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			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>WAR DIARY - FEBRUARY 1918.</u></p> <p>MAP REFERENCES - References to places throughout the Diary itself refers to the Palestine Exploration Map - Scale 1/250,000</p> <p>References to Maps in Reports and Appendices refer to the Map Issue - Scale 1/63,360.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----oO-----</p>	<p>Appendix 10.</p> <p>Appendix 10.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- FEB 1918 -</p>

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MEJDEL (Palestine) (Aerodrome)			<p>The Unit was stationed at an Aerodrome 2 miles North-East of the town of MEJDEL near the shores of the MEDITERRANEAN SEA throughout the month of FEBRUARY, 1918. This aerodrome is undulating, and is situated in a small ridge of hills which stand higher than the surrounding country, consequently it drains well, and on no occasion when weather was otherwise favourable was it impossible to carry out the work owing to having wet ground. The aerodrome and camp site is sandy - the surrounding flat country is a dark clay soil and very sticky.</p>	Appendix 10.																												
(Organisation of Flying Corps on Palestine Front)			<p>The following is the organisation of the Flying Corps on the Palestine Front during the month:-</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>PALESTINE BRIGADE, R.F.C.</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black;">I</td> <td style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black;">I</td> <td style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black;">I</td> <td style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black;">I</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black;">40th (Army) Wing, R.F.C.</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black;">5th (Corps) Wing, R.F.C.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black;">I</td> <td style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black;">I</td> <td style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black;">I</td> <td style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black;">I</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black;">No. 111 Squadron, R.F.C. (Scouts - S.E.5's and Nieuports)</td> <td style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black;">No. 1 Sqn., A.F.C. (2-seaters - Bristol Fighters. ^{MARTINSYDES & E.F.A.'S} Strategic Reconnaissance, Bombing. Photography, etc.)</td> <td style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black;">No. 14 Squadron, R.F.C. (Attached XXth Corps - R.E.8's)</td> <td style="text-align: center; border-top: 1px solid black;">No. 113 Squadron, R.F.C. (attached XXIst Corps - R.E.8's)</td> </tr> </table>	I	I	I	I	40th (Army) Wing, R.F.C.		5th (Corps) Wing, R.F.C.		I	I	I	I	No. 111 Squadron, R.F.C. (Scouts - S.E.5's and Nieuports)	No. 1 Sqn., A.F.C. (2-seaters - Bristol Fighters. ^{MARTINSYDES & E.F.A.'S} Strategic Reconnaissance, Bombing. Photography, etc.)	No. 14 Squadron, R.F.C. (Attached XXth Corps - R.E.8's)	No. 113 Squadron, R.F.C. (attached XXIst Corps - R.E.8's)													
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MEJDEL (Palestine)	1.8.18		Machines Serviceable 14 Unserviceable 5	
		0850 to 1130	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - TALAT EDDUMM - JERICHO - RIJM EL BAHR - (Pilot Lieut. A.R. Brown, Observer Lieut. W. Cashman, M.C., escorted by Pilot Lieut. A.V. Tonkin Observer Aus/506, Cpl. Jensen, N.P.B.)	Appendix 2.No. A187
		1300 to 1510	<u>Photographic Reconnaissance</u> - Area North and South-East of JERUSALEM. (Pilots Lieuts. A.R. Brown, L.E. Taplin, H.S.R. Maughan, E.P. Kenny, and G.C. Peters, escorted by Pilots Lieuts. E.L. Spragg and J.H. Butler Observers Lieut. H.B. Fletcher and Col. A.E. Borton, D.S.O.)	
		1445	<u>Combat in the Air</u> - Photographic Machines were attacked by 1 A.E.G. 2 seater and D3 Scout. Combat indecisive. <u>Time flown during the day</u> - 27 hours 30 minutes. <u>Number of Plates exposed</u> - 118	Appendix 5.No.1 Appendix 11.(1)
	2.2.18		Machines Serviceable 19, Unserviceable 2.	
		1000 to 1215	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - SINJIL - HUWARA - NABLUS - TUL KERAM - TIREH. (Pilot Lieut. H.L. Fraser Observer Lieut. G. Finlay escorted by Pilot Lieut. A.R. Brown, Observer Lieut. J.H. Traill)	Appendix 2.No. A188
		1305 to 1645	<u>Photographic Reconnaissance</u> - Area North of ME JERUSALEM. (Pilot Lieut. F.W. Haig, Observer Lieut. A. Kirk)	
			<u>Times flown during the day</u> - 14 hours <u>Number of Plates exposed</u> - 10	Appendix 11.(2)
	3.2.18		Machines - Serviceable 17 Unserviceable XX.4.	
		1150 to 1400	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - NUBI MUSA - RIJM EL BAHR - GHORANIYEH - JERICHO - (Pilot Lieut. C.C. Cameron Observer Lieut. C.J. Vyner escorted by Pilot Lieut. L.E. Taplin Observer Lieut. O.M. Lee)	Appendix 2.No. A189

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MEJDEL (Palestine)	3.2.18	1130	<u>Bomb Raid</u> - on camps and troops at MISKE	Appendix 3 No.1
		to	(Pilots Lieuts. G.C.Peters, A.V.Tomkin, P.J.Sims, C.N.Watt escorted by Pilots Lieuts.A.R.Brown and	
		1310	C.le.B.Brown, Observers Lieuts.H.B.Fletcher and W.Cashman M.C.)	
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 20 hours 57 minutes.	Appendix 11 (3)
			<u>Number of bombs dropped</u> 56 - Hale and Coopers 20 lbs.	
	4.2.18		Machines Serviceable 19 - Unserviceable 2.	
		1010	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - LUBBAN - HUWARA - NABLUS - JENIN - TULKERAM - KAKON	Appendix 2.No.A190
		to	(Pilot Lieut.E.L.Spragg, Observer Lieut.E.B.S.Beaton escorted by Pilot Lieut.R.A.Austin M.C., Observer	
		1220	Lieut.G.Finlay)	
		1005	<u>Bomb Raid</u> - On camps and troops at MISKE	Appendix 3. No.2
		to	(Pilots Lieuts.T.Taylor, L.B.Garson, C.N.Watt, H.S.R.Maughan and C.S.Paul)	
		1145		
		1140	<u>Photographic Reconnaissance</u> - Area, strip of country South East of JERUSALEM	Appendix 11 (4)
		to	(Pilot Lieut.H.L.Fraser, Observer Lieut.A.Kirk)	
		1415		
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 24 hours 22 minutes.	
			<u>Number of plates exposed</u> - 6	
			<u>Number of bombs dropped</u> - 56 - Coopers and Hales 20lbs.	
	5.2.18		Machines Serviceable 21 - Unserviceable Nil.	
			Clouds prevented any reconnaissance during the day.	
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 1 hour 5 minutes.	Appendix 11 (5)

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MEJDEL (Palestine)	6.2.18		<p style="text-align: center;">Machines Serviceable 21 - Unserviceable Nil.</p> <p>Clouds prevented any reconnaissance during the day.</p> <p><u>Time flown during the day - 18 hours 49 minutes.</u></p>	Appendix 11 (6)
	7.2.18		<p style="text-align: center;">Machines Serviceable 21 - Unserviceable Nil.</p> <p>Clouds prevented any reconnaissance during the day.</p> <p><u>Time flown during the day - Nil.</u></p>	Appendix 11 (7)
	8.2.18		<p style="text-align: center;">Machines Serviceable 21 - Unserviceable Nil.</p> <p>Clouds prevented any flying during the day.</p> <p><u>Time flown during the day - Nil.</u></p>	Appendix 11 (8)
	9.2.18		<p style="text-align: center;">Machines Serviceable 21 - Unserviceable Nil.</p> <p>Clouds prevented any flying during the day.</p> <p><u>Time flown during the day - Nil.</u></p>	Appendix 11 (9)
	10.2.18	1230 to 1445	<p style="text-align: center;">Machines Serviceable 18 - Unserviceable 2.</p> <p><u>Strategical Reconnaissance - KALKILIEH - TULKERAM - KOKON - NABLUS - HUWARA</u> (Pilots Lieut.R.A.Austin M.C., Observer Lieut.G.Finlay escorted by Bilet Lieut.E.L.Spragg, Observer Lieut.C.J.Vyner)</p> <p><u>Time flown during the day - 5 hours 45 minutes.</u></p>	Appendix 2.No.A193 Appendix 11 (10)

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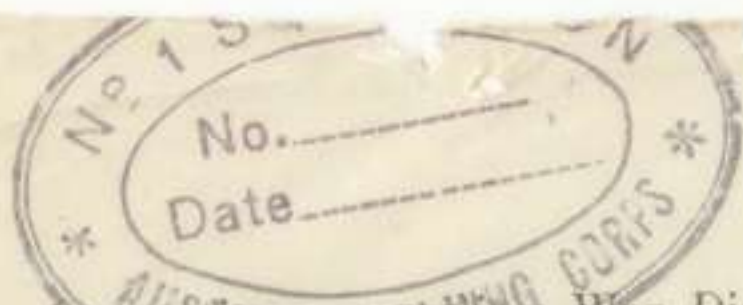
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MEJDEL (Palestine)	11.2.18		Machines Serviceable 15 - Unserviceable 4.	
		1015 to 1235	Strategical Reconnaissance - TALAT ED DUMM - SHUNET NIMRIN - NEBI MUSA (Pilot Lieut.C.C.Cameron, Observer Lieut.W.P.Cashman M.C. escorted by Pilot Lieut.L.M.Potts, Observer Aus/506 Cpl. Jensen N.P.B.)	Appendix 2.No.A194
		1330 to 1610	Photographic Reconnaissance - Area, neighbourhood of SINJIL. (Pilots Lieuts.L.E.Taplin, C.N.Watt and H.S.R.Maughan)	Appendix 11 (11)
			Time flown during the day - 34 hours 10 minutes. Number of Plates exposed - 97	
	12.2.18		Machines Serviceable 12 - Unserviceable 7.	
		1100 to 1340	Strategical Reconnaissance - SINJIL - LUBBAN - HUWARA - NABLUS - TULKERAM - TIREH (Pilot Lieut.L.E.Taplin, Observer Lieut.O.M.Lee escorted by Pilot Capt.R.M.Smith M.C., Observer Lieut.E.A.Mustard)	Appendix 2.No.A196
		1020 to 1340	Strategical Reconnaissance - KERAK - KUTRANI - GHOREE - HADITE (Pilot Lieut.H.L.Fraser, Observer Lieut.A.Kirk escorted by Pilot Lieut.L.M.Potts, Observer Lieut.R.T.Challinor)	Appendix 2.No.A197
		1000 to 1320	Bomb Raid - on Railway Station and KUTRANI. (Pilots Lieuts.C.S.Paul, A.V.Tonkin, J.K.Curwen-Walker, L.B.Garson and E.S.Headlam escorted by Pilot Lieut.H.L.Fraser, Observer Lieut.A.Kirk and Pilot Lieut.L.M.Potts, Observer Lieut.R.T.Challinor)	Appendix 3 No.3
			Time flown during the day - 25 hours 55 minutes. Number of bombs dropped - 52 - 20 lbs. (Coopers and Hales)	Appendix 11 (12)
	13.2.18		Machines Serviceable 16 - Unserviceable 3.	
		1000 to 1220	Strategical Reconnaissance - TALAT ED DUMM - RIJM EL BAHR - SHUNET NIMRIN (Pilot Lieut.R.A.Austin M.C., Observer Lieut. G.Finlay escorted by Pilot Lieut.G.C.Peters, Observer Lieut.R.T.Challinor)	Appendix 2.No.A198

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MEJDEL (Palestine)	13.2.18	1050	<u>Bomb Raid</u> - on Railway Station and Aerodrome at KUTRANI. (Pilots Lieuts.P.J.Sims and F.W.F.Lukis escorted by Pilots Capts.R.M.Smith M.C. and S.W.Addison, Observers Lieuts.J.H.Traill and H.Fysh)	Appendix 3. No.4
		1105	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - whilst escorting Bomb Raid - KUTRANI - LEJJUN - ELKERAK to (Pilot Capt.S.W.Addison, Observer Lieut.H.Fysh)	Appendix 2.No.A199
		1345	<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 24 hours 17 minutes. <u>Number of bombs dropped</u> - 24 - 20 lbs. (Coopers and Hales)	Appendix 11 (13)
	14.2.18		Machines Serviceable 16 - Unserviceable 3.	
		1015	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - KALKILIEH - TULKERAM - NABLUS - HUWARA to (Pilot Lieut.E.L.Spragg, Observer Lieut.C.J.Vyner escorted by Pilot Capt.R.M.Smith M.C., Observer Lieut.E.A.Mustard)	Appendix 2.No.A200
		0930	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - JERICHO - RIJM EL BAHR - CHORANIYEH to (Pilot Capt.S.W.Addison, Observer Lieut.H.Fysh escorted by Pilot Lieut.C.N.Watt , Observer Aus/506 Cpl. Jensen N.P.B.)	Appendix 2.No.A201
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 26 hours 25 minutes.	Appendix 11 (14)
	15.2.18		Machines Serviceable 14 - Unserviceable 5.	
		0900	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - SINJIL - NABLUS - TULKERAM - MISKE to (Pilot Lieut.R.A.Austin M.C., Observer Lieut.O.M.Lee).	Appendix 2.No.A202
		1110		
		0930	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - TALAT ED DUMM - JORDAN BRIDGE - SHUNET NIMRIN - RIJM EL BAHR to (Pilot Capt.S.W.Addison, Observer Lieut.H.Fysh)	Appendix 2.No.A203
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MEJDEL (Palestine)	15.2.18	0815 to 1120	<u>Photographic Reconnaissance</u> - Three small areas North East and North West of JERUSALEM. (Pilots Lieuts.L.E.Taplin, E.S.Headlam, and C.S.Paul escorted by Pilot Capt.R.M.Smith M.C., Observer Lieut.E.A.Mustard and Pilot Lieut.L.M.Potts, Observer Lieut.R.T.Challinor)	
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 34 hours 45 minutes. <u>Number of plates exposed</u> - 73	Appendix 11 (15)
	16.2.18		Machines Serviceable 12 - Unserviceable 6.	
		0940 to 1145	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - TALAT ED DUMM - JERICHO - SHUNET NIMRIN - JORDAN BRIDGE (Pilot Lieut.R.A.Austin M.C., Observer Lieut.G.Finlay)	Appendix 2.No.A204
		1015 to 1243	<u>Reconnaissance</u> - in an endeavour to locate a signal from the Arabs, but none was observed - BIR ARRARA - TEL EL NILAN. (Pilot Capt.Deacon M.C. (R.A.F), Observer Lieut.A.Kirk escorted by Pilot Lieut. G.C.Peters, Observer Aus/506 Cpl.Jensen N.P.B.)	Appendix 2.No.A205
		0955 to 1330	<u>Photographic Reconnaissance</u> - Area North East of JERUSALEM (Pilots Lieuts.L.E.Taplin and E.S.Headlam escorted by Pilot Lieut.E.L.Spragg, Observer Lieut. C.J.Vyner)	
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 29 hours 50 minutes. <u>Number of plates exposed</u> - 78	Appendix 11 (16)
	17.2.18		Machines Serviceable 15 - Unserviceable 4.	
		0910 to 1130	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - ATTARA - HUWARA - NABLUS - TULKERAM - ET TIREH (Pilot Capt.S.W.Addison, Observer Lieut.H.Fysh escorted by Pilot Lieut.T.Taylor, Observer Aus/506 Cpl. Jensen N.P.B.)	Appendix 2.No.A206

