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OF

AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

FOR

DECEMBER. 1918.



Signature of Officer compiling *W. Palmer*
Captain,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

Signature of Officer Commanding *W. Palmer Capt 88*
for Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

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Army Form C. 2118.

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Summary of Events and Information

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information
	1918		
	Dec.		
	1.	1225	Instructions received from Desert Mounted Corps that 5th Field Troop will rejoin 5th A.L.H. Brigade at BAALBEK on 3rd inst. under arrangements of C.R.E., Desert Mounted Corps.
	2.	1000	Divisional Commander inspected Divisional Train.
	3.	1130	19th Brigade R.H.A. warned for inspection by Divnl. Commander on 4th inst. at 0900. 5th Field Troop moved from HOMS to KUSSIER en route for BAALBEK.
			G.H.Q. memo. G.S.1428 of 22/11/18 received, laying down the principles of Educational Scheme to be carried out with the intention of giving practical instruction to men in the trade or profession they will follow after the war.
	4.	0900	Divisional Commander inspected 19th Brigade R.H.A. 5th Field Troop moved from KUSSIER to EL KAA.
	5.		5th Field Troop moved from EL KAA to LEBWE.
	6.		5th Field Troop moved from LEBWE to BAALBEK and rejoined 5th A.L.H. Brigade. Rained heavily all day and night.
	7.		Location of Divisional Headquarters and units unchanged. Rained heavily all day and night.
	8.		Location of Divisional Headquarters and Units unchanged. Weather fine, but Camp area and roads in very bad state.
	9.		Weather fine. Roads and Camp areas still in very bad state.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Dec.			
	9.	2010	G.A.368 received from Desert Mounted Corps asking for list of subjects in which men of this Division require instruction, stating approximate numbers. It is intended to hold classes in EGYPT.	
	10.	1430	Orders issued for move, on 12th inst., of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade from the present unsuitable Camp area to fresh site selected on the beach, 2 miles South of TRIPOLI.	G.A.978. Appendix 1
	11.		Location of Divisional Headquarters and Units unchanged. Weather fine. Roads and Camp areas improving, but still very muddy.	
	12.	1130	Move of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade to new Camp site completed. Weather fine. Roads much improved.	
	13.		Rained heavily all day and night. Report submitted to Desert Mounted Corps on the Educational Training being carried out within the units of the Division, giving list of Subjects and number of Students for which no provision can be made within the units.	G.T.119/16. Appendix 2
	14.		Weather fine. List of text books required to carry on instruction within the units sent to Army Printing and Stationery Depot and copy to Desert Mounted Corps.	G.T.119/18. Appendix 3
	15.		Rained steadily all day and very heavily all night.	
	16.		Rained all day.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
sub	Dec. 16.	2215	Wire received from Desert Mounted Corps that following moves will take place as soon as the YARMUK Valley Bridges are repaired, or sooner if supply situation permits:- Desert Mtd. Corps Headquarters to ALEPPO. 5th Cav. Divn. to KILLIS, AINTAB and MUSLIMIE JUNCTION. 4th Cav. Divn. (less Brigade at DAMASCUS) from BEIRUT to ALEPPO. Brigade at DAMASCUS (less one Regt.) BAALBEK - HOMS area in relief of Brigade of Australian Mtd. Divn. Australian Mounted Division complete to concentrate at BEIRUT.	
sub	17.		Rained heavily all day and night. Vacancies allotted for Courses commencing at Imperial School of Instruction, ZEITOUN, on 30/12/18. G.Z.188.	Appendix 4
sub	18.		Light showers throughout day. Full moon at night. Major A. CHISHOLM, G.S.O.2, left on 1914 leave to United Kingdom.	
sub	19.		Fine all day. Ground drying well. Wire received from Desert Mtd. Corps with reference to two more vacancies for M.G.Tactical Course.	
sub	20.		Divisional Commander and G.S.O.1 visited Desert Mtd. Corps Headquarters. Weather fine. Vacancies allotted for Courses at ZEITOUN and ALEXANDRIA. G.Z.189.	Appendix 5
sub	21.		Weather fine. Divisional Commander and G.S.O.1 returned from Corps H.Q. D.H.Q. Sports held this afternoon. Wire received from A.I.F. H.Q. stating Brig.-General RYRIE would arrive TRIPOLI on Dec. 24th.	

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Summary of Events and Information

Place	Date	Hour		
	Dec. 22.		<p>Weather fine but dull.</p> <p>Education being carried on in units in subjects for which tutors are available.</p> <p>Desert Mtd. Corps wire asking staff situation as regards officers absent and officers acting for them. Answered by G.A.112 & 114.</p> <p>Progress Report re Education called for by G.T.119/22.</p>	<p>Appendix 6</p> <p>Appendix 7</p>
	23.		<p>Wet day.</p> <p>Usual routine.</p> <p>Enquiries made by H.Q. A.I.F. in EGYPT as to N.C.Os. for P.T. Instructors for duty on Transports to AUSTRALIA. G.T.122 to Brigades and units of Divnl. Troops.</p>	Appendix 8
	24.		<p>Wire received from Desert Mounted Corps giving particulars of extra duty pay to teachers under Army Education Scheme.</p> <p>Showers throughout day.</p>	
	25.		<p>Christmas Day. General Holiday.</p> <p>Brig.-General G. de L. RYRIE arrived per S.S. "ABASSIEH" and took over command of Division from Brig.-General W. GRANT.</p> <p>Weather fine throughout day.</p> <p>Lieut. J.G. SMYTH, attached "G" branch, returned from leave in EGYPT.</p>	
	26.		<p>Letter E.T.4 received from Educational Advisory Committee reference lecturers for various subjects. Forwarded to Brigades under G.T.119/26.</p> <p>Weather fine.</p>	Appendix 9

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Summary of Events and Information

Remarks and references to Appendices

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	Dec. 27.		Divisional Commander visited 4th A.L.H. Brigade and Divisional Troops. It was decided to move 19th Bde. R.H.A. and Divisional Train to new camp site near 3rd A.L.H. Bde. A.A. & Q.M.G. issued necessary orders. Move to be completed by 1800 on 28th inst.	
			Weather fine.	
	28.		Weather fine.	
			Nominal roll for P. & B.T. Course commencing 6/1/19 sent to Desert Mtd. Corps and School of Physical and Bayonet Training, ALEXANDRIA. G.Z.189/5.	Appendix 10
			Reply showing action taken with regard to writing of narrative of cavalry operations sent to Desert Mounted Corps. G.T.197/6.	Appendix 11
			Divisional Train and 19th Bde. R.H.A. ("A"/H.A.C. with 5th A.L.H. Bde.) moved to new camp site near 3rd A.L.H. Bde. area.	
	29.		Wet day.	
			Nominal roll of candidates for courses commencing 13/1/19 sent to Desert Mtd. Corps and Imperial School of Instruction, ZEITOUN. G.Z.189/4.	Appendix 12
	30.		Wet day.	
			Report on operations of Australian Mtd. Division from 1st July, 1917 to 31st October, 1918 sent to Military Editor, "Palestine News". G.I.202.	Appendix 13
			Wire received from Desert Mtd. Corps with reference to reports on Mobilization Store Tables now in force.	
			Progress Reports on Education received from Brigades and units. 867 students for Division.	Appendix 14

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Place	Date	Hour			Remarks and references to Appendices
	Dec. 31		Wet day.		
			Letter sent to Brigades and Camp Commandant reference Mobilisation Store Tables, asking for suggestions as to alterations etc., in the light of experience gained.		G.Q.113/1 G.Q.113.
			Work on roads continued, good progress being made. Local labour improving with experience.		
			Location of units as at 0900, 13-12-18.		S.G.354.
			Location of units as at 0900, 29-12-18.		S.G.354/1.

