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DAMASCUS.			<u>Reference Map SYRIA 1/250,000 BEIRUT Sheet.</u>	
	Oct. 1st.	0500	<p>3rd.A.L.H.Brigade pushed through the gorge towards DAMASCUS, much retarded by wreckage and captured a train with troops aboard, taking there 483 prisoners, 30 Machine Guns, and 8 Field Guns.</p> <p>The Brigade passed through North end of DAMASCUS leaving thousands of enemy away on their right. They were held up by Germans with Machine Guns at WADI MARABA and turned them out. At DUMA the enemy again brought Machine Guns into action, 10th.L.H.Regiment made a dashing attack and captured 600 prisoners (40 Germans) and 37 Machine Guns.</p> <p>The enemy again stood at KHAN HUSSIER but were again vigorously attacked and routed, 40 Germans, some Turks and more Machine Guns being taken.</p> <p>The Brigade was prevented by heavy Machine Gun fire from intercepting an enemy column of about 1,500 which retired into the hills.</p> <p>The Brigade after having fought all day went into bivouac 2 miles North of DUMA.</p>	
		0550	<p>Divisional Troops ordered to be ready to move at 10 minutes notice.</p> <p>Bourchier's Force ordered to send patrols through the cultivated area towards DAMASCUS.</p>	
		0840	14th.L.H.Regiment ordered to hold the point where the road and railway to BEIRUT enters the hills.	
		1110	Orders issued to 5th.A.L.H.Brigade for position to be selected for defence of DAMASCUS from the North West. (G.A.759.)	APPENDIX 1.
		1130	<p>Divisional Headquarters established on high ground, just West of EL MEZZE.</p> <p>12th.L.H.Regiment ordered into Divisional Reserve.</p>	
		1700	Divisional Headquarters moved to North West corner of SALAHIYE.	
		1835	Report sent to Desert Mounted Corps on the situation in DAMASCUS. (G.O.1.)	APPENDIX 2.
		1900	<p>Situation. Divisional Headquarters and Divisional Troops North West corner of SALAHIYE.</p> <p>3rd.A.L.H.Brigade in vicinity of DUMA on ALEPPO Road.</p> <p>5th.A.L.H.Brigade about DUMAR on BEIRUT Road.</p>	

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<i>/</i>	Oct. 1st.	1900	<u>Situation (continued)</u> Bourchier's Force partly in the City maintaining order and the remainder guarding prisoners. Prisoners taken during the day:- In Western outskirts of the City by Bourchier's Force.....12,000. By 3rd.A.L.H.Brigade in pursuit..... 700.	APPENDIX 3.
		1930	Orders received from Desert Mounted Corps detailing the troops to attend the official entry into DAMASCUS on 2nd.October.	
		2310	Orders issued detailing the Divisional representative detachment to rendezvous in the vicinity of SBEINE at 1130 on 2nd.October for march through DAMASCUS. (G.A.765.) -----	
<i>/</i>	2nd.	0500	<u>Situation.- Quiet.</u> During the afternoon of 1st.inst. Colonel Bourchier was forced, in the interests of discipline, and on account of the extraordinary noise and apparent unrest in DAMASCUS, to place Guards on many of the Public Institutions, Consulates, Hospitals etc., but as the complete control of the town was in the hands of the Sheriffian Forces, at	
		0635	Colonel Bourchier was ordered to get touch with the Sheriffian Authorities in DAMASCUS and arrange for them to take over the duties of guarding the various Public places and Institutions. The early morning patrols of the 3rd.A.L.H.Brigade along the HOLIS Road towards KUBBET I ASAFIR reported a large column of enemy moving from the South East towards the entrance to the hills about KUBBET I ASAFIR.	
		0725	The Brigade at once moved out and galloped for 6 miles, the leading Regiment (9th.L.H.) drew swords and brilliantly charged the enemy, just cutting the column off from its access to the hilly country, from where, in a very short distance, this body could have easily resisted attack. Column	
		0825	The whole/ was forced to surrender after slight opposition, just one hour after receipt of information by the Brigade.	

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	Oct. 2nd.	0825	(Continued) <u>Captures.</u> 1 Divisional Commander. 1,500 Prisoners. 2 77 M/M Guns, 1 Mountain Gun, 26 Machine Guns and a number of automatic rifles. Following on orders received from Desert Mounted Corps for protection of DAMASCUS from the N.W. and N.E.	
		0945	Orders were issued to 5th.A.L.H. Brigade (with one Battery R.H.A. attached) to advance to KHAN MEIZELUN and occupy positions from which to observe all approaches to DAMASCUS from the North West, and to the 3rd.A.L.H. Brigade (with one battery R.H.A. attached) to take up a suitable position on the DAMASCUS - DUMA Road to watch all approaches to DAMASCUS from the North East. (G.A.773.)	APPENDIX 4.
		1000	Colonel Bouchier reported after consultation with the Sheriffian Authorities, that the Sheriffian Forces were fully engaged clearing up the town and could not relieve our guards on the Public Institutions, Consulates, Hospitals etc. Report forwarded to Corps Headquarters.	
		1220	Colonel Bouchier was ordered to keep his Force at HAMIDIEH Barracks with one Squadron ready to be placed at the disposal of the Sheriffian Authorities for the purpose of maintaining order in the town, as considerable trouble had been experienced during the morning by irregular bodies of Druses looting the town.	
		1230	Official entry into DAMASCUS was attended by G.O.C., G.S.O.1, Staff, and detachment of two Squadrons and one Battery R.H.A. from Australian Mounted Division.	
		1315	5th.A.L.H. Brigade reported arrival of about 200 native soldiers in DUMAR who claimed to belong to the Sheriffian Forces and who began breaking into houses, shooting cattle and horses and looting property. As it is almost impossible to tell the difference between the Sheriffian forces and irregular bands of Arabs, Desert Mounted Corps was asked for information which would assist our troops in discriminating between Sheriffian and other Arabs. The	

