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May 1918



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SECRET.

LOCATION OF TROOPS OF DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

5th May 1918.

<u>U N I T</u>	<u>Coordinate.</u>	<u>Place.</u>
Corps Headquarters.	113.L.10.c.	E.of JERICHO.
No. 7 Light Car Patrol.	-do-	-do-
6th Mounted Bde.	113.L.2.c.	N.E.of JERICHO.
Imperial Service Cav Bde.	127.Q.3.c.	E. of JORDAN.
20th Indian Infantry Bde.	113.J.17.b.	W.of JORDAN.
I.C.Brigade.	113.Y.30.d.	N. of JERICHO.
1/1st Staffs Yeomanry.	113.Z.25.	-do-
D Field Troop Bridging Unit.	AE.113.J.12.do 5	W.of JORDAN.
A. & N.Z. mounted Div H.Q.	113.L.13.d.	E.of JERICHO.
No. 1 Light Car Patrol.	-do-	-do-
No. 11 L.A.C. Battery.	-do-	-do-
1st A.L.H. brigade.	113.L.8.c.	-do-
2nd A.L.H. brigade.	113.L.20.d.	-do-
N.Z.M.A. brigade.	113.L.22.a.	-do-
Wellington mounted rifles.	127.Q.3.	E.of JORDAN.
Australian mounted Div H.Q.	113.H.34.a.	N.of JERICHO.
3rd A.L.H. brigade.	113.J.17	AUJAH Bridgehead 1 Regt E.of JORDAN. (only.)
4th A.L.H. brigade.	113.H.35.a.	N.of JERICHO.
5th Mounted brigade.	Vicinity of 113.Z.26.	N.of JERICHO.
1st mounted Div H.Q.) 8th mounted Brigade) 22nd mounted Brigade)	moving to JERICHO area.	
60th Divisional H.Q.	113.K.12.a.	N.of JERICHO.
179th Infantry brigade.	113.K.11.	-do-
180th Infantry Brigade.	113.K.18.	-do-
181st Infantry brigade.	127.O.33.c.	E.of JORDAN.
Detachment 50 rifles GWALIOR's.	RUJ. EL BARR.	
No. 12 L.A.C. Battery.		GHORANIYEH Bridgehead.

1. 20th Indian Infantry Brigade (less detachments) will move to-day May 5th to a bivouac West of the JORDAN near EL AUJA J.17.b., and will come under the orders of G.O.C., Australian Mounted Division from 1800 onwards. A battalion (less two companies) may be used for the defence of and work on the Bridgehead. The remainder of the Brigade will be employed on improving the approaches to the crossing, advice as to which will be given by C.R.E.
2. Command of the right sector of the line will pass from G.O.C., 60th Division to G.O.C., A. & N.Z. Mounted Division on May 6th at 0800
G.O.C., 1st Mounted Division will take over from G.O.C., A. & N.Z. Mounted Division on May 10th at 0900.
3. 'D' Troop Australian Engineers is allotted to Left Sector for supervision of the bridge at EL AUJA.
4. D.A. & Q.M.G., will issue necessary orders ^{regarding} reorganisation of Field Ambulances and Mobile Veterinary Sections.
5. G.O.C., Australian Mounted Division will arrange for 1/1st County of London Yeomanry and 1/1st Staffs Yeomanry (less 1 Sqdn) to join 8th and 22nd Mounted Brigades respectively on the arrival of these Brigades in the JERICHO area.
6. Moves will be carried out as shown in the attached table.
7. Advanced Corps Headquarters will close in the present position at 1600 on May 6th and open at the same hour at Pt. 463 113 G.17.d.
- ~~8. Acknowledge.~~

R. Steward

Brigadier General,
General Staff,
Desert Mounted Corps.

5th May 1918.

Normal distribution

Plus : 60th Division.
XXth Corps.
XXIst Corps.
Imperial Service Cavalry Bde.
Dead Sea Flotilla.

DESERT MOUNTED CORPS

Moves Table issued with G.O. 41

FORMATION	Halting Places			REMARKS
	JERUSALEM or ENAB.	TALAF ED DUM.	JERICHO	
1. HQ 22nd Mtd. Bde. 6th Cavalry. 19th Lancers.	ENAB 5th/6th	6/7th	Left Sector. 7/8th	Come under orders of GOC Australian Mtd Divn. until 1800 May 9th.
2. HQ 1st Mounted Divn. Divl. Troops HQ 5th Mtd Bde. 29th Lancers 38th Jacobs Horse	ENAB 7/8th	8/9th	9/10th Right Sector	
3. 2/32nd Sikh Pioneers	JERUSALEM 7/8th	8/9th	9/10th	Come under orders of CRE Descorps on arrival.
4. 2nd Lancers 38th C.I. Horse	ENAB 8/9th	9/10th	10/11th Right Sector.	To arrive at JERICHO by 1200.
5. Jodhpur Lancers	ENAB 8/9th	9/10th	10/11th EL GHORANIYH	To arrive at JERICHO by 1200. Come under orders of GOC Imp Service Cav. Bde on arrival.
6. HQ 60th Division	JERUSALEM 6/7th	-	-	Dismounted personnel move by lorry.
7. Transport 179 & 180th Inf. Bdes.	JERUSALEM 7/8th	6/7th	-	-
8. Ammunition Echelons 10th & 53rd D.A.Cs.	JERUSALEM 7/8th	6/7th	-	En route for LATRON under orders of GOC XXth Corps.
9. 519th & 523rd Field Coys (less 2 Sections)	JERUSALEM 8/9th	7/8th	-	Remaining 2 Secns. move with transport 179 & 180 Inf. Bdes.
10. HQ A&NZ Mounted Division. Divl. Troops (less Arty) 1 Bde. A&NZ Mtd Divn.	-	10/11th and remain.	-	Not to leave JERICHO before 1300.
11. 1/1 Worcester Yeomanry.	-	10/11th	-	En route for LATRON under orders of GOC XXth Corps. March on 10th under orders of GOC A&NZ Divn.
12. 1/1 Sherwood Rangers	ENAB 11/12	10/11th	-	Arriving LATRON 12/13th and coming under orders XXIst Corps.
13. 1 Brigade A. & N.Z. Mtd Div.	-	11/12th and remain.	-	

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

Tactical Exercise without troops No. 4.

Reference Maps.

1/125,000

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GENERAL IDEA.

The situation is that existing at dawn on November 7th 1917.

SPECIAL IDEA.

1. On the evening of November 6th troops were situated as follows :-

- (a) A. & N. Z. Mounted Division. (less N.Z.M.R. Bde., 3 Squadrons and 8 Machine Guns 2nd A.L.H. Brigade, and 1st Australian Field Squadron, but plus Yeomanry Field Squadron.)

2 miles S.E. of KH. UM EL BARR, dismounted, in touch with Yeomanry Mounted Division on right and 74th Division on left.

- (b) Australian Mounted Division, (less 3rd A.L.H. Brigade and 5th Mounted Brigade, but plus 7th Mounted Brigade)

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- (c) 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

SHELLAL.

- (d) 5th Mounted Brigade.

BEERSHEBA, in Corps reserve.

- (e) 60th Division.

TEL EL SHARIA.

- (f) Corps Headquarters.

BEERSHEBA.

- (g) The remainder of the Corps formed a detachment under Major-General G. de S. Barrow, C.B.

2. An extract from Operation Order No. 4 by General Officer Commanding Desert Mounted Corps, is attached.

Subject : ANTI-GAS TRAINING.

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Australian Mounted Division.
A. & N.Z. Mounted Division.
1st Mounted Division.
2nd Mounted Division.



1. Evidence is accumulating that the enemy's troops are being equipped with gas helmets, and instructed in their use by gas experts.

It is probable that this is preparatory to the use of gas by the enemy.

It is considered that gas shells are more likely to be used than cyanide gas.

2. Small box respirators will be issued shortly throughout the Corps.

3. The S.B.Rs. for training purposes now stored on Divisional Dumps at LUDD will be brought forward under arrangements to be made by the D.A. & Q.M.G. Divisions that have less than 10% will submit indents to complete to that number.

4. As soon as these are in possession, one hour's gas drill per week will be carried out by all troops.

(Signature) R. G. ...
MCR

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
DESERT-MOUNTED CORPS.

6th June 1918.

Copy to D.A. & Q.M.G.
D.D.M.S.
C.C.A.
A.D.O.S.
A.A.G., A.I.F.
Camp Commandant.
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CRE

A. & N.Z. Mounted Divid on.
Australian Mounted Division.

1. The relief of Australian Mounted Division by A. & N.Z. Mounted Division in the LEFT SECTOR will be complete by 0800 on 24th June.
2. In consequence the following moves will take place.
 - (1) (a) 2nd A.L.H. Brigade will move from SOLOMONS POOLS to:

TALAT ED DUMM	...	Night June 21st/22nd
LEFT SECTOR	...	" " 22nd/23rd
 - (b) 5th Mounted Brigade will move from LEFT SECTOR to:

TALAT ED DUMM	...	Night June 24th/25th.
SOLOMONS POOLS	...	" " 23th/29th.
 - (ii) (a) A. & N.Z. Mounted Divisional H.Q. & Divisional Troops (less motor cars) will move from BETHLEHEM to:

TALAT ED DUMM	...	Night June 18th/19th
LEFT SECTOR	...	" " 19th/20th
 - (b) 5th Australian Mounted Divl. H.Q. & Divisional Troops (less motor cars) will move from LEFT SECTOR to:

TALAT ED DUMM	...	Night June 20th/21st
BETHLEHEM	...	" " 22nd/23rd
3. Motor cars may proceed Eastwards or Westwards of TALAT ED DUMM at any time.
4. Command of LEFT SECTOR will pass from G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division to G.O.C., A. & N.Z. Mounted Division at 0800 on 20th June.
 At the same hour command of all troops in SOLOMONS POOLS area will pass to Australian Mounted Division.
5. Completion of relief and transference of command to be reported to this office.
6. Acknowledge.

14th June 1918.

[Signature]
 Brigadier-General,
 General Staff,
 DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

Copy to G.O.C.
 B.S.C.S.
 G.A.Q.
 1st Mounted Divn.
 XXth Corps
 G.O.C., R.A.
 G.R.E.
 D.A. & Q.M.G.
 D.D.M.S.
 A.D.A.S.
 D.A. D.A.P.S.
 A.P.M.
 A.A.G., A.I.F.
 C.M.G.O.
 Palestine L. of C.

DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

Copy No. _____

OPERATION ORDER No.4.

1. XXth Corps were everywhere successful today and are now on the line KH. UM EL BAKR - KH. BARRATA - AYUN EL SADEH.

2. Desert Mounted Corps, less troops under Major-General Barrow, and with 60th Division attached, will advance tomorrow to secure the water at W. JEMMAMA and HUIJ with a view to cutting off or pursuing the GAZA garrison.

The advance will be conducted with the utmost vigour.

3. (a) A. & N. Z. Mounted Division will pass through our infantry West of KH. UM EL BAKR at 0500 as advanced guard to the Corps.
1st Objective - KH. UM AMEIDAT - KH. SHUTEIWIY EL OSEIBY.
The ammunition dump at AMEIDAT Station will be destroyed.
Reconnaissances on TEL EL NEJILA and W. JEMMAMA.
- (b) Australian Mounted Division ~~will~~ will march at 0200.
1st Destination - South Bank of WADI SHERIA West of Railway.
- (c) 5th Mounted Brigade will march at the same time to the same destination East of the Railway.
- (d) 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will march at 0700 to IRGEIG and thence to SHERIA.
- (e) 60th Division as soon as it is watered and fed, will be directed via KH. ZUHEILIKA on HUIJ.

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SITUATION No. 1

1. The moves were delayed owing to lateness at which the orders were received and the difficulty of collecting troops.

2. (a) 1st A.L.H. Brigade crossed the WADI SHERIA at KH. UM EL BAKR at 0750.

(b) At 0800 60th Division were ^{being} fairly strongly opposed 2 miles North of the W. SHARIA.

3. At 0800 Australian Mounted Division, which had been joined by 3rd A.L.H. and 5th Mounted Brigades, was ordered to move to a concealed position as near as possible to W. SHARIA East of the Railway. The Division was then halted about 1 mile West of the second "A" in ARAB.

PROBLEMS.

1. Measures to be taken on receipt of this order.
2. Time at which the move might be expected to be completed, assuming that it started at 0845.

SITUATION No. 2.

1. At 1015 A. & N.Z. Mounted Division were making good progress towards the line KH. UM AMEIDAT - KH. SHUTEIWIY EL. OSEIBY.

2. Australian Mounted Division were ordered to move with their centre on KH. BUTEIHAM in order to

(a) Drive the enemy from the front of the 60th Division in order to enable the latter to concentrate.

(b) Gain touch with A. & N. Z. Mounted Division.

PROBLEMS.

1. Orders by G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division.
2. Line of advance of leading Brigade.

SITUATION No. 3.

