

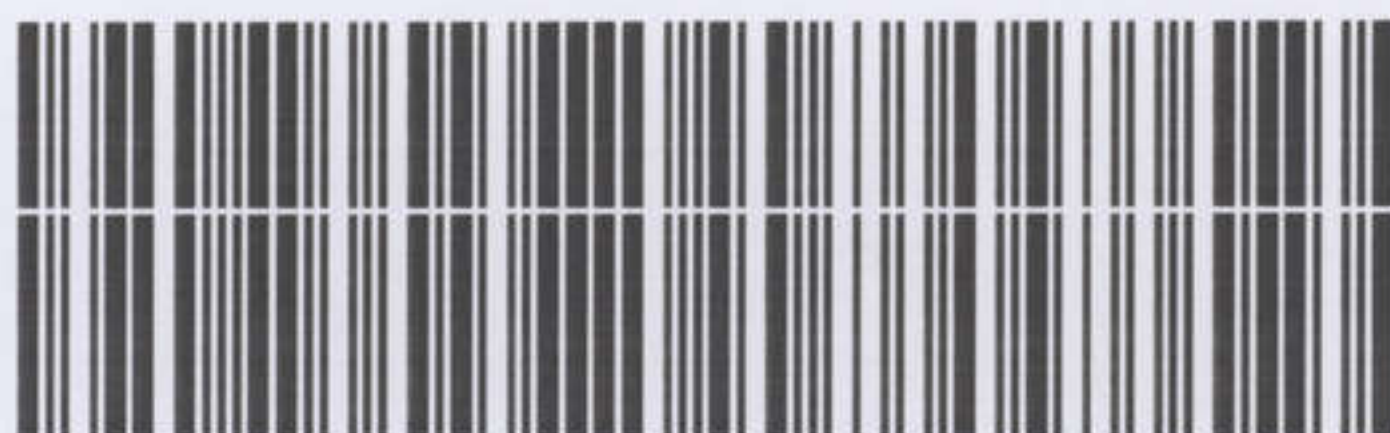
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WAR DIARY.

AUCKLAND MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT.

Place	Date	Hour	Auckland Mounted Rifles Regiment.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
ZIZA STATION	1/10/18		<p>The Regiment stood to at 0400.</p> <p>At 0930 the 3rd Squadron moved West to MADEBA (143.Q.16) with orders to report on water and forage. During the morning all available men from the regiment assisted in loading captured enemy material on enemy train.</p> <p>At 1430 the Regiment less 3rd Squadron, and 11th Squadron (rearguard) moved with the Brigade back to AMMAN and bivouaced at 1900 in 142.Y.30.b. The 3rd Sqdn returned from MADEBA at 2130. Two Turk Officers and 30 other ranks P.of W. captured at MADEBA, also large quantities of grain. The 11th Squadron acted as rearguard to the Brigade and reached bivouac at 2000.</p>	<p>Ref Maps.</p> <p>AMMAN. (COMPOSITE) 1-63360</p> <p>WWA.</p>
AMMAN	2/10/18		<p>The Regiment remained in bivouac. At 1200 the first line transport moved out en route for ES SALT.</p> <p>2/Lieut C.H. Finlayson (Posted to 3rd Squadron) marched in from N.Z.T.U. & D. ISMAILIA. The following Officers and 22 other ranks were evacuated to Hospital.</p> <p>Captain A.C.M. Finlayson 4th Squadron Captain M.R. Reed. 3rd Squadron</p> <p>One other rank died of wounds.</p> <p>At 1200 one troop 4th Squadron moved out as escort to Transport.</p> <p>At 1600 one troop 4th Squadron moved South to Escort Brigade linesmen while repairing telephone wire to C.M.R. Squadron at ZIZA STATION.</p>	<p>WWA</p>
AMMAN	3/10/18		<p>At 1200 the Regiment with the Brigade left Bivouac and marched West to AIN ES SIR (127.S.6) and thence down WADI SIR to vicinity of EL MESMIYE where the Regiment bivouaced at 1630. (127. V.6)</p>	<p>WWA</p>
NIMRIN	4/10/18		<p>At 0900 the Regiment with the Brigade left bivouac and moved via WADI JERAIA to NIMRIN. The Regiment bivouaced at NIMRIN at 1400 (P.27)</p> <p>The Rev. J.D.M. Wilson CF. and 75 other ranks were evacuated to Hospital.</p>	<p>NIMRIN. (B.7)</p> <p>WWA 1-40000</p>
JERICHO	5/10/18		<p>At 0800 the Regiment with the Brigade left NIMRIN and marched via GHORANIYEH to JERICHO and bivouaced at 1200 in 113 K.4.</p> <p>2/Lieut W.E.R. Mackesy - Posted to 4th Squadron - Marched in from N.Z.T.U. & D. ISMAILIA. The following Officers and 55 other ranks evacuated to Hospital.</p> <p>Major G.S. Cheeseman 3rd Squadron. Lieut L.C. Ryan 4th " 2/Lieut E.A.H. Bislay 3rd "</p> <p>27 other ranks from N.Z.T.U. & D. ISMAILIA.</p>	<p>PALESTINE 1-63360. SHEET 18.</p> <p>(Sgd) W.W. Averill Captain. ADJUTANT A.M.R. REGT.</p>