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<i>S</i>	Oct. 2nd.	1315	(Continued) information and instructions received were:- All Sheriffian soldiers are in the immediate vicinity of DAMASCUS, any other Native soldiers outside these precincts are Bedouin or Druse irregulars and in the event of any breach of the peace, disorder, or looting, should be treated as hostile.	APPENDIX 5.
	<i>S</i> 3rd.	0500	<u>Situation</u> - Quiet. 5th.A.L.H.Brigade complete the march to KHAN MEIZELUN having arrived within 3 miles of it the previous night but prevented from reaching it by nature of the country. No sign of enemy troops and only information gained from inhabitants that two enemy Regiments with no guns or Machine Guns passed through 48 hours previously.	
		1130	5th.A.L.H.Brigade ordered to reconnoitre the Railway line in both directions towards ZEBDANI and towards DUMAR to ascertain if a train load of refugees, as reported, is blocked on the line between DUMAR and ZEBDANI. (G.A.786.)	
		1700	<u>Situation</u> :- 3rd.A.L.H.Brigade about 1 mile North of DUMA with 1 Regiment about 6 miles further North East on the ALEPPO Road watching the Pass into the hills, one Squadron watching the entrance to the town from the North. 5th.A.L.H.Brigade (less 15th.L.H.Regiment) KHAN MEIZELUN watching the approaches to the town from the North West. Bourchier's Force disposed picquetting the town and guarding prisoners. 4th.A.L.H.Brigade (less Bourchier's Force) i/c L.of C.EL KUNEITRA.	
		2305	Information received from Desert Mounted Corps by wire that 15th.L.H.Regiment has been ordered forward from DEIR ES SARAS to rejoin 5th.A.L.H.Brigade, marching to SASA on 4th, KAUKAB on 5th, KHAN MEIZELUN on 6th.	
<i>S</i>	4th.	0500	<u>Situation</u> : - Quiet.	
		0830	Desert Mounted Corps Order No.22 received; this ordered the moves of the 4th. and 5th Cavalry Divisions to ZAHLE and RAYAK and the concentration of Australian Mounted Division just South West of DAMASCUS.	

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<i>P</i>	Oct. 4th.	1035	5th.A.L.H.Brigade (less 15th.L.H.Regiment and one Squadron) with 1 Battery R.H.A. attached were ordered to march from KHAN MEIZELUN to a bivouac area near DUMAR leaving one Squadron about KHAN MEIZELUN until the 5th.Cavalry Division passes through on the 5th.October. (G.O.3.)	APPENDIX 6.
		1045	Orders were received from Desert Mounted Corps for the 11th.L.A.M.Battery to report to Corps Headquarters and remain in Corps reserve. Orders for "Discipline in DAMASCUS" and detail of patrols and picquets issued. (G.60.)	APPENDIX 7.
			Fourth Cavalry Division were ordered by Corps to post a Squadron in the Christian quarter of the town supplying guards over all Christian institutions and Christian quarter.	
		1300	Orders issued for the concentration of the Australian Mounted Division South West of DAMASCUS (less one Squadron of 3rd.A.L.H.Brigade to be stationed on the HOMS Road.) (O.O.34.)	APPENDIX 8.
			In accordance with Order No.34 and warning orders by phone,	
		1400	5th.A.L.H.Brigade (less 1 Regiment and 1 Squadron) left KHAN MEIZELUN and marched to vicinity of DUMAR, move completed 1910.	
<i>P</i>	5th.	1500	3rd.A.L.H.Brigade (less 1 Squadron) left bivouac area one mile North of DUMA and marched to EL MUADHAMIYE, move completed 2000.	
		1445	Orders sent to 3rd.A.L.H.Brigade to detail one Squadron to relieve escorts and guards of Fifth Cavalry Division at Prisoner of War Compound EL MEZZE at 0800 on 5th. October.	
		0500	Situation:- Quiet. Instructions issued for Guards and Picquets in DAMASCUS. (G.60/1.)	APPENDIX 9.
		0900	Divisional Troops moved to new camp site. Advanced Divisional Headquarters remained in SALAHYE until 1400.	
		1400	Divisional Headquarters established at point just South of the Railway line North of the <u>K</u> of <u>BARAMKIE</u> STATION.	

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<i>[Signature]</i>	Oct. 5th.	1545	15th.L.H.Regiment reported and instructed to bivouac for the night near EL MEZZE and to be prepared to rejoin 5th.A.L.H.Brigade, which had been ordered to remain in the DUMAR area, on the 6th.October.	
		1600	Squadron of 5th.A.L.H.Brigade from KHAN MEIZELUN rejoined 5th.Brigade at DUMAR.	
		1700	Situation:- 3rd.A.L.H.Brigade (less 3 Squadrons) at EL MUADHAMIYE. 1 Squadron 9th.L.H.Regiment KHAN RUSSIER on ALEPPO Road. 1 Squadron 8th.L.H.Regiment guarding P/W Compound EL MEZZE. 1 Squadron 10th.L.H.Regiment cleaning up gorge on DAMASCUS - BEIRUT Road.	
			5th.A.L.H.Brigade (less 1 Regiment) about DUMAR. 15th.L.H.Regiment in bivouac near EL MEZZE. Bourchier's Force (less 1 Regiment and 1 Squadron) at HAMIDIEH Barracks. 2 Squadrons 12th.L.H.Regiment and 1 Squadron 4th.L.H.Regiment guarding P/W Compound KAUKAB. Headquarters 12th.L.H.Regiment and 1 Squadron EL MEZZE. 4th.A.L.H.Brigade (less Bourchier's Force) i/c L.of C.EL KUNEITRA.	
			Headquarters 19th.Brigade R.H.A. with Divisional Headquarters, A/H.A.C.with 5th.A.L.H.Brigade, Notts Battery with 3rd.A.L.H.Brigade.	
	6th.	2140	Orders issued to 15th.L.H.Regiment to rejoin 5th.A.L.H.Brigade at DUMAR. (G.A.802.)	APPENDIX 10
		2307	3rd.A.L.H.Brigade ordered to detail one Squadron to relieve one Squadron of 9th.Hodson's Horse of guard duties at KADEM STATION at 0600 on 6th.October.	
		0500	Situation:- Quiet, no change.	
		0430	Squadron of 3rd.A.L.H.Brigade despatched to relieve Squadron of Hodson's Horse at KADEM STATION; relief completed 0600	
		1320	Orders received from Desert Mounted Corps to relieve one Squadron Stafford Yeomanry on guard on Christian and Jewish quarters of DAMASCUS.	