A. & N. Z. Mounted Division were held up at TEL ABU DILAKH.

PROBLEM.

Orders which should have been issued for the capture of the position, assuming that 1st A.L.H. Brigade was already engaged in guarding the right flank.

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A. & N. Z. Mounted Division.
Australian Mounted Division.



Reference this office G.O. 55, dated 14th June 1918.

1. Para. 2 (i)

Add "(c)" - 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will move from TALAT ED
DUMM to :

SOLOMONS POOLS ... Night June 21st/22nd

2. Para. 2.(11) (b)

Opposite "BETHLEHEM", for "Night June 22nd/23rd"
read "Night June 21st/22nd".

W. A. H. H. H.
for
Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

15th June 1918.

Copies as G. O. 55.

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subject of REDISTRIBUTION OF MOUNTED TROOPS.

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Under Force Order No. 64, dated 28th May 1918 :

1. A new Mounted Division, to be known as the 2nd Mounted Division, will be formed.
2. It will consist of :-

7th Mounted Brigade.	Imperial Service	Mounted Brigade.)
1/1st Notts & Derby	Cavalry Brigade.	Signal Troop.
Signal Troop.	Kathiawar Signal	Machine Gun
20th Machine Gun	Troop.	Squadron.
Squadron.)*

* To be formed from existing units in Imperial Camel Brigade.

Divisional Troops

Headquarters, 2nd Mounted Division (to be formed).
 Essex Battery, R.H.A.
 R.H.A. Brigade Ammn. Coln. (R.H.A. Battery Ammn. Coln. and 3 S.A.A. sections).
 Field Squadron (to be formed from No. 8 Field Troop, R.E., and No. 10 Field Troop, R.E.).
 2nd Mounted Divl. Signal Squadron (to be formed).
 2nd Mounted Divisional Train.
 7th Mounted Brigade Combined Field Ambulance.
 124th Indian Cavalry Field Ambulance.
 Australian Camel Field Ambulance (converted)
 7th Mounted Brigade Mobile Veterinary section.
 Imperial Camel Brigade Mob. Vet. section (converted).
 Imperial Service Cav. Bde. Mob. Vet. section.
 sanitary section (to be formed).

3. Further instructions regarding the conversion of the Imperial Camel Brigade and the formation of new units will be issued.
4. The Division will be formed on War Establishments, Part XI.
5. A machine gun squadron for the Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade will not be formed at present.

N. H. C. Russell
 Major G.S.
 for Brigadier-General,
 General Staff,
 DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

29th May 1918.

Operation Order Distribution

less 3, 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 50, 51, 52.

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G.O. 66

1. Reference march Table issued with G.O. 59, dated 25th June.
 - (a) Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade on arrival in RIGHT SECTOR on night July 8th/9th will be in Corps Reserve, but will be administered by G.O.C. RIGHT SECTOR, who will also direct the Brigade to carry out such reconnaissances as he thinks necessary.
 - (b) Moves of 6th Mounted Brigade are cancelled.
2. Moves will take place in accordance with the attached March Table.
 - (a) The date of the relief of 6th Mounted Brigade by Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade; and the withdrawal of Headquarters and Signal Section of 20th Indian Infantry Brigade will be notified not later than 1200 on July 10th.
 - (b) Headquarters and Signal Section 20th Indian Infantry Brigade may, on withdrawal, move by daylight.
 - (c) Transport of PAIIALA INFANTRY, on relief of the Battalion, will march to TALAT ED DUMM on the night of July 20th/21st, and to JERUSALEM on the night of July 21st/22nd.
3. Command of LEFT SECTOR will pass from A. & N. Z. Mounted Division to G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division at 0900 on 20th July, under arrangements to be made direct between Divisions. At the same hour command of all troops in SOLOMONS POOLS area will pass to A. & N. Z. Mounted Division.
4. Brigades at TALAT ED DUMM are tactically in Corps Reserve, but will be administered by the Division to which they normally belong, except 6th Mounted Brigade, which will remain under 2nd Mounted Division until leaving TALAT ED DUMM.
5. On withdrawal of 20th Indian Infantry Brigade H.Q. and Signal Section, the command of all troops in the GHORANIYER BRIDGEHEAD will pass to G.O.C., 7th Mounted Brigade, under arrangements to be made by G.O.C., RIGHT SECTOR.
6. ~~Acknowledge.~~

6th July 1918.

W. Campbell
for
Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

Operation Order Distribution

plus 2nd Mounted Division.
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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS

March Table issued with G.O. 66

Formation.	Night July 13th/14th or 14th/15th	Night July 14th/15th or 15th/16th	Night July 15th/16th or 16th/17th	Night July 17/18th	Night July 18th/19th	Night July 19th/20th	Night July 20th/21st	Night July 21st/22nd
Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade.	Corps Reserve in VALLEY to RIGHT SEC.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6th Mounted Brigade	RIGHT SEC. to T.ED DUMM	T.ED DUMM to ENAB	ENAB to DEIRAN	-	-	-	-	-
3rd A.L.H. Brigade	-	-	-	T.ED DUMM to LEFT SECTOR	-	-	-	-
1st A.L.H. Brigade	-	-	-	-	LEFT SECTOR to T.ED DUMM	T.ED DUMM to SOLOMONS POOLS.	-	-
5th Mounted Brigade	-	-	-	SOLOMONS POOLS to T.ED DUMM	T.ED DUMM to LEFT SECTOR	-	-	-
N.Z.M.R. Brigade	-	-	-	-	-	LEFT SECTOR to T.ED DUMM	-	-
H.Q.& Signal Section, 20th Indian Inf.Bde.	RIGHT SEC. to T.ED DUMM	T.ED DUMM to JERUSALEM.	-	-	-	-	-	-
H.Q.& Divl. Troops, Australian Mtd.Div.	-	-	-	-	BETHLEHEM to T.ED DUMM	T.ED DUMM to Left Sec.	-	-
H.Q.& Divl. Troops, A.& N.Z. Mtd. Divn.	-	-	-	-	-	-	LEFT SECTOR to T.ED DUMM	T.ED DUMM to BETHLEHEM
Gwalior Infantry	-	-	-	-	JERUSALEM to T.ED DUMM	T.ED DUMM to RIGHT SECTOR	-	-
Patiala Infantry	-	-	-	-	-	-	RIGHT SEC. to JERUSALEM	by lorry.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS
Intelligence Summary
Up to 1630 - July 6th 1918

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1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Right Sector:

At 1200 on 4th patrol of 6th Mounted Brigade went along S. bank of Wadi RAMEH to Ford at S.11.a. and then about 500 yards S.W. to Ford in S.10.b. Wadi was found to be passable in half-sections but approaches only practicable in single file.

At 2030 Jacob's Horse sent fighting patrol 1 I.O. and 30 O.Rs. dismounted through O.30 central E. to small Hut P.27.a., thence cross roads P.20.c. At P.27.a. they charged and captured 3 men without firing. Prior to capture prisoners shouted and fire immediately opened on our patrol by 40-50 enemy concealed in crops near Hut.P.27.a. Patrol fired 2 rounds rapid, enemy fled, patrol followed to P.27.d. but unable to get close quarters owing to broken ground and darkness.

(b) Left Sector: Nothing to report.

(c) Corps on our Left: Nothing to report.

(d) Corps Coastal Sector:

Patrol encountered strong enemy patrol about 2330 (on coast V.4.b.) In ensuing skirmish 1 wounded Turk captured, but enemy casualties thought to be numerous. Ours nine.

2. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

(1) Aerial observation.:

Reconnaissance this morning (0500/0700) reports EL ADEIME, -BHUNET NIMRIN - SALT NIMRIN road areas normal. 3 motor lorries halted on ES SALT road in P.6.d. Tents showed no change, and there was no movement of importance. WADI FUSAIL, EL DALIEH, AEU ZERKA and DOMEH areas normal.

(2) Ground observation:

Right Sector: DEAD SEA POST report small party, possibly cavalry, going N. towards TEL ER RAME on a bearing of 73 degrees from post at 0730 on 5th. GHORANIYEH Bridgehead report 1, 4 and 2 small motor cars going N. on HELALI road at 1300, 1445, and 1448 respectively, on 4th.

Left Sector: 4th. Considerable movement of infantry - estimated 200, along W. FUSAIL (U.31) to KH FUSAIL (U.27), about 1345, and again in W.3, 4, 9, 10, 15 and 16 about 1800, cavalry, estimated 100 going S. on track in C.30, followed by mule transport.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS

(a) Captures for 24 hours ending 5/7/18:

Deserters	Unit	Taken at	Taken by
1	M.G.Coy: 2/74th	O.11.b.	Onediv.
1	M.G.Coy: 74th Regt	P.20.d.	"
2	3/125th Regt	P.19.b.	"
1	3/63rd Regt	P.27.a.	"
2	H.Q. Comp: Divn.	P.27.a.	"
1	2/58th Regiment	113.J.12.c.	Anzacs.

3. IDENTIFICATIONS.

(a) contd:

Deserter from 2/58th Regt locates Battn 1 k.m. E. of JORDAN with 3rd Battn of another regiment on its right (probably 3/143rd Regt). Hearsay whole of 58th Regiment was due to arrive last night en route for Constantinople.

(b) The following is information sent by resident agent attached to the A.S.C. at DERRA.

Since the 1/6/18 the following regiments have passed through DERRA by train for the Nablus front, to be attached to the XXth Army Corps:- 73rd, 18th, 27th and 51st Regiments. (Note: 18th Regiment was last identified in Mesopotamia, and 27th and 51st in the Caucasus).

(c) On the 4/6/18 400 German cavalry, arriving from Damascus, passed through DERRA for NABLUS. They were armed with short rifles and sabres. They had with them 30 M.Gs. carried on mules.

(d) Agent states that he was informed by his O.C. at Damascus (Major REMZI Bey), of the A.S.C. that the Turks will take the offensive on the NABLUS and JERICHO fronts about 15 days after Ramadan (about 24th July).

(e) NAZARETH is G.H.C. of the Turkish forces in PALESTINE. Lemar Von Sanders is C.in C. of this force, and frequently makes inspections of the Nablus and TUL KERAM fronts.

(f) Two credible Roume lian deserters state:
Three battalions and one machine gun company of 74th Regt (25th Division) in line north and south of 127.W.7.

Both are positive of this.

Two battalions 63rd Regiment transferred on 2/7/18 to Composite Division. 1/17th and 1/63rd Regiments and one other Battn withdrawn to form regiment with orders to go to Mesopotamia. 1/17th and 1/63rd Regiments joined up now in reserve near SALT. Arab deserter 1/163rd Regiment states: Composite Battalion 3 Companies each 50 strong, with M.G. Company 8 M.Gs, and 60 men arrived this front 20 days ago, attached 53rd Division.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. Prisoner of 152nd Regiment gives the following account of trenches of his regiment in about P.23.b.

(NIMRIN). Traverse trenches 3 1/2 feet deep, 3 ft. wide. On top of the trench a small parapet, 1 ft. high by 3 ft. broad. Barbed wire about 60 yards in front of the trenches, about 3 ft. high, and criss-crossed between 3 rows of stakes. Width of wire/averages about 13 ft.

Trenches are held by 1 company during the day and the remainder of Battalion being in reserve about 100 yards (sic) behind. At night they are held by 2 Coys.

5. ARTILLERY REPORT.

Ours:

0630. 01st H.B. fired 87 rounds H.E. on hostile gun positions in (C.6) V.31.W.2.5. (near WADI FUSAIL) 4 O.Ks., 9 Ys, 8 Zs, were recorded. Direct hits were reported on No.1, 2 and 3 pits. After 3rd round 5 wagons were observed to canter away from the position.

Enemy:

1135-1200. MUSSALABEH bombarded by hostile gun.
2030-2045. 77 mm gun fired on MUSSALABEH from WADI FUSAIL.

