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 ES SALT and AMMAN Composite Sheets.
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1918 May 1		<p>At 0350 the 5th Mtd. Bde. moved out to the attack on ES SALT, not knowing that the 3rd A.L.H. Bde. had occupied the town the night before.</p> <p>At 0400 the 2nd A.L.H. Bde. reported to the Australian Mtd. Div. at H.36.c, having marched up No. 13 track.</p> <p>By 0430 the 5th Mtd. Bde. had despatched the Gloucester Yeo. along No. 8 Road towards the HOWEIJ Bridge.</p> <p>At 0645 the 2nd A.L.H. Bde. (less 7th A.L.H. Regt.) plus one Sqdn. of the 6th A.L.H. Regt. was ordered to move on ES SALT and to press on and seize AIN HEMAR and Pt. 2900.</p> <p>The 3rd A.L.H. Bde. reported at 0730 that they were holding the following line - 127.J.32.b.4.2 - J.26 - J.20 - J.19.c.2.5.</p> <p>Having moved up the No. 13 track, D.H.Q. was established at 1000 on the hill immediately S.W. of ES SALT, which was about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile distant.</p> <p>Orders were now issued to the 5th Mtd. Bde. to attack vigorously towards SHUNET NIMRIN as it was most essential to open No. 8 road so as to get supplies through.</p> <p>The 1st A.L.H. Bde. were ordered to prevent any of the enemy escaping North from the EL HAUD direction, by placing troops along No. 13 track.</p> <p>At 1100, the 1st A.L.H. Bde. were ordered into divisional reserve after No. 13 track had been cleared by the 2nd A.L.H. Regt.</p> <p>Pt. 2900 was reported at 1130 by the 3rd A.L.H. Bde. to be held in considerable strength by the enemy.</p> <p>At 1145 a telephone message was sent to the 3rd A.L.H. Bde. to send two troops to the high ground about 113.J.33 so as to cover ES SALT from the S.E.</p> <p>At the same time a wire was sent to Desert Mtd. Corps giving the situation as follows :- "5th Mtd. Bde. has orders to attack vigorously towards SHUNET NIMRIN. 3rd A.L.H. Bde. has an offensive flank northwards from track No. 10 to ED DAMIE and has two Sqdns. occupying Pt. 2900 since midnight and is reinforcing them with another Sqdn., 4 M.Gs and 2 Mountain guns. 2nd A.L.H. Bde. now on their way from ES SALT to hold it and endeavour cut retreat of enemy at AIN ES SIR. One Regt. 1st A.L.H. Bde. hold enemy towards EL HAUD and WADI ARSENIYET; remainder of ^{Brigade} Regt. in ES SALT. Immediately opening of No. 8 road is assured, the intention of the Divisional Commander is to act still more vigorously towards AIN ES SIR".</p>	

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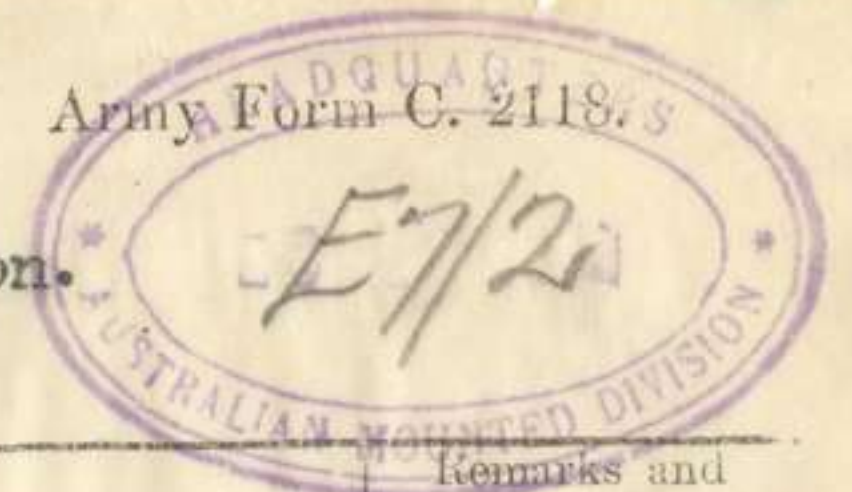
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	May 1		<p>At 1300 8th A.L.H. Regt. joined the 2nd A.L.H. Bde., together with 2 guns of the H.K. and S. Battery.</p> <p>At 1400 the 5th A.L.H. Regt. advanced against its objective, but the Turks had evacuated AIN HEMAR and Pt. 2900.</p> <p>1415 Wire sent to 5th Mtd. and 1st A.L.H. Bdes. as follows :- "Enemy holding bridge at HOWEIJ. 5th Mtd. Bde. is in touch with enemy at bridge. 5th Mtd. Bde. will attack vigorously and force the enemy back towards SHUNET NIMRIN. 1st A.L.H. Bde. will continue to hold UMM ESH SHERT - ES SALT track and with remainder of Bde. will co-operate with 5th Bde. by attacking vigorously Southwards towards EL HAUD. The greatest vigour in attack is essential as the main road must be opened to-day".</p> <p>1600 AIN HEMAR and 2900 were occupied by 2nd A.L.H. Bde., the 6th A.L.H. Regt. going on to AIN ES SIR and to cutting off the enemy's line of retreat to AMMAN.</p> <p>1640 <i>Ro.</i> 4th A.L.H. Bde. reported driven back to approximate line D.12.c - S. of RED HILL. <i>Ro.</i> 1st A.L.H. Bde. ^{ordered} to employ whole Brigade to safeguard No. 13 track from all directions, and to keep touch with right of 4th A.L.H. Bde.</p> <p>1915 Orders issued to Brigades that immediately it is too dark for enemy to detect the movement detachment 3rd A.L.H. Bde. attached to 2nd A.L.H. Bde. will proceed to rejoin 3rd A.L.H. Bde. at ES SALT. 2nd A.L.H. Bde. will withdraw at same time and will move into closest touch with 5th Mtd. Bde. about 2 miles N. of HOWEIJ Bridge. 5th Mtd. Bde. will send officer to ES SALT to guide 2nd A.L.H. Bde. to 5th Mtd. Bde. H.Q. 2nd A.L.H. and 5th Mtd. Bdes. will attack towards SHUNET NIMRIN early to-morrow under orders to be issued later. From immediately after dusk to-night 3rd A.L.H. Bde. will be responsible for defence of ES SALT in all directions from SHUNET NIMRIN road exclusive to No. 13 track exclusive.</p> <p>1920 1st A.L.H. Bde. reported No. 13 road all clear.</p> <p>2010 Following order issued to 3rd A.L.H. and 5th Mtd. Bdes. :- 60th Division is to attack MAKARED DERBASI at 0100 and EL HAUD at 0630. 2nd A.L.H. and 5th Mtd. Bdes. will attack S.W. with objective the highest ground ^{over} and the approximate line M.10 - ARKUB EL KHALUF. The plan will be made and carried out by G.Os.C. 2nd A.L.H. and 5th Mtd. Bdes. in direct co-operation. Time of the attack will be notified soon as possible to D.H.Q. and should be as soon after dawn as practicable.</p>	

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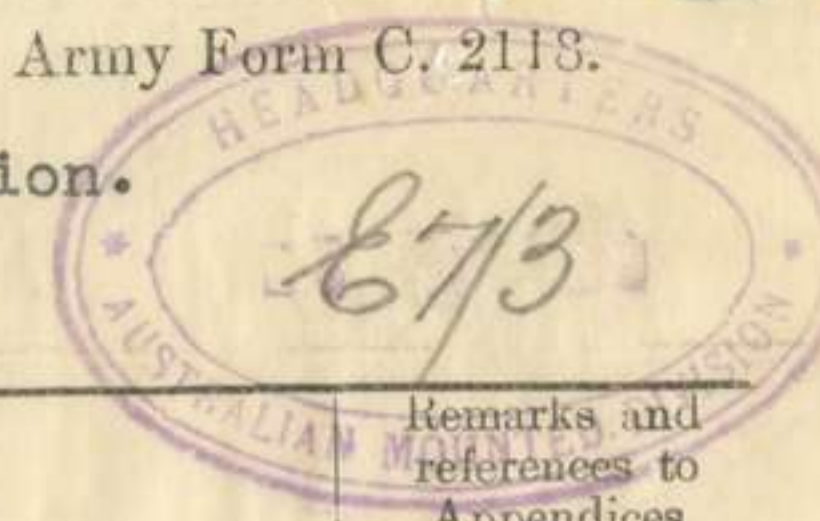
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	May 1	2010	5th Mtd. Bde. took up position as follows :- 1 Regiment & 4 M.Gs. in forward position overlooking bridge, in close touch with enemy; 1 Regiment & 4 M.Gs. astride the road from ES SIR to EL AWAB; 1 Regiment, 4 M.Gs. and 10th Mountain Battery in reserve.	
		2400	2nd A.L.H. Bde. withdrew and moved towards ES SALT.	
	2		At 0300 the 2nd A.L.H. Bde. passed through ES SALT and reached the Headquarters of the 5th Mtd. Bde. by about 0330. The Brigadiers of these two Brigades decided, after consultation, that the proposed attack could not start much before 0800 owing to the scattered disposition of the troops. At 0400 the 1st A.L.H. Bde. moved to take up a position along No. 13 track so as to keep it open. At an early hour in the morning the Turks advanced westwards ^{eastwards} up No. 16 track and made an attack on the 3rd A.L.H. Bde. who were compelled to withdraw towards ES SALT. 5th Mtd. Bde. commenced its attack at 0745, but owing to the extremely difficult nature of the country it was estimated that the attack would take about 3 hours to develop. At 0820 a wire was received from the 1st A.L.H. Bde. saying that they had ordered the 3rd A.L.H. Regiment to support the 3rd A.L.H. Bde. on its left flank. At 0835 the enemy, whose estimated strength was 500 Infantry, 3 light Field Guns and 10 Machine Guns, attacked the 3rd A.L.H. Bde. on a line about H.14 - H.20. 1st A.L.H. Bde. wired at 0945 that the 3rd A.L.H. Regt. had one squadron East of EL FUHDIS and that they were in touch with the 3rd A.L.H. Bde. The balance of the Regiment were being sent to support the 3rd A.L.H. Bde. A pack ammunition column arrived about 1000 at Div. H.Q. bringing 160,000 rounds S.A.A., 100 - 3.7 shells and 180 - 2.75 shells. At 1018 touch was established between the 1st A.L.H. Bde. and the 11th A.L.H. Regiment North of the WADI RALEM. At 1037 5th Mtd. Bde. reported that they were carrying out their attack on their first objective which was HOWEIJ Bridge. The 2nd A.L.H. Bde. had not yet been put in the attack. A wire was sent at 1130 to 2nd & 3rd A.L.H. Bdes. and 5th Mtd. Bde. as follows :- "If 3rd Bde is attacked they cannot hold ES SALT from the east. 2nd Bde will detail one regt to hold the line EL AWAB - KH EL FAKAN inclusive. The regt to notify D.H.Q. by helio immediately in position. 3rd Bde have one squadron and 4 M.Gs. about J.17."	

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	May 2		<p>At 1130 the Divisional Commander ordered Brig. Gen. RYRIE, Cdg. 2nd A.L.H. Bde. to send a Regt. at once to hold the line from EL AWAB to J.22, so as to safeguard the line of retreat of his Brigade from the South.</p> <p>Brig. Gen. KELLY, Cdg. 5th Mtd. Bde., and Brig. Gen. RYRIE informed the Divisional Commander by telephone that the country was so difficult that they could not hope to reach their objectives much before dark, and they both recommended that the attack should be stopped. The Divisional Commander replied that the attack must be proceeded with.</p> <p>15 minutes later further telephone conversations took place between the G.O.C. 2nd A.L.H. and 5th Mtd. Bdes. and the Divisional Commander. They stated that their flanks were in danger from an attack from the direction of FUHEIS. The Divisional Commander replied that the attack must still be proceeded with.</p> <p>At 1220 the Divisional Commander informed the Corps Commander that, in consequence of the large number of the enemy who were advancing from the East along the main AMMAN road, he recommended that the attack by the 2nd A.L.H. and 5th Mtd. Bdes. should be broken off so as to have these two Brigades in hand for the protection of ES SALT. The Corps Commander replied that the attack must continue, but that one Regt. could be used for the defence of ES SALT.</p> <p>The consent of the Corps Commander was obtained shortly after the latter conversation to place a second Regt. of the 2nd A.L.H. Bde. around ES SALT, where it could be used either to support the 3rd A.L.H. Bde. towards AIN HEMAR, or the 2nd A.L.H. and 5th Mtd. Bdes. towards the South.</p> <p>At 1320 a wire was sent to the G.O.C. 2nd A.L.H. Bde. ordering him to send another Regt. and M.G. Sqdn. to support the 7th A.L.H. Regt. on the line EL AWAB - KH. EL FOKHAN. The 7th A.L.H. Regt. were in a position too far South, and they were ordered to move North towards the main AMMAN road somewhere about J.17. One Regt. was to be left in support of the 5th Mtd. Bde. The 6th A.L.H. Regt. were detailed for this duty.</p> <p>At 1400 the 5th Mtd. Bde. attack had progressed as far as the Wadi situated at the foot of the first objective, which was found to be very strongly held.</p> <p>At 1435 the 1st A.L.H. Bde. was ordered to send one Regt. immediately to ES SALT, to come under the orders of the 2nd A.L.H. Bde. on arrival.</p> <p>The 1st A.L.H. Bde. detailed the 1st A.L.H. Regt. for this purpose.</p>