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DECEMBER 1918.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.	
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" 3.	Educational Training.....	G.T.119/18.
" 4.	Courses.....	G.Z.188.
" 5.	Courses.....	G.Z.189.
" 6.	Staff Situation.....	G.A.112 & G.A.114.
" 7.	Educational Training, Progress	G.T.119/22.
" 8.	Instructors on Voyage (P.T.)	G.T.122.
" 9.	Educational Training.....	G.T.119/26.
" 10.	Courses.....	G.Z.189/5.
" 11.	Narrative of Cavalry Operations) (action taken regarding writing of)	G.T.197/6.
" 12.	Courses.....	G.Z.189/4.
" 13.	Report on Operations of Aust.Mtd. Divn.from 1st.July 1917 to 31st. October 1918.....	G.I.202.
" 14.	Educational Training, Progress.....	
" 15.	Mob.Store Tables, suggestions as to alterations etc.,.....	G.Q.113/1.
" 16.	-----ditto-----	G.Q.113.
" 17.	Location of Units as at 0900 13-12-18.....	S.G.354.
" 18.	Location of Units as at 0900 29-12-18.....	S.G.354/1.

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APPENDIX No. 1.



To:- 3rd Bde. Field Sqdn. A.Q. A.P.M.
4th Bde. Signal Sqdn. A.D.M.S. D.A.D.O.S.
Div. Train 19th Bde R.H.A. A.D.V.S.

G A 978

10th

3 L H Brigade with 3rd L H F Amb will move on 12th
inst to a bivouac area on the beach S of the
Prisoners of War Repatriation Camp AAA O/C Divisional
Train will detail one Coy and O/C Field Sqdn one
troop to move with and under orders of G O C 3rd
L H Bde AAA Acknowledge AAA Addressed 3rd L H Bde
O/C Div Train O/C Field Sqdn O/C Sig Sqdn Repeated
4th L H Bde AQ ADMS ADVS APM DADOS 19th Bde RHA

From Ausdiv

1430

(Sd) E. Chisholm, Major,
for Lt.Col. G.S.

Appendix 2
Headquarters,
Desert Mounted Corps.



Reference G.A.368 of 9th inst. and para. 2 b of G.S.1428
of 22/11/18.

Herewith list of Subjects in which instruction is
required by personnel of this Division FOR WHICH NO PROVISION
CAN BE MADE WITHIN THE BRIGADE OR UNIT TO WHICH THEY BELONG,
stating approximate numbers.

In all Brigades including 19th Bde. R.H.A. and Divisional
troops classes are being held in subjects which can be satis-
factorily handled and for which suitable instructors are
available within the Bde. or Unit, but Students from one
Brigade are not being sent to attend classes in other Brigades
on account of the sizes of the classes already being held and
the lack of accommodation.

For instance the 3rd Brigade are teaching Bookkeeping
and Accountancy within the Brigade but cannot possibly make
provision for the 44 students from the 4th Brigade, and the
4th Brigade are teaching Shorthand and Typewriting within
the Brigade but cannot take the 21 students from the 3rd
Brigade.

All men wishing to learn Blacksmithing and Saddlery are
being taught within the various units. Students for Dentistry
have been attached to the various Dental Sections of the
Division.

Language classes are being held in various units and
students from units without instructors are attending these
classes.

Class in Wireless Telegraphy is being held which accom-
modates all students in this subject. Lectures are being
delivered in Surveying, Engineering &c but this is only
preliminary to further instruction when the necessary

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facilities are made available.

Classes in Animal Management and Home Doctoring of Animals are being held in all units by the various Veterinary Officers.

MOTOR DRIVERS AND MECHANICS.

Arrangements are being made with the S.M.T.O. to take a certain number of men on attachment to the M.T. Companies, but this scheme will only instruct 25 or 30 out of the 836 requiring this particular instruction.

Application is being made to the Army Printing and Stationery Depot for the necessary text books to carry on the classes for which instructors are available.

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for Brigadier-General,

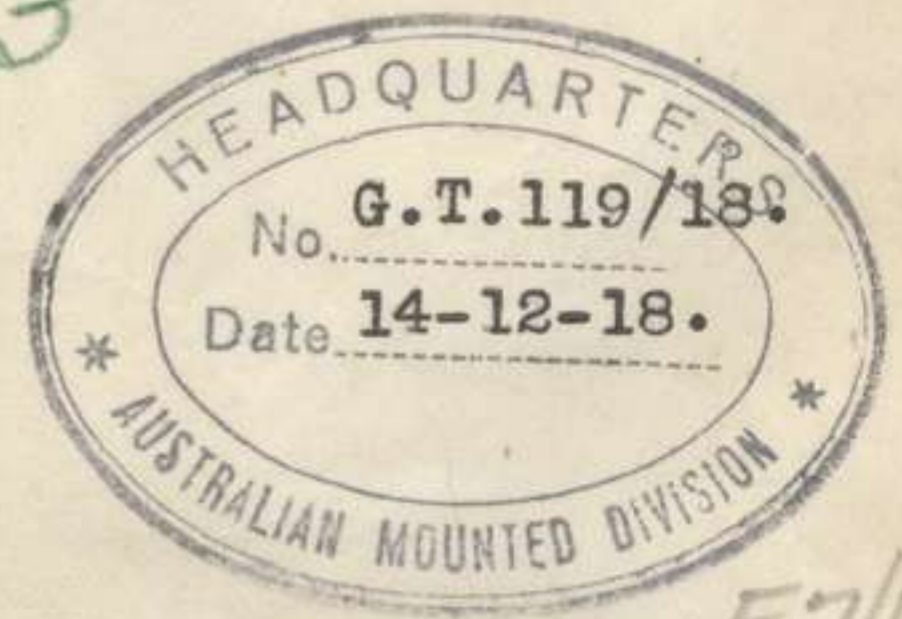
13th December 1918. Commanding Australian Mounted Division.

SUBJECTS.	Approximate Numbers
Motor Drivers & Mechanics.	836
Civil Engineering.	21
Electrical Engineering.	20
Mechanical Engineering.	74
Internal Combustion Engines.	4
Engineering Design & Ferro Concrete Building	1.
Building and Construction.	6
Architecture.	5
Mechanical Drawing.	3
Railway Traffic (Administrative)	13
Engine driving	26
Fitting & Turning.	5
Surveying.	4
Plumbing.	4
Carpentry.	18
Bakery.	8
Coach Building.	6
Mathematics & Higher Mathematics.	3
Assaying.	1
Wool Glassing.	11
Book-keeping & Accountancy.	61
Shorthand & Typewriting.	24
Electricity.	1
Agriculture - Fruitgrowing.	5
Bootmaking.	1
Tailoring.	1
Brickmaking.	1
Boilermaker.	1

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Appendix 3
SUBJECT:- Educational Training.

Army Printing & Stationery Depot,
ALEXANDRIA.



Reference Para. 6 of Educational Training Scheme issued with Special Army Order X of 24/9/18.

Herewith list of books required to carry on instruction within the units of this Division in subjects for which instructors are available.

Please forward as soon as possible text books and stationery to attached list, as classes are already established, but cannot make satisfactory progress without the necessary text books and stationery.

14th December, 1918.

(Sd) *A.* Chisholm, Major,
for Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

Copy to Desert Mounted Corps.

A U S T R A L I A N M O U N T E D D I V I S I O N .



LIST of TEXT BOOKS & STATIONERY required.

Subject	Number required		Number required
Book-keeping & Accountancy	105	Fruitgrowing	5
Arithmetic	50	English History	15
Geometry	10	English Grammar	30
Mathematics	4	French Dictionary	36
Algebra	10	French Grammar with Key	82
Mensuration	6	Spanish Dictionary	2
Applied Mechanics	5	Spanish Grammar with Key	2
Electrical Engineering	5	German Dictionary	1
Mechanical Engineering	10	German Grammar with Key	2
Motor Engineering	45	Arabic Grammar	4
Internal Combustion Engines	10	Commercial Law	2
Architectural Draughtsmanship	2		
Mechanical Draughtsmanship	2		
Drawing (Sketching from Nature)	2	Exercise Books	500
Wireless Telegraphy	8	Pencils	<u>gross</u> 3
Shorthand	40	Rulers	100
Geography	20	Erasers	100
Veterinary Science	20	<u>Chalk</u> WHITE	boxes 5
Topography	6	RED	" 1
Physical Training	100	BLUE	" 1
Agriculture	31	YELLOW	" 1

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3rd A.L.H. Brigade.
4th A.L.H. Brigade.
5th A.L.H. Brigade.



