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OF

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	July			
	1		Desert Mounted Corps order received, for relief of 1st Mounted Division by 2nd Mounted Division, and the move of 3rd A.L.H. Bde. to TALAAT ED DUMM on night 10th/11th insts.	
	2	0800	5th Mounted Brigade completed the move to SOLOMON'S POOLS.	
		1100	The Divisional Commander inspected men and horses of 3rd A.L.H. Bde. H.Qrs., 3rd Australian Signal Troop and 8th A.L.H. Regiment. Divisional Order No. 17 issued:- Reference moves of - (1) 3rd A.L.H. Bde. - SOLOMON'S POOLS to TALAAT ED DUMM on night 10th/11th. (2) 22nd Mtd. Bde. - TALAAT ED DUMM to SOLOMON'S POOLS on night 7th/8th.	Appendix No. 1.
	3	0100	22nd Mtd. Bde. arrived at TALAAT ED DUMM from the JORDAN Valley and came under orders of G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division.	
		1100	The Divisional Commander inspected the 9th A.L.H. Regiment. G.S.O. 1 (Lt.Col. R.H. Osborne, D.S.O., M.C.) returned from short leave in Egypt.	
	4		The Divisional Commander inspected the 8th Mob. Vet. Section and 10th A.L.H. Regiment. G.S.O. 2 (Major A.T. Kavanagh, M.C.) left on short leave to Egypt.	
	5		} Routine.	
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	7		Desert Mounted Corps order received detailing moves of Headquarters and Divnl. Troops, and 3rd A.L.H. and 5th Mtd. Bdes. from BETHLEHEM and SOLOMON'S POOLS to TALAAT ED DUMM and Left Sector.	
	8		Divisional Order No. 18 issued reference moves of the Division (less 4th A.L.H. Bde.) to TALAAT ED DUMM and Left Sector.	Appendix No. 2.

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	9		Mohammedans of 5th and 22nd Mtd. Bdes. granted leave to celebrate the festival of Ramadan Bairum in JERUSALEM.	
	10		Divisional Commander inspected Headquarters 5th Mtd. Bde. and the Gloucester Yeomanry.	
	11		The Divisional Commander inspected 18th Lancers.	
	12		The Divisional Commander inspected 9th Hodson's Horse.	
	13		Routine.	
	14	0600	Desert Mtd. Corps reported that during night 13th/14th enemy attacked No. 3 Sub-sector (Left Sector, JORDAN Valley Defences) and broke through between VIEW and VALE Posts, and reached ABU TELLUL, but were driven off by counter attack at 0530.	
		0610	Order received from Desert Mtd. Corps: 3rd A.L.H. Bde. ordered to move from TALAAT ED DUMM to Wadi NUBIAMEH and 5th Mtd. Bde. from SOLOMON'S POOLS to TALAAT ED DUMM.	
		0800	5th Mtd. Bde. reported that they would be ready to move at 1000, but that they were hampered by the large number of Indians sick from the Bairum Festival.	
		0940	Desert Mtd. Corps order received: 5th Mtd. Bde. to stand fast, but to be in readiness to move at one hour's notice.	
		1000	22nd Mtd. Bde. ordered to have one regiment in readiness to move at one hour's notice.	
		1030	22nd Mtd. Bde. report 6th Cavalry Regt. standing by to move at one hour's notice.	
		1100	Desert Mtd. Corps report that the position in Left Sector has been restored and that over 500 prisoners (majority Germans) have been taken.	
		1200	Desert Mtd. Corps order received: 5th Mtd. Bde. will probably not be required, but they are to be watered by 1700 and in readiness to move at one hour's notice.	
		1800	Desert Mtd. Corps Administrative Instructions, for moves of Div. H.Q., Divisional Troops, 5th Mtd. Bde. and 1st A.L.H. Bde., received.	
	15	0600	Desert Mtd. Corps order received: 5th Mtd. Bde. will not now be required.	

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	July			
	15	1200	<p>Divisional Order No. 19 issued, in continuation of Div. Order No. 18 of 8th inst., detailing moves in connection with the relief of A. &amp; N.Z. Mtd. Division in the Left Sector on the 20th inst.</p> <p>Desert Mtd. Corps order received: 3rd A.L.H. Bde. will now relieve 1st A.L.H. Bde. on night 16th/17th inst. 1st A.L.H. Bde. marches the same night to TALAAT ED DUMM.</p>	Appendix No. 3.
	16	1200	<p>Order issued for Headquarters Coy. of Divisional Train and 5th Mtd. Bde. to leave SOLOMON'S POOLS so as to be at Kilo. 13 at 2315 and 2330 respectively. (The times stated in Div. Order No. 19 to be so amended).</p> <p>Copy of 3rd A.L.H. Bde. order received, for relief of 1st A.L.H. Bde. in No. 3 Sub-sector. Relief to take place night 16th/17th.</p>	
	17		<p>Desert Mtd. Corps report: 3rd A.L.H. Bde. have relieved 1st A.L.H. Bde. in No. 3 Sub-sector, and 1st A.L.H. Bde. have arrived at TALAAT ED DUMM.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander and G.S.O. 1. visited the new Australian &amp; New Zealand Mounted Brigade (late I.C.C. Bde.) at BIR SALEM.</p>	
	18	0030	<p>5th Mtd. Bde. arrived TALAAT ED DUMM area.</p> <p>The Divisional Commander and G.S.O. 1. visited A. &amp; N.Z. Mtd. Div. Headquarters reference taking over of Left Sector Defences on 20th inst.</p>	
		1645	<p>Divisional Troops moved from BETHLEHEM area to TALAAT ED DUMM.</p>	
		1700	<p>5th Mtd. Bde. reported having moved to the JORDAN Valley and bivouaced about K.9. (Ref. map 1/40,000, sheet B.6).</p>	
	19	1700	<p>Divisional Troops (under command of O.C. Field Squadron) moved from TALAAT ED DUMM for Left Sector.</p>	
		1900	<p>Desert Mtd. Corps report: 5th Mtd. Bde. have taken over No. 4 Sub-sector from N.Z.M.R. Bde., who have moved to TALAAT ED DUMM.</p>	
	20	0700	<p>Divisional Troops arrived at H.34.a. (Sheet B.6).</p>	
		0900	<p>G.O.C. Australian Mtd. Division took over command of the Left Sector from G.O.C. A. &amp; N.Z. Mtd. Division.</p>	Appendix No. 4.

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	July 20		<p>Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 0700 issued.</p> <p>3rd A.L.H. Bde. report 5 shells (apparently gas) fired on to MUSALLABEH. No casualties but Garrison experienced bitter taste in mouth and bitter feeling. Shells later found to be merely H.E.</p> <p>Order issued reference the relief of 60th Division Artillery in Left Sector by 53rd Division Artillery under instructions to be issued by G.O.C. R.A.</p>	Appendix No. 4
	21	0700  0900	<p>Situation unchanged. Quiet night on whole sector.</p> <p>Divisional Commander, and G.S.O. 1. visited G.Os.C. 2nd, 3rd and 4th A.L.H. Bdes. to discuss defence measures.</p> <p>Intelligence Summary issued.</p>	Appendix No. 5
		1000	<p>2 Deserters from 11th Coy., 3rd Battn., 163rd Regt., 53rd Division, taken by 5th Mtd. Bde at WAX Post (No. 4 Sub-sector).</p> <p>1 Deserter, 3rd Coy., 1st Battn., 143rd Regt., 24th Division, taken by 7th A.L.H. Regt. at X.34.a. (No. 2 Sub-sector).</p> <p>53rd Division reported having handed command of Right Sector XXth Corps area to G.O.C. 60th Division.</p>	
	22	0700 0800 0900	<p>Situation unchanged. Quiet throughout night.</p> <p>Divisional Commander and G.S.O. 1. visited ABU TELLUL with G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Bde.</p> <p>1 Deserter taken by 2nd A.L.H. Bde. at Y.24. (Sheet B.6), and 1 Deserter 3/163rd Regt. taken by 5th Mtd. Bde. at WAX Post (H.l.c.).</p> <p>Intelligence Summary issued.</p>	Appendix No. 6
			<p>3rd A.L.H. Bde. ordered to garrison by night the BLUFF and ABU TELLUL Right and Left with one squadron and a section machine guns. During the day these troops may be withdrawn into cover behind the positions.</p> <p>Letter written to 3rd A.L.H. Bde. reference work to be carried out on the 3 Centres of Resistance.</p> <p>(1) The BLUFF, (2) ABU TELLUL Right, (3) ABU TELLUL Left.</p> <p>The four posts on each position to be at once completed to hold 30 Rifles and a H.R.</p>	Appendix No. 7