6. Air reconnaissance reports a ferry over JORDAN worked by 8 men in V.23.a.

A. Neate,
Major,
General Staff,
Desert Mounted Corps.

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LOCATION of TROOPS
of
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS

7th July 1918

Unit	Co-ordinate	Place
Ref. 1/40,000		
CORPS HEADQUARTERS	G.17.a.	E. of TALAT ED DUMM.
Ref. 1" = 1 mile CORPS RESERVE.		
AUSTRALIAN MTD DIV HQ.	Carmelite Monastery	BETHLEHEM.
3rd A.L.H. Brigade	100.G.28.central	S. of BETHLEHEM.
8th A.L.H. Regt.	100.G.28.	S. of BETHLEHEM.
9th A.L.H. Regt.		
10th A.L.H. Regt.		
5th Mounted Brigade	100.P.9.a.	S. of BETHLEHEM.
Gloucester Yeo.	P.3.c.	
9th Hodsons Horse	P.4.a.	
18th Lancers	P.4.b.	
22nd Mounted Brigade	100.G.4.d.	TALAT ED DUMM.
I.S. Cavalry Brigade	099.S.23.d.	LATRON.
Ref. 1/40,000 - RIGHT SECTOR		
1st MOUNTED DIV. A.Q.	K.3.c.	E. of JEBEL KURUNTUL.
11th LA.M. Batty.	Q.4.b.	GHORANIYEH BRIDGEHEAD.
6th Mounted Brigade	N.18.central.	KUSR HAJLAH.
Dorset Yeomanry		AIN HAJLAH.
38th C.I. Horse		AIN HAJLAH.
2nd Lancers		
8th Mounted Brigade	Q.3.a.	GHORANIYEH BRIDGEHEAD.
1/1 Co. of London Yeo.	Q.7.	
29th Lancers	Q.7.	
34th Jacobs Horse	Q.7.	
20th Indian Inf. Bde.	Q.23.central	GHORANIYEH BRIDGEHEAD.
Patiala Infantry	Q.27.b.5.5.	
Alwar Infantry	Q.32.d.	
Gwalior Infantry		
7th Mounted Brigade	K.6.c.	N. of JERICHO.
<u>ARTILLERY</u>		
Leicester Bty. R.H.A.	Q.8.c.central	GHORANIYEH.
Berks Battery R.H.A.	Q.3.c.central	
Hants Battery R.H.A.	L.27.central	WADI KELT.
Essex Battery R.H.A.	L.6.c.	GHORANIYEH.
C/302 Battery R.F.A.	Q.1.c.	
Sect. 195th Heavy Batty.	L.6.d.	
A/303 Bdo. (less 1 Sect.)	N.4.d.5.5.	EL HENU.
A/303 (1 Section)	L.34	BAKHADAT HAJLAH.
102 A/A Section	L.15.	E. of JERICHO.
96 A/A Section	K.26.a.	S.W. JERICHO. P.T.O.

Unit.	Co-ordinate	Place.
LEFT SECTOR.		
A. & N.Z. MTD. DIV. HQ. (D.6)	H.34.a.	S.W. of OSH EL GHURRUB.
1/34th Sikh Pioneers	H.3.b. & H.11.c.	N. of JERICHO.
12th Bty. L.A.M.	H.35.a.	N. of JERICHO.
No.7 L.C.Patrol.	H.35.b.	N. of JERICHO.
1st A.L.H. Brigade	Y.29.b. central	E. of EL MADHBEH.
1st A.L.H. Regt.	Y.23.a.6.2.	MUSALLABEH.
2nd A.L.H. Regt.	Y.5.c.3.3.	N. of EL MADHBEH.
3rd A.L.H. Regt.	Y.23.a.1.9.	Wadi AUJAH.
Machine Gun Sqdn.	Y.16.d.	N. of WADI AUJAH.
2nd A.L.H. Brigade	Y.30.b.6.8.	E. of EL MADHBEH.
5th A.L.H. Regt.	Z.18.c.7.7.	WADI MELLAAH.
6th A.L.H. Regt.	Z.26.b.4.7.	WADI AUJAH.
7th A.L.H. Regt.	X.34.c.3.3.	WADI AUJAH.
Machine Gun Sqdn.	Z.25. central	WADI AUJAH.
N.Z.M.R. Brigade	H.24.b.3.5.	AL. EL DUK
Auckland M.R.	H.25.d.5.9.	AL. EL DUK
Canterbury M.R.	H.33.c.2.8.	WADI NUBIAMEH
Wellington M.R.	Y.27.c.2.8.	WADI EL ABID.
Machine Gun Sqdn.	H.3.a.	S. of WADI ABID.
4th A.L.H. Brigade	H.17.c.8.3.	N. of OSH EL GHURRUB.
4th A.L.H. Regt.	J.1.c.	WADI ABU OBLIDER.
11th A.L.H. Regt.	H.17.a.	N. of OSH EL GHURRUB.
12th A.L.H. Regt.	J.13.d.7.2.	AUJAH Bridgehead.
Machine Gun Sqdn.	H.17.d.3.5.	N. of OSH EL GHURRUB.
ARTILLERY.		
H.Q. R.A. AUJAH DEFENCES	H.34.a.	WADI NUBIAMEH
H.Q. Right Group R.A.	Z.27.d.7.7.	WADI AUJAH.
Ayrshire Battery	Z.20.a. central	N. of WADI AUJAH.
Inverness Batty.	J.4.b.8.8.	AUJAH Bridgehead.
Somerset Batty.	J.5.a.6.2.	AUJAH Bridgehead.
A/H.A.C.	Z.28.c.6.5.	WADI AUJAH.
H.Q. Left Group R.A.	Y.29.a.8.2.	EL MADHBEH.
C/301	Y.17.d.3.0.	N. of WADI AUJAH.
B/H.A.C.	Y.25.a.1.5.	N. of WADI EL ABID.
Notts. Battery.	Y.23.b.8.4.	WADI AUJAH.
No. 11 Mountain Bty.	Y.17.b.2.2.	S.E. ABU TELLUL
C/303	Y.17.c.1.3.	S.E. ABU TELLUL.
91st Heavy Battery	Y.23.b.2.4.	WADI AUJAH.
120 A/A Section.	H.13.a.	N. of OSH EL GHURRUB.

SECRET

G.O. 83

Reference this office G.O. 59 of 25/6/18 and G.O. 83 of 1/7/18.

1. The following amendments will be made to the March Table published with G.O. 59.

In "Unit" Column for "8th Mounted Brigade" read "8th Mounted Brigade" and for "8th Mounted Brigade" read "8th Mounted Brigade".

2. Column "Night July 11/12".

8th Mounted Brigade and 1st Mounted Division H.Q. will move from MAE direct to DEIRAN, instead of to LATRON as shown.

*Alfred
Major
for*

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

2nd July 1918.

Operation Order Distribution.
Less 10, 11, 26, 28, 30, 31, 32.
Plus 2nd Mounted Division.
Palestine L. of O.

SECRET

G.O.64.

Reference G.O.59, para.4.

1. The Divisional Sanitary Section and S.A.A. Sections will now be ready to accompany the 2nd Mounted Division to this area.

2. The Field Squadron will remain for the time being in DEIRAN area, and will be replaced by a Field Company R.E. lent from 54th Division, which is joining 2nd Mounted Division under arrangements being made by Inspector Palestine L.of G.

3. Such portions of the Signal Squadron as are ready to march with the Division will do so. Instructions regarding the replacing of those portions not considered ready will be issued by A.D.A.S.

A Neate

for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS. *May*

July 3rd 1918.

Operation Order Distribution

plus Inspector Pales.L.of G.
2nd Mounted Division.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

OPERATION ORDER No. 12.

Reference Map : 1" = 1 mile.

8th March 1918

1. 1st A.L.H. Brigade, Auckland mounted Rifle Regiment, and 1/3rd County of London Yeomanry have already been placed at the disposal of G.O.C., XXth Corps.

2. A. & N.Z. Mounted Division (less 1st A.L.H. Brigade and Auckland mounted Rifle Regiment) will move to LATRON on March 13th, where it will come under the orders of G.O.C., XXth Corps.

3. (a) Yeomanry Mounted Division (less 1/3rd County of London Yeomanry) will move so as to be concentrated in the area about AYUN KARA now occupied by A. & N. Z. mounted Division by the evening of March 14th.

(b) The move will be conducted in three marches.

(c) Advance parties will ^{move} march so as to reach AYUN KARA area by ~~noon~~ ^{10th} March 12th in order to take over camp equipment.

4. Detailed arrangements regarding above moves will be issued by D.A. & Q.M.G.

5. 7th Mounted Brigade will remain in the GAZA area and will come directly under Corps Headquarters for all purposes from March 10th.

6. This office G.597, in so far as it concerns Yeomanry Mounted Division, is cancelled.

With regard to 7th Mounted Brigade it will probably hold good.

7. Acknowledge.

P. G. Howard

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

Operation Order Distribution.

Plus : 20th Corps.
21st Corps.
I. G. C.

SECRET

Copy No. 3

DESERT MOUNTED CORPS ORDER No. 13

5th April 1918.

Under Force Order No. 62, dated 3rd April 1918.

1. With effect from 1200 on the 8th April, 1918, the sub-command, DELTA FORCE, will cease to exist.
2. The General Officer Commanding, Force in EGYPT, will command and administer all troops previously allotted to DELTA Force.
3. The General Officer Commanding, Force in EGYPT, is allotted a Staff as under :-
 - A.D.C.
 - G.S.O. 1.
 - 2 G.S.Os.3.
 - A.A. & Q.M.G.
 - 2 D.A.A.Gs.
 - 2 D.A.Q.M.Gs.
 - 2 Staff Captains
 - Officer Clerk
 - Compensation Officer.
4. All representatives of Services and Departments now serving with DELTA Force will be transferred to Force in EGYPT, with effect from the time of the abolition of DELTA Force.
5. The sub-command of DELTA Force, known as the Southern Section, will be embodied in the command of the Force in EGYPT without alteration in Staff.
6. The Senior Battalion Commander in CAIRO will exercise the functions of O.C. Troops CAIRO, and will be allotted one Staff Captain as Staff Officer by the General Officer Commanding, Force in EGYPT.
7. On no account will this Order be communicated beyond Divisional Headquarters or Heads of Departments.

Am/antst
Capt J.S.
for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

Operation Order Distribution.

Less : 3, 4, 5, 13, 19, 27, 28,
29, 30.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

OPERATION ORDER No. 14.

Copy No. *JB*

Reference map : 1" = 1 mile.

21st April 1918.

1. Desert Mounted Corps will take over command of the right flank of the Force.

2. Desert Mounted Corps will be responsible for the front West of the JORDAN from the right of the XXth Corps, and for the whole of the front East of the JORDAN and DEAD SEA.

Dividing line between XXth Corps and Desert Mounted Corps will be KURN SURTUBEH (112.M.17) - Point 830 (113.R.11.d.) - EL KUSR (113. B.1.a.) - RAS ET TAWIL (113.C.14.) to Point (100.J.20.a.9.9) - (EL AZIRIYEH, to Desert Mounted Corps), thence to mouth of WADI EN NAR (114.Y.16.c.)

3. The following units will be allotted to Desert Mounted Corps :

Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade.
20th Indian Infantry Brigade.
Imperial Camel Brigade.
Dead Sea Flotilla.
10th Heavy battery, R.G.A.
383rd Siege Battery, R.G.A.

Instructions regarding the allotment of

(a) Certain other artillery units
(b) Corps R.E.
(c) R.A.F.

will be issued later.

4. 7th Mounted Brigade will eventually be allotted to XXIst Corps and will be concentrated in the SELMEH area after reorganisation.

5. Desert Mounted Corps will take over command from XXth Corps at 1800 on 25th April.

G.O.C. A. & N.Z. Mounted Division will remain responsible for the defence of the whole front until further orders.

6. Report Centre will close at KHIRBET DEIRAN at 1200 on April 25th and open at the same time at TALAT ED DUMM.

7. Acknowledge.

A. Hamilton
for Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

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plus : XXth Corps. XXIst Corps.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

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OPERATION ORDER NO.15.

Reference Map.: 1" = 1 mile.

24th April 1918.

1. (a). Troops, in addition to those mentioned in para.3 of Operation Order No.14, come under the orders of G.O.C., Desert Mounted Corps as under :-

<u>Formation.</u>	<u>Date & Time.</u>	<u>Location.</u>
60th Division (less one Brigade Group).		JERUSALEM.
1/1st Worcester Yeo.	2400 April 24th.	LATRON (Come under orders of G.O.C. 5th Mounted Brigade).
9th Mountain Artillery Brigade.	2400 April 25th	MAR ELIAS 100.K.10.
Nos.11 & 12 L.A.M.Btlys.	1800 April 25th	JERICHO.

(b). All troops of Desert Mounted Corps at BELAH, are placed under the orders of G.O.C., 1st mounted Division, and will move thence under instructions which will be issued by Inspector Palestine Lines of Communication.

(c). Indian Units allotted to 5th Mounted Brigade have been placed temporarily under the orders of Inspector Palestine Lines of Communication.

Moves. 2. (a). Moves will take place in accordance with the attached table.

(b). Orders will be issued later regarding the moves of 60th Division and 9th Mountain Artillery Brigade.

(c). Mounted troops marching on the LATRON - JERICHO and BETHLEHEM - JERUSALEM roads will move in half sections, with 200 yards between squadrons and transport formations of similar size. All troops will move to JERICHO from TALAT ED DUM by the old road.

(d). Completion of all moves will be notified to Corps Headquarters by the quickest possible means.

Bivouac Areas. 3. Dividing line between bivouac areas will be as follows :-

(a). Between A.& N.Z. and Australian Mounted Divisions

The WADY KILT as far as ERIHA, thence ERIHA - EL GHORANIYEH road.

The EL GHORANIYE bridgehead is in the area of A.& N.Z.Mtd.Divn.

(b). Between Australian Mounted Division and I.C.C.Brigeade.

An East and West line through KH.ES SUMRAH, 113.J.14.

