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Title: 3rd Australian Light Horse
Brigade

March 1916

HQ 3rd A/148e

Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
25-2-16.	10 th moved out - Wire received asking for Major Farris services in connection with the Mounted Division.	
1-3-16.	Regiments settling in at Peraperau. Signal Troop - Brigadi Train and Bde Head 2 nd arrived at Peraperau completing the move of the Bde - No casualties amongst men or horses.	
2-3-16.	Camp situated between railway & Suez Canal, within 1/4 mile of the latter, R. 2 nd on the canal bank.	
3-3-16.	Regiments doing little more than exercise. 8 th & 9 th A/148e doing Troop movements at	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
3-3-16	the walk, sand making heavy going Major Scott's name (9 th L.H.) sent forward for promotion to Lt. Col. A.I.F. orders of 29 th Feb ^r received with names of those mentioned in Gen ^l Sir Sam Hamilton's Despatch of Dec ^r 11 th 1915 - Published in B.O. of 3/3/16. Maj Charles Sep ^r Lt, transferred to 3 rd L.H. B.O. to command elements at Heliofpolis -	
4-3-16	G.O.C. visited N.Z.M.F. Lines - Maj Powles B. Maj - pointed out training areas - Inspection of 9 th L.H. by G.O.C. - lines clean, men comfortable.	
73 5-4-16	Church Parade - two Squadrons 10 th L.H.	

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5-3-16	under Lt Col Todd D.S.O. took over the recomm duties from N.2 M B Squadrons, that 13d ? taking over certain portion of 2 nd Div ⁿ Line.	
6-3-16	Regiment settled down to training, all movements being done at the walk	Maj Nicholas, 10 th L.H. to 51 st Batt ⁿ d/5/3/16.
7-3-16	Received orders re taking over that portion of front line at present held by 1 st Div ⁿ G.O.C. inspecting line with Gen Chauvel.	
8-3-16	Received orders to take over 1 Squadron 10 th L.H. took over Works 1, 2, 3 and 4, 5, 6 the following day	
9-3-16	Remaining two Sqd ^{ns} of 10 th L.H. took over Posts, 7, 8, 9 - this Regiment being responsible	

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9-3-16		for some 6 miles of front originally held by our Inf ^y Bde.	
10-3-16		3 Troops of 10 th L.H. taking part in a reconnaissance to locate aeroplane which failed to return; rec ^d with short, pilot & observer returning on foot to 9 th Corps. 9 th L.H. took over that portion of front line held by 2 nd Inf ^y Bde.	Capt A. McAllister from 31 st Batt ^y to 8 th L.H. Lt Wearne to be Capt Lt Ayris to be Capt Capt Worthington (V.O.) to 8 th Mob. O. Sect ^y
11-3-16		Move of 8 th L.H. and H. 2. postponed on account of shortage of water at rail head.	
12-3-16		Regiments on front line settling down	
13-3-16		G.O.C. met O.C. Units at Rail head to discuss matters in connection with holding front line.	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
14-3-16	G.O.C. took Gen Godley to the left of line and inspected N ^o 9. Post	
15-3-16	Brigadier Major went round the right section of line - orders received to move B.H.L. & 8 th L.H. (less one Sqd ⁿ) to RAIL HEAD, the Squadron to Work 62.	
16-3-16	No work could be carried out, high wind blowing, filling in trenches	
17-3-16	Trench work being carried out on front line	
18-3-16	Capt ^t F.F. Wick from 4 th Major & seconded as Bde Maj to 15 th Inf ^y Bde. Maj W.P. Fair to be D.A.A. & L.M.G. Amzac M ^{td} Division. Capt ^t C.C. Dargue. 13 th Hussars to be Brig ^{ad} Major.	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
19-3-16	Church Parade 1st st st st st Battery moved into RAIL HEAD on 17 th inst. also 1st st st st st Lowland Mounted Bde. Ammunition Column.	
20-3-16	Making arrangements for reconnaissance to MOIYA HARAB tomorrow. G.O.C. round up ^{up} line	
21-3-16	Brig. Gen. (G.H. 2) selecting gun positions on front line. Reconnaissance to MOIYA HARAB under Capt. Wearne 8 th L.H.	Lt Col Amott app. ^d ^{to} command 8 th L.H. d/17/3/16.
22-3-16	In wireless touch with above reconnaissance, work proceeding steadily on front line.	
23-3-16	Reconnaissance returned at 0330 both men	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
23-3-16	and horses stood the 80 miles in 37 hours well - G.O.C. to ISMAILIA to confer with Gen White re promotions & reinforcements coming to SERAPEUM.	
4-3-16	Lt Col Downer appd ADM-S of ANZAC. M ^{ts} Dis ⁿ on 3 rd L.H. Bde ⁿ Train disbanding Capt ^t Dunningham & 2 nd Lt ^t Dickenson retained in Brigade.	
15-3-16	Gen BIRDWOOD visited the Brigade to say "good bye" on his leaving Egypt - he inspected Works 1-9 on front line.	
26-3-16	Church Parade at Railhead & 10 th L.H.	
27-3-16	Fresh instructions received re new distribution of Troops in B ⁿ 2 Section - Bde will be much	

