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WAR OF 1914-18

S.P.L. NO 1521 (3rd S.)

2nd AUST. LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE

ORDERS

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

Brigade Headqrs.
 ROMANI 5/5/1916

REFERENCE

Map 1
 100,000

The G.C.C. No. 3 Section Canal Defences wishes a reconnaissance of the BIR EL ABD to be carried out.

The ANZAC Mounted Division will carry out the reconnaissance.

2nd. L.H. Brigade (less one Regiment) will carry out the immediate reconnaissance of BIR EL ABD.

Opportunity will be taken to destroy enemy stores and break up any small hostile parties that are encountered, but the primary object is information.

Any serious engagement with the enemy will be avoided.

DATE

The reconnaissance will be carried out on SUNDAY 7th May 1916 and MONDAY 8th May 1916.

TROOPS

(a) For the reconnaissance 2nd. L.H. Brigade less one Regiment.

(b) Covering troops N.Z.M.R. Bde. less one Regt. and one Squadron.
 5th L.H. Regt. less one Squadron.

DETAIL OF MOVES FOR 7th MAY

The 2nd. L.H. Brigade less 5th L.H. Regt. will move to BIR EL ABD via QATIA and OGH RATINA as follows:
 5th L.H. Regt. and camels will move by Squadrons from ROMANI between the hours of 1300 and 1430 and bivouac at QATIA putting out outpost lines and taking particular care to capture all natives in the vicinity and keep them until reconnaissance is made.

2nd. L.H. Brigade Headquarters and 7th L.H. Regt. will move by Squadrons from ROMANI commencing at 1500 to the same bivouac.

The Brigade with one Squadron of 7th L.H. Regt. as advanced guard, will leave QATIA at 1900 for OGH RATINA and on arrival there will rest until ~~midnight 7th/8th May~~ 0300 May 8th.

Orders ~~regarding the march on BIR EL ABD on the 7th May~~ regarding the Flanking Squadrons will be issued at OGH RATINA. The march to BIR EL ABD will be resumed at 0300 on the 8th May.

COVERING TROOPS

The N.Z.M.R. Brigade less one Regiment is occupying ROMANI when the Brigade moves out and on the 8th May is sending out the following parties:

- (a) to MAHARDIYA
- (b) to HILL 110 and pushing out parties along the SABBET EL BARDAWILL.

The 5th L.H. Regt. less one Squadron will arrive at BIR EL NAMISAN at 0730 on the 8th May and will watch country in direction of BIR EL MUGHEIBIA.

All covering troops are remaining in position until 2nd. Light Horse Brigade has cleared QATIA on its return.

AMMUNITION

K 140 rounds per man will be carried.

SUPPLIES

Each man will carry one day's ration and one iron ration.

Two feeds for horse will be carried in each nosebag. An extra feed for horse will be carried on camels to OGH RATINA.

MEDICAL

The 2nd. L.H. Field Ambulance will accompany the Brigade as far as OGH RATINA, where they will remain ready to move forward to BIR EL ABD if required.

WATER

Material (buckets and ropes) will be taken to water horses.

Drinking water for men will be taken to OGH RATINA.

CAMELS

50 camels will accompany the Brigade as far as OGH RATINA. 35 will carry 2 fantasses of water each for men, and 15 will carry forage.

These camels will leave OGH RATINA at dawn on morning of the 8th May for RAILHEAD ~~WNR~~ under escort of 1 N.COO and 12 men to be detailed by C.O. 6th L.H. Regt.

COMMUNICATION

O.C. 2nd. Signal Troop will arrange for communication by visual or despatch rider between all parties taking part in the reconnaissance.

REPORTS

During the march QATIA to OGH RATINA night 7/8th reports will be sent to head of Main body.

Wm Anderson

Major

a/Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

Issued at 2000

Copy No. 1	File
2	Diary
3	6th L.H. Regt.
4	7th L.H. Regt.
5	2nd. Sig. Troop
6	2nd. L.H.F. Amb.
7	Hqrs. No. 3 Section Canal Defences
8	Anzac Mounted Division
9	N.Z.M.R. Bde.
10	NxZ. 5th L.H. Regt.

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END. LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE ORDER NO. 10 COPY NO. 4

by
Brig. General G. de L. Rylie C.M.G.
Commanding End. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

ROMANI 16/5/1916

1. REFERENCE Map 1 QATIA Map 1 SABKHET EL BARDAWIL
100,000 125,000
2. INTENTION It is intended to carry out a reconnaissance of HOD EL GEDAIDIA with the following objects:
 1. Obtaining information regarding wells and any signs of recent occupation by the enemy.
 2. Making a thorough and systematic search for any stores and supplies which may be hidden or buried in the vicinity, as, from information received, it is probable that stores may be found at this point.
3. DATE The reconnaissance will take place on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th May.
4. TROOPS For reconnaissance
The troops to be employed will be the N.Z.M.R.Bde (less 1 Regiment).
Covering troops
7th L.H. Regt. from ROMANI
1 Squadron 5th L.H. Regt. from DUEIDAR.
5. MOVES
May 18th 1916
The 7th L.H. Regt. will leave ROMANI at such an hour that they will reach OGH RATINA at 0600. On arrival at OGH RATINA a sufficient force will be pushed out to the vicinity of HOD ES SAGIA to watch the country in the direction of BIR EL MAGEIBRA and HOD EL BAYUD.
Parties will also be sent to occupy HILL 108 and HILL 110 and the South shore of the SABKHET EL BARDAWIL lake will be carefully patrolled. They will get into touch with the North flank Squadron of the N.Z.M.R.Bde.
7th L.H. Regiment will withdraw to Camp at ROMANI as soon as N.Z.M.R.Bde. reach OGH RATINA.
The Squadron 5th L.H. Regt. will leave DUEIDAR At such an hour as to reach BIR EL HAMISAH at 0600. They will watch the country in the direction of MAGEIBRA and get in touch with the troops at HOD ES SAGIA. They will not withdraw until N.Z.M.R.Bde. passes OGH RATINA.
6. MOVES
May 17th other troops follows:
May 17th and May 18th. The N.Z.M.R.Bde. (less 1 Regt.) will move as follows:
1 Regt. will leave BIR ET MALER at 1400 and march to the vicinity of OGH RATINA where they will bivouac, putting out an outpost line and taking care to capture all natives in the vicinity and keep them in safe custody, sending them in with camel escort in the morning.
H/Quarters Brigade and remaining Regt. will leave BIR ET MALER at 1600 and march to the same bivouac.
As far as possible all troops should move in bodies no larger than a Squadron at a time, taking advantage of all cover with a view to keeping the move as secret as possible.
May 18th The N.Z.M.R.Bde (less 1 Regt.) will leave their bivouac in the vicinity of OGH RATINA at such an hour that they will reach HOD EL GEDAIDIA at 0600. The reconnaissance should be completed by 1000 and withdrawal begun at that hour.
Care will be taken to make both North and South flanks secure by sending out strong parties which should not be less than 1 Squadron each. They will remain in position until the party carrying out the reconnaissance has completed its work.
It is quite possible that the enemy may have reoccupied BIR EL ABD, so steps should be taken to make

--make good this place while the reconnaissance of HOD EL GEDAIDIA is being carried out.

