

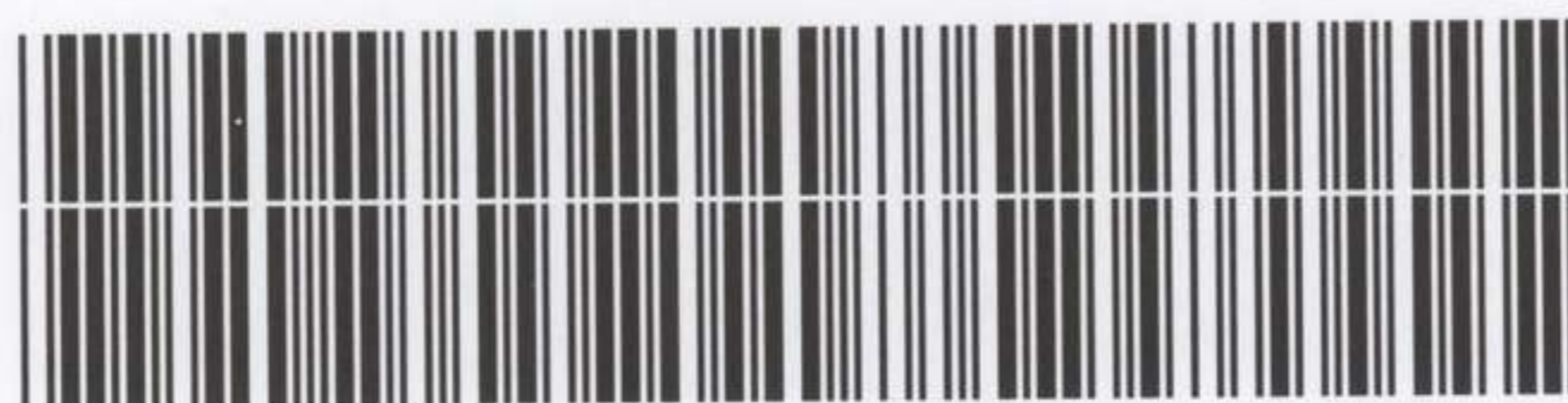
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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3<sup>rd</sup> Light Horse Field Ambulance

Hour, Date, Place.	Summary of Events and Information.	Remarks and references to Appendices.
Maraket. 1-8-17	1 OR transferred from 10 <sup>th</sup> LHo to ambulance. 1 OR transferred from ambulance to Australian Divisional Headquarters	
3-8-17	1 OR to hospital & struck off strength	
5-8-17	1 Riding horse. struck off strength, lost, (by Board Proceedings) 1 OR to hospital & struck off strength	
	Honours & awards. The following officers, N.C.O's & men were mentioned in General Sir Archibald Murray's Despatches dated 1 <sup>st</sup> March 1917: Lieut Col W.A. Fraser, Capt W. Evans 1544 Pte P.A. Gail, 119 Pte P.M. Hamilton, 411 Pte A. Lyall, 918 Pte/Sm Long, 802 S/Sgt A. Sullivan, 9495 Pte G.R. Reddick, 838 Sgt J. Robinson, 882 W.O. Parker, 848 L/Cpl. A. Harding 3269 Pte G. J. Scott, 23 L/Sgt Nagle, 133 L/Cpl Hedley.	
8-8-17	1 OR to hospital & struck off strength	
10-8-17	1 OR transferred to Aus. Div. Train. Two native <sup>arrived</sup> drivers from A boy to T. Co.	
11-8-17	2 camels arrived from A boy to T. Co.	
12-8-17	1 OR returned to unit from hospital. 1 officer (Capt Baker) & 5 OR detailed for duty at Khan Junus. Established Tent Sub. Division there	

