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Australian Mounted Division.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BELAH.	April		<p>Reference Map 1" = 1 mile.</p> <p>Operations A, Preliminary Instructions No. 1 issued.</p> <p>0600 G.O.C. &amp; G.S.O.1 proceeded by train to XXIst Corps Conference.</p> <p>1100 Australian Mtd. Division proceeded by route march from BELAH to GAZA, rear of column arriving at 1700. The Division camped along E. slope of ALI MUNTAR. D.H.Q. established at 063.U.19.a.</p> <p>2 1100 Australian Mtd. Division left GAZA and proceeded by route march to MEJDEL, rear of column arriving at 1715. On arrival at MEJDEL Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry and Staffordshire Yeomanry came under the orders of G.O.C. Australian Mtd. Division and were attached to the 5th Mounted Brigade during the march Northwards. Division bivouaced in 072.F.14.d., 15.b., 20.b., and 21.a.</p> <p>3 0800 Australian Mtd. Division left MEJDEL and proceeded by route march to WADI SUKERIER, rear of column arriving at 1530. Divisional Train marched independently.</p> <p>1200 Practice in aeroplane co-operation was carried out by the 4th A.L.H. Brigade with flags and panel signalling. Letter written to XXIst Corps requesting approval be given for another Mounted Brigade to be attached to Australian Mtd. Division during the forthcoming operations.</p> <p>4 0800 Australian Mtd. Division left the WADI SUKERIER and arrived at DEIRAN at 1600.</p> <p>1300 Practice in aeroplane co-operation was carried out by 5th Mounted Brigade. Staffordshire Yeomanry, on arrival at DEIRAN, came under the orders of Desert Mounted Corps.</p> <p>5 0730 Australian Mtd. Division left DEIRAN and proceeded by route march to SELMEH, and arrived at 1700.</p> <p>1000 Divisional H.Q. established in AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL, 071.L.1. 3rd L.H. Bde. group at 071.J.22.b. and d. Bde. H.Q. in J.22.c.8.6. 4th L.H. Bde. " at 071.J.11 and 12. Bde. H.Q. in J.11.d.5.0. 5th Mtd. Bde. " at 071.J.17 and 18. Bde. H.Q. in J.17.d.2.2. Divisional Troops at 071.J.21.d.</p>	<p>Appendix No. /</p> <p>APR 1918</p>

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	April			
	5	1530 1400	2nd & 3rd L.A.C. Batteries arrived and came under orders of G.O.C. Aust. Mtd. Divn. Practice in aeroplane co-operation was carried out by 3rd A.L.H. Brigade. Australian Mounted Division came under orders of XXIst Corps. G.O.C. and G.S.O. 1 returned to Divisional Headquarters.	
	6		No. 7 L.C. Patrol reported for duty with Australian Mounted Division.	
	7	0900	Staff Ride for Brigade Commanders and their Staffs to BALD HILL. Major L.S. ALEXANDER-11th A.L.H. Regiment, completed his Divisional attachment and reported to "B" Battery, H.A.C. for purpose of completing his "other arms" attachment. Letter received from Desert Mounted Corps placing following officers for Liaison duty in forthcoming operations:- Lieut.-Col. PARTRIDGE for liaison with 54th Division. Captain GARBETT " " " 75th " Major RUSSELL " " " Desert Mounted Corps.	
	8		Operations A, Preliminary Instructions No. 2 issued. Formation of D.H.Q. on the march issued.	Appendix No. 2. Appendix No. 3.
	9	1630	Conference held at Divisional Headquarters. Brigadiers and their staffs attended.	
	10	1130	Operations A, Preliminary Instructions No. 3 issued. G.S.O. 1 and Major L.S. ALEXANDER proceeded to MULLEBIS to mark out possible roads. Australian Mounted Division Order No. 2 issued.	Appendix No. 4. Appendix No. 5.
	11		Australian Mounted Division Order No. 3 issued. On instructions received from XXIst Corps all moves ordered in Divisional Orders Nos. 2 & 3 postponed.	Appendix No. 6.

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	April			
	12		Operation A. Preliminary Instructions No. 4 issued.	Appendix No. 7
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	15		Australian Mounted Division Order No. 4 issued, cancelling operations. " " " reverts to command of Desert Mounted Corps.	Appendix No. 8
	16		Wire received from Desert Mounted Corps ordering Worcestershire Yeomanry to proceed on the 18th instant to LATRON and to come under orders of XXth Corps on that date.	
	17		Wire received from XXIst Corps ordering Australian Mounted Division to proceed to TALAAT ED DUMM, one Brigade group to arrive on 22nd inst., remainder of Division on 23rd inst.	
	18		G.S.O. 1 proceeded to A. & N.Z. Mtd. Division Headquarters. Australian Mounted Division Order No. 5 issued. Orders issued for march of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade Group.	Appendix No. 9
	19		Orders issued for march of Australian Mtd. Div., less 3rd A.L.H. and 5th Mounted Brigades to DEIRAN.	
	20	0930	Australian Mtd. Div., less 3rd A.L.H. and 5th Mounted Brigades groups, marched from SELMEH area to KH. DEIRAN.	
		1400	5th Mounted Bde. (less "B" Battery, H.A.C.) marched from SELMEH area to RICHON, and came under orders of Desert Mounted Corps. Australian Mtd. Div., less 3rd A.L.H. and 5th Mtd. Brigades groups, arrived in bivouac area at DEIRAN, occupying the same bivouac sites as they did on the night of 4/5th inst. Divisional Headquarters established at 085.V.34.a. Instructions received from Desert Mounted Corps stating wireless Scheme would be held on 22nd inst. Orders issued for march of Australian Mtd. Div., less 3rd A.L.H. and 5th Mtd. Bdes groups, to LATRON to-morrow.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	April 21	0900 1445	Australian Mounted Division (less 3rd and 5th Brigade Groups) marched to LATRON. Division complete in bivouac; D.H.Q. established in 085.M.9.b. Aeroplane co-operation carried out by D.H.Q. and 4th A.L.H. Brigade. Orders issued for march tomorrow to ENAB, time of starting as follows:- 0800 Divisional Train: 0930 4th A.L.H. Brigade Group: 1100 Divisional Troops.	
	22		Australian Mounted Division, less 3rd and 5th Brigade Groups, marched from LATRON to bivouac area at BEIT NAKUBA. Wireless scheme held during morning between D.H.Q. and Corps H.Q.	
		1600	Australian Mounted Division arrived in bivouac. D.H.Q. established at 100.T.25.c.5.4. Orders issued for march tomorrow to TALAAT ED DUMM, times of starting as follows:- 0700 4th A.L.H. Brigade Group: 0900 Divisional Troops Group. Wire received from XXth Corps ordering 19th Brigade R.H.A. to be at disposal of Anzac Mounted Division on arrival at TALAAT ED DUMM.	
	23		Australian Mounted Division, less 3rd and 5th Brigade Groups marched from BEIT NAKUBA to TALAAT ED DUMM area.	
		1600	Australian Mounted Division arrived in bivouac, camp sites as follows:- D.H.Q. 113.G.17.a, 3rd A.L.H. Brigade KH. EL MESHRAB, 19th Brigade R.H.A. 113.G.12.a, 4th A.L.H. Brigade F.23.c and d. Desert Mounted Corps Order No. 14 received stating that they will take over command of right flank of the force at 1800 on 25th April. Wire sent to 3rd A.L.H. Brigade ordering them to move tomorrow to camp site at JERICHO and 4th A.L.H. Brigade to occupy present camp site of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.	
	24	1115 1130	Wire received from Desert Mounted Corps stating they have ordered 5th Mounted Brigade Group (less Indian units, plus 1/1st Sherwood Rangers and 1/1st Stafford Yeomanry (less one squadron)) to march to LATRON on 24th instant en route for ENAB. 4th A.L.H. Brigade arrived in bivouac KH. EL MESHRAB. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade arrived in bivouac 113.K.4.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Wm	April 25		<p>Wire sent to 3rd A.L.H. Brigade ordering them to reconnoitre and report fully today on AUJA and MANDESI fords with view to Brigade camels and train crossing by each of them. Letter written with reference to move of Australian Mounted Division (less 3rd and 5th Brigade groups) to JERICHO area tomorrow. Wire sent amending above letter.</p> <p>Wire sent to 3rd A.L.H. Brigade ordering them to provide escort for Lieut.-Colonel Williams, D.S.O., and Major Ford-Young tomorrow with view to reconnaissance of AUJA ford. Wire sent 5th Mounted Brigade ordering them to leave ENAB at 1800 on 26th. Wire received from Desert Mounted Corps ordering Australian Mounted Division to be responsible for protection and reconnaissances between WADI ARSENIYET road (exclusive) and JORDAN as far as EL AUJA (inclusive) by 0600 on 27th instant.</p>	<p>Appendix 10 Appendix 11</p>
Wm	26		<p>Wire sent to 3rd A.L.H. Brigade ordering them to take over line as above tomorrow.</p> <p>Letter written in reference move of 5th Mounted Brigade to JERICHO and boundaries for bivouac of Division in that area. Wire received from Desert Mounted Corps stating that 1st A.L.H. Brigade will remain in GHORANIYEH Bridgehead until relieved by 60th Division. Australian Mounted Division (less 3rd and 5th Brigade Groups) marched to JERICHO as per instructions issued yesterday. On orders from Desert Mounted Corps instructions issued to 3rd A.L.H. Brigade to relieve one squadron of 2nd A.L.H. Brigade by 0600 tomorrow. This Squadron watches the country North and East and patrols ROMAN road and also keeps touch with 53rd Division at NEJMEH. On instructions from Corps orders issued to 19th Brigade R.H.A. to move following amount of ammunition from JERICHO to GHORANIYEH:- 1,200 rounds 13-pdr.; 100000 rds. S.A.A.</p>	<p>Appendix No. 12 Appendix No. 13</p>
Wm	27	0545	<p>3rd A.L.H. Brigade report one squadron in position at 113.H;33.c. and that 2 troops relieved one troop of N.Z.M.R. Brigade at MANDESI ford and one troop Hyderabad Lancers at AUJA ford. Location of Australian Mounted Division is as follows:- D.H.Q. H.34.a: 3rd A.L.H. Brigade K.4: 4th A.L.H. Brigade H.35.a and b and 36: 5th Mounted Brigade H.30, J.25.a;central. On orders from Desert Mounted Corps instructions issued to 19th Brigade R.H.A. to hand over on April 29th, to 20th Brigade R.H.A. B.A.C., <del>and</del> 8 L.G.S. wagons, less horses and drivers, but with 14 boxes 13-pdr. shells per wagon.</p>	<p>APR 1918</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	April 28		<p>On instructions from Desert Mounted Corps orders issued to 19th Bde. R.H.A. to move from JERICHO to GHORANIYEH:- 800 rounds 3.7" shell and 400 rounds 2.75" shell. Permission obtained from Desert Mounted Corps for issue of rifle grenades on following scale:- 432 per brigade.</p> <p>Australian Mounted Division Operations B. Preliminary Instructions No. 1 issued.                      Australian Mounted Division Operations B. Preliminary Instructions No. 2 issued.                      Australian Mounted Division Order No. 5 issued.                      Australian Mounted Division Order No. 6 issued.                      Wire sent to Hong Kong &amp; Singapore Battery to join 5th Mounted Brigade to-morrow.</p>	<p>Appendix No. 14                      Appendix No. 15                      Appendix No. 16                      Appendix No. 17</p>
	29	0300 0530	<p>Wire from Desert Mounted Corps arranging for I.C.O. Brigade to concentrate as much fire as possible to-morrow whilst Australian Mounted Division are passing.</p> <p>10th Battery, 9th Brigade joined 5th Mounted Brigade.                      1st A.L.H. Brigade came under orders of Australian Mounted Division and are located at 113.L. 9.C.                      Wire sent ordering the Hong Kong &amp; Singapore Battery to report to 3rd A.L.H. Brigade by 1700 instead of to the 5th Mounted Brigade.                      Division moved out from bivouac as per Australian Mounted Division Order No. 5.</p>	
	30	0445 0525 0625 0630 0633	<p>Australian Mounted Division arrived in concentration area. D.H.Q. established in 127.F.25.d.</p> <p>3rd &amp; 4th A.L.H. Brigades moved rapidly up the JORDAN valley towards DAMIEH. 5th Mounted Brigade swung to the right towards the foothills preparatory to attacking up the UMM ESH SHERT track towards ES SALT. This Brigade met with opposition from small parties of enemy in the foothills. These took some time to dislodge owing to the difficult nature of the country. D.H.Q. moved to F.14.b.</p> <p>1st A.L.H. Brigade was held in reserve.</p> <p>RED HILL reported as being held by the enemy. 3rd &amp; 4th A.L.H. Brigades ignored this position in their advance to the DAMIEH track and reached their positions with slight loss.</p> <p>Enemy reported to be holding the ground near JISR ED DAMIEH on the east bank of the JORDAN and south of No. 16 road.</p> <p>3rd A.L.H. Brigade reported as being at entrance of No. 16 road to the foothills.                      5th Mounted Brigade reported that one regiment has progressed up No. 13 track to D.28.b.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	April			
	30	0650	Wire sent to 5th Mounted Brigade urging them to take every advantage of the rapid advance of their left flank and to push on through the hills, the right flank being held up.	
		0720	wire sent to Desert Mounted Corps giving progress of 5th Mounted Brigade and stating that 1st A.L.H. Brigade regiment is holding the enemy on RED HILL from the S.E.	
		0730	wire sent to 1st A.L.H. Brigade to move another regiment to RED HILL to prevent the enemy from breaking away east.	
		0620	4th A.L.H. Brigade reported their position as follows:- One regiment on line Wadi SHABAN, one regiment on high ground south of Wadi KUNEIA. Country south of road 16 clear of the enemy.	
		0930	4th A.L.H. Brigade reported further that one regiment was holding the eastern slope of the broken ground astride No. 16 road with one regiment holding the north bank of the Wadi ZERKA. Troops cannot approach the ford which is held by about 300 enemy with machine guns aided by the nature of the country.	
		1225	1st A.L.H. Brigade in possession of RED HILL, the garrison of which escaped north along the JORDAN. One regiment 1st A.L.H. Bde. remained in occupation.	
			5th Mounted Brigade had reached the crest about D.23.c & d.	
		1330	1st A.L.H. Brigade now on the line 127.C.14.a, 15, 19.b, the enemy holding a line with his right flank strongly covering the ford where the road and river meet in 113.X.17 with Machine guns, rifles and one battery of 77mm guns.	
		<del>1350</del> 1345	Wire received from Desert Mounted Corps stating that 50 friendly Arabs are being sent up to assist in clearing RED HILL of the enemy. This was notified to our troops holding that place.	
		1330	3rd A.L.H. Brigade at Pt. 2900 in 127.H.23.d. They report that the advance is held up for the moment by enemy redoubts in H.24.d.central.	
		1500	Orders received from Desert Mounted Corps stating that 2nd A.L.H. Brigade has been placed under G.O.C. of Australian Mounted Division and is marching to join up at ES SALT via the No. 13 track.	
		1515	wire despatched to 3rd A.L.H. and 5th Mounted Brigades ordering them to co-operate and take ES SALT that night. (Wire No. GA 824).	
		1530	4th A.L.H. Brigade to come under the orders of Desert Mounted Corps. One squadron of the 1st A.L.H. Brigade plus one section of machine guns to be left as garrison of RED HILL and come under the orders of G.O.C. 4th A.L.H. Brigade. The remainder of the 1st A.L.H. Brigade to march with D.H.Q. to ES SALT by way of No. 13 track.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices									
	April 30	1800	<p>D.H.Q. proceeded by No. 13 track towards ES SALT, progress necessarily being very slow, horses having to be led in single file up a very steep goat track.</p> <p>3rd A.L.H. Brigade occupied ES SALT by means of vigorous action on the part of our fighting troops. Two regiments attacked the enemy holding the high ground N.W. of the town and as soon as they had driven the enemy out of these positions the reserve regiment rushed the town by means of a side track, completely breaking the resistance which had been organised in the town itself. The pursuit was continued down the AMMAN road with great success. About 300 prisoners, including many Germans, were captured, along with 27 machine guns still unpacked and a large quantity of war material. A number of motor vehicles in running order were prevented from leaving the town owing to our rapid advance. Steps were at once taken <del>to</del> effectively close Nos. 8 and 10 roads, and a squadron with 2 machine guns was sent down the AMMAN road (No. 10) as far as AIN HEMAR in order to close the enemy line of retreat from SHUMET NIMRIN along No. 7 road. During the remainder of the night the other three Brigades continued to close round ES SALT, a movement which was rendered extremely difficult owing to the very rough and precipitous nature of the country traversed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fighting Strength of the Division. -----</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Officers.</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Other ranks.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">1st April 1918.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">256.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5685.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">30th April 1918.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">281.</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5896.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;"><i>RH Osborne</i> Lieutenant-Colonel, General Staff, Australian Mounted Division.</p> <p>Note: A map is attached showing the tracks which have been referred to above.</p>		Officers.	Other ranks.	1st April 1918.	256.	5685.	30th April 1918.	281.	5896.	
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Appendix 1