(c). Instructions will be issued later regarding the parts of the above areas to be allotted to Corps Troops and to 60th Division.

(2).

Organisation
of Command.

4. (a). The following distribution of troops, in accordance with the bivouac areas laid down above, will be completed by 1200 April 28th. Arrangements will be made between G.O.s.C. Formations direct.

(i). Major-General Sir F.W.C. Chaytor. K.C.M.G., C.B.

A.^o N.Z. Mounted Division (less 1st A.L.H. Brigade, but including all R.H.A. Batteries.)
Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade (less Jodpur Lancers).
Corps Bridging Train.
20th Indian Infantry Brigade.
No. 11 L.A.^m. Battery.

(ii). Major-General H.W. Hodgson. C.V.O., C.B.

Australian Mounted Division (less Indian Units and one Regiment).
1st A.L.H. Brigade.
1/1st Sherwood Rangers.
1/1st Worcestershire Yeomanry.
No. 12 L.A.^m. Battery.

(iii). Brigadier-General C.^o Smith V.C., M.C.

I.C.C., Brigade.
1/1st Staffordshire Yeomanry (less 1 Squadron)

(v). Troops under Brigadier-General Smith will come under the direct orders of Corps Headquarters at 1200 on April 28th.

Artillery.

5. Instructions regarding moves and allotment of artillery will be issued by G.O.C., R.A.

Bridge-
head.

6. G.O.C., A. & N.Z. Mounted Division will, by dawn on April 28th, have thrown a bridge at MAKHADET HAJLA, and will occupy a Bridgehead with one Mounted Brigade and a Battalion of Infantry. The Bridgehead will be strongly held and the ground in front of it energetically patrolled by night and day.

7. *Acknowledges*

Rg. Howard-Hoe

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

OPERATION ORDER DISTRIBUTION.

plus XXth Corps.
XXIst Corps.
60th Division.
5th Mtd. Bde.
6th Mtd. Bde.
Imperial Service Cavalry Bde.

DESTINATION.

FORMATION.	April 24	Apr 25th	Apl.26th	Apl. 27th	Apl.28th	Apl.29th	REMARKS.
3rd A.L.H.Bde.	JERICHO	-	-	-	-	-	
Australian Mtd.Divn. (less 3rd A.L.H. & 5th Mtd. Bdes.)	-	-	JERICHO. not starting before 1900.	-	-	-	
5th Mtd. bde. 1/1st Sherwood Engrs. 1/1st Staffs. Yeo. (less 1 Sqn.) 1/1st Worcester Yeo. "D" Troop A.E.	LATRON.	ENAB.	(a). TALAT ED DUMM starting not before 1800.	(b). JERICHO. clearing TALAT ED DUMM not later than 1400.			(a). Come under orders of GOC. Aust. Mtd. Divn. on leaving ENAB on 26th. (b). "D" Troop (less Bridging Train) remain at TALAT ED DUMM under orders of C.R.E. Bridging Train comes under orders of G.O.C., A. & NZ. Mtd. Div. on reaching JERICHO.
Imperial Serv. Cav. Bde. (less Jodhpur & Hyderabad Lancers.)	NEW BEIT DURAS	(c) JUNCTION STATION	ZAKARIYA	BETHLEHEM	(d). JERICHO starting at 1800 & clearing JERUSALEM by 2100		(c). Come under orders of GOC. Des. Mtd. Corps on arrival at JUNCTION STATION on 25th. (d). Come under orders of G.O.C. A & NZ. Mtd. Divn. on arrival at JERICHO on 29th.
60th Division. less 1 Inf. Bde. Group and one F.A. Group already at JERICHO.	-	-	-	TALAT ED DUMM, which will not be reached before 1400	JERICHO starting at 1600	-	
6th Mtd. bde. 1/1st Co. of Lon. Yeo. 20th A. & A. Bde. and Amm. Column.	GAZA	MEJDEL	(e). JUNCTION STATION	ENAB.	TALAT ED DUMM starting not before 1900 and not entering JERUSALEM before 2100	JERICHO starting not before 1900	(e). Come under direct orders of GOC., Des. Mtd. Corps. on leaving MEJDEL on 26th.

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G.O. 37

1. With reference to Operation Order No. 15, para. 6, in addition to one Mounted Brigade and one Battalion Infantry, G.O.C. A. & N.Z. Mounted Division will detail one Squadron HYDERABAD LANCERS to the garrison of the Bridgehead at LAKHADET RAJLA.
2. Command of the front now held by G.O.C., A. & N.Z. Mounted Division, together with all troops mentioned in para. 4 (a) (i) of Operation Order No.15, will pass to G.O.C. 60th Division at 1800 on April 28th.
3. 60th Division, less Artillery, will cross the JORDAN at EL GHORANIYE on the night of April 28th/29th.
4. Para. 5. moves and allotment of artillery are shown in attached table.
5. Acknowledge.

A. Campbell Ross
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for
Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

26th April 1918.

OPERATION ORDER DISTRIBUTION

Plus XXth Corps.
XXIst Corps.
60th Division.
5th Mounted Bde.
6th Mounted Bde.
Imperial Service Cavalry Bde.

MOVES of ARTILLERY

Unit	Date	From	To	Remarks
Horses & Wagons 1 Secn. 91st Heavy Battery RGA	Night Apl.27/28	JERUSALEM	W.bank of JORDAN	(a) Move under orders of GOC 60th Division and under cover of darkness. (b) Join Battery on arrival under GOC A.& N.Z. Mounted Division.
9th Mountain Artillery Brigade, R.G.A.	Night Apl.27/28	MAR ELIAS 100.K.10.	JERICHO	(a) Move under orders of GOC 60th Division, and under cover of darkness. (b) One 3.7 Battery reports to GOC Australian Mounted Division on arrival, time of which will be notified to Australian Mtd. Divn.
Sections of 10th & 53rd D. A. C.	Night Apl.28/29	JERUSALEM to be cleared by 1800.	JERICHO	(a) Move ordered by XXth Corps. (b) Come under orders of GOC 60th Division on arrival.
91st Heavy Battery R.G.A.	Night Apl.28/29	W.bank of JORDAN.	E.bank of JORDAN	Come under orders of GOC 60th Division at 1800 April 28th.
H.A. & S. Battery	April 29th	I.C.C. Brigade.	Join Australian Mtd. Divn.	Under arrangements to be made direct between commanders concerned.

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SECRET

No written orders or instructions as a result of
these orders are to be issued before 1300, April 28th.

W.D. Lamberton

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

27th April 1918

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS

OPERATION ORDER No. 16

Copy No. 32

27th April 1918

Information about the enemy will be issued separately.

2. The Corps Commander intends to envelop the right of the enemy's main forces about SHUNET NIMRIN, capture ES SALT, and advance to the line KUSR, 142.T.9, - Pt.2900, 142.O.35.

3. In consequence, the following moves will take place on April 30th.

- Major-General J.S.M. Shea, CB., CMG., DSO.
- A. & N.Z. Mounted Division (less 1st ALH & 18th RHA Brigades)
- 60th Division (less 1 Bde. Group).
- 20th RHA Bde. (less 1 Bty.)
- 91st Heavy Battery RGA.
- 9th Mountain Artillery Bde. (less 1 Battery)
- No. 11 L.A.C. Battery.
- 1 Squadron Hyderabad Lncrs.
- Patiala Infantry Battalion.

(a) Major-General J.S.M. Shea, CB., CMG., DSO. will attack about one hour before dawn. He will

(i) Employ 1 Mounted Regiment, 1 Squadron Hyderabad Lancers, and 1 Battalion Patiala Infantry to seize the enemy's advanced works near the KABR SAID and KABR MUJAHID tracks (Nos. 2 & 3).

(ii) Occupy the line MAKKAR ED DERBASI - TEL EL MUSTA - EL HAUD.

(iii) Direct A. & N.Z. Mounted Division to advance to the line KUSR, 142.T.9, - ES SALT.

A. & N.Z. Mounted Division, when clear of the infantry, will come under direct orders of Corps Headquarters.

- Major-General H.W. Hodgson, CB., CVO.
- Australian Mounted Division.
- 1st A.L.H. Brigade.
- Hong Kong & Singapore Bty.
- 1 Battery 9th Mountain Artillery Brigade.
- No. 12 L.A.C. Battery.

(b) Major-General H.W. Hodgson, CB., CVO will advance rapidly Northwards East of the JORDAN not later than 0400. He will place one mounted brigade, supported by at least two R.H.A. Batteries, facing North West astride the UMM ESH SHERT - JISR ED DAMIE and ES SALT - JISR ED DAMIE tracks. With the remainder of his force he will move on ES SALT from West and North West.

When ES SALT is occupied dispositions will be made to protect it on the North, one brigade will advance to Pt. 2900, 142.O.35, and a detachment will move towards SHUNET NIMRIN with the object of capturing the enemy retiring from in front of Major-General Shea.

Corps Headquarters will be prepared to assume direct command of the brigade facing JISR ED DAMIE, when Major-General Hodgson considers it more convenient.

(c) The dividing line between A. & N.Z. and Australian Mounted Divisions East of ES SALT will be a line from ES SALT to Pt. 2900, 142.O.35, inclusive to Australian Mounted Division. The WADY ARSENIYET track (No. 6) is allotted to Major-General Shea, east of the spring in 127.O.6., exclusive.

(d)

Brigadier-General C.L. Smith,
VC., MC.
I.C.C. Brigade.
1/1st Staffordshire Yeomanry
(less 1 squadron)
18th R.H.A. Brigade.
383rd Siege Battery R.G.A.

(d) Brigadier-General C.L. Smith, VC., MC.,
will, by 0400, have thrown forward his
right to about 113.X.23.a., and have
established a post of at least one section
in a position to command the right bank of
the JORDAN near the bend in 113.X.17.d.

(e) 20th Indian Infantry Brigade, (less
Patiala Infantry and detachments) will be
employed, from 0500 onwards, in improving
the approaches to the GHORANIYE crossings, instructions
as to which will be issued by C.R.E.

They will be prepared, at one hour's notice, to
occupy the GHORANIYE bridgehead. Two sections, total
not less than 25 men, will be permanently stationed
at the bridges from 1800 on April 29th onwards, to
render assistance in case of a block: they may
however be withdrawn in the event of the brigade
being required to occupy the bridgehead.

(f) 6th mounted brigade including 1 R.H.A. Battery, and
Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade (less 1 Squadron and
detachments) will, by 0900, be assembled in Corps
Reserve, about two miles West of EL GHORANIYE, and
North and South respectively of the road. They will
reconnoitre routes towards EMM ESH SHERT East of the
JORDAN and towards EL MUSALLABEH, 113.W.34.

Approach March

4. The approach march in connection with the above
will be conducted as follows :-

(a) 20th R.H.A. Brigade (less 1 Battery) will come under
the orders of Major-General Shea on arrival at TALAT ED DUM
on the morning of April 29th. On the night April 29th/30th
as much of the march as possible will be conducted in
darkness.

(b) The GHORANIYE crossings are allotted to Major-General
Hodgson from 2200 to 0230, during which period Major-General
Shea will have no troops on the approaches. Major-General
Hodgson will emerge from the bridgehead by No.6 road only.

Communication
with Artillery.

5. A.& N.Z. Mounted Division will use red and yellow
flags, the remainder of the Corps red flares, to indicate
the position of the most advanced troops to the artillery.

Ammunition
Supply.

6. (a) An ammunition dump has been formed West of
GHORANIYE Bridge 113.L.12.b. A second will be formed at
SHUNET NIMRIN as early as possible.

(b) G.O.C., R.A. will assume control of ammunition
columns as under:-

(i) Of Major-General Shea's Force and A.& N.Z.
Mounted Division on occupation of the line
TEL EL MUSTA - EL HAUD.

(ii) Of Major-General Hodgson's Force, on reaching
ES SALT.

3.

Aeroplane
Cooperation.

7. The following have been arranged.

- (a) Aeroplane contact patrols of the area of operations from 0530 to 0700, 1100 to 1230, and 1530 to 1700.
- (b) Tactical reconnaissance of the area of operations, not going more than 10,000 yards beyond our front line, from 0900 to 1030, 1300 to 1430, and 1500 to 1630.
- (c) Strategical reconnaissance of the NABLUS - JISR ED DAMIE - ES SALT and AMMAN - ES SALT roads at about 1200 and 1600.
- (d) Artillery observation (one machine) throughout the day.

Messages from (a) and (b) will be dropped on A. & N.Z. and Australian Divisional as well as on Corps Headquarters. Those from (c) on Corps Headquarters only.

Medical.

8. Receiving Stations will be established on the East bank of the JORDAN near the bridge.

Prisoners.

9. Prisoners' Collecting Station will be established at the entrance to the GHORANIYE Bridgehead on No.5 road. G.O.C. Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade will detail two troops to report to Corps A.P.M. there at 0400.

Traffic
Control.

10. Corps A.P.M. will issue instructions as to traffic control, paying particular attention to the GHORANIYE crossings.

Relay Posts.