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	Oct. 6th.	1450.	<p><i>and Bourchier's Force</i></p> <p>Orders sent to 3rd.A.L.H. Brigade giving re-distribution of the duties in connection with guarding and picketting DAMASCUS.</p> <p>3rd.A.L.H. Brigade to supply:- 1 Regiment as guard over P/W Compound near EL JUDEIDE relieving 3 Squadrons of Bourchier's Force. 1 Squadron</p> <p>Bourchier's Force to supply:- (a) One Squadron to guard Consulates, Hospitals, Christian and Jewish quarters relieving one Squadron Stafford Yeomanry. (b) One Squadron to guard KADEM STATION relieving one Squadron of 3rd.A.L.H. Brigade. (c) One Squadron to guard P/W Compound EL MEZZE relieving one Squadron of 3rd.A.L.H. Brigade. (d) Two Squadrons to remain stationed at HAMIDIEH Barracks and being responsible for the discipline of our troops in DAMASCUS. (G.A.808.)</p>	APPENDIX 11.
	7th.	0500	<p>Situation:- Quiet.</p> <p>No change in disposition except as detailed in G.A.808 which reliefs are being carried out.</p>	
		0900	<p>Relief of 3 Squadrons of Bourchier's Force by 1 Regiment 3rd.A.L.H. Brigade at P/W Compound EL JUDEIDE completed.</p> <p>Reconnaissance of Roads entering DAMASCUS carried out with a view to relieving the congestion of traffic on the present route.</p>	
		1835.	<p>5th.A.L.H. Brigade ordered to relieve by 1000 on 8th. October the Squadron of 3rd.A.L.H. Brigade (10th. Regiment) engaged in cleaning up the gorge on the DAMASCUS - BEIRUT Road. (G.A.815.)</p>	APPENDIX 12.
		1800	<p>Order received from Desert Mounted Corps and confirmed later by wire to send One Troop to accompany a Railway reconnaissance to DERAA.</p>	
		1825	<p>5th.A.L.H. Brigade ordered to detail one troop of 1 Officer 1 Sergeant 28 men including Hotchkiss team to accompany Railway reconnaissance to DERAA.</p> <p>Troop to be equipped and rationed for an absence of 4 days. (G.O.5. and G.A.816.)</p> <p>Orders issued dealing with "Discipline in DAMASCUS" and cancelling all previous orders issued. (G.60/2)</p>	APPENDIX 13. APPENDIX 14.

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<i>[initials]</i>	Oct. 8th.	0500	<u>Situation:-</u> Unchanged.	APPENDIX 15.
		1830	Orders issued to all Units that men must be armed at all times. (G.A.821.)	
		2020	Bourchier's Force ordered to reconnoitre for an alternative route through the City of DAMASCUS for motor ambulances. (G.A.822.)	APPENDIX 16
<i>[initials]</i>	9th.	0500	<u>Situation:-</u> Quiet. 5th.Cavalry Division at RAYAK, 4th.Cavalry Division ZEBDANI.	APPENDIX 17.
		1600	5th.A.L.H.Brigade ordered to detail composite Squadron to escort and guard prisoners of war working parties from EL MEZZE prisoners of war compound. (G.A.824.)	
		1635	Advice received from Desert Mounted Corps that Squadron of Bourchier's Force on guard at Prisoners of War Compound EL MEZZE would be relieved by Worcester Yeomanry on the 10th. October. On account of water difficulties and proximity to Prisoners of War Camp, the 3rd.A.L.H. Brigade moved from vicinity of EL MUADHAMIYE to 1½ miles South West of KAUKAB.	
<i>[initials]</i>	10th.	0500	<u>Situation</u> - Unchanged.	
		0915	Warning order sent to all Units to be ready for an early move.	
		1500	Squadron of Bourchier's Force (4th.Regiment) guarding P/W Compound EL MEZZE relieved by Worcester Yeomanry.	
<i>[initials]</i>	11th.	0500	<u>Situation</u> - Unchanged.	
		1130	Orders sent to all Units with regard to mutilation or destruction of telegraph poles.	
		1620	Orders received from Desert Mounted Corps ordering:- The concentration of 5th.Cavalry Division at BAALBEK as soon as possible and to be prepared to move forward from there on 13th.October.	

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<i>S</i>	11th.	1620	(continued) The concentration of 4th.Cavalry Division in the ZAHLE - MOALLAKA area as soon as possible, with a view to moving forward to BAALBEK area and be prepared to follow 5th.Cavalry Division from BAALBEK on 15th.October. Australian Mounted Division to remain in its present area.	
		2130	Notification received from "A" Branch that Captain R.Wilkinson,G.S.O.3.Australian Mounted Division appointed Brigade Major,5th.A.L.H.Brigade and Lieutenant W.C.Palmer,10th.L.H.Regiment, appointed G.S.O.3.Australian Mounted Division. -----	
	12th.	0500	<u>Situation</u> - Unchanged.	
<i>S</i>		0145	Order received from Desert Mounted Corps ordering the following moves:- 5th.Cavalry Division to move forward and occupy HOMS,leaving BAALBEK on 13th.October and marching to LEBWE,to EL KAA on 14th.October to KUSSEIR on 15th.October,to HOMS on 16th.October. Detachment of Sheriffian forces to move from NEBK as right flank protection and to move East of HOMS direct on HAMA cutting the railway at that point. 4th.Cavalry Division to proceed to HOMS leaving BAALBEK on 15th.October and following 5th.Cavalry Division. Australian Mounted Division to remain in present location.	
		1255	The Squadron of 3rd.A.L.H.Brigade(9th.Regiment)at DUMA on ALEPPO Road ordered to provide guard for prisoners being sent out in motor lorries to collect grain. -----	
	13th.	0600	<u>Situation</u> - All clear on roads North East and North West of DAMASCUS.	
<i>S</i>		1415	Copy of order issued by "A.Q"for the evacuation of 200 horses and march table to NAZARETH received.	
		2040	Orders issued to O.C.Squadron cleaning up BEIRUT Road to dispose of a number of dead animals still on the DAMASCUS - BEIRUT Road towards EL.HAME.	