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OPERATION A. PRELIMINARY INSTRUCTIONS NO. 1

as soon as possible AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION (1)

OPERATION A. Preliminary Instructions No. 1.

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Reference Map 1" to 1 mile and Map 1/250,000

Note: The names of places and formations in this letter are in code. The code will be issued separately.

OUTLINE OF PLANS

1. The Division is to take part in operations almost immediately. The general outline of the plan has been given verbally to those concerned and is not to be committed to paper until received in writing from this office.

2. During these operations the 19th Bde. R.H.A. will be leading Brigade, followed by the 1st Bde. R.H.A. and the 2nd Bde. R.H.A. in that order.

3. (i) The details of the route to be followed in my GM/74 of 25/12/44 are attached to this letter. The route in discussion is the route made by working parties A and B. (ii) The enemy trench systems are not marked on these maps. The necessary work will be done by the 19th Bde. R.H.A. and the 1st Bde. R.H.A. (iii) Front: LONDON - NORWICH - ETON - WINDSOR - BRIGHTON - THAMES.

- (b) Supporting works about IPSWICH - NORWICH - WINDSOR
- (c) 2nd line from ETON to mouth of THAMES.
- (d) 3rd line in front of NOTTS and from HULL to BRIGHTON.
- (e) 4th line in front of DURHAM and running North-West from that place.

(iii) The above trench systems have been copied by Brigade Intelligence officers on to one copy of Brigade maps.

The Divisional Commander attaches great importance to the marking of these trench systems on to maps and directs that steps be taken as soon as possible to arrange that the maps of all officers in Brigades and in the 19th Bde. R.H.A. and Field Squadron are marked up from the copies already marked.

(iv) It is essential that a thorough study of the map be made by all officers before operations commence.

The chief area to study is the area DITTON - East side of LONDON - NORWICH - ETON to WINDSOR - BERKS to BRIGHTON - Northwards

4. PRELIMINARY RECONNAISSANCES.

Preliminary reconnaissance of the line of approach by all concerned is essential.

Orders for these reconnaissances will be issued later from this office.

In the meantime preliminary arrangements will be made to provide reconnaissances generally as detailed in Appendix A attached.

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5. ARRANGEMENTS FOR CLEARING A WAY THROUGH TRENCHES.

(1) Three dismounted working parties will be detailed as soon as possible under direct arrangements between G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Bde. and O.C. Field Squadron.

Each party will consist of:-

- 1 Major, 3rd A.L.H. Bde.
- 1 Major, O.C. Field Squadron.
- 8 officers, 3rd A.L.H. Bde.
- 50 G.R. 3rd A.L.H. Bde.
- Personnel of Signal Sqn with Lucas lamp (to A & B parties)

(ii) The duties of these two parties will be as follows:-

A party, - to follow close behind and in touch with M Division in their attack on LONDON and make and mark crossings across the Eastern portions of the LONDON defences. (Lucas lamp attached from Signal Sqn with personnel)

B party, - to follow close behind and in touch with N Division in their attack on NORWICH and make and mark crossings across the enemy system in the neighbourhood of that village. (Lucas lamp attached from Signal Sqn with personnel)

C party, - to march under the command of the Advanced Guard.

Commander 4th A.L.H. Bde. to clear a way for him through wadis, wire and trenches, especially in case his route in debouching should fail to strike the crossings made by working parties A and B.

(iii) The necessary equipment for wire cutting and filling in trenches and marking routes will be detailed by G.O.C. Field Squadron and reported to Divisional HQ as soon as possible; 50 small sign posts are to be made at once.

(iv) The horses of the working parties will be led up later by their own units.

(v) A working party of pioneers with necessary tools is to be detailed to march at the head of every regiment of all 3 Brigades.

6. MEASURES FOR GUIDING TO PLACE OF DEBOUCHING.

(1) Specially selected officers mounted patrols will be detailed as follows, to act in conjunction with the working parties detailed in para. 5 above:-

- (a) Nine officers patrols, each to consist of 1 specially selected officer and 10 G.Rs. (including one signaller with signalling lamp, electric).
- (b) The patrols will be known as R, S, T, U, V, W, X, Y and Z officers' patrols.
- (c) 3rd A.L.H. Bde will detail R, S, T, U, V, W and X officers' patrols (with lamps, electric partly provided by Sig. Sqn. 4th A.L.H. Bde will detail Y and Z officers' patrols (with lamps).

(ii) The duty of these patrols will be as follows:-

(a) R, S and T patrols

- 1st - to accompany A working party to trenches East of LONDON.
- 2nd - ascertain location of crossings made by A working party and suitable passage North for the Division between the foothills and LONDON works.

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3rd - reconnoitre route from crossings Southwards (skirting) foothills to meet 4th A.L.H. Bde. advanced guard at BEDFORD or North of it

4th - to drop guides picquets on the backward route from the crossings to 4th A.L.H. Bde. advanced guard.

5th - guide the advanced guard forward when it advances later.

(b) U, V, W and X patrols

1st - to accompany B working party to trenches about NORWICH.

2nd - ascertain location of crossings, if any are necessary, made by B working party and all other suitable exits for the Division through the infantry in the area NORWICH - MARLOW - to foothills about H.15. central.

3rd - reconnoitre route backward from exits through infantry and crossings made by B working party along foothills to area between LONDON works and foothills.

4th - gain touch there with A working party and R, S and T patrols; if they cannot be found U, V and W patrols will reconnoitre Southwards along foothills till advanced guard 4th A.L.H. Bde. is met about BEDFORD or North of it.

5th - to drop guides picquets on the backward route from the exits through the infantry about NORWICH - MARLOW - H.15. central to the exits made by A working party between LONDON and the foothills and if necessary, back to advanced guard 4th A.L.H. Bde. about BEDFORD.

6th - guide the advanced guard forward when it advances later.

(c) Y and Z patrols to accompany 4th A.L.H. Bde. advanced guard and

1st - immediately LONDON is reported captured, move up and again touch with R, S and T patrols and A working party and send back information as to route and crossings to advanced guard.

2nd - immediately NORWICH and MARLOW are reported captured, move up and gain touch with U, V, W and X patrols and B working party and send back information as to crossings and exits through infantry to advanced guard.

