dalzell J.N.	B
	1080	" White J.V.	C	1184	" Havey W.	B
		<u>WOUNDED.</u>		1197	" Sparee F.J.	B
9	Mjr	C.Mills	C	1500	" Josephs R.M.	B
	"	L.A.Lewis	A	1311	" Clarke W.J.	B
	494	S.Q.M. Tyrell G.R.	C	1420	" Bishop J.H.	C
	380	Sgt Barbury A.C.	C	1206	" Size W.M.	A
	441	" Lade C.H.	C	1120	" Wade J.	A.
	492	" Tongs C.J.	B	1117	" Thompson N.A.	B
	260	Cpl. Ayliffe J.H.	B	1460	" Kempe E.H.	B
	530	" Noblett E.	B	1480	" Nichols R.V.	A
				1368	wright E.	B

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CASUALTIES.

1917. Jany.	WOUNDED. KILLED.		1917 :Jany.	SICK.	Sqdn.
9	2467	Pte Miller O.	C 8	1276	Pte Regan L.W. B
	2472	" Murrrie M.I.	C 14	515	L/C Aldridge H.R. A
	2461	" Johns E.	C	1196	Pte. Sampson W. HQ.
	2272	" Watson H.C.	B		Capt. J.T. Bigg B
	2988	" Arthur B.	A 16	874	S/S Price J. A
	521	Sgt. Musson G.	B 17	525	Pte Mills J. A
	127	Cpl. Douglas D.R.	A 19	1235	" Pentelow F. C
	709	" Garrett F.G.	A 21	2649	" Wallis W.S. A
	158	Pte Kennedy G.A.	A 23	1468	" Maxwell D. B
	1344	" Kinnear G.A.	A 24	2658	" Murdoch M.V. B
	1397	" Morrison J.C.	C 175 1752		" Johnson B.L. B
	1235	" Pentleow F.	C 25	1296	" Hanton H.G. A
	2856	" Aughey A.C.	A	2860	" Chandler S. C
	1125	" Schofield A.C.	B	2353	" Labram W. B
	1128	" Coates C.S.	A 26	1530	" Cheyne A.L. B
	2648	" Priess C.S.	A. 27	504	" Heathcote J.P% C
				2357	" Shepherd J.H. C
			28	1296	" Hanton H.G. A
1	2014	Pte Lacey P.S.	B	485	" Smith F.E. C
5	1613	" Kirby R.M.	B	2303	" Clarke W.H. B
	2894	" Thornsteinsen J.	C 30	2362	" Smith R. A
8	869	" Jacques H.	B	1707	" Haworth W. C
	1174	" Bolton H.	C	2803	" Gammon T. C
	1542	" James G.	C 31	950	" Park L.A. A
				2348	" Parsons S.E. A
				1596	" Davies A.A. B
				1561	" Jacques D. HQ

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