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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

2nd L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
UM URGAN	August 1	-	Strength 24 off 489 OTR. Draft of 15 Rivets arrived at 1500. 3 off + 250 OTR under Major H.D. O'Brien on night fatigue party. Laying underground telephone cable to KARM. Ret'd to Camp at 0430.	C. D. F.
	2	-	Regimental Duties.	C. D. F.
	3	-	Regiment left Camp at 1800, watered & formed up outside barbed wire. Moved off with Brigade at 1930 on night reconnaissance. B Sqn found left flank guard, C Sqn. Right flank & Rear Guard. A Sqn. in Reserve. Brigade moved off YOZEL BASAL & thence to cross roads about 1/2 mile east of TAWEL HABARI, arriving there 2330. B & C Sqn found the protection round B.H.Q. B Sqn sent 1 Troop to HILL 720 & A Sqn sent 1 Troop about 2 miles down road running south; also a post about 1/2 miles along BEERSHEBA Road.	C. D. F.
	4	-	Brigade commenced to withdraw at 0400. B Sqn. found Right flank Guard & C Sqn. Left flank Guard & advance Guard back to Camp. Regiment reached WADI at 0730, watered & moved into Camp. No Casualties	C. D. F.
	5	-	Divine Service. Strength 25 off. 491 OTR draft of 15 Rivets arrived.	C. D. F.
	6	-	A Sqn. found 4 days posts of 1 Troop each. C Sqn. & 1 Troop of B Sqn found Night posts.	C. D. F.
	7	-	Regimental Duties.	C. D. F.
	8	-	Regt. left Camp at 1115 on reconnaissance towards HILL 570, accompanied by 1 Section Anzac Battering Co. 3 Light Car Patrols & 2 Sections of M. G. Sqn. B Sqn. as left flank Guard. proceeded to 550, sent patrols towards 570. A Sqn + 1 Troop M. G. Sqn. as R. flank Guard, towards 720, 730 & 770. C Sqn. + 1 Troop M. G. Sqn. as escort to Section of Anzac Battering Co. proceeded towards ^{Hill 1 mile South of 630} 700. A night Car Patrols along BEERSHEBA Road to Cross roads & returned along ABU THAWISH Road. Posts & patrols were shelled during day & a patrol from B Sqn. encountered an infantry post of about 50 enemy. were heavily fired on & forced to retire. Withdrew at 1815 & returned to Camp.	C. D. F.
	9	-	C Squadron on Day Posts. A Sqn. & Troop of B on night post.	C. D. F.
	10	-	Regt. left Camp at 1115 on Reconnaissance to Irqig. A Sqn. proceeded to HILL 770, sending patrols towards Irqig. B Sqn. to 550, 630 & Hill 1 mile South of 630. C Sqn. in reserve with R.M.G. at 720. 2 Car Patrols, accompanying Regt., went out on Right flank towards BEERSHEBA & engaged a Sqn. of enemy Cavalry. Withdrew at 1815, returning to Camp by 2130.	C. D. F.
	11	-	Regimental Duties	C. D. F.
	12	-	Divine Service Strength 23 off 490 OTR.	C. D. F.
	13	-	Regt. left Camp at 1815 on night reconnaissance towards ABU IRGEIG, forming up 1/2 mile east of barbed wire.	C. D. F.
	14	-	Moved off with Bde at 1930, reaching HILL 770 at 0100. Dismounted & handed horses to horseholders & then proceeded towards IRGEIG. Keeping in touch with left flank of 7 th L.H. Regt.	C. D. Fuller J. C.