(iii) The lamps, electric, with each officers' patrol are to be employed as follows:-

(a) The lamps will be emplaced with the guide picquets and after NORWICH - MARLOW have been taken the lamps will be intermittently flashed back South-Eastwards to guide the advanced guard and following troops until the whole Division has passed.

(b) It is essential that the lamps be flashed South-Eastwards (bearing of 135°), and screened from the West and North-West to ensure that the enemy about SCONE and WINDSOR do not see them.



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for use with

OPERATION A. Preliminary Instructions No. 1.

Note: This Code is not to be attached to the above quoted circular letter, but is to be kept on the person of the recipient.

STROUD	=	RAH EL AM
SUTTON	=	TEL EL MUKHARR
LONDON	=	JILJULIEH
SCONE	=	EIR ADAS
HANTS	=	TABSOR
THAMES	=	FAHR EL FALIK
IPSWICH	=	HABLEH
NORWICH	=	KALKILIEH
WINDSOR	=	KEFR SABA
ETON	=	ET TIREH
NOTTS	=	FERRON
HULL	=	UM SURR
BRIGHTON	=	MUKHALID
DURHAM	=	KAKON
DITTON	=	MEJDEL YABA
BERKS	=	TUL KERRAN
BEDFORD	=	KH. KEFR HATTU
MARLOW	=	EH. IEREKREH
OXFORD	=	KEFR KASIN
AVON VALLEY	=	WADI RABAH
YORK	=	MULEBBIS
KENT	=	SUFFIN
BALHAM	=	RAH EL MAGHARUN
M Division	=	54th Division
N Division	=	75th Division.

*R. Osborne*

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Australian Mounted Division.

31st March 1918.



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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION

Operation A. - Preliminary Instructions No. 2

Reference map 1" to 1 mile, and 1/40,000 when specially stated.

1. XXIXth CORPS PLAN.

The general outline of the XXIXth Corps plan, as amended, will be communicated to all concerned at a later date.

2. ENEMY'S DISPOSITIONS.

The latest information as to the enemy's dispositions, trench systems and artillery positions will be issued periodically as received.

3. OUTLINE OF AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION PLAN.

The operation will be divided into two stages:-

- 1st stage - Assembly about KALKILIEH.
- 2nd stage - Closing enemy's line of retreat about ET TIREH and pursuit.

1st STAGE: (ASSEMBLY ABOUT KALKILIEH).

K/K+1 night.

The Division will move to and camp hidden in the trees at, MULEEBIS under orders to be issued later.

E/B+1 night.

Immediately after dark. The Division will move out of MULEEBIS, keeping 300 yards South of RAS EL AIN and form up between KH. KEFR HATTU and the WADI RABAH.

If and when JILJULIEH and KALKILIEH - IEREIKEH are taken the Division will move forward via KH. KEFR HATTU to the WADI ISHKAR at K. 14. c.O.2 (1/40,000) but will not cross the Wadi till 0030.

At 0030.

(i) The Division will cross the Wadi in column of sections to avoid cutting 54th Division telephone wires. After crossing the Wadi and the trenches of the JILJULIEH system Brigades will close up and advance on a front of approximately 1/2 mile.

(ii) The 4th A.L.H. Bde. will move up into the area North of KALKILIEH and behind the infantry and will

- (a) at once reconnoitre exits through the infantry,
- (b) send out patrols to gain touch with the enemy.

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At 0030. (contd).

(iii) 5th Mounted Brigade will form up south of KALKILIEH and 3rd A.L.H. Brigade close behind. Each Brigade will send Liaison officers forward with 4th A.L.H. Brigade Headquarters to

- (a) learn what exits are found to be suitable through the infantry
- (b) obtain early information of the intention of the G.O.C. 4th A.L.H. Brigade to advance.

2nd STAGE. (CLOSING ENEMY'S LINE OF RETREAT ABOUT ET TIREH AND PURSUIT.

The Divisional Commander intends

Firstly, to move with the utmost rapidity and seize ET TIREH and the high ground to the N.W. of it in order to close the retreat of the enemy northwards between KH. IREIKEH and AYAN EL BASSEH (084.3.24).

Secondly, if the enemy are found to be in full retreat northwards, the Division after having taken steps to block the gap at ET TIREH will carry out an energetic pursuit. The passage through the infantry and subsequent operations will be carried out as follows:-

- (i) G.O.C. 4th A.L.H. Brigade will decide the moment for issuing through the infantry.
- (ii) 4th A.L.H. Brigade will move with the utmost rapidity and seize ET TIREH.

(iii) 5th Mounted Brigade will issue behind the 4th A.L.H. Brigade and moving with the utmost rapidity round the North-Eastern side of the 4th A.L.H. Brigade, will occupy tactical points on the high ground N.W. of ET TIREH.

(iii) 4th A.L.H. and 5th Mounted Brigades will prevent any of the enemy escaping through the gap IREIKEH - AYAN EL BASSEH. They will also send reconnaissances Southwards and North-westwards to discover the enemy's line of retreat.

(iv) One regiment 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will be pushed out close behind 5th Mounted Brigade to move North towards the line ET TAIYIBEH - KULUNSAWEH astride the railway and main KALKILIEH - TUL KERAM road to discover

- (a) if the enemy are retreating on that line.
- (b) any approach of hostile reserves.

(v) 3rd A.L.H. Brigade (less one regiment) will follow 5th Mounted Brigade to a position of readiness immediately S.E. of IREIKEH and be prepared to move up at a moment's notice.

(vi) Divisional Headquarters will move at the head of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade to KH. IREIKEH. If and when Divisional Headquarters moves forward from the IREIKEH ridge, every effort will be made to keep the Divisional Headquarters report centre moving along the railway, in order to facilitate intercommunication.

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4. ARTILLERY - (ii)

The 19th Brigade R.A.A. will operate as follows:-

(i) "A" Battery R.A.C. will march from MULEBBIS and issue orders through the infantry with 4th A.L.H. Brigade and will operate under the direct orders of the G.C.C. 4th A.L.H. Brigade.

(ii) 19th Brigade R.A.A. (less "A" Battery and Ammunition Column) will move with 5th Mounted Brigade and will operate under the direct command of the G.C.C. 5th Mounted Brigade.

(iii) Ammunition Column will be moved under instructions to be issued later.

5. EIGHT ARMOURD CARS AND LIGHT CAR PATROL (iii)

(i) On B day the two batteries L.A. cars and the Light Car Patrol will move to ET TIREH, R.11.0 (1/40,000).

(ii) Immediately after dark on the night B/B+1 they will move forward via MEJDEL YAEA to behind KEFR HATTU reporting their arrival there to Divisional Headquarters.

(iii) When the Division moves forward from KH. KEFR HATTU the three units will follow 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

(iv) 2nd L.A.C. Battery will come under the command of the G.C.C. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade on reaching WADI AEEL at H.14.b (1/40,000) and will be employed by him to accompany and assist in its role the regiment directed towards TAIYIEH - KULUNSAH.

(v) The other two units will take cover about square H.14 (1/40,000) reporting their position at once to Divisional Headquarters at KH. IEREIKH.

6. ASSISTANCE FROM 75th DIVISION.

(i) Artillery of 75th Division in the neighbourhood of KALKILIEH and IEREIKH are to assist the Division in its advance on ET TIREH by firing on all enemy targets WEST of the track from BIRKET EL BUTT to ET TIREH (exclusive), and NORTH of the KALKILIEH - TABSOR track.

(ii) 75th Division are to endeavour to engage any enemy on the foothills East of the valley about H.10 and H.5 during the exit of the cavalry.

7. WORKING PARTIES AND OFFICERS PATROLS.

Reference Preliminary Instructions No. 1, paras. 5 and 6.

(i)(a) On the night K-2/K-1 the three working parties will move, under the command of Major Alexander, 11th A.L.H. Regiment, in advance of the Division to MULEBBIS.

(b) On the night K-1/K the three working parties will make three crossings each for a troop in line over wadis from MULEBBIS via 300 yards South of RAS EL AIN to KH. KEFR HATTU. Instructions as to exact sites and method of marking will be issued later.

-/ (ii) Contd.

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(ii) On E-1 day, B working party and their horse-holders and U, V, W and X patrols, all under command of Capt. WILKINSON, 9th A.L.H. Regt., are to move mounted to join 232nd Infantry Brigade (75th Division) by 1600 about MESHA.

They will advance with 232nd Brigade to about HAFLEH and will endeavour to make as thorough a reconnaissance as possible by day of the wadis at H.32.c and H.25.d (1/40,000) and the trench system South of KALKILIEH; after KALKILIEH is taken they will make broad crossings for the Division over these obstacles.

At least one through route is to be made for armoured cars and guns.

(iii) For the operations A working party and R, S and T patrols will work under the command of Major Alexander, who will make all necessary arrangements to carry out the following plan :-

(a) Officers will accompany 161st Infantry Brigade (54th Division) in its advance on E day from about the line K.32 - K.33 to the line K.14.d - KHUREET EL KHAREISH in order to reconnoitre as effectively as possible by day the Turk trenches in K.14 (1/40,000).

(b) The remainder will move mounted (with horse-holders from working party) to KH. KEFR HATTU immediately after dark; when JILJULIEH is reported captured, they will all move up to Wadi crossing in K.14.c (1/40,000), where the officers from 161st Brigade will meet them and direct them to their work on the Turk trenches.

One special route will be made for armoured cars and guns.

(iv) As soon after dark as possible on B day 54th Division is to make the MEJDEL YABA - KALKILIEH road fit for mounted troops and guns as far North as the Wadi KANAH (inclusive).

(v) Immediately after KALKILIEH - IEREIKEH is taken, 232nd Brigade (75th Division) is to break down lines of advance for mounted troops over the wadis in H.13 and H.14 (1/40,000) and the cactus garden in H.7 and H.13 (1/40,000).

8. COMMUNICATIONS.

In continuation of Para. 7, Preliminary Instructions No. 1.

Capture of infantry objectives is to be notified to Div. H.Q. as follows :-

(i) (a) On E day Div. H.Q. advanced Report Centre opens at 1600 at M.25.c.3.8 (1/40,000). (Present O.P. of "A" Battery, 172nd F.A. Bde., N.E. of MEJDEL YABA).

(b) Div. H.Q. moves to KH. KEFR HATTU from MULEBEIS immediately after dark, and cable is laid forward from M.25.c.3.8 to KH. KEFR HATTU.

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8. COMMUNICATIONS (Contd).

(ii) Information as to capture of railway line from about H.30.b.4.5 to IEREIKEH is to be signalled to Australian Mounted Division at H.25.c.3.8 by G.O.C. 232nd Brigade as follows :-

(a) By Lucas lamp from neighbourhood White House, KALKELIEH to O.P. H.25.c.3.8.

(b) By wireless code message.

(c) By firing not less than three red parachute rockets.

(iii) Information as to capture of JILJULIEH is to be notified to Australian Mounted Division as follows:-

(a) By G.O.C. 161st Brigade by Lucas lamp to H.25.c.3.8.

(b) By G.O.C. 161st Brigade by wireless to H.25.c.3.8.

(c) By gallopers from Major Alexander's party with 161st Ede. to Div. H.Q. at KH. KEFR HATTU.

(iv) A cable wagon will accompany advanced guard 4th A.L.H. Ede. when it advances from KEFR HATTU, laying cable to IEREIKEH.

It is intended to lay branch wires

(a) From KH. KEFR HATTU to 54th Div. H.Q. about K.33.

(b) From branch tracks at K.2.a (1/40,000) to 75th Division H.Q., HAELEH.

9. HOSTILE COMMUNICATIONS.

Each Brigade will arrange that in each unit special personnel is detailed beforehand to search for and destroy all Turkish communications at once.

