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BEERSHEBA	1/11/17	0430	<p>Brigade stood to Arms</p> <p>Troops 53rd Division ^{7 Imp. Camel Bde} moved through and beyond outpost line, Bay Outpost was then withdrawn and the Brigade was concentrated in neighbourhood of q60.</p> <p>1 Sgd. 9th L.A.R. moved from Bivouac to take over duties as Escort to Prisoners, who were being taken back to Cross Roads at TAWEL-EL HABARI.</p>	
1500			<p>Convoys carrying one days ration man & horse arrived at Brigade at 1800.</p>	WMA
do.	2.11.17	0730	<p>Sgt. L.A. regt. moved from Bivouac to report to G.O.C. 7th Mtd Brigade. to assist support that Brigade in the establishment in the area KHUWEIL FEH-BY ABU KUFF - AIN KOHLEH.</p>	WMA
1015			<p>Brigade moved from Bivouac to occupy the area vacated by the 7th Mtd Brigade in the Australian Mtd Bivouac Area, S.E. of BEERSHEBA.</p>	WMA
1210			<p>B.H.Q. established at a point on ASLUT Railway half mile S. BEERSHEBA</p>	WMA
3.11.17	1230		<p>Sgd. 9th L.A. Regt rejoined Regt from Prisoners' Escort duty to KARM.</p>	WMA

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BEERSHEBA	3/11/17	1300	75 rds. for enemy Field Gun located at a point $\frac{3}{4}$ mile S.W. Viaduct S	
		1315	Stone Lined unused well 7' in diameter located at a point $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S.W. of BEERSHEBA.	
		1330	depth to Water Level 35' depth of water 10'	
		1530	one troop 10th L.H. Regt detailed to be ready to move at half hour notice as escort to Bedouins who were to move South of line RAS HABLEIN - RASGANNAM.	
		2000	Orders received from Aus Div for Brigade to be ready to move at 2 hours notice from 1600.	
		2000	8th L.H. Regt rejoined Brigade from an attachment with 7th Mtd Brigade which had operated in the the TEL KHUWEILFEH AREA.	Wma
	4/11/17	1015	Orders received from Aus Div for the Brigade Group to be ready to move at one hour notice.	
		1320	The Brigade moved from a pt. $\frac{3}{4}$ mile S.W. of Viaduct en route to join Division in rear of 4th Brigade and in front of 7th Mtd Brigade - (Aus Div moving to relieve YEODIV in KARM area) and Brigade arrived at KARM at 2200 after watering at troughs near Railway Station. The march was one of the worst experienced by the Brigade on account of the conditions of the road brought about by the heavy traffic over it the preceding few days.	
		2230	Brigade in bivouac $\frac{3}{4}$ mile N.W. KARM Railway Station.	
KARM.		2330	Orders received from AUSDIV for Brigade Group to take over the line 550 exclusive to HISEIA inclusive relieving the 6th Mtd Bde with B.H.Q. near EL IMARA by 0630. 4th Bde Group took over the line WALDI HANNIFIA inclusive	

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KARM.	4/11/17	2330	inclusive to pt. 550 inclusive. relieving 22 nd Mtd Bde.	
"	5/11/17	0500	Brigade moved from Pt. $\frac{3}{4}$ mile N.W. KARM Railway Station, and arrived Hdqts 6 th mtd Bde. at EL IMARA at 0610.	Wma
EL IMARA.	5/11/17	0610	Day Outpost detailed by 9 th L.H. Regt. to relieve corresponding troop 6 th Mtd Bde., moved from EL IMARA. Day Outposts as follows - Pt. 550 510, Two Tree FARM Pt. 300, Pt. 280	
"	5/11/17	0615	B.H.Qs established at a point 1 mile S. of final A. in EL IMARA.	
"	5/11/17	0800	6 Enemy Shells fired from direction of HAREIRA fell at a point $\frac{1}{4}$ mile N.E. of first A in ABU SHAWISH	
"	5/11/17	0930	The Brigade commenced watering at HISEIA - $\frac{1}{3}$ of each unit being sent at a time with all horses saddled and ridden.	
"	5/11/17	1310	Considerable movement of enemy Troops moving in a N.E. direction at a point 5 miles EAST of Two Tree FARM.	
"	5/11/17	1315	Observation Post at Pt. 510. reported the above mentioned column apparently mounted troops to be 6500 yds. on a bearing of 50° from pt. 510	
"	5/11/17	1700	Night outpost consisting of 9 th + 10 th Regts in position on the line 550 510 first A. in ABU SHAWISH. Two Tree FARM point 300 Pt. 280 with one Sq. located at EL NAGILI - maintaining communication with Imperial Service Cavalry. Bde which held the line TEL EL JEMMI - HISEIA.	
"	6/11/17	0430	Brigade stood to arms.	
"		0500	From 0500 and onward all units of the Brigade were saddled up and ready to move mounted at a moment's notice.	