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	May		At 1610 Brig. Gen. KELLY telephoned to Div. H.Q. that the attack on the bridge at HOWEIJ had failed owing to its being hung up by very heavy machine gun and rifle fire, and they were unable to go forward any further.	
	2		The Divisional Commander then ordered Brig. Gen. KELLY to put his reserve Regt. into the attack.	
		1617	The 2nd A.L.H. Bde. was established on a line running as follows :- 5th A.L.H. Regt. KH. EL FOKHAN to R of BR in J.33, thence the 7th A.L.H. Regt. to EL AWAB.	
		1630	Brig. Gen. KELLY again telephoned and said they were unable to advance at all. A force of some 200 cavalry were now threatening his rear down the WADI SAIDUN and he was anxious about his led horses.	
		1635	The Divisional Commander told him he must protect his own flank, using, if necessary, the 6th A.L.H. Regt., which had been left with him. On no account was he to retire before dark. 1st A.L.H. Bde. reported that 4th A.L.H. Bde. right flank now rested on D.20.central. The Brigade was standing to, as they expected an attack on their right flank.	
		1725	Situation report send to Corps as follows :- "1st A.L.H. Bde. (less 1 Regt) holds line H.28.b - K.3.c - K.2, in touch with 4th Bde. 3rd Bde. have one Regt. about H.14, and one Regt. about KEFR HUDA. 8th Regt. and 6 M.Gs about J.9.2 nd Bde. have (less 1 Regt) together with 8th Regt. fighting very heavy defensive fight to hold L.9 - J.23 - J.9. 1st Regt. moving rapidly from K.21 to support 2nd Bde. at J.central. Enemy attack against J.central, estimated 400 infantry, 200 cavalry, 4 heavy guns, is being held. Determined attack by 5th Bde. on HOWEIJ Bridge had failed with heavy casualties. Their left rear closely threatened by 200 cavalry S.E. of EL AWAB forcing him use L.H. Regt. protect his rear. Have ordered him hold enemy in front and on no account withdraw".	
		1835	Wire received from Desert Mtd. Corps that A. & N.Z. Mtd. Div. had been ordered despatch one Regt. forthwith via No. 13 track to Australian Mtd. Div.	
		1845	Wire sent - GA/849.	
		2020	Wire sent - GA/850	
		2100	Wire sent - GA/852	
		2219	Desert Mtd. Corps wired that the Regiment ordered from A. & N.Z. Mtd. Div. would not now be sent.	

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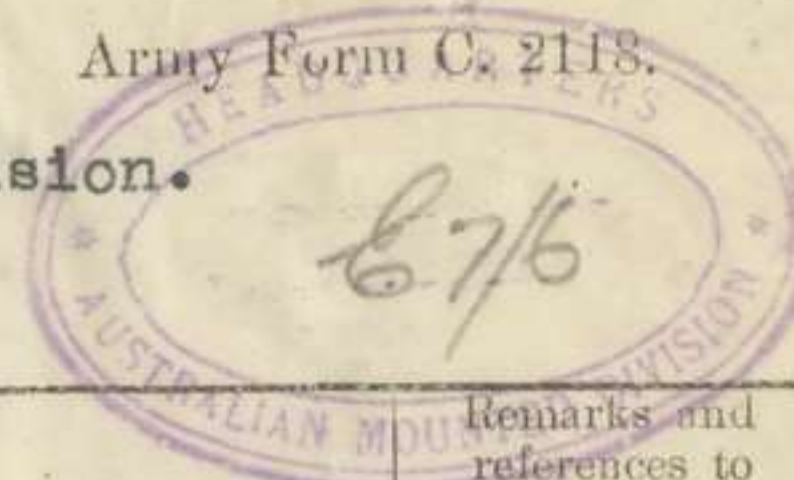
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	May 3		<p>From midnight onwards enemy rifle fire was very heavy on the 2nd A.L.H. Bde. front, and in the early hours of the morning about 300 enemy reached to within 50 yards of our position at KEFR HUDA, held by 3rd A.L.H. Bde.</p> <p>At 0430 one squadron attacked this force of the enemy and forced them to withdraw to a position about 1500 yards west of KEFR HUDA. Heavy casualties were inflicted, 100 enemy killed being estimated.</p> <p>About the same time the 2nd A.L.H. Bde. reported that the enemy were advancing strongly along the AMMAN road.</p> <p>At 0600 the 1st A.L.H. Bde. reported that the squadron, which had been sent S.W., was in a good position in 127.M.13.central, and that they were engaging the enemy at a range of 300 yards.</p> <p>At 0630 the 2nd A.L.H. Bde. reported that approximately 1000 enemy were preparing to attack them.</p> <p>At about this time the 1st A.L.H. Bde. reported that the squadron which had been sent S.W. were in position at 127.M.13, but as the enemy were threatening their right flank they were forced to retire and another squadron was going to their support.</p> <p>At 0725 the 6th A.L.H. Regt. was ordered to rejoin the 2nd A.L.H. Bde. marching from the ES SALT area.</p> <p>At 0805 the following orders were issued to 1st A.L.H., 2nd A.L.H., 3rd A.L.H. and 5th Mtd. Brigades :</p> <p>"Enemy are concentrating on front of 2nd A.L.H. Bde. 6th Regt. has come under orders of 2nd Bde. 5th Bde. will send one Regt. into Divisional reserve at junction J.32.b. O.C. Regt. will telephone arrival from ES SALT Post Office. 3rd Bde. will be prepared to strengthen his own right flank if ordered".</p> <p>During the early morning a force of the enemy advanced to within 1000 yards of the 8th A.L.H. Regt., who were under orders of the 2nd A.L.H. Bde. and were in a position along the ridge of high ground running from J.15.d to J.9.d.8.8. At dawn this force advanced to the attack and launched it against the whole of the 8th Regt. front.</p> <p>The firing died down about 0630 and the enemy were reported to be lying in the dead ground close up to our position. A troop was sent round behind the enemy, and on our troops showing themselves the whole enemy force, consisting of 319 all ranks, surrendered. This held up the enemy offensive for some time.</p>	

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	May 3rd		<p>At 0900 information was received from Desert Mtd. Corps that the 1st A.L.H. Bde. had reported that No. 13 track was passable for camels and that they would send up ammunition by a camel convoy that night.</p> <p>The 1st A.L.H. Bde. reported at 0930 that their line ran as follows :- 1st L.H. Regt. - 127.M.1.c - M.2 - M.3.a. 2nd L.H. Regt. - 127.K.19.c through K.20, K.27.d, 28.c and d. and 29.c. 3rd L.H. Regt. - 127.K.3.c - H.28.d.</p> <p>At 1015 the Sherwood Rangers Ywo. were ordered to send one squadron to report at once to 3rd A.L.H. Bde. H.Q. $\frac{1}{2}$ mile North of D.H.Q. and at the same time the 3rd A.L.H. Bde. were informed that the squadron was not to be used unless absolutely necessary.</p> <p>At 1030 the 3rd A.L.H. Regt. reported much enemy movement observed along No. 16 road from JISR ED DAMIE about 0900. This force of the enemy had been engaged with success.</p> <p>At the same time the 3rd A.L.H. Bde. telephoned that they had been pushed off KEFR HUDA by about 300 Turks. The position at J.13.a.2.9 had also been captured but this position was recaptured by a counter-attack.</p> <p>The 3rd A.L.H. Bde. were immediately ordered to recapture KEFR HUDA. Large bodies of the enemy were at this time moving on ES SALT from E. and W.</p> <p>At 1047 the 3rd A.L.H. Bde. asked if their 2 squadrons and 6 machine guns which were with the 2nd A.L.H. Bde. could now be returned to them as they had no reserve.</p> <p>At 1125 a wire was sent to the 1st A.L.H. Bde. ordering them to place 1 squadron of the 3rd A.L.H. Regt. at the disposal of the 3rd A.L.H. Bde., who were to inform Colonel BELL where the squadron would be required.</p> <p>The 2nd A.L.H. Bde. were ordered by wire at 1210 to send the one Squadron 8th A.L.H. Regt. and 2 machine guns back to H.Q. 3rd A.L.H. Bde. at once.</p> <p>At 1230 a wire was sent to all concerned, giving our dispositions as follows :-</p> <p>5th Mtd. Bde. (less 1 Regt). 127.L.32.a and Southern end of EL AWAB. 4 Mountain guns at L.20.d. Brigade Reserve. 1 Regt. (less 2 troops) L.4.d.</p> <p>2nd A.L.H. Bde. (plus 1 squadron 4 M.Gs 3rd A.L.H. Bde) - EL AWAB to J.9.a. 2 squadrons and 2 M.Gs in Brigade reserve. 2 camel guns J.15.a.</p>

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	May 3		<p>3rd A.L.H. Bde. (less 1 Squadron, 4 M.Gs; plus 1 Squadron 5th Bde). AMMAN Road - J.9.d - H.34.a. 4 camel guns H.29.c and H.36.b.</p> <p>1st A.L.H. Bde. H.28.a to M.1.c. One squadron picketing road 13.</p> <p>Divisional reserve - 2 squadrons 5th Mtd. Bde. at J.32.b.</p>	
		1250	<p>The 3rd A.L.H. Bde. reported that a general movement of enemy infantry and camels was taking place East along No. 16 road. Force estimated at 3,000. At 1230 the head of the column was about one mile West of KEFR HUDA, which place appeared to be the point of assembly.</p>	
		1500	<p>Wire received from Desert Mounted Corps ordering arrangements to be made for withdrawal to a position south-west of ES SALT covering Routes 12 and 13 with a view to a further retirement later.</p>	
		1615	<p>Order sent to H.K. and S. Mtn. Battery to withdraw at once to 1st A.L.H. Bde. H.Q. at K.21, via Route 13, in order to clear the road of all camels. On asking DESERT MOUNTED CORPS whether the Division should endeavour to withdraw entirely from the mountains if able to do so, the Corps instructed Aust. Mtd. Div. to do so.</p>	
		1715	<p>Orders for withdrawal from ES SALT issued.</p>	APPENDIX 4
		1830	<p>Wire sent to DESERT MOUNTED CORPS stating that it was not required that Route 12 should be opened up, but that maximum counter activity was required against the enemy in squares M and G.</p>	
		2150	<p>Order sent to 3rd A.L.H. Bde. that they will come under the orders of G.O.C. A. & N.Z. Mtd. Division on reaching the right of his line.</p>	

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	May 3		<p>The order of march was as follows :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd A.L.H. Bde. 2nd A.L.H. Bde. 5th Mtd. Bde. 3rd A.L.H. Regt. Sherwood Rangers Yeo. 1st A.L.H. Regt. C.H.R. Regt. 2nd A.L.H. Regt. 	
	4	0010	Wire received from DESERT MOUNTED CORPS that the Commander-in-Chief directs that every effort be made to evacuate the wounded.	
		0220	Evacuation of ES SALT was now completed and at 0235 a wire was sent to the 2nd A.L.H. Bde. to retire all but the fighting troops of the last Regiment. Rear guard to retire by dawn if possible. D.H.Q. moved to K.21.a.	
		0415	Last Regiment of the 2nd A.L.H. Bde. on way down track towards Valley.	
		0610	Wire sent to DESERT MOUNTED CORPS that all camels, packs and prisoners had passed K.21.a. Hostile Battery shelled track in D.23. Enemy also threatened our rear from K.9. D.H.Q. moved slowly down the track to F.6.d.	
		0810	Orders issued for the rearguard of the 1st ^{1st} A.L.H. Bde. to commence withdrawal from the hills. R.D.	
		1140	Report wired to DESERT MOUNTED CORPS that whole Division, plus attached troops, was clear of the hills at 1030. As the Division left the hills, the rear troops were heavily shelled and attacked by hostile aircraft. The enemy pressed heavily on the rear troops from the direction of FUHEIS. 3rd A.L.H. Bde. plus 9th Mountain Battery reported to A. & N.Z. Mtd. Division and remained in their Divisional reserve during the day.	