7. AMMUNITION 140 rounds per man will be carried.
8. SUPPLIES 1 day's ration and 1 iron ration will be carried by each man, and 3 feeds ~~perman~~ for horses will be carried in nose bags.
9. WATER Each man will carry a full water bottle. All troops will take material for watering horses at wells.
10. MEDICAL One bearer subdivision 2nd.L.H.F.Amb. and the N.Z.Amb.Transport will accompany the N.Z.M.R.Bde.
One bearer subdivision 2nd.L.H.F.Amb. with sand carts and sledges will accompany 7th L.H. Regt. to OGHRAFINA.
The tent subdivision, 2nd.L.H.F.Amb. will form a dressing station at QATIA, leaving ROMANI at 0400 on Thursday 18th May.
C.O. 6th L.H. Regt. will detail 1 troop as escort to report to C.O. 2nd.L.H.F.Amb. at 0345 on Thursday 18th May.
11. REPORTS To 2nd. L.H. Brigade Headquarters, ROMANI.

J. H. Whyte Major

a/Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

Issued at 1400 16/5/1916

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1	File
2	Diary
3	5th L.H. Regt.
4	5th L.H. Regt.
5	7th L.H. Regt.
6	2nd.Sig.Trp.
7	2nd.L.H.F.Amb.
8	ANZAC Mtd.Div.
9	N.Z.M.R.Bde.
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by
 Brig. General G. de L. Ryrle C.M.G.
 Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

ROMANI 21/5/1916

1. REFERENCE

Map $\frac{1}{100,000}$ QATIA Map $\frac{1}{125,000}$ SABKHET EL BARDAWIL

2. INTENTION

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- a. Obtaining information regarding wells and any signs of recent occupation by the enemy.
- b. Making a thorough and systematic search for any stores and supplies which may be hidden or buried in the vicinity, as, from information received, it is probable that stores will be found at this point.

3. DATE

The reconnaissance will take place on Monday, May 22nd. and Tuesday, May 23rd.

4. TROOPS

For reconnaissance
 The troops to be employed will be the 2nd. L.H. Bde. (less 1 Regt.).

Covering troops
 1 Regiment and 1 Squadron N.Z.M.R. Bde, ETMALER.

5. COMMAND

Brigadier-General G. de L. Ryrle C.M.G.
 Commanding 2nd. L.H. Bde. will command the Force.

6. MOVES

a. The 2nd. Light Horse Brigade (less 1 Regt.) will leave Camp at 0700 on Monday 22nd. May and march to QATIA where they will remain until 2000. At 2000 the 2nd. L.H. Brigade will leave QATIA and carry out the reconnaissance of HOD EL GEDAIDIA as soon as possible after daylight on Tuesday 23rd. May.

** position*

b. Covering troops The AUCKLAND Mtd. Rifles Regt. N.Z.M.R. Bde. will leave ETMALER at 1800 on Monday May 22nd. and march via QATIA to HOD ED DABABIS. They will be in ~~possession~~ *possession* by 0400 on Tuesday 23rd. May to cover the reconnaissance and prevent any move by the enemy towards QATIA from the South. 1 Squadron CANTERBURY Mtd. Rifles Regt. N.Z.M.R. Bde. will leave ETMALER at 1800 and by 0400 on Tuesday 23rd May will have troops disposed as follows: 2 troops at QATIA, 1 troop at HILL 245 S.E. of QATIA and 1 troop at BIR EL HAMISAH to cover the reconnaissance and prevent any move of the enemy from the South.

c. The O.C. DUEIDAR will get into communication by patrols with the troops covering QATIA from the South.

7. AMMUNITION

S.A.A.
 140 rounds per man will be carried.

8. SUPPLIES & WATER

1 day's ration and 1 iron ration will be carried by each man. 2 feeds for each horse to be carried in nosebags. 1 1/2 full day's rations water and forage will be taken on camels with force to QATIA. All camels will remain at QATIA until they receive orders from the G.O.C. Force.

9. TRANSPORT

No transport other than camels for rations and the sand carts and sledges with the Medical personnel will be taken.

10. MEDICAL

1 bearer subsection 2nd. L.H.F. Amb. and transport division N.Z. Medical F. Amb. will accompany Brigade Headquarters to QATIA. From there they will move forward with the AUCKLAND Mtd. Rifles Regt. N.Z.M.R. Bde. to HOD ED DABABIS. N.Z. Medical F. Amb. will establish a dressing station at QATIA leaving Camp with the Force at 0700 on Monday 22nd. May.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

O.C. 2nd. Signal Troop will have communication established between the Force carrying out the reconnaissance, the covering troops and Divisional Headquarters at ROMANI.

12. REPORTS

Messages and reports to G.O.C. Force with Main body of troops carrying out the reconnaissance.

13. RETURN TO CAMP

Orders for return will be issued when reconnaissance is completed.

J.H. WHYTE Major

a/Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

Issued at 1715

<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>Issued to</u>
1	File
2	Diary
3	C.O. DUEIDAR POST
4	6th L.H. Regt.
5	7th L.H. Regt.
6	2nd. Sig. Trp.
7	2nd. L.H.F. Amb.
8	ANZAC Mtd. Div.
9	N.Z.M.R. Bde.
10	1st L.H. Regt.

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BRIGADE ORDER NO. 1

B.R.L. NO. 1521(3⁰⁰)

by

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL J. B. MEREDITH.
Commanding First Australian Light Horse Brigade.

Headquarters,
Romani,
28th May, 1916.

ORDERS FOR DEFENCE OF ROMANI POST.

Day Outposts.

(1) Posts will be established :-

No.1 POST at KATIB GANNIT.

No.2 POST, on HILL about 500 yards N.E. of Camp

Strength of Posts. 1 N.C.O. and 8 men.

(2) Telephonic communication will be maintained with B.H.Q. by means of Field Telephone.

(3) Posts will return to camp at 1930.

Order of Duties as per Roster attached.

Night Outposts.

Posts will move out/ounted, and have posts in position at 1830. They will connect their telephones on existing lines. They will stand to arms at 0345 and remain so until 0530, when they will return to camp.

At 0415 daily patrols of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men, and one signaller from each outpost squadron, will move out and patrol the country for a distance of three miles in front of their respective posts.

Order of duties as per Roster attached.

Patrols.

Patrols will be furnished by this Brigade as per Roster attached.

No.1/Patrol of 1 squadron on alternate days will leave camp at 0400, and move to Katia. One troop will proceed East in the direction of OGHRAFINA.

1 troop will proceed to BIR EL HAMISAH.

2 troops to remain in support at KATIA.

Reconnaissance report to be at B.H.Q. at 2100

No.2/Patrol of 1 troop daily will leave camp at 0400 and proceed to HILL 110, will patrol HILL 110 and the country around, returning to Camp at 1300.

Reconnaissance report to be at B.H.Q. at 1700.

Inlying Squadron.

Inlying Squadron as per Roster attached will remain saddled all day at the palms near water troughs. Will return to camp at 1830.

Stand to Arms.

All ranks will stand to arms from 0345 until 0500. Horses will be saddled and men will stand to at their horses.

Alarms.

By day horses will be immediately saddled, and men in marching order will stand to their horses and await orders.

By night all ranks, ~~xx~~ except Nos. 3 of Sections, who will saddle up sections horses, will fall in quietly on alarm posts.

Alarm Posts.

B.H.Q.

1st Signal Troop) in front of B.H.Q.

1st L.H. Regt. South side of Regimental Camp.

2nd " " North side of Regimental Camp.

3rd " " East side of Regimental Camp.

Air craft.

Immediately hostile Aircraft is sighted, horses must be taken off the lines, and moved out as follows:-

1st L.H. Regiment. South side of Camp.

2nd " " N.E. side of Camp.

3rd " " S.E. side of Camp.

Brigade Order No.1 (Continued)

Aircraft
(cont.)

Independent rifle fire at enemy aircraft is forbidden. Controlled fire, under command of an officer, may be employed when opportunity offers.

See B.R.O. No. 64 re aeroplane messages. This order must be read to troops on three successive parades.

A. CHISHOLM Captain,

B.M., 1st A.L.H. Brigade.