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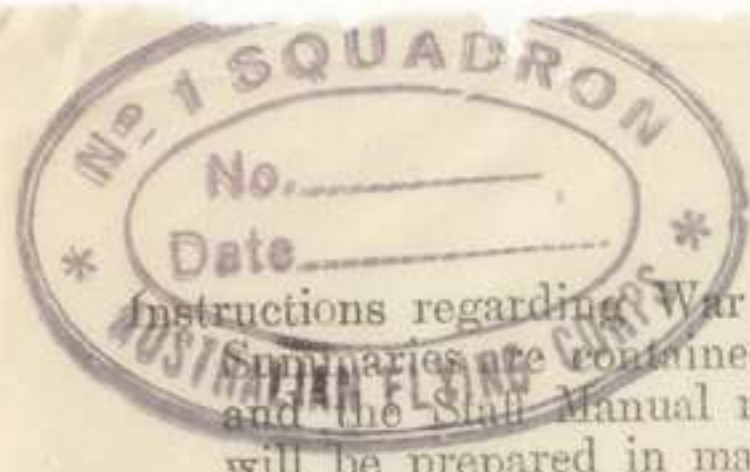
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MEJDEL (Palestine)	17.2.18	0920 to 1145	<p><u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - TALAT ED DUMM - NEBI MUSA - RIJM EL BAHR - JERICHO (Pilot Lieut.R.A.Austin M.C., Observer Lieut.O.M.Lee escorted by Pilot Lieut.E.L.Spragg, Observer Lieut.R.T.Challinor)</p> <p><u>Time flown during the day</u> - 17 hours 40 minutes.</p>	<p>Appendix 2.No.A207</p> <p>Appendix 11 (17)</p>
----- Machines Serviceable 15 - Unserviceable 3.				
	18.2.18	0930 to 1130 1000 to 1215	<p><u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - MISKE - TULKERAM - KOKON - NABLUS - HUWARA (Pilot XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX Lieut.R.A.Austin M.C., Observer Lieut.G.Finlay)</p> <p><u>Photographic Reconnaissance</u> - Area Square 113, 031, 032, 033, S 19, 20, 21. (Pilots Capt.R.M.Smith M.C. and Lieut.L.M.Potts, Observers Lieuts.E.A.Mustard and A.Kirk)</p> <p><u>Time flown during the day</u> - 13 hours 35 minutes. <u>Number of plates exposed</u> - 8</p>	<p>Appendix 2.No.A208</p> <p>Appendix 11 (18)</p>
----- Machines Serviceable 15 - Unserviceable 3.				
	19.2.18	0610 to 0845 1100 to 1345	<p><u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - HUWARA - JERICHO - JORDAN BRIDGE - SHUNET NIMRIN - NEBI MUSA (Pilot Capt.S.W.Addison, Observer Lieut.H.Fysh escorted by Pilot Lieut.T.Taylor, Observer Lieut.J.H.Traill)</p> <p><u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - HUWARA - JERICHO - SHUNET NIMRIN - NEBI MUSA (Pilot Lieut.H.L.Fraser, Observer Lieut.E.A.Mustard escorted by Pilot Lieut.G.C.Peters, Observer Lieut.R.T.Challinor)</p> <p><u>Time flown during the day</u> - 13 hours 10 minutes.</p>	<p>Appendix 2.No.A209</p> <p>Appendix 2.No.A210</p> <p>Appendix 11 (19)</p>

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MEJDEL (Palestine)	20.2.18.		Machines Serviceable 13 Unserviceable 6	
		0700 to 0900	<u>Strategical reconnaissance</u> - Yetma, Shunet Nimrin, Jordan Bridge, Rijm-el-Bahr. (Pilot Capt. R.M. Smith, M.C., Observer Lieut. E.A. Mustard, Escorted by Pilot Lieut. L.M. Potts, Observer Lieut. J.H. Traill).	APPENDIX 2 NoA211
		1100 to 1345	<u>Strategical reconnaissance</u> - Lubban, Jericho, Jordan Bridge Road, Shunet Nimrin, Rijm-el-Bahr. (Pilot Lieut. L.E. Taplin, Observer Lieut. O.M. Lee, escorted by Pilot Lieut. E.L. Spragg, Observer Lieut. C.J. Vyner.)	APPENDIX 2 NoA212
		1415 to 1700	<u>Bomb Raid</u> - On troops and camps at Shunet-Nimrin (Pilots Lieuts. F.W.F. Lukis, H.A. Blake, C.S. Paul and D. Dowling, escorted by Pilot Capt. S.W. Addison Observer Lieut. H. Fysh.)	APPENDIX 3 No.5
			<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 36 hours 50 minutes. <u>Number of bombs dropped</u> - 36-20lbs. (Coopers).	APPENDIX 11(20)
	21.2.18.		Machines serviceable 10 Unserviceable 7 Clouds prevented any reconnaissance during the day. <u>Time flown during the day</u> - 6 hours 25 minutes	APPENDIX 11 (21)
	22.2.18.		Machines serviceable 10 Unserviceable 7 Clouds prevented any reconnaissance during the day <u>Time flown during the day</u> - 45 minutes.	APPENDIX 11 (22)

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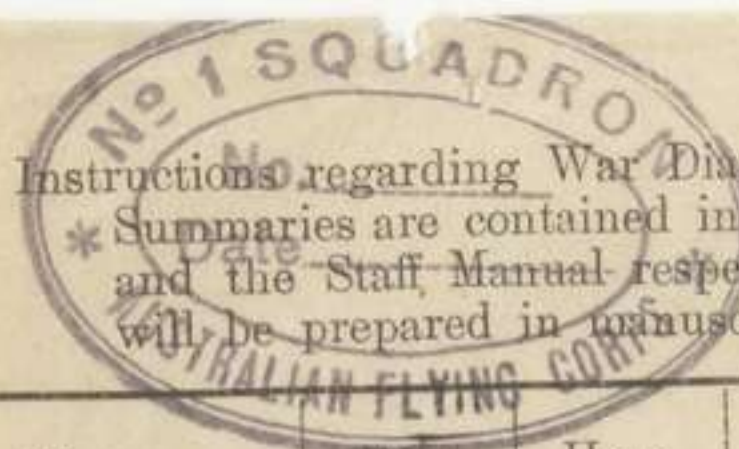
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MEJDEL (Palestine)	23.2.18.		Machines serviceable 11 Unserviceable 6 Clouds prevented any reconnaissance during the day. <u>Time flown during the day.</u> - 2 hours 45 minutes.	APPENDIX 11 (23).
	24.2.18.		Machines serviceable 10 Unserviceable 7	
	1340 to 1550	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - JERICHO, SHUNET NIMRIN, JORDAN BRIDGE, NEBI MUSA. (Pilot Lieut. A. R. Brown, Observer Lieut. O. M. Lee, escorted by Pilot Lieut. E. L. Spragg, Observer Lieut. C. J. Vyner).		APPENDIX 2 No. A213
	1415 to 1645	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - HUWARA, NABLUS, TULKERAM, MISKE. (Pilot Capt. R. M. Smith, M.C., Observer Lieut. E. A. Mustard).		APPENDIX 2 No. A214
		<u>Time flown during the day</u> - 10 hours 15 minutes.		APPENDIX 11. (24).
	25.2.18.		Machines serviceable 10 Unserviceable 6	
	0800 to 1020	<u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - SHUNET NIMRIN, GHORANAYEH, JERICHO, NEBI MUSA. (Pilot Lieut. R. A. Austin, M.C., Observer Lieut. G. Finlay, escorted by Pilot Lieut. L. E. Taplin, Observer Lieut. R. T. Challinor.)		APPENDIX 2 No. A215.
	1035 to 1400	<u>Bomb Raid</u> - On Citadel at KERAK. (Pilots Lieuts. F. Haig and D. Dowling, escorted by Pilots Capt. R. M. Smith, M.C., Lieut. T. Taylor and Lieut. C. C. Cameron, Observers Capt. Hurley, Lieuts. W. P. Cashman, M.C., and W. A. Kirk.)		APPENDIX 3 No. 6
		<u>Photographs</u> Aspect Nos. 2021, 2022, 2024 and 2129. <u>Time flown during the day</u> - 23 hours 55 minutes.		APPENDIX APPENDIX 11 (25).

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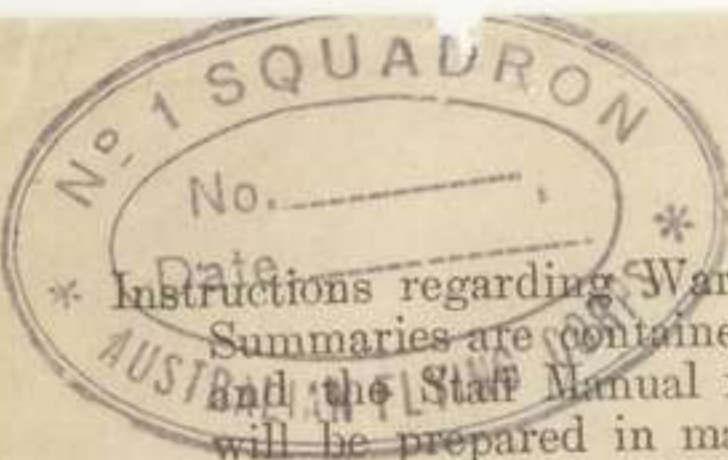
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MEJDEL (Palestine)	25.2.18.		<u>Number of bombs dropped.</u> - 2-112 lbs. (R.L.) <u>Number of bombs dropped.</u> - 8-20 lb. (Coopers) <u>Number of plates exposed</u> - 6	APPENDIX 11 (25).
	26.2.18.		Machines serviceable 13 Unserviceable 3 1400 <u>Strategical reconnaissance</u> - KALKILIEH, TULKERAM, NABLUS, HUWARA. to (Pilot Lieut. A.R. Brown, Observer Lieut. G. Finlay, escorted by Pilot Lieut. L.M. Potts, Observer 1630 Ams/506 Cpl. Jensen N.P.B.) <u>Time flown during the day</u> - 4 hours 55 minutes.	APPENDIX 2 No. A216 APPENDIX 11 (26)
	27.2.18.		Machines serviceable 13 Unserviceable 3 Clouds prevented reconnaissance during the day. <u>Time flown during the day.</u> - 1 hour.	APPENDIX. 11 (27).
	28.2.18.		Machines serviceable 14 Unserviceable 2 1100 <u>Strategical Reconnaissance</u> - HUWARA, NABLUS, TULKERAM, KAKON, FERON, to (Pilot Lieut. F.W.F. Lukis, Observer Lieut. H. Fysh, escorted by Pilot Lieut. E.L. Spragg, Observer 1300 Lieut. R.T. Challinor). 1435 <u>Photographic reconnaissance</u> - Area in neighbourhood of TAIYEBEH. to (Pilots Lieuts. E.P. Kenny and C.C. Cameron, Observers Lieuts E.A. Mustard and W.A. Kirk.) 1630 <u>Time flown during the day.</u> - 22 hours 35 minutes. <u>Number of plates exposed</u> - 28.	APPENDIX 2 No. A217 APPENDIX 11 (28).

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			<u>NOTES</u>	
			<u>Reports</u> A copy of the Monthly Report of No.1 Squadron A.F.C. for February together with a copy of the Weekly Resume of Operations of 40th.Wing R.F.C. of which this Unit is a part. is attached.	APPENDIX 1.
			<u>Orderly Room Cases</u> There was only one Orderly Room Case during the Month.	
			<u>Appendices</u> It is not possible to supply complete Appendices for the 3 copies of this Diary.	
			<u>Photographs</u> As most of the vertical photographs are of little interest except for Map making copies are not supplied - aspect photographs only being attached hereto.	
			<u>Clothing, Equipment, Transport etc.</u> The Unit is well supplied in this direction, there being no difficulties in connection therewith.	
			<u>Intelligence</u> Summaries received during the month are attached - see Appendix 7.	

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OF

NO. 1 SQUADRON, AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

FOR

FEBRUARY 1918. 191

LIST OF APPENDICES.

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1	- - Monthly Report
2	- - Reconnaissance Reports
3	- - Bombing Reports.
4	- - Reports on M.G. attacks on troops on the ground.
5	- - Combats in the air.
6	- - Photographs (Aspect).
7	- - Nil.
8	- - Intelligence reports.
9	- - Nil.
10.	- - Maps. <i>(See diary for January)</i>
11	- - Daily Summary of Work.



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APPENDIX - 1 -

(MONTHLY REPORT.)

Report on No.1 Squadron, A.F.C.,
for
Month of February, 1918.

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1. DESIGNATION. During the month the name of the Squadron has been altered from :-
No.67 Squadron A.F.C. to No.1 Squadron, A.F.C.
2. LOCATION. Throughout the month of February the Squadron has been stationed at MEJDEL.
3. OPERATIONS. The work of the Squadron for the month has consisted of, Strategical Reconnaissance, Bombing, Photography and escort to same.
Weather prevented flying on 9 days during the month.