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1. Vacancies as under are allotted for the Cycle of Courses commencing on 30/12/18 at Imperial School of Instruction, BEITOUR.
2. Nominal rolls will be forwarded to reach this office by 22nd instant.
3. The usual standing orders for selection and attendance of candidates will apply.
4. Boat timings will be issued by A.A. & Q.M.G. in due course.
5. Allotment of vacancies:-

Subject	3rd A.L.H. Bde		4th A.L.H. Bde		5th A.L.H. Bde	
	Offrs.	N.C.Os.	Offrs.	N.C.Os.	Offrs.	N.C.Os.
Topography	1	-	1	-	1	-
M.G.C. Tactical	1	-	-	-	-	-
M.G.C. N.C.Os. Refresher	-	-	-	1	-	1
Total	2	-	1	1	1	1

[Signature]
Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

17th December, 1918.

Copy to A.A. & Q.M.G.

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Appendix 5

3rd A.L.H. Brigade.
4th A.L.H. Brigade.
5th A.L.H. Brigade.
19th Brigade R.H.A.



1. The following vacancies are allotted for courses commencing as under:-
2. The usual standing orders with regard to the selection and attendance of candidates will apply.
3. Nominal Rolls to reach this office by 26th instant. Medical certificates must accompany nominal rolls in the case of candidates for the p.&B.T. course.
4. Boat timings are being issued by the A.A.&Q.M.G. in due course.
5. Allotment of vacancies:-

Course	Location	Date of commencement	3rd Bde		4th Bde		5th Bde		19th Bde R.H.A.	
			Off. N.C.Os.	Off. N.C.Os.	Off. N.C.Os.	Off. N.C.Os.	Off. N.C.Os.	Off. N.C.Os.		
MUSKETRY	ZETTOUN	13-1-19	1	2	1	1	-	2	-	-
P.&B.T.	ALEXANDRIA	6-1-19	1	3	-	3	1	2	-	1

(Sd) W. Palmer, Capt., G.S.

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

20th December, 1918.

Copy to A.A.&Q.M.G.

Descorps.

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G.A.539.



Divl.Staff aaa Major A.Chisholm G.S.O.2.on 1914 leave. Captain W. Palmer G.S.O.3.acting.Lt.W.J.Stevens Intelligence Officer acting G.S.O.3 aaa Major W.Evans D.A.D.M.S.transport duty to Australia Captain C.Anderson acting aaa 3 L.H.Bde aaa Major T.Urquhart Bde. Major to Hospital Captain W.Lyall Staff Captain acting B.M. Lieut. A.S.Barker 9th.L.H.Regt.Staff Trainee acting Staff Captain aaa 4th.L.H.Bde aaa Major L.S.Alexander Bde.Major to Hospital Captain H.Mc.Farlane Staff Captain acting Bde.Major Captain N.Rae 4th.L.H. Regt.acting Staff Captain aaa 5th.L.H.Bde.aaa Captain J.R.Hall Staff Captain on 1914 leave aaa Lieut.G.M.Brown Staff Trainee acting Staff Captain.

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1300(sd)W.J.Foster Lt.Col,
G.S.

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and further this office G.A.112 of to-day aaa Div.H.Q.aaa Colonel G.P.DIXON A.D.M.S.to Australia Lt.Colonel R.J.FOWLER acting aaa Major F.MURRAY-JONES D.A.D.V.S.Major S.A.MOUNTJOY acting.

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1800(sd)W.Palmer Capt.
G.S.

Appendix 7
SUBJECT:- Educational Training.

3rd A.L.H. Bde.	Field Squadron.
4th A.L.H. Bde.	Divisional Train.
5th A.L.H. Bde.	Camp Commandant.
19th Bde. R.H.A.	A. D. M. S.
Signal Squadron.	A. D. V. S.



Reference G.H.Q. circular letter G.S.1428, forwarded under this office G.T.119 of 5th instant, please furnish a Progress Report, showing classes held, instructors and average attendance, to reach this office by first despatch on 28th instant.

(Sd) W. Palmer, Capt., G.S.,

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

22nd December, 1918.

Copy to A.A.& Q.M.G.

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APPENDIX 8.



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AUSTRALIAN IMPERIAL FORCE IN EGYPT.

Headquarters, A. & N. Z. Mounted Division.
" Australian Mounted Division.
Australian Training Depot, MOASCAR.

A. A. G., A. I. F.
E G Y P T.
No. 178/98.
13-12-18.

Reference A. I. F. Order 1450 dated 19-11-18.

Please submit to this Office names of any Physical Training Instructors capable of performing the duties mentioned in above order.

(sd) C. S. Jarman,
Captain,

A/A. A. G., A. I. F. in Egypt.

Copy to - Australian Headquarters, Cairo.

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3rd. A. L. H. Bde.
4th. A. L. H. Bde.
5th. A. L. H. Bde.
Field Squadron.

Signal Squadron.
Divisional Train.
Camp Commandant.
A. D. M. S.



For necessary action, please.

Names to be submitted to this Office as early as possible.

(sd) W. J. Foster.
Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

23rd. December. 1918

Copy to, A. A. & Q. M. G.

SUBJECT:- Education - Special Lectures.

Brigadier-General
Training
E.E.F.
No. E.T.4.

G.S.O.1,
Headquarters,
Australian Mounted Division.

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1. The Educational Advisory Committee have appointed a sub-committee consisting of Mr. Gilbert Elliot, Lieut.-Colonel R. G. Howard Vyse, C.M.G., D.S.O., and Major A.T. McMurrrough Kavanagh, M.O., to deal with the matter of special lectures.
2. These lectures, if they are to be of any value, must be given by the very best people obtainable. We shall not, we think, get satisfactory results, unless resources are to some extent pooled.
3. Our policy therefore is
 - (a) to get the names of a Staff of Lecturers on various subjects, and to arrange for them to lecture round Cairo, or Alexandria; and, if they are able to, to go on tour.
 - (b) to make our chief efforts, to begin with, in the direction of subjects which will have a real bearing on the views of the men on Imperial and National questions.
 - (c) but not to neglect subjects of a more domestic character, such as, for instance, the future of Agriculture at Home and in the Colonies.
4. It is very important to steer clear of controversial politics; and, also, to avoid the appearance of an effort at Military Propaganda.
5. A list of subjects is enclosed on which we are particularly anxious to obtain lectures. Most of these subjects evidently cannot be got through in an hour, but we do not think that more than four one hour lectures should be devoted to one subject.
6. We should be very grateful if you could make enquiries, and let us have the names of any likely and willing men. They would probably receive extra duty pay, as to which details will be sent you as soon as they are received; if they wished to refresh their memories or obtain new data, every possible facility would be arranged here, in the way of libraries or such official documents as can be obtained.
7. It is realised that civilian lecturers would be much appreciated, and efforts are being made to secure them.

(Sd) H. C. Cumberbatch,

Major,
Secretary,
Educational Advisory Committee.

Cairo.
20. 12. 1918.

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3rd A.L.H. Brigade.
4th A.L.H. Brigade.
5th A.L.H. Brigade.



Reference above letter. Please forward to this office as early as possible the names of any officers or men capable of lecturing in the subjects mentioned.

(Sd) W. Palmer, Capt. G.S.

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

27th December, 1918.

Copy to A.A. & Q.M.G.

Suggested Subjects for Special Lectures.