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	Oct. 13th.	1635	(continued) Captain R. Wilkinson, G.S.O.3., Australian Mounted Division assumed duties of Brigade Major 5th.A.L.H. Brigade. Lieutenant W.C. Palmer, 10th.L.H. Regiment, assumed duties of G.S.O.3., Australian Mounted Division.	
	14th.	0615	<u>Situation</u> - North West and North East Roads all clear. Copy of order issued by "A.Q." for evacuation of second batch of 80 horses received.	
	15th.	0500	<u>Situation</u> - Unchanged.	
		1000	Squadron of 3rd.A.L.H. Brigade (9th. Regiment) stationed on ALEPPO Road near DUMA ordered to rejoin 3rd.A.L.H. Brigade at KAUKAB. Move to be timed so as to be through and clear of DAMASCUS by 1700. (G.A.848.) Squadron left DUMA at 1230 and completed the move at 2120.	APPENDIX 18.
		1030	All Units informed that the Commander-in-Chief will be travelling in the DAMASCUS area on 16th. and 17th. October. (G.A.850.)	APPENDIX 19.
		1040	5th.A.L.H. Brigade ordered to have the village of DUMAR cleaned and roads kept clear for passage of Commander-in-Chief.	
	16th.	0535	<u>Situation</u> - Unchanged.	
	17th.	0600	<u>Situation</u> - Unchanged. The Squadron of 5th.A.L.H. Brigade engaged on clearing up the gorge on the DAMASCUS-BEIRUT Road, having completed this work, rejoined the 5th.A.L.H. Brigade at DUMAR.	
	18th.	0600	<u>Situation</u> - Unchanged, North West Road all clear.	

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<i>[Signature]</i>	Oct. 19th.	0600	<u>Situation</u> - Unchanged.	
		1640	Orders received from Desert Mounted Corps that French Cavalry Regiment rejoin the Detachement Francais de Palestine at BEIRUT.	
		1700	Orders issued to 5th.A.L.H.Brigade for French Cavalry Regiment to rejoin the D.F.P.H. at BEIRUT, marching to KHAN MEIZELUN on 21st.October, to TAALABEYA on the 22nd., to AIN SOFAR on the 23rd., to BEIRUT on the 24th. (G.A.855.)	APPENDIX 20
<i>[Signature]</i>	20th.	1615	Desert Mounted Corps Order received ordering 5th.Cavalry Division with 3 L.A.M.Batteries and 3 L.C.patrols to advance on the 21st.instant via HAMA - KHAN SHAIKHUN - MAARIT EN NAAMAN - SHEIKH AHMED with the object of reaching and occupying ALEPPO on the 26th.instant. Australian Mounted Division to remain in present position.	
		2210	Desert Mounted Corps Order received instructing that no moves detailed above would take place until further orders.	
<i>[Signature]</i>	21st.	0715	French Cavalry Regiment (Reiment Mixte de Marche de Cavalerie) marched out from 5th.A.L.H. Brigade, DUMAR, to rejoin and come under orders of the French Force at BEIRUT.	
		1510	Orders issued to Bouchier's Force to withdraw the Squadron on guard at KADEM STATION (less 1 troop to be left to guard explosives). (G.A.859.)	APPENDIX 21
		1515	Information received from Desert Mounted Corps that 4th.A.L.H.Brigade (less Bouchier's Force), will rejoin Australian Mounted Division in two marches, starting from KUNEITRA on 23rd. instant. Responsibility of L.of C.at KUNEITRA to be handed over to O.C.Squadron of Hyderabad Lancers.	

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	Oct. 22nd.	1000	Information received from Desert Mounted Corps that move of 4th.A.L.H.Brigade (less Bouchier's Force) postponed until 25th.instant.	
		1130	Squadron (less 1 troop) from KADEM STATION rejoined Bouchier's Force at EL MEZZE.	
		1230	Corps Commander visited 3rd.A.L.H.Brigade KAUAB.	
		1750	Under instructions from Desert Mounted Corps one troop, dismounted, detailed from 3rd.A.L.H. Brigade as escort on prisoner trains on the railway DAMASCUS to SEMAKH.	
	23rd.	0455	Troop ordered for railway escort cancelled.	
	24th.	1830	On account of the wet weather, Desert Mounted Corps approved of the Divisional Commander's suggestion that the move of the 4th.A.L.H.Brigade (less Bouchier's Force) from KUNEITRA be left to the discretion of the Brigadier, but move to take place as soon as possible.	
	25th.	0945	Warning order received from Desert Mounted Corps for Division to be prepared to move North at six hours notice.	
		1120	Orders issued to all Units of Division to be prepared to move North at six hours notice. 11th.L.H.Regiment to remain behind and garrison DAMASCUS until relieved by one Brigade of 4th. Cavalry Division.	
		1430.	4th.A.L.H.Brigade reports that Brigade Group (less Bouchier's Force) left KUNEITRA at 1400. Control of L.of C.handed over to Hyderabad Lancers.	
		1920	4th.A.L.H.Brigade Group (less Bouchier's Force) arrived SASA.	
	26th.	0800	4th.A.L.H.Brigade (less Bouchier's Force) continued the march from SASA.	