OUTPOST AND PATROL, ETC. DUTY ROSTER

28/5/16 to 6/6/1916.

<u>Date</u>	<u>DAY OUTPOSTS</u> 2 Posts. Strength of posts 1 n.c.o and 8 men.	<u>NIGHT OUTPOSTS</u> RIGHT Strength 2 Squadrons.	<u>PATROL TO</u> <u>HILL 110</u> Strength 1 Troop	<u>KATIA</u> <u>PATROL</u> Strength 1 Sqdn.	<u>INLYING</u> <u>SQUADRON</u>
28/5/16	2nd.L.H.	1st.L.H.	2nd.L.H.	W.Z.M.R.	2nd.L.H.
29/5/16	3rd.L.H.	2nd.L.H.	3rd.L.H.	3rd.L.H.	3rd.L.H.
30/5/16	1st.L.H.	3rd.L.H.	1st.L.H.	W.Z.M.R.	1st.L.H.
31/5/16	2nd.L.H.	1st.L.H.	2nd.L.H.	2nd.L.H.	2nd.L.H.
1/6/16	3rd.L.H.	2nd.L.H.	3rd.L.H.	W.Z.M.R.	3rd.L.H.
2/6/16	1st.L.H.	3rd.L.H.	1st.L.H.	3rd.L.H. 1st.L.H.	1st.L.H.
3/6/16	2nd.L.H.	1st.L.H.	2nd.L.H.	W.Z.M.R.	2nd.L.H.
4/6/16	3rd.L.H.	2nd.L.H.	3rd.L.H.	3rd.L.H.	3rd.L.H.
5/6/16/	1st.L.H.	3rd.L.H.	1st.L.H.	W.Z.M.R.	1st.L.H.
6/6/16.	2nd.L.H.	1st.L.H.	2nd.L.H.	2nd.L.H.	2nd.L.H.

A. CHISHOLM Captain.
Brigade Major, 1st.A.L.H. Brigade.

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SPECIAL ORDER NO. 5

COPY NO. 6

by
Colonel J.H. Royston C.M.G. D.S.O.
Commanding Snd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

HILL 70 22/3/1916

1. MOVES

Following moves will take place on Saturday
June 24th and Sunday June 25th 1916.

Saturday June 24th. 6th L.H. Regt. will leave HILL 70
at 0200 and march to ET MALER.

Baggage and Camp equipment will be taken on
camels. Heavy baggage and equipment may be sent by rail.
2 trucks will be available on train arriving from
KANTARA at HILL 70 at 0830 on 24th June 1916.

Sunday June 25th. Brigade Headquarters, 7th L.H. Regt.
Snd. Signal Troop and Snd. L.H.F. Amb. will leave HILL 70
at 0200 and march to ET MALER.

Baggage and Camp equipment will be taken on camels
Heavy baggage and equipment may be sent by rail.
2 trucks will be available on train arriving from
KANTARA at HILL 70 at 0830 on 25th June 1916,

2. RATIONS

24 hours rations per man will be carried.
One feed per horse will be carried.

3. TENTS

No tents will be taken.

4. AMMUNITION

140 rounds S.A.A. per man will be carried.

5. LOADING AND
UNLOADING OF
TRAINS

Loading and unloading of trucks to be done as
promptly as possible so as to avoid delay of trains.

6. FATIGUE
PARTIES

Regiments will make arrangements for fatigue
parties to load heavy baggage on trucks at HILL 70
and accompany same to ROMANI.

J.H. WHITE Major
Tpy. Brigade Major Snd. L.H. Brigade

Issued at 1500

Copy No. 1	File
2	Diary
3	"
4	6th L.H.
5	7th L.H.
6	Snd. L.H.F. Amb.
7	Snd. Sig. Troop
8	Supply Section.

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 6
by
Colonel J.H. Royston C.M.G. D.S.O.
Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

Copy 1/4
HILL 70 24/6/1916

MOVE TO ETMALER

1. ADVANCE GUARD "A" Squadron 7th L.H. Regt. (less 1 troop) will be the advance guard. Major L. Bice 7th L.H. will Command.
2. REAR GUARD AND LEFT FLANK GUARD 1 troop of "C" Squadron 7th L.H. Regt. will be the rearguard. Lieut. G. Snow 7th L.H. to Command.
3. ORDER OF MARCH The order of march will be:
Brigade Headquarters
2nd. Signal Troop
7th L.H. Regt. (less 1 Squadron and 1 Troop).
2nd. L.H. Field Ambulance
4. ESCORT TO CAMEL TRAIN C.O. 7th L.H. Regt. to detail one troop as escort to camel train between HILL 70 and ETMALER. Camel Train to leave HILL 70 at 2200.

J.H. WHYTE Major
Tpy. Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Bde.

Issued at 1400

Copy No. 1	File
2	Diary
3	7th L.H.
4	2nd. L.H. F. Amb.
5	2nd. Sig. Trp.

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2nd. Light Horse Brigade Order No. 12

Copy No. 7

by
Colonel J.M. Royston C.M.G. D.S.O.
Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

BIR ETMALER
28th June 1916

REFERENCE MAP

QATIA $\frac{1}{100,000}$ SABKHET EL BARDAWIL $\frac{1}{125,000}$

INFORMATION

The enemy have increased the strength of the post at BIR EL MAZAR.

Parties frequently visit BIR MOSEFIG, BIR EL GANADIL, BIR SAIMANA, and BIR EL ABD.

INTENTION.

A reconnaissance will be carried out of BIR EL ABD and BIR EL MAGEIBRA with the following objects:

- (a) To surprise any enemy posts at dawn.
- (b) To find out any traces of recent occupation.
- (c) In the case of BIR EL MAGEIBRA, to note particularly if any wells are being dug in the vicinity.

TROOPS

(a) The 2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th and 12th L.H. Regts.) and Wellington Mounted Rifles will carry out the reconnaissance of BIR EL ABD.

(b) The 2nd. Regt. 1st L.H. Brigade under Major H.H. Bourne will carry out the reconnaissance of BIR EL MAGEIBRA.

MOVES 30th JUNE

The 2nd. L.H. Brigade with attached Regt. will leave camp at ET MALER at 0200 and march to OGH RATINA ~~WHERE THEY WILL REST FOR~~ where they will rest for the day.

The 2nd. Regt. 1st L.H. Brigade will leave their camp at such a time that they will reach HOD ES SAGIA before the sun gets hot. They will then rest for the day.

MOVES 1st JULY

(a) The 2nd. L.H. Brigade will leave OGH RATINA at 0100 and carry out reconnaissance of BIR EL ABD at dawn.

(b) The 2nd. L.H. Regt. 1st L.H. Brigade will leave HOD ES SAGIA at such an hour that the reconnaissance of BIR EL MAGEIBRA can be commenced at dawn.

On completion of the reconnaissance the Regt. will withdraw to HOD ES SAGIA and await orders from the Division as to when to withdraw.

AMMUNITION

140 rounds S.A.A. per man will be carried and 3500 rounds per machine gun will be taken.

SUPPLIES

One day's ration and one iron ration will be carried on the man. Two feeds will be carried ~~in~~ in nosebags.

Camels carrying 1 1/8 days rations water and 1 2/3 days food for horses will be taken for 2nd. L.H. Brigade to OGH RATINA and for 2nd. Regt. 1st L.H. Bde. to HOD ES SAGIA.

On arrival at HOD ES SAGIA camels which are no longer required will be sent back under escort with empty fantasses on the night of June 30th. The remainder with small escort will stay at HOD ES SAGIA under Command of O.C. 2nd. L.H. Regt.

TRANSPORT

No transport other than camels for rations, water and forage, and the sand carts and sledges with medical personnel will be taken.