11. O.C. Escort Squadron will detail one troop to establish a chain of relay posts from Advanced Corps Headquarters behind Australian Mounted Division, to connect with the brigade of that division facing JISR ED DAMIE. To be in position by 0500 and to remain until withdrawn by Corps Headquarters.

Documents.

12. All ranks will be searched for documents before going into action.

Galloppers.

13. A. & N.Z. and Australian Mounted Divisions will each detail an officer gallopper to be at Advanced Corps Headquarters at 0400: 6th Mounted and Imperial Service Cavalry Brigades will each detail an officer gallopper to be at Advanced Corps Headquarters at 0900.

Reports.

14. Advanced Corps Headquarters will be established at 0300 at 113.L.13.a.2.1. Telegraphic address - Advanced Descorps.

15. Acknowledge.

R. G. Howard D'Yoe

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

Issued at 1545.

OPERATION ORDER DISTRIBUTION

plus : XXth Corps
60th Division.
6th Mounted Bde. Imperial Service Cavalry Bde.
20th Indian Infantry Bde.
R.A.F. Liaison Officer.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.
-----Special Instructions issued with Operation Order No.16.
-----G.O.C., 60th Division.

1. The attack ordered in Operation Order No.16 para. 3 (a) (1) is intended as a demonstration only. You will use your own discretion as to the objectives you allot, and as to the artillery which you assign to this attack.

You will arrange for the regiment of A.& N.Z. Mounted Division to rejoin its division as soon as possible after you have directed Major-General Chaytor to advance on AIN ES SIR and ES SALT. Patiala Infantry and one Squadron Hyderabad Lancers will remain under your direct command.

2. The bridge at MAKHADET HAJLA will probably be dismantled during the day of April 30th and re-established nearer to the GHORANIYE crossings.

3. The exact time at which A. & N.Z. Mounted Division will come under direct orders of these Headquarters will be matter for verbal arrangement between these Headquarters and you.

4. When you have occupied the line MAKKAR ED DERBASI - TEL EL MUSTA - EL HADD you will immediately organise it as a support for the mounted troops. Your infantry will not go beyond that line, and you will withdraw as many as you can into reserve, with the object of placing two battalions at the disposal of the Corps Commander at SHUNET NIMRIN as early as possible on May 1st.

5. You should send forward with A.& N.Z. Mounted Division the following artillery.

8 - 4.5" Howitzers.
6 - 18-pounders.
4 - 3.7" Howitzers.
4 - 2.75" guns.

6. Please acknowledge.

R. G. Howard

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

Copy to G.H.Q.
XXth Corps.
A.& N.Z. Mounted Division.
G.O.C., R.A.
XXIst Corps.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS
OPERATION ORDER No. 17

Copy No. 412

Reference map : 1" = 1 mile.

3rd May 1918.

positions in their present

1. The Corps will take up the general line EL HENU - TEL SHEE
MUSLIM - 127.P.35.central - Gaves, in 127.P.23- TEL BILEBIL -
Western slopes of EL HAUD - G.10.central - D.23.central -
D.central, thence the line at present held.

2. (a) 60th Division, with troops attached as at present will

- (i) Contain the enemy opposite to them by patrol activity south-eastwards and by harassing the enemy with artillery and machine gun fire continuously.
 - (ii) Maintain 181st Infantry Brigade in Corps Reserve in the W. NIMRIN.
 - (iii) Keep at least one Company at about 127.G.10.central with a flank thrown back westward.
- (b) Australian Mounted Division will commence to withdraw at nightfall on May 3rd via UMM ESH SHERT Track.
- (i) The first Brigade to withdraw will come under orders of G.O.C. A.& N.Z. Mounted Division on reaching the right of the 4th A.L.A. Brigade about 127.D.18.d.
 - (ii) One other brigade and two Mountain Batteries will also be placed eventually at the disposal of G.O.C. A.& N.Z. Mounted Division.
 - (iii) Remainder of command will be withdrawn to their original bivouac area North of JERICHO.
- (c) G.O.C., A.& N.Z. Mounted Division will, when the withdrawal is complete, be responsible for the front G.10.central (exclusive) - D.35.central - D.central, thence to the general line at present held.
He will throw back his right flank.
He will have at his disposal, in addition to the troops at present under his command, 2 of the Brigades and 2 Mountain Batteries at present under the command of G.O.C., Australian Mounted Division.

3. Arrangements in connection with the above will be made direct between Divisional commanders concerned, with a view to restoring all units and detachments to their proper commands as soon as possible.

4. Mysore Lancers will remain in their present position immediately West of the Bridge until further orders.

9th Hodson's Horse and 18th Lancers will be located at JERICHO on the afternoon of May 4th in the original bivouac area of Australian Mounted Division North of JERICHO, and will come under the orders of G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division on arrival.

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5. Corps Headquarters will remain in their present position.

6. Acknowledge.

Issued at 2145

W. Howard Nye

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

NORMAL OPERATION ORDER DISTRIBUTION.

- plus : 20th Corps
- 21st Corps.
- 60th Division.
- 9th Hodson's Horse
- 18th Lancers
- Mysore Lancers.
- R.A.F. Liaison Officer.

DESERT MOUNTED CORPS

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OPERATION ORDER No. 18

Copy No. 41

Reference Map 1" = 1 mile

4th May 1918

1. The Corps Commander intends to withdraw tonight to positions covering the crossings over the JORDAN.

2. (a) G.O.C., 60th Division will

(i) From 1800 onwards be responsible for protection and reconnaissance from the DEAD SEA to a line drawn due East from the EL AUJA crossing (exclusive).

(ii) Commence at dusk to withdraw within the GHORANIYEH Bridgehead.

(iii) When the whole of the troops under the command of G.O.C. A. & N.Z. Mounted Division have crossed the Bridge, move, if he thinks it desirable, two Infantry Brigades to the foothills West of JERICHO.

(iv) Be responsible for traffic control inside the EL GHORANIYEH Bridgehead.

(b) G.O.C. A. & N.Z. Mounted Division will

(i) Detail one Regiment preferably of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade to occupy and strengthen as rapidly as possible, beginning not before dusk, a bridgehead to cover the EL AUJA Crossing. This detachment will come under the orders of G.O.C. I.C.C. Brigade from 1800 onwards.

(ii) Commence at dusk to withdraw the remainder of his command to their original bivouacs West of the JORDAN.

(iii) Ensure his troops crossing as quickly as possible and make arrangements to inform G.O.C., 60th Division immediately the last of them are over.

(c) G.O.C., I.C.C. Brigade with one Regt. A. & N.Z. Mounted Division attached, will from 1800 onwards, be responsible for protection and reconnaissance North of a line drawn due East from the EL AUJA crossing inclusive, and especially for the protection of the party working under the direction of the C.R.E. at the EL AUJA Crossing.

(d) G.O.C., Australian Mounted Division will maintain two Regiments ready to move at 45 minutes notice.

(e) Mysore Lancers revert on receipt of this order to command of G.O.C. Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade.

(f) G.O.C., R.A. will issue instructions regarding the moves of Corps Artillery and of Ammunition Echelons now under his orders.

DESERT MOUNTED CORPS

3. A Line of Observation consisting of strong reconnoitring detachments will be maintained by night and day as near as possible to the foothills East of the JORDAN and to the RED HILL 113.C.19.

4. Orders regarding the move of transport will be issued by D.A. & Q.M.G.
No transport will cross the JORDAN from West to East during the night 4th/5th without reference to General Staff, Corps Headquarters.

5. G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division will take over command of the left sector of the Corps Front at 1200 tomorrow May 5th. Dividing line between sectors Bridgehead at EL AUJA Crossing - W. MIDIAN, both inclusive to left sector.
He will have at his disposal the following troops :-

Australian Mounted Division.
I.C.C. Brigade including Hong Kong & Singapore Battery.
1/1st Staffordshire Yeomanry (less 2 Squadrons)
383rd Siege Battery.

6. Orders regarding the redistribution of artillery and of certain other units will be issued later.

7. Corps Headquarters remain in the present position.

8. ~~Acknowledgo.~~

R. Howard Myer

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

Issued at 1630

NORMAL OPERATION ORDER DISTRIBUTION.

Plus : 60th Division
XXth Corps
XXIst Corps
Imperial Service Cavalry Bde.
Mysore Lancers
Dead Sea Flotilla.

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FORCE ORDER No 64.

----- by -----
GENERAL SIR EDMUND ALLENBY, G.C.M.G., K.C.B.
Commander-in-Chief, Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

General Headquarters.
28th May 1918.

1. A New Mounted Division, to be known as the 2nd Mounted Division, will be formed.

2. It will consist of:-

7th Mounted Brigade.	Imperial Service	Mounted Brigade.)
1/1st Notts & Derby	Cavalry Brigade	Signal Troop)
Signal Troop	Kathiawar Signal	Machine Gun Sqn)
20th M.G.Sqdn	Troop	

* To be formed from existing units in Imperial Camel Brigade.

Divisional Troops.

Headquarters, 2nd Mounted Division (to be formed)
Essex Battery R.H.A.
R.H.A. Brigade Ammn Coln (R.H.A. Battery Ammn Coln and
3 S.A.A. Sections)
Field Sqdn (to be formed from No 8 Field Troop R.E. and
No 10 Field Troop R.E.)
2nd Mounted Divisional Signal Sqdn (to be formed)
2nd Mounted Divl Train.
7th Mounted Brigade Combined Field Ambulance
124th Indian Cavalry Field Ambulance
Australian Camel Field Ambulance (converted)
7th Mounted Brigade Mobile Veterinary Section.
Imperial Camel Brigade Mob. Vet. Sect (converted)
Imperial Service Cavalry Bde Mob. Vet. Sect.
Sanitary Section (to be formed)

3. Further instructions regarding the conversion of the Imperial ~~Service~~ Camel Brigade and the formation of new units will be issued.

4. The Division will be formed on War Establishments Part XI.

5. The Machine Gun Squadron for the Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade will not be formed at present.

(sd) W.H. BARTHOLOMEW
Brig General
for Major General,
Chief of the General Staff,
Egyptian Expeditionary Force.

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Subject: REDISTRIBUTION OF MOUNTED TROOPS.

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Under Force Order No. 64, dated 28th May 1918 :

1. A new Mounted Division, to be known as the 2nd Mounted Division, will be formed.

2. It will consist of :-

7th Mounted Brigade.	Imperial Service	Mounted Brigade.)
1/1st Notts & Derby	Cavalry Brigade.	Signal Troop.
Signal Troop.	Kathiawar Signal	Machine Gun
20th Machine Gun	Troop.	Squadron.
Squadron.)*

* To be formed from existing units in Imperial Camel Brigade.

Divisional Troops

Headquarters, 2nd Mounted Division (to be formed).
 Essex Battery, R.H.A.
 R.H.A. Brigade Ammn. Coln. (R.H.A. Battery Ammn. Coln. and 3 S.A.A. sections).
 Field Squadron (to be formed from No. 8 Field Troop, R.E., and No. 10 Field Troop, R.E.).
 2nd Mounted Divl. Signal Squadron (to be formed).
 2nd Mounted Divisional Train.
 7th Mounted Brigade Combined Field Ambulance.
 124th Indian Cavalry Field Ambulance.
 Australian Camel Field Ambulance (converted)
 7th Mounted Brigade Mobile Veterinary section.
 Imperial Camel Brigade Mob. Vet. section (converted).
 Imperial Service Cav. Bde. Mob. Vet. section.
 Sanitary section (to be formed).

3. Further instructions regarding the conversion of the Imperial Camel Brigade and the formation of new units will be issued.

4. The Division will be formed on War Establishments, Part XI.

5. A machine gun squadron for the Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade will not be formed at present.

N. H. C. Russell
 Major G.S.
 Brigadier-General,
 General Staff,
 DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

29th May 1918.

Operation Order Distribution

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A.A.G.,
3rd ECHELON.

A.A.G., A.I.F. ✓



The enclosed "Report on Operations, May 5th - May 31st" is forwarded for favour of attachment to the War Diary of General Staff, Desert Mounted Corps for the month of May.

Alfred W. Major
Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

June 27th 1918.

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DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

REPORT ON OPERATIONS.

May 5th to May 31st

May 5th.

The withdrawal of the Corps was completed without incident by 0600. The Rear Guard of A. & N.Z. Mounted Division entered the Bridgehead at 0150.

GHORANIYEH Bridgehead was held by 181st Infantry Brigade 60th Division, with cavalry posts watching HENU and MAKHADEF HAJLA Crossings. One Regiment N.Z.M.R. Brigade held the EL AUJA Bridgehead.

At 0800 a patrol sent out Eastwards from UMM ESH SHERT came under rifle and machine gun fire.

1 Squadron Cavalry and three Companies of enemy Infantry were seen at 1000 in the WADI NIMRIN and a small patrol from this party moved down the Wadi towards the Bridgehead. This patrol was immediately engaged and two prisoners captured; the whole enemy party then withdrew and was last seen moving along the ES SALT Road.