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>[Signature]</i>	Oct. 26th.	1530.	4th. A.L.H. Brigade in bivouac EL MEZZE. Bouchier's Force (4th. and 12th. L.H. Regiments) returned to command of G.O.C. 4th. A.L.H. Brigade.	
		1550.	Orders received from Desert Mounted Corps that Australian Mounted Division would move one Brigade to KHAN KUSSEIR to-morrow October 27th., the remainder of Division (less 1 Regiment) to move on October 28th. Regiment left behind to guard P/W compound at KAUKAB and be responsible for discipline in DAMASCUS until relieved by 11th. Cavalry Brigade on October 29th; it will then march on October 30th. and rejoin Division. Australian Mounted Division to march with one Brigade one day in advance via KUTEIFE - NEBK - HASIE and be concentrated in HOMS area on November 1st.	
		1650.	Orders issued for 5th. A.L.H. Brigade with A/H.A.C. Battery attached, to march to KHAN KUSSEIR to-morrow October 27th. clearing DAMASCUS by 1200. 3rd. A.L.H. Brigade (less 10th. L.H. Regiment) to be left as escort to prisoners of war at KAUKAB and to provide duties in DAMASCUS to march to JOBAR not entering DAMASCUS before 1200.. Field Squadron to concentrate at KHAN KUSSEIR and then accompany 5th. A.L.H. Brigade. Remainder of Division (less 10th. L.H. Regiment) to march on 28th. October. (G.A. 868.)	APPENDIX 22.
		1800	Orders issued for B.A.C. to march to KHAN KUSSEIR to-morrow October 27th. and join 5th. A.L.H. Brigade clearing DAMASCUS by 1100. (G.A. 869.)	APPENDIX 23.
		2125	Preliminary Orders issued for 10th. L.H. Regiment to take over all Guards and duties in DAMASCUS by 1700 on 27th. October. (G.A. 871.)	APPENDIX 24.
		2135.	Instructions issued for Field Troops to march with the Brigades to which they are attached. Detailed Orders for relief and reduction of all guards and duties in DAMASCUS. (G. 60/6.)	APPENDIX 25.

		27th. 0930.	5th. A.L.H. Brigade Group left DUMAR to march to KHAN KUSSEIR.	
		1000.	3rd. A.L.H. Brigade Group (less 10th. L.H. Regiment) left ARTUZ to march to JOBAR. Reference Maps BEIRUT and TRIPOLI sheets 1/250,000.	
		1200.	Orders issued for the move of the Division in five stages to HOMS. (i) DAMASCUS - KHAN KUSSEIR..... 13 miles. (ii) to KUTEIFE..... 13 miles.	

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Summary of Events and Information			Remarks and references to Appendices
Place	Date	Hour	
/	Oct. 27th.	1200	Reference Maps BEIRUT and TRIPOLI sheets 1/250,000. (continued.) (Total 1 & 2 stages.....26 miles.) (iii) to NEBK.....25 miles. (iv) to HASIE.....22 miles. (v) to HOMS.....24 miles. Total 97 miles. =====
			(Operation Order No.35)
		1535.	Move of 3rd.A.L.H.Brigade Group to JOBAR completed.
		1600.	Move of 5th.A.L.H.Brigade Group to KHAN KUSSEIR completed.
		1700.	Relief of guards and duties in DAMASCUS by 10th.L.H.Regiment completed.

		28th.0630.	Orders issued for Staff Captains of Brigades and Officer from 19th.Brigade R.H.A.to meet Divisional Staff at destination at 1400 daily and billeting parties to report at 1430 daily. (G.A.871.)
		0900.	5th.A.L.H.Brigade Group left KHAN KUSSEIR to march to KUTEIFE.
		0915.	5th.A.L.H.Brigade ordered to improve the road at difficult places. (G.I.252.)
		1030.	3rd.A.L.H.Brigade Group left JOBAR to march to KHAN KUSSEIR.
/	28th.	1100	Divisional Headquarters closed at DAMASCUS and proceeded to KHANKUSSEIR.
		1130.	4th.A.L.H.Brigade Group left EL MEZZE to march to KHAN KUSSEIR.
		1330.	5th.A.L.H.Brigade Group arrived KUTEIFE.
		1550.	Orders issued to Group Commanders of Nos.2,3 and 4 Group to provide own protection for the night and giving hours of starting for next day's march. (G.O.1.)

APPENDIX 26.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>[Signature]</i>	Oct. 28th.	1555.	5th.A.L.H.Brigade ordered to report nightly on best camp and watering places for Groups following. Bivouacs always to be at least 600 yards from water. (G.O.2.)	APPENDIX 30.
		1600.	Divisional Headquarters opened at bivouac at Kilo 18 about 2½ miles North East of KHAN. KUSSEIR. No.2,3 and 4 Groups bivouacked in this area North of DAMASCUS - NEBK Road.	
<i>[Signature]</i>	29th.	0710.	Field Squadron ordered to place one Field Troop at disposal of C.R.E.on arrival at HOMS on November 1st.for bridging operations at ER RASTAN. (G.A.875.)	APPENDIX 31.
		0800.	Divisional Headquarters closed at kilo 18 and moved en route for KUTEIFE.	
		1300.	Divisional Headquarters opened 1½ miles North of KUTEIFE.	
		1400.	Orders issued for following days march. (G.O.6.)	
		1615.	Orders for following days march amended on account of their being no water throughout the stage KUTEIFE -NEBK. Transport to march as a Divisional Column. (G.O.7.)	
<i>[Signature]</i>	30th.	1630.	No.1. Group arrived NEBK.	APPENDIX 32. APPENDIX 33.
		0601.	No.1. Group left NEBK to march to HASIE.	
		0630.	Divisional Headquarters closed at KUTEIFE and proceeded to NEBK.	
		1230.	Divisional Headquarters opened at NEBK.	
		1340.	Message received from Desert Mounted Corps that 10th.L.H.Regiment had been ordered to rejoin the Division, leaving DAMASCUS, on October 31st.	
		1815.	No.1.Group arrived HASIE and reported watering in that area impossible. Group Commander decided to continue the march to HOMS at 2400.	

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5th.A.L.H.Brigade.

G.A.759

1st.October.

APPENDIX 1.

While continuing to deny to enemy exit from DAMASCUS along BEIRUT Main Road and Railway take immediate steps to reconnoitre for and occupy suitable defensive position for a Light Horse Brigade AAA Position is required as permanent to deny hostile approach to DAMASCUS from North West and West AAA Suggest it essential hold KUBBET EN NUSR AAA Report your dispositions when position selected also report occupation of the position AAA Water your horses if not done.

AUSDIV.
1110.

G.O.1.

1st.

APPENDIX 2.

Advanced Descorps.

