

Though the action was of appreciable length and fire throughout was quite heavy our only casualty was Pte. Howe who received slight wounds in the leg. Two of the Carriers received only superficial damage and it was left entirely to the Signals Section to heap appropriate words of wrath upon the elements who had transformed their very best wireless equipment into a tangled heap of uselessness.

The estimated Arab casualties were 4 killed and 6 wounded.

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### OPERATIONS WITHIN THE BN.

The Bn. encountered one or two minor incidents whilst patrolling the Jerusalem-Jaffa Road.

On Jan. 29th., following repeated snipping attacks on Jewish convoys, the building from which the attacks originated was "PIATED" and destroyed. On the 8th. Feb. a patrol found and confiscated 25 Grenades, 1 Sten and 2 Mags., and on the 13th. Feb. 2 haversacks of explosives with leads to a nearby Orange Grove were found 200 yds. South of Beit Dajan crossroads and were disarmed.

On Sunday Feb. 15th. men of the Bn. relinquished their traditional day of rest in order to extend a helping hand to the Jews of Tel Aviv.

The high tension wires in the area of the Yazar Abbatoir had once again been destroyed by Arabs, and a Column left Tel Litwinsky at approximately 0730 hrs. to provide a protective screen whilst Jewish engineers repaired the wires. The task was completed without incident and the Column return to base at 1600 hrs.

The Jews afforded their protectors a splendid reception; food, beer and cigarettes in unlimited supply being placed at their disposal.

On the 19th. Feb. the Bn. once again was assigned the task of maintaining Law and Order in the Manshiya area of Jaffa. The 3 Rifle Coys., B, C and D, supported by a Pln. of Carriers relieved the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders and established their HQ in the Jaffoon Cantonment under the command of Maj. O. A. J. Cary-Elwes.