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EL IMARA	6/11/17	0540	<p>All Clear - Situation Normal.</p> <p>0600 Day Outposts detailed by 8th L.H. Regt. were in position and 9th + 10th Regts withdrew to neighbourhood of B.H.Qs</p> <p>0915 Orders received from Aust Div. for Brigade to commence watering at HISEIA. Brigade watered $\frac{1}{3}$ at a time. Horses being saddled + ridden to water.</p> <p>1015 Order received from Aust Div for one troop to be pushed forward to reconnoitre line G. of EL MAGAM - KHIRBIT UM RITL ascertaining if line held and to report on all crossings over WADI IM'LEH. from pt 340 to point 280. (under Lt. McPherson)</p> <p>1045 8th L.H. Regt sent forward troop, to carry out reconnaissance.</p> <p>" 9th L.H. Regt. established system of relay posts from B.H.Qs to Divisional Hdqts. at point 550 one mile W. of H. 630.</p> <p>1115 B.H.Qs established at single tree one mile E. of Qnal A. in EL IMARA.</p> <p>1200 1 Troop enemy cavalry observed from Two Tree Farm. at a point 2 miles N.E. KHIRBIT ERK.</p> <p>1205 Enemy Shelling crossing over WADI IM'LEH at point 400.</p> <p>1500 Troop 8th L.H. despatched on special reconnaissance reported as follows:- Line G. of EL MAGAM. - KHIRBIT UM RITL - not held by Enemy. - Reconnaissance pushed far EASTWARDS as the W. in WADI el BAH. No enemy encountered. Only Enemy observed at ATAWINEH.</p>	

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EL IMARA	6/11/17	1555	Orders received from AUSDIV to extend line North Eastwards - maintaining following line of observation - GAZA - SABA Road, 630, 650, 510, 300, HISEIA	
"	"	1600	9th L.A. Regt moved off to occupy line from 550 Eastwards.	
"	"	1620	Orders received from AUSDIV for 3rd A.L.A. Bde to come under direct orders of G.H.Q.	
"	"	1700	Night outpost in position right on line GAZA - SABA Road - HISEIA	
"	"	1700	B.H.Q. established at 1/2 mile S.W. of 510.	
"	"	2300	Orders received from G.H.Q. for Brigade to concentrate in vicinity of KARM, preparatory to moving to SHERIA via IMLEIH and IRGEIG. at 0700 on 7th.	
"	"	2305	Night outpost line withdrawn & troops concentrated in neighbourhood of B.H.Q.	
"	7/11/17	0700	units watered at KARM - Railway Station.	Wma
KARM	7/11/17	0820	Brigade moved from a Pt. 1/2 mile EAST of KARM Railway Station at rate of 5 miles per hour, passing KHIRBIT IMLEIH at 0912 - apt. 1000 yds ^{5th} IRGEIG Railway Station at 1000. Joined up with rear of 7th Mtd Brigade at a point 1/4 miles S.E. SHERIA STATION. at 1035.	
"	"	"	"	
"	"	"	"	
SHERIA	7/11/17	1035	Brigade came under orders of AUSDIV.	
"	"	1120	Brigade in Divisional Reserve 3/4 mile S.E. SHERIA STATION.	
"	"	1550	Orders received from ADVANCED Des Corps for Brigade to move towards crossing over WADI SHERIA at AH. UM' el BAKR, which was crossed 1615.	

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Neighborhood SHERIA	7/11/17	1630	In accordance with instructions given personally to B.G. Coy by Aus Div. 9th + 10th Regts moved forward to attack on left of Anzac Division 5th Mtd Brigade to co-operate on left flank of 3rd Brigade.	
"	"	17 ⁴⁵	No enemy encountered. - 10th L.H. Regt on right in touch with 2nd A.L.H. Brigade. - 9th L.H. in touch with 5th Mtd Brigade.	
"	"	1800	Dispositions of Brigade as follows. - B.H.Q. at a pt. on Railway 3 miles N. KHIRBIT UM EL BAKR, 10th L.H. Regt holding line facing N.E. two miles from B.H.Q. 10th L.H. in communication with 2nd A.L.H. Bde on right and with 9th L.H. Regt on left. 9th L.H. Regt holding line facing N.W. 2 miles from B.H.Qs.	
"	"	2100	Aus Div ordered 3rd A.L.H. Bde + 5th Mtd Bde. to engage the line WADI JEMMAMEH - ZUHEILIKA. completely occupied by dawn on the 8th L.H. Nov. 3rd Brigade to connect with Anzac left and the 6th Division Right.	Wma
"	8/11/17	0400	9th L.H. + 10th L.H. moved from Night Outpost Line to occupy the 3rd Brigade Sector of the line WADI JEMMAMEH - ZUHEILIKA.	
"	"	0425	Remainder of Brigade moved forward in support of the 2 advanced Regts.	
"	"	0530	The Advanced Screen 9th L.H. Regt came under heavy rifle + machine and Field Gun fire from enemy position at TEL ABU DILAKH. Enemy in strength with 4 Mach Guns + 4 Field Guns.	- NOV 1917 E 39/b