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JERICHO	6/10/18		<p>The Regiment remained in bivouac. All heavy gear that had been left in Dump was brought up during day.</p> <p>The following officers were evacuated to Hospital.</p> <p align="center">2/Lieut H.A. Collins 3rd Squadron. 2/Lieut J.C. Self. 11th "</p> <p>Lieut H.M. Rorke assumes Temporary Command of 3rd Squadron. Lieut. M.E. Johnson MC assumes Temporary Command 4th Squadron. 33 other ranks to Hospital</p>	<p>REF MAPS.</p> <p>PALESTINE. 1-63360 SHEET 18.</p> <p>W.W.A.</p>
JERICHO	7/10/18		<p>The Regiment remained in bivouac. The following Officers and 17 other ranks to Hospital.</p> <p align="center">Major H.S. Whitehorn H.Q. Lieut. W. Austin "</p> <p>2/Lieut E.J. Foley (posted to 3rd Squadron) marched in from N.Z. T.U. & D. ISMAILIA.</p> <p>12 other ranks from N.Z.T.U. & D. ISMAILIA 1 other rank died of wounds. 1 other rank died of disease.</p>	<p>W.W.A.</p>
TALAT-ED-DUMM.	8/10/18		<p>At 0900 the Regiment with the Brigade left JERICHO and marched to TALAT-ED-DUMM. The Regiment bivouaced at TALAT-ED-DUMM at 1200 and remained there for the rest of the day Captain N.S. Whitton MC.NZMC and 17 other ranks evacuated to Hospital. 15 other ranks from N.Z.T.U. & D. ISMAILIA.</p> <p>Major J.H. Herrold appointed Temporary second in Command Regiment Lieut R.C. Chapman to Temporary Command 11th Squadron 1 other rank died of disease.</p>	<p>Orders No 72 attached.</p> <p>W.W.A.</p> <p>SHEET 17</p>
JERUSALEM	9/10/18		<p>At 0900 the Regiment with the N.Z.M.R. Brigade left TALAT-ED-DUMM and marched to JERUSALEM arriving there at 1430. The Regiment bivouaced in Square H.35.A. The following Officers marched in from N.Z.T.U. & D. ISMAILIA.</p> <p align="center">2/Lieut J.W. Watson M.M. posted to 4th Squadron. 2/Lieut J.W. Dawson. " 11th " 2/Lieut C.N. White DCM " 3rd "</p> <p>Lieut A.M. Ross NZMC ATTACHED from N.Z.M.F.A. 1 other rank died of disease.</p>	<p>W.W.A.</p>

(Sgd) W.W. Averill, Captain.
Adjutant A.M.R. Regiment.