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27-3-16	scattered, 1 Regt in outposts line of "B" Subsection & 1 in Outpost Line of "A" Subsection, the remainder at RAILHEAD.	
28-3-16	Trench work on whole front going on very satisfactorily - Gen Cox (Cmdr 4 th Div) & Staff visited RAILHEAD.	
29-3-16	Brigade Major visited left of front line, the works on R ^g almost completed.	
30-3-16	3 rd Light Horse Brigade Team disbanded all horses and waggons being retained in the Mounted Division - a number of men transferring to the new P.A. formations.	
31-3-16	G.O.C. took Gen Cox Cmdr 4 th Div &	

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INFORMATION SUMMARY

(Erase heading not required.)

H.Q. 3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	31.3.16.		<p>Gen. Chauvel round the right section of "A" subsection.</p> <p>(The original of above appears on the same sheet as entries for subsequent month and will be found with the diary for that month.)</p>	

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APPENDIX.
THIRD LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE.

Copy No.....10

OPERATION ORDER No. 1.
By
Brigadier-General J.M.Antill, C.B.,
G. O. C., 3rd A. L. H. Brigade.

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SERAPEUM.
7th March 1916.

- INTENTION. 1. The Brigade will take over that portion of the front ~~first~~ line East of the Suez Canal, and at present held by the 1st Division.
- MOVEMENTS. 2. The taking over will be carried out during the 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th of March, according to the attached programme.
- ORDERS. 3. Orders will be issued to individual units, but the following are applicable to all.
- KIT-BAGS. 4. Black kit-bags will be left behind, and arrangements made to store them in Regimental Lines.
- SICK HORSES. 5. Sick horses with sufficient complement to care for them, which will include Post Office Clerks, will be accommodated in Regimental Lines.
- ~~XXXXXX~~ 6. ~~Eight ~~elephant~~ Regiments will be taken.~~
- DETAILS. 7. O.C.'s units will leave behind one Officer, one N.C.O. and nine men, who will be made responsible for all Regimental Kit and Gear left.
- TENTS. 8. All tents to be left standing with the exception of those to be detailed later.
- COOKERS & WATER CARTS. 8. Cookers and water carts are to be taken to rail head.
- HORSES. 9. O.C. 9th and 10th Regiments will have 220 horses only, in the front line. The remainder to be accommodated at rail head, under two officers and a complement of men, of one man to four horses.
OLC. 8th Regiment will have 60 horses in the front line.
- WATER. 10. Both man and horse are on a limited ration, and every care must be taken to conserve ~~water~~ ^{same}.
- AMMUNITION. 11. 140 rounds will be carried.

(sgd) C C. Dangar, Captain.
Actg. Brigade Major
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

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1.	File.		
2	8th L.H.	2000	Orderly.
3	9th L.H.	2000	do
4	10th L.H.	2000	do
5	Bde Trn.	2000	do
6	Sig.Trp.	2000	do
7	Fld.Amb.	2000	do

OPERATION ORDER NO. 2

Copy No.

By
 Brigadier General J.M. Antill, C.B.,
 G. O. C., 3rd Aust. Light Horse Bde.

RAIL-HEAD.
 11th March 1916.

INFORMATION. Certain activity on the part of enemy patrols.

The 10th L.H. Regiment holds the left of the front line extending from the right of the New Zealand Mounted Rifles from Post 9 to 1 inclusive, connecting with the 9th L.H. who are holding Posts 52 to 61, connecting with one Squadron of the 8th L.H. holding Post 62. Southward of this held by 9th Corps.