Our patrols on the front of the AUJA Bridgehead withdrew to 113.F.27. at 1100.

At 1515 and 1915 the 6th Mounted Brigade and 20th Indian Infantry Brigade respectively were placed under the orders of G.O.C., Australian Mounted Division.

120th Anti-Aircraft Section arrived at TALAF ED DUMM.

May 6th.

At 0400 about 100 of the enemy attempted a raid on a post in No. 2 Sub-Sector, Left Sector in 113.X.36.d. but were driven off, our casualties being nil.

The command of the Right Sector of the Corps front passed from G.O.C., 20th Division to G.O.C., A. & N.Z. Mounted Division at 0800, when the 6th Mounted Brigade was withdrawn into Corps reserve.

Our patrols were in touch with the enemy in the foothills and at 1700, 100 enemy mounted troops were seen to approach RED HILL along the River Jordan from the North also 300 enemy mounted troops were observed moving from JISR ED DAMIE in a South Easterly direction and were seen to take up a position in 127.G.13; 500 enemy infantry moved from the same direction to the broken ground in 127.C.11 and 12.

At 2150 the Australian Mounted Division reported that a party of the enemy had penetrated into our line North West of UMM ESH SHERT and our posts were withdrawn to a line about 113.Z.12 - Z.17.a. Reconnaissances were sent out in that direction at once; otherwise the situation was reported quiet on the Corps front.

Advanced Corps Headquarters closed at 113.L.10.c. at 1800 and reopened at 113.G.17.d.

May 7th.

A bombing raid by 6 enemy machines was carried out over the JERICHO area at 0600. Our casualties were 2 Officers wounded, 18 O.R. killed and 48 O.R. wounded. Animals - 77 killed, 87 wounded.

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May 7th.
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22nd Mounted Brigade arrived at JERICHO and came under the orders of G.O.C., Australian Mounted Division. 519th and 520th Field Companies R.E. moved to TALAT ED DUMM to rejoin 60th Division.

May 8th.

The enemy was observed to be wiring his front East of UMM ESH SHERT.

Hostile aircraft bombed the JERICHO area but our casualties were light.

The following move took place. :-

1st Mounted Divisional Headquarters and 8th Mounted Brigade arrived at TALAT ED DUMM.

May 9th.

1st Mounted Divisional Headquarters and 8th Mounted Brigade arrived at JERICHO.

The Indian Units of the 6th Mounted Brigade and Jodhpur Lancers arrived at TALAT ED DUMM.

The 2/32nd Sikh Pioneers (less one Company remaining to work on the Flying Ground at JERUSALEM) arrived at JERICHO and came under the orders of the C.R.I., Desert Mounted Corps.

May 10th.

The command of the Right Sector of the Corps front passed at 0600 from G.O.C., A. & N.Z. Mounted Division to G.O.C., 1st Mounted Division, to whom 6th and 22nd Mounted Brigades reverted.

Small parties of hostile cavalry were seen moving between the WADI NIMRIN and the WADI MIDAN.

The Indian Regiments of the 6th Mounted Brigade left TALAT ED DUMM for the JERICHO area, on arrival at that place to come under the orders of G.O.C., 6th Mounted Bde.

Jodhpur Lancers left JERICHO for GHORANIYEH, on arrival to come under the orders of G.O.C., Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade.

1st A.L.H. Brigade was withdrawn to the TALAT ED DUMM area.

May 12th.

I.C.C., Brigade, on relief arrived at TALAT ED DUMM en route for ENAB to come under the orders of G.E.Q.

May 14th.

Abnormal enemy movement was observed about 113.X.11 to 113.X.16. but with no apparent result.

11th Mountain Battery arrived in the JERICHO area and came under the orders of G.O.C., Australian Mounted Division.

181st Brigade arrived at TALAT ED DUMM. On relief to rejoin XXth Corps.

May 17th. N.Z.M.R. Brigade moved to TALAT ED DUMM area.
A. & N.Z. Mounted Division (less 2 Brigades) moved
to SOLOMON'S POOLS near BETHLEHEM.
Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade were relieved
by 8th Mounted Brigade in the GHORANIYEH Bridgehead.

May 18th. A patrol to the foothills in the vicinity of the
Arseniyet track reported enemy burning crops in front of
the foothills.
Hostile artillery was slightly more active than usual.
No. 7 Light Car Patrol came under the orders of G.O.C.,
Australian Mounted Division.

May 21st. Hostile aeroplanes dropped two bombs on our troops in
the JORDAN Valley. Casualties :- 2 Other Ranks wounded.

May 23rd. A successful raid was carried out by the 9th Hodson's
Horse, 5th Mounted Brigade, Aust. Mounted Division, during
the night of the 22nd/23rd. The enemy's casualties were
estimated at 20 killed and 30 wounded. 2 Prisoners were
captured. Our casualties were 11 O.R. wounded.
Patrol encounters took place in 127.P.23.a. and
127.R.4.c. in which enemy patrols were driven back.
I.S.Cav.Bde. passed from the command of 1st Mounted Divn.
to the command of G.O.C., Australian Mounted Division,
at 0400.

May 25th. Headquarters and 2 Batteries 301st Brigade R.F.A. moved
to JERUSALEM and came under the orders of the G.O.C.,
XXth Corps.

May 26th. 50 enemy Infantry and 15 enemy cavalry were met, at
0500 in 127.R.9.c. Shots were exchanged and the enemy
retired. A troop of enemy cavalry came under our
Artillery fire at 0640 in 127.P.21.d. The first round
appeared O.K. The enemy replied with 10 rounds of small
calibre.

50 or 60 enemy dismounted men at 0730 in the WADI
NIMRIN in 127.P.21; apparently covering parties for
harvesters, were shelled by our heavies with good effect.
The enemy moved south through the scrub.

May 28th. Australian Mounted Division were ordered to take all
available men off work on defenses and roads, not immediately
urgent, for anti-mosquito measures, in the WADI ALAHAH.

May 29th. 50 or 60 enemy established themselves in the Wadi West
of the ford in T.I.a. at 1130, but were ejected by one
Squadron at 1215, KARR FENDI being reoccupied.

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May 29th. 1 Section 383rd Siege Battery arrived at TALAT ED
DUMM en route for JERUSALEM.
(contd). N.Z. R. Brigade left TALAT ED DUMM for SOLOMON'S
POOLS to rejoin A. & N.Z. Mounted Division, on the night 29th/
30th.

May 31st. Patrol to TEL EL MUSLIM Cross Roads was fired on at
close range - Casualties 2 horses killed.
Troop to EL FAIZ along the W. ZIGHAN turned the enemy's
flank and reached the Cross Roads without opposition.

The total number of prisoners and deserters from May
5th to May 31st, both dates inclusive was 181 Turkish
Other Ranks.

Our total casualties for the period May 5th to May 31st
both dates inclusive were :-

KILLED.		WOUNDED.		MISSING.	
Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.	Off.	O.R.
-	13	7	63	-	3

GRAND TOTAL. 86.

H. G. Chavell

Lieutenant-General,

Commanding DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

10th June 1918.

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G.O. 59.

1. (a). Moves will take place in accordance with the attached March Table.
(b). Moves between ENAB and LATRON need not necessarily take place under cover of darkness.
(c). 2nd Mounted Divisional Headquarters will move with 7th Mounted Brigade or Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade, as considered most convenient by the Divisional Commander.
2. Further instructions regarding marches will be issued by D.A. & Q.M.G.
3. The command of the RIGHT SECTOR will pass to General Officer Commanding 2nd Mounted Division at 0900 on 10th July, under arrangements to be made direct between Divisions.
4. As the Field Squadron, Signal Squadron, S.A.A. Section and Sanitary Section of 2nd Mounted Division are still in process of formation and will ^{not} be available by the time the Division assumes command of the RIGHT SECTOR, it is probable that these troops will have to be supplemented from other units in the Corps. Instructions regarding this will be issued in due course.
5. Each Brigade will be in Corps Reserve while at TALAT ED DUMM.

25th June 1918.

R. Howard Nye
Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

Operation Order Distribution.
plus 2nd Mounted Division.
Inspector, Palestine L. of C.

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March Table issued with G.O. 59.

Unit	July 3rd.	July 4th	July 5th	Night July 6/7	Night July 7/8	Night July 8/9	Night July 9/10	Night July 10/11	Night July 11/12
7th Mtd. Bde.	SARONA to SURAFEND	SURAFEND to LATRON	LATRON to ENAB	ENAB to T. ED DUMM	T. ED DUMM to RIGHT SECTOR.	-	-	-	-
I.S.O. Brigade	-	-	KHIRET DEIRAN to LATRON	LATRON to ENAB	ENAB to T. ED DUMM	T. ED DUMM to RIGHT SECTOR.	-	-	-
22nd Mtd. Bde.	-	-	-	T. ED DUMM to SOLOLONS POOLS.	-	-	-	-	-
6th Mtd Bde.	-	-	-	-	-	RIGHT SEC. to T. ED DUMM	T. ED DUMM to ENAB	ENAB to LATRON	-
1st Mtd. Divl. H.Q. and Divl. Troops. (but details required to remain).	-	-	-	-	-	-	RIGHT SECTOR to T. ED DUMM	T. ED DUMM to ENAB	ENAB to LATRON
8th Mtd. Bde.	-	-	-	-	-	-	RIGHT SEC. to T. ED DUMM	T. ED DUMM to ENAB	ENAB to LATRON.
3rd A.L.H. Bde.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	SOLOLONS POOLS to T. ED DUMM	-

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LOCATION of TROOPS
of
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

Ref. Map.
1" = 1 mile.

Unit	Co-ordinate	Place
<u>CORPS HEADQUARTERS</u>	113.G.17.d.	E. of TALAT ED DUMM
<u>CORPS RESERVE</u>		
<u>AUSTRALIAN MTD DIV H.Q.</u>	CARMELITE MONASTERY	BETHLEHEM.
3rd A.L.H. Brigade	100.G.28.central	N. of BETHLEHEM
8th A.L.H. Regt.)		
9th A.L.H. Regt.)	100.G.22.	S. of BETHLEHEM
10th A.L.H. Regt.)		
5th Mounted Brigade)		
Gloucester Yeo.)		
9th Hodsons Horse)	113.K.6.c.	
18th Lancers)		
4th A.L.H. Brigade)		
4th A.L.H. Regt.)	113.G.5.c.	TALAT ED DUMM
11th A.L.H. Regt.)		
12th A.L.H. Regt.)		
<u>RIGHT SECTOR</u>		
<u>1st MOUNTED DIV H.Q.</u>	113.K.3.c.	E. of JEBEL KURUNTUL
11th L.A.M. Bty.	127.Q.4.b.	GHORANIYE BRIDGEHEAD.
6th Mounted Brigade)	113.N.10.a.	
Dorset Yeo.)	113.N.C.c.	
38th C.I. Horse)	113.N.5.c.	JERICO
2nd Lancers)	113.S.20.a.	
8th Mounted Brigade)	127.Q.3.a.	
1/1 Co. of Lon. Yeo.)	127.Q.7.	GHORANIYEH
29th Lancers)	127.Q.7.	BRIDGEHEAD.
36th Jacobs Horse)	127.Q.7.	
20th Indian Infantry)	127.Q.central	
Bde.)		GHORANIYEH
Patiala Infantry)	127.O.27.b.5.5.	BRIDGEHEAD
Gwalior Infantry)	127.Q.4.c.9.1.	
Alwar Infantry)	127.O.32.d.8.3.	
<u>ARTILLERY</u>		
Leicester Bty. (RHA)	127.Q.8.c.5.5.	
Berks Bty. (RHA) 16	127.Q.3.c.5.5.	
Wants Bty. (RHA) 13-	127.Q.7.c.	W. of GHORANIYEH
Essex Bty. (RHA) pdrs.	113.L.6.c.5.5.	
C/302 Bty. (RFA) (4-4.5" Hows)	127.Q.1.c.5.5.	
Sect. 91st H. Bty. (2-60 prs)	113.L.6.d.2.2.)	
102 A/A Section	113.L.16.central)	
96 A/A section	114.N.22.c.	W. of JORDAN.

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Ref. map. 1/40,000

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Unit	Co-ordinate	Place
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LEFT SECTOR

A. & N.Z. Mtd. Divn. H.Q.	(B.6) H.34.a.	N. of JERICHO
2/32nd Sikh Pioneers	(B.6) H.6.b. and H.11.c.	N. of JERICHO
No. 12 L.A.M. Battery	(B.6) H.35.a.	N. of JERICHO
No. 7 Light Car Patrol	(B.6) H.35.b.	N. of JERICHO
22nd Mounted Brigade	(B.6) H.17.d.5.2.	
Stafford Yeo.	(B.6) J.12.d.7.7.	
6th Cavalry	(B.6) J.1.a.5.5.	
19th Lancers	(B.6) H.17.a.5.5.	
18th M.G. Sqn.	(B.6) H.17.d.5.6.	
1st L.H. Brigade	(B.6) Y.29.b. central	
1st L.H. Regt.	(B.6) Y.5.c.4.5.	
2nd L.H. Regt.	(B.6) Y.23.a.6.3.	
3rd L.H. Regt.	(B.6) Y.22.b.8.4.	
1st A.M.G. Sqn.	(B.6) Y.16.d.5.5.	
2nd L.H. Brigade	(B.6) Y.30.b.	
6th L.H. Regt.	(B.6) Z.4.a.	
7th L.H. Regt.	(B.6) Z.26.b.	
5th L.H. Regt.	(B.6) Z.18.c.	
2nd A.M.G. Sqn.	(B.6) Z.25. central.	

