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The following translation of Turkish orders found on prisoners captured between 4th & 10th of August 1916 at ROMANI & KATIA has been made by the Intelligence Branch General Staff Cairo.

GENERAL ORDERS — INFANTRY & MACHINE GUNS.

- ① Expects every officer of whatever grade to give an example of courage to his subordinates. Expects the rank file to show their superiority of Turks to British troops as their comrades have done on Gallipoli and at Irbil.
- ② Men are to make a possible use of their entrenching tools & sandbags during attacks & defence.
- ③ Since a continual supply of S.A.A. cannot be effected great economy is to be observed in its expenditure. Consequently in attack & defence fire must only be opened at short ranges.
- ④ Flanking detachments must exercise the utmost vigilance against flank attacks. Owing to the enemy's great strength in leaving great vigilance is imperative. On this account unsupported troops must dig in as deeply as possible.
- ⑤ The effect of the enemy's fire on our firing line must be communicated to the neighbouring Artillery & Machine gun Officers who are ordered to support our firing line. If the firing line is not so supported the effect of the enemy's fire is to be communicated to the O.C. Infantry for transmission to the Artillery & Machine gun Companies so that the effect of the enemy's fire may be countered by Artillery or Machine gun Assistance.

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- ① Infantry must be provided with pistols, firing flares, & red signalling flaps. Our Artillery will then be better enabled to lengthen their ranges.
- ② Our position must be indicated by triangular red clothes in wooden frames, which however must not be visible to the enemy.
- ③ Owing to the close nature of ground, & the frequency of the mist in the morning constant communication must be kept up with the front line to avoid accidents from our own guns.
- ④ Two Madjidie for every soldier bringing in an enemy rifle.

— CAVALRY —

- 1 In close country with many hills & obstacles our reconnoissances will have a good opportunity of observing the enemy's movements & camps, beginning with his actual front. £T. 5 reward for all valuable information about the enemy.
- ② Reconnoitring parties must do all in their power to capture prisoners. £T. 5 reward per head.
- ③ As there are no cavalry, reconnoissances will be carried out under mounted officers by Bedouins attached to them.

— ARTILLERY —

- ① In case of entrenched positions. The Turkish Mountain gun firing Anka shell is to be used against moving or movable targets in the enemy's lines, while the former Heavy Guns are employed against the entrenched positions here of.
- ② As shell is scarce & can only be replaced with great difficulty great economy is to be displayed by the Artillery.

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(4) Among the chief duties of O.C. Batteries will be choice of observation stations. With this object when required, O.C. Battery will leave his battery & observe fearlessly, keeping up communication with his battery by means of telephone over intervening space.

(5) To prevent dust caused by discharge, bagging gun positions, mats are to be spread under the muzzle of each gun.

(6) During prolonged & pausing encounters, O.Cs. of Infantry units will send officers to observe the effect of Turkish Mountain Batteries & Austrian shells on enemy front.

— ORDERS for Advance from El-Arish —

(1) The regulations regarding the March have been explained in previous orders.

(2) Fresh orders will be issued to the advanced guard on reaching the line of OGHRA TINA - Hod-el-Messia - Magherbia & to the detachments proceeding to Bor-el-Abd.

The orders issued on July 8th 1916 refer to the advance from El-Arish.

(1) The advance under war conditions commences from El-Arish i.e. it being probable that hostile reconnaissances will be encountered the advance must be effected with the necessary caution. There being a Turkish detachment at Bor-el-^{MAZAR}~~Abd~~ the war zone commences.

From this point it is necessary to separate the advance guard from the main body & send reconnoitring detachments ahead of the advanced guard.

- 2/ Silence is to be strictly observed on the march. Special attention must be paid to this by troops moving along the shore. Orders must be given quietly during the night marches. No smoking at night. No use of electric torches to be made after 10 p.m. - Mazar.
- 3/ It is probable that troops moving along the shore may be exposed to the fire of enemy's ships. In this event troops will take to the nearest cover in an orderly manner without waiting for orders.
- 4/ Every precaution must be taken to facilitate the march i.e. collars, shirts, lead coverings, to be opened, boots to be removed. To prevent confusion among the units on the march the intervals must be increased to 100 metres. Tents must be opened to give the men air. They must be closed at night & staggling stopped immediately. To take advantage of the cool nights to cover long distances, halts must be short and snappy.
- 5/ Draught Oxen to be watered at every watering place.
- 6/ In difficult ground when guns cannot be moved by teams they will have to be hauled by gaw ropes attached to the wheels. Where planks have been laid down, the assistance of men are necessary. It is every O. C.'s duty & honour to render the maximum assistance to guns & carts in difficult ground. On such ground limber & carts will have to be emptied if necessary. Infantry must assist artillery in the same manner. Artillery officers must inform Infantry officers of extent of their requirements in men for Lanchage & Infantry must obey instructions under this heading issued by their C. O. or by Artillery Officers.

Instructions

1. In order to minimise the results of aeroplane bombs, Mats in camps are to be scattered & distributed over a considerable area. Men animals & transports to be divided into small groups.
2. As enemy aircraft is likely to fly above our camps between 4 A.M. & 4 P.M. between 5 P.M. & 9 P.M. No take over tents or stores. On approach of enemy aircraft being reported troops will disperse in small groups (~~which~~ which are then to remain stationary) for some hundred yards away from the centre of the camp. O.C. are to select positions for infantry machine gun fire against aircraft attacking camp. No other units (except those detailed for the purpose) are to fire on enemy aircraft. Machine gun & infantry fire is not to be employed against planes flying high.
3. All necessary means & anything that can be improvised are to be employed to protect men against the sun, & measures must be taken to meet cases in which tents are insufficient.
4. As far as Bu-el-Mazar the covering troops need not be in great strength, beyond Bu-el-Mazar the covering force must be strengthened & precautions organised against surprise. Patrols & sentries must be ^{posted} at daylight on all dominating points & Bedouin camel & couch sent out to observe enemy movements & report in time to O.C. In case of surprise the situation ~~the situation~~ of the rallying points fixed upon must be carefully kept in mind. Their positions must be known to officers who are 2nd in command (i.e. Assistant Co's) & must be ~~carefully~~ ^{carefully} organized.

- 5 To avoid discovering of tents by enemy aircraft they are to be covered with earth, mud, scrub etc.
- 6 Near camps "dummy camps" (Dummy camps) are to be pitched in order to attract attention of aircraft. Holes are to be dug in the ground to simulate tents.
- 7 When the troops are resting a few sentries are to be posted the better to protect their repose.
- 8 In order to mark the whereabouts of C.O. & other left hand officers, special indications must be placed on their quarters.
- 9 In cases where detachments are separated by considerable distance roads are to be ~~marked~~ indicated by simple signs.
- 10 On enemy aircraft coming into sight all ranks will lie down & try to bury themselves in sand in order to avoid fragments of bombs.