The 8th L.H. (less 1 Squadron) Brigade Headquarters, Signal Troop, Supply Section of Brigade Train and one Section of the Field Ambulance are at Rail-Head. (about 4 miles in rear of No 1 Post).

The Easternmost line upon which work is now in progress will be known as the Front Line.

The lines close to Canal Bank will be known as the INNER LINE.

The works prepared between the two lines mentioned will be known as the Intermediate Line.

The Divisional Commander has assumed command of all lines within the limits of ~~xxx~~ A. Subsection.

2. INTENTION.

To prevent any reconnaissance of our line and to vigorously resist any advance on the part of the enemy, and to complete ~~xxxxx~~ works on the line as opportunity offers.

3. PROTECTION.

Three permanent patrols are supplied from Regiment at RAIL-HEAD. These patrols remain on the front line at night and move out the following morning at 0600, a distance of about 4 to 5 miles receiving any information from O.C. Posts, and reporting to same on their return at 1730.

Bikanir Camel Corps will also supply Patrol, working further to the front daily.

C.O.'s Regiments will continue with their present night protection dispositions but will meet the G.O.C. at 1630 on the 12th inst. at RAIL-HEAD, to discuss further the matter of protection, bringing all details in the form of maps, plans, etc., taken over from the units they relieve.

4. COMMUNICATION.

Will be established by telephone, and when necessary by visual signalling, between Regimental and Brigade Headquarters. C.O. Signals is responsible for the proper maintenance of such communications, and will see that such are tested frequently night and day, reporting any defects to Headquarters.

All Patrols, other than Night Standing Patrols, moving in advance of the Line on reconnaissance will be supplied Regimentally with a fully equipped detachment in order that information may be communicated without delay to Brigade Headquarters.

C.O.'s Regiments are held responsible that such communication is maintained.

All information collected by one Section of the Line in respect to the enemy or his movements, will be at once communicated to units left and right.

REPORTS.

The following reports will be completed and returned at the hours below mentioned. All matters of an unusual character to be reported immediately to Brigade Headquarters, care being taken that the below mentioned reports required by Divisional Headquarters, are sent to Brigade Headquarters punctually daily.

0630. Morning "ALL WELL" report, for the period 1800 to 0600.
 0700. Detailed Summary of Events for period 0600 to 0600.
 0700. Intelligence Summary for period 0600 to 0600.
 1815. Evening "ALL WELL" report for period 0600 to 1800 :- anything unusual to be included.
 0800. Saturdays - PROGRESS REPORT. This report will detail the distribution of troops giving summaries of the Progress of Defensive Works, and of the Progress of Roads, Railways, Pipe Lines, Water Supply, etc.
 This report will be rendered in duplicate, also two copies of any accompanying plans.

6. OPERATIONS.

All Post Commanders should be prepared to send out a portion of their Command at very short notice if necessary, to cut off small parties of the enemy etc.

Troops detailed for the above should move out with 150 rounds of ammunition, Full Water-bottles, and Emergency Rations.

Arrangements should be made by Post Commanders to send out later if required, extra ammunition, water, and cooked rations.

475 rounds S.A.A. per rifle will be kept at all Posts, and 18 boxes per Machine-gun.

7. GENERALINSTRUCTIONS.

(a) Machine Guns will be allotted to the defence of line where regarded as most essential, irrespective of Regiments.

(b) Picquets will stand to Arms half an hour before daylight, so remaining till all is clear.

(c) With so extended a Front it is obvious that the greatest vigilance must be exercised by Patrols, both moving and standing, and it will be necessary where one Post is not visible from its neighbour, that the intervening ground is patrolled by night.

(d) It will probably be sufficient during the day for advanced Signalling Station to watch and keep touch with the before mentioned permanent Patrols, reporting by Signal any matters of moment. The personnel of units will then be free (with the exception of a small proportion in charge of horses) to carry on works.

(e) All personnel in front line will be at all times armed, but during work rifles will be piled with ammunition by sections close in rear of work. Rifle covers will be used and Rifles inspected at least once daily by Troop Officers.

(f) Horses will be left picketed in bivouac with saddles close at hand for immediate use if required. 25 per cent of men will be left to take charge.

