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Brigade

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WAR DIARY

Army Form C. 2118.

or
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

November 1916

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Hill 70	1/11/16 to 22/11/16		<p>Brigade in camp at Hill 70. A post of two troops was maintained at HO D EL PARAS and communication was established with patrols from "C" Subsection at BIR EL MAHADAT and P⁺ SH 9. The 5th L.H. Reg^t was stationed at DVEIDAR. Every advantage was taken of rest camps. Musketry training was carried out by units and stable management received special attention. The improvement in the condition of the horses was marked</p>	
ROMANI	23/11/16		Brigade less 5 th L.H. Reg ^t marched to ROMANI	App "A"
KHIRBA	24/11/16		Brigade less 5 th L.H. Reg ^t marched to KHIRBA	"B"
HASSANIYA	25/11/16		<p>Brigade less 5th & 6th L.H. Reg^t marched to HASSANIYA. Two squadrons of 6th L.H. marched to BAYUD. One squadron to MAGEIBRA. Hdqrs and 2 Sections of No 7 Coy I.C.C. at BAYUD. One Section No 7 Coy at WILLEGHA and one Section at GEISI. Came under orders of B.G.C. 2nd L.H. Bde.</p>	"C"
	26/11/16		<p>No 5 Coy I.C.C. arrived at MAGEIBRA & came under orders B.G.C. 2nd L.H. Bde. Patrols and posts were established as app. "D"</p>	"D"
	27/11/16		<p>One Section No 5 Coy I.C.C. left MAGEIBRA for BAYUD. B.G.C. inspected 6th L.H. & Camel Section at BAYUD</p>	
	28/11/16		<p>5th L.H. left DVEIDAR for ROMANI. B.G.C. inspected Sqdn 6th L.H. + No 5 I.C.C. at MAGEIBRA</p>	
	29/11/16		<p>5th L.H. left ROMANI for KHIRBA. B.G.C. inspected No 7 Coy I.C.C. at GE'ELA. 99 remounts arrived at KANTARIA</p>	
	30/11/16		<p>5th L.H. left KHIRBA for HASSANIYA.</p>	

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 Major
 Brigade Major 2nd. Light Horse Bde.

Brig. General G. de L. Ryrie C.M.G.
Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

22/11/1916

1. MOVES

The following moves of 2nd. L.H. Brigade are ordered:
2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th L.H. Regt. at DUEIDAR)
23rd. November 1916 HILL 70 to ROMANI
24th November 1916 ROMANI to HOD EL KHIRBA
25th November 1916 HOD EL KHIRBA to HOD EL HASSANIYA

5th L.H. Regt. at DUEIDAR
28th November 1916 BIR EL DUEIDAR TO ROMANI
29th November 1916 ROMANI to HOD EL KHIRBA
30th November 1916 HOD EL KHIRBA to HOD EL HASSANIYA

Each day's march to be completed before 1600.

The 2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th L.H. Rgt.) will leave HILL 70 at 1000.
Starting point: Brigade Supply Depot.
Head of Main body is to pass starting point at 1000.

Order of march:

- Advance guard
- 1 Squadron 6th L.H. Regiment under
- Right flank guard
- 1 troop 6th L.H. Regt.
- Left flank guard
- 1 troop 6th L.H. Rgt.
- Main body
- Brigade Headquarters
- 2nd. Signal Troop
- 6th L.H. Regt. (less 1 1/2 Squadrons)
- 2nd. Brigade M.G. Squadron
- 7th L.H. Regt. (less 1 troop)
- 2nd. Field Troop
- 2nd. L.H. Field Ambulance
- 7th Mobile Veterinary Section
- Rearguard
- 1 troop 7th L.H. Regt.

2. Transport

No wheeled transport will be taken except sand carts and sledges by 2nd L.H.F.Amb.
1st line camel transport on the scale laid down in the provisional establishment will parade loaded and ready to move off at 0900 S.W. of starting point on ground between metre gauge railway and road through camp. Units will make their own arrangements for small escorts for 1st line camel transport

3 Ammunition

200 rounds per man 3500 per machine gun and 3000 rounds per Lewis gun will be taken. Usual ammunition will be carried on 1st line of transport.