ESCORTS

1st L.H. Brigade will detail the following escorts:
 (a) 1 troop for camel escort to camel convoy proceeding from ROMANI TO OGHRAATINA. Troop leader to report for instructions to Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade at 1000 29th inst.

(b) 1 N.C.O. 10 men for escort to Camel convoy proceeding from ROMANI to HOD ES SAGIA.

N.C.O. to report for instructions to O.C. 2nd. Regt. 1st L.H. Bde. at 1000 on 29th inst.

(c) One troop to be ready to go forward with one day's rations water and forage for two Brigades held in reserve at Supply Depot, ROMANI Railway Station.

MEDICAL

The 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance will move forward with the Brigade to OGHRAATINA at 0900 on June 30th. On July 1st they will proceed with the Brigade to HOD ED DABABIS and establish a dressing station there.

COMMUNICATION

O.C. Signal Squadron will arrange communication between ANZAC Mounted Divisional Headquarters and 2nd. Regt. 1st L.H. Brigade reconnoitring BIR EL MAGEIBRA.

REPORTS

2nd. Regt. 1st L.H. Brigade will send all reports to Headquarters ANZAC Mounted Division at ROMANI.

J.H. WHYTE Major

Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

Issued at 1730.

Copy No. 1	ANZAC Mounted Division.
2	2nd. Regt. 1st A.L.H. Brigade
3	6th L.H. Regt.
4	7th " "
5	Wellington Mtd. Rifles
6	2nd. Signal Troop
7	2nd. L.H.F. Amb.
8	File
9	War diary
10	1st L.H. Brigade

AFTER ORDER

by

Colonel J.M. Royston C.M.G. D.S.O.
Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

ET MALER 28/6/1916

Reference 2nd. L.H. Brigade order No. 12 of 28th June 1916.

MOVES 30th June:

Para 5 (moves 1st July)

(a) should read: The 2nd. L.H. Brigade will leave OCHRATINA at
2300 and carry out reconnaissance of BIR EL ABD
at dawn on 1st July.

J.H. WHYTE Major
Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

C.O.

2nd L.H.F. Amb.

For purposes of rations and number of men available for night outposts duty in Camp while reconnaissance is being carried out, please render a return by 2100 this evening showing approximate number of men and horses remaining in Camp.

 Major

Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Bde.

ETMALER

28/6/1916

2nd. L.H. Bde. Headquarters

BIR ET MALER 29/6/1918

O.C.

2nd LHF Amb.

2nd. Light Horse Brigade Order No. 13 of 28th June
reference reconnaissance to BIR EL ABD is cancelled. Orders will be
issued later.

Units must be ready to leave camp at 0800 on June 30th.

J.H. WHITE Major

Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

by
Colonel J.M. Royston C.M.G. D.S.O.
Commanding 2nd. Light Horse Brigade A.I.F.

BIR ETMALER
29th June 1916

1. REFERENCE MAPS QATIA ¹ 100,000 SABKHET EL BARDAWIL ¹ 125,000
2. INFORMATION
The enemy have increased the strength of the post at BIR EL MAZAR.
Parties frequently visit BIR MOSEFIG, BIR EL GANADIL, BIR SALMANA and BIR EL ABD.
1. A reconnaissance is being carried out by the one Regt. of the 1st L.H. Brigade of BIR EL MAGEIBRA at dawn on 1st July. The Regiment will leave ROMANI on the morning of 30th June and will rest at HOD ES SAGIA for the day.
3. INTENTION
To reconnoitre BIR EL ABD with the following objects:
(a) To surprise any enemy posts at dawn.
(b) To find out any traces of recent occupation.
4. TROOPS
The 2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th and 12th L.H. Regts.) and Wellington Mounted Rifles will carry out the reconnaissance.
5. MOVES JUNE 30TH AND JULY 1ST.
(a) The Wellington Mounted Rifles Regt. and one SQUADRON 6th L.H. Regt. will leave Camp at 0230 and march to OGH RATINA where they will rest for the day. Lieut. Col. W. Meldrum C.M.G. will Command.
(b) The 2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th Regt. 12th Regt. and one Squadron 6th L.H. Regt.) will leave Camp at 0245 and march to QATIA where they will rest for the day.
(c) The Wellington Mounted Rifles will leave OGH RATINA at 2200 and carry out the reconnaissance of BIR EL ABD from the South. The Squadron 6th L.H. Regt. will leave OGH RATINA at 2205 and carry out the reconnaissance of BIR EL ABD from the North.
(d) The 2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th L.H. 12th L.H. and 1 Squadron 6th L.H.) will leave QATIA at 2000 and march via OGH RATINA to be in position at dawn near BIR EL ABD to support troops carrying out the reconnaissance of BIR EL ABD.
6. AMMUNITION
140 rounds S.A.A. per man will be carried and 3500 rounds per machine gun will be taken.
7. SUPPLIES
One day's ration and one iron ration will be carried on the man. Two feeds will be carried in nosebags.
Camels carrying 1 1/2 days rations water and 1 2/3 days food for horses will be taken for 2nd. L.H. Brigade to QATIA. Camels carrying same rations for Wellington Mounted Rifles and one Squadron 6th L.H. Regt. will be taken to OGH RATINA. Camels to leave ROMANI at 0200.
8. TRANSPORT
No transport other than camels for rations, water and forage, and the sand carts and sledges with medical personnel will be taken.
9. ESCORT
1 Troop 1st L.H. Bde. will escort camel convoy proceeding from ROMANI to OGH RATINA.
1 Troop 7th L.H. Regt. will escort camel convoy proceeding from ROMANI to QATIA.

- 10. MEDICAL 2nd. L.H.F.Ambulance will move forward with the Brigade. On arrival at HOD ED DABABIS they will establish a dressing station.
- 11. COMMUNICATIONS O.C. 2nd. Signal Troop will arrange communication between Wellington M.R. the Squadron 6th L.H. and Brigade Headquarters.
- 12. REPORTS Reports to be sent to Brigade Headquarters, QATIA.

J.H. WHYTE Major

Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

Issued at 1645

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	2	Diary
	3	6th L.H.
	4	7th L.H.
	5	Wellington M.R.
	6	2nd. L.H.F.Amb.
	7	2nd.Sig.Trp.
	8	ANZAC Mtd.Div.
	9	1st L.H. Brigade
	10	Supply Officer 2nd. L.H. Bde.

Copy No. 4.

March Orders.

BY
Colonel J. M. Royston CMG - D.S.O.
QUATIA 30-6-16

- (1) The 2nd L.H. Bde (less 5th LH + 12th L.H. + one Sqn 6th LH) will leave the bivouac at 2000 and march via OGRATINA towards BIR-EL-ABD.
- (2) The head of the main body will pass the starting point:- big tree, at Yumany Grove, at 2000.
- (3) Regiments will be in position by 2142
- (4) Order of March:-
 ADVANCE-GUARD:- 1 Sqn 7th L.H. Regt.
 RIGHT FLANK. 2 Troops 7th L.H. Regt.
 LEFT FLANK 2 Troops 6th L.H. Regt.
 MAIN BODY:- Bde. H.Q. (15), Sig. Troop,
 7th Regt. (less 1 Sqn + 2 Troops) 6th Regt.
 (less 2 Sqns) 1 Field Ambulance.
 REAR GUARD. 2 Troops 6th L.H. Regt.
- (5) No SMOKING is to be allowed on the march
- (6) Reports to Head of Main Body.

J. M. Royston
Bde Major

Issued at 1715
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2 1/2 6th LH
3 7th
4 1/2 1 Field Amb.
5 1/2 Sig Troop.