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	May 4		<p>The 2nd A.L.H. and 5th Mtd. Bdes. marched direct to GHORANIYEH Bridgehead on entering the plain.</p> <p>The 1st A.L.H. Bde. on arrival in the plain remained in reserve of A. & N.Z. Mtd. Div.</p>	
		1300	5th Mtd. Bde. arrived in original camp site.	
		1330	Divisional Troops arrived in original camp site.	
		1330	2nd A.L.H. Bde. arrived in bivouac site.	
		1900	3rd A.L.H. Bde. arrived in original camp site.	
	5	0820	Wire received from A. & N.Z. Mtd. Division stating that 3rd A.L.H. Bde. will pass to the command of Australian Mtd. Division at 0900 to-day and 4th A.L.H. Bde. on arrival in bivouac area.	
		0900	2nd A.L.H. Bde. passed to command of A. & N.Z. Mtd. Division.	
		0930	4th A.L.H. Bde. arrived in bivouac area and came under command of G.O.C. Australian Mtd. Division.	
		1005	Wire sent altering the arrangements made with 5th Mtd. Bde. yesterday in reference to maintaining two Regiments ready to move at 45 minutes notice; one regiment will now be at 45 minutes notice and the other at 1½ hours notice day and night.	
		1025	Wire sent to 5th Mtd. Bde. informing them that 9th Hodson's Horse and the 18th Lancers are bivouacked in 113.K.22 and on receipt of wire they will come under the orders of G.O.C. 5th Mtd. Bde. Worcester Yeomanry and Sherwood Rangers will be withdrawn into Divisional reserve.	
		1305	Wire sent to Brigades in reference to the taking over of the line by the 5th Mtd. Bde. from the I.C.C. Bde.	
		1430	Wire sent to 3rd A.L.H. and I.C.C. Brigades to direct A. & N.Z. Mtd. Div. Regt. to proceed with wiring under instructions from the C.R.E.	
		1450	Wire received from DESERT MOUNTED CORPS that the 20th Ind. Inf. Bde. are moving to bivouac in J.17.b and will come under orders of G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division at 1800.	
			Australian Mounted Divisional Order No. 7 issued.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	May 5	1540	Wire received from Desert Mounted Corps that the 6th Mounted Brigade are under orders of G.O.C. Australian Mtd. Div. until 0800 to-morrow, 6th instant. Wire sent to 5th Mtd. Bde. ordering a reconnaissance to Y.20.6 to-morrow morning.	
		1825	Wire sent to Brigades in reference to relief of I.C.C. Bde. by 5th Mtd. Bde.	
		2200	Wire sent to 20th Ind. Inf. Bde. with reference to assistance to be given by that Brigade to 3rd A.L.H. Bde. at AUJA Bridgehead.	APPENDIX 6
	6	0830	Instructions received from DESERT MOUNTED CORPS that "D" Troops, Australian Engineers are allotted to Aust. Mtd. Div. for duty at EL AUJA crossing. 3rd A.L.H. Bde. took over the EL AUJA Bridgehead from Auckland Mtd. Rifles. 5th Mtd. Bde. took over portion of the line held by I.C.C. Bde. 4th Bde. in Divisional reserve.	
		1100	Corps Commander visited the Indian Regiments of the 5th Mtd. Bde. Letter written to Brigades in reference to defence of the left flank of the Divnl. Sector.	APPENDIX 7
		1700	Situation quiet. A few shells were fired on the EL AUJA Bridgehead during the day, no damage resulting.	
		2115	Information received that 22nd Mtd. Bde. are to come under orders of G.O.C. Australian Mtd. Division on arrival at JERICHO on the 7th instant. Stafford Yeomanry to rejoin 22nd Mtd. Bde. on arrival.	
		2120	Wire received from 5th Mtd. Bde. that 300 Turks had broken through between posts covering UMM ESH SHERT ford and Wadi MELLAHA. Posts on this flank have been withdrawn to new line Z.12 - Z.17.b.	
		2130	3rd and 4th A.L.H. Bdes. informed that 300 Turks were reported to have broken through about Z.6. Saddle up and stand to. 3rd and 4th Bdes. to push reconnaissances in that direction at once, as follows :- 3rd Bde on line JORDAN - Z.22 and gain touch with 5th Bde. reserves at Z.24.a. 4th Bde. on line Z.22 - SH. IBRAHIM - Y.24.	

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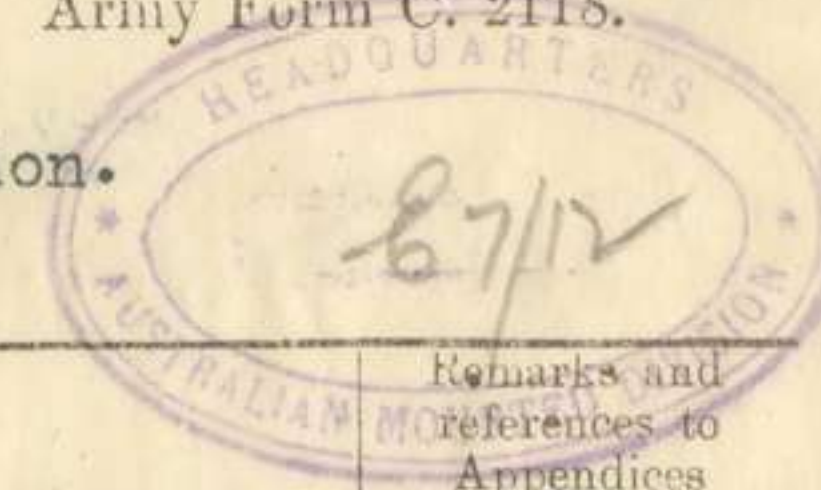
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	May 6	2314	5th Mtd. Bde. report that line now runs approx. Z.12.b.10.0 - Z.17.b.10.8 - Z.11.b.7.0 - Z.3.b.4.0 - X.31.b.2.5.
	7	0030	Wire sent to 3rd & 4th A.L.H. Bdes. that squadron of 3rd A.L.H. Bde. will remain in touch with 5th Mtd. Bde. till 0600, and remainder of troops ordered to stand to may turn in.
		0300	5th Mtd. Bde. relieved the I.C.C. Bde. in the No. 2 sub-sector of the Divisional line.
		0515	7 hostile aircraft bombed the 4th A.L.H. Bde. and other Bdes in the JORDAN valley. Casualties - 13 o.r. wounded.
		0900	Lt.Col. E.M. Williams, D.S.O., made a personal reconnaissance of the left flank of the I.C.C. Bde. sector to ascertain the best means of defending that flank.
		1100	22nd Mtd. Bde. arrived in the JERICHO area and came under the orders of G.O.C. Australian Mtd. Division pending the arrival of the 1st Mounted Division.
		1545	Wire sent to 3rd A.L.H. & 5th Mtd. Bdes. that under direct arrangements between the G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. & 5th Mtd. Bdes. the 3rd A.L.H. Bde. will maintain (1) By day an observation post, (2) by night a garrison of at least two troops at the most suitable tactical points about J.6 & 5 in order to safeguard EL AUJA Bridgehead from the north. 3rd A.L.H. Bde. ordered to reconnoitre and report on best siting for works between JORDAN & MELLAHAH so as protect Bridgehead from the North. Orders issued to 4th A.L.H. and 22nd Mtd. Bdes. to hold themselves in readiness during the night.
		1700	Very little enemy activity during the day. On orders from DESERT MOUNTED CORPS, instructions issued for the defiles on Roman Road leading from TEL ES SULTAN north to be widened and a track made parallel for horses and camels. 4th A.L.H. Bde. to provide working parties.
	8	0500	Three hostile aircraft bombed the 22nd Mtd. Bde. area.
		0700	Situation quiet. Intermittent shelling. In the morning the Corps Commander and G.O.C. Aust. Mtd. Div. visited the 5th Mtd. Bde. and the UMM ESH SHERT line. G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division rode round the line inspecting the various posts.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
	May 8	1430 1700	<p>Orders issued to 'D' Troop, Australian Engineers, to comply with all instructions from O.C. 2nd Field Squadron, Australian Mtd. Division.</p> <p>Situation quiet. Enemy shelled AUJA Bridgehead intermittently during the day but no damage done. Enemy appears to be entrenching on a line running east through UMM ESH SHERT to the foothills.</p> <p>Arrangements made to remove one bridge from GHORANIYEH Crossing to EL AUJA, making two bridges at each place.</p>
	9	0700	<p>Situation: Quiet except for slight sniping. Few shells fired at our working parties.</p> <p>Work continued on positions on the defensive line. Digging and wiring to be kept up until the line is completed.</p> <p>Work also continued on the new posts connecting I.C.C. Bde. with the 53rd Division and on the ROMAN Road to MUSALLABEH.</p> <p>Australian Mounted Division Order No. 8 issued.</p> <p>The A.D.M.S. reported that owing to the present climatic conditions of the JORDAN Valley he considered it dangerous for men to work in the open between the hours of 0900 & 1600.</p> <p>Instructions received from Desert Mtd. Corps that all moves west of JERICHO would in future be issued by the D.A. & Q.M.G.; the General Staff would merely indicate dates and destinations.</p>
		1700	Situation quiet.
		1800	2nd Mtd. Bde. passed from the command of G.O.C. Australian Mtd. Division to the command of G.O.C. 1st Mounted Division.
		2000	<i>Defence Scheme, left sector, issued.</i>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	May 10	0700	<p>Situation: Quiet night.</p> <p>Arrangements made for a supply of pickets for wiring the posts on the Divisional front.</p> <p>Message received from Desert Mtd. Corps conveying the thanks of the Commander-in-Chief for the work of all ranks during the recent operations at ES SALT.</p> <p>Control of the right sector of Desert Mtd. Corps front passed from the A. & N.Z. Mtd. Div. to the 1st Mounted Division.</p>	
		1700	<p>Situation: Quiet day.</p> <p>Location Report up to 1200 issued.</p>	
	11	0700	<p>Situation quiet.</p>	
		1405	<p>2nd A.L.H. Bde. arrived and went in to bivouac at H.30 and J.25.</p>	
		1700	<p>Situation quiet.</p>	
		1800	<p>Orders issued for march of I.C.C. Bde. on 12th inst. to TALAT ED DUMM, where it will come into Corps reserve.</p> <p>Large amount of work carried out during the week on the various posts in the 3 sub-sectors. Additional parties for this work were provided by the 4th A.L.H. Bde. who were in Divisional reserve. All posts being wired in.</p>	
	12	0700	<p>Situation: Quiet night.</p>	
		0910	<p>3rd A.L.H. Bde. informed that GHORANIYEH & AUJA Bridgeheads are now connected by cable. By arrangement with 1st Mounted Division G.O.C. GHORANIYEH Bridgehead may call on cavalry at AUJA Bridgehead to take action against enemy without previous reference to Australian Mtd. Division, but must immediately inform the latter of such action.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	May 12	1030	Divisional Commander visited G.O.C. 4th A.L.H. Bde.	
		1330	Orders received from Desert Mounted Corps that the 20th Indian Inf. Bde. will move to GHORANIYEH Bridgehead to-morrow, 13th inst.	
		1340	Wire sent to 4th A.L.H. Bde. placing one Regt. 2nd A.L.H. Bde. at disposal of G.O.C. 4th A.L.H. Bde.	
		1410	Orders issued for 20th Indian Inf. Bde. to move to-morrow and to come under orders of G.O.C. 1st Mounted Division. Arrangements made with 2nd A.L.H. Bde. for them to have ready at 3 hours' notice a working party of 200 men.	
	13	0700	Situation: Quiet night. Letter sent to 4th A.L.H. Bde. that Divisional Commander is willing that they should select line of posts to defend the gap Y.21 - B.10, defences to be dug and wired to hold 2 squadrons by night with 1 mounted squadron in reserve.	
		1700	Situation: Quiet day. On instructions from Desert Mtd. Corps, C.R.A. informed that 11th British Mountain Battery will relieve 10th British Mountain Battery by sections on nights of 15/16th and 16/17th May.	
	14	0700	Situation: Quiet night.	
		1100	Wire sent to 3rd A.L.H. Bde. cancelling the instructions issued at 0910 on the 12th and the following substituted:- "In the event of a call for assistance from GHORANIYEH Bridgehead, G.O.C. No. 1 Sub-sector will lend whatever assistance is possible under the circumstances. In a similar manner, G.O.C. No. 1 Sub-sector may ask for assistance from cavalry at GHORANIYEH Bridgehead"	
		1220	4th A.L.H. Bde. reported that strong enemy outpost observed in 113.X.16.central. Considerable movement between X.11.central and X.16.central.	
		1800	Considerable enemy movement about 113.X.11 to X.16, parties being observed to enter the Wadi MELLAHA during the whole of the day. <i>Letter sent to all concerned giving locations and dispositions - ho. 3 Sub-sector</i>	Appendix 10a