4 Rations

All troops will carry unexpended portion and one extra ration. Two feeds per horse will be taken.

5 Details

Lt.S.M.Menzies 6th L.H. is appointed to command 2nd L.H. Bde. Details and he will report at B.H.Q. for instructions at 0700 on 23rd November.

6 Kits

All kitbags, spare harness, saddlery, etc., not required in the field will be stacked near the Supply Depot at the metre gauge railway by 0700 on 23rd Novr. A guard will be furnished by O.C. Details. Special instructions will be issued to 5th L.H. Regt.

7 Cleaning of Camp.

O.C. Details is responsible for the cleaning of Camps after the departure of Units

8 States

Marching out States will be rendered to Brigade Headquarters at 0800 on 23rd November.

E. NORTHERN Major

Issued at 1800

Copy NO 1 to File

- 2 Diary
- 3 5th L.H.
- 4 6th L.H.
- 5 7th L.H.
- 6 M.G.S.

NO 8 to
 9 2nd Signal Troop
 10 2nd Field Troop
 11 BAC
 12 Supply
 13 C.T.C
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Appendix No. "B"

SECRET

ORDER NO 30

Copy No "....."

by

Brig.General G. de L. Ryrle C.M.G.
 Commanding 2nd L.H. Brigade A.I.F. 23/11/16

- 1 The Brigade will march for KHIRBA at 1000 on 24/11/16
- 2 STARTING POINT- Road through HOD ROMANI
- 3 ORDER OF MARCH-as for 23/11/16 but for 6th L.H. read 7th L.H. Regt.
- 4 DETACHMENT-On arrival at HOD EL KHIRBA the O.C. 7th L.H. Regiment will detail one troop to relieve a troop of 3rd L.H. Brigade stationed at that place.
- 5 AEROPLANES- In the event of an aeroplane alarm 7th L.H. will scatter to the East. 6th L.H. to the West. M.G. Squadron to the North & 2nd L.H.F.A. & 7th M.V.S. to the South.
- 6 PROTECTION-In the event of an attack the 7th L.H. Regt. will be responsible for the East & North of the Camp 6th L.H. Regt. for the South of the Camp.

3* E. NORTHERN Major
 Brigade Major 2nd Light Horse Brigade

Dictated to Adjutants of Units at 1800.

Appendix No. "C"

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ORDER NO 31

Copy no.....

by

Brig.General G. de L. Ryrie C.M.G.
Commanding 2nd L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

24/11/16

- 1 The Brigade (less 6th L.H. Regt.) will march to HASSANIYA at 1000 on 25/11/16
- 2 STARTING POINT-Road North of water troughs.
- 3 ORDER OF MARCH-As for the 24th November but less 6th L.H
- 4 DETACHMENT-The 6th L.H. Regt. will march on 25/11/16 under regimental arrangements to BAYUD detaching one squadron to march to MAGHIBRA.
Special instructions to C.O. 6th L.H. Regt. will be issued later.

E. NORTON major

Brigade major 2nd Light Horse Brigade

Personally dictated to Adjutants of Units at 1800.

"D" Appendix No.

Instructions for O.C. No 5 Coy.I.C.G. by Brig.General G.de L. Rylie
C.M.G. commanding 2nd Australian Light horse Brigade A.I.F.

- 1 You will distribute your company as follows:-
Headquarters and ~~two~~ 3 Sections at BIR EL MAGLIBRA
One Section at BAYUD.
- 2 You will work in co-operation with 6th L.N.Reg. stationed at
above places.
- 3 The watching of the country will be carried out by patrols.
A continuous outpost line is not required.
- 4 In all cases of sending out patrols neighbouring troops must
be informed of size of party and direction in which it is
proceeding.
- 5 A post should be established by you during the day at Point
484, 5 miles south of MAGLIBRA.
A long distance patrol should be carried out by you once a
week in direction of PROPHETS GRAVE about 13 miles south east
of MAGLIBRA.
The Section at BAYUD will establish a day post of 9 men and
an N.C.O. at KULISAT.
You will arrange for daily patrols to S. & S.W. after consult-
ation with C.O. of 6th L.N. Regiment.