Reports believed reliable state Arabs looting and murdering Turkish wounded and stragglers AAA Excessed have forced Col.BOURCHIER place guards on Municipal Central German and French Hospitals, Rly.Station and Spanish Consulate AAA I have two Brigades operating and BOURCHIER'S two Regiments escorting about twelve thousand prisoners AAA Our men working as despatch riders and small guards are in danger AAA I am unable do more AAA Strongly recommend One Brigade from another Division occupy town and Northern outskirts at once.

AUSDIV.
1835.

G.A.765.

1st.

APPENDIX 3.

3rd.Bde.	19th.Bde.R.H.A.
5th.Bde.	Sig.Sqdn.
Bourchier's Force.	Field Squadron.

A representative detachment of Desert Mounted Corps will march through DAMASCUS to-morrow 2nd.inst. AAA The following troops of this Division will rendezvous at 1130 off the road in the vicinity of SBEINE passing West of DAMASCUS to reach rendezvous reporting there to Staff Officer of Division AAA Brigadiers and proportion of their Staff AAA One composite Squadron of 100 from each Regt.no packs AAA Brigadiers will select Colonel to command composite Regt. of each Bde.AAA One Section N.Z.M.R. Machine Gun Sgdn AAA Composite Battery from 19th.Bde.R.H.A. strength of personnel at discretion of C.R.A. AAA One Officer and 10 O/R from each Signal Sqdn. and Field Sqdn.AAA The march will commence at 1200 AAA After passing through the town Units will march independently to their own bivouac areas AAA Dress drill order and all men and gear must be as clean as possible AAA Attendance at this ceremony will be guided entirely by the tactical situation and this will be at discretion of Brigadiers AAA IT is realised probably quite impossible any of 3rd. Bde.or 14th.Regt.to attend but French Sqdn. must be present AAA Acknowledge.

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G.A.733.

2nd.

APPENDIX 4.

3rd.Bde.	19th.Bde.R.H.A.	A.Q.	5th.Cav.
5th.Bde.	Signals.	A.D.M.S.	4th.Cav.
Bourchier's Force.	Field Sqdn.	Descorps.	

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5th.Bde.(one Battery R.H.A.attached) will advance to KHAN MEIZELUN and occupy positions from which to observe all approaches to DAMASCUS from N.W. AAA 3rd.Bde.(one Battery R.H.A.attached) will withdraw to a suitable position on the DAMASCUS -DUMA road and maintain constant observation on all possible approaches to DAMASCUS from the N.E. and North AAA Bourchier's Force (less escorts to prisoners) will remain in Div.Reserve West of EL MEZZE AAA Div.H.Q.and remaining Div.Troops remain on Western edge of SALAHIE AAA Addsd.3,5 Bdes.Bourchier's Force,19th.Bde.R.H.A.Signals, Field Squadron,A.Q.,A.D.M.S. reptd.Descorps,Fivecav.Fourcav.

AUSDIV.
0945.

G.A.786.

3rd.

APPENDIX 5.

5th.A.L.H.Brigade.
Descorps.

Authenticated report that train load of refugees partly composed of women and children blocked on the line by derailed troop train AAA 5th.Bde.will reconnoitre the Railway towards DUMAR and ZEBDANI and report as early as possible AAA Acknowledge AAA Addressed 5th.Bde. reptd Descorps.

AUSDIV.
1130.

G.O.3.

4th.

APPENDIX 6.

5th.A.L.H.Bde.

March your Bde.(less 1 Sqdn) and battery R.H.A. to-day to bivouac at DUMAR clearing road there to allow Fivecav to pass West to-morrow AAA Leave one Squadron KHAN MEIZELUN until Fivecav reach that place AAA acknowledge.

AUSDIV.
1035.

Subject:- DISCIPLINE IN DAMASCUS.APPENDIX. 7.

E7/20

The following orders will be strictly observed.

1. N.C.'s and men are not to enter DAMASCUS except
 - (a) on duty, when they will carry a pass signed by their Commanding Officer.
 - (b) in parties of about 20, under an Officer.
2. Col. Bouchier's Force will maintain two squadrons at the barracks whose duties will be to:-
 - (a) Maintain a picket by day and night at all the entrances to DAMASCUS from WEST, NORTH and NORTH EAST. The duty of these pickets will be to call on all N.C.O's and men for their pass, and forbid entrance to all N.C.O's and men without passes.
 - (b) Provide mounted patrols by day and dismounted patrols by night throughout the town. The duty of these patrols will be to ensure that good behaviour and order is maintained by all troops of this division.
3. The A.P.M. will act in conjunction with Col. BOURCHIER, reporting all cases of misbehaviour at once to Div. H.Q.

(signed) A. Chisholm Major,
for Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

4th. October 1918.

Issued to -

3rd. A.L.H. Bde.	Field Squadron.
4th. A.L.H. Bde.	Div. Train.
5th. A.L.H. Bde.	Camp Commandant.
Col. Bouchier's Force.	A.P.M.
19th. Bde. R.H.A.	A.D.V.S.
Signal Squadron.	A.D.M.S.
	A.Q.

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Desert Mounted Corps.
4th. Cav. Division.
5th. Cav. Division.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION
OPERATION ORDER No. 34.

Copy No. _____

Ref. Map. 1/250,000 BEIRUT.

4th. October 1918

1. (a) The enemy are reported to have reinforced RAYAK with about 5,000 indifferent infantry and 3 Machine Gun Companies. Very few troops, if any, remain in BEIRUT. Since 19th. September about 85,000 of the enemy have been captured.

(b) The XX1st. Corps are advancing along the Coast on BEIRUT.

(c) (i) Two Divisions of Desert Mounted Corps are to advance towards BEIRUT, with

1st. Objective - ZAHLE, in order to dominate the cross roads South-West of that place and threaten BEIRUT from the East while our infantry move up the coast.

2nd. Objective - RAYAK, securing it as a Railhead for our supplies from DAMASCUS.

(ii) With the above objects in view -

5th. Cavalry Division will march on 5th. inst. and move so as to reach the first objective on 7th. inst.

4th. Cavalry Division will follow 5th. Cavalry Division on 6th. instant.

INTENTION.

2. Australian Mounted Division will concentrate S.W. of DAMASCUS with a detachment of one squadron on the HOMS road.

ORDERS TO TROOPS.