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	July 23	0700 0900	<p>Situation unchanged. Quiet throughout night.                      Intelligence Summary issued.</p> <p>Memorandum to C.R.A. on relief of 13 pdr. Batteries in Left Sector by a portion of Composite Bde. R.F.A., consisting of A/272, B/270 and B/271 Batteries.                      Desert Mounted Corps report War Office have authorised change of name as follows:-                      5th Mounted Brigade to be 13th Cavalry Brigade.</p>	<p>Appendix No. 8</p> <p>Appendix No. 9</p>
	24	0700 0900	<p>Situation unchanged. Quiet throughout night.                      Intelligence Summary issued.</p> <p>Order issued for the withdrawal of C/303 Battery from the line under orders to be issued by C.R.A.                      At 2100 25th inst. Battery to move from Left Sector, to TALAAT ED DUMM.</p>	<p>Appendix No. 10</p>
	25	0700 0900  1200  1400	<p>Situation unchanged.                      Intelligence Summary issued.</p> <p>1 Arab deserter taken by 4th A.L.H. Bde. at AUJA Bridgehead.                      Divisional Order No. 21 issued, for relief of 2nd A.L.H. Bde. in No. 2 Sub-sector by 12th Cavalry Brigade. Command of Sub-sector to pass to G.O.C. 12th Cav. Bde. at 1200 29th inst.                      Instructions received from Desert Mtd. Corps that as mounted troops are being withdrawn from the JORDAN Valley for training, in order to conceal this fact from the enemy all troops moving Westwards should move under cover of darkness, and those moving Eastwards should enter the Valley by daylight.</p> <p>13th Cav. Bde. order received ref. relief of 13th Lancers by 9th Hodson's Horse in front line No. 4 Sub-sector on night 27th/28th.                      4th A.L.H. &amp; 13th Cav. Bdes. ordered to ensure that all officers of the Divisional reserves thoroughly reconnoitre outlets to the two valleys between ZOO and ZERUM Posts and the AUJA Valley. In event of attack on our Western flank mounted counter action will in all probability take these courses.</p>	<p>Appendix No. 11</p> <p>Appendix No. 12</p>
	26	0700	<p>Situation unchanged.                      Location Return as at 0900 issued.</p>	<p>Appendix No. 12a.</p>

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<del>---</del>	July 26	0900	Intelligence Summary issued.  Order received from C.R.A. ref. relief of "A" Battery H.A.C. by an 18 pdr. Battery of the Composite Bde. R.F.A., on night 28th/29th.  Amendments and Addenda to Defence Scheme of Left Sector issued.	Appendix No. <del>13</del> 13
<del>---</del>	27	0300 0600 0700 0700 0900	Desert Mtd. Corps report that extraordinary movement is reported near SHUNET NIMRIN. 4th A.L.H. Bde. ordered to reconnoitre vigorously Eastwards. 5th Cavalry Division and 4th A.L.H. Brigade report all clear at NIMRIN and no unusual movement. Situation unchanged. Enemy artillery active on MUSALLABEH and the BLUFF (W.35. & Y.6) from 0500 to 0700. Intelligence Summary issued.	Appendix No. <del>14</del> 14
<del>---</del>	28	0700 0900  1300	Situation unchanged. Intelligence Summary issued.  Enemy Artillery shelled 5th A.L.H. Regt. in Wadi AUJAH about Z.25 & 26 (Sheet B.6) inflicting several casualties. Shelling in ABU TELLUL also heavy from 1400 to 1500. Letter received from Desert Mtd. Corps reference increase of our Artillery fire in both counter battery and harassing work. Special harassing "shoots" to be carried out on the 31st July, 1st, 2nd and 3rd August. At least 450 rounds to be expended on each day.	Appendix No. <del>15</del> 15  Appendix No. <del>16</del> 16
<del>---</del>	29	0200  0500 0700 0900	3rd A.L.H. Bde. report that at 0200 about 20 enemy approached VAUX Post (Y.9.a), fired 3 flares and about 20 rifle shots, but withdrew on being fired on. British aeroplane brought down by A.A. fire. Observed to settle North of BAKR Ridge. Situation unchanged. Intelligence Summary issued.  Letter written to 12th Cav. Bde. reference digging of support redoubts SANDFLY, RINGDOVE and TURTLE. Work to be pushed forward at once.	Appendix No. <del>17</del> 17

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	July 29	1200	Command of No. 2 Sub-sector passed to G.O.C. 12th Cav. Bde. Copy of order from C.R.A. Left Sector, to Artillery Groups, received reference harassing fire to be carried out in enemy bivouacs, roads, trenches and river crossings on 31st July, 1st, 2nd and 3rd August.	
		1900	Desert Mtd. Corps order received for withdrawal of Notts. Battery R.H.A. and B/H.A.C. from the line by night 1st/2nd August and subsequent march to DEIRAN.	
	30	0700 0900	Situation unchanged. Quiet throughout night. Intelligence Summary issued.	Appendix No. 18
		1130	Letter written to Brigades reference period of harassing fire. 12th Cav. Bde. granted permission to carry out following moves:- Bde. H.Q. to junction of Wadis MELLAHAH & AUJAH (J.5.b.8.2), 18th M.G. Sqn. H.Q. and led horses to Wadi AUJAH, immediately South of STAFFORD Post.	
		1400	Desert Mtd. Corps order received:- Worcester Yeomanry will relieve Gloucester Yeomanry (in 13th Cav. Bde.) on night 3rd/4th August. Gloucester Yeomanry to be withdrawn to SOLOMON'S POOLS after relief.	
		1930	13th Cav. Bde. report having taken 4 prisoners at TEL EL TRUNY. 7 Turks were observed, and a troop of Indians of Hodson's Horse under a British officer worked round to a position from where they could gallop the enemy patrol. Artillery fire was arranged for to attract the attention of the enemy while the troop worked into position. Prisoners belonged to 9th Coy., 3rd Battn., 163rd Regt., 53rd Division. 4th A.L.H. Bde. reported 12th A.L.H. Regt. moved to Wadi AUJAH about Z.26.a.6.6. and 4th A.M.G. Sqn. to Wadi OBEIDEH about Z.26.d.0.0.	
			Memo. ref. relief of 19th Bde. R.H.A. on night 1st/2nd Aug. and subsequent march to DEIRAN issued.	Appendix No. 19
	31	0700 0900	Situation unchanged. Quiet throughout night. Intelligence Summary issued.	Appendix No. 20
		1100	Order issued for relief of Gloucester Yeomanry by Worcester Yeomanry on night 3rd/4th August.	



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			<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SUMMARY FOR MONTH OF JULY.</u></p> <p>During the period 1st to 20th July the formations of the Division at BETHLEHEM - SOLOMON'S POOLS area made every effort to bring the horses up into condition, and carried out special training in Signalling and Hotchkiss Rifle work, but otherwise rested.</p> <p>Prior to the Brigades moving to the JORDAN Valley the Divisional Commander inspected each unit during mid-day stables, men standing to their horses, and the benefit of the month's rest was evidenced in the great improvement in appearance of both men and horses.</p> <p>At 0900 on the 20th July the G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division took over the command of the Left Sector, JORDAN Valley Defences.</p> <p>During the period 20th - 31st July the enemy showed no especial activity, but at night showed signs of nervousness. From information obtained from deserters they expected us to attack.</p> <p>Intermittent hostile shelling was fairly constant on MUSALLABEH and ABU TELLUL area, and on our battery and led horse positions along the Wadi AUJAH.</p> <p>There were constant rumours amongst deserters of a withdrawal of all Germans from the front; also of Enver Pasha having been assassinated.</p> <p>Prisoners stated that their conditions were bad, food scarce, impossible to get clothes renewed, and all complained of general bad treatment by their officers.</p> <p>Digging of existing Works and the "3rd line" trenches at MADHBEH and along the AUJAH was pushed on with, and wiring improved and extended.</p> <p><u>PROPAGANDA.</u> A quantity of Propaganda sheets were distributed by advanced patrols on the 4 Sub-sectors. Enemy P/W state that they are getting these sheets and that it is having the desired effect amongst them.</p>	

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for Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
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- | <u>No.</u> | <u>Subject Matter.</u>   |          |
|------------|--|----------|
| 1.         | Div.Order No.17 re moves of 3rd.A.L.H.& 22nd.Mtd.Bdes.   |          |
| 2.         | Div.Order No.18 re relief of A.& N.Z.Mtd.Division in Left Sector, JORDAN Valley Defences by Australian Mounted Division on 20-7-18.                |          |
| 3.         | Div.Order No.19, in continuation of Div.Order No.18, detailing moves in connection with relief of A.& N.Z.Mtd. Division in Left Sector on 20-7-18. |          |
| 4.         | Summary of Intelligence for 24 hrs.ending 0700 20-7-18.  |          |
| 5.         | - do -   | 21-7-18. |
| 6.         | - do -   | 22-7-18. |
| 7.         | Instructions to 3rd.A.L.H.Bde.re work on 3 "Centres of Resistance" in No.3 Sub-sector.   |          |
| 8.         | Summary of Intelligence for 24 hrs. ending 0700 23-7-18.   |          |
| 9.         | Change of title of 5th.Mounted Brigade and 1st.& 2nd. Mounted Divisions to 13th.Cavalry Brigade and 4th.& 5th Cavalry Divisions respectively.      |          |
| 10.        | Summary of Intelligence for 24 hrs.ending 0700 24-7-18.  |          |
| 11.        | - do -   | 25-7-18. |
| 12.        | Div.Order No.21 re relief of 2nd.A.L.H.Bde. by 12th. Cav.Bde.in No.2 Sub-sector.   |          |
| 12a.       | Location Return as at 0900.....  | 26-7-18. |
| 13.        | Summary of Intelligence for 24 hrs.ending 0700 26-7-18.  |          |
| 14.        | Amendments & Addenda to Defence Scheme of Left Sector, Desert Mounted Corps (dated 12th.June,1918).  |          |
| 15.        | Summary of Intelligence for 24 hrs.ending 0700 27-7-18.  |          |
| 16.        | - do -   | 28-7-18. |
| 17.        | - do -   | 29-7-18. |
| 18.        | - do -   | 30-7-18. |
| 19.        | Relief of 19th.Bde.R.H.A. in the line on night, Aug.1st/2nd.   |          |
| 20.        | Summary of Intelligence for 24 hrs.ending 0700 31-7-18.  |          |

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION ORDER No. 17.  
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2nd July, 1918.

