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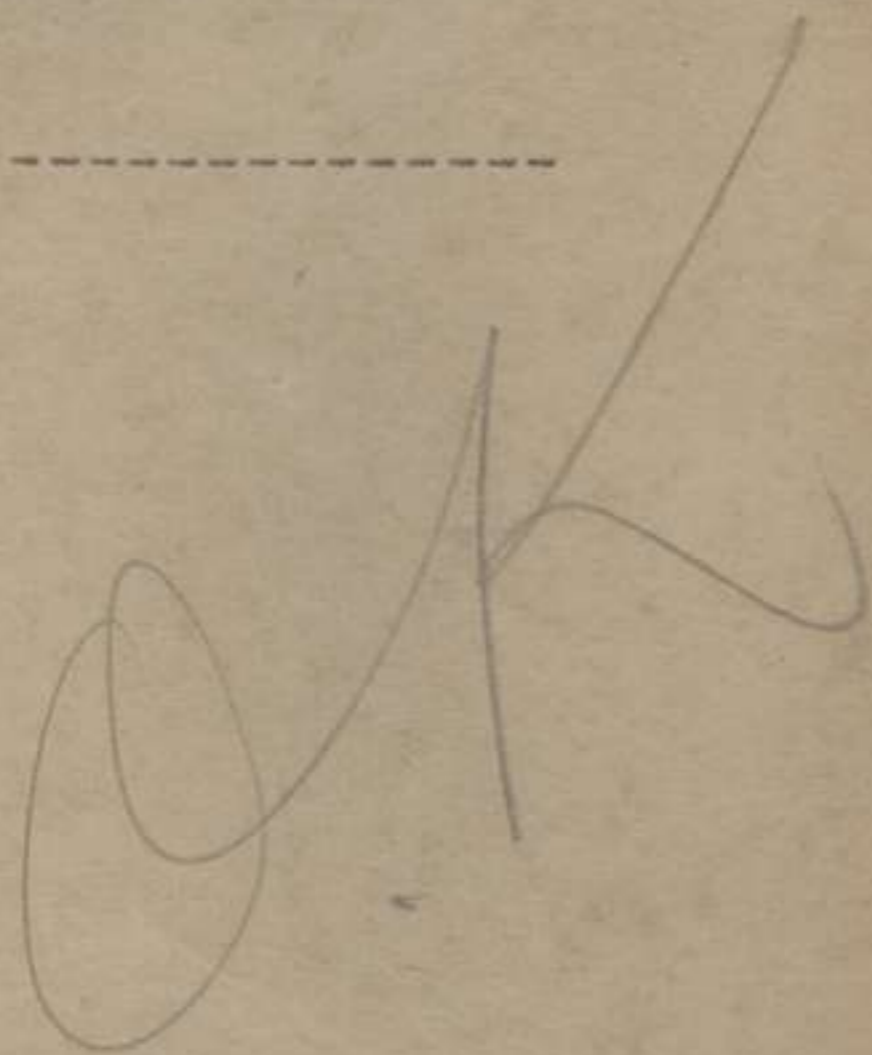
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5 th April 1300	Report on Routes GAZIA to JEMANA via HUB Area Report on HAREIRA Area Area Work on crossings continued by 6 th MTDBde. 5 th MTD Bde took over OUTPOSTS. GOC inspected The outpost line.	Cable. Cable.
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	Reconnaissance of area ELMENDUR - KH. EL. ASEIFERIYEH - KH. UMM - RIJL	Cable. Appen 43 a