3. (a) 3rd. A.L.H. Bde. (less one sqdn.), with attached battery R.H.A., will march to-day to a bivouac area S.W. of EL MEZZE so as to reach bivouac before dark.

(b) One sqdn. 3rd. A.L.H. Bde. will remain about DUMA and watch the approaches to DAMASCUS from N. and N.E.

4. (a) 5th. A.L.H. Bde. (less one Regt. and one sqdn.), with attached battery R.H.A. will march

(i) to-day to DUMAR so as to reach bivouac before dark,
 (ii) to-morrow after 5th. Cav. Div. have cleared DUMAR to a bivouac S.W. of EL MEZZE.

(b) One sqdn. 5th. A.L.H. Bde. will remain at KHAN MEIZELUN, watching the approaches from N.W. to DAMASCUS, until the advanced troops of 5th. Cav. Div. have passed through KHAN MEIZELUN, when it will hand over telephone communication to 5th. Cav. Div. and rejoin its Bde. under Bde. orders.

(c) 15th. B.H. Regt. is marching to rejoin its Bde. as follows:-

Oct. 4th. -	DEIR SARAS - SASA.
Oct. 5th. -	to KAUKAB.
Oct. 6th. -	to Bde. bivouac area S.W. of EL MEZZE.

5. Col. Bouchier's force will make necessary moves to be disposed as follows by 1800 to-day.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 34. (continued)

5th. (contd)

Two sqdns. at the Barracks.
Prisoner's escort at prisoner's camp.
Remainder of Bourchier's force in bivouac S.W. of EL MEZZE.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(signed) A. Chisholm, Major,
for Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

Issued at 1300 to-
3rd. A.L.H. Bde.
4th. A.L.H. Bde.
5th. A.L.H. Bde.
Col. Bourchier's force.
19th. Bde. R.H.A.
Field Squadron.
Signal Squadron.

Divisional Train.
A.A. & Q.M.G.
A.D.M.S.
A.D.V.S.
Camp Commandant.
A.P.M.

Copies to-
4th. Cav. Division.
5th. Cav. Division.
Desert Mounted Corps.

INTENTION.

ORDERS TO TROOPS.
(a) 5th. A.L.H. Bde. (less one sqdn.) with attached battery
will march to-day to a bivouac area S.W. of EL
MEZZE as far as possible bivouac before dark.

(b) One sqdn. 5th. A.L.H. Bde. will remain about DUMA and watch
the approaches to DAMASCUS from N. and E.

(c) 5th. A.L.H. Bde. (less one Regt. and one sqdn.) with attached
battery will march to-day to a bivouac area S.W. of EL
MEZZE as far as possible bivouac before dark.
(i) to-day to ELMA as far as possible bivouac before dark.
(ii) to-morrow after 5th. Cav. Div. has cleared DUMA to a
bivouac S.W. of EL MEZZE.

(d) One sqdn. 5th. A.L.H. Bde. will remain at KHAN MEZZEUN,
watching the approaches from N.W. to DAMASCUS, until the
advanced troops of 5th. Cav. Div. have passed through KHAN
MEZZEUN, when it will hand over telephone communication
to 5th. Cav. Div. and rejoin its Bde. under its orders.

(e) 15th. B.H. Regt. is marching to rejoin its Bde. as follows:-
Col. 4th. - DELIR SARAS - N.W.
Col. 5th. - to KAHNAH.
Col. 6th. - to ELMA as far as possible bivouac area S.W. of
EL MEZZE.

S. Col. Bourchier's force will make necessary moves to be
disposed as follows by 1500 to-day.

(continued over)

E7/22

Subject:- DISCIPLINE - GUARDS AND PICQUETS.

G.60/1.

APPENDIX 9.

Headquarters,
3rd.A.L.H.Brigade.
5th.A.L.H.Brigade.
Col.Bourchier's Force.
19th.Bde.R.H.A.

Guards and picquets must turn out as clean as possible.

Even if leather work cannot be worked up, it can be brushed and oiled. Buttons should be done up, breeches pulled up, coats pulled down, and every effort made to be as smart as possible.

Sentries must be armed with rifles and fixed bayonets. They must march backward and forward on their beats strictly to "attention", and when they "stand at ease" must not lean against walls or doorways.

Sentries may not enter into conversation with anyone and should any civilians address them, they should call the N.C.O., of the Guard to answer any enquiries.

Picquets moving through the town should move at a slow pace and keep their ranks.

(signed) A.Chisholm.Major,
for Lieut.Colonel,
General Staff,

5th.October 1918.

Australian Mounted Division.

Copy to -
A.P.M.

G.A.802.

5th.

APPENDIX 10.

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15th.L.H.Reg.
5th.A.L.H.Bde.

The 4th.Cav.Div. will be moving from its present bivouac area about EL JUDEIDE to-morrow 6th.inst.AAA The rear of the 4th.Divn.Transport Column should be on the road by 1000 AAA Your Regt.will rejoin 5th. Bde. at DUMAR to-morrow and you will leave your present bivouac area about 1300 but in rear of 4th.Cav.Div.transport AAA Acknowledge AAA Addressed 15th.L.H.Reg. repta.5th.A.L.H.Bde.

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G.A.808.

6th.

APPENDIX 11.

3rd.Brigade.
Bourchier's Force.
A.Q.

The following reliefs will be completed as soon as possible AAA 3rd.Bde. will relieve the 3 Sqdns. of Bourchier's Force on duty at the prisoners compound near EL JUDEIDE with one complete Regt.AAA Bourchier's Force will relieve (a) One Sqdn.Stafford Yeomanry guarding Consulates, Hospitals and Jewish quarter DAMASCUS, with one Squadron from the HAMIDIEH Barracks at once AAA Sqdn.leader to report to Div.H.Q.to take over from Sqdn.leader Stafford Yeomanry AAA This Sqdn.will be replaced by one sqdn. relieved from P/W Compound AAA (b) One Sqdn.3rd.Bde. guarding KADEM STN.AAA (c) One Sqdn.3rd.Bde on Corps P/W Compound EL MEZZE AAA Report completion of reliefs at once to Div.H.Q.AAA Addressed 3rd.Bde. Bourchier's Force repeated A.Q.