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<u>Title.</u>	<u>Remarks</u> (intended as a guide only)
1. <u>General Outline of the War on Land.</u>	Relationship between various Fronts. Advantage of Interior Lines. Importance of Railways. Casualties and Captures. Causes of Collapse.
2. <u>The Army of the British Empire.</u>	Colonial military history, before the war:- Contributions of Dominions and India to the armed forces of the Empire. What the Army of the Empire has done during the War.
3. <u>Relationship of the Army to the Nation.</u>	
4. <u>The work of the Navy.</u>	
5. <u>The Development and work of the Air Force.</u>	
6. <u>History and Constitution of the British Empire.</u>	
7. <u>Conditions obtaining in the various Dominions and Dependencies.</u>	
8. <u>The Ordeal of France.</u>	
9. <u>German ideas of right and wrong.</u>	German training and life before the War - The Principle of Might is Right. Political Morality. Plotting for War.
10. <u>League of Nations and Arbitration.</u>	
11. <u>The Freedom of the Seas.</u>	
12. <u>Problems of the Near East.</u>	
13. <u>Political Economy.</u>	Supply and Demand. Relationship of Capital and Labour. The Housing Problem and its results on efficiency.
14. <u>The Sources of Raw Material.</u>	Dependence of Great Britain on the Dominions and on Foreign Nations, and vice versa.
15. <u>Economy in Military and Civil Life.</u>	Economy of Labour, military and civil. Salvage and Prevention of Waste. Industrial efficiency of our country compared with others.
16. <u>The Future of Agriculture.</u>	(a) In England. (b) In the Dominions. (c) In Mesopotamia. (d) In East Africa.

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Title.

Remarks etc.

17. Small Holdings.

18. The Growth and Decay of certain States.

Illustration of the factors forming national strength and weakness. Development of a constitution. Growth of Democracy.

19. Responsibility of the Individual to the State.

20. Military History of Egypt and Syria.

(a) Biblical times.
(b) Alexander and the Roman Empire.
(c) Napoleon and afterwards.

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Commandant
F. & B "T" School,
ALEXANDRIA.



Herewith Nominal roll of candidates for courses commencing 6-1-19.

Medical certificates are attached.

No.	Rank	Name	Unit
-	Lieut.	H. J. HAHN.	9th A.I.H. Regt.
-	"	A.A. MCKENZIE, M.C.	14th " "
856	Sergt.	GANDY, H.	9th " "
986	"	MCKENZIE, S.A.	14th " "
174	T/Sgt.	COONAN, M.J.	10th " "
480	Corpl.	ROWE, M.G.	9th " "
1359	"	SMITH, C.A.	14th " "
1603	"	MURRAY, J.G.	12th " "
1977	T/Cpl.	TAYLOR, F.L.	4th " "
2474	Lie/Cpl.	OWEN, T.J.	15th " "
6-2078	Bomdr.	CLEWER, R.W.	Notts Battery R.H.A.

(Sd) W. J. Foster, Lt. Col.

for Brigadier-General.

Commanding Australian Mounted Division.

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General Staff,
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

APPENDIX 11



Reference your G.983 of 15/12/18, para 6, Regiments have appointed Officers to write up the operations of the unit, different Officers dealing with the various actions involved.

Brigades have also sent Officers to Egypt to get complete accounts from Records of the earlier operations.

These reports will be collated at Brigade and Divisional Headquarters.

Plans and Sketches to accompany narratives are also being prepared.

(sd) W. J. Foster, Lt. Colonel,
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Commanding Australian Mounted Division.

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Appendix 12



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ZAITOUN.

Herewith Nominal Roll of candidates for Course
commencing as under :-

Course	Date of Commencement.	Names.
Musketry.	13/1/19.	Major Y.H. WALKER, M.C., 8th L.H. Regt.
		Lieut J.B. EATHER, 12th L.H. Regt.
	284	Sergt. REED, J.C. 8th L.H. Regt.
	3346	" MILLER, C.M., 9th L.H. Regt.
	492	" CARR, T.L. 14th L.H. Regt.
	1039	S.S.M. QUINNIVAN, J.A. 14th L.H. Regt.
	2333	Corpl THOM, G., 15th L.H. Regt.

(Sgd.) W.J. FOSTER Lieut-Colonel.
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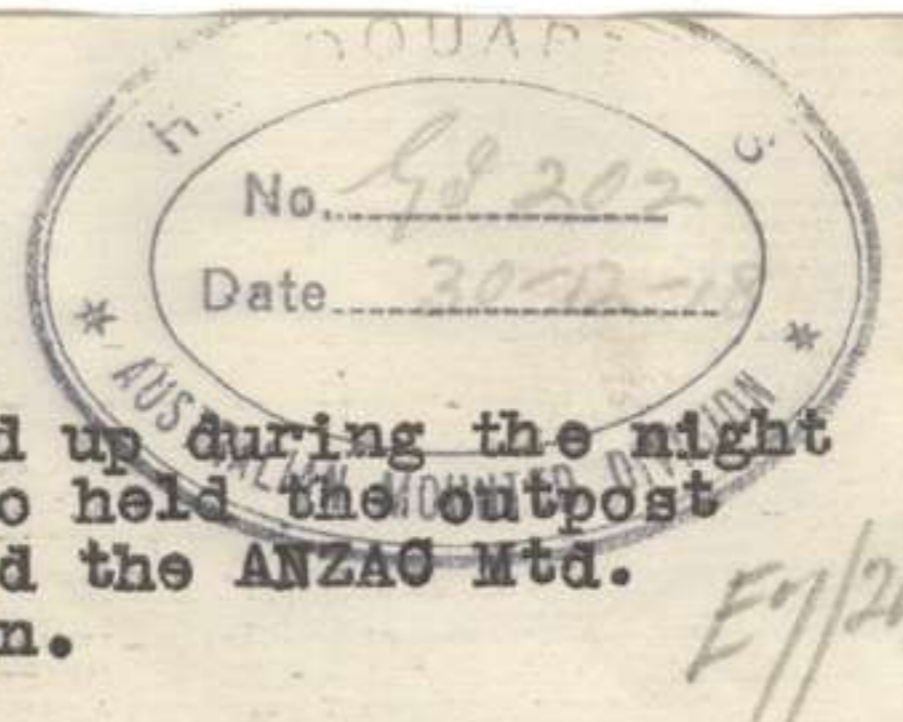
RECORD of the AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.



1917.

- July 1 - 6. Division bivouaced in the TEL EL FARA - SHELLAL Area and holding the outpost line GOZ MABRUK - KH KHASIF - ABU SHAWISH - EL NAGILI. E 7/23
- July 4th. Reconnaissance in force towards BEERSHEBA. Line occupied ABU YAHIA (with strong patrols to NA'AM and BIR IBN TURKIA) - Pt. 790 - EL GIRHEIR.
- July 6th. Relieved by ANZAC Mtd. Division. Division moved into reserve at ABASAN.
- Aug. 24th. 3rd. L.H. Brigade temporarily attached YEOMANRY Mtd. Division for reconnaissance in force towards BEERSHEBA.
- Sep. 1st. At 0600 4th. A.L.H. Brigade moved to EL GAMLI as Divisional reserve to YEOMANRY Mtd. Division carrying out operations towards BEERSHEBA. Brigade returned to bivouac area at ABASAN at 1930.
- Sep. 18th. Australian Mtd. Division relieved the Yeomanry Mtd. Division in the outpost line.
- Sep. 24th. Reconnaissance by the Division to S. of BEERSHEBA. Area reconnoitred 4 miles S.E. of KHALASA to IBN SAID.
- Oct. 2nd. Further reconnaissance to S. of BEERSHEBA carried out. Line held for 24 hours as follows :- ABU YAHIA - W. HALGON - W. MIRTABA - IBN SAID - S.E. of KHALASA. Slight encounters during day with enemy cavalry which were driven in on BEERSHEBA.
- Oct. 3rd. Constant patrolling of enemy's position BEERSHEBA - SHERIA Area and general advance of the line of observation Eastwards as far as the line RASHID BEK - Pt. 720 - Pt. 630 - Pt. 510 - Pt. 300.
- Oct. 23rd.
- Oct. 24th. Line of observation established RASHID BEK - EL BUGGAR - Pt. 720 - Pt. 630 and entrenched by AUSTRALIAN Mtd. Division.
- Oct. 27th. Pts. 630 and 720 (held by 1st County of London Yeomanry, 8th. Mtd. Brigade attached to AUSTRALIAN Mtd. Division) attacked by enemy forces estimated at 6 Battalions, 2 Squadrons and 2 Batteries. Enemy succeeded in occupying the tops of both hills in spite of heavy casualties caused to him during his advance. Line eventually relieved by 53rd. Division and position re-occupied.
- Oct. 29th. AUSTRALIAN Mtd. Division concentrated at KHALASA.
- Oct. 30th. AUSTRALIAN Mtd. Division left KHALASA at 1700 and moved via ASLUJ to ISWAIWIN, which was reached at 1100 on the 31st.
- Oct. 31st. At 1330 the 3rd. L.H. Brigade and 2 Batteries were placed at disposal of G.O.C., A. & N.Z. Mtd. Division who were then pressing the attack on TEL EL SABA. At 1600 the 4th. L.H. Brigade moved forward to attack BEERSHEBA and, advancing at the gallop over successive lines of trenches in the face of severe machine gun and rifle fire, captured BEERSHEBA at 1800. The captures included 1,690 other ranks, 10 Field Guns and 4 Machine Guns. The Brigade's casualties were 6 Officers and 58 other ranks.