1. Strategical Reconnaissance.

The areas reconnoitred were :-

- (a) Country behind the enemy line to the line TULKERAM-NABLUS.
 - (b) DEAD SEA-JORDAN-JERICHO-SHUNET NIMRIN area.
 - (c) KERAK-KUTRANI-TAFILAH area.
- (a) and (b) were reconnoitred on alternate days except from 20th-24th when (b) was reconnoitred when possible twice daily in co-operation with operations by Desert Mounted Corps and 20th Army Corps against JERICHO.
(c) was reconnoitred three times.

2. Bombing.

Bomb raids, consisting usually of 6-7 machines and escort were carried out on the following objectives :-

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Objective.</u>
3.2.18.	Camps at MISKE.
4.2.18	"
12.2.18	Station and Camps at KUTRANI (HEJAZ Rly.)
13.2.18	do.
20.2.18	Camps and Dumps at SHUNET NIMRIN.
25.2.18	Billets and troops at KERAK.

3. Photography.

The demand for Photography this month has been smaller and the weather less favourable than last month.

Eighteen photographic reconnaissances were carried out and approximately 194 square miles of country covered in addition to a number of aspect photos of various places of importance.

4. Artillery Co-operation.

Throughout the month 14 stations have been maintained from the unit working with batteries of the R.H.A., R.F.A. and R.G.A. on this front - an increase of two stations over January.

In addition to the above Artillery Co-operation the following Wireless work has been carried out :-

The usual continuous watches for Hostile Aircraft warnings have been kept and Press News received from Transocean (BERLIN), Horsea (ENGLAND), MALTA and G.H.Q. All H.A. warnings are now obtained for the Wing by this unit.

Experiments were carried out with a high power wind driven aeroplane transmitting set and communication obtained up to a distance of 60 miles.

/4. Hostile Aircraft

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4. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. The work of the Squadron has not been interfered with during the month by Hostile Aircraft. When met, enemy machines have either made off at once or have done so at the first sign of fight from our Escort Machines.

5. EQUIPMENT. During the month all remaining R.E.8s and B.E. 12As have been handed over to various R.F.C. Squadrons and at 28.2.18, the unit was equipped as follows:-

- 11 Bristol Fighters (Mark I Rolls-Royce)
- 4 Martinsydes (160 HP. Beardmore)
- 1 B.E.2E (not a service machine.)

It is expected to replace Martinsydes and to complete the establishment up to 18 by the receipt of Bristol Fighters (Mark III Rolls-Royce Engines).

6. OFFICERS. (a) Movements
Lieut. W.A.Coates, E.O.(Stores) proceeded to Port of Embarkation for England on 20.2.18.

The following Officers, having completed their Training, reported for Duty:-

Observers: Nil.

Pilots:

- Lieut. F.W.F. Lukis
- " E.S. Headlam
- 2/Lieut. H.A. Blake
- " D.R. Dowling
- " J.M. Walker
- " S.W. Robinson
- " R.S. Adair
- XXI " R. Burton

(b) Promotions
The following promotions were notified during the month :-

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2/Lieut. L.E. Taplin		29.12.17
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" G.L.F. Rutledge	14.12.17	
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The following, having qualified, were graded as qualified Observers:-
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8. CASUALTIES. 13.12.18. 2/lieut. H.S.R. Maughan (Pilot) Wounded remaining at Duty (Aeroplane accident). Hand burnt through accidental explosion of Very's cartridge in the machine in the air.

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Captain A.W.L. Ellis, M.C. do..
Capt. A.M. Jones, M.C. do..

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9. Honors, Awards, Contd.

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 Aus/105 " Robertson, R.S. do.

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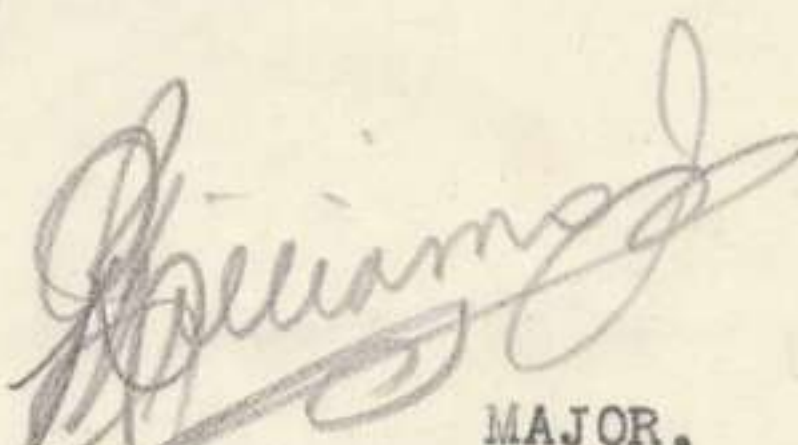
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(19 days)			
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" " Photographic "	-	-	18
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In the Field.
 15/3/18.


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 AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

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9. Honors, Awards, Contd.

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Lieut. V.P. Turner No.1 Squadron, A.F.C.
 Aus/332 F/Sgt. Johnson, H. do.
 Aus/105 " Robertson, R.S. do.

Lieut. O.M. Lee 4th Batt., I.C.C.
 (now attached No. 1 Sqn., A.F.C.)

The following were awarded dated 1.1.18:-

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In the Field.
 15/3/18.

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 MAJOR.
 Commanding No.1 Squadron.
 AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

9. Honors, Awards, Contd.

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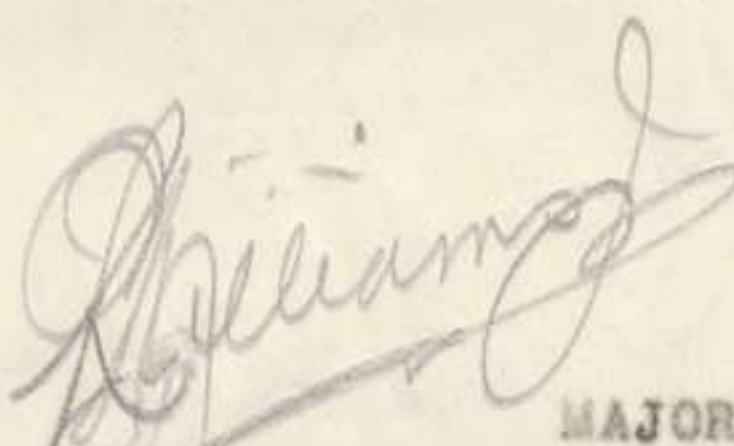
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 MAJOR.
 Commanding No. 1 Squadron.
 AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

RESUME OF OPERATIONS OF THE 40TH WING

ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

1.2.18 to 7.2.18.

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1. GENERAL.

Weather entirely prevented reconnaissances on two days during the week, and seriously interfered with it on the third.

2. RECONNAISSANCE.

Owing to weather conditions only two full reconnaissances of each area were carried out.

JERICHO-JORDAN AREA.

JERICHO camps were practically stationary; these numbered 110 Tents and Shelters on the 31st., and were seen to contain 100 Tents and Shelters on the 1st.

The camps at GHORANIYEH were reported diminished on the 3rd (200 Tents and Shelters as against 300). No other important changes were reported in camps. KABN EL MUJAHID was reconnoitred on the 3rd but no dumps were seen, and the road between this place and GHORANIYEH shows no sign of heavy traffic; it is reported as a good dry weather road but not metalled. As last week very little transport movement was seen in the area, and this was entirely horse transport. A few small bodies of cavalry, numbering between 20 and 50, were seen at various points between TALAT ED DUMM and the JORDAN, the only important infantry movement being 150 infantry who were proceeding West on the TALAT ED DUMM-JERICHO Road on the 1st.

ATTARA - SEBUSTIE - RAMIN AREA.

NABLUS remains normal and no important changes of camps are reported.

Very little motor transport was reported on the roads; altogether only 14 being seen between ATTARA and NABLUS in the two reconnaissances. On the other hand an unusual amount of horse transport was observed.

ANTOTA - TULKERAM - KALKILIEH AREA.

Camps at MISKE were seen to have been largely increased; on the 2nd there were 400 Tents and Shelters around this place (an increase of 150) but after the bomb raid which took place on the 3rd, a portion of the MISRE camp appears to have been moved to the IRTAH - FUNDISIA - FERON area, an increase of 150 Tents and Shelters being reported there and a corresponding decrease at MISKE.

The RAMON trenches are reported as being strengthened and communication trenches are being made to the North.

Transport movement in the area consisted almost entirely of horse transport, though quantities of motor transport continued to be seen parked both in this area and around NABLUS.

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On the 4th as many as 120 horse transport were seen on the road between TULKERAM and KALKILIEH, of which 60 per cent were moving North. New horse lines were seen for 140 horses one mile North of HASLEH. No troop movements were reported.

The following rolling stock has been reported during the week :-

<u>STATION IN</u>		
<u>098.D.33.</u>	2.2.18	nil
	4.2.18.	20
<u>098.D.22.</u>	2.2.18.	20
	4.2.18.	40
<u>TULKERAM.</u>	2.2.18.	30
	4.2.18.	40
	6.2.18.	15 (no engine).
<u>NABLUS.</u>	4.2.18.	nil
<u>JENIN.</u>	6.2.18.	nil
<u>KALKILIEH.</u>	6.2.18.	5

3. BOMBING.

On the 3rd five machines dropped 56 20lb bombs on camps and troops at MISKE with exceptionally good results; 32 direct hits were obtained on camps. The objective was a new camp which had been reported on the previous day.

On the 4th five machines dropped 56 20lb bombs on the same objective, obtaining 18 direct hits.

4. COMBATS IN THE AIR.

On the 1st a BRISTOL FIGHTER, which was acting as escort to the Photographic Reconnaissance, was attacked by a Scout machine of a formation of four. The Scout dived on his tail and opened fire with double guns, but on the Observer of our machine firing a burst he was driven off and withdrew Northwards with the remaining machines of the formation.

On the same day the pilot of a S.E.5a, while on patrol duty near ARSUF, saw four enemy aircraft and gave chase. The enemy immediately began to descend Northwards, and the S.E.5a attacked the rear machine which spun and was lost to sight. Our machine then engaged two others, pursuing one to a distance of 20 miles N.E. of TULKERAM, when the pilot of the S.E.5a was obliged to give up the chase owing to gun trouble. Three of the enemy machines appear to have descended in the neighbourhood of TULKERAM aerodrome, whilst the fourth seems to have been making for either EL FULEH or JENIN.

5. PHOTOGRAPHY.

During the past week owing to low clouds and heavy rain photography was only possible on three days. In spite of this, a large area of country was photographed in the DEIR DIWAN - SINJIL and JERUSALEM - JERICHO areas.

Number of photographic reconnaissances	-	8
Number of negatives registered	-	192
Number of prints turned out	-	994.

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6. HOURS FLOWN.

	Hrs.	Mins.
No. 67 Squadron, A.F.C.	105	46
No. 111 Squadron, R.F.C.	69	50

Total -	175	36

2/2/18.

(Signed) A. Shekleton Lieut-Colonel.
Commanding 40th Wing.
ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

RESUME OF OPERATIONS OF THE 40th WING - ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

8.2.18 to 14.2.18.

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1. GENERAL.

Weather entirely prevented reconnaissance on 4 days during the week.

2. RECONNAISSANCE.

There were 9 reconnaissances carried out during the week.

Two reconnaissances of EL KERAK - KUTRANI Area. GHOM EL RADITE appears to be practically deserted, no movement of any description seen. Road from EL LEJJUN to KUTRANI is reported as probably fit for light wheeled transport and as being metalled in parts. Slight cavalry movement reported between LEJJUN and KUTRANI. KUTRANI is surrounded by light earth works and contains a cavalry camp of 40 tents and shelters and 100 horses and an infantry camp of 50 tents and shelters. 300 yards North East of station one hangar and one enemy two seater was seen.

JERICHO-JORDAN AREA.

JERICHO camps show a slight decrease on 13/2/18. 2 new camps, total 70 bell tents were reported at KURUNTUL on 13/2/18.

15 dumps were reported to have been removed from RIJH EL BAHR and tents and shelters to have decreased by 20 13/2/18.

A decrease of 20 tents and shelters was reported at GHUZZE MIERTS on the 13th.

JERICHO-JORDAN ROAD reported very bad in places. Throughout area very little movement.

ATTARA-NABLUS.

Camps remained normal. Increase of motor transport movement, 14 reported between HUWARA and NABLUS on the 12th. Considerable movement in area on both 10th and 12th. Largest bodies seen were column of 800 infantry, 600 cavalry, 20 horse transport facing South 12/2/18 and 600 infantry stationary in column in NABLUS. Horse transport in small columns were seen at fairly frequent intervals. Only one really good road was reported running East from the main road towards the JORDAN and that runs North East from HALAFA. Another well used but very cut up road runs East from LUBBAN.

NABLUS exclusive-TULKERAM.

HAFIDIK-EL FUNDUK ROAD first 2 miles bad and remainder reported as being in excellent condition.

A siding is reported just West of ANEETA close alongside road.

Increase of 20 tents and shelters at TULKERAM between 10th and 12th inst. and a further increase of 20 tents and shelters on the 14th. Remaining camps and dumps appear normal.

KAKON-KALKILIEH SREA.

Work is being continued on trench system running East and West through KAKON; short lengths of trench are gradually being extended towards each other and communication trenches being elaborated behind the main lines. The only tents and shelters reported along this line are at KAKON. There is no apparent reason for the Railway line from TULKERAM through KAKON being

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in disuse but no rolling stock have been reported.

A camp of 70 tents and shelters was reported at SHUWEIKE on the 10th and confirmed on the 11th.

A slight decrease in shelters was reported in area 084-Q.R.S.T on the 12th, also a decrease of 50 tents and shelters at MISKE. An increase of 20 tents and shelters was reported at HABLEH, and a decrease of 30 at HULUNSAWIE on the 14th.

Considerable infantry movement was reported at EL TIREH and 200 cavalry going North on the 18th.

Roads leading from main road to ET TAIYIBEH appear to be very much used; very little progress appears to have been made in repair to main road just North of KALKILIEH.