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Neighborhood of SHERIA	8/11/17	0545	9 th & 10 th Regts moved forward dismounted to attack the TEL ABU DILAKH position. The remainder of the Brigade manoeuvred into a covered position $\frac{1}{4}$ mile S. of the <u>U</u> in ARAB el SUARKI. 10 th Regt. sent out patrols to maintain communication with Anzac Division left. 9 th L.H. Regt. sent out patrols to connect with right of 60 th Division.	
"	8/11/17	0720	Orders received from Aus Div. that at 0700 Anzacs would advance on WADI JEMMAMEH then BARRIER. Aus Div would advance on H.U.T., allowing Anzacs to keep in advance in order to outflank opposition. Right of 3 rd A.L.H. Bde to be directed on KH. el KOFHHAH. - 5 th Mtd. Bde to support the left of the 3 rd A.L.H. Bde.	
TEL ABU DILAKH.	8/11/17	0800	9 th & 10 th Regts. moved forward against TEL EL ABU DILAKH and the enemy withdrew. Right of 10 th L.H. Regt. directed on KH. EL KOFKHAH - 10 th L.H. Regt. maintained communication with Anzacs on right and 9 th L.H. Regt. on left. 9 th L.H. Regt. conformed to the movement of 10 th L.H. Regt. and maintained communication with 5 th Mounted Bde. on left.	
		1000.	B.M.D. established TEL ABU DILAKH - 9 th and 10 th L.H. Regts. pressing on towards KH. EL KOFKHAH.	
		1015.	9 th L.H. Regt. captured two modern 5.9 inch Howitzers at a point $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles on bearing 275 degrees magnetic from TEL ABU DILAKH.	

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TEL ABU DILAKH.	1917 8 th Nov.	1130.	9 th L.A. Regt. reports enemy holding position in strength 3100 yards on bearing 310 degrees from a point 3 miles East of TEL ABU DILAKH. Notts Battery moved up in support of the advance of 9 th L.A. Regt.	
		1130.	B.N.D. established at a point 3 miles East of TEL ABU DILAKH.	
		1150.	9 th and 10 th L.A. Regts in position at KH. EL KOFKHAM - The left flank troops of the Angacs could be seen two miles away to N.E. - The 9 th and 10 th L.A. Regts continued to push on towards HUI.	
KH. EL KOFKHAM.		1155.	B.N.D. established at KH. EL KOFKHAM.	
		1200.	9 th L.A. Regt. occupied KHURBET HUI and prevented the enemy destroying an ammunition dump near HUI railway station. Enemy retired in a N.W. direction. The NOTTS Battery R.H.A. inflicted casualties on the retiring enemy.	
HUI.		1300.	B.N.D. established at a point 500 yards South of HUI railway station.	
		1300.	Reconnoitring parties sent out to look for water in the village of HUI and the wadis in the neighbourhood of village.	
		1330.	Two Squadrons 9 th L.A. Regt. protected the right flank of 5 th Mounted Brigade after the during a temporary reorganisation which took place after the 5 th Mtd. Bde. charged mounted the enemy position and guns in Square OY3. A8a - The remaining	

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H.U.J.	1917. 8th Nov.	1330.	Squadron 9th L.A. Regt. pushed on to Square 072 523b. and at 1345 this squadron pushed on to Square 072 5.13 and 14 where in conjunction with one Squadron 10th L.A. Regt. the teams of two 4 inch guns were shot down and the guns were captured.	
		1350.	8th L.A. Regt. moved from KHURBET H.U.J. to assist the 10th L.A. Regt. in endeavouring to cut off the enemy who were retiring in a N.W. direction.	
		1400.	One troop 9th L.A. Regt. pushed forward on to the high ground just west of wadi junction Square 072 59c and shot down the escort and team of a 15 cm. gun.	
		1405.	In conjunction with two other troops the above troop charged the remainder of the escort and captured the gun and 10 prisoners. Meanwhile one subsection machine gun Squadron was pushed forward to wadi Square 072 517a and shot down the team and escort on a long 10 cm. field gun.	
		1700.	Right outpost line occupied by 8th L.A. Regt. on right, 10th L.A. Regt. in centre, 9th L.A. Regt. on left. 9th L.A. Regt. were in communication with the infantry of 60th Division on left. Right outpost line as follows: - From a point 2 miles N.E. of KHURBET H.U.J. - through the <u>Y</u> in <u>NEBY</u> H.U.J. - To the <u>N</u> in <u>WADI</u> Ed KOPKHAM. B.H.D. at a point 500 yards N.E. of KHURBET H.U.J. Remainder of Bde. in neighbourhood of B.H.D.	- NOV 1917 Page 9