N.Z.M.R. Brigade	(B.6) H.23.b.3.5.	
A.M.R.	(B.6) H.3.b.	
C.M.R.	(B.6) H.33.c.	
W.M.R.	(B.6) H.25.d.5.9.	
M.G. Sqn.	(B.6) H.3.a.	

ARTILLERY

H.Q. R.A. AUJA DEFENCES	(B.6) H.34.a.	
H.Q. Right Group R.A.	(B.6) Z.27.d.7.7.	
Ayrshire Bty.	(B.6) Z.20.a. central	
A/H.A.C.	(B.6) Z.21.d.9.0.	
Inverness Bty.	(B.6) J.4.b.8.8.	
Somerset Bty.	(B.6) J.5.a.6.2.	
H.Q. Left Group R.A.	(B.6) Y.29.a.8.2.	
B/H.A.C.	(B.6) Y.24.c.2.2.	
Hotts R.H.A.	(B.6) Y.23.b.7.3.	
C/301	(B.6) Y.17.c.2.5.	
No.11 Mtn. Bty.	(B.6) Y.16.a.5.1.	
Section 91st H. Bty.	(B.6) Y.23.b.2.4.	

SECRET

G.O. 61

1. Reports indicate the possibility of the enemy attempting to force a crossing over the JORDAN South of EL GHORANIYE.

2. (a) The following moves have been ordered to take place tonight, July 28th/29th.

5th Mounted Brigade to Right Sector but remain tactically in Corps Reserve.

4th A.L.H. Brigade to TALAT ED DUMM.

(b) 7th Mounted Brigade comes under orders of Desert Mounted Corps on arrival at ENAB on the night June 30th/July 1st.

3. The moves on the attached table are substituted for those ordered in this Office G.O. 58, and for those ordered for 7th and 22nd Mounted Brigades in this office G.O. 60.

They are liable to further alteration in accordance with the tactical situation.

4. Further instructions regarding marches will be issued by D.A. & Q.M.G.

5. Brigades at TALAT ED DUMM are in Corps Reserve.

R. Steward Dyer

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

28th June 1918

Operation Order Distribution
plus 2nd Mounted Division.
Inspector Palestine L. of C.
7th Mounted Brigade.

Moves Table issued with G.O. 61. 29/6/18

Brigade	Night July 30/July 1st	Night July 1st/2nd	Night July 2nd/3rd	Night July 7th/8th
7th Mounted Brigade	—	ENAB to TALAT ED DUMM, coming under orders of 1st Mounted Divn on arrival, but tactically in Corps Reserve.	TALAT ED DUMM to Right Sector Area, remaining tactically in Corps Reserve.	—
5th Mounted Brigade	Right Sector Area to TALAT ED DUMM, coming under orders of G.O.C. Australian Mtd. Div. on arrival.	TALAT ED DUMM to SOLOMONS POOLS.	—	—
4th A.L.H. Brigade	TALAT ED DUMM to Right Sector Area, remaining in Corps Reserve.	Right Sector in Corps Reserve to Left sector.	—	—
22nd Mounted Brigade	—	Left Sector to Right sector Area in Corps Reserve	Right Sector Area to TALAT ED DUMM, coming under orders of GOC Australian Mounted Division on arrival	TALAT ED DUMM to SOLOMONS POOLS

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LOCATION OF TROOPS

Ref. Map.
1"=1 mile.

DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

23/3/19

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>Coordinate.</u>	<u>Place.</u>
<u>CORPS HEADQUARTERS.</u>	113.G.17.d.	E. of TALAT ED DUMM.
<u>CORPS RESERVE.</u>		
<u>AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIV. H.Q.</u>	CARMELITE MONASTERY.	BETHLEHEM.
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.	100.G.28 central	
8th A.L.H. Regt.)	100.K.21.c.	N. of BETHLEHEM.
9th A.L.H. Regt.)		
10th A.L.H. Regt.)	100.G.22	S. of BETHLEHEM.
5th Mounted Bde.)		
Gloucester Yeo.)		
9th Hodsons Horse)	113.G.5.c.	TALAT ED DUMM.
18th Lancers.)		
4th A.L.H. BRIGADE.	100.P.8.d.0.5.)	
4th A.L.H. Regt.)	100.P.0.a.)	S. of
11th A.L.H. Regt.)	100.P.8.b.)	BETHLEHEM.
12th A.L.H. Regt.)	100.D.34.)	
<u>RIGHT SECTOR.</u>		
<u>1st MOUNTED DIV. H.Q.</u>	113.K.3.c.	E. of JEBEL KURUNDUL.
11th L.A.M. Bty	127.Q.4.b.	GHORANIYEH Bridgehead.
6th Mounted Bde.	113.K.8.c.	
Dorset Yeo.	113.K.11.b.	N. of JERICHO.
38th C.I. Horse.	113.N.5.c.	
2nd Lancers.	113.K.11.a.	
8th Mounted Bde.	127.Q.3.a.	
1/1 Co. of Lon. Yeo.	127.Q.3.a.	GHORANIYEH
29th Lancers	127.Q.3.c.	BRIDGEHEAD.
36th Jacobs Horse.	127.Q.3.a.	
20th Ind Infantry Bde.	127.Q. central	
Patiala Infantry.	127.O.27.b.5.5.	GHORANIYEH
Gwalior Infantry.	127.Q.4.c.9.1.	BRIDGEHEAD.
Alwar Infantry.	127.O.32.d.8.3.	
<u>ARTILLERY.</u>		
Leicester Batty. RHA)	127.Q.8.c.5.5.	
Berks Batty RHA)	127.Q.3.c.5.5.	
Hants Batty RHA) 16 -	127.Q.7.c.	
Essex Batty RHA) 13 pdrs.	113.L.6.c.5.5.	West of GHORANIYEH
C/302 Batty RFA (4-4.5" Hows)	127.Q.1.c.5.5.	
Sect. 91st H. Batty (2-50 pdrs)	113.L.16 d.2.B.	
102 A/A Section.	113.L.16 Central	
96 A/A Section.	114.N.22.c.	West of JORDAN.

UNIT	Co-ordinate.	Place.
<u>LEFT SECTOR.</u>		
A. & N.Z. Mounted Division H.Q.	113.H.34.a.	S.W. of OSH EL GHURRUB.
No. 12 L.A.M. Batty.	113.L.1.c.	N.E. of JERICHO.
No. 7 L.C. Patrol.	113.H.35.b.	N. of JERICHO.
2/32nd Sikh Pioneers.	113.K.6.b. & H.11.c	-do-
1st A.L.H. Brigade.	113.Y.29.b.5.5.) No. 3 Subsector.
1st A.L.H. Regt.	113.Y.11.d.2.5.	
2nd A.L.H. Regt.	113.Y.28.c.6.4.	
3rd A.L.H. Regt.	113.Y.22.b.5.4.	
N.Z.M.R. Brigade	113.H.26.b.3.6.) No. 4 Subsector
Auck. M.R.	113.Y.29.	
Cant. M.R.	113.H.25.d.5.9.	
Wellington M.R.	113.H.32.d.9.9.	
2nd A.L.H. Brigade	113.Y.24.d.) No. 2 Subsector.
7th A.L.H. Regt.	113.Z.2.b.9.6.	
5th A.L.H. Regt.	113.Z.1.8.c.	
6th A.L.H. Regt.	113.J.1.b.5.0.	
22nd Mounted Bde.	113.H.12.d.5.5.) N. of JERICHO.
1/1st Staffs Yeo.	113.J.1.c.6.2.	
6th Cavalry	113.H.6.d.9.3.	
19th Lancers	113.J.12.d.8.8.	
<u>ARTILLERY</u>		
Ayrshire Batty. RHA	113.Z.22.b.) - do -
Inverness Bty. RHA	113.J.4.d.3.8.	
Somerset Bty. RHA	113.J.5.central	
A/H.A.C.	113.Z.27.d.5.5.	
B/H.A.C.	113.Y.30.a.2.8.	
C/301 Bty. RFA (4-4.5 hows)	113.Y.22.b.6.7.	
Sect. 91st Heavy Bty. (2-30 pre)	113.Y.29.b.1.9.)	
H.K. & Singapore Bty.	113.Y.16.d.1.9.	
11th Mtn. Batty (4 2.75)	113.Y.16.d.2.8.	
120 A/A Sect.	113.H.19.a.	

Reference this office G.O. 61, dated 28th June 1918.
Para. 3. For "G.O. 60" read "G.O. 59".

A.C.B. Neate
Major
Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

29th June 1918.

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Operation Order Distribution
plus 2nd Mounted Division.
Inspector Palestine L.of C.
7th Mounted Brigade.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
OF
GENERAL STAFF
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.
MAY, 1918.

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GENERAL STAFF
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	May			
	1		<p>Enemy troops which crossed JORDAN thought to be 24th Division and 143rd Regiment and 3rd Cavalry Division. Crossing thought to have taken place at and below JISR ED DAMIE. Another enemy division is reported marching south along the Eastern bank of the Jordan River at BEISAN. Concentration of enemy troops reported at SUWEILLEH. No information as to numbers. Two envoys came through our lines this morning and report Arab forces moving North from MADEBA to ES SALT.</p>	
	2		<p>Deserter taken at MUSALLABEH (113.W.34) from 2nd Sqdn. 11th Cavalry Regt (Divl. Cavalry 53rd Division) states 24th Division moved east across JORDAN Night 30/1st, also 8th Cavalry regiment and one German battalion. Information received from agent states about 50 Germans with machine guns at 127.E.23.a.b. intend going North tonight via ES SALT. Local Arabs intend attacking Turks and Germans as they retire North.</p>	
	3		<p>Enemy attacked advanced advanced post in front of extreme right of 4th A.L.H.Bde. Attack was repulsed with heavy casualties. In attack last night against 127.J.9 3rd and 8th Regts captured 314 prisoners including 9 officers.</p>	
	4		<p>Total captures since commencement of operations 47 officers and 882 other ranks, including 1 officer and 42 other ranks Germans. 6 motor lorries, 1 motor car and 29 machine guns destroyed on withdrawal from ES SALT.</p>	
	7.		<p>An unintelligent prisoner taken on 6th May belonged to 3rd Bn. 32nd Regiment, 53rd Division, which he states arrived East of JORDAN two days ago and that the whole division is in the foothills East of Jordan.</p>	
	8		<p>Amongst the material captured at ES SALT were the following :- 27 machine guns, 1 automatic rifle, 1 pom-pom, 5 motor lorries, 7 light wagons. The above were all smashed and rendered useless before withdrawal of our troops. A large stock of bombs was also found in the Ordnance Depot at ES SALT and some were used by our troops in repelling the enemy attacks.</p>	

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	May			
	9		Aeroplanes reported 92 piles of ammunition were seen at AMMAN on 7/5/18.	
	10		5 deserters captured. A prisoner from 63rd Regiment states this regiment came from KALKILLIEH arriving in this sector on 9th instant. The rifle strength of 63rd Regiment is 1300.	
	11		Total prisoners captured during period 29/4/18 - 7/5/18 inclusive should be: Germans 1 officer 43 other ranks; Turks and Armenians 49 officers 849 other ranks; armed Bedouins 39.	
	12		A Greek deserter states that the remnants of the 66th Rgt. have been absorbed in the 23rd and 2/24th regiments. A deserter (corporal) of 2/11th Cavalry Regiment 2nd Caucasus Cavalry Brigade states that the 6th Cavalry Regiment were on the left of the regiment and the 24th Division on the right. 6th Cavalry Regt. was about 127.U.7. 11th Cavalry Regiment strength is 400 sabres, 500 rifles 4 machine guns. He was told that the III A.C. is coming East of the JORDAN and on its arrival the Turks are going to take the offensive and attack Jericho.	
	13		Reliable deserter states he belongs to 10th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Caucasus Cavalry Brigade. Strength including machine guns, 500 rifles and 4 machine guns. Left Caucasus front 20th March, arrived this front 9th May. Deserter belonging to the 3/20th Regt., 7th Division stated that the whole division, viz., 19, 20, 21st Regiments are on the front of our Left Sector with 24th Division on the left and 53rd Division on the right. Regiment rifle strength about 350. The telegraph line (single wire) was still standing and used by our troops in recent operations. The line runs roughly as follows :- In an almost direct line ES SALT to A in ARSENIYET and thence to GHORANIYE Bridge. A branch line goes south from the above point to SHUNET NIMRIN. The wire from A in ARSENIYET to the GHORANIYEH bridge has been taken down.	
	14		2 deserters of 1/17th Regiment (1 corporal, 1 private) state they arrived at ES SALT 3rd or 4th May with a draft. Deserter from 3/63rd Regt. 20th Division states that the whole of 63rd Regt left CONSTANTINOPLE for this front 7 months ago and arrived in MULEBBIS area, where they remained until 12 days ago. It took them 4 days to march from there to E. of JORDAN, where they arrived about 7 days ago, and relieved 11th Cavalry Regiment.	

