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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

High A. S. C. Anzac. Mtd. Division

Head Quarters. A. I. C. Army. W. A. Div. (Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<u>Manzan</u>	1/12/16		Operation order no. 61 received & supply instructions issued accordingly 178/20 re water for natives. 6.26 personnel received. Instructions issued re move of Depot to Kilo 123. S.O. 1 st Lt Bzde instructed re movement of 1 st Lt Bzde to Gerrarat on 4 th inst.	
	3/12/16		OC & adjt to Kilo 123 to inspect everything in readiness to issue from that place on 4 th inst. Letter forwarded to D.A.C. re Australian Storage. Q 439 re Convoy Camels for 1 st Lt Bzde received.	
	5/12/16		Operation order no. 62 received and instructions issued accordingly.	
	6/12/16		G 66/25 received re reserves at Khirba for use of 1 st Lt Bzde Magellia Bayoud area	
	7/12/16		Instructions received re movements N.A.B. and 1 Battery R.F.A. OC to Roman to represent A.M. Div on Sledge Board. Instructed Lt Mayo to hand over Details to Main Supplies and return to his unit (3 rd Lt Bzde). Instructed WO. Walsh, Salmana to arrange with the I.C.C. to draw water at that place. SSO repaired Supply arrangements at K. 123 very unsatisfactory. OC & SSO. to Kilo 123 & 126. Instructed S.O. 1 st Bzde to issue from Dumps at 123 until exhausted and draw remainder of Clores required from K. 125 until further instructed.	
	8/12/16		C.O. inspected 3 rd Lt Bzde Depot at Malcha. CO of that Bzde expressed himself satisfied with all Supply arrangements. New scale of Egyptian Camel Ration received Ruling from ADST 10/82/17 that Indian Camels attached to I.C.C. should receive same ration as 1 st Class Egyptian Camels.	
	9/12/16		OC. 27 th BWS. reported to take up duty at Kilo 126.	

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Mangas	10/12/16		Instructions re move of Reinforcements & Remounts reinforcements from Kantara received, and arrangements made	
	11/12/16		114/50 received re wearing San Brown belts etc	
	14/12/16		Received from A.D.S. 7/59 re personnel at various Depots. Instructions from Desert Column re overhauling testing fanatics and water arrangements	
			A.A.Q.M.G. 27/1 re Graves received. A.A.Q.M.G. 100/151 reference leave out of Egypt.	
			59/155 re the addition of 1 camel for carrying technical equipment for Byde A.C.'s	
			E.L.M/161 re issue of Ghee & cotton and oil	
	15/12/16		SSO & SRO visited 27 th D.S. reported all well G 54/5 received regarding wells.	
	16/12/16		Operation order no 63 received and supply arrangement made accordingly	
			G 89/28 received E.L.M/170 notifying issue of cheese available. Q 541/16 re move of Camels received. SO. 5 th Mtda Byde reported in advance of Byde.	
	17/12/16		G 1715 G 960 G 888 received A.D.S. 29/7 reference cancellation R.O. re Wood. Wood to be weighed whenever possible, if inconvenient to be measured @ 90 cubic ft to the ton	
	18/12/16		A.D.S. approved continuation of issue of 2lb grains extra per day until 21/12/16. Capt Alroe reported from hospital for duty.	
	19/12/16		Instructions received to issue one day's Mobile ration to all troops. No 159 D. Riley discharged from hospital and taken on Ration strength.	

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Mangar.	18/12/16		No. 7991 Pte Carrigan W.D. proceeded to Kantara to flying Corps work shops and struck off ration strength.	
	19/12/16		Des Order no 64 received. Instructions received re move of D.S.O and N.O. acc to Kilo 128 G 17/16 received	
	20/12/16		No. 60 acc to Kilo 128. Operation orders no 65 & 66 received Q x 2 advising all moves put forward 24 hours Q x 3 reference 1 st Convoy to leave for El Arish to follow telegraph lines easterly direction as far as Bittia	
	21/12/16		1 st Convoy for El Arish left Kilo 128 @ 0630. OC moved on to El Arish to get into touch with D.S.O for instructions Capt Maunders to bring on Convoy with rations for whole Division. Capt Dunningham to wait at Kilo 128 to act as despatching officer for Division. OC reported to D.S.O El Arish at 1130 and received instructions re supplies NZMR Bde to go to Masara 1 st & 3 rd Bde & Des Troops to be brought into El Arish Supply arrangements all satisfactory.	
El Arish	22/12/16		Instructions received re attack on Maghdaba & Haffar. Division to concentrate at Wadi El Arish where rations were to be distributed as soon as possible. All supply sections instructed to report to OC in afternoon. on arrival of Head of Convoy at El Arish to move on to concentration point. Here dumps were allotted to each Brigade and Des Troop and on arrival of Convoy it was distributed. Some delay caused through the breaking through of the 52 nd Des Convoy. All supply arrangements completed by 2400. Extra Convoy of 900 camels	

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El Amish	22/12/16		arrived at 2230 under Col. Elliot A.D.S.J who reported chartered convoys over to O.C. all all 1 st Line Camels instructed to report to O.C. by 1600	
	23/12/16		Convoy for Lahfan dispatched at 1000 return Convoy for K.128 dispatched at 1100. Reported that water for horses was very scarce at Lahfan was instructed to gather all available fanatics from 52 nd Div 305 were collected and a total of 638 fanatics were sent by special Convoy under Lt Pender to Lahfan to report to HQ M.G. AM Div at that place. Convoy left at 2230.	
	24/12/16		Report furnished to D.H.Q re delay at concentration point H.Q.93 re system of convoys from K.128 H.Q.84 reference drawing 450 fanatics approved. H.Q.88 instructions reference 159 all fanatics not to be loaded on Camels. Requisition received for feeding of 1275 prisoners. Lahfan Convoy repaired back all correct.	
	26/12/16		Qx9 reference to Reg 3 Lx Bzde left to bring in prisoners. 27 th D.A.S. reported for duty at El Amish at 1900. Qx4 remove of NZMR Bzde to Maasaid. Qx6 reference approval of issue of Rum by G.O.C.	
	27/12/16		A.D.S.J 10/105 reference to convoys and Supplies. Instructed Lieut Riley to act as S.O. to JCC Bzde. 6 lbs tinned issued extra to Mobile rations. Instructed Lt Riley re convoys to feed 1 Batt JCC to Lahfan. 26 th D.A.S. moved to K.128	

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El Arush	27/12/16		<p>Convoys to move daily from Kilo 139 Operation order no 67 received. Supply arrangements made AA&QM G. 112/39 reference move of Remounts NZ & 3rd Lt Byles. arrangements made accordingly Special order of congratulation received. Letter to D.H.Q explaining supply situation to date Qx12 reference issue of 1/4 gallon water N 3, 1st & 3rd Byles 1/2 gallon to Div Troops</p>	
	29/12/16		<p>OC to Railhead reference to convoys. Remains of 27th DUS. to El Arush. Subv re fuel ration scale to be issued 30/12/16</p>	
	30/12/16		<p>Colonel Drew instructed NZ & 3rd Byles Convoys to be dispatched separately from Kilo 139 AA&QM G. 149/55 reference to wrappers for fresh meat and 154/20 reforms DB and G 22/19</p>	

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