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HUT.	8 th Nov.	2245.	The Brigade commenced sending horses to water at WADI JEMMAMEH - One man to 3 horses - watering continued throughout night 8 th /9 th November. During the advance from SHARIA to HUT the Bde. captured 8 guns and 180 prisoners.	
	9 th	0230.	The Brigade stood to arms - Situation normal.	Wma
	Nov.	0700.	The 4 th Bde. relieved the troops of 3 rd Bde. on outpost duty. Or. relief units concentrated in the neighbourhood of B.H.	
		0700.	Watering of horses continued - Very slow supply of water and many horses. Orders received from Ausdiv. for horses to be off saddled.	
		1430.	Orders received from Ausdiv. for Brigade to saddle up at once and be prepared to move immediately.	
		1630.	The watering of horses at WADI JEMMAMEH completed.	
		1630.	Orders received from Ausdiv as follows:- Anzac Division is marching from BURAIR to BEIT DURAS. Ausdiv will march from HUT Railway station as starting point on to line	
		1635.	ARAK EL MENSHIYEH - PALUJEH via northern side of KH. EL HUMMUM - KH. ZEIDAN - TEL EL HESY In accordance with above, 3 rd Bde moved from a point 3/4 mile N.E. of HUT railway station and carried out the duties of advanced guard to Ausdiv. Ladders were left over 1/2 mile to right.	

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HUT.	9th Nov.	1635.	directions were placed on prominent hills along the line of march.	
		2100.	Brigade arrived at TAL EL HASY and horses were watered at pools in WADI EL HASY.	
		2255.	Brigade arrived at a point on railway 1 1/2 miles south of ARAK EL MENSHEIYEH railway station.	
ARAK EL MENSHEIYEH.	10th Nov.	0015.	Patrols to ARAK EL MENSHEIYEH reported it unoccupied.	
		0600.	Brigade moved forward to ARAK EL MENSHEIYEH.	
		0745.	Enemy fired 80 shells at Brigade in the neighbourhood of ARAK EL MENSHEIYEH village. The enemy appeared to be using 4 field guns and 2 of heavier calibre. Enemy guns were in action in the neighbourhood of ZEITA.	
		0800.	9th Lt. established a line of observation facing N.E. through squares V19, 20 and 21.	
		0815.	8th Lt. moved to a covered position in the neighbourhood of railway station, in support of 9th Lt.	
		0815.	B.N.D. and the remainder of Brigade in the neighbourhood of a point one mile S.W. of railway station. B.N.D. in visual communication with 4th Lt. in the neighbourhood of FALUJEH.	
		0900.	Units of Brigade commenced sending small parties of horses to water at the wells in the village - supply of water limited and about 60 feet to water level, hence watering very slow.	

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ARAK EL MENSHEIYEH.	10 th Nov.	1200.	<p>much enemy movement to the S. and S.E. of ARAK EL MENSHEIYEH. Enemy infantry digging in vicinity of BERKUSIE. 9th Lt. Regt. in communication with 12th Lt. Regt. on left. Enemy infantry accompanied by guns observed at SUMMEIL.</p> <p>1230. 9th Lt. Regt. reports :- Transport waggons observed leaving SUMMEIL moving S.E.</p> <p>1255. 9th Lt. Regt. reports :- Enemy advancing in force from SUMMEIL towards left flank of Regt.</p> <p>1330. Orders received from Ausdiv. as follows :- 4th Bde. are moving to attack - 3rd Bde. as soon as attack develops, to pivot on right to assist attack of 4th Bde.</p> <p>1530. Orders received from Ausdiv. as follows :- 4th Bde. are attacking SUMMEIL from the North - 3rd Bde. to push in attack against SUMMEIL at once with centre on railway - 5th Mtd. Bde. to threaten SUMMEIL from West, supporting 3rd Bde, with right on railway.</p> <p>1545. In accordance with above 8th and 9th Lt. Regts moved forward to attack - NOTTS BATTERY BnQ. and the remainder of Bde. moved towards FALUJEH.</p>	
FALUJEH.		1630.	<p>BnQ. established at a point 1/2 mile S.E. of FALUJEH on railway line.</p>	