(g) Broadly speaking, the tactics to be employed are :- that the advance of the enemy except in large numbers will be ~~expected~~ anticipated, and met by our mounted men before touch is gained with our Line of Defence, and it is for this reason, and this reason only, that horses ~~have~~ are being employed in advance of RAIL-HEAD.

(h) In allotting Troops to any particular work, should it be necessary to occupy trenches, the first consideration is that no dead ground, ~~is~~ left or right exists, works having been sighted with this object in view.

(i) A Unit of Engineers is attached to each Section to assist in the direction of work in progress. No work will be commenced unless material required to complete same is on the spot.

(sgd) C.C.Dangar, Captain.
 Actg. Brigade Major,
 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

ORDER FOR RECONNAISSANCE OF WADI UM MUKSHEIB.

Divisional Headquarters,
SERAPEUM,
19th March, 1916.

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Reference 100000 Map.

1. - A reconnaissance has been ordered of the WADI UM MUKSHEIB.
2. - It will take place on the 21st and 22nd March.
3. - The object is to get information on the following points :-
 - (a) Condition of water supply at MOIYA HARAB and EL KASSIF, (2½ miles due south of MOIYA HARAB).
 - (b) Nature of enemy works reported to have been seen by Capt Helligan at point 1370 (417) in square F5, on the 10th March.
 - (c) Tracks of enemy patrols.
 - (d) Extent to which country is being used for grazing by friendly Bedouins.
 - (e) Miscellaneous.
4. - G.O.C. 3rd Light Horse Brigade will detail the party to carry out this reconnaissance, and appoint its commander. Strength of party will be as follows :-

For Officers' Patrols -	3	Officers,	18	other ranks.
For supporting party -	3	"	47	"
5. - In addition to the above there will be :-

Medical Officer and Orderly, who will be detailed by 3rd Light Horse Field Ambulance. Two camels carrying panniers for possible casualties must be taken and march with the rest of the camels.

Captain MacCaulay, 1st A. & N.Z.A.C. General Staff, and 2 Bedouin guides.

2 Officers and 2 other ranks Royal Flying Corps.
6. - G.O.C. will detail 4 horses for 2 Officers and 2 other ranks of R.F.C.
7. - The whole party will assemble at Railhead not later than 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21st.
8. - For feeding and watering, the O.C. Camel Transport Corps has been asked to provide camels to carry food and water for the party.

These camels will be divided into two parties, the first party to provide food and water for Tuesday night and Wednesday morning; the second party to provide food and water for the reconnoitring Party before the return journey begins.

An escort of one N.C.O. and 9 rank and file will be required for each of the two parties. This will make two N.C.O.'s and 18 men additional to the reconnoitring party. They will be detailed by the G.O.C. 3rd Light Horse Brigade.

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9. - All the camels with food and water, those carrying the two Officers and two rank and file Royal Flying Corps, together with the escorts will leave Railhead at 2.p.m. on Tuesday, 21st March, and march to EL TEILA. The reconnoitring party will leave railhead at 3.p.m. and march to EL TEILA where they will pick up the camels and escorts and march to camp in the WADI UM MUKSHEIB. The O.C. party will decide on the position for this camp remembering that a reconnaissance of the ground to the front has to be carried out next day, and a long march back to railhead.
10. - The O.C. Camel Transport Corps will detail such extra camels as are required to carry food for camels and taking out food and water for the party, and food and water for their drivers. These should accompany the camels and escorts which leave railhead at 2.p.m.
11. - On Wednesday, March 22nd, the following moves take place :-
 - (a) The water and food carried by the first party of camels will be used up. They will march straight to Railhead with their escort.
 - (b) The second party of camels with water and forage to be used by the party after completing their reconnaissance and before their march home, will be left with their escort at some place to be chosen by the O.C. reconnoitring party.
 - (c) The reconnoitring party will carry out the reconnaissance required. On completion, the party will be collected and the food and water used up, and, after a short halt, the whole party will march straight back to Railhead.
12. - 150 rounds S.A.A. will be carried per man.
13. - The O.C. party should furnish a report on all points which have come to his notice, as to how the arrangements for food and water worked, condition of horses, etc.

Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff.
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

Copies to :-

G.O.C. 3rd L.H.Bde.	1.	O.C. Camel T Corps	1.
O.C. Party.	1.	H.Q. 1st ANZAC	1.
Capt. MacCaulay.	1.		

ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.ORDER FOR RECONNAISSANCE OF WADI UM MUKSHEIB.INSTRUCTIONS TO THE O.C., PATROL.

Divisional Headquarters,
SERAPEUM,
19th March, 1916.

1. - Loose camels which appear to belong to friendly natives should not be interfered with.
2. - Natives met with should be kept in custody till reconnaissance is withdrawn when, if not of a suspicious character, they can be liberated at a distance from our lines.
3. - Suspicious characters must be blindfolded.
4. - Lieut MacCaulay, G.S.O. 3, 1st A. & N.Z.A.C. can act as Arabic interpreter.

Lieut Colonel.
General Staff.
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

THIRD LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE.

Copy No.....

OPERATION ORDER NO. 3.

By
Brigadier-General J.M. Antill, C.B.,
G. O. C., 3rd A. L. H. Brigade.

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RAIL-HEAD.
20th March '16

Reference Map C 19, 1/100,000.

INTENTION. 1. A reconnaissance of the WADI UM MUKHARRIB is to be carried out on the 21st and 22nd of March, with the object of obtaining information on the following points :-

- (a) Condition of water supply at MOIYA HARAB and EL KARIY 2½ miles due South of MOIYA HARAB.
- (b) Nature of enemy works reported to have been seen by Captain Helligan at point 1370 (417) in Square FB on the 10th March.
- (c) Tracks of enemy patrols.
- (d) Extent to which country is being used for grazing by friendly Bedouins.
- (e) Miscellaneous.

DETAIL OF TROOPS.

2. A. C.O. 8th Light Horse Regiment will detail :-
 - (1) The party to carry out this reconnaissance. Strength of party will be as follows :-
 For officers patrols - 3 officers, 18 other ranks.
 For supporting party - 3 " 47 " "
 Captain A.S. Wearne will command the party.
 One farrier is to be included in the above.
 - (2) Two escorts for Camel Transport Parties each consisting of one M.C.O. and 9 other ranks.
 One of the above M.C.O.'s will be a Quartermaster Sergeant who will be responsible for the issuing of supplies.
- B. C.O. 3rd L.H. Field Ambulance will detail :-
 One Medical Officer and Orderly to accompany the party.
- C. In addition to the above there will be :-
 - (1) Captain Macaulay, 1st A. & M.S. A.C. General Staff and 2 Bedouin Guides.
 - (2) 2 Officers and 2 other ranks Royal Flying Corps.
 G.O. 3rd L.H. Regt. will detail 4 horses for their use.

DETAIL OF TRANSPORT.

3. C.O. Camel Transport will provide :-
 - (1) Camels to carry food and water for the reconnoitring party. These camels will be divided into two parties. The first party to provide forage, food and water, for Tuesday night and Wednesday morning; the second party to provide forage, food and water, for the reconnoitring party before the return journey begins.
 - (2) Such extra camels as are required to carry forage for camels, and take out food and water for the party, and food and water for their drivers.
 - (3) 2 Camels to carry cacolets in case of casualties. These will be in charge of the Medical Officer.

STARTING POINT.

4. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade Headquarters.

MOVEMENT OF TROOPS.

1st Day
21.3.16.

Party will assemble at Starting Point at 1345.
 All camels with their escorts, also Medical Officer and Orderly, will leave Starting Point at 1400 on March 21st. and march to BT TAILA.

The reconnoitring party will leave Starting Point at 1500 and march to ET TEILA, picking up camels and escorts on the way, and the whole will then proceed to WADI UM MUKHSHUB, where they will bivouack for the night.

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6. WADI UM MUKHSHUB. The O.C. party will decide on the position for this Camp, remembering that a reconnaissance of the ground to the front has to be carried out next day, and a long march back to RAIL-HEAD.

MOVEMENT OF
TROOPS
2nd Day
22.3.16.

- The following moves take place :-
- (1) The water and food carried by the first party of camels will be used up. They will then march straight to Rail-Head with escort.
 - (2) The second party of camels with water and forage to be used by the party after completing their reconnaissance, and before their march home, will be left with their escort at some place to be chosen by the O.C. reconnoitring party.
 - (3) The reconnoitring party will carry out the reconnaissance required. On completion it will be concentrated, the food and water used up, and after a short halt the whole party will march straight back to Rail-Head, or if O.C. deems desirable may halt on front line, communicating with B.H.Q.

SUPPLIES.