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7 th April DEIR EL BELAH 0900-1400	Reconnaissance of road ABASAN EL KEBIR — EL FARRA by armoured car to crossing over WADI GHUZZE. Small Turkish Patrol encountered and dispersed.	
0900-1100	Reconnaissance of SHEIKH ABBASS — SHARTA — ELMENDUR area for new outpost line. Report on crossings and water in area ELMENDUR — KHURBET EL ASIFERIYEH — KHURBET UMM RIJL area	Appen 44
	Sketch showing Imperial Mtd Div crossings and road over WADIS GHUZZE and SHERIA.	Appen 45
1330	3 rd LHBde on OUTPOST. Digging of trenches continued Map of area occupied by 54 th Division showing trenches, crossings wells cisterns	Appen 46.
8 th April. DEIR EL BELAH	one Regt. 6 th Bde covered reconnaissance of Desert Column Working Party at ELMENDUR. Report on Reconnaissance of road ABASAN EL KEBIR — EL FARRA.	Appen 47 <u>Labbe</u>
1000 1000	Gas instruction to Divisional HQs. 6th Bde on outposts	
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1000	Conference of GOCS + staff officers ^{of DIVISIONS} at DESERT COLUMN HQS.	
1600	conference of GOCS + staff officers Brigades at Div HQS.	
1700	Orders for outpost duties issued for 11 th inst.	Appen. 50
	New outpost line UM JERRAR - SHARTA - TEL EL JEMMI held by one Bde ICC and one troop of Mounted Division for duty	Appen. 51
	Map showing crossings of 52 nd Div.	Appen. 52
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11 th April. DEIR EL BELAH	Temp Brig Gen BD FITZGERALD assumes command 5 th Bde Report on reconnaissance of WADI GHUZZE about HISEIA.	Appen 54
1330	New track for the division reconnoitred which deviates from the UM JERRAR track to the crossings 6 and 7 5 th Bde on outposts.	Appen 55
1100	4 th LHBde (less 4 th Regt) camped on beach side of KHAN YUNUS arriving from RAIFA.	Appen 57
	Orders for construction of new track for Division issued to 6 th MTD Bde 3 rd LHBde	Appen 58
	Orders for construction of crossing and improvement of road at ABU HISEIA issued to 6 th Bde.	Appen 59
12 th April.	GOC visited 4 th LHBde.	Appen 60
	Working party 150 men 3 rd LHBde constructed new track for Division from UM JERRAR track to crossings C6 & C7 and existing crossing over WADI IMRAIN improved	Appen 54 b
	Working party 100 men 6 th MTD Bde improved existing track from point 330 ABU HISEIA to WADI GHUZZE	Appen 61
	One Regt of 6 th Bde covered the work.	Appen 54 a
1330	5 th Bde came off outposts. Orders for outposts issued to 3 rd Bde	Appen 62

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12 th April DEIR EL BELAH 1600	GOC went to DESERT COLUMN	<u>Bald</u>
13 th April 1400 1430	Conference of Brigade Majors 6 th Bde on outposts. Orders for outposts Reconnaissance of outpost position covering TEL EL JEMMI.	Appen 55
14 th April	Enemy dispositions in the area GAZA - SHERIA - BEERSHEBA.	Appen 56
1430	Report on water in the area of operations GAZA - SHERIA orders for outposts to 4 th Bde 6 th Bde relieved off outposts.	Appen 57 Appen 58.
1500	Operation order No 11 issued	Appen 59
1830	Operation order No 12 issued	Appen 60.
Conference of Brigade and Divisional Unit commanders subject operation orders No 11 & 12. ^{commander and} staff of Reconnaissance carried out by Divisional ^{commander and} staff of route to TEL EL JEMMI and across Wadi GHUZZE.		Appen 58
15 th April 1430	Reconnaissance of artillery positions in area EL MENDUR to support right flank of 5 th Division from a move of the enemy from SHEIKH ABBIBS. Reconnaissance covered by one regt of 6 th Bde.	Appen 60A

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15 th April DEIR EL BELAH 0600	Representatives Bdes and Divisional Units met DAA & QMG at outpost headquarters to have allotment of camping areas and water detailed to them.	
1500	Conference of Divisional Brigade and Regimental commanders at DESERT Column.	
	Major MCKENZIE K.A. 9 th LH Regt GSO 3 appointed Brigade Major 4 th LH Bde	
	Major ROBERTSON H.C.H. 10 th LH Regt appointed GSO 3 Imperial Mounted Division.	
1800	Lient GARBETT reported to carry out duties of GSO 3 until Major ROBERTSON returns from hospital.	<u>Garbett</u>
16 th April DEIR EL BELAH 0700	Major K.A. MCKENZIE proceeded to 4 th LH Brigade to take up duties of Brigade Major.	
0900	After order to Divisional Order No 11712 issued.	appen 61
1500	Led Horse of HQS left for TEL EL JEMMI	
1845	General ROBERTSON ^{HODGSON} & Staff left for TEL EL JEMMI	
	At same hour D.H.Q. closed at DEIR EL BELAH and reopened at TEL EL JEMMI	
1600	Message from 3 rd LH Bde appended.	appen 66 <u>Amf</u>