J. C. O.
6th Lt H Regt

On arrival at DABABIS
the 2nd FLD. A.M.B. will establish a
dressing station.

Please detail 1
Troop for protection of same.

30/6/16

~~H. Whist~~ Bode Major
2nd Lt Bode

Copy
for information of 2nd FLD. A.M.B.

MARCH ORDERS

by
Colonel J.M. Royston C.M.G. D.S.O.
Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

ET MALER 29/6/1916

The 2nd. Light Horse Brigade (less 5th L.H. and 12th L.H. Regts.) will leave Camp at 0845 on 30th June and march to QATIA.

The head of the Main body will pass the starting point Brigade wells - 600 yards S.E. of 6th L.H. camp at 0850.

Order of march as follows:

ADVANCE GUARD

6th L.H. Regt. (less 1 Squadron and 2 troops) M

RIGHT FLANK

2 troops 6th L.H. Regt.

LEFT FLANK

2 troops 7th L.H. Regt.

MAIN BODY

Brigade Headquarters
Signal Troop
7th L.H. Regt. (less 1 Squadron)
2nd. L.H. Field Ambulance

REAR GUARD

2 troops 7th L.H. Regt.

Reports to Head of Main body.

J.H. WHYTE Major

Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade.

Secret

2nd. Light Horse Brigade Order No.14

Copy No. 7

by
Colonel J.R. Royston C.M.G. D.S.O.
Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

BIR ET MALER 5th July '16

Reference Maps QATIA 1/100,000 SABKHET EL BARDAWIL 1/125,000

1. INFORMATION

Recent reports tend to show that enemy patrols visit ~~SEKKAHA~~ BIR SALMANA and HOD SALMANA, usually about dawn. They also seem to come to places visited by our troops as soon as they have left.

2. INTENTION

It is intended to make a reconnaissance of BIR SALMANA and HOD SALMANA with the following objects:
(1) To surprise such of the enemy as may be at these places at dawn.
(2) To capture any hostile patrol approaching these places at dawn.
(3) To destroy all enemy's stores in the vicinity.
Any serious engagement with the enemy is to be avoided.

3. DATE

The reconnaissance will take place on Saturday July 8th, Sunday July 9th and Monday July 10th.

4. TROOPS

The forces will comprise ~~xxxxx~~ 2nd. L.H. Brigade and attached Regt. Wellington Mtd. Rifles (less 5th and 12th Regts.) and 3rd Regiment 1st L.H. Brigade.

They will be divided as follows:

For the reconnaissance

2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th and 12th Regts) and attached Regt.

Covering troops

3rd. L.H. Regt. 1st L.H. Brigade.

5. MOVES

(a) The 5th and 7th L.H. Regts. will leave ET MALER at 0300 on Saturday July 8th and march to OGH RATINA where they will bivouac for the day.

(b) The 2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th, 6th, 7th and 12th L.H. Regts.) with attached Regt. and 3rd. L.H. Regt. 1st L.H. Brigade (less two troops) will leave ET MALER at 0400 on Saturday July 8th and march to QATIA where they will bivouac for the day.

(c) The 6th and 7th L.H. Regts. will leave OGH RATINA at 2000 on 8th July and carry out the reconnaissance of BIR SALMANA and HOD SALMANA respectively at dawn on 9th July.

(d) The 2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th, 6th, 7th and 12th L.H. Regts.) and Wellington Mounted Rifles Regt. will leave QATIA at 1800 on 8th July and be in position East of BIR EL ABD at dawn on 9th July to support troops carrying out reconnaissance of BIR SALMANA and HOD SALMANA.

(e) The 3rd. L.H. Regt. (less 2 troops) will leave QATIA at 1800 and be in position on high ground North and South of road 1 1/2 miles West of BIR EL ABD, to cover force carrying out reconnaissance.

6. AMMUNITION

140 rounds S.A.A. per man and 3500 rounds S.A.A. ~~per machine gun~~ per machine gun will be carried.

7. SUPPLIES AND WATER One full day's ration and one iron ration will be carried on each man. Two feeds will be carried in nosebags on each horse. Camels carrying 1 1/3rd. full days rations for the man and 1 2/3rds. rations for the horse for the Regiments who bivouac at OGHRAFINA and 1/3rd. ration for the man and two feeds for the horse for the two Regiments bivouacing at QATIA will leave ROMANI at 0300 on 8th July. Camels carrying one full day's ration for the man and three feeds for the horse for the troops bivouacing at QATIA will leave ROMANI at 0400 on 8th July.
8. ESCORTS The 3rd. L.H. Regt. will detail the following escorts:
1 troop to escort the camel transport from ROMANI to OGHRAFINA on 8th July.
1 troop to escort the camel transport from ROMANI to QATIA on 8th July.
On arrival at DABABIS the 3rd. Regt. will detail a small escort to the dressing station formed there by the 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance.
9. TRANSPORT No transport other than camels for rations, water and forage, and sand carts and sledges with the medical personnel will be taken.
10. MEDICAL On arrival at DABABIS the 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance will establish a dressing station.
11. REPORTS Reports and messages to head of Main body.

J.H. WHITE Major

Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

Issued at 1300 6/7/1916

<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>Issued to</u>
1	ANZAC Mounted Division
2	File
3	Diary
4	6th L.H. Regt.
5	7th L.H. Regt.
6	Wellington M.R. Rgt.
7	2nd. L.H.F. Amb.
8	2nd. Sig. Trp.
9	Supply Officer 2nd. L.H. Bde.
10	1st L.H. Brigade
11	3rd. L.H. Regt.

Secret

2nd. Light Horse Brigade Order No. 17
by

Copy No. 5

Colonel J.R. Royston C.M.G. D.S.O.
Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

ET MALER 21/7/16

1. INFORMATION The enemy are reported to be holding OGHRAATINA in strength also MAGEIHERA and BIR EL ABD.
2. INTENTION To get in close touch with the enemy and remain in close touch until ordered to return.
3. DATES July 21st and July 22nd. 1916.
4. TROOPS 2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th and 12th L.H. Regts.) and WELLINGTON M.R. Regt.
5. MOVES (a) The 2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th and 12th L.H. Regts.) with attached Regts. will leave ET MALER at 1930 on 21st July and march to bivouac 1 1/8 miles E.S.E. of KATIB GANIT.
(b) The Brigade will leave bivouac at 0800 on 22nd. July and march to QATIA; from there patrols will be pushed out to gain touch with the enemy.
(c) The 6th L.H. Regt. will send 2 troops to patrol towards OGHRAATINA.
The WELLINGTON M.R. Regt. will send patrols of 2 troops each to HOD EL BAGIA and HILL 245.
The 7th L.H. Regt. will send a patrol of 2 troops to BIR EL HANISAH.
6. AMMUNITION 140 rounds per man and 3500 rounds per machine gun will be carried.
7. SUPPLIES Each man will carry remainder of day's ration and one iron ration. 2/3 rd ration will be drawn at bivouac.
One feed per horse will be carried. 2 feeds will be drawn at bivouac.
8. TRANSPORT No transport other than sandcarts and sledges with medical personnel will be taken.
9. MEDICAL 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance will establish dressing station at QATIA.
10. REPORTS To head of Main body.