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FALUJEH	1917. 10 th Nov.	1715.	<p>Being to darkness the attack of 8th and 9th L.A. Regts. had not developed and after consultation between ofc. 5th Ind. Bde. and ofc. 9th L.A. Regt. (who was in command of 8th and 9th L.A. Regts) it was decided not to push on in the dark.</p> <p>2000. Brigade held following Battle Night Outpost line (8th and 9th L.A. Regts occupied line) :- Railway line ARAK EL MENSHEIYEH exclusive to Railway Bridge V7d inclusive.</p> <p>2100. Enemy firing many flares from the direction of SUMMEIL.</p>	
FALUJEH.	11 th Nov.	0430. 0430. 0500. 0600. 0730.	<p>0430. Brigade stood to arms.</p> <p>0430. 10th L.A. Regt. moved from the neighbourhood of FALUJEH to relieve the 8th and 9th L.A. Regts on the Outpost line from ARAK EL MENSHEIYEH to the railway bridge V7d. On relief the 8th and 9th L.A. Regts proceeded to water at ARAK EL MENSHEIYEH and then moved to railway station where rations were drawn.</p> <p>0500. Patrols were pushed forward from the outpost line to reconnoitre SUMMEIL.</p> <p>0600. Our patrols occupied SUMMEIL and found it unoccupied by the enemy.</p> <p>0730. 10th L.A. Regt. who had detailed the Day Outposts reports :- Patrols on left in communication with troops of 4th L.A. Bde. and on right with Yediv.</p>	<p>Wma</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">- NOV 1917</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">E 39/13</p>

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PALUJEH.	11 th November	0930.	10 th L.A. Regt. reports:- Enemy in strength holding high ridge 1 1/2 miles N.E. of SUMMEIL. Enemy field guns shelling SUMMEIL from a position on high ground about 3 miles East of SUMMEIL.	
		1045.	10 th L.A. Regt. reports :- On patrols proceeding to a point 1 1/2 miles North of SUMMEIL they came under heavy rifle and machine gun fire from high ridge one mile further North.	
		1330.	Orders received from Ausdiv. for the Brigade to ready to move at 15 minutes warning at any time after 1500.	
		1400.	In accordance with instructions received from Ausdiv. 10 th L.A. Regt. carried out active patrolling and made itself as conspicuous as possible without becoming seriously engaged - The object being to attract attention to line then held while the remainder of the Division moved North.	
		1700.	10 th L.A. Regt. occupied following high Outpost line :- ARAK EL MENSHEYEH exc. to SUMMEIL inc. 5 th Mounted Brigade on right of 3 rd Bde. and 4 th L.A. Bde. on left.	
		2345.	8 th L.A. Regt. moved from the neighbourhood of PALUJEH to relieve the 10 th L.A. Regt. on Outpost line.	

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FALUJEH.	12 th November	0245.	8 th Lt. Regt. relieved 10 th Lt. Regt. on Outpost line. On relief 10 th Lt. Regt. proceeded to water at ARAK EL MENSHIYEH and when watered Regt. proceeded to the neighbourhood of B.H.D.	
		0430.	Brigade stood to arms.	
		0315.	Outposts report "all clear", situation normal.	
		0600.	One Squadron 9 th Lt. Regt. moved from FALUJE to reconnoitre BERKUSIE from S.W.	
		0700.	In accordance with instructions from Ausdiv., 8 th Lt. Regt. maintained a line of observation on all roads leading East and South East.	
		0840.	Squadron 9 th Lt. Regt. occupied BERKUSIE - no enemy encountered - Inhabitants report enemy estimated at 5000 withdrew to TEL ES SAFI at 2200 on 11 th November.	
		1105.	Continuing at this time, 1105, units as ordered, proceeded to a covered position in the neighbourhood of JISEIR, South West of SUMMEIL.	
		1330.	9 th Lt. Regt. moved from a point 1 mile S.W. of SUMMEIL, along railway line to support 5 th Mounted Brigade in the direction of BALIN. Enemy infantry advancing from the direction of EL TIME. Enemy cavalry regiment moving South-West to the West of BALIN.	
SUMMEIL.		1335.	B.H.D. established at a point 1 mile South West of SUMMEIL.	
		1340.	Squadron 9 th Lt. Regt. at BERKUSIE reports:- natives state that at POINT 580 MUGHULLIS 8 guns and about 50 Turks - The guns being drawn by mules.	
			20 enemy mounted men observed 3 miles away on a bearing of 42 degrees from BERKUSIE.	
			11 prisoners captured by officers patrol to TEL ES SAFI.	

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SUNMEIL.	12 th Nov.	1405.	Brigade (less 8 th and 9 th A. Regts) moved to a covered position at SUNMEIL village.	
		1410.	8 th A. Regt. instructed to send one Squadron to BERKUSIE ridge at once to support Squadron 9 th A. Regt. on that ridge.	
		1415.	8 th A. Regt. instructed to leave one Squadron to protect hospital and transport at FALUJE.	
		1445.	BND. established at a point on railway 500 yards west of SUNMEIL.	
		1445.	9 th A. Regt. took up a position North west of BERKUSIE RIDGE in support of 5 th Mounted Bde.	
		1600.	Troops withdrawn to ridge 600 yards in advance of SUNMEIL village.	
		1700.	Following night outpost line occupied as follows:- 9 th A. Regt. SUNMEIL inclusive to Railway Bridge opposite Vq central inclusive. 8 th A. Regt. Vq central exclusive to ARAK EL MENSHEH.	
FALUJEH.	13 th November	1800.	BND. established at a point 1 mile East of FALUJEH. Remainder of Bde. in neighbourhood of BND.	
		0430.	Brigade stood to arms.	
		0615.	Outposts report "all clear" - no activity on part of enemy.	
		0645.	9 th A. Regt. reports:- Enemy holding BERKUSIE ridge in strength with small parties coming forward	