The following rolling stock has been reported during the week :-

<u>KALKILIEH</u>	10/2/18.	10	
	12/2/18.	4	
	14/2/18.	3	
<u>KAKON</u>	10/2/18.	6	
<u>TULKERAM</u>	10/2/18.	6	
	12/2/18.	50	
	14/2/18.	48	(made up train of 28 with engine facing South).
<u>STATION IN 098.D.35</u>	10/2/18.	Nil.	
	12/2/18.	19.	
<u>STATION IN 098.D.22.</u>	10/2/18.	20	
	12/2/18.	17	
<u>STATION IN 098.N.31.</u>	12/2/18.	Nil.	
<u>ANEETA.</u>	12/2/18.	1	
<u>EL KUTRANI.</u>	12/2/18.	46	(approximately)
	13/2/18.	90	(all carriages)
	13/2/18.	25	(train of moving N, carriages).

3. BOMBING.

On the 12th 5 machines dropped 52 20lb bombs on camp and rolling stock at KUTRANI with good results :- 14 direct hits being registered on railway line, rolling stock, railway buildings and camps.

On the 13th the above raid was repeated but only two machines reached the objective owing to heavy clouds and engine failure, 24 20lb bombs were dropped, 2 direct hits were registered and 4 within effective range.

4. COMBATS IN THE AIR.

On the 12th a BRISTOL FIGHTER whilst on patrol North of LATRON engaged a formation of 2 two-seaters and 5 scouts. The latter opened the engagement by diving out of the sun, the Observer of the BRISTOL FIGHTER opened fire and the leader went down in a spin (probably controlled). The BRISTOL FIGHTER then opened fire with front gun and another H.A. went down spinning, a third made for home. The Pilot of the BRISTOL FIGHTER then attacked the 2 two-seaters who dived towards TULKERAM into the clouds, the remaining 2 Scouts, when attacked, escaped by climbing away towards the North and the BRISTOL FIGHTER returned to his patrol.

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5. PHOTOGRAPHY.

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During the past week, photography was only possible on two days.

An area West of the JERUSALEM-NABLUS ROAD between AIN YEBRUD and EL LUBBAN was photographed, and also aspects were taken of the Bombing raid at EL KUTRAM.

No of photographic reconnaissances	7
No of negatives registered	116
No of prints made	2,096.

6. HOURS FLOWN.

	Hrs.	Mins.
No.1 Squadron A.F.C.	122	42
No.111 Squadron R.F.C.	60	35

Total :-	183	17

15/2/18.

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Commanding 40th Wing.
ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

RESUME OF OPERATIONS OF THE 40TH WING ROYAL FLYING CORPS.15/2/18 to 21/2/18.

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1. GENERAL.

Weather was good at beginning of the week, gradually getting worse till 21/2/18 when no reconnaissance was possible.

2. RECONNAISSANCE.

There were 12 reconnaissances carried out during the week.

(a) WESTERN RECONNAISSANCE. (visited 3 times).

Camps throughout area have remained normal with the exception of a slight decrease at MISKE and KHAN LUBBAN on 15/2/18, and a slight increase in FERON area on the same day.

A new camp was reported at DEIR AZFIN of 160 Tents and Shelters on 17/2/18, and a new hospital in O98 L 20.

The 30 dumps and railway siding usually reported at KAKON are in reality at a small unmarked village in O84 U lld. KAKON is still reported as 20 Tents and Shelters.

TRANSPORT. Considerable increased activity has been observed in transport movement; the largest column reported consisted of 68 horse transport moving down the TULKERAM-NABLUS ROAD. A count of horse transport and motor transport observed on roads and parked shows 15/2/18 118 motor transport and 320 horse transport, and on 17/2/18 144 motor transport and 200 horse transport.

ROADS. ATTARA-NABLUS ROAD reported to be very cut up.

NABLUS-TULKERAM ROAD under repair throughout its length. The most used road leading West from the TULKERAM-KALKILIEH ROAD runs from Y 5b to DEIR ASFIN.

TRENCH LINES. Sketch plan of KAKON system was submitted corrected up to 18/2/18.

O98 J 27-113 O 23, an almost continuous line has been made (reported 20/2/18).

EASTERN RECONNAISSANCE. (visited 7 times).

Area has gradually changed owing to tactical machines covering more country on account of present operations.

CAMPS. At the beginning of the week JERICHO camps were normal, and on the 19th showed signs of decreasing. Camp round JORDAN BRIDGE remained normal.

Camps at HIJM EL BAHR remained normal until 19/2/18 when they were reported to be decreasing and on 20/2/18 largest shed and one large boat reported to be burning. Towards the end of the week the boats were being removed to the North East corner of the DEAD SEA and anchored there.

SHUNET NIMRIN camps have gradually increased and on the 20th were reported to be 250 Tents and Shelters, 13 Marquees and numerous small dumps, this camp straggles along road side from 127 O 29-P 24.

On 13/2/18 square cuttings were observed on either side of the JORDAN about 100 yards North of main Bridge, and on 19/2/18 a Pontoon Bridge was reported to have been erected between these two cuttings.

Various new pieces of trench line have been reported as follows :-

19/2/18	between	127 P 16 and 23.
19/2/18	"	113 L 10 and is astride road.
20/2/18	127 P 12-U 19-W 9	with 200 men working on them.

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No movement has been reported on any roads leading to JERICHO from the North or North West although machines have been specially detailed to watch this area as far North as a line drawn East and West from NABLUS to JORDAN RIVER.

The only movement reported on the SHUNET NIMRIN RS SALT road was 6 horse transport on 20/2/18.

The following rolling stock had been reported during the week :-

<u>STATION IN</u>	15/2/18	13 (1 engine)
<u>098 D 35.</u>	17/2/18	16
	18/2/18	10
<u>STATION IN</u>	16/2/18	40
<u>098 D 22.</u>	17/2/18	30
	18/2/18	30
<u>STATION IN</u>	15/2/18	Nil.
<u>098 H 31.</u>		
<u>ANESTA</u>	15/2/18	5
<u>TULKERAM</u>	15/2/18	30 (2 engines)
	17/2/18	30
	18/2/18	10
<u>KALKILIEH</u>	17/2/18	14
	18/2/18	10

3. BOMBING.

One raid was carried out on 20/2/18 by seven machines in very bad weather. Two machines landed with engine trouble and one was crashed. Four machines reached the objective :- (SHUNET NIMRIN CAMP) and dropped 36 20 lb. bombs obtaining 8 direct hits.

4. COMBATS IN THE AIR.

On 16/2/18 2/Lt. PERCIVAL, whilst on patrol East of LUDD in an S.E.5a machine, engaged a hostile formation of five single seaters and 2 two-seaters. Our pilot opened fire on the two-seaters and then turned to engage the five scouts who were all diving on him. On seeing him turn they all turned North and the S.E.5a followed and opened fire on one of the scouts. The hostile leader and two others then turned and dived on him, a good burst was obtained on the leader and the S.E.5a's gun stopped with a No.3 stoppage. Whilst correcting this the machine got into a spin and when pulled out found that the scouts had got away to the North and the two-seaters to the South.

On 17/2/18 two NIEUPORT SCOUTS (Pilots Lts. GREEBY & GLEDHILL) engaged an enemy two-seater over SAMARIA. On seeing the NIEUPORTS the H.A. dived for the clouds. Both scouts got bursts of fire into him but he managed to escape into the clouds.

Major STENT flying an S.E.5a on patrol over JERICHO area on 19/2/18 met a H.A. two-seater who had apparently completed his reconnaissance. Flying head on, the S.E.5a opened fire and held on to his course forcing the H.A. to turn, S.E.5a immediately closed in under his tail and shot him down with his top gun. H.A. crashed $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles North of BIREH.

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5. PHOTOGRAPHY.

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During the past week, photographs were taken with a view to completing the area West of the JERUSALEM-NABLUS ROAD between AIN YEBRUD and EL LUBBAN, and in spite of the heavy winds this object was achieved.

Photographs were also taken of a narrow strip of country between NUMMON and JALUD.

The photographs have been supplied to the Survey Coy R.E., for the purpose of map production.

Number of photographic reconnaissances	5
Number of negatives registered	164
Number of prints made	3492

6. CASUALTIES.

16/2/18	Lt. A. A. MITCHELL	No. 111 Squadron R.F.C.	(Wounded in aeroplane accident)
20/2/18	2/Lt. H. M. SHEPPARD	"	"
20/2/18	Lt. L. B. GARSON	No. 1 Squadron A.F.C.	"

7. HOURS FLOWN.

	Hours	Mins.
No. 1 Squadron A.F.C.	152	25
" 111 Squadron R.F.C.	69	45
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	222	10
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22/2/18.

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Commanding 40th Wing,
ROYAL FLYING CORPS.

RESUME OF OPERATIONS OF THE 40TH WING, ROYAL FLYING CORPS.22.2.18 to 28.2.18

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1. GENERAL.WEATHER.

Rain clouds and storm entirely prevented reconnaissance on three days, and seriously interfered with it on three others, so that only one reconnaissance was carried out under favourable conditions for observation.

2. RECONNAISSANCE.

(By No.1 Squadron, A.F.C.)

THE EASTERN AREA. On the 24th a reconnaissance of the Jordan District reported the camps at SHUNET NIMRIN apparently normal. Further work was seen to have been carried out on the trenches East of SHUNET NIMRIN between 127 U 19 and W 8 and there appeared to be an increase behind these camps but most of the area was obscured by cloud. The pontoon bridge North of GHORANIYEH was seen to have been removed.

On the following day it was possible to make a detailed count of the Camps to the East of the Jordan and they were seen to have increased considerably. There were 100 tents and shelters in 127 U 35 and 31 to the South East of SHUNET NIMRIN and the SHUNET NIMRIN Camps aggregated 369 tents and shelters. The GHORANIYEH Camps amounted to 72 tents and shelters and the gun positions in 127 O 27A and Q2A were seen to be occupied.

No important troop movements were reported in the area.

During the bomb raid on KUTRANI (23.2.18) by a machine from 142 Squadron, R.F.C., 100 Rolling Stock were observed at the station. The hangars at the aerodrome had increased to five and two machines were seen on the ground.

THE WESTERN AREA. Owing to unfavourable weather conditions it has been difficult to follow changes on camps. No important increases or decrease have occurred. The following new trenches were observed :- at HAFIBIA two short lengths in 098 U 3 and 4 facing South, and a new trench running along the gardens to the South of KAKON. The KAKON System is being worked on and extended. On the 24th two bodies of cavalry amounting in all to 110 were seen moving South on the road between NABLUS and ATTARA. Otherwise no troop movements were reported. Motor and horse transport movement was normal.

The following rolling stock was observed :-

<u>STATION IN</u>	24/2/18	50 (approximately).
<u>098.D.23</u>	26/2/18	Nil.
	28/2/18	30
<u>Between FURDISIA</u>	24/2/18	10 (1 train of moving N.)
<u>and TAIYIBEH.</u>		
<u>098.H.31.</u>	24/2/18	Nil.
<u>KALKILIEH.</u>	24/2/18	50 (at station).
<u>ON LINE</u>	26/2/18	20 (train of moving in
<u>N. of D.23.</u>		direction of D.23 station
<u>STATION IN</u>	23/2/18	55
<u>098.D.50.</u>		
<u>TULKERAM.</u>	25/2/18	30
<u>KUTRANI</u>	25/2/18	100

/3. BOMBING

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3. BOMBING.

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On the 25th two machines from No.1 Squadron, A.F.C. attacked the citadel at KERAK dropping 2-112 lb bombs and 12-20 lb bombs. One direct hit was obtained on the citadel with a 112 lb bomb.

On the same day one machine from No.142 Squadron, R.F.C. dropped 8-20 lb bombs on EL KUTRANI station and aerodrome, three direct hits being obtained on the station.

4. COMBATS IN THE AIR.

On the 23/2/18 pilot of a Nieuport Scout (Capt.R.M.Drummond, D.S.O., M.C., No.111 Squadron R.F.C), observed three Albatross Scouts flying South in the neighbourhood of RAMLEH so attacked them from above and behind whereupon all three machines dived at great speed for TULKERAM. Capt.Drummond followed and fired about 90 rounds into one machine which went down in a vertical dive apparently out of control and was last seen still diving at a low altitude about 8 miles North of KALKILIEH. Our pilot continued diving upon the other two which he overtook, but being unable to change his drum owing to the speed of travel, he had to pull out of the dive and afterwards had to return owing to shortage of petrol.

On the same date (2/Lt.R.J.P.Grebbs No.111 Squadron R.F.C) piloting a Nieuport Scout engaged two enemy two-seaters over our lines in the neighbourhood of NAHR SUKEREIR. The first made straight for his own lines and an engagement occurred with the second during which about 200 rounds were fired from our machine which finally had to break off the fight owing to lack of petrol.

5. PHOTOGRAPHY.

(By No.1 Squadron, A.F.C)

During the past week photography was only possible on two days. Photographs were taken with a view to completing the area covered by the two new additions of the 1/20,000 map of MUKHMAS and MUGHEIR which have been issued provisionally, but owing to low clouds this area was not quite completed.

Aspect photographs were also taken of KERAK, POINT COSTIGAN, DURA and country West of the DEAD SEA.

No. of photographic reconnaissances	4
No. of negatives registered	43
No. of prints made	1386

6. HOURS FLOWN.

	Hrs.	Mins.
No. 1 Squadron, A.F.C.	68	10
No.111 Squadron, R.F.C.	35	55
No.142 Squadron, R.F.C.	5	23
TOTAL -	109	28

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Commanding 40th Wing.
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APPENDIX 2-

RECONNAISSANCE REPORTS

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Date 1.2.18
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Pilot Lieut C Brown
Observer Lieut Cashman

Started 0850
Landed 1130

Duty :-
Reported to :- 20th Corps and Descorps

TALAT ED DUMM area - camps normal

TALAT ED DUMM - JERICHO road 150 mts proceeding
W - 50 cav. stat. 5 HT moving W - 2 MT at
TALAT ED DUMM.

113 G17 1 apparent Gun pit.

JERICHO - 100 TS (decrease of 50)

HQ^{rs} camp on slopes of J. Kuruntul normal.
250 ^{infantry} stationary in formation on road in centre
of JERICHO.

6 HT to W of them.

L15 Small camp of 4 square tents and 1 dump.

JERICHO - GHORANIEH road 1 MT proceeding W
50 mts going W

Just beyond bridge 6 HT stat.

Ghoraniyah and camps to E of it normal
ET TAIYIBEH (113 S 19 a) 20 shelters - nothing
else seen in the neighbourhood.