J.H. WHYTE Major

Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

Issued at 1800

- Copy No. 1 ANZAC Mtd. Division
2 6th L.H. Regt.
3 7th L.H. Regt.
4 W.M.R. Regt.
5 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance
6 2nd. Signal Troop
7 File
8 Diary
9 Supply Officer

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MARCH ORDER No 1

Colonel J. R. ROYSTON C.M.G. D.S.O.
Commanding ^{by} 2nd L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

ETMALER
21.7.16

The Brigade will leave ETMALER Camp at 1930 on 21st July and march to point 1 1/2 miles E.S.E. of KATIB GANNIT where it will bivouac for the night. Night outposts will be provided as detailed by troops from 6th Reg^t and W.M.R. Reg^ts

The Brigade will leave the Bivouac at 0300 on 22nd July and march to QATIA

On 21st July the head of main body will pass starting point 200 yards S. of 6th L.H. Reg^t Camp at 1930

Order of march for 21/22nd July :-

Advance guard

W.M.R. (less 3 troops)

Right flank

2 troops from W.M.R. Reg^t

Left flank

2 troops from 6th L.H. Reg^t

Main Body

B.H.Q.

2nd Signal Troop

7th L.H. Reg^t

2nd L.H. Ambulance

6th L.H. Reg^t (less 1 Sqn.)

Rear Guard

2 troops from 6th L.H. Reg^t

Reports to head of main body

J. H. WHYTE

Major
B.M. 2nd L.H. Brigade

MARCH ORDER No 1

Colonel J. R. ROYSTON C.M.G. D.S.O.
Commanding 2nd L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

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W.M.R. (less 3 troops)

Right flank

2 troops from W.M.R. Reg^t

Left flank

2 troops from 6th L.H. Reg^t

Main Body

B.H.G.

2nd Signal Troop

7th L.H. Reg^t

2nd L.H. Ambulance

6th L.H. Reg^t (less 1 Sqn.)

Rear Guard

2 troops from 6th L.H. Reg^t

Reports to head of main body

J. H. WHYTE

Major
B.M. 2nd L.H. Brigade

Secret

2nd. Light Horse Brigade Order No. 18 Copy No. 5
by
Colonel J.R. Royston C.M.G. D.S.O.
Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.
ET MALER 23/7/1916

1. INFORMATION The enemy are reported to be holding OGHRAATINA in strength also MAGEIBRA and BIR EL AED.
2. INTENTION To get in close touch with the enemy and remain in close touch until ordered to return.
3. DATE July 24th 1916.
4. TROOPS 2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 6th and 18th L.H. Rgts.) and WELLINGTON M.R. Regt.
5. MOVES (a) The 2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 6th and 18th L.H. Rgts.) with attached Regt. will leave ET MALER at ~~22~~ 0130 on 24th July 1916 and march to QATIA. From there patrols will be pushed out to keep touch with the enemy.
(b) The 7th L.H. Regt. will send out two patrols of two troops each towards OGHRAATINA and HOD BE SAGIA.
The 6th L.H. Regt. will send out a patrol of two troops to HILL 245.
The W.M.R. Regt. will send out a patrol of two troops to BIR EL HAMISAH.
Signal communication must be established ~~in~~ between patrols and Brigade Headquarters. Reports will be furnished to Brigade Hqs. hourly.
6. SUPPLIES Each man will carry one day's rations and one extra ration. Two feeds per horse will be carried.
7. AMMUNITION 140 rounds per man and 3500 rounds per machine gun will be carried.
8. TRANSPORT No transport other than sandcarts and sledges will be taken, with medical personnel.
9. MEDICAL 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance will establish a dressing station at QATIA.
10. REPORTS To head of Main body.

J.H. WHYEE Major
Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

Issued at 1300.

- Copy No. 1 ANZAC Mounted Division.
2 6th L.H. Regt.
3 7th L.H. Regt.
4 W.M.R. Regt.
5 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance
6 2nd. Sig. Troop
7 1st A.L.H. Brigade
8 File
9 Diary
10 Supply Officer.

MARCH ORDER NO. 1

by
Colonel J.R. Royston C.M.G. D.S.O.
Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

ET MAHER 23/7/1918.

1. The Brigade will leave ET MAHER Camp at 0130 on July 24th 1918 and march to QAFIA.
2. The head of the Main body will pass starting point 300 yards ~~East~~^{South} of 6th L.H. Regt. lines at 0130.
3. Order of March:

ADVANCE GUARD

7th L.H. Regt. (less 3 troops)

RIGHT FLANK GUARD

3 troops 7th L.H. Regt.

LEFT FLANK GUARD

3 troops W.M.R. Regt.

MAIN BODY

Brigade Headquarters
Signal Troop
6th L.H. Regt.
Machine Gun Squadron
W.M.R. Regt. (less 1 Squadron)
2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance.

REAR GUARD

3 troops W.M.R. Regt.

4. REPORTS to Head of Main body.

J.H. WHYTE Major

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by
Colonel J.R. Royston C.M.G. D.S.O.
Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

ET MALER 27/7/1916

1. INFORMATION The enemy is reported to be strongly entrenched at OGH RATINA and MAGEIBRA.
2. INTENTION To get in close touch with the enemy and remain in close touch until ordered to return.
3. DATE 28th July 1916.
4. TROOPS 2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th and 12th L.H. Regts.) and Wellington M.R. Regt.
5. MOVES (a) The 2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th and 12th L.H. Regts.) with attached Regt. will leave ET MALER at 0200 on 28th July 1916 and march to QATIA. From there patrols will be pushed out to keep touch with the enemy.
(b) The W.M.R. Regt. will send out two patrols of two troops each towards OGH RATINA and HOD ES SAGIA.
The 7th L.H. Regt. will send out a patrol of two troops to HILL 245.
The 6th L.H. Regt. will send out a patrol of one troop to BIR EL HAMISAH.
(c) The following patrols will leave bivouac at 0340 and take up their positions as under:
HILL 110 2 troops 7th L.H. Regt.
BIR ED DHABA 1 troop 6th L.H. Regt.
Signal communication must be established between patrols and Brigade Headquarters.
Reports will be furnished to Brigade Headquarters QATIA, hourly.
6. AMMUNITION 140 rounds per man and 3500 rounds per machine gun will be carried.
7. SUPPLIES extra Each man will carry one day's rations and one ~~iron~~ ration. Two feeds per horse will be carried in nosebags.
8. TRANSPORT No transport other than sand carts and sledges with medical personnel will be taken.
9. MEDICAL 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance will establish a dressing station at QATIA.
10. REPORTS To Head of Main body.

J.H. WHITE Major

Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

Issued at 1300

Copy No. 1	ANZAC Mounted Division
2	6th L.H. Regt.
3	7th L.H. Regt.
4	W.M.R. Regt.
5	2nd. L.H.F. Amb.
6	2nd. Sig. Trp.
7	1st A.L.H. Brigade
8	M.G. Squadron
9	File
10	Diary
11	Supply Officer

MARCH ORDER

by
Colonel J.R. Royston G.M.C. D.S.O.
Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

ET MAUER 27/7/1916

1. The Brigade will leave ET MAUER Camp at 0800 on July 28th 1916 and march to CATIA.
2. The Head of the Main body will pass starting point 300 yards South of the 6th L.H. Regt. lines at 0800.
3. Order of March:

ADVANCE GUARD

Wellington M.R. Regt. (less 3 troops)

RIGHT FLANK GUARD

3 troops Wellington M.R. Regt.

LEFT FLANK GUARD

3 troops 6th L.H. Regt.

MAIN BODY

Brigade Headquarters
2nd. Signal Troop
7th L.H. Regt.
Machine gun Squadron
6th L.H. Regt. (less one Squadron)
2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance

REAR GUARD

3 troops 6th L.H. Regt.

4. REPORTS to Head of Main body.

J.H. WHITE Major

Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

AFTER ORDER

BY

Colonel J.R. Royston C.M.G., D.S.O.
Commanding 2nd L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

Et, aler 21/7/16

Reference Brigade Order No 17

Dates Para 3 July 22nd only

Moves Para 5 is amended:-
2nd L.H. Brigade will leave ETMALER at 0115 on 22nd July and march to QATIA, from there patrols will be pushed out to gain touch with the enemy.
Para (c) as stated.