8. O.C. Supply Depot, Rail-Head, will arrange for the following supplies to be carried on the camels :-
- (1) Rations, forage, and water for three meals, for men, horses and camels.
 - (2) All ranks will carry one emergency ration, and waterbottles will be filled.
 - (3) One feed will be carried on the horse.

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9. Marching Order less blankets. Officers will carry good glasses, and as many prismatic compasses as possible. An empty sandbag will be carried instead of picketing gear.

AMUNITION.

10. 150 rounds S.A.A. will be carried per man.

COMMUNICATIONS.

11. 3 Signallers carrying Helios, Lamps, and Flags, will be included in the supporting party.
C.O. Signals will endeavour to establish communications with reconnoitring party during the night of Wednesday March 22nd.
On getting into touch he will at once report the same to Brigade Headquarters.

REPORTS.

12. The O.C. party will furnish a report on all points which come to his notice, as to how the arrangements for food and water worked, condition of the horses, and in regard to the object for which he was sent out, and any other points which may come under his notice.

(sgd) C.C. Dangar, Captain.
Brigade Major,
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

Copy No. 1. Office.

- 2 Anzac Mtd. Division.
3. 8th L.H. Regt.
- 4 9th L.H. Regt.
- 5 10th L.H. Regt.
- 6 Captain Wearne.
7. O.C. Camel Trans. Corps.

8. O.C. Supply Depot.
9. O.C. Field Ambulance.

THIRD LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE.

Copy No.....

OPERATION ORDER NO. 4

By

Brigadier-General J.M. Antill, C.D.,
G. O. C., 3rd A. L. H. Brigade.

RAIL-HEAD.

20th March '18.

In continuation of Operation Order No 3 :-

- REVISION. 1. Reference Para 1, subsection a, EL KASIF is expunged.
- DETAIL OF 2. G.O.C., 8th L.H. Regiment will detail one horse for use of
TRUCKS. a Sheikh Interpreter. One Bikanir Camel man who is acquainted with the HIR EL KHURA HOIYA HAKAB ROAD, with interpreter also mounted on a Bikanir Camel, will accompany the Camel Train and escort, reporting to 3rd L.H. Brigade Headquarters at 1030.
- DETAIL OF 3. G.O.C. Camel Transport will provide 2 camels for use of
SAFETY. Wireless, to be ready to load off Motor Lorry at 1030.
- VEHICLE 4. Reference para 5, Operation Order No.3. The hours therein
TRUCKS. mentioned are cancelled, and the following substituted:-
Assemble at Starting Point at 1045.
Leave Starting Point at 1100.
The reconnoitring party will leave Starting Point at 1400.
Forward Party (Camels and escort) to stop at 1700 unless picked up by the reconnoitring party.
- REMARKS. 5. G.O.C. Supply Depot will make provision for the extra personnel mentioned.

(sg) C.C. Dangar, Captain.
Brigade Major, 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

- Copy No. 1. Office.
2. Ammunition Mounted Div.
3. 8th L.H. Regt.
4. 9th L.H. Regt.
5. 10th L.H. Regt.
6. Captain Weir.
7. G.O.C. Camel Transport.
8. G.O.C. Supply Depot.
9. G.O.C. Field Ambulance.

"C" Form (Duplicate). Army Form C. 2123.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message **1**

Service Instructions <i>By Wireless</i>	Charges to Pay. £ s. d.	Office Stamp.
	<i>W 8</i> <i>Force</i>	<i>22/3/16</i>
Handed in at <i>W 8</i>	Office <i>—</i>	m. Received <i>1120</i> m.

TO *O. G. 3rd L. H. Bde*

Sender's Number *HP 1* Day of Month *22nd* In reply to Number *—* **AAA**

<i>Camped</i>	<i>Wadiummuksheet</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>one</i>
<i>fifty</i>	<i>Position</i>	<i>approximately eight</i>	<i>miles</i>
<i>from</i>	<i>Monyah Arab</i>	<i>AAA</i>	<i>Brought</i>
<i>all</i>	<i>camels</i>	<i>here</i>	<i>as.</i>
<i>party</i>	<i>with</i>	<i>camels</i>	<i>moving</i>
<i>from</i>	<i>three</i>	<i>miles</i>	<i>north</i>
<i>at</i>	<i>eighteen</i>	<i>hundred</i>	<i>will</i>
<i>back</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>camels</i>	<i>no</i>
<i>required</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>daylight</i>	<i>AAA</i>
<i>very</i>	<i>tired</i>	<i>two</i>	<i>left</i>
<i>AAA</i>			<i>behind</i>