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Oct. 31st.
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The 5th. and 7th. Mounted Brigades moved up during the night in support of the 4th. L.H. Brigade, who held the outpost line from the MOSQUE, where they joined the ANZAC Mtd. Division round the West side of the town.

Nov. 1st.

The AUSTRALIAN Mtd. Division was withdrawn into reserve and was re-joined by the 3rd. A.L.H. Brigade (less 8th. L.H. Regiment) on November 2nd.

Nov. 2nd.

5th. Mounted Brigade was placed at the disposal of the ANZAC Mtd. Division, 2 Regiments of which moved at 0900 on 3rd. Nov. to JERWAN to support the 1st. L.H. Brigade.

Nov. 4th.

The Division (less 5th. Mtd. Bde.) with 7th. Mtd. Brigade attached, moved to KARM and took over the outpost line WADI HANAFISH to Pt. 300 held by the YEOMANRY Mtd. Division during night 4/5th.

Nov. 6th.

The Division (less 3rd. L.H. Brigade) moved to KH. IMLEIH.

Nov. 7th.

The Division moved at 0245 through IRGEIG and filled the gap between the A. & N.Z. Mtd. Division and the 60th. Division, the 4th. L.H. Brigade after stiff fighting and throwing back a counter attack, held a line to the N. of SHERIA to enable the 60th. Division to concentrate.

Nov. 8th.

Nov. 8th. The Division, acting on the right of the 60th. Division, despite strenuous opposition, had by nightfall reached the line KH. EL RIJM - KH. HUI and thence round the North side of HUI. The 3rd. L.H. Brigade captured 2 5.9" Guns. The 4th. L.H. Brigade got into touch with cavalry of the 21st. Corps at BEIT HANUN. At 1500 on the same day 10 troops of the Warwick and Worcester Yeomanry (5th. Mtd. Bde.) charged a detachment of Turks holding a position 1 mile West of Huj, which was delaying the advance of the 60th. Division. The charge was completely successful. Severe losses were inflicted on the enemy who continued to fire their guns until the last moment. 30 prisoners, 11 guns and 4 machine guns were taken.

Nov. 9 - 12

The AUSTRALIAN Mtd. Division marched from HUI on Nov. 9th. via TEL EL HESI and ARAK EL MENSHEIYE. Well organised opposition on the line ZEITA - SUMMEIL was encountered, but after considerable fighting the Division, by the evening of Nov. 11th., gained the line ZEITA - BERKUSIE - Pt. 248 and connected up with the 75th. Division. On Nov. 12th. this line was attacked with great determination by an enemy force estimated at 5,000 and the line was withdrawn to ARAK EL MENSHEIYE - SUMMEIL - Pt. 248.

Nov. 13th.

The Division was ordered to protect the right flank of the 21st. Corps who were advancing with their right on the GAZA - JERUSALEM Road and their left on the line BESHSHIT - EL MANSURA. The Division met with considerable opposition in the stony foothills of the JUDEAN Mountains, into which their role obliged them to push. It was not until the evening of Nov. 13th. that the enemy evacuated EL TIME and even then he was still showing signs of activity about BERKUSIE and BALIN.

Nov. 14th.

On the 14th KEZAZE and JUNCTION STATION (7th. Mtd. Bde.) were taken. The Division were suffering badly from want of water and, in consequence, first 7th. Mtd. Bde.

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1917.

Nov. 14th.
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and afterwards 2nd. A.L.H. Bde. were transferred to ~~it~~.

Nov. 15th.

The Division advanced 1½ miles East of KHULDEH along the JERUSALEM road and pushed forward on the 16th. to LATRON (still in the enemy's hands). On the 17th. and 18th. outflanking movements were carried out against AMWAS and LATRON which were eventually evacuated by the enemy on the night of Nov. 18th/19th. 5th. Mtd. Bde. (with 10th. A.L.H. Regiment attached) were placed at the disposal of the 21st. Corps on this date and co-operated with the Corps until December 1st. On the 21st., owing to supply difficulties, the Division (less 5th. Mtd. Bde.) was withdrawn to HAMMAMEH - MEJDEL Area.

Nov. 27th.

On the 27th. the Division moved to DEIRAN. Owing to the YEOMANRY Mtd. Division being heavily attacked in the hills North of JERUSALEM, the 4th. L.H. Brigade continued its march at 1000 on the 28th. and on arriving at BERFILYA at 1300 came under orders of the YEOMANRY Mtd. Division. The 4th. L.H. Brigade reached TAHTA at 1900 and took over portion of the line. The 3rd. L.H. Brigade reached BERFILYA at 2400 on night 28th/29th. and the D.H.Q. established at BIR MAIN at 0100 on the morning of the 29th.

Nov. 30th.

On the 30th., the 3rd. L.H. Brigade moved to BEIT NUBA and took over the line from the 155th. Infantry Brigade. On Nov. 30th. the 7th. Mtd. Bde. and 4th. L.H. Bde. rejoined the Division, which was then holding the line EL BURJ - BEIT SIRA. During the month 1,804 prisoners were taken together with 35 guns and 8 machine guns. Throughout the first portion of the advance, water was always a big problem, units in many cases having to be without water for periods up to 60 hours. One Battery ("B" H.A.C.) was reported to have had only 3 waterings in 9 days.

Dec. 1st.

At 0120, the enemy, 500 strong, attacked on the junction between 3rd. and 4th. Bdes., the main attack being pushed in opposite the 8th. L.H. Regiment. The enemy managed to get his attack in within 30 yards of the position before being checked. He was finally encircled, 6 Officers and 206 other ranks being captured. In addition 60 wounded prisoners were also brought in and over 100 enemy dead buried.

Dec. 5th.

The line was pushed forward to SHILTA. From 5th. Dec. to 26th. Dec. no alteration was made in the line.. On the 27th. the line was advanced about 1,500 yards without opposition.

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Jan. 1st.