1. 3rd A.L.H. Bde. and 22nd Mtd. Bde. will move in accordance with the attached March Table.
2. (1) On leaving TALAT ED DUMM, 22nd Mtd. Bde. will cease to be in Corps reserve.  
(11) On arrival at TALAT ED DUMM 3rd A.L.H. Bde. will come into Corps reserve, but remaining under administration of Australian Mounted Division and will report arrival direct to Desert Mounted Corps H.Q.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*A. Kavanagh Maj. S.S.*

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|          | 4.  | Signal Squadron.  |
|          | 5.  | Divisional Train. |
|          | 6.  | A.A. & Q.M.G.     |
|          | 7.  | -do-              |
|          | 8.  | A.D.M.S.          |
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MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY AUSDIV ORDER No. 17.

UNIT	From	To	Date	Time of Starting	REMARKS
22nd Bdo. Coy. of Div. Train	TALAT ED DUMM	SOLOMON'S POOLS	July 6th	So as to be closed up clear of the road at Kilo 13 by 2300 to allow I.S. Cav. Bde. Train to pass, resuming march when latter is clear.	Comes under orders of C.O. Aus- tralian Mtd. Div. Train on arrival.
22nd Mtd. Bdo.	TALAT ED DUMM	SOLOMON'S POOLS and I.C.C.P.9 area.	July 7th	So as to be closed up, clear of the road at Kilo. 13 by 2300 to allow I.S. Cav. Bde. to pass, resuming march when latter is clear.	
3rd Bdo. Coy. of Div. Train.	SOLOMON'S POOLS.	TALAT ED DUMM	July 9th	So as to be closed up clear of the road at Kilo. 13 by 2300 to allow 8th Mtd. Bde. and Div. Train Cos. of 1st Mtd. Div. H.Q. and 8th Mtd. Bde. to pass, resuming march when latter is clear.	1. Representative will meet A.A. & Q.M.G. Descorps at Kilo. 13 at 1430 July 9th. 2. Representative will report to Admincon TALAT ED DUMM at 1600 July 9th for camp site and water.
3rd A.L.H. Bde.	SOLOMON'S POOLS.	TALAT ED DUMM.	July 10th	So as to pass Kilo. 13 at 2330 when it will pass H.Q. 1st Mtd. Div. & 8th Mtd. Bde	1. Representative will report to A.A. & Q.M.G. Descorps at Kilo. 13 at 1430 July 10th. 2. Representative will report to Admincon TALAT ED DUMM at 1600 July 10th for camp site and water and to take over area stores of 8th Mtd. Bde.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION ORDER No. 18.

Reference map - 1" = 1 mile.

1. (i) At 0900 on July 20th G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division relieves G.O.C. A. & N.Z. Mtd. Division in command of the Left Sector.  
(ii) At the same hour G.O.C. A. & N.Z. Mtd. Division assumes command of all troops in the SOLOMON'S POOLS area.
2. Moves will take place in accordance with the attached March Table.
3. Brigades while at TALAT ED DUMM are tactically in Corps Reserve, but are to be administered by the Division to which they normally belong.
4. 3rd A.L.H. Bde. moves from TALAT ED DUMM to Left Sector on night of 17th/18th inst. under orders to be issued by A. & N.Z. Mtd. Division.
5. Detailed orders will be issued later for moves of
  - (i) 5th Mtd. Bde. from SOLOMON'S POOLS to TALAT ED DUMM.
  - (ii) Headquarters and Divisional Troops, Australian Mtd. Division to TALAT ED DUMM and Left Sector.
  - (iii) 1st A.L.H. Bde. from TALAT ED DUMM to SOLOMON'S POOLS.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Issued by D.R.L.S. at  
1300, 8th July, 1918.

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Australian Mounted Division.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION ORDER No. 19.

In continuation of Divisional Order No. 18 of 8th instant.

1. Moves will take place as directed in March Table issued herewith.
2. Move of H.Q. Australian Mtd. Div. (less Cars) and Divisional Troops.  
 Divisional Troops Group, consisting of Div. H.Q., H.Q. Field Squadron, Signal Squadron and Sanitary Section, will march under command of C.O. Field Squadron.
3. Divisional Report Centre will close at the Carmelite Monastery, BETHLEHEM, at 0900 on July 20th and will reopen at present H.Q. A. & N.Z. Mtd. Division (H.34.a - 1/40,000, R.S) at the same hour.
4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*A. Kavanagh. Major G.S.*  
for Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Australian Mounted Division.

Issued at 1200, 15th  
July, 1918 per D.R.L.S.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION

MARCH TABLE ACCOMPANYING DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 18.

FORMATION	Night July 17/18	Night July 18/19	Night July 19/20	REMARKS
3rd A.L.H. Bde.	TALAT ED DUMM to Left Sector.			Under orders to be issued by A. & N.Z. Mtd. Division.
5th Mtd. Bde.	* SOLOMON'S POOLS to TALAT ED DUMM	% TALAT ED DUMM to Left Sector.		* Details of move will be issued later. % Under orders to be issued by A. & N.Z. Mtd. Div.
H.Q. and Divnl. Troops, Australian Mtd. Division.		BETHLEHEM to TALAT ED DUMM.	TALAT ED DUMM to Left Sector	Detailed orders will be issued later.
1st A.L.H. Bde.		TALAT ED DUMM to SOLOMON'S POOLS		-ditto-

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTAIN DIVISION.

March Table accompanying Divisional Order No. 19.

Serial No.	Date	Formation or unit	Move		Hour of starting	Route	REMARKS
			From	To			
1	16.7.18	5th Mtd. Bde. Coy. of Train.	Solomon's Pools	Talat ed Dumm.	1930		Representative to report to Admincom, Corps H.Q. area at 1600 July 16th for camp site and water.
2	17.7.18	5th Mtd. Bde.	-do-	-do-	So as to pass Damascus Gate at 1930.		Representative will report to Admincom, Corps H.Q. area at 1600 July 17th for camp site and water.
3.	a. 17.7.18	H.Q. Coy. of Train	Bethlehem	-do-	-do- at 1900		Representative will report to Admincom, Corps H.Q. area at 1600 July 17th and to H.Q. A. & N.Z. Mtd. Div. at 1600 July 18th for camp site and water.
	b. 18.7.18	-do-	Talat ed Dumm	Left Sector.	1900	Now Road (Southern)	
4	a. 18.7.18	Div. Troops Group.	Bethlehem	Talat ed Dumm.	So as to pass Kilo. 13 at 2530, where they will pass 1st Bde. Co. of Train & Gwalior Infantry.		1. Representative will report to Admincom, Corps H.Q. area at 1600 July 18th and to H.Q. A. & N.Z. Mtd. Div. at 1600 July 19th for camp site & water. 2. Representative will meet A.A. & Q.M.G. Descorps at Kilo. 13 at 1430 on July 18th.
	b. 19.7.18	-do-	Talat ed Dumm	Left Sector.	1930	Personnel & horses by Roman Rd. (Northern); Vehicles by Now Rd. (Southern)	
5	18.7.18	1st A.L.H. Bde. Coy. of Train.	-do-	Solomon's Pools (about 100 P.10 1").	So as to be closed up & clear of Rd. at Kilo 13 by 2300		1. Representative will meet A.A. & Q.M.G. Descorps at Kilo. 13 at 1430 on July 18th. 2. Representative will report to H.Q. Ausdiv at 1600 July 18 for camp site and water.

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MARCH TABLE (Contd).

Serial No.	Date	Formation or Unit	Move		Hour of Starting	Route	REMARKS
			From	To			
6	19-7-18	1st A.L.H. Bde. (less Coy. of Train).	TALAT ED DUMM	SOLOMON'S POOLS.	1930		Representative to report to H.Q. Aust. Mtd. Div. (BETHLEHEM) at 1600 19th July for camp site and water.


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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

Daily Intelligence Summary - 24 hours ending 0700, 30-7-18.

1. **ATTITUDE OF ENEMY.** 0435 Patrol No. 1 Sub-sector experienced rifle & H.G. fire from F.10, 11. Strength enemy 40 to 50 rifles and 2 H.Gs.  
1600 Enemy still occupy above position. Activity of enemy below normal.
2. **ENEMY MOVEMENT.** 0500 Party 10 men observed on GRANT HILL.  
0600 Lead horses observed to move up to GRANT HILL.  
0615 6 mounted men moving South in G.30.  
0915 17 mounted men moving North along foothills from G.7.c.  
1430 O.P. in F.5.c. occupied by 4 men. Waggon and pack animals observed on road in Sq. W.20.b. during day. Cavalry appear to water at W.14.g.

3. **ARTILLERY.**

Time	No.	Ads.	Calibre.	Nature.	Area shelled.	Fired from.
0510	7		77	H.E.	Patrol G.11.	G.30.a.
0845)	100		5.9	H.E.)	MUSALLABEH.	RED HILL.
1000)				S.)		
0900)	16		77	H.E.	Y.10.c & d.	R.29.central.
1000)						

Posts on No. 3 Sub-sector were shelled by small gun, location R.29.central. When shell burst it let off a yellowish green gas which had the effect of making one bilious and a burning sensation in mouth.

4. **DEFENCES.** Nil.

5. **PATROLS.** 1200. Enemy patrol emerged from WADI BAKR and took up a position on W.21.c. and retired at 1430.

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20th July, 1918.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE  
for 24 hours ending 0700 21st July, 1918.

A. ATTITUDE OF ENEMY.

0400. Patrol from No. 1 Sub-sector fired on by about 30 rifles from F.10 and 11.  
Otherwise exceptionally quiet throughout whole of Sector.

B. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

0400. 30 infantry seen to occupy works in F.10 and 11.  
0600. Small cavalry patrol moved from F.17.a into Wadi MIRRIN.  
0630) Small parties with packs, animals and transport  
0830) moved N. along track in W.14 and W.8.  
0730. Small parties infantry moving about in F.8.b.  
0815) Camels being led in one's and two's appeared to  
1600) be loaded with fanatis moving E. and W. between ULM ESH SHERT and G.33, apparently carting water from JORDAN. About 100 camels in all.  
0830. Approx. 120 pack animals and several wagons in one convoy moving N. through W.14 and W.8.  
1400. Enemy observed on GRANT HILL.  
1435. Motor car moved N.E. along ROMAN Road in U.17.  
1530. 4 camels (loaded) moved S. over RED HILL.  
1835. 6 mounted men moving N.E. along Roman Rd. V.7. N I L.

C. DEFENCES.

D. ARTILLERY.

(Enemy)

Time	Rds.	Calibre	Nature	Area shelled	Fired from
0700	4	77	H.E.	MUSALLABEH, Y.10 and Y.5.	W.25.a
1800					
0545	4	77	(H.E. (S.	Indian patrol P.7	G.30.a.
0800	8	77	H.E.	Y.30.b	-
1300	10	10 pdr.	H.E.	Tool & Tart Postd	-
1330					
1500	8	77	H.E.	Tart Post	-
1815	-	77	H.E.	Tool & Tart Posts	-
1830	12	4.2"	H.E.	Z.20	-
1825	13	5.9"	H.E.	-	RED HILL
2115	10	5.9"	H.E.	-	RED HILL

E. PATROLS.

0345. Patrol of 1 H.C.O. 3 men moved out from F.20 and got in touch with enemy in F.10 and F.11. Fired on by about 30 rifles and 1 L.G. located in F.9.a. Patrol withdrew to F.20.  
1530. Patrol 1 H.C.O. 3 men moved out from F.21, moving N.E. through F.17.d and F.18.a thence to F.6.c. Little movement observed. Enemy O.P. in G.33.c occupied. Patrol then returned by same route.

F. RELIEFS.

1845. Two troops moved from P.16.b to P.21.b. Immediately afterwards 2 troops moved back over same route to DECCAN HOUSE.

G. P. of W. and deserters for 24 hrs. ending 0700 21.7.18 :-  
1 deserter, 3/1/143 Regt. 24th Div. Taken at X.34.a.2.6 by 7th A.L.H. Regt.

GENERAL.

0650. STAR POST report our aeroplane opened M.G. fire on Turkish system in X.36 at about 3,000 feet.

*W.J. Stevens Lt*  
for Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Australian Mounted Division.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE  
FOR 24 hrs. ending 0700, 22nd July, 1918.  
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A. ATTITUDE OF ENEMY. Unusually quiet throughout Sector.  
B. MOVEMENT OF ENEMY. 0500. About 50 infantry moving N.E. in P.5.c. Transport traffic along foothills between Cave Hill, Wadi BAKR and W.14.b much heavier than usual. Considerable increase of movement on UMM ESH SHERT track moving West; small infantry parties with pack horses.  
(R.A.F) All areas normal with usual movement of small parties.

C. ARTILLERY. Exceptionally quiet.  
(Enemy)

D. DEFENCES. NIL.

E. PATROLS. A patrol 1 H.C.O. and 11 O.R. moved out from WICK Post at 0200 and proceeded to TEL EL TRUNY for purpose of capturing water parties. 8 dismounted men of patrol moved up from TRUNY towards AUJA Gorge at 0800. 2 Turks were followed by patrol but latter was fired on by small parties coming down Gorge, and returned to TRUNY. 20 Turks were seen in all.

0400. Patrols pushed forward to F.10 and 11, and saw no sign of enemy, then withdrew to day position.

1230. Patrol of 4 moved N.E. from F.21, making good the ground in F.18, P.7, thence N. to F.12. Observed 5 infantry on O.P. in U.36.c, but no movement other than this. Patrol then withdrew to F.21.

F. IDENTIFICATIONS AND MOVES. From deserter - 32nd Regt. 53rd Division relieved by 36th Regt. 12th Division.

G. P. of W. and deserters for 24 hrs. ending 0700 22nd July, 1918 -

Deserters	Unit	Taken at	By
2	3/163 Regt. 53rd Division.	WAX Post	5th Mtd. Brigade.

H. GENERAL. A line of trenches extends along crest of JEBEL JELAAD for about 2,000 yds. from 127.B.36.d - 127.H.20.a approximately. (G.H.Q. I 20/7/18).

An Armenian doctor reports that in DAMASCUS the population have it that DJEMAL has killed the Sultan and either killed or wounded ENVER and TALAAT. It is corroborated by prisoner taken by 5th Mtd. Bde. that ENVER and TALAAT have been killed but has heard nothing of death of Sultan.

A hostile aeroplane dropped a package in H.11.c which contained a letter and photograph of an Aust. Flying Corps P/W, also a letter addressed to German P/W at HELIOPOLIS.

Maximum temperatures recorded at Anzac Field Laboratory during W.E. 19.7.18 -  
July 13th 107 degrees, 14th July 110 degrees, July 15th 110 degrees, July 16th 107.5 degrees, 17th 106 degrees, 18th 107.5 degrees, 19th 107 degrees.

USUAL ADDRESSEES.

*W. J. Stevens Lt*  
Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Australian Mounted Division.

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3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

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In confirmation of decisions arrived at this morning I am directed to forward to you the following instructions with regard to the "centres of resistance" in No. 3 Sub-sector.

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1. Sign boards are to be made at once under Divisional arrangements, and will be issued to No. 3 sub-sector for erection at the posts.
2. Every effort should be made to ensure that one officer is detailed to supervise the work on the line until completed. He should not be relieved if it can be helped.
3. Each "centre of resistance" is designed to hold one squadron. Each post or group of small posts will be designed to hold one troop of 30 rifles and one hotchkiss rifle.
4. The 3 "centres of resistance" are designed as follows:-
  - (i) The BLUFF.

Designed to (a) maintain hold on the BLUFF.  
(b) One post to shoot past MASKERAH and to the East.  
(c) At least 2 posts to shoot past MUSALLABEH.  
(d) One post to shoot in front of ABU TELLUL RIGHT No. 1 post.
  - (ii) ABU TELLUL RIGHT.
    - (a) Post No. 1 especially to shoot in front of BLUFF Nos. 2 and 3, and ABU TELLUL LEFT, Post No. 2.
    - (b) Post No. 2 - to shoot in front of Post No. 1 and to the East of the BLUFF.
    - (c) Post No. 3. Dead Germans are buried in this post and must be removed and the post cleared.
    - (d) Post No. 4. Principally to shoot in front of ABU TELLUL LEFT No. 2.
  - (iii) ABU TELLUL LEFT.
    - (a) Post No. 1 - to shoot in front of TELLUL RIGHT Posts 2 and 3.
    - (b) Post No. 2. The wire is too near to this and requires pushing forward.
    - (c) Post No. 3. To shoot past Post No. 4.
    - (d) Post No. 4. Two trenches on Western hill to shoot in front of and behind ZOO.  
One trench on Eastern hill to shoot in front of Post No. 3, and behind ZOO.
5. Great confusion as to the exact posts has arisen through so much digging having been done.  
The Divisional Commander directs that work be carried out in the following order:-
  - (a) Every post to be deepened or sangared to hold 30 rifles. The exact position of the rifles to be marked at once by sandbag elbow rests and name boards.
  - (b) All round wire to be erected to enclose in one enclosure -



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- (i) All the BLUFF posts.
- (ii) ABU TELLUL Right No. 1.
- (iii) " " " Nos. 2 & 3.
- (iv) " " " No. 4.
- (v) " " Left, Nos. 1, 2 & 3.
- (vi) " " " No. 4.

The wiring of ABU TELLUL LEFT is to be completed first, then the BLUFF, then ABU TELLUL Right.

6. The gaps between the "centres of resistance" are not to be wired, in order that counter attacks will not be interfered with.

22nd July, 1918.

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Australian Mounted Division.



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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE  
for 24 hrs. ending 0700, 23rd July, 1918.

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A. ATTITUDE OF ENEMY. Slightly more activity reported about UEM ESH SHERT. 0445. 5 men in X.22 a using M.G. against SHARK'S TOOTH. 0500. 43 rifles in F.10, 11 and M.G. in F.9 a opened fire on North Patrol from No. 1 sub-sector. 1 man wounded. Otherwise attitude quiet.

B. ENEMY MOVEMENT. 1020. 8 Mtd. men appeared in F.12 a; they dismounted and appeared to study maps and plans, then mounted and moved North, disappearing in G.33 c. 1330. Considerable movement of cavalry at watering area W.14 b. 1620. 30 men carrying bundles from redoubt in X.20 a to X.9 a.

No. 2 sub-sector report slightly more movement than usual between redoubts of small parties; and movement heard at UEM ESH SHERT during night.

R.A.F. All areas normal, usual movement of small parties.

