

be responsible for administration and law and order until the Mandate ended. At the same time both the Arab and Jewish States should be permitted to build up forces in the nature of a gendarmerie ready to undertake the task of maintaining order when existing responsibilities passed.

It is important that we should remember these facts because with the mass of press reports, comments, suppositions and rumours that are published daily they are apt to become forgotten. The British Government has made a clear and definite statement as to her intentions and has made it quite clear that she is not bluffing.

In studying the course of future events these facts must be realised.

2. ACTIVITIES IN PALESTINE.

Attempts at illegal immigration continue and on the 28 Sep, a tank landing craft named the Farida carrying 446 immigrants was boarded off the Palestine coast by a naval party. Resistance was offered to the boarding party but was quickly overcome.

On the 29 Sep, yet another ghastly outrage was perpetrated when the police headquarters in Haifa was blown up killing 10, seriously wounding 15 and injuring another 36 persons. The attack was said to be the work of the Irgun in retaliation for the sending of immigrants to Hamburg and Cyprus.

On the 30 Sep, the Cairo — Haifa express was derailed near Binyamina but without loss of life.

On the 3 Oct, the illegal immigration ship Northland, renamed the Jewish State, with over 2000 men, women and children aboard, beached at Haifa.

Apart from a few attacks on military vehicles there has been a period of peace during October.

3. TRANS-JORDAN.

On the 20 Sep, the Battalion was relieved of its duties at Sarafand and Jaffa by the 3rd Bn The Coldstream Guards and began its move by road to Trans-Jordan where the 3rd Infantry Brigade was to concentrate for five weeks collective training. The area selected for the Brigade concentration was near ZARQA, north of AMMAN the capital of TRANS-JORDAN.

For those who had not previously visited TRANS-JORDAN the 140 miles journey was full of interest. Moving off at dawn from Sarafand, the MT columns travelled easily to the foothills at Latrun. After Latrun the 3000 ft. climb to Jerusalem began and it was not before a number of our old and weary trucks and lorries, particularly those belonging to the R.A.S.C., began to overheat and drop out of their places in the columns. First aid was rendered by many hands and gradually all won through.