

1st/5th QUE NS WEST SURREY REGIMENT.

1916.

April. NASIRIYEH.

Appendix.

- 1st. The day started by with heavy showers which culminated at 3.30 p.m. in a very violent Thunder storm & gale. As the centre of the camp lies in a hollow, by 7.0 p.m. when the rain stopped parts of the camp had 8 inches of water in the hut. Parties were promptly turned out to cut drains & a number of men were turned out of their huts & put in the partly erected huts & the 4 which had been occupied the previous day.
- 2nd. Church service at 10.0 a.m. Everyone busy all day getting rid of the mud caused by the heavy rain of the previous day. - 3 tents had to be repitched on dryer sites. The huts erected by the Batta had let some water through but had otherwise stood the gale excellently. Lieut J.E.B. JARDINE, J.L.C. MERCER, & K.F. EVHITS went up the river on the T 1 & were instructed by Lieut SEWELL Bombay Volunteer Battery in the working of the 3 Pds. The T 4 was dismantled previous to being sent down the river.
- 3rd. Capt. HERMAN 3rd R.W. Kent Regt. arrived with 93 N.C.Os & men part of a draft of 142 sent from England of which 99 were Royal Fusiliers & 43 3/5 Queens. Most of the Fusiliers have seen service in France, some of them are still suffering from the effects of wounds & some rather old for the country. Orders for the promotion of Lieut J.E.B. JARDINE to temporary Captain vice Capt. MASTER were received.
- 4th) Hut building continued vigorously with 45
5th) N.C.Os & men from each company & by the
6th) end of the week 9 were in occupation &
7th) another 10 were in course of completion.
8th) The T 1 was again taken over from the 2nd
R.W. Kents. On the arrival of "Snakefly"
"transfly" the up river patrol was taken
over by these boats. The T 4 was sent
down to Burne & the T 1 is being used for
work between NASIRIYEH & HAKIKA.
- 8th. Capt. HERMAN was posted to the 2nd R.W. Kent Regt.
- 9th. Church Parade. C.O. inspected huts occupied of which 12 were now completed & 280 N.C.Os & men housed in them. 2/Lieut HOPKINS I.A.M.O. arrived for attachment.