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<p>16th April DEIR EL BELAH.</p> <p>1930</p> <p>2145</p> <p>2200</p>	<p>Circular Memorandums re Prisoners of War etc appended Information of statements of Deserters appended Copy of extracts from 6th Divisional order appended Information as to date of ZERO day -</p> <p>3 LH Bde concentrated and left GOZ EL TAIRE outpost line and proceeded to take up outpost line at JEMMI by - ABU BAKRA - 280 - EL MENDUR line ref map RAFA 1/125000.</p> <p>Usual communication established with 5th Mtd Bde in bivouac area and Squal.</p> <p>No 7 LC Patrol reported 4 hoops enemy cavalry 2 miles from SHELLAL at 1715 + advancing towards WADI - GOC 3 LH Bde advised</p> <p>General HODGSON arrived at forward Headquarters</p> <p>Brigadier Gen FITZGERALD conferred with GOC re plans of attack against ERK -</p> <p>4th LH Bde + 6th Mtd Bde in bivouac area.</p>	<p>appendix 62.</p> <p>appen 63.</p> <p>appen 64</p> <p>appen 65.</p>
<p>17th April Battle Headquarters</p> <p>TEL EL JEMMI - 0130</p> <p>0500</p> <p>0515</p> <p>0530</p>	<p>5th Mounted Brigade moved out from bivouac area to capture KH. ERK -</p> <p>A little rifle and machine gun fire from direction of MANSURA. 8th LH Regt (3rd LH Bde) in position of NE of EL ASEIFERIYEH</p> <p>Dust shells fired by our artillery</p> <p>Heavy Howitzers in action.</p>	<p>and.</p>

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17 th April - Battle Headquarters TEL EL JEMMI - 0545	Messages from 5 th Mta Bde appended - Message from 5 th Mta Bde appended -	appens. 66 + 66(a) appendix 67
0645	3 LH Bde (less 8 th Regt) concentrated at MENDUR	
0700	Pahols report enemy holding line REJM EL ATAWINEH through KHUM ADRAH to 2 miles E of Point 420 S.W. MHAREIRA -	
0900	SHEIKH ABBAS - MANSURA ridge captured by 54 th Division Reconnaissance as to water - gun positions, approaches crossings across WADI SHERIA (WADI SIHAN) gained out by MAJOR KA. MCKENZIE, GSO III staff officer of 3 rd Bde officers of 3 rd + 4 th LH Bdes - Maximum expenditure for demonstration or attacks on the ATAWINEH - SIHAN line.	appen

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BATTLE - HQ QUARTERS	18/4 22/4		Account of operations and operation orders appended	Appendices 68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76 and 77-78
BENISELA	23/4	0900	The whole Division was concentrated at ABASAN EL KEBIR by 0200. from MODGASMAN Ref.	Ref.
		1600	Orders re work required on new battle line appended.	appen 79.
	24/4	0900	G.O.C. inspected battle line	Ref.
	25/4	0900	Conference of Divisional commanders and Brigades at Column's Headquarter	
		1600	Operation order to 5th mounted Brigade appended.	Ref.
		2105	Operation order to 3rd Lt Brigade appended	appen 80 appen 81
	26/4	0800	G.O.C. inspected battle line, the C.R.A.'s I.M. Division and A and N2 Mtd Divisions accompanying him.	Ref.
		0900	5th mounted Brigade has taken up its new position at EL SHA'UTH	
		1500	A and N2 Mtd Divisional Order No 81 appended	appen 82.

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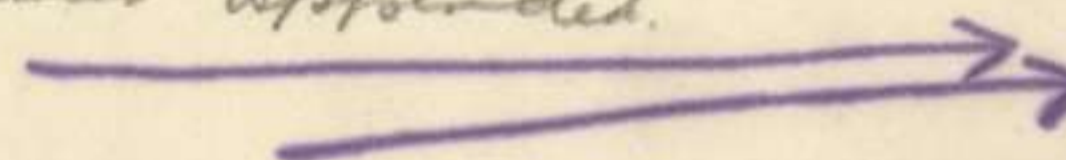
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BENI SELA	27/4	0900	G.O.C. accompanied Column Commander on inspection of battle line A+N2 MEd Divisional Order GK 670 appended Summary of above order to 5th Mounted Brigade appended	appen 83. appen 83(a)
		1000	Reports on + suggestions for battle line of Desert Column appended.	appen 84.
		1100	Operation order to 3rd LHB brigade appended.	appen 85 appen 85(b)
			Operation order A+N2 MEd Div. No GK 740 appended	
		1900	Disposition of troops in event of attack appended	appen 97
	28/4	1500	Information contained in SO.57 re taking over battle line by 74 Div	appen 86.
		1600	Report by G.O.C. of reconnaissance to SHANIAQ appended	appen 87
		1800	Orders to 6th MEd Bde for a reconnaissance to be carried out tomorrow to BIR EL ESANI appended - GK 828 A+N2 MEd Div appended	appen 88 appen 86(a)
	29/4	1000	Desert Column Order No 30 appended	appen 89
		1300	Divisional Order No 18 appended	appen 90
		1800	Operation Order to 4 LHBde appended - Report on Reconnaissance to EL ESANI appended	appen 91 appen 92
	30/4	0830	QLH Regimental patrol reports from KH. EL FAR being in touch with about 300 enemy cavalry about 2 miles E of TEL EL FARA. Enemy appears to be screening his own works and apparently only on observation -	
		0900	G.O.C. inspected battle line. Special instructions to Formation Commander appended	appen 93