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SUMMEIL.	13 th November.	0650.	10 th Lt Regt. moved to a point on railway line 1 mile S.W. of SUMMEIL: in support of 9 th Lt Regt. holding SUMMEIL.	
JISEIR.		0700.	Following were dispositions of Bde:-	
			8 th Lt Regt. ARAK EL MENSHEYE — Vq central exclusive.	
			9 th Lt Regt. Vq central inclusive — SUMMEIL inclusive.	
			10 th Lt Regt. concentrated in Square V2c.	
			4 Subsections Machine Gun Squadron supporting the troops holding above line.	
			B.H.Q. and remainder of Brigade Square U24c.	
		0740.	10 th Bty Battery came into action from U18b against BERKUSIE ridge.	
		0930.	Patrol sent to the East and South-East moved 5 miles from B.H.Q. without encountering any enemy. Clouds of dust in this direction found to be Bedouins with flocks moving south.	
		1115.	8 th Lt Regt. instructed to leave one Squadron and two machine guns to watch the road to PALUJE from the direction of BEIT JIBRIN and ZEITA. Remainder of Regt. to move to neighbourhood of B.H.Q. at once.	
		1310.	In order to allow 7 th Mounted Brigade to move quickly to the North, so as to maintain communication with 4 th Lt Bde, on left, Requirements to occupy line as follows at once:-	
			9 th Lt Regt. and one Subsection Machine Gun Squadron — SUMMEIL inclusive — First B in BIR BERKUSIE.	

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JISEIR.	13 th November	1345.	Brigade (less 9 th and 10 th L.A. Regts) moved en route POINT 248. While on the line of march orders received for Bde. to move to the wadi 1 mile S.E. TEL TURMUS.	
		1600.	Brigade arrived in neighbourhood of POINT 248 and continued march to TEL TURMUS.	
		1730.	In accordance with instructions from Ausdiv, 8 th L.A. Regt. occupied the following outpost line:- Road and wadi junction 3/4 mile N.N.E. of final <u>£</u> in SHERKIYE to POINT 248.	
		1730.	Orders were issued for 9 th and 10 th L.A. Regts to rejoin Bde. in neighbourhood of B.H.Q.	
TAL EL TURMUS.		1800.	B.H.Q. established at a point 1 mile South of TEL TURMUS.	
	14 th Nov.	0430.	Brigade stood to arms - situation normal.	
		0545.	Light Outposts report "all clear".	
		0645.	10 th L.A. Regt. established a line of observation from TEL TURMUS to POINT 248. On 10 th L.A. Regt occupying this line 8 th L.A. Regt. withdrew to neighbourhood of B.H.Q.	
		0830.	Brigade less 10 th L.A. Regt moved from a point 1 mile South TEL TURMUS en route WADI SUCERIER north of ESUD.	
WADI SUCERIER.		1300.	Brigade less 10 th L.A. Regt. arrived neighbourhood WADI SUCERIER, one mile East of	

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WADI SUCERREIR.	14 th Nov.	1330.	Watering of horses at pools in WADI SUCERREIR commenced - water plentiful.	WMA
WADI SUCERREIR.	15 th Nov.	0800. 1500.	Orders issued for 10 th LHRgt. to rejoin Brigade. 10 th LHRgt. rejoined Brigade. Horses watered twice during day.	WMA
WADI SUCERREIR.	16 th November		Horses watered twice during the day.	WMA
WADI SUCERREIR.	17 th November	1000. 1300.	The Brigade moved from a point one mile East of NEBI YUNUS en route for WADI SURAR Square 223-29. preparatory to relieving the 7 th Mounted Brigade early tomorrow morning (18 th November). The Brigade watered at WADI SURAR near KATRA and in KATRA village and as watering completed units moved to Square 085 F.19 central.	
JUNCTION STATION.	17 th November	1530. 1900.	B.H.Q. established at a point in Square 085 F.19d. All units of Brigade ordered to be prepared to move at 1/2 hours warning at any time after 0600 on 18 th October.	- NOV 1917 F 29/19 WMA