C. ARTILLERY. (Enemy)	Time	Rds	Calibre	Nature	Area shelled	Fired from
	0730	3	10 pdr.	H.E.	TART Post.	W. HUMR.
	1100	6	5.9"	H.E.	MUSALLABEH.	RED HILL.
	1100 )	34	77	H.E. )	MUSALLABEH.	Approx. W.19 or W.20.
	1200 )			S. )		
	1600	20	77	H.E. )	VIEW & VAUX Posts.	W.19 or W.20.
	1610	-	10 pdr.	H.E.	TART Post.	W. HUMR.
	1725 )	10	5.9"	H.E. )	ABU TELLUL LEFT)	RED HILL.
	1800 )			H.E. )	VALE & THE BLUFF)	
	1830	6	4.2"	H.E.	X.34 c & d.	-

D. PATROLS. 0500 1 H.C.O. & 3 men came in touch with enemy in F.9, 10, and 11. Were fired on by about 40 rifles and 1 M.G. The H.C.O. was wounded. Enemy did not open fire until patrol was within 500 yds. of their position. 1545 Patrol of 4 left F.21 and made good the ground in F.17, F.23 & 24. No enemy were observed. Patrols from WISE Post left at 0800, 1200 and 1600. All these patrols passed through TEL EL TRONY, which was unoccupied. On returning the morning and mid-day patrols were fired on by snipers from direction of TEL ER RISHAH.

E. O.P. (Enemy) What appears to be an O.P. observed in X.22 b.

F. TENTAGE. 3 tents observed being erected in V.7, with flag flying alongside.

G. P/W and DESERTERS for 24 hours ending 0700, 23rd July, 1918:-

Deserters	Unit	Taken at	By
1	3/163 Regt. 53rd Div.	WAX Post	5th Mounted Brigade.
1	Not known	Y.24.	2nd A.L.H. Brigade.

H. GENERAL. In the evening 20/7/18 three shells from long range gun were fired into JAFFA. 702nd German Cavalry Troop, strength 50 rifles & 3 light M.Gs. were reported at NABLUS. Prisoners belonging to this unit were taken during attack 14/7/18. A Prisoner from 702nd German Cav. Troop states that there is a general conviction amongst Germans that Turkish Artillery deliberately fired on them. Prisoner states that he fired off 10 flares to roar, signal that shells were dropping short, but no heed was taken of them. (G.H.Q. 21/7/18).

*W.J. Stevens Lt*  
for Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Australian Mounted Division.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION ORDER No. 20.

- Under Force Order No. 66, dated July 21st 1918, the following new titles have been approved by the War Office and will be brought into force forthwith:-

<u>OLD TITLE.</u>	<u>NEW TITLE.</u>
5th Mounted Brigade.	13th Cavalry Brigade.
" " " Signal Troop.	" " " Sig. Tp.
" " " Combined Fd. Amb.	" " " C. F. A.
" " " Mob. Vet. Sect.	" " " Mob. Vet. Sec.

- Under the same Force Order the following new titles are approved, to come into force forthwith:-

<u>OLD TITLE.</u>	<u>NEW TITLE.</u>
<u>1st Mounted Division.</u>	<u>4th Cavalry Division.</u>
6th Mtd. Bde.	10th Cav. Bde.
8th Mtd. Bde.	11th Cav. Bde.
22nd Mtd. Bde.	12th Cav. Bde.
<u>2nd Mounted Division.</u>	<u>5th Cavalry Division.</u>
7th Mtd. Bde.	14th Cav. Bde.
I.S. Cav. Bde.	15th (Imperial Service) Cav. Bde.

The Headquarters, Signal Squadrons, and Divisional Trains of the 4th and 5th Cavalry Divisions are to bear the number of their respective Divisions, and the Signal Troops, Combined Field Ambulance and Mobile Veterinary Sections of the 10th, 11th, 12th, 14th and 15th Cavalry Brigades are to bear the numbers of their respective Brigades

*A Kavanagh Major*  
G.S.  
for Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Australian Mounted Division.

23rd July, 1918.

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| 4     | 19th Bde. R.H.A.  | 12    | D.A.D.O.S.        |
| 5     | Field Squadron.   | 13    | D.G.O.            |
| 6     | Signal Squadron.  | 14    | F.P.O., D.M.2.    |
| 7     | Divisional Train. | 15    | A.D.C. for G.O.C. |
| 8     | A.A. & Q.M.G.     | 16    | C.R.A.            |
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*18. File*  
*19-22. War Diary*

AUSTRIAN MOUNTED DIVISION SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE  
for 24 hrs. ending 0700, 24th July, 1918.  
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- A. ATTITUDE of ENEMY. Quiet throughout 24 hours.
- B. MOVEMENT. 0650. 200 horses driven from South end of RED HILL to JORDAN.  
0645 } 50 to 60 pack animals moved East and West on track  
0730 } between UMM ESH SHERT and U.34.a.  
0730 100 cattle being driven Northward from watering area W.14.b.  
1750 What appeared to be 2 gun limbers moved Westward to UMM ESH SHERT in U.34.a.
- C. DEFENCES. Now sandbags have been placed on enemy redoubt X.30.d. 2000. Working party heard in X.36.a.
- D. PATROLS. 0715. 1 N.O.C. and 3 men moved N.E. from F.21.c. making good the ground in F.17, returning through F.23. No enemy observed.  
1500. 1 N.O.C. and 3 men (dismounted) moved N. along E. bank of JORDAN from F.20.c to F.8.central, returning same route. No enemy observed in vicinity of F.9, 10 or 11.
- E. ARTILLERY. (Enemy).

Time	No. rds.	Calibre	Nature	Area shelled	Fired from
0800	70	77 mm	H.E.	MUSALLABEH	RED HILL,
1830		5.9"	S.		W.8 & V.31.
1800	4	4.2"	H.E.	THIN Post	-
1830	Barrage	77 mm	S	Z.18.p.9.5.	-

- F. MORALE. 60th Division report having taken 9 desertors during 12 hrs. ending 1700 23rd instant.

- G. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. 0700. Two hostile aeroplanes flew over this Sector for half-an-hour; these machines appear about the same hour each morning.

- H. GENERAL. While Notts R.H.A. registered GRANT Hill 22.7.18, several infantry dressed in khaki and one horseman ran to cover. Thought to be Germans (D.M.C. I.S. 23.7.18).

An intelligent Greek deserter who left NABLUS on 16.7.18 reports having seen 160 wounded Germans while en route to join 58th Regt. (G.H.Q. 22.7.18).

From a Turkish document it is found that three patrols are sent out daily to :

- (i) KABR MUJAHID (127.W.20.a).  
(ii) TELL ER RAME (127.Y.1).  
(iii) On ridge between ER RAME - HESBAN (127.Y.18) (and)  
Strength of patrols 1 squadron and M.G. *MADEB*

- P. of W. and desertors for 24 hrs. ending 0700 24.7.18 :- NIL.

*W. J. Stevens Lt*  
for Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,

USUAL ADDRESSEES.

Australian Mounted Division.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE  
for 24 hrs. ending 0700, 25-7-18.

- A. **ATTITUDE OF ENEMY.** 1300 3 Riflemen opened fire on H.S. patrol from No. 1 sub-sector from trenches in F.18.  
0715 Enemy snipers X.21.b active against our post on SEAKS TOOTH.  
2200) Enemy Artillery active, firing on our posts in  
2300) LELLANAH
- B. **ENEMY MOVEMENT.** 0730 50 Infantry moved from Watering Area W.14 b to Wadi BALI.  
0800) 40 pack animals moving in small parties to and fro  
1100) between ULM ESH SHERT and G.33.  
R.A.F. Wadi FUSAIL, ULM ESH SHERT, SHUBET NIBRIN and EL ADEIB areas normal, with usual movement of small parties.
- C. **ENEMY DEFENCES.** Barbed wire has been put up in front of redoubt F.3.a.5.1. Sangar on GRANT HILL has been built higher during night 23rd and 24th inst.
- D. **PATROLS.** 0400 Patrols made good the ground as far N. as F.15, 16 & 17 central. 12 Infantry retired from F.17 on approach of our patrol and occupied position in F.11.a.  
1230) Patrol of 1 H.C.O. & 5 p.r. moved through F.23, thence  
1350) N. to F.12.c., then N.E. to G.1.c. Was fired on by enemy in F.11.a. Returned same route.  
The usual day patrols to TEL EL TRUNY saw no sign of the enemy.
- E. **P/W and DESERTERS.** Nil.
- F. **MORAL.** During week ending 1900, 23-7-18, 14 prisoners and 37 deserters (including 1 officer) were taken on the whole front.
- G. **PROPAGANDA.** Propaganda leaflets were distributed during night 24/25 by patrols from all sub-sectors.
- H. **GENERAL.** Prisoner from 11th Reserve JAEGER Bn. states that general impression in prisoner's company was that the attack (14th inst) was very ill-planned. Men were given no definite instructions about their objectives. When they were cut off the officers broke down and did not try to rally their men.  
2 large white bivouacs and 30 horses observed in C.31.  
1820. Hostile plane flew S. over our line and fired on trenches, then turned N. and fired on our patrols.  
*Nº1 Sub-Sector*
- I. **ARTILLERY** (enemy)
- | Time  | Rds. | Calibre   | Nature    | Area shelled    | Fired from           |
|-------|------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 0410  | 25   | 77        | H.E. & S. | F.30; O.6 & 12. | G.30.a.              |
| 0655  | 75   | 77 & 5.9" | H.E. & S. | MUSALLABEH.     | X.1., RED HILL.      |
| 0830  | 16   | 77 & 5.9" | H.E.      | BLUFF.          | do. do.              |
| 1235  | 40   | 77        | H.E. & S. | TOOL & TART.    | 352° from TART post. |
| 1640  | 25   | 5.9"      | H.E.      | X.27, 34.       | X.8.                 |
| 2200) | 16   | 5.9"      | H.E.      | Posts LELLAHA.  | RED HILL.            |
| 2300) | 20   | 10 pdr.   | S.        | do. do.         | 352° from TART post. |
- Entrance to AUJA Gorge appeared to be registered by enemy.