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JERUSALEM	10/10/18		The Regiment remained in bivouac. 12 other ranks to Hospital. 11 other ranks from N.Z.T.U. & D. ISMAILIA.	MAPS REFS PALESTINE 1-63360 SHEET 17.
JERUSALEM	11/10/18		The Regiment remained in bivouac. 4 other ranks to Hospital.	"W.W.A
JERUSALEM	12/10/18		The Regiment remained in bivouac.	"
LATHRON	13/10/18		At 0700 the Regiment with the Brigade left JERUSALEM and marched via the JAFFA road to LATHRON. (085.M.16) The Regiment bivouaced there for the night. (Orders No 73 attached)	
RICHON	14/10/18		At 0830 the Regiment with the Brigade left LATHRON and marched via RAMLEH to RICHON-LE-ZION. The Regiment arrived at 1300 and bivouaced on old area South of village. 110 other ranks from N.Z.T.U. & D. ISMAILIA.	SHEET 13. W.W.A.
RICHON	15/10/18		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Capt. W. Haeata and 11 other ranks marched in from N.Z.T.U. & D. ISMAILIA. Capt. W. Haeata assumes Temporary command 3rd Squadron, Lieut H.M. Rorke resumes Temporary second in command 3rd Squadron.	" W.W.A.
RICHON	16/10/18		The Regiment remained in bivouac	W.W.A.
RICHON	17/10/18		The Regiment remained in bivouac. 2 other ranks died of disease. 18 horses posted as died or destroyed and struck off the strength 7 horses posted as evacuated from Mobile.	" W.W.A.
RICHON	18/10/18		The Regiment remained in bivouac. 2/Lieut L.M. Paterson (attached B.H.Q.) to Hospital. 2/Lieut R. Gillespie 11th Squadron was a member of a Board of Enquiry which assembled in C.M.R. LINES AT 1400. 1 other rank died of wounds. 1 other rank died of disease.	W.W.A.

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Adjutant A.M.R. REGIMENT.

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RICHON	19/10/18		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Lieut A.M. Ross NZMC evacuated to Hospital. 1 other rank died of disease.	MAP REFS PALESTINE 1-63360 SHEET 13 " W.W.A.
RICHON	20/10/18		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Major J.H. Herrold evacuated to Hospital, relinquishes Temporary second in command Regiment. 6 horses to Mobile	
RICHON	21/10/18		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Training was carried out as per Syllabus attached. Hours of parade 0900 to 1100. At 1100 the horses of the Regiment were inspected by Brigadier-General Butler D.V.S. Captain W.H. Young NZMC attached from N.Z.M.F.A. 54 other ranks from N.Z.T.U. & D. ISMAILIA.	" WWA
RICHON	22/10/18		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Training as per Syllabus. Horses of the Regiment were inspected in the afternoon by Lieut-Col J.Kendall A.D.V.S.	" W.W.A.
RICHON	23/10/18		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Training as per Syllabus.	" W.W.A.
RICHON	24/10/18		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Training as per Syllabus The following Officers and 2 other ranks from N.Z.T.U. & D. ISMAILIA. Lieut T.W. Aicken to Temporary second in command 4th Squadron. 2/Lieut J.W.V. Masterman to Temporary second in command 11th Squadron. 3 horses to Mobile. 6 horses evacuated and struck off strength.	" W.W.A.
RICHON	25/10/18		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Training as per Syllabus.	" W.W.A.
RICHON	26/10/18		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Training as per Syllabus.	" W.W.A.
RICHON	27/10/18		The Regiment remained in bivouac 39 remounts taken on strength.	" W.W.A.
RICHON	28/10/18		The Regiment remained in bivouac. The Regiment was dentally inspected.	" W.W.A.
RICHON	29/10/18		The Regiment remained in bivouac. At 1030 the Regiment was inspected by the G.O.C.- N.Z.M.R. BDE. The following Officers assembled at H.Q. at 1330 as a Court of Enquiry. Captain W. Haeata. Lieut T.W. Aicken 2/Lieut J.W.V.Masterman.	

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RICHON	29/10/18	(continued)	8 other ranks from N.Z.T.U. & D.ISMAILIA.	W.W.A. MAP REFS. PALESTINE 1-63360 SHEET 13.
RICHON	30/10/19		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Training as per Syllabus. Lient M.E. Johnson M.C. was a member of a Board of Enquiry which assembled at W.M.R. Headquarters at 1030.	" W.W.A.
RICHON	31/10/18		The Regiment remained in bivouac. Training as per Syllabus. 6 horses evacuated from Mobile and struck off strength,	" W.W.A

W.W. AVERILL. Captain.

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SUMMARY - FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 1918.

