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WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Army Form C. 2118.

5th. Light Horse Regiment, A.I.F.
2nd. Light Horse Brigade,
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

For Month MAY, 1917.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Weli Shk. Nuran.	2nd.		Poll taken on Federal elections. <i>fw</i>	
	3rd.		Patrol of one troop (Lieut. Graham) to HILL 410. One hundred men sent on working party. <i>fw</i>	
	5th.		Poll taken on Queensland State Referendum. Large working party supplied. <i>fw</i>	
	6th.		Patrol one troop of "B." Squadron to HILL 410 and patrol of one troop same Squadron to HILL 510. <i>fw</i>	
	7th.		Gas demonstration in lines of the New Zealand Mounted Rifles Bde. <i>fw</i>	
	8th.		One troop of "C." Squadron patrolled to HILL 410 and one troop same Squadron to HILL 510. <i>fw</i>	
	9th.		Brigade formed covering party while the Army Commander made reconnaissance of country towards WADI IMLIEH. This Regiment left SHELLAL at 0600 and made good POINTS 510, 550 and 630 by 0730. Ordered to withdraw at 1115. Left 2 troops "A." Squadron as usual patrols. They relieved at 1515. <i>fw</i>	
	11th.		"C." Squadron took patrols to HILL 410, 510, GOZ EL GELLEIB and GOZ EL BASAL. Remainder of Regiment and two troops of 2nd. Aust. M.G. Sqn. reinforced. By 1200 also made good POINT 300, 550, 630 and Kh. IMLIEH. The remainder of Bde. came out at 1300 and the whole Bde. thus covered three 60 Pounders while shelling 470 on right bank of WADI SHARIA. Our Posts on HILLS 300a and 630 were in action but no casualties. <i>fw</i>	
	15th.		The Regiment went to a practical demonstration of Gas near FARA. <i>fw</i>	
	16th./ 17th.		The Regiment at 1830 took up a line from POINT E. of SHELLAL to POINT one mile N. of HISEIA covering at a distance of one mile the working parties engaged in digging new battle line 300 yards E. of WADI GHUZZEE. All clear during the night. Regiment returned to camp at 0600. <i>fw</i>	
	Gamli.	17th.		Bde. moved from existing camp and occupied the GHARBI - GAMLI line of redoubts. This Regt. occupying the four left redoubts :- "T.", "S.", "R.", and "Q." <i>fw</i>
22nd.			Handed over redoubts to one Squadron 11th. Light Horse Regt. The A. & N.Z. MOUNTED DIVISION and the IMPERIAL MOUNTED DIVISION carried out raid on the railway line between ASLUJ and AUJA. This Regt. with remainder of Bde. moved from lines at 1930. This Regt. forming advance guard to ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION who were marching to HILL 820. Native guide supplied who proved unreliable and remainder of march done by compass bearing. On arrival in neighbourhood of HILL 820 this Regt. marched E. across WADI to take up last half of line between GOZ SHEIHILI and HILL 1240. (BEERSHEBA Map 1/125,000.) On arriving at POINT about 2 miles E. of WADI at 0415 advance guard was fired at by enemy outposts. 2 of the enemy were killed, one prisoner taken and one of our horses wounded.	

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			<p>Our instructions were to gain touch with New Zealanders on Left flank. As these had not put in an appearance, one Squadron sent one mile to the left flank and one 1 mile to the right. This right Squadron occupied POINT 910. At 0715 the N.Z. Bde. joined up on our left. Accordingly the left Squadron ("C.") was then moved on to the right of our sector to guard gain touch with the 7th. L.H. who had the right of the Bde. sector. At 1030 "C." Squadron reported that ;-</p> <p>"Body of enemy cavalry at least one Bde. was moving out of the foothills about G. EL NA'AM and "were advancing in their direction 4 miles away."</p> <p>But 20 minutes later reported that the Mounted Force above referred to consisted of two Bdes. and that they had turned N. towards BEERSHEBA. At 1435 informed Bde. retiring and for us to conform. Regiment accordingly retired watering at BIR EL ESANI. Arrived back at bivouac at 2230 and took over redoubts again.</p> <p>Advice received that Major D.C. Cameron and Major A.G. Bolingbroke were awarded the D.S.O. for services in connection with the operations at GAZA on the 26th. March.</p> <p>Regiment relieved from POST by 53rd. Division and concentrated on WADI near GAMLI.</p> <p>Brig. Genl. RYRIE, C.M.G. having temporarily taken over the Command of the A. & N.Z. MTD. DIVN. Lieut. Colonel WILSON, C.M.G. took over temporary Command of the Bde. Major D.C. CAMERON, D.S.O. took over temporary Command of the Regiment.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Lieut-Colonel, Commanding 5th. Light Horse Regiment, A. I. F.</p>	
	24th.			
	27th.			
	28th.			
	28th.		Regiment moved to TEL EL MAREKEB on beach opposite KHAN YUNUS. <i>see</i>	
	29th.			
	30th.			
	31st.		<p>Regiment camped at Marakeb in reserve with rest of Bde. Bn 31st. all rifles on charge to the Regt. for Mark VI ammunition exchanged for those for Mark VII. <i>see</i></p> <p>There are at present with the Regt. 157 of those who left Australia on 20th. Dec., 1914, when the Regt. embarked. <i>see</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Donald Cameron Major, Commanding 5th. Light Horse Regiment, A.I.F.</p>	

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