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*W.J. Stevens Lt*  
for Lieutenant Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Australian Mounted Division.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION ORDER No. 21.

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Reference 1/40,000 map, Sheets B.6, C.6.

1. The relief of 2nd A.L.H. Bde. in No. 2 Sub-sector by 12th Cav. Bde., and moves preparatory and subsequent to the relief, will take place as detailed below.
2. The moves are detailed in Move Table, attached.
3. The relief will be carried out under direct arrangements between the Brigade Commanders concerned, subject to the following provisos :-
  - (i) The relief in the line will be carried out under the command of the C.O. 2nd A.L.H. Bde., and command of the Sub-sector will pass at 1200 July 29th and be notified by priority wire.
  - (ii) (a) Every effort will be made to complete the relief of the two regiments and H. guns in the line by 0415 on July 29th, (b) the led horses of the relieving regiments will return to permanent bivouac in the Wady HUBIAMEH in L.2 and L.3, reaching there by 0415.
  - (iii) The Reserve regiment 12th Cav. Bde. will relieve Reserve regiment 2nd A.L.H. Bde. on the night July 29/30.
  - (iv) The Reserve regiment and H. guns 12th Cav. Bde. will not occupy the Wady AUJAH West of Route 17a, as this area is required for 1 regiment and H.G. Sqdn. of the 4th A.L.H. Bde.
4. C.O. 2nd A.L.H. Bde. will hand over to the G.O.C. 12th Cav. Bde. :-
  - (i) All area stores, for which receipts will be given and forwarded to the A.A. & Q.M.G. by the C.O. 2nd A.L.H. Bde.
  - (ii) All special maps, sketches, defence schemes, orders, plans and information relating to No. 2 Sub-sector.
5. All troops of both brigades, other than the garrison of the Sub-sector and the Sub-sector reserve, will be earmarked during the relief as Corps Reserve ready to move if required, under the command of :-
 

The G.O.C. 12th Cav. Bde., up till 1200 July 29th.  
The C.O. 2nd A.L.H. Bde., after 1200 July 29th.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*R. H. Osborne*

Issued by D.R.L.S. at 2015  
25th July, 1918.

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Australian Mounted Division.

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  7. A.A. & Q.M.G.
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  9. -do-
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  20. A. & N.Z. Mtd. Div.
  21. 4th Cav. Division.
  22. 5th Cav. Division.
  23. 142nd Sqdn., R.A.F.
  24. A.D.C. for G.O.C.
  25. War Diary.
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MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 21.

Serial No.	DATE	UNIT	FROM	TO	Time of Starting	ROUTE	REMARKS
1	Night July 28/29.	12th Cav. Bde. (less 1 Regt. & 1 Sec. M.Gs).	Corps H.Q. area	Wady AUJA	1730	(Vehicles by Southern Road). Old Roman Road, Routes 29 and 17A.	All horses of relieving troops, not required, to return to L.2 and L.3 by 0415.
2	-do-	1 Regt. & 1 Sec. M.G. of 12th Cav. Bde.	-do-	Camp at K.4 (B.6).	-do-	-do-	
3	Night July 29/30	Reserve Regt. & 1 Sec. M. Guns 12th Cav. Bde.	K.4	Wady AUJA	1830	As required	To relieve Reserve of 2nd A.L.H. Bde.
4	-do-	2nd A.L.H. Bde. (less 1 Regt. & 1 Sec. M.guns)	Wady AUJAH	Corps H.Q. area	1930	Old Roman Road (Vehicles by Southern Road).	To reach Corps H.Q. area before day light; and report arrival to Corps H.Q.
5	-do-	1 Regt. and 1 Sec. M. guns of 2nd A.L.H. Bde.	-do-	-do-	After relief	-do-	-do-

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LOCATION OF TROOPS. LEFT SECTOR DEFENCES.  
As at 0900, 26th July, 1918.  
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Sheet

UNIT

Reference map 1/40,000, Sheets B.6 and Q.6.

UNIT	Location	Sheet
H.Q. Australian Mt'd. Division	H.34.a	B.6
2nd Field Squadron, A.E.	H.35	"
Signal Squadron	H.28.c	"
Divisional Train	K.8.d.8.5	"
Divisional Receiving Station	K.34.d	"
12th Battery, L.A.A.B.	H.35.a	"
No. 7 Night Car Patrol	H.35.b	"
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2nd A.L.H. Bde.		
Bde. H.Q.	Z.25.a.1.3	B.6
5th A.L.H. Regt.	Z.26.a.8.3	"
6th A.L.H. Regt.	Z.18.c.7.7	"
7th A.L.H. Regt.	X.34.a.7.0	O.6
2nd A.M.G. Sqn.	Z.25.b.1.3	D.6
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3rd A.L.H. Bde.		
Bde. H.Q.	Y.29.d.7.4	B.6
8th A.L.H. Regt.	Y.5.d.3.6	"
9th A.L.H. Regt.	Y.29.a.4.1	"
10th A.L.H. Regt.	Y.25.a.2.9	"
3rd A.M.G. Sqn.	Y.16.b.8.2	"
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4th A.L.H. Bde.		
Bde. H.Q.	H.17.c.4.3	"
4th A.L.H. Regt.	J.1.b.5.5	"
11th A.L.H. Regt.	J.12.d.4.3	"
12th A.L.H. Regt.	H.23.c.5.6	"
4th A.M.G. Sqn.	H.17.d.3.5	"
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15th Cavalry Bde.		
Bde. H.Q.	H.26.b.3.5	"
1/1st Gloucester Yeg.	H.35.c.2.8	"
18th Lancers	H.25.d.5.9	"
9th Hodson's Horse	Y.27.c.8.8	"
19th M.G. Sqn.	H.3.a.6.8	"

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UNIT

Location

Sheet

Reference map 1/40,000, sheet B.6.11.11

H.Q., R.A. Left Sector

Location

H.34.b.

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R.A. Right Group

H.Q.  
Ayrshire Battery, R.H.A.  
Inverness " "  
Somerset " "  
A.H.A.C.

H.34.c.  
H.33.  
H.32.  
H.31.  
H.30.  
H.29.

H.Q. Australian Mt. Division  
2nd Field Squadron  
Signal Squadron  
Divisional Hospital  
Divisional Bakery  
1st Bn. 1st Div.  
No. 7 Light Coy.  
" "

R.A. Left Group

H.Q.  
B/H.A.C.  
Rotts Battery, R.H.A.  
No. 11 Mtn. Battery  
0/267 Bty.

H.28.a.  
H.27.  
H.26.  
H.25.  
H.24.  
H.23.

2nd A.L.H. Bde.  
H.Q. 1st Div.  
2nd A.L.H. Bde.  
3rd A.L.H. Bde.  
4th A.L.H. Bde.  
5th A.L.H. Bde.  
6th A.L.H. Bde.  
7th A.L.H. Bde.

CORPS ARTILLERY.

195th H.B. (1 Section)  
202nd " (Right Section)  
202nd " (Left " " )

3rd A.L.H. Bde.  
" "  
" "

CORPS TROOPS.

1/34th Sign Pioneers

H.34.b. & H.11.c. B.6.A. 3rd

26th July, 1918.

*J. McWilliam Capt.*

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Australian Mounted Division.

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- 12th Cav. Bde.
- 13th Cav. Bde.
- C.R.A. Left Sector
- Defences.
- Signal Squadron.
- Field Squadron.
- Divisional Train.
- A.D.C. for G.O.C.
- A.A. & Q.M.G.

- A.D.S.
- A.V.S.
- A.P.H.
- D.A.D.O.S.
- D.G.O.
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- 6th Division.
- No. 7 L.C. Patrol.
- No. 12 L.A.M. Batty.
- War Diary (4 copies).
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No. 51.

AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE  
for 24 hrs. ending 0700, 26-7-18.

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A. ATTITUDE OF ENEMY.

Quiet.

B. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

0845 15 Pack animals were met on Road in W.14.d. by 8 mounted men, then moved South to W.20.d.  
1200) Continuous movement of small parties of pack animals  
1600) moving to and fro between ULM ESH SHERT and D.21, about 200 animals in all.  
1330 10 Infantry men were observed at Mill in T.17.d.3.2. moving West into AUJA Gorgo.  
R.A.F. Report all areas normal.

C. ENEMY DEFENCES.

1426 9 men observed digging in Square X.14.b..  
Addition to barb wire noticed at redoubt in F.3.a.5.1.

D. PATROLS.

0630 Officer's patrol reconnoitred ground from F.21.a. to F.9.c.5.4. and returned same route. No enemy observed.  
0845 2 N.C.Os. and 8 men (dismtd) reconnoitred ground from F.20.b.2.4. to F.9.a.9.9., returning at 1000 through F.10.a.  
1400) Mounted patrol, 1 N.C.O. & 3 men, reconnoitred ground to along River bed from F.20.a. to F.8.c., thence E.  
1530) through F.9.a. to F.11.b., returning through F.23.  
A few mounted enemy were observed in hills.  
Both morning and evening patrols to TEL EL TRUNY were fired on from T.13.d.

