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EL BURJ	1 st / ₅ th		The Regiment held portion of front line ENE of ELBURJ. A & C Squadrons were in the line and B Sqn in reserve. The right flank of the Regiment linking with 12 th L.H. Regt and the left with 5 th LtA Bde	PALESTINE 1 mile to 1.100
	5 th		The Regiment moved to bivouac area 1/2 mile E. of SHILTA and acted as reserve to 4 th LtA Bde.	
E of SHILTA	8		B Squadron made a reconnaissance in direction of KAIF NAMAHI advancing 2 1/2 miles when they came under rifle fire but returned without casualties	
	9 th		The Regiment moved to SUFFA and took over line held by Royal Irish Fusiliers. C Sqn being regimental reserve	
SUFFA	10 th		The Regiment took up a new line 3/4 mile northward from SUFFA. C Sqn being still in reserve. The 10 th Division were on the right flank of the Regt and the 12 th LtA Regt on the left	
	12 th		The Brigade was relieved by 3 rd LtA Bde (9 th LtA Regt relieved this Regiment) and moved to 1 1/2 miles NE of SHILTA where they acted as Divisional reserve	
NE of SHILTA	23 rd		The Regiment moved to SHILTA and relieved the Warwick Yeomanry holding line 1/2 mile N of SHILTA. The 234 th Bde were on left flank and 11 th LtA Regt on right.	
SHILTA	24 th		A Sqn reconnoitred in front of line towards NALIN, very few enemy were observed.	

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Capt

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SHILTA	27 th		The Regiment advanced from SHILTA and made a demonstration in direction of KUDDIS for purpose of covering flanks of infantry who were making an advance on right, afterwards taking up new line in Sq linking up with 234 th Bde on left and 11 th L.H. Regt on right	PALESTINE 1" to 1 mile
	29 th		The line was further advanced to N of KUDDIS, B Sqdn being Regimental reserve	
	31 st		Moved from N of KUDDIS to a position N of MALIN	
			Casualties in Action for month: 20/ks wounded (both subsequently died of wounds)	
			The following officers joined during the month: Capt BELAWRENCE from 4 th L.H. Training Regt Lieut H.M. HORAN " Hon Lieut, Q.M. G.L. HAGGER returned as Hospital Capt A.L. LANCE reported as R.M.O.	
			The following officers quitted during month: Major G.V. RANKIN (second in Command) Sick to Hospital Capt J.I. CHIRNSIDE (R.M.O) Sick to Hospital 2/Lieut G.E. BINGHAM Capt J. PARKIN seconded to 4 th L.H. Training Regt and marched out 13/12/17	

18th
19th
24th
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	15 th		<p>Major J LAWSON DSO assumed command temporarily of the Regt during absence of C.O. Lieut Col. M.W.J. BOURCHIER DSO in Tempy command of 4th LH Bde.</p> <p>36 Coy's marched in as reinforcements during the month.</p>	
	31 st		<p>Effective strength of Regt.</p> <p>25 off 446 Coy's 413 Riding horses 53 LD Horses 31 pack horses 10 large mules, 2 small mules 20 donkeys</p> <p style="text-align: right;">M.W.J. Bouchier Lt. Col. C.O. 4th L.H. Regt</p>	

H. Phelps Lt
Adj.

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