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BENI SELA	30/4	1200	One Regiment and machine Gun Squadron of 6 th Mtd Brigade disinfected.	
		1330	names and numbers of redoubts in battle line appended.	appen 94
		1430	4 th L.H. Regiment on reconnaissance to BIREL ESANI reached there at 1030 after pushing back small enemy patrol from Point 530. Plentiful supply of water found at junction of the two WADIS sufficient to water a Brigade at a time. Attitude of local Bedouins actively hostile. 4 th L.H. Regt suffered two men casualties wounded and one horse. Nine Bedouin prisoners brought in two armed.	appen 95
		1715	Divisional Order No 19 appended.	appen 95
		1725	4 L.H. Regiment arrived in bivouac area bringing in 9 Bedouin prisoners of war, one horse and 4 camels. Regiment suffered two casualties.	appen 96
		2020	Report of enemy movements from Desert Column appended.	appen 96

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	Trenching of outpost line continued by 17 th NZ Div.	
	Report on Routes GAZA to JEMAMA via HUS <i>Ref</i>	<i>Ref.</i> Appen 42
	Report on HAREIRA Area <i>Ref.</i>	
5 th April	Work on crossings continued by 6 th MTDBde.	Cable.
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Write BDE on outposts Labl

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<p>15th April DEIR EL BELAH 0600</p> <p>1500</p> <p>1800</p>	<p>Representatives Bdes and Divisional units met DAA & QMG at outpost Headquarters to have allotment of camping areas and water detailed to them.</p> <p>Conference of Divisional Brigade and Regimental commanders at DESERT Column.</p> <p>Major MCKENZIE KA 9th LH Regt GSO 3 appointed Brigade Major 4th LH Bde</p> <p>Major ROBERTSON H.C.H. 10th LH Regt appointed GSO 3 Imperial Mounted Division.</p> <p>Lieut GARBETT reported to carry out duties of GSO 3 until Major ROBERTSON returns from hospital.</p>	<p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em;"><u>Garbett</u></p>
<p>16th April DEIR EL BELAH 0700</p> <p>0900</p> <p>1500</p> <p>1505</p> <p>1600</p>	<p>Major KA MCKENZIE proceeded to 4th LH Brigade to take up duties of Brigade Major.</p> <p>After Order to Divisional Order No 11712 issued</p> <p>Ltd Horse Regt Hqs left for TEL EL JEMMII</p> <p>General Staff ^{HODGSON and} Staff left for TEL EL JEMMII</p> <p>At same hour DHQ closed at DEIR EL BELAH and reopened at TEL EL JEMMII</p> <p>Message from 3rd LH Bde appended.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">appen 61</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.5em;"><u>appen 66</u> <u>App.</u></p>

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16 th April DEIR EL BELAH.	<p>0545 Circular Memorandum re Prisoners of War etc appended Copy of report of 21st Brigade of 15th April - appended Copy of report of 21st Brigade of 15th April - appended Information from 15th title of 21st April day -</p> <p>1930. 31st Bde concentrated and left GOZ EL TAIRE outpost line and proceeded to take up outpost line at JEMMI on line ABU BAKRA - 280 - EL MENDOUR line as map R.A.F. 412500.</p> <p>Visual communication established with 5th Mtn Bde in bivouac area and signal.</p> <p>No 7 LC Patrol reported 4 troops enemy cavalry 2 miles from SHELLAL at 1715 advancing towards WADI - G.O.C. 31st Bde advised.</p> <p>2145 General HODGSON arrived at present Headquarters.</p> <p>2200 Brigadier Gen FITZGERALD conferred with G.O.C. re plans of attack against ERK - 12th LHBde & 6th Mtn Bde in bivouac area.</p>	<p>appendix 62. appen 63. appen 64 appen 65.</p>
17 th April Battle Headquarters TEL EL JEMMI - 0130	<p>0500 5th Mounted Brigade moved out from bivouac area to capture KH ERK -</p> <p>0515 A little rifle and machine gun fire from direction of MAN SURA. 8th LH Regt (3rd LH Bde) in position of NE of EL ASEIFERIEH</p> <p>0530 First shell fired by our artillery Heavy Howitzer in action</p>	<p><u>and.</u></p>

