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**Regiment**

July 1917

# WAR DIARY

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## or INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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2<sup>ND</sup> Aus. Light Horse Regt.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FUKHARI	1917 July 1 <sup>st</sup>		Regiment in camp.	
"	" 2 <sup>nd</sup>			
"	" 3 <sup>rd</sup>	13:30 16:00	Left Bivouac area at 13:30 and marched to a position about 2 miles + N.W. of ELGAMLI arriving there at 16:00	
ELGAMLI	" 4 <sup>th</sup>	01:00 07:00 18:00 21:00	Moved out on reconnaissance to a position on WADI HANAFISH there holding a sector of ground WADI HANAFISH (exclusive) to HILLS 730-770 inclusive until 18:00. Touch was gained with enemy at HILL 550 and WADI SOFI at 07:00 on morning of 4 <sup>th</sup> . Constant shelling of our sector of outpost line was kept up by enemy artillery all day. During retirement of Regiment - commencing at 18:00 heavy barrage fire was directed on, + over the ground selected for the retirement. After forming up, Regiment returned to camp at 21:00. Casualties for day: 5 Other ranks wounded.	
"	" 5 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup>		Regiment resting.	
"	" 8 <sup>th</sup>	05:00 21:00	Leaving camp at 05:00, Regiment marched to KARM. -replaced BEERSHEBA 1/125,000 - remaining there with supporting Brigade to reconnaissance held by NZMR and 2 <sup>ND</sup> ALH Brigades. Returned to Camp at 21:00. Uneventful day.	+ - 12
"	" 9 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup>		Regiment in camp.	

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EL GANLI	1917 July 15 <sup>th</sup>	0400 2230	Left camp at 0400 & marched to a point opposite 310 HILL on EAST bank of WADI GHUZZE returning to camp at 2230. Reference - RAFA 1/125000.	
	16 <sup>th</sup> +		Regiment in camp.	
	17 <sup>th</sup>			
	18 <sup>th</sup> +	2330 0330	Leaving camp at 2330, moved to GOZ LAKHLEILAT arriving there at 0330 on 19 <sup>th</sup> . Three Squadrons less two troops held position 680 to R in KHOR EL AJRAM. Enemy in close proximity all day.	
	19 <sup>th</sup>	0045	Captured eleven enemy (Lancers) returned to camp at 0045 on 20 <sup>th</sup> .	
	20 <sup>th</sup>	0330 1330	Left camp again at 0330; moved to position WEST of GOZ EL BASAL returning to camp at 1330. This move was as support to reconnaissance owing to activity of enemy. - Reference BEERSHEBA 1/125000.	
	21 <sup>st</sup>		Supplied Night Outposts of 5 Troops as per BRO; being "Duty Regiment" of Reconnaissance Brigade	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>		Supplied 4 Troops as patrols as per BRO	
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	0400 1600	Regiment joined Brigade, leaving camp at 0400, & marched to point EAST of EL BUGGAR occupying HILLS 810-820-840. Patrols sent NORTH, WEST & SOUTH of BEERSHEBA report BEERSHEBA held. Returned to camp at 1600. - Reference BEERSHEBA 1/125000. -	
	24 <sup>th</sup>		Regiment in camp.	

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<i>EL GAMLI</i>	<i>July 25<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>1917 23:30</i>	<i>Leaving camp at 23:30, regiment plus 2 sections Machine Gun Squadron marched to point about EL in KHOR EL AJRAM. There remained until daybreak. Two squadrons then left and enveloped KASHID BECK, BIR EL EBANI with object of seizing enemy patrols. No patrols reported in this area.</i>	
"	<i>26<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>12:30</i>	<i>Enemy occupied HILLS 720-810-820-840. Regiment returned to camp 12:30. Reference. BEERSHEBA 1/25000.</i>	
"	<i>27<sup>th</sup></i>		<i>Regiment in camp.</i>	
"	<i>28<sup>th</sup></i>		<i>" " "</i>	
"	<i>29<sup>th</sup></i>		<i>Regiment in camp. Night patrols to GAMLI and GHABI.</i>	
"	<i>30<sup>th</sup></i>		<i>Regiment in camp.</i>	
"	<i>31<sup>st</sup></i>	<i>2000</i>	<i>Regiment moved out on minor enterprise at 2000 to vicinity of ESANI. No enemy movement observed. Returned to camp 1200. 1<sup>st</sup> August 1917.</i>	

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