AUSDIV.
1450.

G.A.815.

7th.

APPENDIX 12.

5th. A.L.H.Brigade.
Major Hamlin.

Detail one Squadron to relieve one Squadron of 10th.L.H.Regt.cleaning up the GORGE on the DAMASCUS - DUMAR Road AAA Relief to be completed by 1000 to-morrow AAA Your Squadron will report to Major Hamlin O.C. 10th.Regt.Sqdn. and will camp on the area being vacated by this Sqdn. taking over prisoners and instructions from Major Hamlin AAA Completion of relief to be reported by Sqdn.Leader to Div.H.Q. AAA Addressed 5th. Bde. repeated Major Hamlin.

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G.O.5.

7th.

APPENDIX. 13.

5th.A.L.H.Bde.
Q.Descorps.
A.Q.

5th. A.L.H.Bde. will detail one full troop of 1 Officer 1 Sergeant 28 men including Hotchkiss team to report at KADEM STATION at 1100 to-morrow AAA They are required to accompany Railway reconnaissance to DERAA AAA They will be fully armed and equipped with blankets and greatcoats AAA Corps Headquarters is arranging rations AAA Reconnaissance will last some days AAA Horses will return to units from KADEM Stn.AAA Addressed 5th. A.L.H.Bde. repta.Q Descorps.

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5th.Bde.

A.Q.

E7/24

Reference G.O.5.AAA Troop will be prepared to be away four days AAA
 Duty to accompany Major Hay in a train carrying out railway reconnaissance
 AAA If possible party should have a knowledge of Plate laying AAA
 Rations to be drawn from Supply Depot BARAMAKIE STATION AAA Addressed
 5th.Bde. repeated A.Q.

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2120.

APPENDIX 14.

G.60/2.Subject:-DISCIPLINE IN DAMASCUS.

3rd.A.L.H.Bde.	Field Squadron.
4th.A.L.H.Bde.	Camp Commandant.
5th.A.L.H.Bde.	A.D.M.S.
Bourchier's Force.	A.D.V.S.
19th.Bde.R.H.A.	A.Q.
Signal Squadron.	D.A.D.O.S.
Div.Train.	A.P.M.

 The following orders cancel the orders issued under this office
 G.60 of 4/10/18:-

1. DAMASCUS, within certain prescribed limits, is out of bounds to all ranks except when on duty.

Duty will include the purchasing of foodstuffs for organised messes, by Officers and N.C.O's.

All ranks proceeding on duty, other than for the purchase of foodstuffs, must be in possession of a written pass signed by the Officer Commanding the unit to which they belong and stamped with the Orderly Room stamp.

In the case of Officers and N.C.O's proceeding to DAMASCUS for the purpose of purchasing foodstuffs for properly organised messes as referred to above, permanent passes must be issued and signed by the A.P.M. of the Division.

The prescribed limits within which DAMASCUS is out of bounds will, for the present, be marked by notice boards and police posts or patrols, as arranged by the A.P.M. Desert Mounted Corps.

2. All men proceeding into DAMASCUS must be properly dressed in the same way as they have to be when proceeding to CAIRO or ALEXANDRIA.

3. All Hotels are out of bounds to all ranks except the VICTORIA HOTEL which is only in bounds to Officers. Arrangements are being made for other ranks on duty to obtain a meal in the City. Such arrangements will be notified later.

Officers passing through or staying in DAMASCUS on duty, and wishing to stay at the VICTORIA HOTEL will report their arrival to the A.P.M. Desert Mounted Corps, or his representative within 24 hours of their arrival in the City. The office of the A.P.M. will be situated at a place to be notified in Routine Orders later.

(signed) R.H. Osborne,
 Lieut. Colonel,
 General Staff,

7th. October 1918. Australian Mounted Division.

G.A. 821.

8th.

APPENDIX 15.

3rd.Bde. Camp Commandant.
 19th.Bde.R.H.A. Signal Squadron.
 5th.Bde. Field Squadron.
 Bouchier's Force. Divisional Train
 A.Q.

E 7/25

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 All ranks must be armed at all times when away from bivouac area
 AAA There must be no individual straggling especially at night
 AAA At nights all Units must have sentries posted and an inlying
 picquet AAA Addressed all units and Bdes. repeated A.Q.

AUSDIV.
 1830.

G.A.822.

8th.

APPENDIX 16.

Bouchier's Force.

Detail an Officer to reconnoitre and report on best route for
 motor ambulances between Victoria Hotel and British and French
 Hospitals AAA The present route passes through the bazaar
 quarter which must be avoided if possible.

AUSDIV.
 2020.

G.A.824.

9th.

APPENDIX 17.

5th.A.L.H.Bde.

Detail composite Squadron of 100 other ranks with complement
 Officers to report to P/W compound EL MEZZE at 0730 to-morrow
 10th.inst. to escort Pof W working parties AAA Essential full
 number ordered are sent AAA Acknowledge.

AUSDIV.
 1600.

G.A.848. 15th.
 "C"Sqdn.9th.L.H.Regd.DUMA.
 3rd.A.L.H.Bde.

APPENDIX 18.

You will rejoin your Bde.at KAUKAB to-day leaving your present
 bivouac at such an hour as to have your complete Sqdn.through and
 clear of DAMASCUS by 1700 to-day AAA Wire time of leaving DUMA and
 completion of move will be wired by 3rd.A.L.H.Bde.AAA Acknowledge.
 AAA Addressed "C"Sqdn.9th.Regd.reptd.3rd.Bde.

AUSDIV.
 1000.

G.A.850.

15th.

APPENDIX 19.

3rd.Bde. Signal Sqdn. A.Q.
 4th.Bde. Field Sqdn.
 5th.Bde. Divl.Train.
 Bouchier's Force. Camp Commandant.

The C in C.is traveling BEIRUT to DAMASCUS on 16th.inst.AAA
 DAMASCUS to HAIFA on 17th.inst.AAA Every precaution must be taken
 to keep the roads as clear as possibleAAA No double banking of
 transport all transport must move off the roads and every precaution
 taken not to impede progress AAA Addressed all Units repeated A.Q.

AUSDIV
 1030.