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	May 16		<p>Prisoners and deserters captured from 8th to 14th inclusive: 6 prisoners, 31 deserters. 2 prisoners, H.Q. Composite Division state: A new division arrived at SHUNET NIMRIN on the night of 14th from CONSTANTINOPLE. One prisoner states that he was told this was the 25th Division.</p> <p>Agent reports a body of men about 1 Battalion arrived from DAMASCUS on the 11th with 3 M.Gs., also a German cavalry regiment and 1 Turkish Infantry Battalion on the 10th.</p> <p>A German medical officer of the 218th Field Hospital captured E. of the JORDAN gives the following information. 218th German Field Hospital was attached to 703rd German Inf. Bn. The personnel consists of 1 surgeon, 9 doctors, 40/50 other ranks. Tents (20) accommodate 10 patients. Drugs, cotton wool, special foods, etc were plentiful, but castor oil was scarce. The main diseases treated were typhoid, recurrent fever, dysentery. Only one death occurred and that from dysentery in the 6 weeks prisoners spent E. of JORDAN.</p>	
	17		<p>4 Prisoners and 4 deserters captured during 24 hours ending 1900 16/5/18.</p> <p>Prisoner of war 8/2/63rd Regt. states unit on right 7th Division. (This points to confirmation of part of this division being in this area). Strength of 2/63rd Regt. 350 rifles, 4 machine guns, 3 auto-rifles. Regimental M.G. Coy. consists of 4 M.Gs. 63rd Regiment arrived East of JORDAN 20 days ago and has since been attached to 24th Division. Each map has 250 rounds S.A.A. and two hand grenades.</p> <p>Prisoner from H.Q. Composite Division states that a new division arrived from CONSTANTINOPLE on the 14th. One prisoner states this was 25th Division. He saw them on the ES SALT Road. A man carrying a red and white flag was at the head of the Division.</p> <p>Large ammunition dumps reported at TUL KERAM.</p>	
	18		<p>Total increase in tentage in WADI FUSAIL - SURBUBEH - Lower WADY FARAH is 210.</p> <p>Total prisoners and deserters from 8th to 17th inclusive Prisoners 17. Deserters 45.</p> <p>Intelligent deserter from 1/63rd Regt. M.G. Coy. states he previously belonged to 77th Regt. 19th Division, but deserted and joined the 63rd and a few days later came E. of JORDAN. When with the 77th he says 3 Indians deserted to 77th and a British officer was taken prisoner by them. The officer refused to make a statement.</p>	

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	May 20		<p>Prisoners and deserters from 8th to 19th inclusive :- 17 prisoners 59 deserters. Prisoner from 7th Cavalry Regiment states that two companies of 126th Infantry Regiment were mounted and drafted to 7th Cavalry Regiment. Prisoner from 66th Regiment states that remnants of 2 and 3/66th Regiments together with 100 men from 1/66 were drafted to 191st Regiment about 10/5/18. Deserter st from 3rd/63rd Regiment states this regiment relieved the 24th Division on the 6/7th instant, the latter crossing west of the Jordan and probably returned to the NABLUS Sector. 63rd Regiment attached to the 48th Division. Ford at JISR ED DAMIE consists of two boats, one 12 yds long and 3 yds broad, which only take men and supplies over. The other is lighter, 6 yds long and 4 yds broad, and can hold 4 horses and 4 men only. These boats are pulled from side to side by 4 men, and take 10 minutes to cross. Temperatures for week ending 17/5/18 taken at Anzac Field Laboratory at 113.K.27.a. in a ventilated hut about 700 feet below sea level. May 11th - 106 degrees. May 12th - 99.5 degrees. May 13th - 98 degrees. May 14th - 99.5° May 15th - 106 " May 16th 103 " May 17th 97 " . These temperatures are about 3° lower than those taken in E.P. tents.</p>	
	21		<p>Prisoners and deserters from 8th to 20th inclusive = 17 prisoners. 64 deserters. Agent reported on 12th that 3 battalions arrived by train at AMMAN. One of these was composed of Germans and Austrians. The German and Austrian Battalion was split up and drafted to various units. Fire which was reported to have broken out in AMMAN about 2 weeks ago was caused by the firing of 8 large petrol cylinders and 2 or 3 motor lorries by the Germans, who feared a British advance. Royal Artillery report the location of about 40 guns on the Corps Front.</p>	
	22		<p>Prisoners and deserters from 8th to 21st inclusive - 19 prisoners, 67 deserters. Deserter from 48th Division, late a hospital orderly in DAMASCUS states that a Lancer Regiment is on their left. Corporal, deserter of 2/23rd Regiment states that during recent operations 1st and 2nd/23rd suffered very heavily and remnants of 1st and 2nd were absorbed by the 3/23rd, but about 5 days ago reinforcements arrived and 1st and 2nd Bns. have been reformed. Each man carries 200 rounds S.A.A. and one bomb.</p>	

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	May 22.		<p>Rations are less than they were 15 days ago, the reason being the arrival of further troops from CONSTANTINOPLE. The Turks have fired the crops at NIMRIN as soldiers are being captured by us whilst gathering wheat to supplement their rations.</p> <p>Another deserter from 3/23rd states: No new divisions have arrived East of JORDAN, but their officers tell them that a German Army is arriving soon and will take over the front and all Turks will go into reserve.</p> <p>Prisoner of 1/66th Regt states that the rations consist of half loaf black bread and a few olives daily.</p> <p>Prisoner of 11/3/152nd Regiment states that they work every night digging trenches.. Rations - during past 3 days he has received 2 biscuits and 1 loaf of bread.</p> <p>3 deserters from 7th Division taken on 19th state, on hearsay, that a new Division arrived at TUL KERAM about the 11th from CONSTANTINOPLE.</p> <p>A bridge (very narrow) at 113.V.23.d. (ES SALT Composite Sheet 2nd Edition) appears to consist of one plank probably supported by pontoons, with 2 wires stretched across, probably as hand rails.</p>	
	23		<p>Width of bridge at 113.V.23.c.3.3. is being increased by cross planks. Centre of bridge not completed.</p> <p>At V.22.d. a barge is reported which was seen to cross the river twice between 1600 & 1630. When barge is on west bank it is entirely hidden.</p> <p>At 113.V.23.c.8.8. approx. there is a small boat on E. bank of river at ford, just N. of the bridge.</p> <p>Prisoners and deserters from 8th to 22nd inclusive = 23 prisoners, 68 deserters.</p> <p>Prisoner from 1/3/146th states each company received a draft of 5 men 3 days ago. 2 German officers inspected the position of the defences. An officer told prisoner that Germans would soon come and relieve them. This prisoner with a mate was captured at 127.R.10.c. burning crops, which he was ordered to do by his company commander.</p> <p>Information from a refugee from AMMAN states that on 15th instant 2 Turkish battalions arrived from DERAA, strength about 800/900, and left for SALT on 16th. 25 mules accompanied them loaded with M.Gs. and ammunition. On 16th he saw 4 mountain guns at AMMAN and believes these guns left for SALT. There are 500 Turks camped at 113 142.Z.4 (MERKE). On 20th he saw 4/500 cavalry at WADI ER RAME, 127.T.4.</p>	

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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices																				
	May 24		<p>Prisoners and deserters from 8th to 23rd inclusive - 26 prisoners, 68 deserters. Prisoner of 5/2/125 Regiment, 16th Division captured at 113.X.30.c. states that the regiment is attached to 24th Division. Supplies are brought from NABLUS by horse transport. Daily rations consist of half loaf of bread and soup made of barley. Prisoner of war from 3/1/66th Regt. states that regiment came into their present position 6 days ago and are now attached to 48th Division. A native of MADEBA states DJEMAL PASHA is forming an Arab Volunteer Corps. A native of FUREIS states there are some 200 Turkish cavalry and 200 infantry in AMMAN and 4 guns and at ES SALT there are 300 Turkish troops camped on both sides of the town. 100 German cavalry and 100 German Infantry in the town.</p>																					
	25		<p>Prisoners and deserters from 8th to 24th inclusive. 28 prisoners, 75 deserters. Deserter from Mule Mounted Infantry states he previously belonged to 2/1/65th. Came from DAMASCUS 7 days ago with a draft of 1000 convalescents and deserters and was then drafted into M.G. Company with 28 others. He deserted owing to lack of food, 3 days after arriving. Another deserter from Mule Mounted Infantry states they have received about 5 men daily for past 10 days from DAMASCUS as drafts. Supplies come by 6 mules per company from SALT. Men work every night digging trenches. No wire or land mines. Ration strength of this regiment is 2,000. 73rd and 74th Regiments are reported to be East of JORDAN.</p>																					
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	May 27		<p>The 9th and 11th Cavalry regiments have received orders to return to the Caucasus owing to the rising of the Armenians and will be leaving in 4 or 5 days time.</p> <p>2 German 15.5 cm heavy howitzers have arrived and are in position at 127.P.24.b. Three 7.5 cm mountain guns have a range of 8000 metres, and 2 7.5 cm. mountain guns have a range of 5000 metres.</p> <p>1 German Machine Gun Company arrived 15 days ago and are on the left flank. Only the gunners are Germans.</p> <p>Rations are bad and they are often two days without supplies.</p>	
	28		<p>Prisoners and deserters from 8th to 28th May inclusive 31 prisoners, 80 deserters.</p> <p>Temperatures recorded at Anzac Field Laboratory 18th to 24th May inclusive.</p> <p>May 18th - 96 degrees. May 19th - 90 degrees. May 20th - 96 degrees. May 21st 101 degrees.</p> <p>May 22nd - 96 " May 23rd - 90 " May 24th - 95 "</p> <p>These temperatures are 3 degrees lower than if taken in an E.P. tent.</p>	
	29		<p>Prisoners and deserters from 8th to 28th inclusive. 31 prisoners, 82 deserters.</p> <p>Prisoner of War 1/63rd Regiment states that his regiment left KALKILLIE at 1930 on 1st May for TUL KERAM, and from there entrained to BEISAN. They left BEISAN on 6th May and marched across JORDAN over a stone bridge, 2 miles East of BEISAN, thence down the JORDAN Valley arriving at ES SALT on 8th May.</p> <p>Deserter of M.G. Company 191st Regiment states that a road is being made up the hill held by 191st Regt to get to 2 15.5 cm. howitzers into action. (These are probably the two German 15.5 cm heavy howitzers reported by prisoner of war on 27th to have arrived 4 days ago and to be in position at 127.P.24.b.)</p> <p>The 66th Regt has been reformed by drafts from DAMASCUS. C.O. 66th Regt ALI RIZA Bey.</p> <p>A German division is expected shortly.</p> <p>191st Regiment now attached to 48th Division.</p> <p>3 days ago it was announced that the King of the Hejaz had made peace and would soon join forces with them.</p>	

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	1918 May 31st.		<p>Prisoners and deserters from 8th to 30th inclusive 32 prisoners, 84 deserters = Total 116.</p> <p>Deserter of 2/3rd 53rd Division. Reticent. Position of regiment - 113.R.11. Unit on left: 32nd Regiment</p> <p>This deserter was a transport driver and while looking for strayed mules wandered into our lines. There was a rumour circulating amongst the troops that they were going to attack the British. Battalion transport consists of 55 mules, donkeys and horses, and 9 carts - animals are all in a weak condition. Supplies are brought from NABLUS.</p> <p>2 deserters of M.G. Company 191st Regiment (see D.M.C. summary 29th May) further interrogated state position of regiment 127.P.5 approx. There is one German M.G. Company in SHUNET NIMRIN valley. The line from 127.P.23.a. northwards is held as follows: 17th Regiment (2 Bns) 23rd Regt, 46th Div Attack Bn, 191st Regiment, 63rd Regt.</p> <p>NB. This is the first time that any attack battalions of 46th Division has been mentioned on this front. The 191st Regt originally was part of 46th Division, but later was reported attached attached to 48th Division.</p> <p>The 145th Regiment of 46th Division is reported to be in front of our left sector: Trenches have been prepared and wired across valley where SALT road runs into the hills. The 66th Regiment is training behind the lines E. of SHUNET NIMRIN.</p> <p>Bridge at 113.V.23.c. MAFID JOZELLE is apparently still unfinished. There appears to be a gap of about 20 feet in the centre.</p>	

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