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Artillery

Item number: 13/58/6

Title: 1st Nottinghamshire Battery, Royal
Horse Artillery

October 1917



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- Oct. 2 Battery went out on a reconnaissance with 3rd A.L.H. Brigade to a point 860 N.E. of Rashid Bek; did not come into action.
- 6 Battery was inspected by the C. in C., General Allenby, at SHAUTH.
- 18 Battery went out on a reconnaissance with 4th A.L.H. Brigade and came into action under Pt. 810 in the WADI HANOFISH. Left Section fired on and obtained direct hits on the Station at ABU IRGEIG.
- 20 Battery had practice shoot at EL GHABI, open targets.
- 24 Battery left camp for outpost line at 1315. Right Section to Hill 550. Left Section to KHASIF. Right Section registered Hill 630. Left Section registered Hill 720.
- 25 Right Section bombarded sniper's post N.E. of Hill 720, with effect. Battery handed over positions and registrations to "A" Battery, H.A.C., at 1645.
- 27 Battery called out with 3rd A.L.H. Brigade to reinforce 8th Bde. Turks having heavily attacked line 720-630. Battery went into action E. of KHASIF and bombarded Hill 720, which had been taken by the enemy. As result of bombardment enemy evacuated position which was occupied by 3rd A.L.H. Brigade. Battery returned to camp at 2130.

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- Oct. 28 Battery marched from UMURGAN to BIR EL ESANI.
- 29 Arriving there at 2430. Lightly bombed - no casualties.
Battery marched from BIR EL ESANI at 1645, arrived KHALASSA 2045.
- 30 A.M.Div. left KHALASSA for ISWAWAIN via ASLUJ at 1735, arriving ISWAWAIN 0700.
- 31 ANZAC Division and A.M.Div attacked BEERSHEBA. Battery came into action against enemy machine guns at 1330; after a short bombardment enemy retired enabling our dismounted troops to sieze the position, some houses about 2 miles E. of the town. Battery then received orders to support the 4th A.L.H. Bde. who had been ordered to take the town of Beersheba. Battery engaged and destroyed enemy machine guns on the left flank that were enfilading the advance of the 4th A.L.H. Bde. Battery marched into Beersheba about 1930 and bivouacked there. Battery bombed by enemy plane; one horse hit.
- Nov. 1 Battery took charge of captured guns (numbering 7) and mounted 2 guns as anti-aircraft guns in old Turkish positions. C. in C. visited battery and congratulated it on its shooting on the previous day.