10. CAPTURED PRISONERS AND GUNS.

(i) All prisoners will be evacuated rapidly into the line of the 232nd Ede. between H.21 and KH. IEREIKEH. A receipt will be demanded for all prisoners handed over.

(ii) (a) If possible captured guns and machine guns will be evacuated to the rear. If it is impracticable to remove Turkish guns, machine guns, rifles, etc., they will be destroyed at once. A careful note will be taken of number of guns destroyed and their calibre and location.

(b) Brigades will detail special parties beforehand in each unit to do this work.

(c) These parties will carry explosives and will be instructed in the best methods of destruction by the O.C. Field Squadron, who will arrange the classes direct with Brigade Commanders, to take place forthwith. Every form of destructive measures must be employed.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*R.H. Osborne*

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Australian Mounted Division.

8th April, 1918.

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Information on the capture of railway line from about  
Instructions issued to the following units:

- No. 1. 3rd A.L.H. Edo.
- No. 2. 4th A.L.H. Edo.
- 3. 5th Mtd. Edo.
- 4. 19th Edo. R.H.A.
- 5. Field Squadron.
- 6. Signal Squadron.
- 7. A.D.V.S.
- 8. A.D.V.S.
- 9. A.D.V.S.
- 10. No. 2 L.A.C. Batty.
- 11. No. 3 L.A.C. Batty.
- 12. No. 7 L.A.C. P.
- 13. 13th Corps.
- 14. 14th Corps.
- 15. 54th Division.
- 16. 75th Division.
- 17. 5th Wing, R.F.C. RAF
- 18. 113th Sqn, R.F.C. RAF
- 19-22. War Diary.
- 23-25. Office Copies.
- 26. C.O.C.
- 27. Lt. Col. Williams, D.S.O.

(a) By G.O.C. 1st Brigade by Losses  
(b) By G.O.C. 1st Brigade by wireless to H.S.C. 3.8.  
(c) By G.O.C. 1st Brigade from Major Alexander's party with 1st  
Edo. to Div. H.G. at KH. KEER HATTU.

(iv) A cable wagon will accompany advanced guard 4th A.L.H. Edo. when it advances from KEER HATTU, laying cable to IERIKER. It is intended to lay branch wires from KH. KEER HATTU to 5th Div. H.G. about K.35. From branch tracks at K.B. (1/40,000) to 75th Division H.G., HALSH.

9. HOSTILE UNIFICATIONS.

Each Brigade will arrange that in each unit special personnel is detailed beforehand to search for and destroy all Turkish communications as once.

10. CAPTURED PRISONERS AND GUNS.

- (i) All prisoners will be evacuated rapidly into the line of the front and sent to the rear. A receipt will be issued for all prisoners handed over.
- (ii) (a) If possible captured guns and machine guns will be attached to the rear. It is imperative to remove Turkish guns, machine guns, rifles, etc., they will be destroyed as once. A careful note will be taken of number of guns destroyed and their calibre and location.
- (b) Prisoners will be detailed to carry messages and will be instructed to do this work.
- (c) The parties will carry explosives and will be instructed to lay the best methods of disposal by the G.O. 1st Brigade, who will arrange for signals direct with Brigades Commanders, as the place permits. Every form of destructive resource must be employed.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

1st Lt. Williams  
General Staff  
Australian Mounted Division  
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FORMATIONS of D.H.Q. on the MARCH.  
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1. When the Staff of the Division is marching during operations it will be divided into the following 4 Groups.
2. The distance between groups will be such as is necessitated by the tactical situation but will never be less than 100 yards during daylight. The officer in charge of Groups 2, 3 and 4 will be responsible for maintaining the necessary distance.
3. It is most important that too many people do not collect round the Divisional Commander. Therefore when Group 1 halts, the other groups will halt immediately and await orders.

GROUP 1.

G.O.C.  
G.S.O. 1.  
A.D.C.  
3 orderlies.

GROUP 2.

In charge - G.S.O. II.  
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A.A. & Q.M.G.  
O.C. R.H.A.  
O.C. Signal Squadron.  
D.C. Field Squadron.  
A.D.M.S.  
Gallopers.  
A visual signal station from Sig. Sqdn.  
6 orderlies.

GROUP 3.

In charge - G.S.O. III.  
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The remainder of the Staff and attached officers.

Orderlies.

4 men from Escort Troop.

GROUP 4.

In charge - Camp Commandant.  
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Divisional Headquarters.  
H.Q., R.H.A.

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G.S.O. III.  
A.A. & Q.M.G.  
A.D.M.S., A.D.V.S.,  
A.P.M., 19th Bde. R.H.A.  
Signal Sqdn., Fd. Sqdn.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

Reference map 1" to 1 mile, and 1/40,000 when specially stated.

1. PRELIMINARY CONCENTRATION

The plan for the preliminary concentration is amended and is as follows -

(1) Reference Preliminary Instructions No. 2, Para. 7,

sub-para (a) -

for "three working parties" read "A and C working parties, and R, S and T patrols"

Sub-para (b) for "three working parties" read "A and C working parties"

(ii) Reference Preliminary Instructions No. 2, Para. 8.

K/K+1 night.

(a) 19th Bde. R.H.A., Field Ambulances and such A Echelon transport as is detailed in Para. 4 below will move to and camp in the troops at SELMEH.

(b) The remainder of Division will stay at SELMEH.

E/E+1 night.

Immediately after dark

(i) A and C working parties and R, S and T patrols will move to KH. KEFR HATTA.

(ii) 19th Bde. R.H.A. and Ambulances under escort of the working parties will move to South of RAS EL AIN, joining main body of Division there.

(iii) The remainder of the Division will march from SELMEH area via FEJJA and 300 yards South of RAS EL AIN and form up between KH. KEFR HATTA and the Wadi RABAH.

2. PRELIMINARY RECONNAISSANCES.

In continuation of Preliminary Instructions No. 1, Para. 4 - Appendix A to Preliminary Instructions No. 1 is cancelled. Appendix B, attached hereto, is issued instead.

-/ Para. 3.

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3. All ranks are reminded that, if captured, every man is bound to give his true name and rank if questioned on the subject. It is the duty of all to refuse to answer further questions on military subjects, particularly those that might lead to the disclosure of the identity and positions of units.

No documents or marked maps likely to disclose information useful to the enemy are to be carried by officers or other ranks taking part in active operations or patrolling forward of our line.

This paragraph will be read out by all units on three successive parades, and a certificate that this has been done will be forwarded to this office.

4. TRANSPORT.

The difficulties of taking wheeled vehicles through the gap in the dark with the Division may be great.

It is therefore essential that all important stores, which are likely to be required before noon on E/B+1 day should be carried on pack, where possible.

The wheeled transport of the Division will move as detailed in Appendix C, attached, under orders to be issued later.

5. CAPTURED PRISONERS AND GUNS.

In continuation of para. 10, Preliminary Instructions No. 2. In order to provide for the removal of enemy captured guns, each Brigade will take two teams of 6 horses each, to be found from transport left behind at SELMEH.

6. WORKING PARTIES.

In continuation of para. 5 (1) of Preliminary Instructions No. 1.

- (i) Only 1 Officer, 5 O.Rs. Field Squadron will accompany each working party.
- (ii) The 3rd A.L.H. Bde. will attach to each working party
  - (a) sufficient tool pack horses and pack leaders to provide one tool to each man of the party = 55 tools per party.
  - (b) a horse-holder for every 4 men of the party = 19 horse-holders per party.
- (iii) A and B working parties will each carry 25 sign-boards marked with 3 squares of luminous paint (to be provided by O.C. Field Squadron).  
Every crossing made or selected over wadis trenches and rough ground will be marked on its Western edge with one or more of these boards. The board will be placed with the luminous paint facing towards the line of approach from the South.
- (iv) Each man of each working party will carry two empty sandbags. These will be filled and laid to provide one through road carefully made over wadi banks and trenches for armoured cars and guns.
- (v) The crossings over obstacles for cavalry should be on as wide a front as possible, but need not be elaborate.

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LIAISON.

Para. 8 of Preliminary Instructions No. 1 is cancelled.

The following officers have been detailed as liaison officers:-

- (a) Lieut.-Colonel L. Partridge to 54th Division.
- Captain A.M. Gartott to 75th Division.

Each is to have 3 mounted orderlies and 2 motor D.Rs. to be detailed by Corps H.Q.  
 They will join the 54th and 75th Div. H.Qs. respectively on B-1 day.  
 Instructions will be given to these officers verbally on B-2 day.

- (b) Major R.H.O. Russell with 2 mounted orderlies and 2 motor D.Rs. will join Div. H.Q. on B day and will act as Liaison officer to Desert Mounted Corps, H.Q.

8. GALLOPERS.

Each Brigade will detail one officer gallop to Divisional H.Q. to report to the General Staff at 1600 on B day.

*g. acknowledge.*

*R. H. Osborn*

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
 General Staff,  
 Australian Mounted Division.

10th April, 1918.

Issued by *SR* at 1130.

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PRELIMINARY RECONNAISSANCES - APPENDIX E - To accompany Preliminary Instructions No. 3.

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Serial No.	Reconnaissance required	By whom	Date and time	Remarks
1	Route SELLEH via FEJJA to railway 300 yards South of RAS EL AIN. Field Artillery.	Staff Officers of Brigades. A representative of each unit Divnl. Troops. Maj. Alexander.	4th Ede. } Apr. 11 Div. Tps. } 3rd Ede. } Apr. 12 5th Ede. }	1. (a) G.S.O.1 and Major Alexander will mark the routes on April 10th. (b) Route will run approximately N. end of FEJJA - South end small wood in G.19. central - G.20. cent. to railway about G.16.d.3.4.(1/40,000) 2. In order not to draw artillery fire on troops at RAS EL AIN, horses should be left at Wady LEJJA. 3. Information as to tracks about RAS EL AIN can be obtained from infantry at RAS EL AIN.
2	Water carts (for medical units).	1. A senior officer of Edes. 2. Units of Divnl. Troops. Major Alexander.	As desired	1. East route by motor is IER IBRAK - YEHUDIYEH - WILHELMA - RANTIEH. 2. Cars should not go beyond Wadi 1000 yards behind MEJDEL YABA. 3. Care should be taken not to draw fire on MEJDEL YABA.
3	(i) On K+1 day reconnaissance of route from 300 yds. South of RAS EL AIN to KH. KEFR HATTA. (ii) On B day reconnaissance of route from KH. KEFR HATTA to as near Wady ISHKAR as possible.	Specially selected guide officer from each Formation, H.Q. and each Regt. and A & C working parties.	After infantry attacks have gone forward on each day.	

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Serial No.	Transport	ITINERARY	REMARKS
1	19th Bde R.H.A.	From SELMEH to MULEBBIS on K/K+1 night	(1) To RAS EL AIN on E/B+1 night. (2) To join Bdes. there and accompany through gap. (3) B.1 Echelon returns SELMEH from MULEBBIS.
2	All Field Ambulances.	From SELMEH to MULEBBIS on K/K+1 night.	To follow artillery to RAS EL AIN. All ambulances follow 3rd Bde from RAS EL AIN. to KALKILIEH & hide in that neighbourhood till sent for by A.D.M.S.
3	Water carts (loss water carts of medical units.	(1) To move to RAS EL AIN on E/B+1 night divisionalised behind 3rd A.L.H. Bde (empty) (2) Remain hidden there till sent for.	1. A.A. & Q.M.G. will detail an officer to command this convoy. 2. This convoy will fill up at RAS EL AIN.
4	BRIGADES (a) Regiment -Maltese Cart. (b) Regiment -1 LGS Wagon (S.A.A.) M.G. Sqdn -8LGS Wagons (S.A.A.)	From SELMEH through gap with Regiment. From SELMEH to MULEBBIS on K/K+1 night.	1. To reach KEFR HATTA and be hidden about there at 0330 on E+1 day. 2. To remain there till sent for. A.A. & Q.M.G. will detail an officer to command this convoy.
(c)	Signal Troop (4th L.H. Bde. only). 1 cable wagon	To accompany 4th L.H. Bde. through gap.	To be detailed by O.C. Signal Squadron.
5	D.H.Q. & Div. Traps (a) Signal Squadron- 2 cable wagons 3 wagons wireless 1 half limber (b) Fd. Sqn. 1 LGS wgn.	To accompany D.H.Q. from SELMEH through gap. 1 wgn. wireless to be attached 5th Bde. To accompany D.H.Q. from SELMEH through gap.	
6	(a) Supply Echelons. Train - all (b) B.1 Echelon- all	To remain loaded up at SELMEH. To reach FEJJA by noon E+1 day loaded with one blanket per man.	Subsequent moves to be detailed by A.A. & Q.M.G.
7	Fd. Sqn. Wagons with watering equipment.	To RAS EL AIN by 1600 on E+1 day.	To water Division when latter passes in withdrawing to SELMEH
8	All other transport.	To remain at SELMEH	

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 2.