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	May 15	0700	<p>Situation - Quiet night. Divisional Commander visited the 5th Mtd. Bde. during the morning. Letter written to Brigades informing them that the command of the artillery is vested in the C.R.A. and delegated by him to the Right and Left Group Commanders.</p>	
		1700	<p>Situation quiet.</p>	
		2150	<p>1 Section, 11th Mountain Battery relieved 1 Section, 10th Mountain Battery.</p>	
	16	0700	<p>Situation - Quiet night. Letter sent to 5th Mtd. Bde. directing that a centre of resistance in No. 2 Sub-sector be made to accommodate one squadron at about Z.19.b and 20.a and that under the present circumstances centres of resistance near the front line are not considered necessary.</p>	
		1700	<p>Situation - Quiet day, except that at 1615 enemy battery of 77 m.m. guns shelled MUSALLABEH and the rear slopes of 113.Y.11.central, firing 30° from MUSALLABEH. Corps Commander inspected AUJA Bridgehead defences and instructed G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Bde. to consider the desirability of shortening his southern flank, bringing the line out to the JORDAN about 400^x south of the present Bde. H.Q.</p>	
		1945	<p>Relief of 10th Mountain Battery by 11th Mountain Battery completed.</p>	
	17	0700	<p>Situation - Quiet night. On further instructions from Desert Mtd. Corps, orders issued for march of 10th Mtn. Battery, who will come under orders of XXth Corps on leaving TALAT ED DUMM.</p>	
		1700	<p>Situation - Quiet day. Instructions sent to all Brigades to report at all times to R.A. the probable time patrols will be sent out and their various objectives in order to avoid their being mistaken for enemy cavalry.</p>	
		1800	<p>Location report as at 1200 to-day issued. Letter sent to all concerned giving corrected names and co-ordinates of posts situated in no. 2 sub-sector.</p>	<p>APPENDIX // Appendix 11a</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
	May 23	1700	<p>Situation: Quiet day. Patrol who lay up last night at F.20.d.1.9 observed no enemy movement.</p> <p>Letter written to 2nd A.L.H. Bde. that posts on their line should be designed for all round defence, and designed if possible to be garrisoned by night by 4 troops, with 4 troops in support and 1 squadron in reserve.</p>
	24	0700	<p>Situation: Quiet night.</p> <p>Letter written to Desert Mtd. Corps in reference to selection of centres of resistance and suggesting that the general line of centres of resistance be such as to ensure - (1) retention of ABU TELLUL, (2) AUJA water, (3) possibility of maintaining present gun positions and the approximate line Junction of JORDAN & MELLAHA - Z.21 - Z.14 - EL MASKERAH - ABU TELLUL - Y.28.a.</p>
		1700	<p>Situation: Quiet day. From 0830 to 0915 the enemy shelled intermittently Squares 113.Y.28 - H.3 from the direction of Wadi BAKR. No casualties.</p> <p>Location Report as at 1200 to-day issued.</p>
	25	0700	<p>Situation: Quiet night.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander visited the AUJA Bridgehead Defences.</p> <p>Field Squadron ordered to undertake the maintainance of the two barrel bridges at the AUJA crossing.</p>
		1700	<p>Situation: Quiet day. At 0615 the TEL-EL-TRUNY patrol, on reaching T.23 central was fired on by a machine gun and about 6 rifles from T.17.a.</p> <p>Letter written to all Brigades that (1) garrisons of all posts must understand that their role, in case of an enemy attack, is to form a pivot for counter attack, and (2) in order to enable a prolonged resistance to be made all posts are to be designed for all round defence. A separate all round wire defence is required for each post.</p>

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Place	Date May	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	25		Letter written to 3rd A.L.H. and 5th Mtd. Bdes. in reference to approaches being made from and over the MELLAHA.	
	26	0700	Situation: Quiet night. At 0450 about one battalion of enemy infantry and a squadron of cavalry moved East from foothills in P.36, and thence North through KH. FUSAIL. They were fired on by our 60 pounders.	
			Letter received from Desert Mtd. Corps stating that the Corps Commander will visit Centres of Resistance on morning of 27th inst.	
		1700	Situation quiet. An attempt to establish a post in foothills West of TEL EL TRUNY driven off by enemy machine gun fire.	
			Approval given for the 4th A.L.H. Bde. to carry out a demonstration to-morrow morning against enemy positions on EL BAGHALAT and W.28.	
	27	0700	Situation: At 0330 the 4th A.L.H. Bde. carried out demonstration to make enemy disclose positions on EL BAGHALAT and at W.28. Enemy replied with rifle and machine gun fire. Otherwise quiet.	
			The Corps and Divisional Commanders visited defences on ABU TELLUL and selected Centres of Resistance.	
		1700	Situation quiet.	
	28	0700	Situation quiet.	
			Letter written to Desert Mtd. Corps stating that owing to the amount of work necessary on the "centres of resistance" in Nos. 2 & 3 sub-sectors it is not possible for the present to construct the systems of "centres of resistance" on the general line NORTH BANK of WADI AUJA - EL MADHBEH.	
			Letter sent to 3rd A.L.H. Bde. stating that the inner bridgehead will be organised with view to screening the crossing from direct observation by the enemy.	

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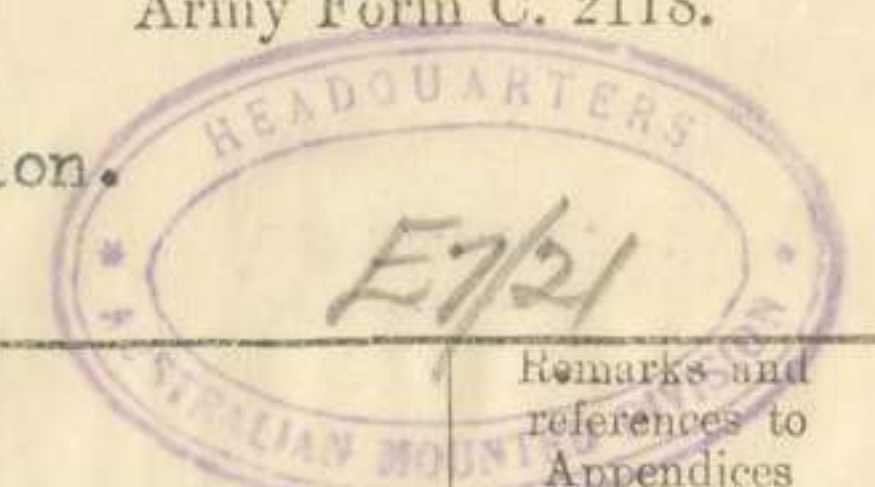
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	May 28	1700	<p>Situation quiet except for enemy shelling of No. 4 Sub-sector line. Our Heavy Battery shelled vicinity of 113.T.16.d.</p> <p>Letter sent to all units giving instructions for 30% Vickers Guns and Hotchkiss Rifles to be continually mounted for A.A. fire, and trenches 3 feet deep to be dug in all bivouac areas.</p>	
	29	0700	Situation quiet.	
		1515	The Corps Commander and B.G.G.S. inspected the various posts in G Section, No. 3 Sub-sector.	
		1700	<p>Situation: Quiet day. Patrol to TEL EL TRUNY encountered no opposition.</p> <p>On instructions from Desert Mtd. Corps orders were issued for anti-mosquito measures to be taken in the Wadi MELLAHA, the G.O.C. 5th Mtd. Bde. to command the operations. Men detailed as follows for 5 hours' each day from May 30th onwards:- 3rd A.L.H. Bde. 5 Officers, 250 o.r.; I.S.Cav. Bde. 11 Officers, 550 o.r.; 5th Mtd. Bde. 4 Officers, 200 o.r.</p>	
	30	0700	<p>Situation quiet.</p> <p>Australian Mtd. Division Operation Orders Nos. 9 & 10 issued.</p>	Appendices 13 & 14.
		1700	Situation quiet.	
	31	0700	Situation quiet.	
		0900	Divisional Commander visited defences of No. 4 Sub-sector.	
		1515	Corps Commander visited 2nd A.L.H. Bde.	
		1700	Situation quiet.	

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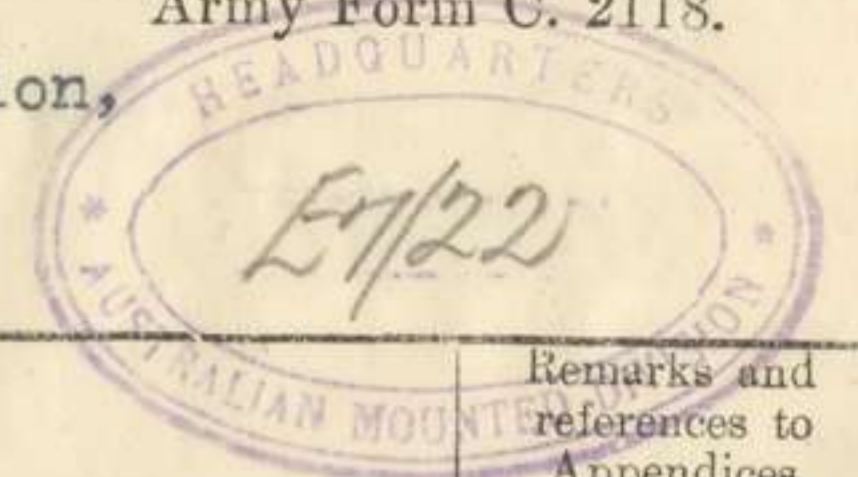
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	May 31		<p>Letter written to Brigades in reference to Centres of Resistance. Location Report as at 1200 to-day issued.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FIGHTING STRENGTHS</p> <table style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <thead> <tr> <th rowspan="2"></th> <th colspan="2">Officers</th> <th colspan="2">Other Ranks</th> </tr> <tr> <th>British</th> <th>Indian</th> <th>British</th> <th>Indian</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1st May</td> <td>281</td> <td>-</td> <td>5896</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>31st May</td> <td>231</td> <td>36</td> <td>4539</td> <td>806</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>R.H. Osborne</i> Lieutenant-Colonel, General Staff, Australian Mounted Division.</p>		Officers		Other Ranks		British	Indian	British	Indian	1st May	281	-	5896	-	31st May	231	36	4539	806	<p>Appendix 15 Appendix 16</p>
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	<u>KILLED.</u>		<u>WOUNDED.</u>		<u>MISSING.</u>			
	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>	<u>Offrs.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>		
3rd A.L.H. Brigade	3	18	-	9	63	-	-	1
4th A.L.H. Brigade	-	20	-	13	136	-	-	30
5th Mounted Bde.	-	4	-	5	31	-	-	-
19th Brigade R.H.A.	-	-	-	3	8	-	-	6
Field Squadron	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-
Attached Troops	3	2	-	2	31	-	-	-

	6	-	44	-	32	-	278	-	-	37
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	<u>Officers</u>	<u>Other Ranks.</u>
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| 3. | -ditto- |
| 4. | Order for withdrawal of Australian Mounted Division and attached troops from ES SALT 3rd May, 1918. |
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| 12. | Location Return - Left Sector, as on 24.5.18. |
| 13. | Reduction of force under command of G.O.C. Australian Mtd. Division to four Brigades. |
| 14. | Relief of 3rd A.L.H. Bde. by 22nd Mtd. Bde. |
| 15. | "Centres of Resistance" in Nos. 2 and 3 Sub-sectors. |
| 16. | Location Return, Left Sector, as on 31.5.18. |

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TO { 1st L.H. Bde 5th Mtd Bde 60th Div.
 2nd - do - Descorps
 3rd - do - ANZAC

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 * G A 849 2

1000 enemy are reported by aeroplane on AMMAN road between AIN HEMAR and J.17 aaa 2nd Bde (less 6th Regt) with 3rd Bde detachment of 2 sqdns 4 M. guns and 2 camel guns will hold all high ground commanding ES SALT defile from EL AWAB to road about J.9 inclu aaa 3rd Bde (less detachment) will continue hold present position as far as road J.9 exclu aaa 1st Bde (less 1 Regt) will continue hold open No. 13 track and keep touch with 3rd and 4th Bdes aaa 5th Bde will maintain their present position about L 26 d and be prepared continue their attack at dawn on receipt of orders aaa 1st Regt is in Div reserve at J.31 and will be prepared move at half hours notice aaa Addsd 1st 2nd 3rd 5th Bdes reptd Descorps ANZAC 60 Div

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TO { 1st Bde 5th Bde Descorps
 2nd " 60 Div
 3rd " ANZAC

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179 Bde has reached 127 P 11 a and 127 G 23 c and 22 d and are continuing their attack after dark tonight with object of outflanking EL HAUD on the north aaa 1st ALH Bde will despatch one Regt (less 1 sqdn) Southwestwards along No. 12 Wadi ARSENIYET track with object of opening that route joining hands with infantry and cooperating in the attack on EL HAUD aaa Regt will advance tonight till contact is obtained with enemy and attack at dawn aaa Positions reached tonight to be notified Division soonest possible for transmission to infantry aaa 5th Bde will continue attack towards HOWEIJ immediately after dawn aaa Enemy reported moving East towards EL FUHEIS - K 9 aaa 1st Bde will stiffen up their hold of high ground in that neighbourhood aaa Acknowledge aaa Addt 1st 5th

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TO	1st Bde	5th Bde	60 Div
	2nd "	Descorps	
	3rd "	ANZAC	
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* GA 852	2		

Retention of ES SALT most important feature of operations aaa 5th Bde will not attack at dawn tomorrow but will occupy good position close to enemy as possible and shell them at dawn sending LH Regt into Div Reserve to reach junction J.32.b at 0400 and report Div HQ aaa Most desirable 5th Bde maintain good position in view of future operations for which fresh troops will be available aaa Essential attack South West by Col BELL should be very vigorous aaa Addt 1st 2nd 5th 3rd Bdes Rptd Descorps 60 Div ANZAC

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3rd Bdes rptd	2nd Bde	Descorps	60 Div
ANZAC			

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small parties on all tracks N and E of ES SALT to keep up intermittent firing all night aaa They will not withdraw till dawn aaa Div troops will withdraw at once aaa Div H Q' will withdraw gradually in front of the rearguard and opens at K 6 b at 1930 today aaa Addt 1st 2nd 3rd 5th Bdes Fd Sig Sqdns AQ ADMS Camp Commandant APM rptd Descorps ANZAC 60 Div

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	2nd Bde	Fd. Sqn	A D M S	Descorps
	3rd Bde	Sig Sqn	Camp Commdt	ANZAC
				60 Div

Sender's Number. Day of Month. In reply to Number. AAA
 * GA 866 3

Division will gradually withdraw down track 13 aaa Retirement may take two days aaa No movement to be made before dark aaa 5th Bde will withdraw immediately after dark via track running due west from L 20 and come under orders of Gen COX at K 21 aaa 3rd Bde will retire immediately after dark holding northern exits of ES SALT till 12 midnight aaa He will push straight through to the bridgehead as fast as possible aaa Immediately after dark 2nd bde will take up a position to cover his own retirement through ES SALT to track 13 aaa At midnight 2nd Bde will retire from ES SALT and take up rearguard position S W of ES SALT about J 31 and will not retire till ordered to do so by Div Commander aaa Gen COX will picket the heights the whole way down from 2nd Bde rearguard westwards aaa 3rd and 2nd Bdes will leave

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION ORDER No. 7.