27/11/16

E. NORTHEN Major
Brigade Major 2nd Light horse Brigade

APPENDIX. D

Order No 31
By Brig Gen Pyrie C.M.C.
Commanding 2 A.L.H. Bde

24/11/16

1. The Bde less 6th L.H. Regt will march from HASSANYIA at 10 AM Nov 25th.
2. Starting Point Road N of Water Troughs
3. Order of March As for the 24th Nov but less the 6th L.H. Regt
4. Detachment The 6th L.H. Regt less will march under regimental arrangements to BAYUD detaching one Squadron to march to MAGEIBRA. Special Instruction to O.C. 6th L.H. will be issued later.
5. Personally selected to Adjts of Units at 18:00

3 Northern Coy
Bde
2nd A.L.H. Bde

Order No 30
By Brig Gen Pyrie C.M.C.
Commanding 2 A.L.H. Bde 23/11/16

1. The Bde will march for KHIRBA at 10 AM Nov 24th
2. Starting point Road through HOD ROMANI.
3. Order of march as for the 23rd Nov but for 6th L.H. Regt read 7th L.H. Regt.
4. Detachment On arrival at HOD EL KHIRBA O.C. 7th L.H. Regt will detail one Troop to relieve a Troop of the 3rd L.H. Bde stationed at that place.
5. Aeroplanes In the event of alarm the 7th L.H. will scatter to the East
6th L.H. " " " " West
Machine Gun Coy " " " " North
Ambulance & Vet Det " " " " South
6. Protection In the event of attack the 7th L.H. will be responsible for the East and North of camp
as ~~Bde~~ ~~H.Q.~~
6th L.H. for South of camp
F. Northern Coy
Bde Major 2 L.H. Regt

Distanced to Adjts of Units at 18:00

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Nov 25¹⁵

No 7 Coy

Headquarters & 2 Sections No 7 Coy
Y.C.C. moved ^{at} to BAYUD
~~One Section from~~ MAGEIBRA
1 Section No 7 Coy at WILLEGHA
" " " " " " at GEISI

came under orders of B.G. 2nd
A.L.H.B.

Nov 26¹⁵

Head No 5 Coy Y.C.C. arrived
at MAGEIBRA & came under
orders of 2nd A.L.H.B.

Nov 27¹⁵

1 Sect of No 5 Coy Y.C.C.
left MAGEIBRA for BAYUD.
B.G.C. instructed G.L.H. & came under
orders of 2nd A.L.H.B.

Nov 28¹⁵

S 5th A.H. Regt. Col. DEVIDAR for ROMANI
B.G.C. instructed 8th A.L.H. and No 5 Y.C.C.
MAGEIBRA

Nov 29¹⁵

S 5th A.H. Regt. Col. DEVIDAR for ROMANI
B.G.C. instructed No 7 Coy Y.C.C. at GEISI
KHIRBA for HASSANVA

Nov 30¹⁵

Nov 26¹⁵

The following patrols & posts were
established

see instructions

Instructions for O.C. No 5 Coy
Y.C.C. by G.O.C. 2nd A.L.H.B.

1. You will distribute your Coy as follows
Headquarters and 3 Sections at BIREL
MAGEIBRA.
1 Section at BAYUD
2. You will work in co-operation with
the 6th L.H. Regt. stationed at
the above places.
3. The watching of the country will be
carried out by patrols. A continuous
outpost line is not required.
4. In all cases of sending out patrols
messenger troops must be informed
of size of party and direction in which
it is proceeding.
5. ~~The following~~
A post should be established by you
during the day at A 484, 3 miles
S of MAGEIBRA.
A long distance patrol should be carried
out by you once a week in direction
of PROPHETS GRAVE about 13 miles
S.W of MAGEIBRA.

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5 continued

The Section at BAYUD will establish
a day post of 9 men and an
IV.C.O at RUEISAT.

You will arrange for daily patrols
to the S. + S.W after consultation
with O.C. 6th L.H. Regiment.

27/11/16

S. Norton Major
Bth Major
6th L.H.Bth

Commanding
Commanding

