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**war diaries, 1914-18 War**

Light Horse

**Item number: 10/10/50**

**Title: 5th Australian Light Horse**  
**Regiment**

February 1919

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Sheet I.

WAR DIARY  
or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Map reference. SYRIA HAIFA I/250,000.

For month of February 1919  
5th Light Horse Regt. AIF. Army Form C. 2118.  
2nd L.H. Brigade  
A & N.Z. Mounted Divn.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Semakh/	1.		Usual duties. Very heavy rain some thunder. <i>ull</i>	
	2		" " Urgent cases for leave interviewed. Rain in the afternoon. Church service by B.W.I. Padre. <i>ull</i>	
	3		" " Bright sunny day <i>ull</i>	
	4		" " Courier to Brigade. <i>ull</i>	
	5		" " " " " <i>ull</i>	
	6		" " Races held under wet conditions. AMMAN CUP won by Sgt. Ryan's "Stranger"; ZIZA CUP won by Tpr. Kane's "Stockinette" Other races won by "Chummy", Solomon, Ada, King Billy Da gworth. Military Governor Tiberias, Staff and Sisters from Tiberias over to see them. <i>ull</i>	
	7		Usual duties 2 Officers and 50 men to stand by at disposal of Military Governor, Tiberias. Showery all day. <i>ull</i>	
	8		" " " " " <i>ull</i>	
	9		" " Lt. Crawford left on Jisr Benat Yakub patrol taking a wagon to bring in Gun. Church service. <i>ull</i>	
	10		" " Major Barwise out searching for arms south of Semakh. 3 Rifles and a quantity of ammunition and accoutrements found. <i>ull</i>	
	11		" " Repatriation papers filled in. <i>ull</i>	
	12		Search party work Samra and East of Lake. Lt. Col. D.C. Cameron D.S.O. arrived by 1400 train. windy and showery. <i>ull</i>	
	13		Col. Cameron inspected Regiment. Athletic Sports held - successful meeting - Prizes given from Regimental Funds. East wind. Glorious day. <i>ull</i>	
	14		Usual duties. Col. Cameron addressed Regiment in the morning before leaving by the afternoon train. Capt. Smith (2nd L.H.F.A.) and Lts. Lawrence & Matthews arrived. Recent re-inforcements isolated on account of an outbreak of German Measles at Moascar. 50 horses destroyed. Semakh and Samra searched. <i>ull</i>	
	15		Usual duties. Guard of 2 N.C.O.s 8 men for Jisr Benat Yakub. Terrific wind - half tents blown away. Hats and nosebags all over the plain. <i>ull</i>	
			Lt. Crawford and party of 24 men and 45 horses left for Beisan. Search party under Lt. Paul also out. Medical and aeroplane goods found. 27 o/RS. arrived from Moascar - isolated. Bright and clear day. <i>ull</i>	
	16		Usual duties. <i>ull</i>	
17		" " Issue of 5 bags flour 5 bags Sugar 4000 cigarettes, 400 tins tobacco, 100 packets candles, 250 lbs. coffee from Mrs. Chisholm's Fund. Wet day - about 1/2 inch rain. <i>ull</i>		

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Semakh.	18		Usual duties. Races held. Winners Waipaire, El Arish, Jerry, Damas, Solomon; A.V.C., Nigger.	
	19		" " Search parties out. Major Chatham to Damascus on duty. Pte. Brazill to take completed map of Semakh to General Grant. Glorious weather. Issue of foodstuffs from Mrs. Chisholm's gift.	
	20		Usual duties. perfect weather.	
	21		" " Beisan party (escort) to be withdrawn and to be supplied by relieving Regt. Major Chatham returned from Damascus.	
	22		Races held. Splendid meeting. Glorious weather.	
	24		Usual duties. Issue of foodstuffs and Tobacco from Mrs. Chisholm's Fund. Advance Guard of relieving Regiment arrived under Lieut. Petrie. Lt. Graham to Haifa to make arrangements re Move.	
	25		Usual duties. Issue of remaining stores from Mrs. Chisholm's Fund.	
	26		" " Very wet windy day.	
	27		" " Courier to Brigade.	
	28		" " Advance party of dismounted men under Capt. Plant & Lt. Matthews left camp to entrain for RAFA. Official photographer took groups of Officers, decorated men, Gallipoli men & old horses.	

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