Reference map:- 1" = 1 mile (Sheets 15 & 16).

1. (i) G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division took over command of the left sector of Desert Mounted Corps front at 1200 to-day. The Sector consists of area bounded :-

On Right - Line from bridgehead at EL AUJA crossing (inclusive) to W. MIDAN (inclusive) at G.S. central.

On Left - KUHN SURTUSSEN (118.M.17) - Point 630 (118.R.11.d) EL KUSS (118.S.1.a) - RAS EL TAWIL (118.C.14) to Point (100.J.20.a.9.9) - (EL AZIRIYEH, to Desert Mounted Corps), thence to mouth of WADI KH BAR (114.V.16.c).

(ii) The troops at his disposal are :-

Australian Mounted Division.
I.C.C. Bde., including H.K. & Singapore Battery.
1/1st Staffordshire Yeomanry (less 2 Squadrons).
383rd Siege Battery.

2. (1) Until further orders are received, G.O.C. I.C.C. Bde. will be responsible for the defence of, and forward reconnaissance from, that portion of the Divisional front which is West of the JORDAN and North of the Junction of the W. AUJA with the JORDAN.

The troops at his disposal are:-

I.C.C. Bde.
1/1st Staffordshire Yeomanry (less 2 Squadrons).
383rd Siege Battery.

(ii) G.O.C. I.C.C. Bde. will be prepared hand over right of his line to 5th Mtd. Bde. about 0400 to-morrow.

(iii)

(a) G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Bde. will at 1700 to-day assume command of the EL AUJA bridgehead.

By that hour one Regiment 3rd A.L.H. Bde. will have relieved the Regiment N.Z.M.B. Bde. at present holding the bridgehead.

(b) The duties of 3rd A.L.H. Bde. are to :-

- I. Hold the EL AUJA bridgehead.
- II. Maintain by day and by night a line of observation consisting of strong reconnoitring detachments as near as possible to the foothills East of the JORDAN and to the RED HILL (127.C.19).
- III. Employ every available man in the Brigade in digging and wiring a bridgehead defence to the EL AUJA crossing. The work will be carried out by day and night until completed.

NOTE.- The Divisional Commander with G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Bde. are to select sites of bridgehead at 1400 to-day.

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- 3. (i) 5th Mtd. Bde. has been ordered to ~~move up to~~ the W. AUJA and render full support to I.C.C. Bde. wherever required under direct arrangements between G.O.C. concerned.
- (ii) 5th Mtd. Bde. will be prepared to take over the right of the I.C.C. Bde. line to-morrow at about 0400.
- 4. The C.N.A. will draw up and issue instructions to all concerned providing for the artillery defence of the whole divisional front.
- 5. Wire communications to EL AUJA ford and to I.C.C. Bde. will be laid at once.
- 6. G.O. Field Squadron will provide all requisite R.E. material and will assist G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Bde. in completely wiring EL AUJA bridgehead defence.
Every effort is to be made to push this work on with the utmost rapidity.
Wiring will take precedence to digging.
- 7. 4th A.L.H. Bde. is in Divisional reserve and will be ready to move its fighting troops and 1st line transport at 8 hours' notice.
- 8. Sherwood Rangers and Worcester Yeomanry are in Divisional reserve under command of Lt. Col. Williams, D.S.O.
- 9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R.H. Osborne

Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

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TO 20th (Ind) Inf Bde
3rd L H Bde
C R E Descorps

Sender's Number.	Day of Month.	In reply to Number.
* GA 893	5	AAA

20th Ind Inf Bde passed to command of G O C
AUSDIV at 1800 to-day AAA G O C 20th Ind Inf
Bde will place one battalion (less 2
companies) at disposal G O C 3rd A L H
Bde to be employed for work on the
bridgehead making arrangements direct with
3rd Bde AAA Remainder of Bde will be
employed on improving the approaches to the
crossing under advice to be given by
the C R E AAA Addsd 20th Ind Inf Bde
reptd 3rd Bde C R E Descorps

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I.C.C. Brigade.
 4th A.L.H. Brigade.
 5th Mounted Brigade.
 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.
 1/1st Worcester Yeomanry.
 Lt.-Col. E.M. Williams, D.S.O.
 Field Squadron.



1. It is intended to protect the gap between the present left post (Y.21) of the left sub-sector and the 53rd Division by a mobile defence.

One regiment has been placed at the disposal of the Left Sub-sector Commander for this purpose and will be bivouaced on the AUJA about Y.22.

2. The Regiment will be employed as follows:-
- (i) By day, to observe the ground from the left post (Y.21) to right of 53rd Division.
- (ii) By night,
- (a) one squadron posted on the approximate line Y.21 - B.10.d.
- (b) the remainder of the regiment to be prepared in case of attack to threaten the enemy's rear by rapid movement up the AUJA.
3. Lieut.-Colonel Williams, D.S.O., G.S., A.I.F., will, in consultation with G.O.C. I.C.C. Brigade, at once reconnoitre the approximate line Y.21 - B.10.d and will site posts on that line.

The posts will be designed to hold one troop.

4. Posts should, if possible, include the following characteristics:-
- (i) Cover most probable lines of approach.
- (ii) Be hidden from the enemy and come as a surprise to him.
- (iii) Have covered lines of approach from the rear.
- (iv) Be designed for all round prolonged defence.
- (v) Be so placed and designed as to prevent enemy approaching to bombing distance.
5. (i) The work will be carried out at night under supervision of the O.C. Field Squadron with labour provided as below until the work is finished.

4th A.L.H. Bde.	300.
Sherwood Rangers.	100.
Worcester Yeomanry.	100.

- (ii) When required this labour will be demanded by O.C. Field Squadron.

(Sd) R.H. Osborne,

Lieutenant-Colonel,
 General Staff,
 Australian Mounted Division.

6th May, 1918.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION ORDER No. 8.

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Reference map: 1" = 1 mile.

Para 6 contd.

1. (i) 4th A.L.H. Bde. will relieve the I.O.C. Bde. (less H.K. & S. Bde.) in the sub-sector of the Divisional front.
(ii) The limits and general scheme of defence of this sub-sector are laid down in Australian Mtd. Div. Defence Scheme, dated 3th May.
2. The relief will be carried out under direct arrangements between Brigade Commanders concerned, subject to the following provisions:-
 - (i) One Regt., 4th A.L.H. Bde. will occupy the present bivouac of the Sherwood Rangers (I.26.c) from 1800 May 10th; they may be employed on works by G.O.C. I.O.C. Bde. during night 10th/11th, but not more than one troop should be tactically employed without permission from Div. H.Q.
 - (ii) The relief of the line will commence on the afternoon May 11th and be completed as far as possible before dark; those troops relieved will be relieved as soon after as possible.
 - (iii) The G.O.C. I.O.C. Bde. will retain his H.Q. communications and command of all troops of both brigades during the relief and until it is completed. When the relief is complete, command will be handed over and Div. H.Q. notified.
3. (i) On relief each brigade will withdraw into Div. Reserve and will be concentrated by 12th May 1942 on the South side of the cable communication area through 4th A.L.H. Bde. with Div. H.Q. The exact location of camp selected will be reported to Div. H.Q.
4. All sub-sector maps, sketches, orders, etc. will be handed over.
5. (i) All ammunition dumps, grenades, lights etc. and area stores will be handed over, their location notified and receipts given. A copy of the receipt will be forwarded to Div. H.Q.
(ii) I.O.C. Bde. will march out with the mobile ammunition echelons full.
6. Moves during and subsequent to the above relief will take place as follows:-
 - (1) One Bde. A. & N.Z. Mtd. Div. comes under command of G.O.C. Aust. Mtd. Div. at 1800 on May 11th and will be disposed at that hour as follows:-
 - (a) Bde. (less 1 Regt.) in Divisional Reserve in area J.35 and H.30.
 - (b) One Regt. in Div. Reserve in ONSLOW'S camp about Y.25.c. This Regt. will be at the disposal of the G.O.C. 4th A.L.H. Bde. for works, but should not be tactically employed without permission from Aust. Mtd. Div.

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Para. 6 contd.

(ii) I.C.C. Bde. is to move on the evening of 18th to TALAT ED DUM and pass from command of G.O.C. Aust. Mtd. Div. under instructions to be issued later.

7. A.P.M. will take special steps to control traffic on these roads during the move.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE.

9. The relief will be carried out under the supervision of the Brigade Commander concerned, subject to the approval of the G.O.C. Aust. Mtd. Div.

10. Lieutenant-Colonel (General Staff) Australian Mounted Division will be relieved on 9th May 1918.

11. The G.O.C. I.C.C. Bde. will retain the command of the relief force until it is completed. The relief force will be relieved by the 4th A.L.F. Brigade.

12. On relief completed the 4th A.L.F. Brigade will be relieved by the 1st Indian Inf. Bde. with Div. H.Q. at the location of camp.

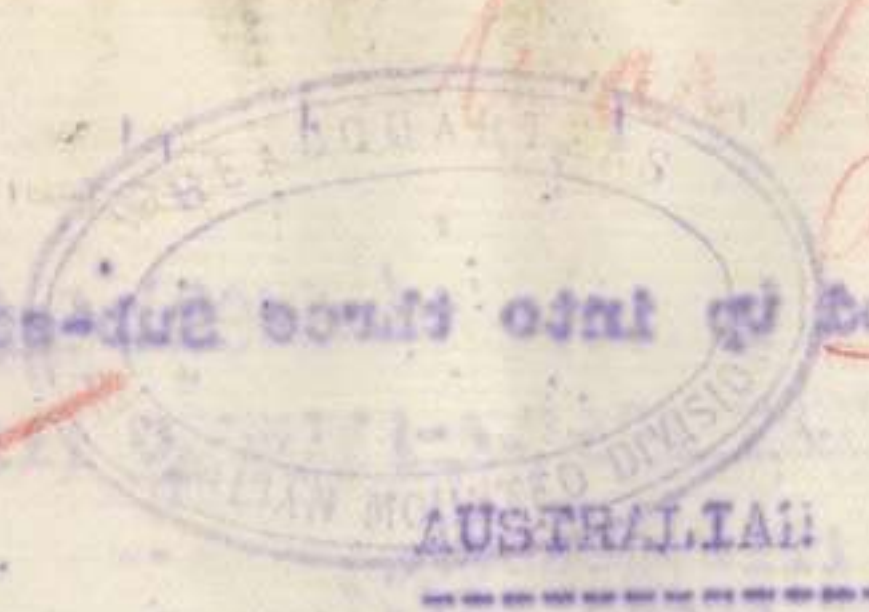
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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

Left Boundary - 113.0.14. - 100.J.20.a.2.0
 Right Boundary - 113.K.10.0. (Right Sector)
 - EL AUJA - W. IDAN, all inclusive to Left Sector.

Left. - EL KUSR
 113.S.24.d.

(b) The left post of the Corps right sector is 113.S.25.a.

2. The Corps is to be disposed of as follows:
 Australian Mounted Division
 20th Indian Artillery (employed on special work).
 Artillery:
 1 R.F.A. Brigade:
 1st Heavy Battery, 1st R.F.A. Brigade.
 1st Section, 1st Heavy Battery.
 Hong Kong & Singapore Battery.

3. (i) The organisation and location of Artillery in the presence of the line has been notified in Artillery Instructions No. 1, amended by Amendment to Artillery Instructions No. 1 dated 8/5/18.

(ii) Night lines will be laid and protective barrages by day when required will be put down as close in front of the front line posts as each Battery can shoot with safety.

(iii) Where possible guns will be pushed forward by day to deal with distant enemy movement. An offensive attitude is most necessary.

(iv) It is essential that the closest touch be maintained between Artillery and Cavalry Commanders.