RITH EL BARR 8 boats on sea at anchor. 3 HT
and 20 mules or horses stationary on
a track \parallel running Northwards - 50
men seen round the sheds. There are
now about 40 small dumps E of
the sheds, covered with bushes (12 on
30.1.18) on the shore one big white covered
dump and two small dumps (new)

NEBI MUSA Camp normal.
shore line just W of Nebi Musa

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containing about 40 boxes. just ~~W~~ of

NEBI MUSA four small trenches.

on Pilgrim Road 20 cas. and 3 AT
proceeding E in N 7.

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Date 2. 2. 18

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E 33/39

Pilot Lieut Hoops

Started 1000

Observer Lieut Finlay

Landed 1215

Duty :- Strat

Reported to :- 21st Corps and Deserops

Camp in Oqq 425 normal.

Camp in . L14 removed. (Removal of 14 TS)

SUNJIL normal

KHAN LUBBAN } 4 EPS and 50 TS (practically normal)
- LUBBAN }

At Lubban 2 MT going S and 4 HT going N.

YETMA 10 HT going N.

KUZAH 10 HT going S

HUWARA 8 EPS and 20 shelters (normal 6 EPS have
been substituted for 6 b.t.)

18 horse lines ^{occupied} holding about 600 horses

10 HT going N

Between HUWARA and RUTIB 8 MT going S.

BALATA 5 b tents normal.

Between BALATA and NABLUS halted 200 infantry
in column of route, in very good formation,
halted.

NABLUS - 24 MT parked line of town and 30 MT
parked to W of town.

Camps normal. no rolling stock at station.

DEIR SHERAF in Q12 d 2 Mackies and 16 MT parked
(mainly of Mackies)

Just N of road junction a refilling point
of 6 Mackies and 30 MT parked

KH KABUBA . 2 Mackies and 8 tents (new)

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Station in ~~D35~~

Area D22, 28, 29, 34, 35 (098) camp normal (140)

Station in D35 no RS

" " D22 20 RS

098 M17 - 10 HT moving W

TULKERAM 30 b.t. (on ~~31~~ 18. 70 b.t. & 5 EPS)

30 RS

10 HT moving S

IRTAH, FURDISIA, FERON, TAIYIBEH. 100 TS (Increase
of 100)

084 Y5 a Hospital of 10 EPS

just S of Tanyibeh 10 HT Camp S

KALKILIEH ~~30 TS~~ camp normal.

Hospital still in position.

HABLEH Normal.

TIREH 20 b.t.

MISKĒ In B 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 400 TS. The
camp is well laid out in long lines.
(Increase of 150)

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Date 3.2.18

Pilot Lt Cameron

Started 1150

Observer Lt Vynes

Landed 1400

Duty :-

Reported to :- 20th Corps and Descope.

NEBI MUSA - No ground sheet out. Hospital consists of two Marquees, 4 bell tents and 12 shelters.

In North portion of U3 11 bell tents scattered (used)

NE of Nebi MUSA 12 shelters and 50 cavalry -

In U2 d. a small circular system of trenches connected up. (On 1.2.18 there were four separate lengths at this spot.)

113 N8 30 cars proceeding SW.

RIM EL BARR 6 boats on water - Dumps normal.

KABR MUSAHID No camp and no dumps seen. There are 12 small objects which appear to be native huts -

127 R35 ²⁰ 20 Bedouin shelters -

Ghoraniyah road - Mujahid road looks a good dry weather - not much cut up & shows no signs of great use - does not appear metalled - no traffic seen.

Ghoraniyah - 127 U13 (including camp at Ghoraniyah)

200 TS and 10 big marquees.

a dozen of 60 TS, and 30 EPS

P21 2 MT stationary

O25 1 HT going W

Just west of bridge 3 HT stationary

~~113~~ 113 L10 20 Cav "

L14 2 HT going W.

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JERICHO normal.

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JEBEL KURUNTUL 40 TS (practically normal)
and 3 black-covered dumps

K 33 2 HT moving W.

G 6 3 HT " "

TALAT ED DUMM. in G 14, 15 and 16 about
250 TS (normal)

~~G 14 C~~

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4-2-18

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Date FEB 1918

Pilot H. Spröss.

Started 1000

Observer H. Brauer

Landed

Duty :- Phatyeed

Reported to :- 21 loops D.M. Orts.

Camp in 099225 - normal

SINJIA Normal

Between SINJIA & LUBBAN 17 HT

LUBBAN Normal

SANJIEH 4 EP - 50 TS (L. mass 150 TS)

Between LUBBAN & SANJIEH 10 HT

HULAHUA Camps normal

4 hours of transport (50 all field)

4 " " " " (20 in each)

MT Peak at 15'

Between SANJIEH & HULAHUA

20 HT 14 HT

1 mi N of HULAHUA 10 HT

MABLOS 150 TS (mass 750 in 29-1-18)

300 TS in sheets No RS

2 mt Peaks one of 50 the other of 20

Between MABLOS & RHAMM 20 HT mass 10

200 mt hatched a RS

D22 40 RS

D30 20 RS

Between RHAMM & FORTA

6 HT 50 TS

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JENIN No movement as Asrochous
Hayas normal

ANEETA 6 B.T (dross 29th)

TOL KIERAM & DENNABEH

150 TS (In mass)

TOL KIERAM 40 RS

T on Asrochous but no machines

Some

HAKON 20 TS.

KULUM SHANEH

2 BT 20 HT Parked

50 mch in Town

ET TIRIEN NORMAL

MISKE 250 TS (dross 150)

IRTAH, TURDISIA, FERON, TAYIBIEN

250 TS (In mass of 150)

Road from TOL KIERAM to HALKILIEH is good
to within 1 mile of HALKILIEH then it
ends abruptly. Heads of metal bands road
tyred this point and chains dug as though
road will be repaired shortly

HALKILIEH NORMAL.

Between TOL KIERAM & HALKILIEH 120 HT

60% going N. 10 M.T.

HABLEH NORMAL

No A190 -3

Date

E33/45

Pilot

Started

Observer

Landed

- FEB 1918

Duty :-

Reported to :-

1 mile N of HABLEH 8 Hoss Lines (140 hours)

30 T.S. all new

KAKON trench system work being carried
out on communication trenches running
in from the N

No A191

Date 6.2.17

E 33/46

Pilot Lt C L Brown

Started 1530

Observer Lt Cashman.

Landed 1730

Duty :- Strategic

FEB 1918

Reported to:- 20th Corps and Deserpts.

Kalkilik no additional work observed on
Kalkilik Tulkeram road

25 large tents and 1 crescent just S of

KALKILIK

10 HT parked N of Kalkilik

N.M.O along both road and railway

N: in direction of Tulkeram. Tabor

defences observed in the distance

appeared normal.

No A192

E 33/47

Date 6.2.18

- FEB 1918

Pilot Lt L. Potts

Started 1600

Observer Lt Traill

Landed 1745

Duty :- Strategic

Reported to _____

Report by observer of escort machine which
missed its way over clouds and found itself at
JENIN.

JENIN aerodrome normal - few skies marks -
no machines on ground - camp normal
no RS.

ANEETA 3 MT stationary on road

TULKERAM 15 RS no engine

5 HT entering village from S

KALKILIEH 5 RS NMO

new hospital S of KALKILIEH confirmed.

No

Date

E 33/48

Pilot

Started FEB 1918

Observer

Landed

Duty :-

Reported to :-

(otherwise) normal, No R S

SIN in D 22, 20 M S

DIER SHERAF Normal, 8 E P in 098 M 7a

098 M 17c M T park contains 10 M T, 2 Marquees and 14 E P

4/17/411
M 23b,

10 M T facing E.

NALLUS Halted on road 18 M T, 50 T S

098 M 26c Park contains 16 M T

098 V 1a " " 20 M T.

BALATA Normal, 2 M T moving S.

HUWARA 4 Horse lines only, 4 Marquees and 20 ^{parts}

3 M T parked alongside road, and 40 M T parked

4 M T moving S.

SAWIEH 4 Marquees (not as previously reported E Ps)

40 T S. 4 H T moving S.

SINGIL 8 Marquees, 40 T S.

No A 193

E 33/49

Date

FEB 1918

Pilot Lt Austin M O

Started 1230

Observer Lt Finley

Landed 1445

Duty:-

Reported to:- 21st Corps D M Corps

HABLEH 40 Bell tents

KALKILIEH Large hospital removed, small hospital still in position. 2 Horse lines and 10 R S

MISKIE 250 T S (normal)

ET FIEEH 20 T S (normal)

TUL KERAM Rd 12 H T moving S

084 Y 10 Hospital now consists of 18 E P

There is a semicircular piece of trench running from 084 Y 11 c to Y 18 a, another small piece of trench in 084 Y 10 d

TAIYEBEH 4 Marquees, 50 T S, 2 Horse lines

FERON 30 T S

084 X 18 d Triangular piece of trench

IRTAH 80 T S

KULUNSAWEH 4 Marquees and just S W of village 30 T S in 2 camps

TUL KERAM 6 R S, 50 small dumps, 150 T S, 4 Marquees

DENRABEH 50 T S, 4 H T moving W along road

SHUWEIKH 70 T S

KAKON 6 R S, 30 small dumps, 20 Tents, (previously reported as shelters.

KAKON SYSTEM A good deal of work has been done in this system since last reported, the N W portion has been extended and considerably improved upon, one large piece and one small piece of trench were observed in 093 A 25 c thence E to M 28 d, U 19 c, and E again U 24 b.

ANEETA 2 E Ps, 6 Marquees, No T S. 6 H T Halted.

Stn in D 35, 28 ammunition dumps (small), area otherwise

No A 194

Date 11/2/18

Pilot Lt Cameron

Started 1015

FEB 1918

Observer Lt Cashman

Landed 1235

Duty :- Strategical

E 33/50

Reported to :- 20th Corps Des Corps.

TALAT ED DUMM Camps normal, 6 H T parked, 3 horse lines
(25 each)

Road from TALAT ED DUMM) 30 pack mules going W.
and JERICHO)

JERICHO Camps normal. 4 H T stationary

Two sheds N of town and 30 men

JERICHO-JORDAN ROAD N.M.O. Road in parts very bad especially
to E

GHORANIYEH Camps normal

127c13 New camps 100 Black.S. in good formation

127^PX20 6 H T going E

SHUNET NARRIN Camps normal (10 marquees: 200 T S)

Between SHUNET NARRIN) N.M.O.
and RIJM EL BAHR)

RIJM EL BAHR Camps normal
11 boats in water and 2 on shore

BELAWET ED)
DHEHEIBAN) 20 B T.

NEBI MUSA 40 T S. Camp just N increased to 80 T.S.
2 horse lines (20 horses each)

Between NEBI MUSA)
and HANANER R. ~~RAA~~) 50 cavalry in wadi halted
RAA!

Observer saw no signs of intrenchments in 127 square O and Q.
and nothing that looks any use for gun positions. Wadis are in
flood and ground between looks marshy.

AS.

- FEB 1918

Pilot Lt Brown.

A A

Started 1250

Observer Lt Beaton

Landed 1150

Duty :- Strategical

E 33/51

Reported to :- 20th Corps

TALAT ED DUMM. only 100 tents and shelters seen, but
country deep in shadow.

NEBI MUSA.

^{TS}
40 H.T. parked, short lengths of trench
W. and S. of village, 40 horses on line,
hospital 1 mile N, Two well defined tracks
1 leading S.W. from NEBI MUSA, the other
running direct to JORDAN BRIDGE which
have evidently been used during wet weather.

RISH EL BARR.

15 boats in water, 4 on shore, shade normal

JORDAN BRIDGE to)
SHUNET NUMRIH)

Camps normal, no movement.

JERICHO.

Camps normal, slight movement in town,
no movement to or from town.

JEBEL KURUNTUL.

2 new camps, 70 bell tents in all.

Owing to clouds did not reconnoitre POINT CASTIGAN.
Observation W. of JERICHO very difficult.
Remainder of area fair.

E 33/52

T 18.

4 H.T. going N.
Roading being worked on 2 miles N of KALKILIEH.
Cut N of bridge over wadi in H 14.

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KALKILIEH. 4 R.S. 40 H.T. 100 infantry.

ATTARA-NABLUS ROAD, appears to be very cut up.

- FEB 1918

RAFIDIA EL FUNDUK. First 2 miles appears hard but not made up.
ROAD. Remainder appears to be an excellent road.

Between NABLUS and D22. 4 refilling stations. At these there are 80 M.T. parked.

Between NABLUS) About 120 infantry scattered.
and DEIR SHERAF)

Station in 45 H.T., 18 R.S., 40 T.S. 2 marquees (new).

D 35.

D 29.

D 34.

13 B.T.

Something which looks like a dump with a big red flag out, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 17 R.S., 50 cavalry, 5 infantry on southside, 7 H.T. T.S. normal. Dumps normal.

Station in H 31.

No R.S., T.S. normal.

Trenches in D 32 and 33 have not been worked on since last rains.

D 26.

5 B.T.

D 14c.

1 short length of trench, 1 redoubt behind it not complete.

ANEETA.

30 cavalry on road going W. 25 H.T. parked. 4 marquees, 20 T.S. (new).

Siding in C3.

1 R.S. 6 H.T., 10 cavalry going W.

083 V 35 & 36.

Road being repaired, working party of 30 men. 3 T.S.

DENNABEH.

40 T.S., 30 H.T. parked. 50 horses picketed.

TULKERAM.

130 T.S., 30 M.T. parked, in, on rough ground. 20 H.T. 50 R.S. 3 small new dumps in X 7c Camps otherwise normal.

IRFAH.

50 T.S.

084 W 18.

New road bridge completed over wadi.

FERON.

30 T.S.

ET TAIYIBEH.

150 T.S., 16 H.T., 4 M.T. Roads from main road seem much used.

KULUNSAWEH.

4 marquees, 80 T.S.

W 3

4 sheds and tents look like very small hangars.

KAKON.

T.S. normal, Railway appears to be in good condition.

SHUWEIKE.

Camp confirmed.

KAKON TRENCH SYSTEM is being worked on and extends roughly from 083 G 16 to 084 U 8.

~~XXX~~

084 P 32-33)

100 black shelters probably natives

R 2-3.)