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<p>17th April - Battle Headquarters TEL EL JEMMI - 0545</p>	<p>Messages from 5th MTA Bde appended - Message from 5th MTA Bde appended -</p>	<p>appen.</p>
<p>0645</p>	<p>3 LH Bde (less 5th Regt) concentrated at MENDUR</p>	
<p>0700</p>	<p>Rahol report enemy holding line REJMI EL ATAWINEH through KHUM ADRAH to 2 miles E of Point 420 S.W. MHAREIRA -</p>	
<p>0900</p>	<p>SHEIKH ABBAS - MANSURAH raze captured by 5th Division Reconnaissance as to water - gun positions, approaches crossing across WADI SHERIA & WADI SIHAN ^{of 2nd Bde} covered out by MAJOR KA MCKENZIE, GSO III ^{of 2nd Bde} staff officer & Machine Gun officers of 3rd & 4th LH Bdes - XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</p>	<p>appen.</p>
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BATTLE - HQ QUARTERS	18/4 22/4		Account of operations and operation orders appended	Appendices 68-69-70- 71-72-73- 74-75-76
BENISELA	23/4	0900	The whole Division was concentrated at ABASAN EL KEBIR by 0200. MANUSCRIPT Ref.	Ref.
		1600	Orders re work required on new battle line appended.	appex 79.
	24/4	0900	G.O.C. inspected battle line	Ref.
	25/4	0900	Conference of Divisional commanders and Brigadiers at Column Headquarters	Ref.
		1600	Operation order to 5th Mounted Brigade appended.	
		2105	Operation order to 3rd Light Brigade appended	appex 80
	26/4	0600	G.O.C. inspected battle line. He C.R.A's I.M. Division and A and N2 Divs Division accompanying him.	Ref.
		0900	5th Mounted Brigade has taken up its new position at EL SHA'UTH	
		1500.	A & N2 hold Divisional Order No 81 appended	appex 82.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BENI SELA.	27/4	0900	G.O.C. accompanied Column Commander on inspection of battle line AINZ Mtd Divisional Order GK 670 appended Summary of above order to 5 th Mounted Brigade appended	appen 83. appen 83(a)
		1000	Reports on + suggestions for battle line of Desert Column appended.	appen 84.
		1100	Operation order to 3 rd LHBde appended. Operation order AINZ Mtd Div. No GK 740 appended	appen 85 appen 85(b)
		1400	Disposition of troops in event of attack appended	appen 97
		28/4	1500	Information contained in SD.57 re taking over battle line by 74 Div Report by G.O.C. of reconnaissance to SAHIAQ appended
	29/4	1800	Order to 6 th Mtd Bde for a reconnaissance to be carried out towards to BIR EL ESANI appended. GK 828 AINZ Mtd Div appended	appen 88 appen 86(b)
		1500	Desert Column Order No 30 appended	appen 89
		1500	Divisional Order No 18 appended	appen 90
		1800	Operation Order to 4 th LHBde appended - Report on Reconnaissance to EL ESANI appended	appen 91 appen 92
		30/4	0830	9LHBde patrol reports from KH. EL FAR being in touch with about 300 enemy cavalry about 2 miles E of TEL EL FAR. Enemy appears to be screening his own works and apparently, only on observation.
	0900	G.O.C. inspected battle line. Special instructions to Formation Commander appended.	appen 93	

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BENI SELA	30/4	1200	One Regiment and machine Gun Squadron of 6 th Mtd Brigade <u>disinfected</u> .	
		1330	Names and numbers of adouls in battle line appended.	appen 94
		1430	4 th L.H. Regiment on reconnaissance to BUREL ESANI reached there at 1030 after pushing back small enemy patrol from Point 530. Plentiful supply of water found at junction of the two WADIS sufficient to water a brigade at a time. Attitude of local Bedouins actively hostile. 4 th L.H. Regt suffered 2 men casualties wounded and one horse.	appen 95
		1715	Divisional Order No 19 appended.	
		1725	4 th L.H. Regiment arrived in bivouac area bringing in 9 Bedouin prisoners of war, one horse and 11 camels. Regiment suffered two casualties.	
		2020	Report of enemy movements from Desert Column appended.	appen 96

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