(v) The C.R.A. will prepare plans to provide the heaviest possible artillery support to any counter attack which it may be necessary to undertake.
 Particular attention will be paid to this problem in the gap mentioned in para. 5, sub-para. (iii)(c), below.

(vi) The Corps Commander will test the artillery arrangements from time to time by ordering all available guns to be turned on to selected points. All officers must know what guns can cover their front.

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4. The Divisional front is divided up into three Sub-sectors, Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

They are as follows :-

No. 1 Sub-sector.

Right Boundary - TEL ES SULTAN - EL AUJA Bridgehead - W. BIDAN at O.6.central (all-inclusive).

Left Boundary - KH. ES SURAH (J.14) - present left of bridge defences at J.6.a.2.7 - river bend at F.25.c.7.8 - thence N. along East bank of JORDAN river.

No. 2 Sub-sector.

Right Boundary - KH. ES SURAH (J.14) - present left of bridge defences at J.6.a.2.7 - river bend at F.25.c.7.8 - thence N. along East bank of JORDAN river.

Left Boundary - The line X.13 - X.31 - Z.13 - (SH. IBRAHIM).

No. 3 Sub-sector.

Right Boundary - The line X.13 - X.31 - Z.13 - (SH. IBRAHIM) (exclusive).

Left Boundary - Same as Divisional left boundary in Para. 1(1) above.

5. GENERAL SCHEME OF DEFENCE IN EACH SUB-SECTOR.

(i) (a) No. 1 Sub-sector scheme of defence consists of the defence of EL AUJA bridge from all directions, principally by means of a bridgehead to the East end of JORDAN and defensive works between JORDAN and W. MELLAHAH.

(b) One regiment is detailed to the defence of this sub-sector, and for adopting an offensive attitude beyond the JORDAN as detailed in Para. 12 below.

If an opportunity presents itself to surprise the enemy a mounted force should be used to seize the opportunity. The remainder of the Brigade in this Sub-sector is in Div. Reserve, but will be placed at the disposal of No. 1 Sub-sector Commander for offensive action if applied for for the above offensive purpose.

(ii) No. 2 Sub-sector.

(a) The general line of resistance will run from UMM ESH SHEHAF to X.31.central (exact line selected to be reported at once).

(b) Suitable provision for incessant observation is necessary as far South as and exclusive of the EL AUJA bridge defence line at J.6.b.4.5.

(c) For mounted reconnaissance, see Para. 12 below.

(iii) No. 3 Sub-sector.

(a) The main line of defence will include EL MASKERAH - EL MUSALLABEH - Y.21.b as at present. A second position will be prepared at once on ABU TELLUL.

(b) The gap between the left post of No. 2 Sub-sector and the right of No. 3 Sub-sector must be watched by day and night.



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(ii) COUNTER-ATTACK TRENCHES.

Supports will be located close at hand behind the front line works, in counter-attack trenches sited where possible on the reverse slope.

Counter-attack trenches should not be wired. These supports will counter-attack immediately in case of a front line work being rushed without waiting for artillery support.

(iii) Sections of sub-sectors will have their own reserves. Their role is to maintain their line intact; they will therefore be prepared to counter-attack rapidly. A locality should however be prepared for defence near their bivouac in case of surprise.

(iv) (a) Sub-sector reserves are usually better dispersed than grouped. Retaining a portion of the sub-sector reserve handy to each section of the sub-sector enables rapid support to be given in depth in any direction.

(b) Sub-sector reserves will maintain a nucleus garrison of at least 1/12th their strength in each Centre of Resistance (see below), in the sub-sector.

(v) (a) Centres of resistance are works of a more elaborate nature, designed to hold one or two squadrons or companies. The objects of these works will be to bar the way to the enemy should he break through the front line, and to force him to expose himself to counter-attack.

Sub-sector commanders will mutually confer and forward as soon as possible to Div. H.Q. their suggestions as to location and size of these Centres of Resistance in their area, but no work will be done on these works till their siting has been approved by the Corps commander.

(b) Sub-sector commanders will regard the occupation of these Centres of Resistance in case of need as the last resource of the sub-sector commander. This is not to be resorted to until all efforts to counter-attack the enemy or to hold him further forward has failed.

(vi) Sub-sector commanders must be in such close touch with the Artillery Group commander affiliated to the sub-sector, that artillery support should always be immediately available for immediate counter-attack by all troops of the sub-sector.

(vii) If the enemy penetrates into any portion of the sub-sector defences, he will be ejected by an immediate counter-attack.

If this counter-attack fails, the enemy must be pinned to his ground. Counter-attack by the Divisional reserve will not be made until it has been possible to arrange for thoroughly efficient artillery support.

9. Every command, down to a squadron or company, will be organised in depth. Brigades and regiments (or battalions) will keep at least one regiment (or battalion) ~~any one~~ or squadron (or company), and usually more, in reserve.

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Para. 5 (iii) contd.

(o) The gap between the post at Y.21.b and the 53rd Division right at Pt. 2391, 113.S.2C.d will be watched by day.

By night the three defended posts made under Divisional arrangements on the line Y.21.b - B.10 will be held by one Squadron or equivalent unit of the I.C.C. Bde. with listening posts between the defended posts.

G.O.C. left sub-sector will at once lay and maintain telephone communication to each of these posts and will have a plan ready to support these defended posts quickly in case of attack in order to pin the enemy to his ground.

6. (i) The Divisional reserve will be located in squares H.30 and J.25.

The Brigades in Divisional reserve will always be responsible for knowing all routes to all portions of the Divisional front which are passable by day or night.

(ii) If the enemy should penetrate into the gap between the line EL MUSALLABEH, 113.Y.21.b, and the right of 53rd Division, he will be ejected by a counterattack delivered by the Divisional reserve, supported by all available artillery and if necessary, by the Corps Reserve. In the event of the enemy not being completely ejected, he will be pinned to his ground, and steps taken to close his avenues of supply behind him. The country West of the lowest foothills in this area is so difficult that it would be impossible for him to maintain himself there for long, provided that movement in the foothills is denied to him.

7. (i) Each sub-sector commander will immediately organise his Sector for defence in depth. No. 1 Sub-sector will be organised for defence by one regiment only.

(ii) Reserves are to be held under the hand of Sub-sector Commanders as follows :-

- No. 1 Sub-sector 2 Regiments and 8 M. guns (Div. Reserve)
- Nos. 2 and 5 Sub-sectors 1 Regiment or Camel Bata.

Defence will be carried out as follows :-

FRONT LINE WORKS.

Self-contained works to hold garrisons of from a troop or platoon upwards. They will be wired all round and will, in addition, when they are within 150 yards of one another, be joined by rays of wire forming an obtuse angle thus, with a view to the fire of automatic rifles.





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10. Garrisons will invariably be told off in terms of units (platoon, troop less 2 sections, company plus 1 machine gun section, etc.) and not in terms of numbers (10 men, 30 men and 2 Hotchkiss, etc.).

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12. (1) The country East of the JORDAN as far as the foothills and the ground east of the JORDAN between our trenches and those of the enemy will be controlled by means of active reconnaissances both by day and night. Reconnoitring detachments should be of less strength than a troop or platoon and they will invariably attack hostile detachments.

(ii) The importance pointed out of utilizing to the full our present strength, before a reduction takes place, which is likely to be in the near future. The enemy must be thoroughly demoralized by means of minor enterprises and offensive reconnaissances. The strength of the latter must be such as to ensure a practical certainty of being numerically superior to any hostile detachments met with. At the present time, when they can easily be spared from other duties, whole squadrons or companies should be sent out to do this work.

13. Vickers guns will be employed to enfilade the whole of the front.

14. Defensive work must be pushed on rapidly until complete in following order of work:-

- (i) digging front line posts.
- (ii) wiring front line posts.
- (iii) digging counter attack trenches.
- (iv) wiring defensive locality near reserves.
- (v) digging defensive locality near reserves.

15. Application for R.E. material will be made to General Staff, Australian Mounted Division.

16. (i) Following will be maintained in each Sub-sector:-

	<u>In front line.</u>	<u>In Sub-sector reserve.</u>
S.A.A.	As required.	200,000 rounds.
Hand grenades.	1000	1,000
Rifle grenades.	1000	1,000
Lights - Red, Green, White.	100 each colour.	100 each colour.

(ii) Ammunition and grenade dumps will be formed in depth throughout each Sub-sector.

17. S.O.S. Signal, etc.

(1) Lights will be fired in pairs with one minute interval.

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- RED & GREEN means "Give artillery support on pre-arranged night lines"
- GREEN means "Artillery support no longer required"
- (ii) WHITE are to be used for illumination purposes only.
- 18. (i) 1st class communications are essential and the system will be controlled by means of code.
- (ii) Work on roads must be pushed on. Facilities for movement of reserves of as much importance as actual defence works.
- (iii) If requirements as to cable communications cannot be met application should be made to General Staff Australian Mounted Division.
- 19. The system of communications to be adopted for defensive sub-divisions and for the latter must be such as to ensure a practical.
- 20. (i) A daily report will be prepared by the office of this office.
- (ii) G.O.C. sub-section will forward the defence scheme with map as soon as possible.

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9th May 1918.

Colonel, General Staff, Australian Mounted Division.

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SUBJECT :- NOMENCLATURE OF SUB-DIVISIONS OF FRONT.

(To accompany DEFENCE SECRET)

1. For the sake of uniformity the following system of nomenclature will be adopted for defensive sub-divisions and works throughout the Corps front.

2. Sub-divisions of ground will be designated as follows:

FRONT SUB-DIVISIONS AT PRESENT FIELD BY.

Desert Corps Front. 1. Right Sector. (A. N.Z. Mtd. Division) 2. Left Sector. (Australian Mtd. Division)

Left Sector. 1. No.1 Sub-sector of left sector. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade. 2. No.2 Sub-sector of left sector. 5th Mounted Brigade. 3. No.3 Sub-sector of left sector. I.O.C. Brigade.

No. 1 Sub-sector of left sector. A section of left sector. B section of left sector.

No. 2 Sub-sector of left sector. C section of left sector. D section of left sector. E section of left sector.

No. 3 Sub-sector of left sector. F section of left sector. G section of left sector. H section of left sector.

NOTE: Sub-sector commanders will adopt the above SECTION letters. The letters apply to ground and not to units. Div. H.Q. will be informed as to exact limits of each section as chosen by commanders.

3. Front line posts will (i) when they form part of a defended locality, be numbered from right to left, e.g., "GHORANIYEH No. 1" "EL AUJA No. 3" "MUSALLAEH No. 5".

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(ii) Where they do not form part of defended localities be given monosyllabic names.

In No. 1 Sub-sector they will be words beginning with the letter M, O, P, or Q;

In No. 2 Sub-sector with the letter R, S, T, and in No. 3 Sub-sector with the letter U, V, W, X, Y or Z.

Single posts at definite localities like EL FENU, MARHADAT, HAJLA etc. will however be called after these places.

(iii) Counter attack trenches will be called after the name of the posts they support with the addition of the word "COUNTER", i.e., MUSALLABEH NO. 1 COUNTER.

(iv) Centres of resistance and other second line posts (including those in bridgeheads) will be given names of two syllables with initial letters as allotted in para. 3 (ii).

4. Name boards will be prepared and erected early under Brigade arrangements.

5. Sub-sector commanders will forward a list of the names or numbers given to posts and sections with map co-ordinates as soon as possible.

These names will not be used in reports until they have been approved and issued by D.H.Q.

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

8th May 1918.

AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

WEEKLY LOCATION RETURN

Up to 0800 on 10-5-18.



Divisional Headquarters.	113. H.34.a.
2nd Australian Field Squadron.	113. H.33.c.
Signal Squadron.	113. H.34.b.
Divisional Train.	113. K.9.b.
2/32nd Sikh Pioneers (less 1 Coy.)	113. K.6.b.
20th Indian Inf. Bde.	113. J.17.b.
<u>4th A.L.H. Bde.</u> (less 1 Regt.)	113. H.35.a & b. and H.36. (4th Bde. Div. Reserve).
<u>3rd A.L.H. Bde.</u>	
Brigade H.Q.	113. J.12.d.2.1. (3rd Bde. (less 1 Regt.) Div. Reserve).
8th L.H. Regt. (Bde. Reserve less 2 troops)	113. J.12.d.5.2.
2 troops at	113. Z.30.d.9.1.
9th L.H. Regt.	113. J.24.b. - 127. O.13.b.
10th L.H. Regt.	127. O.13.b. - 127. O.7.a.5.3.
<u>5th Mounted Bde.</u>	
Brigade H.Q.	113. Y.24.d.
Gloucester Yeomanry 3 machine guns)	Holding posts at 113. F.7.a.4.0. (bombing post F.7.a.7.9), Z.12.b.
19th M.G.S.)	4.3; Z.11.d.7.8; Z.11.b.3.4; Z.11.a.9.8; Z.5.c.4.c.
9th Hodson's Horse. 5 machine guns)	Holding posts at 113.Z.5.a.3.2; Z.5.c.9.9; Z.4.b.5.2; Z.4.b.2.8;
19th M.G.S.)	X.34.c.5.0; X.34.c.0.3; X.33.d.2.9; X.33.a.5.2; X.33.a.2.4; X.32.b.5.2; X.26.a.3.1;
18th Lancers (Brigade reserve).	113.Z.24.b.2.2.
4 M.Gs (19th M.G.S).	
<u>I.C.C. Brigade.</u>	
Bde. H.Q.	113.Y.23.d.1.9.
4th Bn. (Bde. reserve).	113.Y.29.b.5.9.
26th M.G.Sqdn.	113.Y.11.a.
10th Fld. Troop.	113.Y.23.a.
A.C.F. Ambulance.	113.Y.24.a.