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JUNCTION STATION.	18 th	0630.	The Brigade commenced watering at GARDEN WELL (F. 21 d.).	
	hours	0600.	9 th L.A. Regt. and 2 Subsections h.t. Squadron moved from OSS F. 19 to relieve the Regiment 7 th Mounted Brigade located at EL KUBAB.	
	0750.	9 th L.A. Regt. relieved South hotts Hussars at EL KUBAB.		
	1000.	The Brigade (less 8 th L.A., 9 th L.A. and 2 Subsections h.t. Squadron) moved from Square F. 19 for KUBAB.		
	1100.	8 th L.A. Regt. which moved from Square F. 19 at 0615 arrived at EL KUBAB. 9 th L.A. Regt. on arrival at KUBAB sent patrols towards East and North East and made touch with City of London Yeomanry at ANNABEH at 0915.		
	1130.	Two squadrons 9 th L.A. Regt were sent forward to occupy the line KH. BARADAH (Sq. LIQ) - BEIT SIRA. The remaining squadron 9 th L.A. Regt. was directed on BIR MAIN and maintained communication with the troops 8 th Mounted Brigade to the north.		
	1215.	The line KH. BARADAH - BEIT SIRA was occupied by 9 th L.A. Regt. (less one squadron).		
	1220.	9 th L.A. Regt. (less one squadron) moved forward directed on DEIR SYUH. This forward movement encountered strong opposition by the enemy. The advanced troops came under heavy machine gun fire from B.M. 731 Square L. 11 d. One squadron pushed forward to Square L. 20 c with scouts well forward towards YALO.		

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EL KUBAA.	18 th Nov.	1220 continued.	<p>This squadron came under the fire of two small calibre guns firing from Square N2. and that of 4 machine guns in Square L31d.</p> <p>Brigade (less 8th L.H., 9th L.H. and 2 subsections M.G. Squadron) arrived at Square D18central and at 1300 pushed on towards the East.</p> <p>1500. B.H.Q. established at Square K17d.</p> <p>1600. As opposition being encountered when any advance made in the direction of DEIR AYUH, 9th L.H. (less one Squadron) were ordered to push on towards YALO, 8th L.H. Regt. was moved up in close support of this advance.</p> <p>This movement was in progress when at 1625 orders were received to withdraw.</p> <p><u>Artillery.</u></p> <p>1430. Kotts Battery came into action Square K15d against enemy gun at LATRON (Square M10b). This gun was silenced at 1500 - Range 5000 yards.</p> <p>The village of LATRON was then searched with shrapnel and H.E.</p> <p>1530. Enemy O.P. on top of house in LATRON demolished.</p> <p>1600. Machine gun emplacement north of AMWAS Square M5a was engaged by one section.</p> <p>1635. Enemy gunners attempted to remove by manhandling, the gun at LATRON. Rapid fire was opened on these with effect. Enemy dispersed without removing gun. Gun fired on with H.E. result unknown. - Kotts Battery fired 139 rounds.</p> <p>2230. The Brigade arrived neighbourhood Square O85 P. 21. <u>Casualties.</u> 5 other ranks wounded</p>	
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JUNCTION STATION.	19 th Nov.		Brigade watered once at GARDEN WELL P. 21.	Wma
JUNCTION STATION.	20 th Nov.	0915.	In accordance with instructions received from Ansdin, 10 th L.A. Regt. moved from square P. 21 to rejoin 5 th Mounted Bde. which was moving from O86 P76 to LATRON.	
		1340.	Instructions sent by motor cyclist to 10 th L.A. Regt. to report 5 th Mounted Brigade at O85 N. 21 a. l. 3.	Wma
JUNCTION STATION.	21 st November	0600.	Two troops 8 th L.A. Regt. moved from P. 21 to TINEH railway station to guard stores etc in that locality.	
		1020.	The Brigade Group (less Gloucester Yeo. attached) and less 10 th L.A. Regt. moved from GARDEN WELL P. 21 en route MEJDEL.	
MEJDEL.		1810.	The Bde. Group less above arrived in bivouac MEJDEL. B.H.Q. established at O62 I. 24 b.	

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MEJDEL.	22 nd Nov.		Brigade resting neighbourhood of MEJDEL.	Wma
MEJDEL.	24 th Nov.		Water reconnaissance carried out in following area:- RAS ABU AMEIRE - POINT 110 E.N.E. of MEJDEL - Tinal R. in BIR ESH SHEKEIR.	Appendix I 3 rd Lt Bde. 9.747.
MEJDEL.	26 th to 27 th Nov.		Brigade resting neighbourhood of MEJDEL.	Wma
MEJDEL	27 th Nov	2215	Brigade moved from MEJDEL enroute for KH. DEIRAN:-	Wma
KH. DEIRAN.	28 th Nov	0700	" arrived KH. DEIRAN at 0700. - Relay Posts Party of 1 officer (Lt. Ayliffe, 9 th L.H.) and 50 th proceeded at 1920 to report to A.D.A.S., G.H.Q. Sq. 572, K. 21.	Wma
"	29 th Nov	0015	54 th Division driven from SHILTA. Orders for 3 rd A.L.H. Brigade as follows, "on reaching BERFIYA Brigade will come under orders of G.O.C. 52 nd Division and will without waiting for further instructions take up a position about Sq. J. 19. and H. 24 to cover BERFIYA from the N.E. and will push out patrols to gain touch with the 52 nd Division ^(right) and 54 th Division on the left.	Wma - NOV 1917 E 29/123