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W.A. Fraser Lieut. Colonel  
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY 3rd L H Field Amb  
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Marakeh	15-8-17		1 OR returned from details Moascar.	
	16-8-17		1 OR transferred to 14 <sup>th</sup> A. G. Co. 1 OR transferred from 14 <sup>th</sup> A. G. Co. 1 OR transferred from 9 <sup>th</sup> L.H.	
Abasan	18-8-17		Mobile Section moved from Marakeh to Abasan with Brigade. 1 officer (Capt Baker) & 5 ORs rejoined unit from doing duty at Khan Janus 1 Riding camel died.	
	22-8-17		1 Riding Horse destroyed at 8 <sup>th</sup> Mobile Vet. Section	
	23-8-17		Mobile Section moved with brigade at 1230 to Tel-el Para. 1 Burden camel died.	
	24-8-17		Mobile Section moved from Tel el Para at 0330 & reached Beit Abu Taha at 0800 Left Beit Abu Taha at 1500, reached Tel el Para at 2000. Bivouacked at Sheldal.	
	25-8-17		Reached Abasan at 0730. No casualties	
	26-8-17		18 Native Drivers arrived & taken on strength. 1 OR transferred from 10 <sup>th</sup> L.H. to Medical Details 10 <sup>th</sup> L.H.	
	27-8-17		6 Mules arrived & taken on strength to complete establishment. 9 ORs arrived as reinforcements from Moascar taken on strength Immobile Section moved from beach (Marakeh) to Fakhari.	

W. Fraser  
Lieut. Colonel  
C.O. 3rd Light Horse Field Ambulance

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APPENDIX.

By  
Brig. Gen. V. GRANT, D.S.O., Cmdg. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

August 22nd. 1917.

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Reference - RAVA - BERRIBBA. 1/125,000.

1. A Reconnaissance of the country south and west of BERRIBBA will be carried out by the General Officer Commanding Desert Mounted Corps on Friday, August 24th. 1917.

Parties from other Corps will also be reconnoitring in the area covered, details of which will be issued later.

2. The Yeomanry Mounted Division with 3rd. and 4th A.L.H. Brigades will cover this reconnaissance.

3. In order to cover this Reconnaissance, the country from a line G. ITWAIL EL HEMIN - G. EL NA'AH - POINT 960 (West of cross-roads at BUNSH) - TAWIL EL HARARI Ridge - POINT 770 - POINT 730 - POINT 630 - POINT 550 - POINT 510 ABU SHAWISH will be made good by 0800 on August 24th.

4. MOVES - THURSDAY, August 23rd. (Time to be notified later).

(a). 3rd. and 4th A.L.H. Brigades with Batteries R.H.A.

Under Command of Brigadier General J.B. SMITH, D.S.O., will move to vicinity TEL EL FARA on the afternoon of Thursday, August 23rd., where they will bivouac night August 23rd/24th.

(b). O.C., 10th A.L.H. Regt. will detail one Officer to report to Yeomanry Mounted Division R/ops at 1200 on 23rd. instant to be shown camp and water area. Two Police from M.I. will accompany this Officer, who will meet the Brigade on arrival.

5. MOVES - FRIDAY, August 24th.

(a). 3rd. and 4th A.L.H. Brigades with Batteries R.H.A., under Command of Brigadier General J.B. SMITH, D.S.O., will leave TEL EL FARA and make good the line EL HATHIRA (exclusive) - TAWIL EL HARARI Ridge - 770 - 730 - 630 - 550 - 510 ABU SHAWISH by 0800 on August 24th.

(b). 22nd Mounted Brigade and 6th Mounted Brigade will continue the line to the right the latter being on the extreme right.

6. Divisional Headquarters will be established at POINT 360, South East of RASHID BEK.

7. COMMUNICATIONS.  
Responsibility for lateral communications will be from right to left.

8. DIVISIONAL COLLECTING STATIONS, will be established at RASHID BEK and KAH.

9. WITHDRAWAL will commence at 1800 on August 24th., instructions for which will be issued on that date.

10. ECHELON.  
In addition to the current days' ration, one special ration for man and horse will be carried.

On 24th. instant "B" Echelon, 1st Section will proceed to a rendezvous which will be notified later, with supplies for breakfast and mid-day meal, less fresh meat, on 25th. instant.

11. Weak horses will not be taken on this Reconnaissance.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd) C.G. Dangar, Major,  
Brigade Major,

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- 7. Signals. 8. M.I. Amb. 9. Scouts.
- 10. Supplies.

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On August 24th. "B" Echelon, Nil Section of the Units concerned, loaded with rations and forage for one meal, and feed for men and horses of the Column will parade at the crossing at Kilo.14 at 1200 in charge of the senior Transport Officer, and proceed to FARA, where it will come under the orders of Brig.Gen.MEREDITH.  
(Lieut.MackELLAR will be in charge of this Echelon).