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I.C.C. Bde. (Contd.)

1st Bn. Holding posts at 113. Y.12.b - Y.6.c -
Y.5.a - W.35.c - W.34.d - W.34.b - Y.4.d.

Bn. H.Q. - 113. Y.11.a.

2nd Bn. Holding posts at 113. Y.10.b - Y.16.a -
Y.15.b - Y.16.a - Y.21.b.

Bn. H.Q. 113. Y.22.b.8.4.

12th L.H. Regt. ONSLOW'S CAMP Y.26.c.
(attd. I.C.C.)

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H.Q. AUJA Defences. 113. H.34.a.

H.Q. Right Group.	113. Y.24.b.	H.Q. Left Group.	113. Y.30.b.
Ayrshire R.H.A.	113. Z.22.b.cent.	B/301 (less 2 guns)	113. Y.30.a.5.
A/301.	113. Z.27.d.cent.	2 guns B/301.	113. Y.17.d.8.7.
Sect. 91st Heavies.	113. J.3.b.5.9.	C/301.	113. Y.22.d.5.7.
Sect. 383rd Siege.	113. Z.25.b.6.2.	H.K. & S. Battery.	113. Y.16.centra.
Inverness R.H.A.	113. J.4.d.2.9.	Sect. 383 Siege.	113. Y.20.b.5.5.
Somerset R.H.A.	113. J.5.central.	11th Mtn. Battery.	113. Y.16.d.8.8.

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11th May, 1918.

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6. C.R.A.
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14. A.P.M.
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17. 1st Mtd Division.
18. 53rd Division.

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SUBJECT:- LOCATIONS & DISPOSITIONS - No.3 Sub-sector.

2nd L.H. Bde. A.A. & Q.M.G.
3rd L.H. Bde. A.D.M.S.
4th L.H. Bde. Desert Mtd. Corps.
5th Mtd. Bde. A. & N.Z. Mtd. Div.
C.R.A. 1st Mounted Div.
Field Sqdn. C.R.E. Desert Mtd. Corps.
Signal Squadron.



The following names have been given to the posts situated in No. 3 Sub-sector:-

F. Section.	Post in	Y.12.b.5.5. MASKERAH	No.1 Post.
	Y.6.c.9.5.	"	" 2 "
	Y.5.b.7.0.	"	" 3 "
	W.35.c.3.8.	MUSALLABEH	" 1 "
	W.35.c.2.8.	"	" 2 "
	W.34.d.8.9.	"	" 3 "
	W.34.b.2.2.	"	" 4 "
	Y.4.d.8.8.	"	" 5 "

G. Section.	Post in	Y.10.b.3.7.	VALE.
		Y.10.c.7.0.	VIEW.
		Y.15.b.6.2.	VAUX.
		Y.15.d.8.0.	ZOO.
		Y.21.b.3.0.	ZEISS.

H. Section.	Post in	Y.27.a.5.5.	WOOD.
		H.2.b.6.9.	WILD.
		H.2.c.9.5.	WART.
		H.7.b.0.8.	WAX.
		Y.19.b.5.5.	WICK. (Night post only).

(Sd) R. H. Osborne,

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Australian Mounted Division.

14th May, 1918.



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Divisional Headquarters	113. H.34.a.
2nd Field Squadron, A.E.	113. H.33.c.
Signal Squadron.	113. H.34.b.
Divisional Train.	113. K.9.b.
Divnl. Receiving Station.	113. K.27.
2/32nd Sikh Pioneers (less 1 Coy.)	113. K.6.b.
(<u>2nd A.L.H. Bde. (less 6th L.H. Regt.)</u>	
(B.H.Q.	113. H.36.a.
(5th L.H. Regt.	113. H.36.b.
(7th L.H. Regt. & 2nd A.M.G.Sqn. (less 2 guns).	113. H.36.c.
Divnl. Reserve. (<u>3rd A.L.H. Bde.</u>	Holding No. 1 Sub-sector.
(B.H.Q.	113. J.23.b.5.9.
(Field Troop.	113. J.12.d.1.1.
(Field Ambulance.	113. J.15.c.3.3.
(8th L.H. Regt.	113. J.12.b. & d.
(10th L.H. Regt.	113. J.12.b. & d.
(3rd A.M.G.Sqn. (less 4 M.Gs.)	113. J.12.b. & d.
(9th L.H. Regt. (less 2 troops) plus 4 M.Gs.	Holding A Sector Defences, E. of JORDAN.
((2 remaining troops)	Holding B Sector Defences W. of JORDAN.
(Regtl. H.Q.	127. O.7.c.5.8.
<u>5th Mtd. Bde.</u>	Holding No. 2 Sub-sector.
B.H.Q.	113. Y.24.d.
Field Troop.	113. Z.25.d.
Field Ambulance.	113. Z.26.c.
Glouc. Yeo. (in Bde. reserve)	113. Z.23.c.
19th M.G. Sqn. (less 8 M.Gs)	113. Z.25.c.
18th Lancers & 4 M.Gs.	Holding D Section.
Regtl. H.Q.	113. Z.11.c.
Hodson's Horse & 4 M.Gs.	Holding E Section.
Regtl. H.Q.	113. Z.2.b.9.6.
<u>4th A.L.H. Bde.</u>	Holding No. 3 Sub-sector.
B.H.Q.	113. Y.29.d.5.5.
Field Ambulance.	113. H.18.a.
Bde. Reserve. (4th L.H. Regt.	113. Y.23.c.
(4th A.M.G. Sqn. (less 8 M.Gs)	113. Y.18.d.
12th L.H. Regt. & 4 M.Gs.	Holding F Section.
Regtl. H.Q.	113. Y.11.a.2.6.
11th L.H. Regt. & 4 M.Gs.	Holding G Section.
Regtl. H.Q.	113. Y.22.b.8.4.
6th L.H. Regt. & 2 M.Gs.	Holding H Section.
Regtl. H.Q.	113. Y.22.central.

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H.Q. AUJA Defences 113. H.34.a.

H.Q. Left Group	113.Y.30.b.	H.Q. Right Group	113.Y.24.b.
B/301 (less 2 guns)	113.Y.30.a.	Ayrshire R.H.A.	113.Z.22.b.cent.
2 guns B/301	113.Y.17.d.8.7.	A/301	113.Z.27.d.
C/301	113.Y.22.d.5.7.	Section 91st Heavy	113.U.3.b.5.9.
H.K. & S. Battery	113.Y.16.cent.	Section 383rd Siege	113.Z.23.b.0.9.
Section 383rd Siege	113.Y.29.b.5.5.		
11th Mtn. Battery	113.Y.16.b.8.8.		

AUJA Bridgehead Sub-group.

Inverness R.H.A.	113. J.4.d.2.9.
Somerset R.H.A.	113. J.5.cent.

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- 19th Bde. R.H.A.
- Field Squadron.
- Signal Squadron.
- A.A. & Q.M.G.
- A.D.M.S.
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3rd L.H. Bde. A.D.M.S.
4th L.H. Bde. Desert Mtd. Corps.
5th Mtd. Bde. 53rd Division.
C.R.A. 1st Mounted Div.
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Signal Sqdn. Corps.)



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This office SG/135 of 12th May, 1918, is cancelled.

The following are the corrected names and co-ordinates of the posts situated in No. 2 Sub-sector:-

REFERENCE 1" map, Sq. 113.

D	(SAFE	Z.12.b.4.3.
	(SALT	Z.11.d.7.8.
	(SCRAP	Z.11.b.3.4.
	(SHELL	Z.11.a.9.8.
	(STAR	Z.5.c.4.0.
E	(TEA	Z.5.c.1.5.
	(TAIL	Z.4.b.2.8.
	(TICK	X.34.c.5.0.
	(THIN	X.27.c.9.6.
	(TART	X.26.d.9.2.
	(TAME	X.26.a.3.1.
	(TOOL	X.32.a.8.8.

(Sd) G. Lloyd Jones,
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for Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,

17th May, 1918.

Australian Mounted Division.

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Field Sqdn. A.D.M.S.
Signal Sqdn. 53rd Div.
A.A. & Q.M.G. 1st Mtd. Div.



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The following are the posts and their co-ordinates in No. 1 Sub-sector:-

'A' Section.

No. 1 Post	113.J.18.c.7.5.	No. 6 Post	127.0.13.b.1.9.
" 2 "	113.J.18.c.8.6.	" 7 "	127.0.7.d.3.3.
" 3 "	113.J.18.d.8.3.	" 8 "	127.0.7.d.3.6.
" 4 "	113.J.18.d.10.8.	" 9 "	127.0.7.b.1.1.
" 5 "	127.0.13.a.3.8.	" 10 "	127.0.7.a.9.9.

Counter Attack No. 1. 127.0.7.c.7.8.
" " " 2. 127.0.7.a.9.2.

Inner Bridgehead.

No. 1 Post	113.J.18.a.0.4.	No. 4 Post	113.J.12.d.2.6.
" 2 "	113.J.18.b.3.8.	" 5 "	113.J.12.b.6.1.
" 3 "	113.J.12.d.3.3.	" 6 "	113.J.12.b.3.3.

'B' Section.

No. 11 Post	113.J.6.d.7.9.
" 12 "	113.J.6.a.8.7.
" 13 "	113.J.6.a.3.8.
" 14 "	113.Z.30.c.1.1.

Counter Attack No. 3. 113.J.6.a.0.4.

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Australian Mounted Division.

20th May, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

SUBJECT-MATTER of Order issued to all concerned at 1800 on 21st May, 1918.

From 0900 on May 22nd, 1918, the following changes take place -

1. Present No. 3 Sub-sector becomes No. 3 and No. 4 Sub-Sectors ~~and~~ and is divided as follows :-

No. 3 Sub-sector.

Right Boundary - As at present.

Left Boundary - Wadi ABU EL HAIYAT from TELL EL MUSETTERAH to track crossing at Y.14.d.4.6 - W. AUJA at Y.21.c.9.5 - H.4.b.2.2 - H.10.d.7.9 - H.16.d.9.1 - along watershed to H.28 central.

No. 4 Sub-sector.

Right Boundary - Same as left boundary No. 3 Sub-sector.

Left Boundary - Same as left Divisional Boundary.



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	Divisional Headquarters.	113. H.34.a.
	2nd Field Squadron, A.E.	113. H.33.c.
	Signal Squadron.	113. H.34.b.
	Divisional Train.	113. K.9.b.
	Divl. Receiving Station.	113. K.27.
	No. 7 Light Car Patrol.	113. H.35.b.
	2/32nd Sikh Pioneers.	113. K.6.b.
	10th L.H. Regt. (less 2 troops) plus 4 M.Guns. 2 remaining troops.	Holding 'A' Section Defences No. 1 Sub-sector E. of JORDAN. Holding 'B' Section Defences No. 1 Sub-sector W. of JORDAN.
	Regimental H.Q.	113.J.12.d.5.2.
	(3rd A.L.H. Bde. H.Q.	113.J.23.b.5.9.
Divl. Reserve.	(8th L.H. Regiment.	113.J.12.b. and d.
	(9th L.H. Regiment.	113.J.12.b. and d.
	(3rd A.M.G. Squadron (less 4 M.Guns).	113.J.12.b. and d.
	<u>5th Mounted Brigade.</u>	Holding No. 2 sub-sector.
	Bde. H.Q.	113. Y.24.d.
Brigade Reserve.	(Gloucester Yeomanry.	113. Z.25.b.2.5.
	(19th M.G. Squadron (less 8 M.Guns).	113. Z.25.b.2.5.
	18th Lancers & 4 M.Guns. Regimental H.Q.	Holding 'D' Section. 113. Z.11.c.
	9th Hodson's Horse & 4 M.Gs. Regimental H.Q.	Holding 'E' Section. 113.Z.2.b.9.6.
	<u>4th A.L.H. Brigade.</u>	Holding No. 3 Sub-sector.
	Bde. H.Q.	113. Y.29.b.5.5.
Brigade Reserve.	(4th L.H. Regiment.	113. Y.23.c.
	(4th A.M.G. Sqdn. (less 8 M.Guns).	113. Y.16.d.
	12th L.H. Regiment & 4 M.Guns. Regimental H.Q.	Holding 'F' Section. 113.Y.11.a.2.6.
	11th L.H. Regiment & 4 M.Guns. Regimental H.Q.	Holding 'G' Section. 113.Y.22.b.8.4.
	5th L.H. Regiment & 4 M.Guns. Regimental H.Q.	Holding No. 4 Sub-sector. H.25.d.
Divl. Reserve.	(<u>2nd A.L.H. Brigade H.Q.</u>	113. H.25.b.
	(6th L.H. Regiment.	113. H.3.b.3.2.
	(7th L.H. Regiment.	113. H.26.d.
	(2nd A.M.G. Squadron (less 4 M.Guns).	113. H.3.d.2.6.