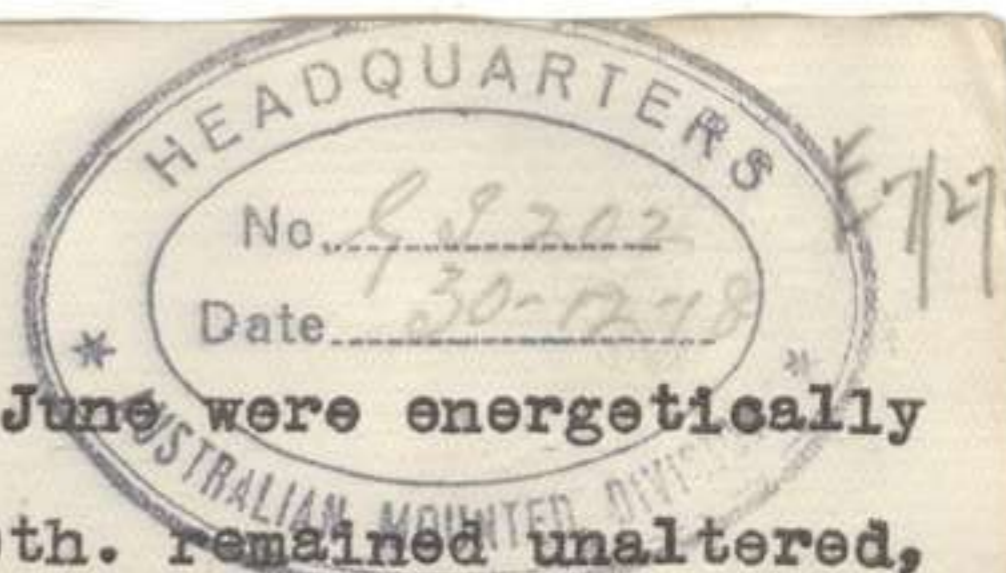
On Jan. 1st. the Division was relieved by the 10th. Division and moved back to BELAH, leaving the 4th. A.L.H. Brigade in the line until the 6th.

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- Jan. Feb. and March. During this period, the Division remained at BELAH refitting and carrying out an extensive training programme. A large amount of war material in the GAZA area was also salvaged during this period.
- Mar. 14th. The Division was inspected by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., etc.
- April 1st. The Division moved from BELAH and arrived at SELMEH on April 5th, where it remained until April 19th., when it moved to TALAAT ED DUMM, arriving there on April 23rd. and on the 26th. moved to JERICHO, in order to take part in the advance on ESSALT.
- April 30th. By 0445 on April 30th., the D.H.Q. was established in Square 127 F. 25 d, with the 3rd. and 4th. A.L.H. Brigades moving rapidly up the JORDAN VALLEY towards DAMIEH and the 5th. Mounted Brigade swinging to the right towards the foothills, preparatory to attacking up the UMM ESH SHERT track towards ES SALT. The 3rd. and 4th. A.L.H. Brigades, ignoring the RED HILL position held by the enemy, continued their advance and reached their positions with slight loss. The 5th. Mtd. Bde., moving up the UMM ESH SHERT track, met with some opposition but by 1225 had gained the crest about Square D 23 c & d. In the meantime the 4th. A.L.H. Brigade had got astride the DAMIEH track, with the 3rd. A.L.H. Brigade at Pt. 2,900, where their advance was held up for some time by some enemy redoubts. 1st. A.L.H. Brigade (attached to the Division) had taken RED HILL by 1225. At 1530, 4th. A.L.H. Brigade came under orders of Desert Mounted Corps. 1 Squadron, 1st. A.L.H. Brigade, plus 1 Section of Machine Guns, was left as a garrison of RED HILL and came under orders of the 4th. A.L.H. Brigade. The 1st. A.L.H. Brigade (less 1 Squadron) moved with D.H.Q. to ES SALT via the UMM ESH SHERT track. 2nd. A.L.H. Brigade came under orders of the Division at the same hour and moved to join the Division at ES SALT. 3rd. A.L.H. Brigade and 5th. Mounted Brigade were ordered to co-operate and take ES SALT night April 30th/May 1st. Notwithstanding stubborn resistance on the part of the ES SALT garrison, the 3rd. A.L.H. Brigade forced its way into the town and occupied it at 1800. The enemy were pursued down the AMMAN road, some 300 prisoners, together with 29 machine guns and a large quantity of war material being taken. During the night the 5th. Mtd. Bde. and 1st. and 2nd. L.H. Brigades continued to close round the town, a difficult movement, owing to the rough and precipitous nature of the country.
- May The Division remained in occupation of the ES SALT area May 1st. and 2nd. and withdrew on the night 3rd. / 4th. May and returned to bivouac areas on the WADI NUEIAMEH and took over the left Sector of the JORDAN VALLEY Defences. The remainder of the month was spent in consolidating these defences, the enemy showing little signs of activity.
- June. Active patrolling and continual consolidation of the line was maintained until June 21st., when the Division was relieved by the ANZAC Mtd. Division and moved to the BETHLEHEM- SOLOMON'S POOLS Area.

Anti-Malarial/



1918.

June.
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Anti-malarial measures during May and June were energetically pushed on. The situation on the front June 1st/20th. remained unaltered, the enemy being occupied in strengthening his defences and, beyond the usual patrol encounters, little activity was displayed.

July 16th.

3rd. A.L.H. Brigade relieved 1st. A.L.H. Brigade in the Left Sector, JORDAN VALLEY DEFENCES.

July 20th.

Australian Mtd. Division took over the Left Sector. During the period July 20th/31st. the enemy showed no especial activity, but at night showed signs of nervousness. From information received from deserters, the enemy expected us to attack.

Aug. 23.

Australian Mtd. Division relieved by A. & N.Z. Mtd. Division and moved to LUDD -RAMLEH Area.

Aug. 27th/
Sept. 18th.

Continuous training preparatory to the operations commencing Sept 19th., 1918. During this period the Division was armed with the sword.

Sept. 17th.

5th. A.L.H. Brigade moved out from SURAFEND at 1900 and came under orders of 60th. Division. On the night 18th/19th. Sept. the Division moved to a position of readiness just S. of SELMEH and came into Corps Reserve.

Sept. 19th.

The Division (less 5th. A.L.H. Brigade) moved at 0845 and by 1730 had reached the NAHR ISKANDERUN. At 0100 of the 20th., the Division moved to EL LEJJUN.

Sept. 20th.

Here the 3rd. A.L.H. Bde. were ordered to move at once on JENIN, where it was reported enemy were retreating Northwards. The 3rd. A.L.H. Bde. (less 1 Regt.) left at 1535 and, moving rapidly, captured JENIN at 1730. Several thousands prisoners and an enormous amount of war material were captured.

Sept. 21st.

The remainder of the Division (less 1 Regt) moved to JENIN Area and held all points by which the enemy might attempt to retreat Northwards. The 5th. A.L.H. Brigade which had been engaged in the operations round TUL KERAM and MABLUS relieved the 4th. A.L.H. Brigade at JENIN on 23rd. Sept. The 4th. A.L.H. Brigade then moved to EL AFULEH, where D.H.Q. was established at 0945. The situation during Sept. 21st/23rd. was quiet, there being no enemy movement at all in the Divisional Sector. On Sept. 24th. the 4th. A.L.H. Brigade (less 1 Regt.) moved to BEISAN and continued its march to SEMAKH night 24th/25th. The outskirts of SEMAKH were reached at about 0425 on the morning of the 25th. The enemy's position was a natural strong one and was known to be held in strength. One Regt. 5th. A.L.H. Bde. was moving up from BEISAN in support, but the G.O.C., 4th. A.L.H. Bde. decided to go straight in without waiting for the arrival of this Regiment. 11th. A.L.H. Regt. attacked from the East, supported by the Machine Gun Squadron from the South. One Squadron 12th. A.L.H. Regt. was sent in on the West flank to the West of the town. Several charges by these Squadrons got home and the enemy forced to concentrate in the town, the Railway Buildings

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September
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being strongly held, where desperate hand to hand fighting for over an hour took place. By 0600 SEMAKH was captured, the total prisoners taken being 389, of whom 150 were Germans. In addition, over 70 enemy were killed and 50 wounded. The Brigade casualties were 3 Officers and 14 other ranks killed and 7 Officers and 53 other ranks wounded. Strong patrols were sent up the YARMUK Valley, where the enemy was found to be in strength. TIBERIAS was occupied at 1500 on the same day, 56 prisoners being taken.