10th April 1918.

Reference PALESTINE MAP 1/40,000 FEJJA sheet, 2nd edition.

1. The following moves will take place after dark on April 11th:-

A and C working parties and R, S and T patrols, as laid down in Preliminary Instructions, under Major L.S.

Alexander, 11th A.L.H. Regiment, from SELMEH to MULEBBIS and will bivouac about F.18.d and F.24.b.

2. Details of march will be arranged between Major Alexander and G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

3. While at MULEBBIS the party will remain as much hidden as possible.

(sd) A. Kavanagh, Major, G.S.

for Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Australian Mounted Division.

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1. 4th A.L.H. Brigade.
2. 5th Mounted Brigade.
3. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.
4. Major Alexander.
5. A.A. & Q.M.G.
6. Field Squadron.
7. O.C. R.H.A.
8. A.D.M.S.
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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION ORDER No. 3. *APR 1918*

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Reference Palestine Map 1/40,000 FEJJA sheet, 2nd Edn.

11th April, 1918.

1. The following moves will take place after dark on April 13th.
  - (a) 19th Bde. R.H.A. from SELMEH to MULEBBIS and will bivouac about square F.28.d.
  - (b) Mobile portions of Field Ambulances from SELMEH to MULEBBIS and will bivouac about F.28.d.
  - (c) S.A.A. wagons of Regiments and M.G. Squadrons as laid down in Preliminary Instructions No. 3, Appendix C, 4(b), from SELMEH to MULEBBIS, and will bivouac about F.28.d.
2. A march table for the above moves is attached.
3. While at MULEBBIS, the above units and details will keep as much hidden as possible.

*R.H. Osborne*

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Australian Mounted Division.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

MARCH TABLE to accompany Divisional Order No. 3.

UNIT	Starting point	Time to pass starting point	ROUTE	REMARKS
19th Bde. R.H.A.	Forked roads at O.13.b.1.6.	1930	By road through ) O.9 central - O.4.) central to bivouac)	Must not leave camp before 1830.
Mobile portions, Field Ambulances.	-ditto-	2000	-ditto-	-ditto-
S.A.A. convoy	-ditto-	2015	-ditto-	-ditto- ( under arrangements to be made by Major CRAWFORD, 8th L.H. Regt. )

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2nd STAGE. (Capture of enemy's 1st line system.)

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B day. - 75th and 54th Divisions advance as follows:-  
54th Division to the line AZZUN - KH. EL KHAREIJEH and in conjunction with them the 54th Division advances to the neighbourhood of KH. EL KHAREISH, extending their right flank to HABLEH as soon as the 75th Division has taken that place.

The 54th Division will then be facing roughly N.W. to S.E. (1).  
Later, the 1st Brigade (54th Division) takes JIL JULIEH and at the same time the 232nd Brigade (75th Division) takes KALKILIEH and KH. IBREIKEH. (It is important those places should be taken before midnight and they will probably be taken before dark.)

The infantry line will then run along the railway with Divisional inter-boundary at B.30ab, 3.2.2 (1/40,000).

This will make a gap East of the line JIL JULIEH - KALKILIEH through which Australian Mounted Division can pass.  
As seen as it is dark Australian Mounted Division moves across from MULEBBIS and SELMEN to KH. KEFR, HATTAYKENDAS (BOONQASI) JIL JULIEH, KALKILIEH and KH. IBREIKEH are reported captured, moves Northwards to neighbourhood of HABLEH, but must not cross WADI ISHKAR (KANAH) till after 0030.

On the leading Brigade arriving at HABLEH, the Division is to send at once to H.Q. 75th Division, where instructions for the further advance will be sent by XXIst Corps. Until these instructions are received and acknowledged, the advance is not to proceed beyond HABLEH.

B+1 day. - At dawn a bombardment of BIR ADAS and TABSOR system opens. At the same time 54th Division advances from vicinity of JIL JULIEH with their right directed on KEFR SABA and their left on BIR ADAS. The advance is to be pushed by stages in a N.W. direction to the approximate line B.10 - A.10 - A.14 (1/40,000).

At dawn also, Australian Mounted Division pushes forward with all speed to ET TIREH to close the line of retreat of the enemy Northwards between KH. IBREIKEH and AYAN EL BASSEN. (084.S.24).

At dawn on this day the Royal Navy appears off the NAHR EL FALIK in order to prevent the enemy from withdrawing Northwards by the ford and bridge near its mouth. The remaining crossing over the marsh at 084.S.16 is to be closed by fire from the Royal Navy and from the left flank Heavy Artillery, by means of aeroplane observation.

During the operations this point will be called ZERKIYEH crossing.

In the event of the enemy being in full retreat Northwards before the Australian Mounted Division reach ET TIREH, the Division, having first taken steps to block the gap at ET TIREH, is ordered to carry out an energetic pursuit, but it is not to go beyond a rough East and West line through TUL KERAM.

As soon as 54th Division reach TABSOR the 7th (Indian) Division is to push forward on their left and secure the crossings over the NAHR EL FALIK, forming a bridgehead there.

54th Division is to bivouac for the night on the line KEFR SABA - TABSOR facing North, with a line of outposts in front, linking up with 75th Division immediately West of the Railway at KH. IBREIKEH and with 7th (Indian) Division at 084.A.3 central.

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3rd STAGE. (Consolidation of the position).

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Intended to keep the 5th Division in the TAESOR defences as short a time as possible. They are to be relieved by the 7th Division, and will move across to the right flank of the Corps.

The approximate line to be taken up and consolidated is to be:-

54th Division. KH. EL FAKHAKHIR (098.S.28) - ELDIRA KH. KEFR THILTH.

75th Division. KH. KEFR THILTH (exclusive) - WAZZUN - JIBUS (c) KH. ELDIRA KH. KEFR THILTH (inclusive)

76th Division. KH. ELDIRA KH. KEFR THILTH (exclusive) - MISKEH - KH. MALEIKA - BRIDGEHEAD NORTH OF NAHR EL HALIM

(2) AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION

(i) Reference Preliminary Instructions No. 2, Para. 3, sub-para. (1), 9 lines from bottom of page.

At 0030.

At end of sub-para. (i), after the words "1/2 mile", add:

"On reaching cross tracks in X.2.C. central (1/40,000), approximately 750 yards West of HALEH, the main guard of the 4th A.L.H. Ede. will halt until permission is obtained to advance by Div. H.Q. from XXIst Corps."

At beginning of sub-para. (ii) add: (b) Mounted Division dropping messages at 3rd, 4th, 5th B.H.Q. and  
"On receipt of orders from Div. H.Q. at cross tracks 750 yards West of HALEH".

(ii) Reference Preliminary Instructions No. 2, Para. 3, 2nd stage sub-para. (vi), 7 lines from bottom of page 2.

At beginning of sub-para. (vi) add:

"Div. H.Q. will move at head of main body 4th A.L.H. Ede. from KH. KEFR HATTA to cross tracks West of HALEH, thence"

(3) OO-OPERATION WITH R.A.F. ON AND AFTER B+1 DAY.

(i) Tactical reconnaissance of the whole tactical area of XXIst Corps are carried out at 0600, 1200, 1600. Each of these will drop messages on D.H.Q.

(ii) Two machines, 113th Sqdn. R.A.F. are placed at the disposal of Australian Mounted Division and will carry the Desert Mounted Corps sign of a streamer on lower right wing.

These machines will carry out the following work.

B+1 day.

(a) A special reconnaissance at dawn of area TAESOR - MISKEH - T8 - ET TIREH - Railway, dropping messages on 4th and 5th B.H.Q. and D.H.Q.

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B+1 day (contd).

(b) Special reconnaissance at 0700 and 1600 of whole tactical area of Australian Mounted Division with special attention by the one at 0700 to TUL KERAM and the TUL KERAM - KALKILIEH road, dropping messages on 3rd, 4th, 5th B.H.Q. and D.H.Q. and calling for flares from our front line troops. These machines will be prepared to take signals from Regimental and Bde. H.Q. if called up.

(c) One machine will stand by all day for any special work required. In the event of telephonic communication breaking down this machine can be called to come to D.H.Q. by wireless. 113th Sqdn. R.A.F. (will listen in all day on a wave length of 525. This wireless message will consist of the call of 113th Squadron followed by call of Australian Mounted Division followed by the time machine is required to be at D.H.Q. This message will not be acknowledged by 113th Squadron.

(i) Reference Preliminary Instructions No. 2, Para. 2, 2nd stage (iv) 7 lines from bottom of page 2.

J = 113th Squadron.

W 25 (or 26) = A.M.D.

0915 = time machine required.

To cancel the 0700 or 1600 reconnaissance or a call for flares, the words "J" after the words "J" will be used. The machine will be in the area of the 4th A.L.H. Bde. will have permission to advance to advance by Div. H.Q. from XIIX Coy. B+2 days.

(d) A special reconnaissance of tactical area of Australian Mounted Division, dropping messages at 3rd, 4th, 5th B.H.Q. and D.H.Q. On receipt of orders from Div. H.Q. at 0700. H.Q. 750 yards West of HALLEM.

(c) One machine will stand by as on B+1 day.

(ii) Reference Preliminary Instructions No. 2, Para. 2, 2nd stage (iv) 7 lines from bottom of page 2.

(iii) FLARES.

Flares have been issued on a scale of 19 per troop and will be used under the following circumstances.

- (a) By the front line troops when called for by the Divisional contact machine. White strips and diagonal flags will also be used.
- (b) If shells from our own guns or bombs are falling dangerously near our troops and if ANY machine is in the vicinity, flares will be lit without being called for by the machine; the machine will then cease bombing or will wireless to our artillery to stop shelling near that spot.

(iv) GROUND SIGNS.

- (a) It is most important that the ground signs should be put out immediately Regimental or Brigade H.Q. is established.
- (b) Ground signal shoots will be used if received in time, otherwise the old Code call letter shoots will be used.
- (c) Cavalry planes will endeavour to acknowledge seeing these signs by long Klaxon blasts.

-/ (v) Messages.

E+2 day (Contd).

(v) MESSAGES.

Except in a case of extreme urgency, only the machines with the Desert Mounted Corps sign will be called up on the panel.

(vi) BOMBING.

On E+1 day arrangements have been made to bomb TUL KERAM, and a number of machines are ready to deal with enemy concentrations.

4. ASSISTANCE FROM HEAVY ARTILLERY.

Reference Preliminary Instructions No. 2, Para. 6.

In addition to assistance from 75th Div. Artillery, following arrangements are being made :-

One 6" Mark VII gun is to fire on ET TIREH on E+1 day from 0415 to 0515.