Supplies Amended:-
Each man will carry one days ration and one iron ration. Two feeds per horse will be carried. One feed and water will be drawn at QATIA.

J.H. WHYTE Major
Brigade Major 2nd Light Horse Brigade

MARCH ORDER NO 1 is amended.

Brigade will leave camp at 0115 on 22nd JULY and march to QATIA.
Head of main body will pass starting post 200 yards south of 5th L.H. lines at 0115 on 22nd July 1916

J.H. WHYTE Major
Brigade Major 2nd Light Horse Brigade.

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200	30	50	100
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30			40
16	20		50
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23			66
300			460

Brigade Major and Right Horse Brigade.
 J. E. WHITE Major

of 4th I.N.H. Line at Oils on sand July 1919
 Head of main body will be at starting post 800 yards north
 OATIA.
 Brigade will leave camp at Oils on sand July and march to
 MARCH ORDER NO 1 is amended.

Brigade Major and Right Horse Brigade
 J. E. WHITE Major

will be drawn at OATIA.
 Two feeds per horse will be carried. One feed and water.
 Each man will carry one day's ration and one iron ration.
 Amended:-

here (c) as amended.
 Rain found with the army.
 march to OATIA, from where patrols will be pushed out to
 and J. E. White will leave MARCH at Oils on sand July and
 leave 8 is amended:-

here 3 July and only
 reference Brigade Order No 1A

Commanding and J. E. White Brigade A.I.F.
 Colonel J. E. Royston G.C.M.G., D.S.O.
 Lt. Col. G. A. J. O.

VALLEY ORDER

MARCH ORDER
by
Colonel J.R. Royston C.M.G. D.S.O.
Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade S.I.F.

BT HALER 31/7/1918

1. The Brigade will leave BT HALER Camp at 0830 on JULY August 1st 1918 and march to QATIA.
2. The Head of the Main body will pass starting point 300 yards south of 5th L.H. Regt. lines at 0830.
3. Order of march:

ADVANCE GUARD

5th L.H. Regt. (less 3 troops).

RIGHT FLANK GUARD

2 troops 6th L.H. Regt.

LEFT FLANK GUARD

2 troops 7th L.H. Regt.

MAIN BODY

Brigade Headquarters
2nd. Signal Troop
Wellington M.R. Regt.
Machine gun Squadron
7th L.H. Regt. (less 1 Squadron).
2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance

REAR GUARD

2 troops 7th L.H. Regt.

4. REPORTS to Head of Main body:

J.H. WHITE Major

Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

Secret

2nd. Light Horse Brigade Order No. 22
by

Copy No. 5

Colonel J.R. Royston C.M.G. D.S.O.
Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

BT MALER 22/7/1916

1. INFORMATION

The enemy is strongly entrenched at OGHRAFINA near HASSIBRA with advanced trenches at on hills 1 1/2 miles N.E. of ER RABAH - hills 1,000 yards E of HOD UMM UGBA and a line from there through HOD EL ANOIA to hill 500 yards W of HOD ABU DAREM.

2. INTENTION

To get in close touch with the enemy and remain so until ordered to return.

3. DATE

1st August 1916.

4. TROOPS

2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th L.H. and 13th L.H. Regt) and Wellington M.R. Regt.

5. MOVES

(a) The 2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th and 13th L.H. Regts.) and Wellington M.R. Regt. will leave BT MALER at 0230 on 1st August 1916 and march to QATIA. From there the following patrols will be sent out to keep touch with the enemy.

(b) The 5th L.H. Regt. will send out two patrols of two troops each towards HOD UMM UGBA and HOD EL ANOIA.

The Wellington M.R. Regt. will send out a patrol of two troops towards ABU DAREM.

The 7th L.H. Regt. will send out a patrol of one troop to BIR EL HAMISAH.

(c) The following patrols will leave the bivouac at south of KATIB GANNIT at 0410 on 1st August and take up positions as under;

HILL 110 2 troops Wellington M.R. Regt.

BIR ED DRABA 1 troop 7th L.H. Regt.

Signal communication must be established between patrols and Brigade Headquarters.

Reports will be furnished to Brigade Headquarters QATIA hourly.

6. AMMUNITION

140 rounds per man and 3500 rounds per machine gun will be carried.

7. SUPPLIES

Each man will carry one day's rations and one extra ration. Two feeds per horse will be carried in nosebags. The 7th L.H. Regt. will detail 1 N.C.O. and 7 o.r. to report to Supply Depot, ROMANI Station at 0600 on 1st August 1916 to escort camels to Brigade at QATIA, and return with same.

8. TRANSPORT

No transport other than sand carts and sledges with medical personnel will be taken.

9. MEDICAL

The 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance will establish a dressing station at QATIA.

10. REPORTS

To Head of Main body.

J.H. WHITE Major
Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

Issued at 1300.

- Copy No. 1 ANZAC Mounted Division
- 2 5th L.H. Regt.
- 3 7th L.H. Regt.
- 4 Wellington M.R. Regt.
- 5 2nd. L.H.F. Amb.
- 6 2nd. Sig. Trp.
- 7 1st A.L.H. Bde.
- 8 M.G. Squadron
- 9. File

- 10. Diary
- 11. Supply officer

ORDER NO, 26

by

Brig.General G. de L. Rylie C.M.G.
Commanding 2nd L.H. Brigade A.I.F.Headquarters
15/9/16

REFERENCE

Map QATIA 1/125,000
SABKHET BARDAWIL 1/125,0001
INFORMATION

(A) The latest information as to the enemy's strength and dispositions at MAZAR is as follows:-
GARRISON:-Remains of 31st Turkish Regt. about 2000 strong small remnants of 39th Regt about 2/300 strong, 10 machine guns, 4 mountain guns, & 6 anti-aircraft guns.
DEFENCES:-A series of trenches (not continuous) facing West, north of and extending across the EL ARISH road about 1 1/2 miles west of MAZAR. Further trenches thrown back to protect enemy's Southern flank.
 (B) A force is to be assembled in the area HOD SALMANA BIR SALMANA, HOD EL GE'EILA, & HOD WILLEGHA ready to leave this area on the evening of 16th September at such an hour that an attack can be made on MAZAR on the morning of September 17th.

2
MOVES

The Brigade will leave bivouac in the vicinity of HASSANIYA on September 16th at 0230 and march to HOD EL GE'EILA and rest under the palms there for the day.
 Orders for the move from HOD EL GE'EILA will be issued later.

3
AMMUNITION

300 rounds S.A.A. will be carried by each man and 3000 rounds for each Lewis Gun and 3500 rounds for each machine gun will be taken on packs.
 On Camels 100 rounds per man, 4000 per Lewis Gun and 3500 per machine gun.

4
SUPPLIES

One full days ration and one extra ration will be carried by each man and two feeds for horses and as much water as can be carried in bottles and bags.
 One gallon of water per man will taken in fantasses on first line Camel Transport.

5
CAMELS

Camels for transport of Ammunition water pumps and troughs and 2nd L.H.F.Amb. will leave camp at 0100 and march to GE'EILA. All camels to be loaded and at starting point 400 yards east of HOD HASSANIYA at 0045

6
ESCORTS

O.C. 7th L.H. Regt. will detail escort of two troops to escort Camel Transport to GE'EILA.

