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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Signal Squadron - A N.Z. Intd. Divn.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>Bir el Abd</i>	<i>Nov. 7th</i>		<p>Party despatched to reel up 3 lines between Sebabis & Romani. These lines were half-hitched on to cross arms & an aerial section had built permanent line outside the cable. Therefore the cable had to be cut & dragged clear at frequent intervals. To carry rations, fodder & cable, camels had to be provided from our 1st line transport. The work took 2 weeks to complete, 75 miles D5 cable & 125 poles being collected & handed over to Desert Column Signals. Training in visual signalling was carried out during month.</p> <p>notice given of move to Mazar on 25th. cable detachment was sent forward to lay lines to Brigades as they moved into their various positions & to establish an advance office to take over the work while Abd office was moving up. Brigades moved to their new positions by stages & communication had to be maintained with them whilst in bivouac. Wireless was principally used for this work but where possible work was transmitted through any signal office within reasonable distance of the bivouac.</p> <p>On move of A.H.Q. communication had to be maintained with 2nd A.L.H. Bde. at Hassaniya. For this purpose a line on permanent route was allotted to us by Column Signals & sounder was used. On 30th this line was taken over by Desert Column Signals & work between 2nd A.L.H. & Divnl. Hdqrs. was transmitted by Mazar signal office.</p> <p>Signal reconnaissance made of country E & south of Mazar all visible points noted</p>	<p>Signal order <u>NXIX</u></p>
	<i>20th - 24th</i>			
	<i>25th</i>			
	<i>28th</i>			

*J. Powell Major
ofc*



OPERATION ORDER No. 19.

BY Major J. P. McCall, Commanding,

Signal Squadron,

A. & N. Z. Mtd. Division.

22nd November 1916.

Ref. Maps. 1. 125,000 Qatia.
1. 125,000 Sabkhet el Bardawil.

1. Moves. Divisional Headquarters move to Mazar by 1600 on 25th
AVA office closes at 1400 and opens at Mazar at same
hour.

2. Lines. The following lines will be laid by the Signal Squadron
cable detachment:-

I MAZAR TO MUSTAGIDDA.

II MAZAR to ARNUSSI.

III ~~MAZAR~~ Mazar to Malha.

Lines of I and II to N. Z. M. R. and 1st Light Horse
Brigades to be completed by 1500 on 25th, and Line III to
3rd A.L.H. Brigade to be completed by 1500 on 26th

On moving out from GEEILA the existing lines to GEISEI and
Willega will be left down. Signs 2nd A.L.H. Brigade will
forward five miles cable D III to 1st A.L.H. Brigade to
replace that left down at Geeila.

All lines will be left down by 5th Mounted Brigade and
Officer in Charge Signals 2nd Light Horse Brigade will arrange
to take over existing communications from them before they move
out.

Communications between Mazar and Hassaniya will be
established by Line 31 on road route which will be joined up to
Hassaniya cable at ABD by AVA at 1400 on 25th. Single
current sounder only will be used and not vibrator. Sounder
and cells will be sent to Hassaniya on 23rd.

3. Visual. Visual line between brigades and D.H.Q. will be estab-
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4. Wireless. W3 and W5 will remain at HASSANIYA and BAYUD and W4 will
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further orders. W1 and W2 will remain with AVA.

5. D.R.L.S. Signals 2nd A.L.H. Brigade will arrange to deliver
despatches at ABD Signal Office at 1300 daily. Despatch Rider
to wait for despatches from AVA arriving ABD at 1400. Special
or urgent despatches may be sent by service closing at MAZAR at
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1st and 3rd A.L.H. Brigades and N.Z.M.R. Brigade will
arrange to collect despatches at AVA at hours to be notified
later.

(Sgd) J.L. Brathwaite, Lt. for Major.

O.C. Signal Squadron

A. & N. Z. Mounted Division.

Issued at 1900 to

1. 1st A.L.H. Brigade

2. 2nd " "

3. 3rd " "

4. N.Z.M.R. " "

5. 5th Mounted Brigade.

6. "B" Troop Signal Squadron

7. "C" " "

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TRIPPLICATE

SIGNAL SQUADRON. A. E.

FROM 7TH NOVEMBER

TO 28TH NOVEMBER 1916

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