<u>To Hospital.</u>	11 Officers	331 Other Ranks.
<u>From N.Z.T.U.A.D. (Reinforcements)</u>	10 Officers	239 Other Ranks.
<u>Present Strength.</u>	19 Officers	355 Other Ranks.

(Sgd) W.W. Averill, Captain.

ADJUTANT A.M.R. REGIMENT.

ORDERS No 7 2.

Lieut-Col J.N. McCarroll. Commanding Auckland W.R. Regt. JERICHO 7/10/18.
Ref Map - Palestine 1-63,360 - Sheet 18.

1. INTENTION 1. The Regiment with the N.Z.M.R. Brigade will move to TALAT ED DUMM, tomorrow 8th October 1918.
2. On arrival at Nile 17, the Regiment will occupy old bivouac area.
2. MOVES. 1. The Regiment will pass the starting point - ROMAN ROAD 300 yds SOUTH of Regimental Headquarters, in column of route at 0830 tomorrow 8th Inst. Order of march as follows:-
Headquarters.
4th Squadron.
11th "
3rd "
2. All transport will be Brigaded for the march and will report to Brigade Transport Officer on Road NORTH of C.M.R. lines at 0830 .
3. TRANSPORT. All Bivouac Sheets, Technical Equipment etc, will be stacked at SOUTH end of Squadron lines by 0700 tomorrow. Regimental 1st Line Transport is allotted as usual.
4. SICK HORSES. No horses with sore backs or girth galls are to be ridden. If sufficient sound horses are not available, to mount all ranks, those that cannot be mounted will proceed to JERUSALEM on Motor Lorries.
5. SANITATION. Special care must be given to sanitation, and the camp left in as clean a condition as possible. O.C. Sqdns will give this matter their personal attention, as complaints have lately been made about the insanitary state of camps vacated by the Regiment.

(Sgd) W.W. Averill, Captain.

Adjutant.

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SECRET.

ORDERS No 73.

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By

Lieut-Col J.N.McCarroll D.S.O. Commanding. A.M.R. Regiment. JERUSALEM.
12/10/18

Ref Map. _____

1. INTENTION. The Regiment with the N.Z.M.R. will leave JERUSALEM tomorrow 13th Oct, and march to LATRON. On 14th Oct, the Regiment will march to RICHON and will occupy old bivouac area.

2. MOVES. 1. The Regiment will pass the Starting Point-Road opposite Mtd Field Ambulance-in column of route at 0645 tomorrow 13th inst. Order of march.
Headquarters.
3rd Squadron.
4th Squadron.
11th Squadron.

2. First line Transport will report to Brigade Transport Officer on road opposite M.F.A. at 0745.

3. TRANSPORT. All bivvy sheets, technical equipment etc, will be stacked ready to be picked up by 1st line Transport by 0530, tomorrow. 1st line transport is allotted as usual.

4. ADVANCE PARTIES. Squadron Quarter Master Sergeants will leave present bivouac at 0500 tomorrow and will report to the Brigade Major at Water troughs LATRON at 1000, SQMS E.F. Cavanagh. will be in charge of Advance party.

5. SANITATION. As the present bivouac area and the area at LATRON are being used for troops passing through, every care must be taken that they are left in a clean and sanitary condition.
All rubbish, tins, bottles, etc will be burnt and not buried.

6. MARCHING OUT STATES. Marching out states for tomorrow will be forwarded to Orderly Room on receipt of these orders.

(Sgd) W.W. Averill, Captain.
Adjutant.

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AUCKLAND MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT.

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, 26th October 1918.

Hours of Parade.

0900 to 1100 daily.

1. SIGNALLING SCHOOL

4 men per Squadron - Instructor-
13/2628 Sergt. G.S. Watt. MM.

2. HOTCHKISS RIFLE SCHOOL

12 men and 4 Instructors per Squadron.
Supervisor - Lieut H.M. Rorke.

3. REMAINDER OF REGIMENT.

Will be formed into classes under Squadron
Officers, and will carry out training in the
following subjects -

Squad Drill
Rifle Exercises
Musketry
Bayonet Fighting
Gas Training.

(Sgd) W.W. Averill, Captain.

Adjutant A.M.R. Regiment.