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Regiment

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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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5th L.H. Regt A.I.F.

2nd H. Bde.

A.N.Z. Mounted Division -

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to Syria
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Haifa

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1 st		Regiment relieved 6th L.H. Regt at 1800. Taking over portion of line (JAFFA - LUDD defenses) held by 6th Regt.:- c/o 1 Post (including One Tree Hill (Pt 265), Sun Tree Post, and advance Post.) also No 2 Post. Horses remained at bivouac site - one man to see horses remaining behind - during the day, this was increased to one man to four horses - the additional men withdrawing from the outpost line after all clear each morning. During the night one prisoner surrendered to one of the C ^o Sqdn Posts. Dec.	
	2 nd		Outpost line shelled heavily during day. At 1800 a working party of 50 men from 6 th L.H. Regt to assist in digging a support trench at Sun Tree Post. Work was also carried on during the night by B ^o Sqdn, holding No 2 Post + C ^o Sqdn holding the Advance Post of No 1. One prisoner surrendered during night Dec.	
	3 rd		Enemy shelled our Posts again during the day. 100 men from 6 th Regt under Capt Clare carried out a raid on the enemy trenches, in conjunction with the I.C.C. Enemy shelled our post very heavily during this raid - and afterwards. We suffered one casualty. Dec.	
	4 th / 5 th		Holding Outpost line in conjunction with 7 th Regt - all available men digging each night, deepening and improving trenches. Impossible to work on trenches during daylight - enemy artillery very active. Light showers during night 5 th Dec. Dec.	
	6 th		Regt relieved at 1800 by 4 th R.S. Fusiliers withdrawing with Brigade to Wadi HANEIN. ^{three casualties suffered from shell fire just before handing over.} Arriving there at 0330. Very cold march. Steady rain set in at 0400. Dec.	

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5th L. H. Regt. A.I.F. 145/2

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Wadi Hanein.	7 th / 11 th		Regiment bivouaced near Wadi Hanein. Weather wet and very cold - until the morning of 11 th which was fine. D.C.C.	
	12 th		Regiment moved with Brigade at 1000 to Bivouac site near ESODD - arriving 1430. D.C.C.	
Esduud	13 th / 15 th		Bivouaced at Esduud. The Divisional Commandant presented ribbons to recipients of decorations during recent operations, on afternoon 14 th (2 military Crosses, and 9 military medals) D.C.C.	
	16 th / 28 th		Brigade at Esduud. Programme of training carried out when weather permitted it. Classes for Signallers, Hotchkiss Rifle Teams, newly appointed N.C.O's. Bot Respirators issued to Regt and all ranks received instructions re care and use of same. Rifle Practice was carried out on Brigade Rifle Range. A very marked improvement resulted in the averages obtained compared with the results on the Range at KAZAR in October. D.C.C.	
	28 th		Regt received instructions to proceed to RICHON LE ZION, bivouac there for the night, and to move on to North of JAFFA the following morning - reporting upon arrival to 4 th & 2 nd Division - The Regt after drawing rations marched out at 1530 arriving at RICHON at 2100. The road was very heavy, and in places boggy, especially on the black soil flats near YEBNA, and Wadi crossings. D.C.C.	

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5th L.H. Regt A.I.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	29 th		At 0900 instructions were received from Regt 21 st Army Corps to rejoin the Brigade at ESDUD - as it had been ascertained that it was impossible to carry out the work intended. After watering, the Regiment left RICHON at 1140 reaching the bivouac site at ESDUD at 1700.	see
Esdud	30		The day was occupied in cleaning the horses and equipment which had been covered with ^{mud} during march to and from RICHON.	see
"	31		At 0800 Regiment proceeded to ESDUD railway siding for disembarking parade. On the 20 th instant, being the third anniversary of the Regiment's departure from Australia, a census of the original men and horses now with the Regiment was taken, with the following result:- Original strength of Regiment including M & Section 523. Of these original men there were on 20 th December 140 Horses that left Australia with the Regt excluding M & S. 572 Original horses now with Regt 165.	see.

Donald Cameron Lt Col
Commanding 5th L.H. Regt.

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