It will fire about 25 rounds in the hour and will cease fire sharp at 0515.

It is considered that the large shells falling in ET TIREH will act as a guiding mark to the 4th A.L.H. Bde.

5. COMMUNICATIONS (1/40,000).

Amendments. Reference Para. 8, Preliminary Instructions No. 2:-

(i) Cancel sub-para. i(a) and i(b).

(ii) In 4 cases in sub-para. (ii) delete "M.25.c. 3.8" and substitute "KH. KEFR HATTA".

CABLE.

(i) (a) Cable will be laid from RAS EL AIN exchange to Div. H.Q. at KH. KEFR HATTA on night B-1/E.

(b) Div. H.Q. is to close at SELMEH at 1830 on E day and open at KH. KEFR HATTA at that hour.

(ii) O.C. Signal Squadron is to lay cable as early as practicable after dark on E/E+1 night from KH. KEFR HATTA to 54th Div. H.Q. at OGILU TEPE (K.33.a.6.4).

(iii) Immediately after KALKILIEH and JILJULIEH are reported taken, O.C. Signal Squadron will lay cable via K.14.c.0.2 to cross tracks K.2.c.central, thence to 75th Division at HAELEH.

(iv) When 4th A.L.H. Bde. advances from K.2.c.central, two cable wagons will accompany it

(a) One wagon will lay to KH. IBREIKEH,

(b) One wagon will lay on from KH. IBREIKEH following 4th A.L.H. Bde.

(v) O.C. Signal Sqn. will make every effort to maintain communication throughout E+1 day with 54th Division, H.Q. which is to move forward

(a) from OGILU TEPE to JILJULIEH,

(b) later from JILJULIEH to BROWN HILL (C.5.b).

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MESSAGES (v)

5. COMMUNICATIONS (Contd).

- (a) Signal posts will be maintained throughout the operations at Agricultural College, RAS EL AIN (on railway), at KH. KEFR HATTA and at cross tracks K.2.c. central.
- (b) The A.A. & Q.M.G. will make arrangements to control required movements of the various transport echelons by means of orderlies at the following signal posts:-
  - S.A.A. - Regimental and Machine Gun - KH. KEFR HATTA Signal Post.
  - Water Carts - RAS EL AIN Sig. Post
  - Blankets and waterproof sheets - 54th Div. rear office at O.5.a.8.6 Agricultural Collog
  - Train and details

WIRELESS.

- (i) Wireless will be erected at KH. KEFR HATTA immediately it is dusk on B day.
- (ii) Q.Q. Signal Sqn. will arrange to erect wireless at K.2.cent. and KH. IBREIKEH as soon as possible after arrival of Div. H.Q. at these places.
- (iii) One Wireless Station will join 5th Mtd. Bde. forthwith and accompany it during approach and operations.

VISUAL.

- (i) The information from 232nd and 261st Bdes. as to the taking of KALKILIEH - KH. IBREIKEH and JILJULIEH respectively is to be signalled direct to KH. KEFR HATTA if practicable, otherwise via XXist Corps Visual Station at Z.30.a.2.3.
- (ii) If necessary, Corps Visual Station will at all times transmit messages from Brigade H.Q. to Div. H.Q. Bde. Visual Stations should therefore call up Corps Visual Station and give their locations. No messages from units lower than Bde. H.Q. will be transmitted.
- (iv) Brigades will be prepared for visual communication to Div. H.Q. at all times, and in the event of a rapid pursuit of the enemy must rely on visual as probably the only means of communication.

PIGEONS.

- (i) Two pigeons will be allotted to each Div. H.Q. and the 3 Bde. H.Qs.
- (ii) These pigeons should only be used when all other means of communication fail.
- (iii) These birds will fly to JAFFA loft, when message will be transmitted to addressee by wire.

MOVE OF DIV. H.Q. SUBSEQUENT TO LEAVING IBREIKEH.

If and when Div. H.Q. moves H. from KH. IBREIKEH, every effort will be made to keep Div. H.Q. report centre moving along the railway.

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**6. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS.**

Administrative Instructions No. 1 have been issued.

(1) Of the 14 pounds forage to be carried on the horse it is intended that 4 lbs. should be eaten during halts on the night E/E+1.

(ii) As the operations are to be short, mobility is the most important consideration. Nothing is to be carried except what is absolutely essential.

**7. ACKNOWLEDGE.**

*R.H. Osborne*

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,

Australian Mounted Division.

12th April, 1918.

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| 3.     | 5th Mtd. Bde.              | 15.     | 54th Division.                   |
| 4.     | 19th Bde. R.H.A.           | 16.     | 75th Division.                   |
| 5.     | Field Squadron.            | 17.     | 7th (Indian) Division.           |
| 6.     | Signal Squadron.           | 18.     | 5th Wing, R.A.F.                 |
| 7.     | A.A. & Q.M.G.              | 19.     | 113th Sqdn., R.A.F.              |
| 8.     | A.D.M.S.                   | 20.     | G.O.C.                           |
| 9.     | A.D.V.S.                   | 21.     | Major L.S. Alexander.            |
| 10.    | No. 2 Battery, L.A.C. Bde. | 22.     | Capt. R. Wilkinson.              |
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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 4.

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15th April 1918.

1. The operations of the XXIst Corps are indefinitely postponed.
2. Preliminary Instructions Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and Divisional Orders Nos. 2 and 3 are cancelled and will be destroyed by fire. A certificate to this effect will be rendered to this office by those who received copies.
3. The Australian Mounted Division ceases to be under the command of XXIst Corps and reverts to the Command of Desert Mounted Corps.
4. Brigades will immediately return all flares to the Ammunition Dump under arrangements to be made direct with O.C. 19th Brigade R.H.A.
5. All R.E. stores and material which have been drawn for these operations will be returned to the Field Squadron.

*R.H. Osborne*

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
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Issued by DR at 1700.

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8. A.D.M.S.
9. A.D.V.S.
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11. No. 3 Battery L.A.C.B.
12. No. 7 L.C. Patrol.
13. Major L.S. Alexander.
14. Captain R. Wilkinson.
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16. Major Crawford, 8th L.H. Regt.
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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION ORDER No. 5.

Reference 1" map.

1. The Division will move in accordance with the attached march table.
2. All units will move in marching order, equipped for operations, except that only the current day's supplies will be carried.
3. Units will water each day before marching.
4. On arrival at LATRON the Division comes under the orders of XXth Corps. (less Batty)
5. 3rd A.L.H. Ede. Group will march under the orders of G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Ede., who will report completion of all moves to this Office, repeating to H.Q., Desert Mounted Corps. Moves to KH. DEIRAN and LATRON will be completed by 1500.
6. 5th Ede Group (less Battery) will not move with the Division on April 20th but will move on the same date to a destination under the direct orders of Desert Mounted Corps.
7. "E" Battery, H.A.C. will revert to the command of O.C. 19th Ede. R.H.A. from 0600 on April 20th and will move under his orders.
8. O.C. 19th Bde. R.H.A. will command Divisional Troops Group.
9. Orders for the march of the Division (less 3rd and 5th Bde Groups) will be issued each day.
10. Administrative, medical and veterinary instructions will be issued by A.A. & Q.K.G., A.D.M.S. and A.D.V.S. respectively.
11. D.H.Q. will close at Jewish Agricultural School at 1100 on April 20th and will move at the head of Divisional Troops Group.

A. Kavanagh Major GS

for Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,

Australian Mounted Division.

18th April, 1918.

Issued by at .

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| 2.     | 4th A.L.H. Ede.       | 12.     | A.D.V.S.                   |
| 3.     | 5th Mtd. Ede.         | 13.     | A.P.M.                     |
| 4.     | 19th Bde. R.H.A.      | 14.     | D.A.D.O.S.                 |
| 5.     | Field Squadron.       | 15.     | F.P.O. D.M. 2.             |
| 6.     | Signal Squadron.      | 16.     | DESERT MTD CORPS.          |
| 7.     | Camp Commandant.      | 17.     | XXth CORPS                 |
| 8.     | 8th Sanitary Section. | 18.     | XXIst Corps.               |
| 9.     | O.C. Details, LUDD.   | 19.     | No. 2 Battery, L.A.C. Ede. |
| 10.    | A.A. & Q.M.G.         | 20.     | No. 3 Battery, L.A.C. Ede. |

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MARCH TABLE to accompany Aust. Mtd. Div. Order No. 5.

No	UNIT	March to on					REMARKS
		Apr.19	Apr.20	Apr.21	Apr.22	Apr.23	
1.	3rd Ede Group	KH-DEIRAN	LATRON	JERUSALEM	TALAT ED DUMM		Under the orders of G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Ede.
2.	4th Ede Group	-	KH DEI-RAN	LATRON	JERUSA- LEM	TALAT ED DUMM	
3.	5th Ede Group (less Batty)	To a destination to be notified later	To a destination to be notified later				
4.	Divnl. Troops Group	-	KH DEI-RAN	LATR ON	JERUSA- LEM	TALAT ED DUMM	
5.	Nos. 2 and 3 Batteries, L.A.C. Ede.	-	KH DEI-RAN	LATRON	JERUSA- LEM	TALAT ED DUMM	Under command of O.C. No. 2 Batty.

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 19th Bde. R.H.A.  
 Signal Squadron.  
 Field Squadron.  
 Camp Commandant.  
 A.A. & Q.M.G.  
 A.D.M.S.  
 A.D.V.S.  
 A.P.M.  
 4th Divisional Train.

3rd L.H. Bde.  
 Desert Mtd. Corps.



Reference 1" to 1 mile map, Sheet XVIII.

1. (i) Worcester Yeomanry came under the orders of G.O.C. 5th Mtd. Bde. on April 24th.
- (ii) 5th Mtd. Bde. Group (less Battery) moves to ENAB on April 25th and to TALAAT ED DUMM on 26th occupying the present camp site of 4th L.H. Bde., and being in camp and clear of road by 1500.
2. The Division (less 3rd L.H. and 5th Mtd. Bde. Groups) will move to JERICHO area on April 26th in accordance with the attached march table. Bivouac sites will probably be about 113.H.34, 35.
3. The motor lorries going to JERICHO on April 26th have been ordered to be clear of the JUNCTION of ROMAN and NEW roads by 1000 and not to leave JERICHO on the return journey until 1330.
4. (i) A.P.M. will arrange to police the NEW route and regulate traffic at congested points.
- (ii) 4th L.H. Bde. will police the ROMAN road and regulate traffic.
5. Divisional Troops Group will march under the orders of G.O. 19th Bde. R.H.A.
6. Groups will be divided into 4 sub-groups marching at 10 minutes interval.
7. Group commanders will appoint a commander for the whole of the transport of their group.
8. D.H.Q. will close at G.12.central at 1100 and will move at the head of Div. Troops Group via ROMAN road.

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Lieutenant-Colonel,  
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 Australian Mounted Division.

25th April 1918.

MARCH TABLE to accompany G/162.

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UNIT.	Starting Point.	Time to pass S.P.	Route.
4th Bde. Group.	(i) Horses. Junction of ROMAN and NEW roads. G.10.d.8.8. (ii) Wheels. G.18.b.7.8.	1000	<u>All</u> troops (less wheels) via ROMAN road. All wheels via NEW road.
Div. Troops Group.	(i) Horses. Junction of ROMAN and NEW roads. G.10.d.8.8. (ii) Wheels. G.18.b.7.8.	1100	<u>All</u> troops (less wheels) via ROMAN road. All wheels via NEW road.



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TO	3rd Bde	Sig.Sqdn.	A.D.M.S.	ICG Bde.
	4th Bde	Fd.Sqdn.	Descorps.	
	R.H.A.	A.Q.	Anzac.	