Shelters in 084, Q R S T appear to have decreased.

MISKE.

200 T.S. (decrease of 50).

ET TIRAH.

100 T.S. 200 cavalry going N., 10 M.T. Considerable infantry movement.

Pilot, Lt. Taplin.

Started. 1100

Observer. Lt. LEE.

Landed. 1340 FEB 1918

Duty :-

Reported to :- 21st Corps and Des Corps.

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SINJIL. 40 cavalry, 40 H.T. stationed on road.
T.S. normal.

099.H.36. small length of trench, 20 T.S. behind

J.27-a, 5 B.T.

KHAN LUBBAN. 80 B.T. 10 T.S. 13 Marquees.
On road 20 H.T. moving S.

LUBBAN. 40 cavalry scattered and moving, 20 M.T. parked,
4 E.P. and 50 T.S.

ES SAWIEH. 20 M.T. parked, 40 H.T. parked
30 T.S. 2 E.P.

About 098)
2 19 & 20)
Y, 24.)

Z 8, on road. 6 H.T. 2 M.T. going S.

X 31 and 32. 500 infantry, 600 cavalry, 20 H.T. all in one
column stationary, facing S.

X 20. 6 M.T. 7 H.T. going S.

HUWARA. 4 horse lines (full) 4 marquees, 20 T.S. and 40
H.T. parked. 20 M.T. parked.
general small parties of infantry about road
opposite village. total 100.

X 15a. 50 cavalry,

HUWARA-NABLUS ~~XXXX~~ 14 M.T. going S. 6 M.T. going N. 5 H.T.
ROAD. going N. 40 cavalry in 2 parties going S.

BALATA. 20 cavalry picketed in group of 4, 20 H.T. parked.

V6. 30 cavalry scattered.

ASKAR. 5 B.T.
At present time only one good road runs E between ATTARA and
NABLUS and that is road going N.E. from BALATA which appears to
be metalled, the other road shows signs of traffic which runs
W from LUBBAN.

NABLUS.BARRACKS, in and around 50 cavalry, 3 very large M.T.
6 H.T.
between Eka 6 H.T. going S. 100 infantry going S.
and NABLUS.

NABLUS. 600 to 700 infantry stationary in column,
Camps and dumps normal.
1 M.T. park of 20 M.T., 30 H.T. stationary.

N 20 d. Quarries 50 men working.

E 33/55

Pilot Lt. Fraser.

Started 1030

Observer Lt. Kirk.

FEB 1918

Duty :- Strat.

Landed 1340.

Reported to:- Nil.

Ref:- 1/250,000 Syria- Jerusalem
Sheet.

GHOR EL HADITE.	No boats or movement, no ground likely to make an aerodrome.
EL KERAK.	Good landing ground 1 1/2 miles N.E. (choice of several places) Lot of plough, not so advanced as country in Western Area.
A strongly defined track to WADI AS SIAR where it turns W to EL LAJJUN.	
EL LAJJUN.	30 large Bedouin shelters N.W. 100 " " " S. A track probably suitable for light transport runs E to KUTRANI.
E. KUTRANI .	No detailed account, (possibly photographs taken) Approximately 45 R.S. On W side of station a large reservoir and 70 T.S., and several small dumps.
S.E. Side, N.E.	1/2 miles 30 Bedouin shelters . 100 horses, 40 T.S. (cavalry camp) infantry camp in form of square 50 x 50 . Many shelters are dug in and small earth works have been made round camp.
On S. & S.E. Side,	traces of circular pits and dug outs not now used.

No A 198

Date 13/2/18

E 33/56

Pilot Lieut Austin.

Started 1000 FEB. 1918

Observer *H. Fenley*

Landed 12, 20

WJ
Duty :-

Reported to :- 20th Corps Des Corps.

TALAT ED DUMM.	Camps normal. 10 H.T. halted on road.
NEBI MUSA.	Camps normal, 2 H.T. moving N.E. hospital normal.
113 M 15d	30 tents and 4 dumps.
JERICHO	Camp decrease- now round town only 100 T.S. 2 H.T. entering from S <i>(no large sheds)</i>
JEBEL KURUNTUL.	80 T.S.
113 K27b.	Camp 20 tents.
113 K31a.	200 infantry halted in column of route on road.
JERICHO-GHORANIYEH ROAD.	Scattered H.T. in very small position amounting to about 29.
113 L14.	Camp of 4 bell tents and 15 shelters previously reported now gone.
RIJM EL BAHR.	Dumps previously reported (15) now gone. Only 20 T.S. (as against 40 previously reported) 4 large boats in water, 14 small boats pulled upon shore.
GHORANIYEH-SHUNET NIMRIN.	150 T.S. 10 marquees and 4 dumps (decrease about 40)
127 P17	4 gun positions.
113 O27c	4 gun positions.)
127 Q26.	4 gun positions.) with trench behind about 10yards, and 10 B.T. and 1 marquee included in 150 T.S. and 10 marquees.
SHUNET NIMRIN.	100 black shelters previously reported are Bedouin shelters.
In Area 127.P.U.R.W.	About 700 Bedouin shelters.

E 33/57

Pilot, Capt Addison.
Observer, Lieut Fish.

Started 1105
Landed 1345

FEB 1918

Duty :-

reported to :-

Ref: Syria-Jerusalem 1/250,000.

EL KUTRANI. 90 R.S. (all carriages)
40 bell tents, 10 marquees, 70 shelters
300 infantry scattered
Aerodrome-- 300yards N.E. of station, one two seater
machine, a small hangar, Big T out.

1 mile S of station. 300 cavalry halted.

5 miles S of Station. A railway train of 25 R.S. moving N.
(carriages).

Between EL KUTRANI and EL KEJAJUN. Scattered cavalry 100 in all,
moving E.

road between EL KUTRANI and EL KERAK appears to be metalled
in places.

EL KERAK. 50 cavalry on road to south
200 men in town.

No A 200

Date, 14/2/18

E 33/58

Pilot, Lt. Spragg,

Started, 1015

Observer, Lt. Vyner

Landed, 1230

FEB 1918

Duty :- Strategical,

Reported to :- 21st D.M.C.

KALKILIEH.	3 R.S., 2 big white sheds to N of town 14 H.T. parked to N.W. T.S. normal.
084, H, 14.	4 H.T. going S.
HABLEH.	60 T.S. (increase 20).
ET TIRRH.	Camps normal.
Y 19.	5 H.T. going N. ✓
Y 15.	300 cavalry scattered.
KULUNJAWH.	4 sheds, 50 T.S. (decrease 30).
Y 22.	8 H.T. going N.
Y 5.	40 cavalry .
ET TAIYIBEH.	7 H.T. going N. T.S. normal.
PERON-IRTAH.	80 T.S.
FURDISIA.	100 T.S. ?
W 24.	13 H.T. stationary.
TULKERAM.	48 R.S. made up train 25 with engine facing S. 28 M.T. 150 T.S. (increase 20) 11 H.T. going S.
DENNABEH.	3 yellow marquees, T.S. normal.
V 36.	200 infantry stationary.
098, 02.	4 H.T. going E. Remainder of area impossible owing to clouds.

Pilot, Lt. Austin.

Started 0900

Observer, Lt. Lee.

Landed 1110

FEB 1918

Duty :-

Reported to :- 21st Corps, Des Corps.

099, AJUL. 2 E.P. 12 T.S. (new).

K 4. 20 T.S. (new) 4 H.T. going W.

SINJIL. T.S. normal. 6 H.T. stationary on road.

J 20. 6 H.T. going S.

KHAN LUBBAN. Camps, decrease of 20.

EL LUBBAN. T.S. normal, ~~15~~¹⁵ H.T., 10 M.T., 40 cavalry scattered

Ji. Small camp 40 B.T. 5 S (new), 100 infantry, 50 cavalry scattered.

ES SAWIEH. Normal, 20 M.T. and 40 H.T. parked.

093, X 32. 4 M.T. going S.

HUWARA. 20 M.T. stationary, 30 H.T. parked, 200 cavalry on lanes. 6 H.T. going N. T.S. normal.

V 27. 6 M.T. going S.

V 18. 3 M.T. going S. 50 men working on road.

Road going S.E. from BALATA being used to a considerable extent.

V 18. 4 H.T. going towards NABLUS.

BARRACKS- 100 infantry, 40 cavalry, 6 H.T., 4 M.T.

NABLUS. M.T. park normal, 20 H.T. scattered, 100 infantry in town, T.S. normal,

BALATA. No T.S.

ASKAR. Normal.
Men working in quarries, (150 men).

M. 50. 50 infantry, 20 cavalry station^{ary} on road.

Between M. 30, and D. 22., 20 H.T. going both ways, small scattered parties of infantry.
Refilling points normal.

Road from NABLUS-TULKERAM, under repair throughout its length.

Stn in D, 35. 13 R.S. One engine., 20 M.T. and 40 H.T. drawn up at station.

D. 29. 16 B.T. Normal.

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D, 34. Dump and flag removed.
 D, 22, 40 R.S. Camps and dumps normal, practically no movement.
 BURKA. 4 H.T. going S., No T.S.
 H. 31. No R.S., Camps normal.

Small camp at RAMIN, 5 B.T., normal.

C 12. 6 H.T. going S.E.

ANBETA. 5 R.S. 15 T.S. (decrease of 5), dumps normal.

A 31. 3 H.T. going W.

084 V 34. 20 H.T. stationary,

DENNABEH. 6 marquees, (increase of 3) T.S. normal.

TULKERAM. T.S. normal, H.T. and M.T. normal, (2 lines of each)
 7 H.T. going N.E.
 30 R.S. 2 engines, 20 H.T. in station.

ERTAH) Normal.
 FERON) "

ET TAIYIBEH. including Y 12 increase of 30 T.S. marquees reported at
 ET TAIYIBEH removed to Y 12.

KULUNSAWIEH. Normal. The 4 sheds reported on 14/2/18 are doubtful.

ET TIREH. T.S. normal.

MISKE. 150 T.S. (decrease of 50 tents), these have probably
 gone to Y 12.

Area, Q.R.S.T. Very little movement, otherwise normal.

Road between TULKERAM and KALKILIEH, 40 H.T. going N. and S.

KAKON trenches not sketched owing to engine trouble.

E33/61

Pilot. Lt. AUBIN.

Started, 0930.

Observer, LtL Findlay.

Landed. 1139 FEB 1918

Duty :- Strategical,

Reported to :- 20th Corps, Des Mtd Corps.

TALAT ED DUMM. Camps normal, horse lines removed.
 113, G 10c. 20 T.S., 14 dumps, (new) 4 H.T. going E.
 113, G 24c. 3 H.T. going E.
 NEBI MUSA. T.S. normal.
 113, M 21. 20 T.S. (hospital), 10 H.T. parked.
 4 H.T. going N.E., this is correct position of
 camp reported as M14.
 114 U 2b. 6 H.T. going to NEBI MUSA.
 JERICHO. 10 B.T. (decrease of 20), 10 H.T. entering from S.
 TEL ES SULTAN. 10 B.T., 4 H.T. halted (new).
 JEBEL KURUNTUL. 30 T.S. decrease of 50.
 K 29. Camp normal.
 113 K 15. 100 T.S. (new).
 L 15. 9 H.T. going E.
 L 11. 2 H.T. going E.
 RIJM EL BAHR. 3 new sheds 500 yards West of present camp,
 Old camp normal. No boats on water, 10 boats on
 shore, (square both ends) medium size, 8 very
 small boats on shore.
 20 infantry round jetty.
 Gun positions in 127 Q 2, 26, P 17 confirmed.
 SHUNET NIMRIN. Camps normal.
 JORDAN BRIDGE. 2 H.T. going E. Cutting in near banks confirmed.
 113 N 8. 2 B.T.

Pilot, Capt. Addison.

Started 0930

Observer, Lt. FISH.

Landed, 1145

E 33/02

- FEB 1918

Duty :-

Reported to :- 20th Corps, Des Corps.

TALAT ED DUMM. T.S. normal, is very scattered about 100. No further work on trenches and head cover round TALAT ED DUMM.

TALAT ED DUMM-JERUSALEM ROAD. 2 bridges over waddie in 113 F 24a, and 113 F 13d, destroyed.

TALAT ED DUMM-JERICHO ROAD. 21 H.T. moving E.

JERICHO. Round town itself could only see 30 B.Ts. decrease from 100. No sign of hangar or of aerodrome.

113 K 28. Camp of 28 B.Ts. and 2 large shelters.

JEBEL KURUNTUL. Camps normal, 40 cavalry halted in camp.

JORDAN BRIDGE. Upstream about 100 yards, square cutting on either bank giving appearance of new bridge being started. On road 1 mile to W. 80 cavalry, 2 M.T. halted. From Jordan Bridge to 127 P 20 scattered along roads about 80 B.Ts, and 4 shelters.

SHUNET NIMRIN. Camp of 13 marquees, 90 B.Ts. Alongside road N. of camp 13 uncovered dumps, and 2 green covered dumps.

JORDAN BRIDGE-SHUNET NIMRIN ROAD. 50 cavalry, 40 infantry, and 8 H.T. moving E.

127 Q 2. Gun position, 4 guns.

127 O 23. Gun position, 4 guns.

127 P 17. Gun position, 4 guns, just N. of road approx, large camp at SHUNET NIMRIN. Very short lengths of trench behind each position.

113 N 8. 2 B.Ts.

RIJM EL SAHR. Camp normal, about 20 T.S. 12 small boats on beach. No boats in water.

NEBI MUSA. Camps normal.

113 M 14. Camp normal, 12 H.T. parked. 30 horses in horse lines.

113 M 14-JERICHO ROAD. 20 H.T. moving in both directions.

No. 205.

Date. 16/2/18.

Pilot. Capt. Deacon.

Started. 1015

Observer. Lt Kirk.

Landed. 1243.

Duty :-

Reported to :-

Syria Jerusalem. 1/250,000

Course flown over BEERSHEEA along road to BIR ARARA
North of this point large water hole apparently much used,
and South approximately THAFFHA ^{at approx.} another water hole and 30
Bedouin shelters. At TEL EL MILAR small amount of cultivation
and well worn track running East to DEAD SEA in direction of
PT MOLYNEUX. Bedouin shelters visible North and North West of
TEL EL MILAR. After BIR ARARA we flew round bottom of DEAD SEA
to ET TAFILE and could see nothing which might have been ground
strips. The only camp seen consisted of about 30 shelters
7 miles West by North of TAFILE. map is almost impossible to
follow.