This Echelon will be self-contained for 24 hours.

The O.C., Sig.Sqdn. will detail one motor-cyclist to accompany this convoy, who will be under the orders of the B.T.O.

(Sgd) C.C.Dangar, Major  
Brigade Major  
3rd .A.L.H.Brigade.

22nd .August 1917 .

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3<sup>rd</sup> L.H. Fld Amb.  
4<sup>th</sup> L.H. Fld Amb.

1. Mobile Sections of 3<sup>rd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> L.H. Fld Ambs will accompany their Brigades on 23<sup>rd</sup> August with all available transport.
2. 4<sup>th</sup> Fld Amb. will draw 4 motor ambulances from Shellal junction on morning of 24<sup>th</sup> August and take them to KARM where they will open a Dressing Station.
3. Camel teams will remain in bivouac under an NCO and await orders.
4. During the operation sick from details of both Brigades will be treated by Immobile Section of 4<sup>th</sup> L.H. Field Amb.
5. On return to camp, L.O's Ambulances will submit to the Office a short account of operations carried out.
6. During the operations, the Ambulances will come under the orders of ADMS, Yeomanry Mtd Division for tactical purposes.
7. All messages and returns to be forwarded to ADMS Yeomanry Mtd Division.



Edson Lt Col.  
ADMS Aus Mtd Division

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R.A.M.C. ORDER NO. 3.

BY

LIEUT-COLONEL RICHARDSON. H., R.A.M.C. (T).  
A.D.M.S., YEOMANRY MOUNTED DIVISION. 22/8/17.

Reference MAP 1/125,000. RAFA-BEER SHEBA.

Reference Yeomanry Mounted Division Order No. 3., dated 22/8/17, in connection with the Reconnaissance to be carried out by the G.O.C., Desert Mounted Corps, on Friday, August 24th., 1917.

1. (a) The 8th Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance will form a Divisional Collecting Station at RASHID-BEK with its Mobile Tent Sub-Division on the night of the 23rd inst. Mobile Tent Sub-Divisions of 8th and 23rd Mounted Brigade Field Ambulances will remain at RASHID-BEK in reserve.

(b) Australian Mounted Brigades Collecting Station will be formed at KARM by Tent Division of 3rd and 4th Australian Light Horse Field Ambulance on 24th inst. O.C., SA.L.H.Fd. Amb. will detail an Officer to report to A.D.M.S., Yeomanry Mtd. Divn. at H.Q., FARA, at 1200 on 23rd inst, who will be instructed as to collecting Field Ambulances (Motor).

2. Bearer Sections of Field Ambulances will accompany their Brigades. O's.C., Field Ambulances will form Advanced Dressing Stations as required.

3. TRANSPORT. All available sandcarts or Light ambulance wagons and cycle stretchers will be taken. 8th M.B.F.A. will leave one sandcart at the RECEIVING STATION at SHELLAL JUNCTION. Eight motor ambulances under an officer to be detailed by O.C., 8th M.B.F.A., will leave the RECEIVING STATION, SHELLAL JUNCTION, at 1500 on 23rd inst, and cross the WADI at SHELLAL and proceed to RASHID-BEK and bivouac at the Divisional Collecting Station.

4. EVACUATION. This will be by sandcart from Forward Area, supplemented by Motor Ambulances as far as possible, to Divisional Collecting Stations. By Motor Ambulances to the RECEIVING STATION.

5. INTERCOMMUNICATION. A mounted orderly from each Yeomanry Division Field Ambulance will report to A.D.M.S. at point 860 at 0800 on the 24th inst. O's.C., all Field Ambulances and Officer i/c Divisional Collecting Stations will report to A.D.M.S. two-hourly progressive total number of casualties admitted to Advanced Dressing Stations and Divisional Collecting Stations, respectively, first return at 0800 on 24th inst, Nil Returns not required. Also at 1800 daily a return showing total admissions viz :-

Officers	Slight	Serious.
Other Ranks	do.	do.