7
WATERING HORSES

Regiments will take sufficient pumps and troughs with them to water Regiments at GE'EILA

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" 4	6th L.H.	" 9	B.A.C.
" 5	7th L.H.	" 10	2nd Field Troop
" 6	2nd L.H.F.A.	" 11	Supply Officer
		" 12	

MARCH ORDER

BY

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

Bde. Headquarters
15/9/18

- 1 The Brigade (less 2nd L.H.F.Ambulance) will leave bivouac in vicinity of HOD HASSANIYA at 0830 on Saturday 16th September and march to HOD EL GE'ETLA
- 2 Head of main body will pass starting point 200 yards East of HOD HASSANIYA at 0830
- 3 ORDER OF MARCH

<u>ADVANCE GUARD</u>	One Squadron 6th L.H.Regt.
<u>RIGHT FLANK GUARD</u>	Two troops 6th L.H.Regt.
<u>MAIN BODY</u>	6th L.H.Regt. (less 1 Sqn. & 2 troops) Brigade Headquarters 2nd Signal Troop 5th L.H.Regt. (less 1 Sqn.) 7th L.H.Regt. (less 1 Sqn.)
<u>LEFT FLANK GUARD</u>	One Troop 7th L.H.Regt.
<u>REAR GUARD</u>	One Troop 7th L.H.Regt.
- 4 One Squadron of 5th L.H.Regt at present on outpost will assemble and join Brigade in the vicinity of HOD EL BADA at 0400 on ~~15~~ 16th September.
- 5 No smoking is to be allowed during the operations, between 1800 and 0430
- 6 No water except that issued is to be drunk.
- 7 No neck chains or anything that will rattle to be taken.
- 8 No lights or electric torches to be used.
- 9 No one is to leave the ranks except with an officers permission
- 10 Ranks must be kept closed up.
- 11 Reports to head of Main Body.

Issued at 0900

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Brigade Major 2nd Light Horse Brigade

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	6	2nd L.H.F.Amb.
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	8	Anzac Mounted Division
	9	B.A.C.
	10	2nd Field Troop
	11	Supply Officer
	12	3rd L.H.Brigade

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2nd LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE A.I.F.

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ORDER NO. 27

by

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

Headquarters
26/9/16

- 1
MOVES (A) The Brigade (less one squadron 7th L.H. Regt.), No 2 Subsection Mounted Division Ammunition Column, No 2 Field Troop, and 2nd L.H.F. Ambulance will leave HOD EL HASSANIYA at 0800 on Friday 28th September
(B) One squadron 7th L.H. Regiment will remain at HOD EL HODASSIA, when the Brigade withdraws; this Squadron will be relieved by a squadron from the 5th Mounted Brigade on Saturday 30th September. The Squadron of the 7th L.H. Regt. will bivouac for the night at HOD EL HASSANIYA and leave at 0600 on Sunday 1st October and march to ROMANI
- 2
RATIONS All troops will march out with the unexpended portion and one extra ration on the man. One days feed will be carted on the horses.
- 3
FORAGE
- 4
AMMUNITION 140 rounds S.A.A. will be carried on the man and 3800 rounds per machine gun, and 3000 rounds per Lewis Gun in the packs. Usual amount will be carried on 1st Line of Transport Camels.
- 5
COMMUNICATIONS The existing communications will be taken over by the 5th Mounted Brigade.
- 6
Dismounted details and surplus baggage will be moved by rail under Regimental arrangements before 1800 on Thursday 28th September

J.H. WHITE Major
Brigade Major 2nd Light Horse Brigade

Issued at 1800

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2 File
3 Diary
4 8th L.H. Regt.
5 6th L.H. Regt.
6 7th L.H. Regt.
7 2nd L.H.F. Amb.
8 2nd Signal Troop
9 2nd Field Troop
10 B.A.C.
11 Supply Section

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ORDER NO 22

by

Brigadier General G. de L. Ryrie C.M.G.
Commanding 2nd Light Horse Brigade A.I.F.

Brigade Headquarters

30th September 1916

1. MOVES

The Brigade will leave ROMANI at 0800 on 2nd October and proceed to the undermentioned stations:-

DUKIDAR- 5th L.H. Regt. (less 1 troop at HOD SHOHAT)

HILL 70- 2nd L.H. Brigade (less 5th L.H. Regiment,)

On arrival at Hill 70 the C.O. 5th L.H. Regiment will detail one troop to proceed to BALLYMUNIAN to relieve one troop 1st L.H. Brigade.

2.

The Brigade will form up at HOD ROMANI in column of close masses facing N.W. in the following order:-
5th L.H. Regt, 7th L.H. Regt, 5th L.H. Regt. Markers to report to B.H.Q. at 0740. 2nd L.H.F. Ambulance, 7th Mobile Veterinary Section, 2nd Field Troop and 2nd L.H.B.A.C. will form up East of B.H.Q. Markers to report at 0740.

3. RATIONS & FORAGE

Troops will march out with the unconsumed portion and one extra ration on the man. One days feed will be carried on the horse.

4. AMMUNITION

140 rounds S.A.A. will be carried on the man. 3500 rounds per machine gun and 3000 rounds per Lewis Gun will be carried in the packs. Usual amount will be carried on 1st Line of Camel Transport.

5.

The Brigade will commence at 1500 on 1st October, transporting kits, equipment, and baggage to ROMANI Railway Station. No tents will be taken.

6.

When the Brigade moves out a rearguard of 2 Officers & 50 men will remain to clean up present detail camp and hand over all their tents to 3rd L.H. Brigade Details.

7.

All camels will be assembled 800 yards S.W. of B.H.Q. and move off at 0800 on 2nd October 1916.

8.

C.O. 7th L.H. Regiment will detail one troop as escort to Camels proceeding to HILL 70.

C.O. 5th L.H. Regiment will detail escort to camels proceeding to DUKIDAR.

9.

Railway timetable for moves of dismounted men and baggage will be notified later.

J.H. WHITE Major

Brigade Major 2nd Light Horse Brigade

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- 2 File
- 3 Diary
- 4 5th L.H. Regt.
- 5 6th L.H. Regt.
- 6 7th L.H. Regt.
- 7 2nd L.H.F. Ambulance
- 8 2nd Signal Troop
- 9 2nd Field Troop
- 10 7th Mobile Veterinary Section
- 11 2nd L.H.B.A.C.
- 12 2nd L.H.B.M.G.S.
- 13 2nd L.H.B. Details

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ORDER NO. 39

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Brig. General G. de L. Ryrrie C.M.G.
Commanding Snd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

22/11/1916

1. MOVES

The following moves of Snd. L.H. Brigade are ordered:
Snd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th L.H. Regt. at DUBIDAR)
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 DUBIDAR

25th November 1916 BIR EL DUBIDAR TO ROMANI
26th November 1916 ROMANI to HOD EL KHIRBA
27th November 1916 HOD EL KHIRBA to HOD EL HASSANIYA

Each day's march to be completed before 1600.

The Snd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th L.H. Regt.) 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

Capt H.F. Ryrrie

Right flank guard
1 troop 6th L.H. Regt.

Left flank guard
1 troop 6th L.H. Regt.

Main body
Brigade Headquarters

Snd. Signal Troop
6th L.H. Regt. (less 1 1/3 Squadrons)
Snd. Brigade M.G. Squadron
7th L.H. Regt. (less 1 troop)
Snd. Field Troop
Snd. 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 sl dges by Snd 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 0800 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. Mensies 6th L.H. is appointed to command Snd L.H. Bde. Details and he will report at B.H.Q. for instructions at 0700 on 23rd November.

6 Kits

All kitbags, spare harnesses, 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 0600 on 23rd November.

E. NORTHERN Major

Brigade Major Snd Light Horse Bde.

Issued at 1800

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

- NO 8 to 4th M.V.S.
- 9 2nd Signal Troop
- 10 2nd Field Troop
- 11 B.A.C.
- 12 Supply
- 13 C.T.C.
- 14 Amzac Mto Division