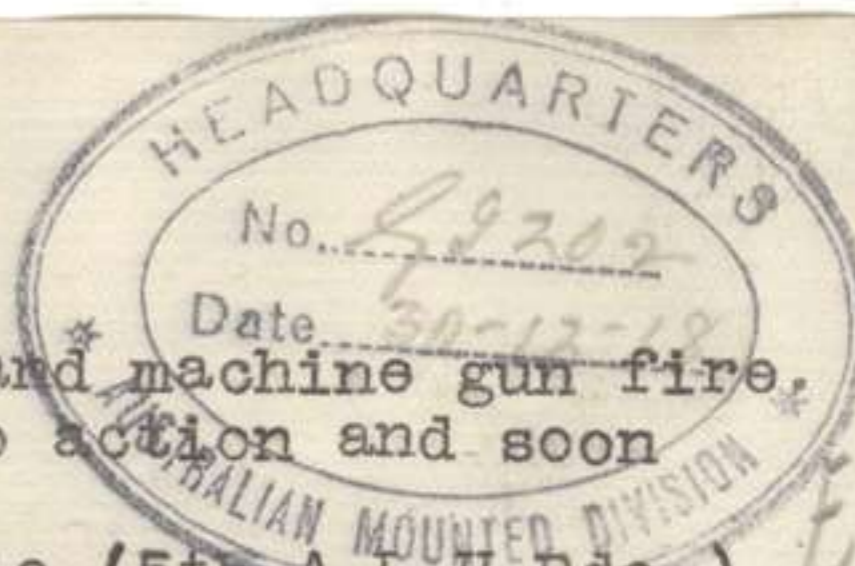
Sept. 26th. The Division (less 4th. A.L.H. Bde.) moved to TIBERIAS and was joined by the 4th. A.L.H. Bde. (less 1 Regt. at SEMAKH) early on Sept. 27th.

Sept. 27th. The advance on DAMASCUS was continued, the route of the Division being via JISR BENAT YAKUB and KUNEITRA. The enemy was found occupying the East bank of the JORDAN near the Bridge in strength and with many Machine Guns. It was obvious that a frontal attack would fail and it was decided to manoeuvre him out of position. 5th. A.L.H. Bde. (with 1 Battery R.H.A.) held the enemy in front with one Regt. and forced a crossing Southwards towards EL MIN. At about 1600 3rd. L.H. Bde. crossed the river towards the South end of Lake HULE at dusk and moved on DEIR ES SARAS, which was reached at 0500 on Sept. 28th. The remainder of the 5th. A.L.H. Bde. and 4th. A.L.H. Bde. got across the River during the night and moved on DEIR ES SARAS at 0500 on Sept. 28th. 70 prisoners and 4 Guns were captured on the East bank, the remainder of the enemy's force, estimated at 1000, escaped by Motor Lorries during the night. The advance of the Division was continued, 3rd. A.L.H. Bde. occupying KUNEITRA at 1300, the remainder of the Division concentrating there by nightfall.

Sept. 29th. The Division (less 4th. A.L.H. Bde., less 2 Regts.) moved at 1700, 3rd. A.L.H. Bde. leading. At 2000 the 3rd. A.L.H. Bde. was held up for some time by Machine Gun fire between WADI MUGHANIYE and SASA. The country here is very difficult, making it almost impossible for mounted men to move in the dark. The enemy's right flank was protected by an impassable, boggy creek, but by 0300 on the 30th, the 3rd. A.L.H. Bde. had forced its way through, capturing 2 field Guns, 7 Machine Guns and 25 prisoners.

Sept. 30th. Bouchier's Force (4th. and 12th. A.L.H. Regiments) took up the advanced guard at 0300 and continued the pursuit, capturing by the time the Force reached Pt. 2515 over 350 prisoners, 1 Gun, 8 Machine Guns and 400 rifles. By 0700, the Division had reached WADI ZABIRANI, and at 1115, BOURCHIER'S Force was attacking the KAUKAB Line, with the 3rd. and 5th. A.L.H. Bdes, moving round the Northern side of ARTUZ. The enemy was holding the KAUKAB with a force estimated at 2,500, with numerous Machine Guns. After a preliminary bombardment with 2 Batteries, 4th. L.H. Regt. attacking frontally and the 12th. L.H. Regt. on the enemy's left flank, charged home and captured the positions, with 72 prisoners and 12 Machine Guns. During the bombardment and the charge, large numbers of the enemy ran away into the Woods towards DARAYA, only later to be mopped up. Meanwhile the 5th. A.L.H. Bde., followed closely by 3rd. A.L.H. Bde., moved rapidly round the N.W. of DAMASCUS, but was held

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Sept. 30th.
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up at EL MEZZE Heights by heavy gun and machine gun fire. At 1300 the 19th. Bde. R.H.A. came into action and soon silenced most of the opposition. Regimente Mixte de Marche de Cavelerie (5th. A.L.H. Bde.) moved dismounted along the hills of KALABET EL MEZZE and, brushing aside all opposition, got into a position to command the Gorge N.W. of ER RABUE, which they effectively blocked. 14th. A.L.H. Regt. (5th. A.L.H. Bde.) forced its way along the Plain into the Gorge and captured 4,000 prisoners who had been headed off by the French Regiment. At 1530 the 3rd. A.L.H. Bde., endeavouring to get on to the HOMS Road, was delayed at SALAHIYE by heavy opposition and then tried to pass by DUMAR. On reaching the BEIRUT Road 1 mile S.W. of DUMAR, it was found that further advance across the mountains was impossible. Strong hostile columns were seen advancing along the Gorge from DAMASCUS, but these were thrown back with heavy losses. The Division (D.H.Q. at EL MEZZE) maintained its position around DAMASCUS during the night Sept. 30th./ Oct. 1st.

Oct. 1st.

At 0500 the 3rd. A.L.H. Bde. pushed through the Gorge towards DAMASCUS, captured a train loaded with troops, the total captures being 483 prisoners, 30 machine guns 8 field guns. Some Germans with machine guns at WADI MARABA were quickly brushed aside. At DUMA, the enemy made another stand, but the 20th A.L.H. Regiment immediately charged, capturing 600 prisoners and 37 machine guns. The pursuit was continued and at KHAN HUSSEIR the enemy once again endeavoured to stand, 40 Germans, some Turks and more machine guns being taken. The Brigade, having fought continuously all day, went into bivouac night 1st/2nd 2 miles North of DUMA. At 1900 situation was as follows:- 5th A.L.H. Brigade had got to DUMAR, whilst portions of BOURCHIER'S FORCE was maintaining order in DAMASCUS. D.H.Q. at SALAHIYE. About 13,000 prisoners were taken during the day. All organised resistance except on the DUMA road had been broken down early in the morning. The night October 1st/2nd passed quietly.

Oct. 2nd.

Early in the morning a party of enemy was reported escaping to the N.E. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade after a hard ride of 6 miles, caught up the enemy and charged, before the enemy had time to unlimber his guns or get his machine guns into action. Over 1500 prisoners, with the Divisional Commander, 2 77mm guns, 1 Mountain gun and 26 machine guns were captured. 5th A.L.H. Brigade moved to KHAN MEIZELUN. In the advance on, and final capture of DAMASCUS, over 25,000 prisoners were taken by the Division. This number excludes 3,876 prisoners taken by the 5th A.L.H. Brigade whilst attached to 21st Corps. 39 guns, 254 machine guns and 19 auto. rifles were also captured. The Casualties of the Division were 4 Officers and 19 other ranks killed and 14 Officers and 88 other ranks wounded and 11 other ranks missing.

Oct. 4th.

Australian Mounted Division (less 1 Squadron 3rd A.L.H. Bde. to be stationed on HOMS road) concentrated S.W. of DAMASCUS. 5th A.L.H. Brigade (less 1 Regiment and 1 Squadron) left KHAN MEIZELUN and marched to DUMAR.

Oct. 4th
" 26th.

The Division remained concentrated near DAMASCUS. On Oct. 19th the French Cavalry Regiment left the Division to rejoin the Detachment Francaise de Palestine at BEIRUT. On the 26th. Oct. the 4th. A.L.H. Bde. (less 2 Regts.) rejoined the Division from KUNEITRA, where they had been carrying out and organizing the L. of C. duties between SAFED and DAMASCUS.

Oct. 27th.

The Division left DAMASCUS for HOMS, where the Division was concentrated on 1st. November.

EDUCATIONAL TRAINING.

Appendix 14

HEADQUARTERS
No. _____
Date _____
AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION *

Summary of Classes being held on 30. 12. 1918.