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{ <u>Imperial Service Cav. Brigade. H.Q.</u>	113. H.12.d.
Divl. (Mysore Lancers.	113. H.6.d.
Res- (Jodhpur Lancers.	113. J.1.c.
erve. (Hyderabad Lancers.	113. J.7.a.

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113.H.34.a.

H.Q. Left Group R.A.	113.Y.30.a.	H.Q. Right Group R.A.	113.Y.24.b.
'B' Battery H.A.C.	113.Y.30.a.	Ayrshire Batt. RHA.	113.Z.22.cen.
Notts Batt. R.H.A.	113.Y.23.c.	'A' Battery H.A.C.	113.Z.27.d.
C/301.	113.Y.22.d.5.7.	Sec. 91st Heavy Batt.	113.Z.16.b.
H.K. & S. Battery.	113.Y.16.cen.	Sec. 383 Siege Batt.	113.Z.b.6.9.
Sec. 383 Siege Batt.	113.Y.29.b.5.5.		
11th Mountain Batt.	113.Y.16.b.8.8.		

AUJA Bridgehead Sub-group.

Inverness Battery R.H.A.	113.J.4.d.2.9.
Somerset Battery R.H.A.	113.J.5.central.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION ORDER No. 9.



Reference 1" map.

1. The force under the command of the G.C.C. Australian Mounted Division is being reduced to 4 Brigades.
2. Moves will take place in accordance with the attached table.
3. Orders for the relief of the garrisons of EL AUJA bridgehead and of No. 4 Sub-sector are issued herewith as Australian Mounted Division Order No. 10.
4. Administrative orders will be issued by A.A. & Q.M.G.
5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

R. H. Osborne

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30th May 1918.

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MARCH TABLE to accompany Australian Mtd. Div. Order No. 9.

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UNIT.	JUNE 3rd.		JUNE 4th.		JUNE 6th.		ROUTE.	REMARKS.	
	Time of march	From	To.	Time of march	From	To.			
I.S. Cav. Bde.	1930	Left Sector	TALAAT ED DUMM.	1930	TALAAT ED DUMM	ENAB	ENAB LATRON	Route 29 and as per Desert Mtd. Corps Routine orders Nos. 287 & 301 etc.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Halt night June 3/4 on ground vacated by E.Z.M.R. Brigade. 2. Representative to report 12 hrs. in advance of Pdo. to Admincom, TALAAT ED DUMM and S.O. L. of O. ENAB and LATRON with regard to camping site, water and rations. 3. Comes under direct orders of Des. Mtd. Corps on reaching LATRON. 4. Moves under orders to be issued later to assembly area of new-mounted division.
2nd A.L.H. Bde.				1930	Left Sector	TALAAT ED DUMM.		Routes 27, 29 and as per Des. Mtd. Corps routine orders Nos. 287 & 301.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Occupies camping ground at TALAAT ED DUMM vacated by I.S. Cav. Bde. 2. Reverts to command of A. & N.Z. Mtd. Div. on reaching TALAAT ED DUMM.
22nd Mtd. Bde. (less 1 regt. & 1 section M. Guns).					Corps Reserve.	Divisional Reserve in Left Sector		Route 29.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Occupies camping ground vacated by I.S. Cav. Bde. in 113.H.12.d J.1 and 7. 2. Move to be completed by 0415 June 4th and not to commence before midnight 3rd/4th.
One regt. and one section M.Gs. 22nd Mtd. Bde.					Corps Reserve.	EL AUJA bridgehead.		Routes 29, 16.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preparatory to relief of EL AUJA bridgehead garrison. 2. To come under command of G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Bde. on arrival at bridgehead. 3. Move to be completed by 0415 June 4th and not to commence before midnight 3rd/4th.

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MARCH TABLE (continued).

UNIT.	JUNE 3rd.		JUNE 4th.		JUNE 6th.		ROUTE.	REMARKS.
	Time of march	From	To.	Time of march	From	To.		
One regt. and one section M.Gs. 3rd A.L.H. Bde.	2030	JORDAN	AIN ED DUK.				Routes 15, 29 and 27.	1. Preparatory to relief of garrison of No. 4 sub-sector. 2. To come under command of O.C. 2nd A.L.H. Bde. on arrival AIN ED DUK.
3rd A.L.H. Bde. H.Q.				JORDAN	AIN ED DUK.		Routes 15, 29 and 27.	1. After relief in bridgehead is complete. 2. To reach AIN ED DUK in relief of H.Q. 2nd A.L.H. Bde. by 1930.
One regt. and 2 sections M. Guns 3rd A.L.H. Bde.				1930	JORDAN	Camp in Y.28.c.	Routes 17, 29, 26 and 33.	1. After relief in bridgehead complete. 2. To occupy camp now occupied by regt. and M.Gs. of 2nd A.L.H. Bde.
One regt. 3rd A.L.H. Bde.				1930	JORDAN	AIN ED DUK	Routes 15, 29, 27.	After relief in bridgehead complete.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION ORDER No. 10.

1. The following reliefs will take place on June 4th:-
 - (i)(a) One regiment and 1 section Machine Guns of 22nd Mounted Brigade will relieve one regiment and 1 section Machine Guns of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade as garrison of No. 1 Sub-sector. The relief will be carried out under the orders of G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade and will be complete by 1500.
 - (b) At 1500 G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will hand over command of No. 1 Sub-sector to G.O.C. 22nd Mounted Brigade and will withdraw his troops into No. 4 Sub-sector area as detailed in Australian Mtd. Division Order No. 9.
 - (ii)(a) One regiment and 1 section Machine Guns of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will relieve one regiment and 1 section Machine Guns of 2nd A.L.H. Brigade as garrison of No. 4 Sub-sector. The relief will be carried out under the orders of G.O.C. 2nd A.L.H. Brigade and will be complete by 1200.
 - (b) At 1930 G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will assume command of No. 4 Sub-sector from G.O.C. 2nd A.L.H. Brigade.
2. The completion of all the above reliefs will be wired priority to Divisional H.Q.
3. On relief of Sub-sectors the G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade and 2nd A.L.H. Brigade will hand over respectively to the G.O.C. 22nd Mounted Brigade and 3rd A.L.H. Brigade:-
 - (i) All area stores, for which receipts will be given and forwarded to the A.A. & Q.M.G.
 - (ii) All special maps, sketches, orders, plans relating exclusively to the Sub-sector concerned.
4. At the completion of the above reliefs and of the moves detailed in Australian Mtd. Division Order No. 9, the Brigades of the Division will be distributed as follows:-
 - (i) No. 1 Sub-sector. Garrison - one regiment and 4 machine guns of 22nd Mounted Brigade.

The sub-sector is placed temporarily, tactically and for works and administration, under the command of G.O.C. 22nd Mounted Brigade, but he will have all arrangements ready to hand over the command of the Sub-sector to Div. H.Q. at a moment's notice, in the case of the Divisional Reserves being required to move.
 - (ii) No. 2 Sub-sector.

5th Mounted Brigade under command of G.O.C. 5th Mounted Brigade.
 - (iii) No. 3 Sub-sector.

4th A.L.H. Brigade under command of G.O.C. 4th A.L.H. Brigade.

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(iv) No. 4 Sub-sector. Garrison - One Regiment and 4 machine guns of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

The sub-sector is placed temporarily, tactically and for works and administration, under the command of G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade, but he will have all arrangements ready to hand over the command of the sub-sector to Div. H.Q. at a moment's notice, in the case of the Divisional Reserves being required to move.

(v) Divisional Reserves.

(a) 22nd Mounted Brigade (less one regiment and one section machine guns).

Located at H.12 and 6, J.1 and 7, and ready to move in shortest possible time in any direction.

(b) 3rd A.L.H. Brigade (less one regiment and one section machine guns).

Ready to move in shortest possible time in any direction, and located as follows:-

Bde. H.Q. and one regiment - AIN ED DUK.
One regiment and M.G. Sqn. (less 1 section) - Y.28.c.

5. O.C. Field Squadron will detail an R.E. maintenance party to the JORDAN bridges to work in conjunction with guards to be detailed by the A.A. & Q.M.G.

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30th May 1918.

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5th Mounted Brigade.
4th A.L.H. Brigade.



1. The "centres of resistance"
 - (i) in No. 2 Sub-sector, on the general line Z.29.c - Z.14.central to accommodate a total garrison of one regiment and
 - (ii) in No. 3 Sub-sector, at approximately Y.11.central, Y.17.a and Y.16.central,

have been approved by the Corps Commander.
2. The detailed siting of these works has been approved by the Divisional Commander.
3. These posts are sited, not only with a view to forming pivots for counter attacks with the object of retaking any posts of our present line which may be lost, but also with a view to a readjustment of our line, should it at any time in the future become necessary to evacuate the Wadi EL MELLAHAH and EL MUSALLABEH.

(Sd) R. H. Osborne,
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Australian Mounted Division.

31st May, 1918.

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22nd Mounted Brigade.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

Reference: WEEKLY LOCATION RETURN.
1" to 1 mile map. (up to 1200 on 31.5.18)



Divisional Headquarters.	113. H.34.a.
2nd Field Squadron, A.E.	113. H.33.c.
Signal Squadron.	113.H. 34.b.
Divisional Train.	115. K.9.b.
Divl. Receiving Station.	113. K.27.
11th Battery L.A.C. Bde.	113. L.1.c.
No. 7 Light Car Patrol.	113. H.35.b.
2/32nd Sikh Pioneers.	115. K.6.b.

No. 1 Sub-sector.

Held by 10th A.L.H. Regiment (less 2 troops) plus 4 M. Guns. Holding 'A' Section Defences, E. of JORDAN.

2 remaining troops. Holding 'B' Section Defences, W. of JORDAN.
113.J.12.d.5.2.

Regimental H.Q.

No. 2 Sub-sector.

Held by 5th Mounted Brigade.

Bde. H.Q.	113. Y.24.a.
Brigade Reserve. {	9th Hodson's Horse. 113. Z.25.b.2.5.
	19th M.G. Squadron (less 8 M. Guns). 113. Z.25.b.2.5.
18th Lancers and 4 M. Guns.	Holding 'D' Section.
Regimental H.Q.	113. Z.11.c.
Gloucester Yeomanry and 4 M. Guns.	Holding 'E' Section.
Regimental H.Q.	113.Z.3.b.3.9.

No. 3 Sub-sector.

Held by 4th A.L.H. Brigade.

Bde. H.Q.	113. Y. 29.b.5.5.
Brigade Reserve. {	4th L.H. Regiment. 113. Y.23.c.0.0.
	4th A.M.G. Squadron (less 8 M. Guns). 113. Y.16.d.
12th L.H. Regiment and 4 M. Guns.	Holding 'F' Section.
Regimental H.Q.	113. Y.11.a.2.6.
11th L.H. Regiment and 4 M. Guns.	Holding 'G' Section.
Regimental H.Q.	113. Y.22.b.8.4.

No. 4 Sub-sector.

Held by 5th L.H. Regiment and 4 M. Guns.
Regimental H.Q.

113. H.25.d.

-/ Divisional Reserve.

Divisional Reserve.

3rd A.L.H. Ede. Ede. H.Q. 113. J.23.b.5.9.
(loss 10th L.H. Regt.)
8th L.H. Regiment. 113. J.12.b and d.
9th L.H. Regiment. 113. H.12.b and d.
3rd A.M.G. Squadron (loss
4 M. Guns). 113. J.12.b and d.

Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade.

Ede. H.Q. 113. H.12.d.
Mysore Lancers. 113. H.6.d.
Jodhpur Lancers. 113. J.1.c.
Hyderabad Lancers. 113. J.7.a.

2nd A.L.H. Brigade. (less 5th L.H. Regt.).

Brigade H.Q. 113. H.26.b.
6th L.H. Regiment. 113. H.3.b.5.2.
7th L.H. Regiment. 113. H.26.d.
2nd A.M.G. Squadron (less
4 M. Guns). 113. H.3.d.2.6.

ARTILLERY.

H.Q., R.A., AUJA DEFENCES. 113. H.34.a.

H.Q., Left Group R.A. 113.Y.30.a. H.Q., Right Group R.A. 113.Y.24.b.
'B' Battery H.A.C. 113.Y.30.a. Ayrshire Battery RHA. 113.Y.22.b.
Notts Batt. R.H.A. 113.Y.23.c. central.
O/301. 113.Y.22:d.5.7. 'A' Battery H.A.C. 113.Y.27.d.
H.K. & S. Battery. 113.Y.13.cent. Section 91st H. Batty. 113.Z.16.b.
Section 363 Siege Bty. 113.Y.29.b.5.5.
11th Mtn. Battery. 113.Y.16.b.8.8.

AUJA Bridgehead Sub-group.

Inverness Battery R.H.A. 113.J.4.d.2.9.
Somerset Battery R.H.A. 113.J.5.central.

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