E. ARTILLERY (onemy)

Time	No. Rds.	Calibre	Nature	Area shelled	Fired from
1020	5	77	S.	VISE Post.	CHALK RIDGE.
1400	3	77	S.	SAFE Post.	RED HILL.
1430	24	77	S.	MUSALLABEH.	W.9. or 10.
1500	40	77	H.E. & S.	VALE, VAUX, ABU TELLUL (Left)	- do -
1600	4	-	H.E.	GHORANIYEH Defences.	P.17.c.
1700)	-	10 pdr.	H.E. & S.	TOOL & THIN.	3520 from TART.
1745)	-	4.2"	H.E.	X.34.c.	120 from TART.
1840	5	4.2"	H.E.	X.34.c.	120 from TART.
0400	50	5.9" } 77 }	H.E. & S.	Y.18 & 24 } Z.25. }	Not located.

F. P/W & DESERTERS for 24 hrs. ending 0700, 26-7-18.

Desorter	Unit	Taken at	By
1	Not known.	F.20.	4th L.H. Bde.

G. GENERAL.

0740 Helio reported operating in P.3. (Five Div. 25-7-18).  
Desorter taken by 4th L.H. Bde. states he was conscripted at NABLUS 1-month ago.

*W. J. ...*  
for Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Australian Mounted Division.

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AMENDMENTS and ADDENDA to DEFENCE SCHEME of LEFT SECTOR,  
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS. (Dated 12th June, 1918).

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1. Add, (9th line from bottom of page) at end of Sub-para. (iv) of sub-heading "No. 2 Sub-sector" of Para. 4 :-  
"To be known as Right Section of ABU TELLUL system".
2. Add, in Para. 4, at end of Sub-para. (iii), at bottom of page,  
"To be known as Left Section of ABU TELLUL system".
3. Add, after "Divisional Centres of Resistance" (7 lines above the end of Para. 4,  
"To be known as the EL MADHBEH system".
4. Para. 5 is hereby cancelled, and the following will be substituted, -

"5. Corps Lines of Defence.

The following are possible lines of resistance in the event of its becoming necessary to withdraw still further -

(i) If the AUJA Bridgehead falls;

A line from the left of the EL GHORANIYEH Bridgehead to EL MADHBEH, taking in the QUARRIES in J.14 and 20. This line, from where it leaves the EL MADHBEH system, will be known as "QUARRY SWITCH".

(ii) If EL MADHBEH falls;

The EL AUJA Bridgehead would also have to be evacuated and the line would run from the left of EL GHORANIYEH via the QUARRIES in J.14 and 20 to about H. central, and thence to AIN ED DUK. To be known as H. line.

Dividing line between Sectors :- JEBEL KURUNTUL - along road to L.2.d - thence straight line to JORDAN at J.30.b.7.7, all inclusive to Left Sector.

Dividing line for reconnaissance :- The stream of the JORDAN.

(iii) If the EL GHORANIYEH Bridgehead falls;

RUJM EL BAHR - West bank of JORDAN as far North as KASR EL YEHUD - JERICHO - TEL ES SULTAN - JEBEL KURUNTUL - high ground overlooking AIN ED DUK from the West. A Bridgehead at EL HENU would be maintained as long as possible. Day outposts on the line OSH EL GURAB - MUWEDHDHEN EL BELAL. To be known as JERICHO line.

Dividing line between Sectors : ROMAN ROAD - JERICHO - GHORANIYEH, all inclusive to Left Sector.

(iv) Support line to the above;

Exits from the mountains on the NEBI MUSA NEW and OLD Roads. To be known as MOUNTAIN line.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

26th July, 1918.

*Ritman*

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Australian Mounted Division.

DISTRIBUTION same as for Defence Scheme,  
Left Sector, dated 12th June, 1918.

AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE  
for 24 hours ending 0700, 27-7-18.

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- A. ATTITUDE OF ENEMY. 0515 Heavy M.G. and rifle fire from P.10.c & d at an Indian Patrol from Night Sector.  
1130 TEL EL TRUNY Patrol was fired on by snipers from Hill (T.17.d.2.4).
- B. ENEMY MOVEMENT. 0500 15 Infantry retired from ridge in F.9.a. on approach of our Patrol.  
0640 Movement of small parties of pack animals between UMM BSH SHERT and G.7. 100 animals in all.  
1000) About 500 Infantry and 50 packs moving North along  
1055) foothills in G.23.  
1130 Small parties pack animals, with 5 minutes distance, moving to and fro between G.7. and UMM BSH SHERT. All animals moving East heavily laden. 200 animals in all.  
1650 150 Inf. moving West in hills from ES SALT disappeared in G.3.  
1830 2 Troops enemy cavalry observed N.W. GRANT HILL.
- No. 1 Sub-sector reports more movement of troops than usual during period.

C. ENEMY DEFENCES. Nil.

D. PATROLS. 1055 1 M.G.O. & 3 men reconnoitred ground in F.22, 25, 24 & 17. No enemy encountered.  
A Patrol from No. 4 Sub-sector to NEJMEH reports that the track up through B.3.cent., B.2.b., T.26.cent., T.20.c. to NEJMEH is fit for cavalry in single file, but would be difficult in many places for led horses. What appears to be an observation post (T.10.d.9.0) is all that was seen of enemy.

E. ARTILLERY. (enemy)	Time	No. Rds.	Calibre	Nature	Area shelled	Fired from
	0300	4	77	S. & H.E.	O.5.	G.30.c.
	0950	18	77	" "	VYSE, BLUFF, } ABU TELLUL, } MUSALLABEH. }	W.20.
	1530	46	77	" "	MUSALLABEH.	W.20.
	1500)	30	10 pdr.	H.E.	K.33.d., TART } & THIN Posts. }	Not located.
	1600)					
	1710	30	77	"	THIN Post.	RED HILL.
	1800	6	77	-	Y.27.a.	

F. LOCATIONS. A deserter gives H.Q. 3/163rd Bn. as in R.10.d. Bn. H.Qs (enemy) usually 2 hours apart.

G. P/W & DESERTERS for 24 hrs ending 0700, 27-7-18. Nil.

H. GENERAL. In course of an aerial combat between 2 of our machines and a hostile 2 seater, who was proceeding North from MEDJEL YABA, at TATURAH, enemy dived into ground and was wrecked. No one was seen to leave the machine.

An increase of 300 tents & shelters was observed in AHMAN area 24th July as compared with 21st July. Probably accounted for by reported withdrawal of German troops (146th Regt) from SHUNET NIBRIN.

According to a Turkish Cadet Officer deserter -

An English prisoner is worth £120 gold, new uniform & 4 Months leave.

An Indian " " " £10 " " " 2 "

(Extracts from G.I.Q. I.359).

W. J. Stevens Lt  
for Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,

USUAL ADDRESSEES.

Australian Mounted Division.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE  
For 24 hours ending 0700, 28-7-18.

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- A. ATTITUDE OF ENEMY. Exceptionally quiet.  
2130 }  
2200 } Enemy fired 25 white flares from trench G.27.
- B. ENEMY MOVEMENT.  
0515 120 Packs in small parties moving to and fro between D.8. and UHM ESH SHERT.  
0800 100 mounted men with wheeled transport moved N.W. from KH. FUSAIL along Wadi ARAK HAJAJ, U.21 & 14.  
1140 } 200 Packs in small parties moved to and fro between  
1300 } D.7. and UHM ESH SHERT.  
1750 25 men and 50 Packs moving N. in P.6.
- C. ENEMY DEFENCES. 1800 Men observed working in a trench X.15,b.
- D. PATROLS.  
0430 1 Officer & 6 O/Rs. reconnoitred ground as far N. as F.9.a., F.10.b. and F.11.b.  
8 Inf. retired N. from F.9.a. 25 Inf. moved N. from F.10.b. on approach of our patrol.  
1045 1 M.C.O. & 3 men patrolled through F.23. and F.17., they were fired on by 4 rifles in enemy post in F.12.  
1400 1 M.C.O. & 3 men patrolled F.9., 10., and 11. Enemy observation post observed on C.33. Patrol withdrew at 1500.

A Patrol to TEL EL TRUNY & KH. EL ANJAH EL FOKA, night 26/27th reported nothing seen or heard of enemy.

E. ARTILLERY. (enemy)	Time	No. Rds.	Calibre	Nature	Area shelled	Fired from
	0800	41	77	H.E. & S.	MUSALLABEH E. ABU TELLUL (Left)	W.7.c.
	0815	12	77	- do -	Fell short on GRANT HILL.	W.8.a. (approx)
	0930	6	77	- do -	MUSALLABEH.	V.31. (approx).
	1450 } 1600 }	90	77	- do -	Y.24, 23, & 10.	Sound bearing 325° from MUSALLABEH.
	1500	30	10 pdr.	H.E.	Y.22.c.	W.23. (approx).
	1730	16	77	H.E. & S.	MUSALLABEH.	W.7.c.
	1730	10	77	H.E.	Y.27.b.	Not located.

F. P/W & DESERTERS, 24 hrs ending 0700, 28-7-18. NIL.

G. GENERAL. A deserter (Arab) Private, belonging to 7/2/76th Regt., taken at ABU FELAH, willing but ignorant, states that his Sergeant told the men the new Sultan of TURKEY had issued an order for the withdrawal of all German troops from TURKEY & PALESTINE, and it is rumoured that when withdrawal is complete the Sultan hopes to come to terms with the Allies.

(60th Div. Int. 26/7/18).

A very intelligent Sergeant, 3/76th Regt., says he heard the Turks informed the Germans they were going to sign a separate peace with the Allies. The Turks will allow the Allies free passage of the DARDANELLES and hand over PALESTINE as far North as ALEPPO to the Sherif of MECCA. He also heard a speech given at NABLUS 20 days ago by Special Envoy of new Sultan. The speaker begged the troops to "stick it" until Couran Barram, about second week in September as Sultan had decided to sign peace by then with Allies.