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N. 203.

Date. 17/2/18.

E33/64

Pilot. Capt Addison.

Started. 0910.

Observer. Lt. Fysh.

Landed. 1130. FEB 1918

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :- 21st Corps, Des Mtd Corps.

ATTARA. Camps normal.

099 L 20a. Hospital 12 B.T, 2 marquees, 20 shelters, (new).

SINJIL. Camps normal, 10 M.T. parked, 8 H.T. on road going S.

KHAN LUBBAN. Camps normal, 3 horse lines of 30 horses each.

LUBBAN. 100 horses on lines, 30 H.T. parked, camps normal.

ET SAWBEH. Camps normal.

HUWARA. 20 M.T. parked, 150 horses in lines, camps normal.

Between HUWARA and NABLUS. 12 M.T. going S.

No camps observed at BALATA.

BARRACKS, 8 B.T. and 7 M.T. stationary.

NABLUS. 50 M.T. parked, 10 marquees, 40 B.T. 7 large shelters
 (normal).

098 N 25a. A large reservoir full of water. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

Between NABLUS and DEIR SHERAF. 20 M.T. ~~XXXXXXXX~~ and 30 camels moving S.

ZAWATA. 15 M.T. parked, and 2 green dumps, 2 marquees.

098 M 15d. Party of 50 men road making.

Stn D 35. 16 R.S. and 30 H.T. in station.

" D 22: 30 R.S. hospital 30 B.T. Camps normal.

RAMIN. 2 H.T.

ANBETA. 20 H.T. parked, 30 horses on lines. Large wood dump beside railway line.

DEHNABEH. 6 horse lines (30 each) T.S. normal.

TULKERAN. 30 R.S., 150 T.S., 100 infantry round station.

On road opposite IRTAH. A line of 68 H.T. going S.

FURDISIA.)
 TAIYIBEH.) Camps normal.
 FERON.)

ET TIREH. 100 T.S. Normal.

DEIR ASFIN. 150 T.S. (new), road to main road in Y 5b 4 H.T.

Rebolt no _____

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084 Y 22&29. 20 H.T. going S.

KALKILIEH. 14 R.S. 100 cavalry at station, 20 H.T.

Just South of KALKILIEH, several small lengths of new trench stretching to KEFK SABA.

No. 207.

Date. 17/2/18.

E33/66

Pilot. Lt. Austin.

Started. 0930

Observer. Lt. Lee.

Landed. 1145.

FEB 1918

Duty :-

Reported to :- 20st Corps, Des Corps.

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TALAT ED DUMM AREA.	30 T.S. 100 infantry, 60 cavalry scattered about road, 30 H.T. on road stationary.
113 P 2.	4 H.T. going E.
NEBI MUSA.	20 cavalry going W. Normal 40 T.S.
NEBI MUSA- JERICHO ROAD.	6 H.T. going N., 12 H.T. going S.
M 21.	Camp normal.
RIJM EL BAHR.	Western camp reported 16/2/18 gone. Old camp normal. 11 boats (rowing). On shore 4 H.T. and 2 M.T. First time M.T. have been seen here.
127 R 13d.	4 H.T. going E.
R 13	2 H.T. going W.
P 22.	Long camp along road, 180 T.S., increase of 30. 9 marquees, 15 dumps., 20 H.T. 40 horses on dug in lines.
P 20.	4 M.T. going W.
O 29.	20 infantry going W. 100 horses on lines, 1 M.T. 2 H.T. going E.
D 26.	4 gun positions, 10 H.T. going W.

Road from JERICHO N, through 113 W-U-N and also through U-M., being used by wheeled traffic, but were quite clear whilst machine was over

No troops or camps seen in valley as far as TEL EL ABEID., few native shelters only.

113 Y 29. 4 white shelters.

Road from JERICHO through H 25-B 17-B 19 appears well engineered and appears much used.

TEL ES SULTAN.) Area. 30 T.S. (increase 40 T.S.)
JEBEL KURUNTUL.)

JERICHO. Normal T.S., 2 lines of H.T. parked.

113 K 15. Normal T.S.

K 28. Camp normal, 1 new large shed, 12 H.T. parked.

Stables in L 18 apparently still used.

JERICHO-JORDAN ROAD. 14 H.T., and 1 M.T. going E.

~~XXXXXX~~ G 8. 20 cavalry.

G 10. 10 H.T. parked.

No. 208.

Date. 18/2/18.

E33/67

Pilot. Lt. Austin.

Started. 0930.

FEB 1918

Observer. Lt. Finlay.

Landed. 1130.

Duty :- Strategic.

Reported to :- 21st Corps, Des Mtd Corps.

HABLEH. Camps normal.

Between HABLEH & KALKILIEH. 4 pieces of trench (new).

KALKILIEH. Hospital of 45 T.S. removed., 2 horse lines, 20 T.S. 4 H.T. parked. 10 R.S. 9 H.T. entering from N.

084 Y 22-23. 10 M.T. going N., 14 H.T. going N.

MISKE. Normal.

ET TIREH. Normal.

ET TAIYIBEH. Camps normal.

FERON. Camps normal.

TULKERAM. 10 R.S., 6 H.T. entering from S., 4 M.T. going N. 10 H.T. going E.

KULUNSAWIEH. 4 marquees., 40 T.S. (slight decrease).

DENNABEH. Camps normal., ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

KAKON. The 20 T.S. 30 dumps and railway siding reported here are really at a small unmarked village in 084 U 11d. 20 T.S. at KAKON itself normal.

SHUWEIKE. Normal.

ANEETA. 8 marquees, 15 T.S., 40 H.T. parked, ¹ horse line, 6 H.T. entering from W., 10 H.T. going E.

098 D 22. 30 R.S., Camps and dumps normal., Very cloudy over this area. Refilling points normal. 30 M.T. in parks.

098 D 35. 10 R.S., 20 H.T. in station, Camps normal.

M 23. 5 H.T., 4 M.T. going E.

NABLUS. T.S. normal, 12 marquees, (increase of 2). 34 M.T. parked. 12 M.T. on road.

HUWARA. 4 horse lines., Camps normal., 40 H.T. parked.

KHAN LUBBAN. Camps normal. 26 M.T. going N., 6 H.T. going N.

SINJIL. Normal.

099 L 20a. New camp confirmed. Several camps missed owing to clouds.

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Pilot. Capt. ADDISON.

E 33 / 68
Started. FEB 1918

Observer. Fysh. Lt.

Landed. 0845.

Duty:-

reported to :- 20th Corps. Des Mtd Corps*

HUWARA. 25 M.T. parked. 150 cavalry on road side. No movement seen N. as far as NABLUS.

ES SAWIEH. 30 H.T. on road side.

EL LUBBAN. 30 horses on lines.
Only 3 H.T. on road between HUWARA and ATTARA.

Nothing seen on EL TAIYIBEH- JERICHO ROAD.
Nothing seen on road JERICHO to N.

JERICHO. 100 cavalry in town. Camps appear normal, but to have been moved about.

A line of new trenches in 113 L 10 and 13 astride the road. These appear well made.

JORDAN BRIDGE. A new pontoon across now 100 yards N of old bridge between the two cuttings reported previously. Appears wider than the old bridge.

No movement between JERICHO and RIVER.

SHUNET NIMRIN. Camps normal., 50 H.T. on road opposite camp.

127 P 16-22. What appears to be trenches just started. Between this point and Jordan Bridge 6 H.T. moving W.

113 N 9a. 4 B.T., and what appears to be 2 gun positions.

JERICHO-NEBI MUSA ROAD. 12 H.T. moving N.

NEBI MUSA. Camp and camps in M 21 appear to have been removed. One large marquee left but visibility very bad.

M 21. 30 H.T.

NEBI MUSA. 150 cavalry.

RIJ EL BARR. No movement, 16 boats on shore, none on water.

No. 210.

Date. 19/2/18.

Pilot. Lt. Fraser.

Started. 1100.

Observer. LtL Mustard.

Landed. 1345.

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :- 20th Corps.

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HUWARA, 6 M.T. going both ways., 10 H.T. and 20 M.T. halted.,
3 horse lines occupied.
HUWARA-YEBNA Rd. 7 M.T. going S., 80 cavalry halted on road scattered.
LUBBAN. 3 M.T. halted, on road, 20 infantry scattered.
K. AN LUBBAN. 14 H.T. going S.
TURMUS AYA. 10 T.S., 1 E.P., 10 H.T. parked.
SINJIL. Just S., 6 H.T. halted.

Camps along road between SINJIL and HUWARA Normal.

099 L 25. Camp normal.

113 O 29. 2 H.T. going S.

JERICHO AREA. Only 50 T.S. remain, (decrease of 50)*
200 infantry in town, 3 M.T. halted.

Camps at TEL ES SULTAN and JEBEL KURUNFUL, Normal.

JERICHO-JORDAN Rd. 8 H.T. halted, 50 camels going E., 9 H.T. going W.
30 infantry scattered.

Trenches reported 113 L 10 and 16 confirmed.
Pontoon Bridge seven boats., 40 horses on lines just E of bridge.

SHUNET NIMRIN. Camp normal., 3 H.T. moving E on road.

Trench line in 127 P 10-22 reported this morning is confirmed, trenches
are similar to those at TALAT ED DUMM.

RIJM EL BAHR. 26 boats on shore, 2 in water, 20 men scattered.
Camps appear to be decreasing.

ET TAIYIBEH-JERICHO Rd. No movement.

No movement observed in JORDAN VALLEY.

NEBI MUSA. 200 cavalry in group of 20.

113 M 21. 40 cavalry halted on road., 2 H.T. going W., 2 H.T.
and 1 M.T. going N.

K 21. 5 H.T. going N.

K 10. 50 cavalry halted on road.

K 33. 20 T.S. and 2 horse lines (40 horses).

No. A. 211

Date. 20/2/18

E 33 / 70

Pilot. Capt Smith.

Started. 0900

Observer. Lt. Mustard.

Landed. 0935 FEB 1918

Duty :- ^R Stategical.

Reported to :- 20th Corps.

HUWARA. 3 H.T. and 6 M.T. parked. 40 horses on lines., 5 M.T. moving S, Camp normal.

YETMA. 3 H.T. and 1 M.T. going S.

099 J 2. 4 M.T. halted, 40 T.S., 2 horse lines (80 horses).

EL LUBBAN. 4 E.Ps, 50 T.S. (increase of 30), 10 H.T. parked.

KHAYM LUBBAN. 6 M.T. and 6 H.T. halted., Camp (increase of 20 T.S.).

TURMUS AYA. Increase of 6 B.T.

099 L 22b. 4 gun positions (new).

Country 8 miles N of line RUMMON-JERICHO ~~is~~ *no movement observed*

A camp of 20 B.T. in L 19 reported under JERICHO been removed.

JERICHO-JORDAN Rd. 6 M.T. going both ways, 20 cavalry halted at JORDAN BRIDGE

Trenches in 113 L 10 and 16 are being worked on (now number 3 pieces.)

127 Q 24. 2 M.T. 1 H.T. going W.

P 22. 50 cavalry halted, 6 M.T. going W., 3 H.T. going E.

P 18. 2 M.T. going E., 30 camels and 4 H.T. halted.

SHUNET NIMRIN. Appears normal. Machine fired on by Field gun. *from*

JORDAN BRIDGE. SHUNET NIMRIN and 113 N 10 There is a long low ridge apex approximately 127 Q 5-35 behind which troops could not be seen from Jordan Banks.

RIJM EL BAHR. 3 in water, 4 on shore, (new boats) 1 large boat on shore. Camps normal.

128 A 21. 5 boats (small) } anchored.

A 24. 8 small boats }

No signs of any reinforcements from ES SALT or down Jordan Valley.

reconnaissance went 15 miles E of JORDAN.

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Pilot. Lt. Taplin.

Started. 1100

Observer. Lt. Lee.

Landed. 1345 = FEB 1918

Duty :- Strategical.

Reported to :- 20th Corps.

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O99 L 4d. 100 cavalry, 20 H.T. in amongst trees.

L 44a. 40 H.T., 50 cavalry., 150 infantry difficult to estimate owing to trees. Many tracks from S and S.E. lead to this point.

TURMUS A4A. 4 E.Ps., 2 H.T., 20 cavalry.

SINJIL. 100 cavalry., 30 H.T., 20 M.T., Camps normal.

J 20. 2 M.T. 13 H.T., going S.

J 27 to 113 O 25. Almost continuous line of trenches.

~~O 27~~ U 21. Signs of these being joined up to trenches E of KHAN LUBBAN.

KHAN LUBBAN. 30 H.T., 15 M.T. parked.

LUBBAN. 7 M.T., 20 cavalry., Camps normal.

O98 ES SAWIEH. 6 M.T. going N., 20 M.T. parked., 15 H.T. parked., 20 horses on line.

Z 20. 1 M.T., 4 H.T. stationary.

X 20. 6 M.T., 7 H.T., going S.

HUWARA. 100 horses on lines., 20 M.T. parked., Camp normal.

X 8-X 2. 20 M.T. going S.

No traffic seen on Roman Road between 112 O G 113 U and W.

Road from NABLUS- 112 D 17-K 15-L 27 shows signs of use but no movement observed.

No bridge over ~~road~~^{river} in N 12.

Road running down West Bank of JORDAN no movement observed, as far as TEL ES SULTAN.

113 A&B. No movement observed., no troops seen.

JERICHO-JORDAN Rd. 250 infantry going E., 10 M.T., 40 H.T. and 4 guns just going over main bridge and Pontoon Bridge.

127 O 27&33 50 T.S. (new), On road side 150 infantry and 10 H.T.

O 24d. 150 infantry and 2 guns, 7 H.T. going E.

SHUNET NIMRIN CAMP 250 T.S. This camp extends from O 29 - P 24. 250 infantry., 100 cavalry seen in camp. 20 H.T. parked and 30 near dump.

Line of new trenches P12-U19-W 9. 200 infantry working.

U 27. 5 B.T.

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Road for 8 miles N.E. 4 H.T. going N.E., 2 H.T. going S.W.

R 13. 3 guns not dug in.