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* GA 757	26		

3rd Bde will by 0600 tomorrow 27th take over responsibility for and reconnaissance between WADY ARSENIYET road (exclu) and river JORDAN as far North as and including junction of JORDAN and AUJA aaa Dispositions to be made and reliefs arranged in direct consultation with Anzac Div and ICG Bde aaa All reconnaissances and troops to avoid disclosing positions and movements aaa Proposed dispositions reconnaissances and complete reliefs to be reported to DHQ aaa Acknowledge aaa Addt 3rd Bde rptd 4th Bde RHA Fd Sig Sqdns AQ ADMS Descorps Anzac ICG Bde.

From	AUSDIV
Place	
Time	1030

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TO	4th Bde.	Fd.Sqdn.	A.D.M.S.	Div.Train.
	R.H.A.	Camp Com.	A.D.V.S.	3rd Bde.
	Sig.Sqdn.	A.Q.	A.P.M.	Descorps.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.	AAA
* GA 752	25		

Amend G 162 of today as follows aaa delete para 8 and substitute DHQ will close at G 12 cent at 2000 and will open at H 34 a at the same hour aaa March table amend times for 4th Bde and Div Troops to read 1900 and 2000 respectively

From	AUSDIV
Place	
Time	1730

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3rd A.L.H. Bde.  
4th A.L.H. Bde.  
5th Mtd. Bde.  
19th Bde. R.H.A.  
Field Squadron.  
Signal Squadron.  
Divisional Train  
A.A. & Q.M.G.  
A.D.M.S.  
A.D.V.S.  
A.P.M.  
1st A.L.H. Bde.  
No. 12 Battery, L.A.C. Bde.  
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1. (i) 5th Mounted Bde. group leaves ENAB at 1800 April 26th, at which hour it comes under orders of G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division. The group will arrive at TALAAT ED DUMM about 0200 April 27th and will march at 1400 to join the Division in the JERICHO area.

(ii) 1/1st Staffordshire Yeomanry (less 1 Squadron) is temporarily attached to the 5th Mounted Bde. for the march.

2. The boundaries of the Divisional bivouac area at JERICHO are as follows :

- (i) Between Australian Mtd. Div. and A. & N.Z. Mtd. Div.-

The Wadi KILT as far as ERINA, thence ERINA - EL GHORANIYEH road.

The EL GHORANIYEH Bridgehead is in the area of A. & N.Z. Mtd. Division.

- (ii) Between Australian Mtd. Div. and I.C.C. Bde. -

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

3. By 1200 on April 28th, the following troops are to be in the Divisional area at JERICHO and under the command of the G.O.C.

Australian Mtd. Division (plus Sherwood Rangers and Worcester Yec. attached to 5th Mtd. Bde. and less Indian units).

1st A.L.H. Bde.

No. 12 Battery, L.A.C. Bde. (will remain E. of bridgehead at GHORANIYE).

*G. Karanah Major*

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Australian Mounted Division.

26th April, 1918.

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## AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

## Operation B. - Preliminary Instructions No. 1.

1. INFORMATION.

- (i) Full information regarding enemy in Eastern area has been issued today and will be revised as changes occur.
- (ii) The present disposition of Desert Mtd. Corps troops has been issued today.

2. Information as to the probable plans of operation of Desert Mtd. Corps and Aust. Mtd. Div. has been given verbally to all concerned and is not to be reproduced in writing until the final Operation Order is received from Div. H.Q.

3. PRELIMINARY RECONNAISSANCES.

- (i) Each Brigade and unit of Divisional Troops will forthwith reconnoitre the shortest line of approach by night from present bivouacs, across the various bridges at GHORANIYEH and as far as and including all exits through the bridge-head from WADI NIMRIN in O.28 to JORDAN about O.19.

- (ii) Reconnaissance of lines of advance can be carried out with glasses from

- (a) H.29.  
 (b) Y.30.a. (good view).  
 (c) L.C.C. Bde. forward O.P.

This is best view, but permission to use it should be obtained from Camel Bde. H.Q. at Y.30.

- (iii)(a) Staff officers from Division and Brigades will make an armoured car reconnaissance today from GHORANIYEH towards F.central under instructions to be issued separately.

4. The special features of the operation will necessitate special arrangements for carriage of essential material. These special features are:-

- (i) ~~In~~ In the first stage, for the 3 leading Bdes, the utmost rapidity of movement of which the Brigades are capable, in order to surprise and demoralise the enemy and capture all who resist in the valley.
- (ii) For the 3rd L.H. and 5th Mtd. Bdes., the 2nd stage will consist of difficult movement up the mountains on bad tracks which are not though possible for wheels.
- (iii) The ultimate stage for 3rd, 4th and 5th Bdes. will probably consist of taking up a defensive line to resist counter attack.

As regards (i).

Pack horses must be brigaded in rear, Hotchkiss rifles grouped, and every measure taken to admit of rapid mounted approach and attack.

As regards (ii).

Wheels being though impossible, ammunition, signalling and water equipment must be carried on pack.

-/ As regards (iii)

As regards (iii).

Barbed wire and tools and a large supply of bombs will be required.

4th Bde. can arrange for limbers to bring them up, but those for 3rd and 5th Bdes. cannot be expected to arrive till the SH. NIMRIN - ES SALT road is clear.

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5. ESSENTIAL STORES.

(i) As each Brigade has a different problem to solve, the details of transport is left to Bdes.

(ii) It is considered the order of importance of stores is as follows:-

S.A.A. and grenades.  
Signalling equipment.  
Tools.

(iii) Following detail for 1st, 3rd and 5th Bdes. is suggested -

- (a) 230 rounds S.A.A. per rifle on man and horse.
- (b) 12,000 rounds S.A.A. regimental Hobchkiss reserve on 6 pack horses.
- (c) 400 extra rounds on each M.G. pack horse = 12,000 extra on pack per M.G. Sqn.
- (d) 148 rifle grenades and 48 bombs per Regt. on 2 pack horses
- (e) A minimum of 6 tool packs per Regt.
- (f) Remaining 5 packs for signalling equipment, etc.
- (g) Water equipment to continue to be carried on special pack horses

6. One L.G.S. limber per Regt. and 2 L.G.S. wagons Field Sqn. will be left empty. These will be filled with R.E. material under arrangements to be made by O.C. Field Sqn., for use when ES SALT is taken.

7. Remaining wagons will be packed with the most essential stores and will be prepared to march to ES SALT as soon as sent for.

8. The less essential stores and baggage will be dumped in present bivouacs under arrangements by A.A. & Q.M.G.

(sd) A. Kavanagh, Major, G.S.

Lieutenant-Colonel, Australian General Staff, Mounted Division.  
23rd April 1918.

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  - No. 8. A.A. & Q.M.G.
  - No. 9. Desert Mtd. Corps.
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As regards (i) Pack horses must be bridged in rear, Hobchkiss rifles grouped, and every measure taken to admit of rapid mounted approach and attack.

As regards (ii) wheels being thrown in rear, signalling and water equipment must be carried on pack.

As regards (iii)

## AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

## OPERATION B.

## Preliminary Instructions No. 2.

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Reference map: 1" = 1 mile.

1. Cancel Para. 7 of Preliminary Instructions No. 1. (1)
2. GUIDES.  
Native guides have been obtained on the following scale  
- each Brigade 4.  
These guides will report to Brigades as soon as they arrive.
3. MAPS.  
The detail of maps to be carried is laid down in my  
GI/133 of 27.4.18.  
Instructions in reference to the numbers of routes is  
laid down in GI/134 of 28.4.18.
4. CAPTURED PRISONERS AND GUNS.
  - (i) (a) All prisoners will be evacuated rapidly to D.H.Q.  
and handed over to the A.P.M. or to the Corps Collecting  
Station if it is nearer.
  - (b) G.O.C. 1st A.L.H. Brigade will detail one troop to  
report to the A.P.M. at a place to be notified later  
to act as escort.
  - (c) The Corps collecting Station is being established  
at the entrance to the GHORANIYEH Bridgehead on No. 8  
road.
  - (ii) Captured guns will if possible be removed to the rear;  
otherwise they will be destroyed.
5. (i) All ranks are warned that, if captured, every man is  
bound to give his true name and rank if questioned on the  
subject, and it is the duty of all to refuse to answer  
further questions.  
(ii) No documents or marked maps likely to disclose information  
useful to the enemy are to be carried by officers or men  
taking part in active operations.  
(iii) All ranks will be searched for documents before going  
into action.
6. WATER.  
Water will be scarce.  
All ranks will start with their water bottles and  
Zemzameers, if in possession, full and will conserve the water  
as long as possible.
7. STORES.  
The following stores will be carried:
  - (i) FLARES.  
20 per troop.  
To be lit to denote the position of our  
front line to our artillery.



(ii) BOMBS.

48 per Regiment.

(iii) RIFLE GRENADES.

144 per Regiment.

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8. GALLOPERS.

(i) Each Brigade will detail one officer galloper to report to D.H.Q. by 1800 on the day before the operation.

(ii) G.O.C. 5th Mtd; Bde. will detail an officer galloper to report to Advanced Corps H.Q. at 113.L.12.a.2.1 at 0400 on the day of the operation, reporting name to Div. H.Q.

9. AMMUNITION SUPPLY.

(i) Ammunition dumps are being formed

(a) West of GHORANIYEH Bridge, 113.L.12.b.

(b) SHUNET NIMRIM as soon as possible.

(ii) G.O.C. R.A. assumes command of the ammunition columns as soon as the Division reaches ES SALT.

(iii) A camel ammunition column is being formed, which will carry :-

3.7 and 2.75 shells, S.A.A. bombs and rifle grenades.

This column will move under the orders of O.C. 19th Bde. R.H.A.

10. AEROPLANE CO-OPERATION.

The following reconnaissances have been arranged. They will drop messages on D.H.Q.

(a) Contact patrols from 0630 to 0700, 1100 to 1230, 1530 to 1700. Forward troops will show their positions by showing white strips when called for.

(b) Tactical reconnaissance from 0900 - 1030, 1300 - 1430, 1500 - 1630, not going more than 10,000 yards beyond our front line.

11. RELAY POSTS.

Corps H.Q. is arranging for a chain of relay posts to connect with the 4th Bde. facing JISR ED DAMIE. It will be in position by 0500.

12. DISCIPLINE.

The strictest silence will be maintained during the night march.

No lights are to be lit until permitted by order of an officer after dawn.

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13. COMMUNICATIONS.

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(i) GENERAL.

Owing to the difficulties of transport during the second stage of the operations, cable work will be extremely limited, therefore visual and wireless communication must be principally depended on. Brigades must make every endeavour to keep in touch with D.H.Q. at all times by means of visual signalling.

All Signal officers will make every possible use of the means at their disposal to maintain communications under the varying conditions which may be expected.

(ii) VISUAL.

Helios will be used as much as possible by day and Lucas lamps by night between Bde. H.Q. and D.H.Q. An advance visual party will be detailed by the O.C. Signal Squadron to keep touch with the 5th and 3rd Brigades on their advance towards ES SALT; these Brigades must be prepared however to drop additional visual parties between the top of the plateau and ES SALT should the Advanced Divisional Station get out of touch with them.

(iii) WIRELESS.

Horse pack W/T Stations will be detailed by O.C. Signal Squadron for attachment to the 3rd and 5th Brigades, and a camel pack W/T Station for attachment to the 4th Brigade.

One horse pack station and one camel pack station will remain with D.H.Q.

(iv) CABLE.

A pack cable detachment will follow the 5th Bde. to ES SALT. One cable ~~detachment~~ wagon detachment will connect the 4th Bde. H.Q. with D.H.Q. during first stage, the cable to the 4th Bde. will be teed into one of the two lines running back to Advanced Descorps H.Q.

The three cable wagons of the Signal Squadron will proceed to ES SALT as soon as Route No. 8 is clear.