(D.M.G. I 51/122).

*W. J. Stevens*  
for Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Australian Mounted Division.

USUAL ADDRESSEES.

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 AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE  
 for 24 hours ending 0700, 29-7-18.  
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- A. ATTITUDE OF ENEMY. 0225 20 enemy fired 30 rds. into VAUX Post from Ridge 600 yds. N. On being fired on they retired. Before firing on Post enemy fired 3 white flares, when enemy artillery put 2 shells into Y.23.d.  
 2100 2 enemy appeared close to wire N.E. MUSALLABEH and retired on being fired on by Listening Post.  
 0730 Burst of M.G. fire was heard from G.23.
- B. ENEMY MOVEMENT. Below normal.  
 0630 Enemy Post observed in W.33.a.2.3.
- C. ENEMY DEFENCES. New Sangar on BAGHALAT.  
 About 100 yds. barbed wire erected G.23.a.  
 Sangars on GRANT HILL built higher.  
 Small trench between GRANT HILL and BAGHALAT.
- D. PATROLS. 1230 1 N.C.O. & 4 O/Rs patrolled ground in F.9. & 10., to thence to F.17. & F.23. No enemy encountered.  
 1530 Very little movement observed on this sector during period.
- E. ARTILLERY. (enemy)
- | Time           | No.Rds. | Calibre                 | Nature       | Area shelled                            | Fired from                                      |
|----------------|---------|-------------------------|--------------|---|---|
| 0530)<br>0700) | 41      | 77                      | H.E. & S.    | O.10, 17, 18.                           | G.28.a.   |
| 1320)<br>1500) | 80      | 4.2"<br>77<br>Light gun | H.E.<br>& S. | Y.23, 24, 29.b,<br>Y.30.<br>ABU TELLUL. | 4.2" from<br>RED HILL.<br>77 from<br>X.7. or 8. |
| 1400           | 100     | 77                      | H.E. & S.    | (5th B.H.Rgt                            | RED HILL.                                       |
| 1400           | 50      | 4.2"                    | H.E.         | (H.Q. Z.23.a.                           |   |
| 1400)<br>1500) | 15      | 10 pdr.                 | H.E.         | Y.23.b.                                 | Not located.                                    |
- F. AERIAL. 0530 No. 3 Sub-sector report one of our planes brought down, appeared to be in flames, by enemy anti-aircraft. It fell North of Wadi BAKR, on bearing of 340° from VAUX Post.
- G. GENERAL. A French report from RAYAK, dated July 15th, states that it is rumoured that if the Germans cannot settle the TURCO - BULGARIAN question they will not hesitate to withdraw their troops from SYRIA.
- H. P/W & DESERTERS for 24 hrs. ending 0700, 29-7-18 - NIL.

USUAL ADDRESSEES.

for *WJ Stevens*  
 Lieutenant-Colonel,  
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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

for 24 hours ending 0700, 30-7-18.

A. **ATTITUDE OF ENEMY** 0615 M.G. fired from TEL EL MUSETTERAH. A  
 0745 2 N.G.s. in P.2. Firing on our patrol when in  
 P.14.b.5.8. and was of AUGUSTEM  
 1415 } Considerable rifle fire heard from TEL EL MUSETTERAH.  
 & }  
 1630 } Notes

B. **MOVEMENT** 0930 50 Infantry marched South and disappeared behind  
 BAKR Ridge.  
 1545 40 Infantry marched South East on track through  
 U.20. and disappeared in scrub at junction of  
 roads U.28.d.

Continuous movement to and fro of pack animals along road at foothills W.8. and W.20.b. during day.

Otherwise exceptionally quiet throughout the sector.

C. **ENEMY DEFENCES** 3 men observed digging in K.2.a.4.9. and  
 killing of 18 enemy, wounding several others.

D. **PATROLS** 0600 Patrol - 1 N.G.O. & 3 men - made good the ground  
 to from F.20. to F.8.7.b. 2 N.G.s. opened fire from  
 redoubt in O.32.central, and 10 Infantry were  
 observed in trenches. No barbed wire in front  
 of trenches. Patrol withdrew along river to  
 F.20.b.2.2.

1400 1 N.G.O. & 3 men patrolled E. bank of river from to F.20.a. to O.1.b. in search of crossing or ford.

1530 They were unable to locate same.

0150 Strong patrol to Y.3.central observed 2 enemy approaching. These were fired on, one being killed; the other retired.

Patrol of 8 men met enemy patrol of 17 men at X.28.a. Another 10 men reinforced enemy. Shots were exchanged without result.

(28/29) Patrol reported TEL EL TRUNY all clear at 2230.  
 1 Officer & 3 c.rs. then patrolled as far as  
 T.16.a. (approx.) following the course of the stream.  
 Patrol remained in observation for half an hour but  
 nothing was seen or heard of the enemy.

E. **ARTILLERY**. Exceptionally quiet throughout sector.  
 (enemy)

Time	No. Rds.	Calibre	Nature	Area shelled	Fired from
0900	12	77	Shrap.	VIEW & VAUX.	W.26.
1000					
1730	26	77	H.E. & S.	W.36.o.o.o.	Not located

F. **P/W & DESERTERS**, 24 hrs. ending 0700, 30-7-18.

Deserters	Unit	Taken by	At
3	2/2/83 Regt. 48th Div.	4th A.L.H. Bde.	F.29.

P.T.O.

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G. GENERAL. Withdrawal of Germans.

A Greek deserter who recently arrived on this front with a draft states that when at KONIA Station about 9th/10th July he saw a train load of German troops on their way to CONSTANTINOPLE. Between KONIA and MESSUDUI he saw 4 more train loads of Germans moving North. (G.H.Q. I 382).

Moral.

Prisoners report that O.C. 1/76th Regt. is to be court martialled for selling rifles, clothing and stores, and that O.C. 1/1/21st Regt. has been arrested for permitting too many men to desert from his Coy. (G.H.Q. I.382).

Operations.

An engagement between 2 patrols from Right Sector and a strong Turkish Post in R.S.E. resulted in the killing of 15 enemy, wounding several others, and taking 5 prisoners (1 officer) of Panderna Muhafaza Regiment. - The remainder of enemy were pursued into hills until the pursuers came under heavy M.G. fire (5th Cav.Div. I.19).

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

USUAL ADDRESSES: (18/10) Patrol reported that they all clear at 1800. 1 Officer & 3 men then passed the stream. Patrol remained in observation for half an hour but nothing was seen or heard of the enemy.

Area	Patrol	Time	Remarks
Area 1	Patrol 1	1800	Clear at 1800
Area 2	Patrol 2	1900	1 Officer & 3 men passed stream
Area 3	Patrol 3	2000	Patrol remained in observation for half an hour



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- 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.
- 4th A.L.H. Brigade.
- 12th Cavalry Brigade.
- 13th Cavalry Brigade.
- C.R.A.
- Signal Squadron.



Relief of 19th Brigade R.H.A.

1. Under arrangements to be made by C.R.A., 19th Bde. R.H.A. (less A/H.A.C.) will be withdrawn from the line by the night August 1st/2nd and will march on that night to Desert Mounted Corps H.Q. area at TALAAT ED DUMM, en route for training area at DEIRAN.
2. Orders for the move from Left Sector to TALAAT ED DUMM will be issued later.

*A. Kavanagh*

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30th July, 1918.

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| Field Squadron. | A.P.M.     |
| A.A. & Q.M.G.   | D.A.D.O.S. |
| A.D.M.S.        | D.G.O.     |
| A.D.V.S.        |            |



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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE  
for 24 hours ending 0700, 31-7-18.  
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- A. OPERATIONS. 1230 An enemy patrol of 7 men was observed on TEL EL TRUNY. At 1415 an Indian patrol under a British officer galloped TRUNY, capturing 4 prisoners. Our casualties nil.
- B. ENEMY MOVEMENT. Quiet throughout whole sector.  
1355 About 200 packs moved to and fro between P.26 and P.16. Animals moving North were heavily loaded.
- C. ENEMY DEFENCES. 4 men observed digging in O.32.d. Suspected H.G. position in X/21.b.  
The following enemy works have been located by ground observation:-  
(Ref. 1/40,000 Sheet, O.6).  
(1) Situated about X.16.b.8.8.  
Entrenchments protected from the S. & S.W. by a considerable length of wire entanglements erected on iron standards.  
About 400 yds. of wire is visible, running in a N.W. & S.E. line.  
(2) About X.15.d.8.7.  
Redoubt on forward slope and at foot of distinct feature jutting out from the broken ground towards the marsh. Appears encircled by wire entanglement erected on iron standards.  
Movement noticed in trench (at 1130, 30th inst).  
(3) About X.14.d.0.8.  
"Strong Post" on Southern bank of marshy country, encircled by wire entanglement.  
(4) About W.12.b.2.8.  
Small trench on Southern bank of marsh, covering N. & S. track through marsh. (See Sheet O.6).  
No wire visible.
- D. PATROLS. 0800 A patrol from No. 1 Sub-sector moved to F.14.a. where it took up a position with direct observation on to UMM ESH SHEET crossing. Little movement observed at crossing during day.  
1200 A patrol to F.9. & 10. reported all clear, nothing seen or heard of enemy.
- E ARTILLERY. All Sub-sectors report Artillery very quiet.  
0515 A.A. fired on our machine from RED HILL.
- F. P/W & DESERTERS. 

P/W	Unit	Taken by	At
4	9/3/163. Regt. 53rd Div.	13th Cav. Bde.	TEL EL TRUNY.

USUAL ADDRESSEES.

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