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Observation on E. of JERICHO ~~down~~^{done} from 1500 feet.

O 18. 2 H.T. going W.

RIJM EL BAHR. Largest shed on fire, 1 large boat on shore also on fire.
No movement observed.

123 B 19. 8 rowing boats anchored, 4 barges being towed by motor
boat., 20 men in one barge, 1 loaded with timber.
Barges were towing long poles.

Our line appears to have reached 114 U 34 - U 25 P 18 - P 3 - G 19.

No. A215

Date. 25.2.18

E 33 / 73

Pilot. Lt Austen

Startd. 0800

Observer. Lt Finlay

Landed. 1020 FEB 1918

Duty :- Strat.

Reported to :- Descorps and XXth corps.

128 A18 . 14 small and two large boats and no
TS seen.

128 B9 eight sheds seen ✓

127 U 25 and 31 a camp of 100 TS

SHUNET NUMRIN camps 029 - P24 10 marquees
6 EPs and 344 TS ✓

Details as follows.

030 ^{Camp} Hospital of 4 EPs and 40 TS

P26 Hospital of 2 marquees 2 EPs and 30 TS
also what appears to be 5 MT parked. This appears
to be the hospital which was formerly at
NEBI MUSA

P22 c and d 14 marquees and 100 TS

P24 50 TS

P15 and P16 100 TS

P17 a a hospital of 20 pink bell tents

P3 3 marquees + 4 TS.

at Shunet Numrin there are 6 HT group W

127 026 14 HT parked

127 022 4 horse bins holding about 160 horses in all.

QHURANIYEH camps 3 marquees 4 EPs and 68 TS

Details as follows:

033 and 034 3 marquees, 4 EPs and 20 tents.

~~Camps~~ 015, 16, 21 and 22 40 TS.

018 03 8 TS

027 a ~~and~~ 4 gun positions } these positions have
Q3 a 4 " " } already been reported. They appear occupied.

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Removal of pontoon bridge confirmed.

a short length of track running 127 0196 to 0200
just to the W of the Jordan bridge is a large
white shed which might be covered horse hives:
there is much activity around it.

N of Jericho - Shoranyeh road about 1 mile
W of bridge a scattered camp of 40 TS.

113 L 3 d 20 TS and 4 horse hives occupied (about
80 hives in all) in a depression.

1 mile W of Jordan a party of 50 cam.
on road halted.

Wady AVJA reconnoitred but no
movement observed.

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A 218

FEB 1918
Date. 26/2/18

E 33/75

Pilot. Lieut A. A. Brown

Started. 1400

Observer. Lieut Finlay.

Landed. 1630

Duty :- Des Corps, and XXI Corps.

Reported to :-

KALKILIEH. 50 R.S. seen at station, road has been carried into KALKILIEH.

KALKILIEH-TULKERAM Rd. 24 M.T. going N at different points and 6 H.T. also going W.
No 1 group impossible to reconnoitre properly owing to clouds, but wherever the road was visible transport was seen.

TULKERAM-ANEFTA Rd. 14 H.T. going W..

ANEFTA Area. Four horse lines, with about 25 horses each (new) S of town, and 4 marquees and 39 B.T. visible (new), whole Anefta area appears to have increased normal camp not visible owing to cloud. Area much obscured owing to cloud.

ATARA Area. Train of 20 R.S. moving in direction of D 22 station. No camps seen.

RAMIN Area. Hospital of 18 camouflaged 6 B.T., 2 marquees, 40 tents. Total 60 tents, 30 dumps of different kinds round station in D 22, near siding 40 ammunition dumps, and 6 large dumps. On the road in K 19c 200 infantry in column of route halted. No R.S. at D. 22 station. Observation good in area.

EN NAKURAH. 3 marquees, 50 B.T., 20 H.T. parked near station in D 35, and 2 horse lines. Observation good in area.

BURKA Area. Station in H 31, no R.S., 10 dumps and 10 B.T. Area partially under cloud.

DEIR SHERAF Area. 3 marquees and 20 tents at the two refilling points and 20 M.T. parked.

RAFIDIA. 3 marquees at one refilling point on road, the motor park empty, 4 M.T. and 2 H.T. going W, also 3 motor cyclists going E.

NABLUS, BALATA, and RUJIS areas all under clouds.

HUWARA. 20 M.T. parked and 20 M.T. on road halted facing N.

LUBSAN. A hospital of 4 E.Ps seen. Observer considers there is a decrease in this area. 4 M.T. going N.

No. A. 217.

Date. 28/2/18.

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Pilot. Lieut. Lukis.

Started. 1100.

Observer. Lieut. Wysh.

Landed. 1300.

Duty. Strategical.

Reported to. 21st Corps, and Des Corps.

ATTARA. Road in K 22b is blown up in two places, a large hole at each spot which might be large shell crater.

LUBBAN. Road invisible as far as LUBBAN., 3 M.T. proceeding S just S of LUBBAN.

HUWARA. 18 M.T. parked. Between HUWARA and NABLUS 20 M.T. mostly going N.

NABLUS AREA. 20 M.T. moving towards BALATA. In barrack square 5 large M.T., 31 M.T. parked in town. 1 mile W of NABLUS 40 H.T. parked and 1 line of 50 horses.

RAFIDIA-098 U 5 and 3, 2 small lengths of trench facing S. Between RAFIDIA and D 23, country obscured by cloud. Station in D 23, 30 R.S. and 3 M.T. stationary. " " D 30, 35 R.S., 30 H.T. stationary on road opposite station. On road between RAMIN and ANEBTA. 3 M.T. moving W.

SHOWEIKH AREA. Invisible owing to cloud.

DENNABEH AREA. 3 horse lines of about 30 each., 3 marquees and 35 B.T. (increase of 7 R.S.).

TULKERAM. 30 R.S., 30 H.T., round station, 35 B.T. and 40 shelters, and 1 horse line of 30 horses to S of village.

KAKON AREA. 20 B.T., 25 dumps dug in and scattered to S near siding. A new trench running along gardens to S of village. Trenches are being worked on and extended, but there are no new trenches beyond the one reported.

JELAMBH 083 M 13. 3 B.T. as reported and two carriages on railway line.

FERON and TAIIBEH AREAS both obscured by cloud. 12 H.T. moving S from TULKERAM.

DEIR ASHIN AREA. 170 T.S. (increase of 20).

Reconnaissance considerably interfered with by clouds.



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BOMBING

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Report on Bomb Dropping

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No. 64 Squadron, ^{Must} ~~Royal~~ Flying Corps.

Date

3-2-18.

Objective and time of attack	Type of aeroplane	Pilot	No. and description of bombs dropped	Height at which dropped	Effects actually observed	Results pilot thinks he obtained	Action of enemy	Remarks
Camp & troops at Miske 1230.	Moyle	Mr. Petrie	12 Hales 20 lb.	6500.	6. DH on camp. 4. 20 + of shells 2. wide.	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	A.F.	
"	"	" Tomkin	12 Hales 20 lb.	"	10. DH on camp 2. 20 + for	✓ ✓ ✓	"	
"	"	" Sims	" Hales 1 Cooper. 20 lb.	"	6. DH on camp 4. 20 + of brown damps 2. unobserved.	✓ ✓ ✓	A.F.	
"	"	" Watt	12 Hales 20 lb.	4000.	4. DH on camp 2. 20 + of " 6. 50 + of shells	✓ ✓ ✓	"	
"	12 A.	" Morgan	8 Hales	6000.	6. DH on camp 2. 40 + of "	✓ ✓	"	100 pounds fired into Tabou defenses

REPORT ON BOMB DROPPING.

No. ^{E 33/79} **FEB 1918** Squadron, Royal Flying Corps.

Date ⁽²⁾ February 11th 1918.

Objective and time of attack.	Type of aeroplane.	Pilot.	No. and description of bombs dropped.	Height at which dropped.	Effects actually observed.	Results pilot thinks he obtained.	Action of enemy.	Remarks.
CAMPS & TROOPS AT MISKE	BE12A	Lieut. F. Taylor	8 Hales	6,500'	4 D.B. on camp 4 50 yards from camp.	V. Good.	A.A. Fire.	
2045 do	W' SYDE	Lieut. L. Gerson	12 Hales	7,000'	4 D.H. on camp 8 25 yds off camp.	do	do	
do	do	Lieut. G.M. Watts	12 Hales	do	2 failed to explode 2 50 yds from camp 2 wide 3 D.H. hits.	do	do	
do	do	Lieut. R. Maughan	12 Hales	do	2 wide 4 D.H. on camp 3 36 yds from camp.	do	do	
do	do	Lieut. C. Paul	12 Hales	9,000'	5 50 yds from camp. 3 wide.	do	do	
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Report on Bomb Dropping.

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No. 1 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps.

Date February 12th 1918.

Objective and time of attack.	Type of aeroplane	Pilot	No. and description of bombs dropped	Height at which dropped	Effects actually observed	Results pilot thinks he obtained.	Action of enemy	Remarks
TROOPS & DUMPS ETC AT KUTRANI 1100	M ^c SYDE	Lieut. Paull	12 Hales	6,500'	2, D.H. on railway line. 1,5 yds from tent. 3, 10 yds from station buildings. 4. Wide.	Fair.	Field gun fire.	2 unobserved.
do	do	Lieut. Tonkin	do	do	2 wide. 6, D.H. on buildings 4. unobserved.	"	do	
do	BE12A	Lieut. Curwen- Walker.	6 Hales	do	2, unobserved 2, 60 yds from tank. 2, D.H. on buildings. 2, 50 yds from buildings.	"	do	
do	M ^c SYDE	Lieut. Headlam.	12 Hales	6,000'	2, short 4, 50 yds of station. 2, 50 yds " " 2, D.H. on train 2, unobserved.	"	do	

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 Commanding No. 1 Squadron,
 AUSTRALIAN FLYING CORPS.

A.P. & S.D., Alex./No. 373/24 : 2 : 17/2000 (3515/7) W. M. & Co.

O.C. No. _____ Squadron R.F.C.

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Report on Bomb Dropping.

No. **1** Squadron, **AUSTRALIAN** Royal Flying Corps.

Date **12th. February 1918.**

Objective and time of attack.	Type of aeroplane	Pilot	No. and description of bombs dropped	Height at which dropped	Effects actually observed	Results pilot thinks he obtained.	Action of enemy	Remarks
TROOPS & DUMPS AT KUTRANI 1100	BE12A	Lt.L.Garson	8-20 lb.Hales	6500'	1 Direct hit on engine 2 " hits on railway line 1 5 yds. from railway line 1 50 yds. from railway line 1 60 yds. so. 2 wide	Good	Field Gun Fire	

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No. 1 Squadron, ^{Australian} Royal Flying Corps.

Date 13th February 1918.

Objective and time of attack.	Type of aeroplane	Pilot	No. and description of bombs dropped	Height at which dropped	Effects actually observed	Results pilot thinks he obtained.	Action of enemy	Remarks
EL KUTRANI. Time - 1215.	H' Syde.	Lieut. Sims.	12 - 20 lb Hales.	5000'	4 unobserved. 4 50 yards right station on tents. 4 50 yards rolling stock.	Fair.	-	
- do -	H' Syde.	Lieut. Lukis.	12 - 20 lb Hales.	7000'	2 D.H. on camps. 4 30 yds of tents. 3 50 yds from station buildings. 3 failed to explode.			
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No. 1 Squadron, Royal Flying Corps.

Date 20.2.18

Objective and time of attack	Type of aeroplane	Pilot	No. and description of bombs dropped	Height at which dropped	Effects actually observed	Results pilot thinks he obtained	Action of enemy	Remarks
Camp at MOUNT NIBRIN	H'SYDE	Lt. Lukis	12-20 lb. Coopers	4000'	4-150 yds. of Camp 5-Direct hits on camp 4-80 yds. of Camp	Fair	Field Guns	-
do. 1530	H'SYDE	Lt. Blake	6-20 lb. Coopers	4000'	1-100 yds. of Camp 4-80 yds. of Camp 3-unobserved	Fair	do.	
do.	H'SYDE	Lt. Paul	12-20 lb. Coopers	4000'	4-direct hits on scattered camp 4-80 yds	-	do.	5 failed to release.
do.	H'SYDE	Lt. Dowling	3-20 lb. Coopers	6000'	8-100 yds. from camp	Fair	do.	

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No. _____ Squadron, Royal Flying Corps.

Date _____

29.2.18

Objective and time of attack.	Type of aeroplane	Pilot	No. and description of bombs dropped	Height at which dropped	Effects actually observed	Results pilot thinks he obtained.	Action of enemy	Remarks
Kerak 1200	H'Syde	Lt. Haig	2-112 R.L.	5000'	1 Direct Hit 1 failed to explode	Very Good	Field Guns	Alt. of Target 3100'
Kerak 1200	H'Syde	Lt. Dowling	12-20lb. Cooper	5000'	2 Direct Hits on Road 2 Direct Hits on house 30yds. from Citadel 4 50yds. from "	Fair	"	Alt. of Target 3100'
						4 not released		

A.P. & S.D., Alex./No. 373/24: 2:17/2000 (3515/7) W. M. & Co.

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APPENDIX . 4 .

MACHINE GUN ATTACKS ON TROOPS
ON THE GROUND.

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(COMBATS in the AIR)

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COMBATS IN THE AIR.

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Squadron: No. 67 Squadron, A.F.C.

Date: 1.2.188

Type and No. of Aeroplane: BRISTOL FIGHTER 1148

Time: 1445

Armament: 1 Vickers, Double Lewis (Observer's)

Duty: Escort Photography

Pilot: Lieut. J.H. Butler

Height: 12,500 feet

Observer: Col. Borton D.S.O.

Locality: DEAD SEA, S.E. JERUSALEM.

Remarks on Hostile Machine:—Type, armament, speed, etc.

1 two-seater, 3 scouts DIII type.

Narrative.

While escorting 1 R.E.8 and 1 Martinsyde on photography, Colonel Borton and I were attacked by 4 machines (hostile). 1 machine, a scout, dived on our tail and opened fire with double guns. Colonel Borton opened fire on this machine with double Lewis guns and drove him off. The other machines did not dive, remaining at 500 to 800 feet above us. The 4 machines remained above for a minute or so and then picked up formation and headed North up the JORDAN VALLEY.

(Signed) J.H. Butler LIEUT.
Pilot.