ATTENDANCE BY UNITS

SUBJECT	3rd A.L.H. Bde.				4th A.L.H. Bde.			5th A.L.H. Bde.			Divisional Troop			TOTALS FOR DIVISION.	
	8th L.H.R.	9th L.H.R.	10th L.H.R.	3rd M.G.S.	4th L.H.R.	11th L.H.R.	12th L.H.R.	4th M.G.S.	14th L.H.R.	15th L.H.R.	2nd N.Z. M.G.S.	19th Bde R.H.A.	Field Squadron		Signal Squadron
English	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
French	-	30	-	34	-	-	-	36	-	-	-	34	-	-	124
Arabic	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Geography	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Mathematics	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
Book-keeping	20	-	-	24	14	-	2	16	-	-	-	15	-	-	98
Stenography	-	-	-	-	2	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Typewriting	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Drawing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	10
Topography	20	-	10	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	42
Use of Prismatic Compass	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20
Land Measurement	-	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Telegraphy	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
Telephony	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Wireless Telegraphy	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17	23
Photography	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
Motor-Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53	53
Internal Combustion Engines	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	23	4	9	47
Engine Driving	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Farriery	20	15	30	7	28	-	16	8	-	-	-	3	-	-	127
Blacksmithing	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Saddlery	8	-	6	3	9	-	8	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	44
Carpentering	-	-	4	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Rope-Splicing	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Veterinary Work	-	-	-	-	23	6	16	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	157
Farming	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	6
Cooking	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
Tailoring	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Hairdressing	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Dentistry	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2
TOTALS	76	81	98	83	101	11	65	78	1	1	102	94	4	85	878

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1. Reference A.F.G.1098 (Mobilization Store Table) now in force, please forward a report with reference to a Mounted Division Headquarters as regards -
 - (i) The most suitable scale of equipment for personnel, vehicles and horses.
 - (ii) Additions, reductions, or alterations in pattern required -
 - (a) when operating in the desert.
 - (b) when operating in present country.
2. Comments on the type of clothing and necessaries at present issued will also be forwarded.
3. Please render reports to reach this office not later than 8th January, 1919.

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

31st December, 1918.

3rd A.L.H. Bde.
4th A.L.H. Bde.
5th A.L.H. Bde.



1. Reference A.F. G.1098 (Mobilization Store Table) now in force, please forward reports in reference to -
 - (a) A. L. H. Brigade.
 - (b) A. L. H. Regiment.
 - (c) Machine Gun Squadron.as regards -
 - (i) most suitable scale of equipment for personnel, vehicles and horses of units.
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War Diary Appendix 17

AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

LOCATION OF UNITS
as at 0900 on 13th December, 1918.*



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Ref. Map TRIPOLI & BEIRUT 1/250,000.

<u>Unit or Formation.</u>	<u>Location.</u>	
H.Q., Australian Mtd. Division.	Pt. 200. East of MEJDELAYA	Square B.3.
2nd. Signal Squadron, A.E.	north of Pt. 200.	" B.3.
2nd. Field Sqn. A.E. (less 2 troops)	" " " "	" B.3.
Divisional Train (less 2 Coys.)	1/2 mile N. of MEJDELAYA on West of road	" E.3.a.
H.Q., 19th. Brigade R.H.A.	200 yards S. of Pt. 200.	" B.3.
Kotts Battery R.H.A.	3/4 mile N. of MEJDELAYA on East of road.	" B.3.
B.A.C.	3/4 mile N. of MEJDELAYA on East of road.	" B.3.
3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.	West of ABU HALKA, TRIPOLI-BEIRUT Road.	" B.3.a.
56 Coy. Divisional Train.	West of ABU HALKA, TRIPOLI-BEIRUT Road	" E.3.a.
3rd. Field Troop, A.E.	West of ABU HALKA, TRIPOLI-BEIRUT Road.	" B.3.a.
4th. A.L.H. Brigade.	1 mile West of ARDI	" B.3.
H.Q., 5th. A.L.H. Brigade.	BAALBEK.	Cook's Hotel.
5th. Signal Troop, A.E.	BAALBEK.	" "
14th. L.H. Regiment (less detachment HAMA)	HOLS.	4 miles N. of Town.
1 Officer, 20 Other Ranks.	HAMA.	Railway duty.
15th. L.H. Regiment (less detachments below)	BAALBEK.	Villa Kiaouam Hotel.
One Sqn. less 2 Troops	RAYAK.	
One Troop.	MOALLAKA and ZAHLE.	
One Troop.	SHTORA.	
2nd. N.Z.M.G. Sqn. (less 2 Sections)	BAALBEK.	House North of BHG.
1 Section (4 guns)	RAYAK.	
1 Section (4 guns)	MOALLAKA.	
5th. L.H.F. Ambulance (less Immobile Section).	BAALBEK.	House South of BHG.
Immobile Section 5th. L.H.F.A.	HOLS.	
5th. Field Troop, A.E.	BAALBEK.	
10th. Mobile Vet. Section.	BAALBEK.	Turkish Barracks.
"A" Battery H.A.C.	BAALBEK.	Old Turkish Barracks
30th. Coy. Divisional Train.	BAALBEK.	Turkish Barracks.

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| 4. 4th. A.L.H. Brigade. | 13. A.P.E. |
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| 6. 19th. Brigade R.H.A. | 15. A.D.C. for G.O.C. |
| 7. 2nd. Field Sqn. A.E. | 16. G.S.O. 1. |
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Appendix 18.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

Location of Units

as at 0900 on 29th December, 1918.

Reference Map: TRIPOLI & BEIRUT 1:250,000.

Unit or Formation	Location.	
H.Q. Australian Mtd. Division.	Pt. 200 East of MEJDELAYA.	Square B.3.
2nd Signal Squadron, A.E.	North of Pt. 200.	" "
2nd Field Squadron, A.E. (less 2 troops)	" " " "	" "
Divisional Train (less 2 Coys.)	1 mile South of EL MINA.	" B.3.e.
H.Q. 19th Bdo. R.H.A.	1 1/2 " " " "	" "
Notts Battery R.H.A.	" " " "	" "
B. A. O.	" " " "	" "
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.	West of BU HALKA TRIPOLI -BEIRUT Rd.	" "
38th Coy. Divisional Train.	" " " "	" "
3rd Field Troop, A.E.	" " " "	" "
4th A.L.H. Brigade.	1 mile West of ARDI.	" B.3.
H.Q. 5th A.L.H. Brigade.	BAALBEK. Cook's Hotel.	
5th Signal Troop.	" " "	
14th A.L.H. Regt. (less HAMA detachment)	HOMS. American Mission School	
1 Officer, 20 O/Rs.	1/2 mile E. Rly. Station.	
15th A.L.H. Regt. (less detachments below)	HAMA. Railway duty.	
One Squadron (less 2 Troops)	BAALBEK. Villa Kiaouam Hotel.	
One Troop.	RAYAK.	
One Troop.	MOALLAKA & ZAHLE.	
2nd N.Z.L.G. Squadron (less 2 sections)	SHTORA.	
1 section (4 Guns)	BAALBEK. House North of B.H.Q.	
1 section (4 Guns)	RAYAK.	
5th L.H.F. Ambulance (less Immobile Section)	MOALLAKA.	
" " " Immobile Section.	BAALBEK. House South of B.H.Q.	
10th Mobile Vet. Section.	HOMS.	
"A" Battery H.A.C.	BAALBEK. Turkish Barracks.	
38th Coy. Divisional Train.	BAALBEK. Old Turkish Barracks.	
5th Field Troop, A.E.	BAALBEK. Turkish Barracks.	
	BAALBEK.	

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| " 4. 4th A.L.H. Brigade. | " 13. D.A.P.L. |
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| " 6. 19th Brigade R.H.A. | " 15. A.D.C. for G.O.C. |
| " 7. 2nd Field Sqdn., A.E. | " 16. G.S.O.1. |
| " 8. 2nd Signal Sqdn. A.E. | " 17. File. |
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