(v) DESPATCH RIDERS.

The majority of these will join D.H.Q. as soon as possible after dawn during the first stage, the 4th Bde. D.Rs. will join their Bde. at the same time. During the second stage, all D.Rs. less the 4th Bde. D.Rs. will proceed when possible by Route No. 8 to join D.H.Q. at ES SALT.

14. HOSTILE COMMUNICATIONS.

Hostile communications will be destroyed whenever met with.

(sd) A. KAVANAGH, Major.  
G.S.;  
for Lieutenant Colonel,  
General Staff,

28th April 1918.

Australian Mounted Divn.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION ORDER No. 5.

Reference map: 1" = 1 mile, Sheets 18 and East of JORDAN Composite Sheet (2nd Edition).

OUTPOSTS.

1. (i) On the night April 29/30, from immediately after dark, one Regt. 1st A.L.E. Bde. will hold the following approximate outpost line :-  
 O.24 - O.18 - O.5 - F.29.central - F.23.central - F.16.central - F.15.central - F.14.central.
- (ii) The outposts will not be withdrawn without orders from D.H.Q.

MARCH.

2. (i) On the night April 29/30 the Division will march in Groups to the area of concentration in accordance with the attached March Table. A detail of each Group is attached.
- (ii) After passing through the Bridgehead defences, each formation will be responsible for providing for its own protection.
3. No wheels will accompany Brigade Groups except R.H.A. and Field Ambulances.
4. Each Group Commander will :-
  - (i) Thoroughly reconnoitre the route across the bridges, and the route to and through the exit at O.27.b by daylight to-morrow,
  - (ii) Have a Staff Officer and 10 dismounted men at each Bridge,
  - (iii) Provide special guides for the difficult route from the bridges to the exit at O.27.b.
5. Each Group will endeavour to use the pontoon and cask bridges equally.
6. The strictest march discipline will be maintained on the march.
7. The A.P.M. will reconnoitre the route by daylight and employ all the police in the Division for policing the route from the entrance to the JORDAN valley to the exit at O.27.b.
8. D.H.Q. will close at H.34.a. at 2130 and will move at the head of Div. Troops Group.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*S. J. O. Irvine*

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
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28th April, 1918.

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| 21. <del>No.</del> 20000          |

MARCH TABLE to accompany Div. Order No. 5

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UNIT	Starting Point.	Time to pass Starting Point	Time to cross Bridge	Time to exit through defences	Route to exit	Axis through bridgehead defences	Concentration area.
4th Ldo Group	Track junction in K.S.C. 4.3.	2000	2200	2240	via track N. of TILLADEIR CHANAL to S. of S. field thence via main road across barrel and pontoon bridges, thence North.	O.27.b, then N.W. track.	F.15.c-21. a. & c. - 27.a. & c. F.14.d - 20.b. & d. - 26.b. & d.
5th Edo. Group.	-do-	2040	2240	2320	via track N. of TILLADEIR CHANAL to S. of S. field thence via main road across barrel and pontoon bridges, thence North.	O.27.b, then due North.	F.16.c - 22.a. & c. - 26.a. & c. F.15.d - 21.b. & d. - 27.b. & d.
3rd Edo. Group.	-do-	2120	2320	2400	via track N. of TILLADEIR CHANAL to S. of S. field thence via main road across barrel and pontoon bridges, thence North.	O.27.b, then due North.	O.2 and O.3.
Div. Tps. Group.	-do-	2200	2400	EXX	-do-	O.27.b., then via track.	About F.19.
1st Edo. Group.	L.9.cent. (loss 1 Regt.).	2330	0050	0110	-do-	-do-	About F.19.
Wheels of 4th Edo. Group.	Track junction in K.S.C. 4.3.	2300	0110	0150	-do-	-do-	O.13.b. to await further orders from GOC 4th Ldo.

P.T.O.

(To accompany Div. Order No. 4)  
UNIT  
Point  
Station  
Point

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GROUP	UNITS	Track	Station
1st Edo. Group	1st Edo. H. Edo. Field Troop Field Ambulance		
3rd Edo. Group	3rd Edo. H. Edo. H.K. & S. Battery Field Troop Field Ambulance Carrel Ammunition Column		
4th Edo. Group	4th Edo. H. Edo. 19th Edo. R.H.A. (less "E" Battery and I.A.C.) Field Troop Field Ambulance		
5th Edo. Group	5th Mtd. Edo. "E" Battery, H.A.C. 3.7 Battery, H.A.C. Field Troop Field Ambulance Carrel Ammunition Column		
Div. Troops	D.H.Q. H.Q. Field Squadron Signal Squadron		
Under orders of A.A. & Q.M.G.	E.A.C., which comes under direct command of G.C.C. (less R.A. Descorps when Division reaches ES SALT.)		

to wait further orders from G.C.C.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION ORDER (No. 13) D.O.D (1) 28th April, 1918.  
Referenced map: East of JORDAN Composite  
The Brigade will be positioned astride the UMM ESH SHIBERT - JISR ED DAMIE tracks, in order to enable 2nd Edo to move forward from the UMM ESH SHIBERT - JISR ED DAMIE tracks.

INFORMATION.

- 1. (i) The latest information about the enemy will be issued separately.
- (ii) Desert Mounted Corps is to envelop the right of the enemy's main forces about SHUMET NIMRIN, capture ES SALT and advance to the line KUSS, 142.E.35 - Pt. 2900, 142.O.35. The operation commences about dawn on April 30th.
- (iii) Major General MEA, C.V.O., G.E., commanding the right attack, is to operate about one hour before dawn as follows:
  - (a) To seize the mounted Regt. 2nd Squadron Hyderabad Lancers and 1st Battalion Patiala Infantry, the enemy's advanced works near KUSS and KAER MUJAHID tracks.
  - (b) To occupy the line KAKHAR BUDERBASE - HILL EL LUSTA - their role will be to contain the enemy in the hills about 0.35 from the South and South-East.
  - (c) To advance to the line KUSS, 142.E.35 - Pt. 2900, 142.O.35 in the JOKAR VALLEY about 1.15.
- (iv) Major General HODGSON, C.V.O., G.E. will command the left attack, which will operate as detailed in Para. 2.
- (v) The I.C.C. Edo. is ordered, by 0400, to have thrown forward its right to about 113.X.27.d, and to have established a post of at least a section to command the right bank of the Jordan near the bend in 113.X.17.d.
- (vi) 20th Inf. Edo. is to be prepared to defend the bridgehead.
- (vii) 6th Mtd. Edo. and Imperial Service Cav. Edo. are in Corps reserve west of GHORANIYE Bridge.

INTENTION.

2. The Divisional Commander intends to advance rapidly Northwards East of the JORDAN, place one Brigade facing N.W. astride the UMM ESH SHIBERT - JISR ED DAMIE tracks and the ES SALT - JISR ED DAMIE tracks and with the remainder of the Division move on ES SALT from West and North-West.

When ES SALT is captured, dispositions will be made to protect it from the North; one Brigade will move on Pt. 2900, 142.O.35, and a detachment will move towards SHUMET NIMRIN with the object of capturing the enemy retiring in front of the right attack.

-/ ORDERS TO TROOPS.

ORDERS 3..1st STAGE OF OPERATIONS (CAPTURE OF ES SALT).

TO  
TROOPS

(i) G.O.C. 4th A.L.H. Ede., at dawn at latest, will move forward from the WADI ABU MUHAIR and will force his way with the utmost rapidity towards JISR ED DAMIE.

The Brigade will take up a position facing astride the UMM ESH SHERT - JISR ED DAMIE and ES SALT - JISR ED DAMIE tracks, in order to enable 3rd Ede. to move behind 4th Ede. on to the ES SALT - JISR ED DAMIE track.

(ii) G.O.C. 5th Mounted Ede., at dawn at latest, will move forward from the WADI ABU MUHAIR and will seize with the utmost rapidity the entrance of the UMM ESH SHERT track into the foothills. The Brigade will then advance and occupy ES SALT.

(iii) G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Ede. will move from WADI ABU MUHAIR in closest support of 4th A.L.H. Ede. G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Ede. will maintain close touch with G.O.C. 4th A.L.H. Ede. and will afford him all and immediate assistance in forcing his way rapidly northwards.

3rd A.L.H. Ede. will seize the entrance to the hills on the ES SALT - JISR ED DAMIE road and move on ES SALT as rapidly as possible.

(iv) G.O.C. 1st A.L.H. Ede. will at dawn push forward one Regt. and one Section of Guns on the left of the 4th A.L.H. Ede. Their role will be to contain the enemy in the RED HILL about 0.25 from the South and South-East.

The remainder of the brigade will be in Divisional reserve and will take cover in a position of readiness in the JORDAN VALLEY about 7.19.

(v) ARTILLERY.

(a) 19th Ede. R.H.A. (less "E" Battery, H.A.C.) under command of the C.R.H.A. will support 4th A.L.H. Ede.

(b) The 3.7" Battery and "E" Battery, H.A.C. will support the 5th Mounted Ede. under direct orders of the G.O.C. 5th Mounted Brigade.

Immediately "E" Battery, H.A.C. is unable to support 5th Mtd. Ede. any longer, it will be ordered by G.O.C. 5th Mounted Brigade to move North and support 3rd A.L.H. Ede.

(c) H.K. & S. Battery will support 3rd A.L.H. Ede. under direct orders of G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Ede.

(vi) 12th L.A.C. Battery.

(a) Two L.A. cars are allotted to 4th A.L.H. Ede.

(b) Two L.A. cars are allotted to 5th Mtd. Ede.

Immediately the G.O.C. 5th Mtd. Ede. no longer requires them, he will order them to report to the G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Ede.

When G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Ede. no longer requires them, he will order them to report to G.O.C. 4th A.L.H. Ede.

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ORDERS TO TROOPS (Cont) 2nd STAGE (DEFENCE OF ES SALT and co-operation with A. & N.Z. MTD. DIVISION).

- (i) After ES SALT is captured every effort will be made to
  - (a) Protect it from the North,
  - (b) Move a detachment towards SHUNET NIMRIN with the object of capturing the enemy retiring from in front of Major-General Shea's force.
  - (c) Send one Brigade to occupy Pt. 2900, 142.0.35.
- (ii) The above three tasks are stated in order of importance. Until the Divisional Commander arrives at ES SALT, the senior Commander present at ES SALT will use whatever troops of the Division are available at the time to carry out the above three tasks.
- (iii) 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, 142.0.35, inclusive to Australian Mounted Division.

ADMINISTRATIVE. Administrative, Medical and Veterinary instructions will be issued respectively by the A.A. & Q.M.G., A.D.M.S. and A.D.V.S.

REPORTS. 5. Div. H.Q. will be at the head of the 1st A.L.H. Ede. about 19.19 from 0300 onwards.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieutenant-Colonel, General Staff, Australian Mounted Division.

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Maj. G.S. for Lt. Col.				

TO

Sender's Number. # GA 8244	Day of Month. 30	In reply to Number. AAA
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ES SALT will be taken tonight by 3rd and 5th Bdes aaa All enemy avenues of retreat are to be closed aaa 5th Bde will push on towards SHUNET NIMRIN aaa 3rd Bde will close the Northern and Eastern exits of ES SALT aaa 1st Bde will closely support 5th Mtd Bde aaa 2nd Bde is ordered to move on ES SALT and will press on and seize and hold Point 2900 142.0.30 and will endeavour close the enemies retreat at BIR ES AIN aaa D.H.Q. will accompany 1st Bde to about 127.H.36 aaa Acknowledge aaa Addt 1st 2nd 3rd 5th Bdes AQ Sig. Fd. sqdns rptd Descorps 60 Div Anzac.

From AUSDIV	
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