6. O.C., 8th M.B.F.A. will detail a Medical Officer to remain in Camp, he will visit the 8th MBFA. at 0900 and will see sick of Brigade Personnel remaining in camp.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

\* Australian Mounted Brigades  
Collecting Station included.

*H. Richardson*

Lieut-Colonel,  
A.D.M.S., Yeomanry Mounted Division.

By

Brig.Gen. W. GRANT, D.S.O., Cmdg. 3rd. A.L.H. Bde.

23rd. August 1917.

1. MOVES - 23rd. August.

The Brigade will leave Camp at 1300 and move to EL SHELLAL and Bivouac just West of the ~~XX~~ old 3rd. A.L.H. Bde. Site, the Head of the Column passing over Railway Crossing Kilo.14 at above hour.

ORDER OF MARCH.

Scouts.  
B.H.Q. & Details.  
10th. A.L.H.  
M. Gun Sqn.  
8th. L.H.  
9th. L.H.  
"F" Battery, R.H.A.  
Fld. Amb.

The Column will move as far as possible in Columns of Squadrons in line of Troop Column.

2. MOVES - 24th. August.

(a) The 3rd. A.L.H. Bde. and 12th. A.L.H. Regt. will make good the line EL HATHIRA (exclusive) -820-810-770-730-630-550-510 as follows:-

12th. A.L.H. Regt. will be East of Front line wire by 0400 moving via TEL EL FARA and will make good the line EL HATHIRA (exclusive) -820-810 (inclusive) by 0800 on 24th. connecting up with 22nd. Bde. on the right at EL HATHIRA.

3rd. A.L.H. Bde. will be East of the front line wire by 0400 moving via EL SHELLAL and will make good the line 810-(exclusive)-770-730-630-550-510 ABU SHAWISH by 0800.

At 0800 the whole of the Outpost line from EL HATHIRA to 510 will be under of the Command of the C.O.C. 3rd. A.L.H. Bde.

The C.O., 12th. A.L.H. Regt. will at 0800 be in communication with H/Qrs. 3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.

4th. A.L.H. Bde., less 12th. A.L.H. Regt., will move from Bivouac TEL EL FARA to EL BUGGAR by 0700 where it will remain in reserve.

Composite Force Headquarters will be established on Ridge 1 Mile South of EL BUGGAR by 0700.

Field Troop will accompany the Brigade.

(b). Units will be prepared to move at 0300 and fall into the Column as comes their turn.

ORDER OF MARCH.

8th. A.L.H. who will be responsible for making good ~~the~~ holding the line 810 inclusive to 730 inclusive.

9th. A.L.H. who will be responsible for making good and holding the line 730 exclusive to 510 inclusive.

M.G. Sqn. (less 2 Troops)

10th. A.L.H.

"B" Battery, R.H.A.

Fld. Amb.

The Main body will march from EL SHELLAL via GOZ EL BASAL - KHASIF. C.O., M. Gun Sqn. will place 1 Troop to be at the disposal of the C.O., 8th and 9th. A.L.H. Regt. 8th. & 9th. L.H. Scouts will accompany their own Regts.

3. RATION AND FORAGE.

Rations drawn on 23rd. inst will contain bully-beef & Biscuits instead of fresh meat and bread. From this the special reserve ration and forage taken out will be made good.

On 24th. inst. a full ration will again be drawn out of which a half ration for personnel and half grain ration for horses will be brought out by "B" Echelon (Supply Section), as per Order 40, para. 13. (FARA in this para. should read WELI SHUKH MURAN).

4. Brigade Headquarters will be established 1 Mile N.E. of EL BUGGAR. Reports on the move to head of Main Body.

5. "A" Echelon will accompany Units but will be collected at Kilo.14 and Parade under an Officer, to be detailed by C.O., 9th. L.H., to the Bivouac.



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6. UNKNOWN.

(Sgt) G.C. Bangar, Major,  
Brigade Major,  
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

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7.  Pld. Amb.
8. Sig. Troop.
9. "B" Battery, R.H.A.
10. Pld. Troop.
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- 12.

*Pld. Amb.*

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5. "A" Echelon will accompany units but will be collected at Kilo 14 and parade under an officer, to be detailed by C.O. 9th L.H. to the Bivouac.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd). C. C. DANGAR.  
Major.  
Brigade Major. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

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