FROM *Reconnaissance*
 PLACE & TIME *0230*

"D" Form (Duplicate). Army Form C. 2123.
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS. No. of Message **1**

Service Instructions <i>Wireless</i>	Charges to Pay. £ s. d.	Office Stamp.
	<i>W 8</i> <i>Force</i>	<i>22/3/16</i>
Handed in at <i>W 8</i>	Office <i>—</i>	m. Received <i>1545</i> m.

TO *3rd Light Horse*

Sender's Number *HP 2* Day of Month *22* In reply to Number *—* **AAA**

<i>Reconnaissance</i>	<i>complete</i>	<i>last</i>	<i>camel</i>	<i>leaving</i>
<i>camp</i>	<i>ten</i>	<i>miles</i>	<i>from</i>	<i>thirteen</i>
<i>seventy</i>	<i>in</i>	<i>Wadiummuksheet</i>	<i>AAA.</i>	
<i>burning</i>	<i>works</i>	<i>practically</i>	<i>nil</i>	<i>good</i>
<i>watering</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>Agghassan</i>	<i>AAA</i>	<i>Arrangement</i>
<i>working</i>	<i>well</i>	<i>AAA</i>	<i>men</i>	<i>and</i>
<i>horses</i>	<i>all</i>	<i>fit</i>	<i>AAA</i>	<i>Distam</i>
<i>greater</i>	<i>than.</i>	<i>expected</i>	<i>AAA</i>	<i>Bapee</i>
<i>reach</i>	<i>Railhead</i>	<i>about</i>	<i>three</i>	<i>o'clock</i>

FROM *Reconnaissance*
 PLACE & TIME *1520*

APPENDIX.

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APPENDIX.

From
Headquarters,
3rd A.L.H. Brigade,
Rail-Head.

To
Headquarters.

Herewith report on reconnaissance of WADI UM
MUKHSHIB ordered by 1st A. & N.Z. Army Corps, dated 19th March.

- A. Appendices Operation Orders No. 3 and 4, by G. O. C., 3rd Light Horse Brigade.
- B. Report of the Officer Commanding Reconnoitring party, Captain A.E. Wearne, 8th L.H. Regiment.
- C. Report by G.C., Camel Corps.
- D. Map showing route (reference Map C.19, 1/100,000.)

1. In forwarding this report I desire to point out that the distance traversed was roughly about 80 miles, and the time of absence of the Column, including halts, 37 hours, which may be considered, I think, as a very excellent performance by all concerned.
2. It was not until 1100 on the 22nd inst. that Wireless connection was established, owing to a defect in the Condenser Tube of the Wireless carried on transport. From thence out connection was maintained.
3. From the report itself, and from conversation with Captain Wearne, it would appear that there has been of late neither reconnaissance or occupation of the vicinity about GHAR UM MUKHSHIB, nor were any traces of the enemy to be found indicating his occupancy of positions thereabout. The defensive positions, Rifle Pits etc., referred to were evidently constructed a very considerable time ago, and have not of late been used or improved, and it is Captain Wearne's opinion that this locality has been abandoned, if it was ever occupied.

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He informs me that the Work reported by Captain Nelligan was apparently remains, or walls, of an old building, and that no traces could be found of anything else in the way of Works.

4. Attention is invited to the report of the Officer commanding Camels~~22~~ marked "C", and it would appear that too much was expected of these animals which came in very fatigued and knocked out.

5. I personally inspected the detachment on its return to Rail-Head. There were no casualties, man or horse. The men themselves took great interest in the task allotted to them, and were not unduly fatigued. The horses were bright and fresh and did their work well.

On the whole I think it may be considered that the officer in command of the reconnoitring party, and other ranks, carried out their duties carefully and thoroughly.

Captain Wearne has been known to me for many years, and served under my command in South Africa through the War, being often employed in a similar duty. I have every confidence in his judgment.

The report has been rather hurriedly prepared owing to natural fatigue and undue strain placed upon him, but in the main it appears to embrace all the information which he was required to collect.

Rail-Head.
23.3.16.

Brig-General.
G.O.C., 3rd A.I.H. Brigade.