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BERFILYA	1917 29/Nov	0600	10th Battery and its section B.A.C. moved from DEIRAN at 0600 en route RAMLEH. On arrival RAMLEH Battery to come under orders 54th Division.	
BERFILYA	29/Nov	0700	Brigade arrived BERFILYA. 9th L.H. Regt pushed out patrols and located the 155 Inf. Bde of the 52nd Division at ELBURJ and gained touch with the 54th Division on the left.	
		0745	verbal instructions received from H.Q. 52nd Division at BEIT NUBA for the Brigade to remain in neighborhood of BERFILYA for present. - orders to be received later as to future movements. The B.G.C. to proceed at once to BEIT NUBA to attend conference with G.O.C. 20th Corps at that place.	
		152	B.G.C. returned from Brigade at 1245 from 20th Corps Commanders Conference.	
		1500	B.G.C. and regimental Commanders proceeded to ELBURJ prior to Brigade taking over the line then held by the 155 Inf. Bde. with H.Q. at ELBURJ.	
		1530	remainder of Brigade at moved forward to ELBURJ. - arrived 1630 - part men were dismounted and with exception of pack horses and ammunition transport vehicles were sent back to Kh. DEIRAN. 12 officers per Regt remaining in Hills. 2nd in Command etc. with Horses. Major J.J. Daly 9th L.H. Regt DC. Brigade Horses.	
EL BURJ.		2200	3rd A.L.H. Brigade released the 155 th Bde as follows: 5th L.H. Regt. from J. 34. C. 10. 5 - J. 33. D. 10. 5. - J. 33 B. 3. 0. - J. 27. Central - J. 27. a. 5. 5. inclusive. 9th L.H. Regt. J. 27. a. 5. 5. exclusive - J. 20. D. 10. 8. - J. 19. Central. The Brigade was in touch with the 156 Inf. Bde on right and with 54th Division on left.	
			During night 29th - 30th Nov intermittent enemy sniping from neighborhood of SHILTA and SUFFA.	
	30/Nov		No enemy activity during day. Intermittent shelling by small Field Gun and an occasional burst mooh. Gun fire from SUFFA and SHILTA.	
		1900	In accordance with orders issued by AUSDIV. 4th L.H. Regt released 8th L.H. Regt - 5th L.H. Regt	

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		2400	<p>The 14th R.S. Fusiliers who remained as Reserve to Brigade on its taking over lunch held by 155 Inf Bde. at 2200 on 29th Nov, reverted to Command of 52nd Division.</p> <p>The 3rd A.L.H. Bde Group on moving from METDEL on 27th Nov. included the Gloucester Yeom. (less one Sgt.) but excluded 10th L.H. Regt.</p>																																																																																						

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From. 3rd. A.L.H. BRIGADE.

To. Headquarters.

Australian Mounted Division.



With reference to your telegram G.A.I3 of 24th November, the following information re water in area bounded by RAS ABU AMEIRE - Point IIO E.N.E. of MEJDEL.- Final R in BIR ESH SHEKEIR,, is forwarded for your information.

<u>Place.</u>	<u>Number and Nature of Wells.</u>	<u>Quantity of Water.</u>	<u>Quality of Water.</u>	<u>Poss-ibility.</u>
Gardens N. of EL JURAH Square Z 26, 27.	11 small wells of 3 feet average diameter and about 60 feet deep.	One to two feet in each well.	Good.	Very limited
EL JURAH village.	One well 8 feet in diameter at top tapering to about 6 feet at bottom. Depth to water 65 feet. Well worked by a sagia wheel. There is a stone reservoir capable of holding 12000 gals. at well.	Three feet.	Good.	Fair.
EL JURAH village.	Large dry well with complete pumping plant worked by a Suction Gas Engine.	Nil.		
GARDEN, 062 Z28c.	Large well 80 feet to water level. Complete Pumping Plant and Engine. Owner says he has no charcoal for engine.	Five feet.	Good.	Probably Good.
MILL, 062 Z23b.	Deep well worked by a steam plant. There is a reservoir of capacity 10000 gallons.		Good.	Pump throws about 1000 gallons per hour
ORANGE GROVE, 062 Z30a.	Deep well with good Suction Gas Plant and Pump. Water gravitates from small reservoir at pump outlet through GROVE to troughs. There is a stone reservoir of capacity 10000 gals. from which the water gravitates through 1½ inch pipe to roadway where water carts may be filled.		Good.	Pump throws 3000 gallons per hour.
NALIA, 062 J16b.	Small well 150 feet deep. Three feet in diameter.	8 inches.	Very poor supply.

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BURBERAH,
062 J35a.

Well 70 feet deep and 6 feet in diameter. Owing to stones in the bottom of well, the depth of water could not be obtained.

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Probably very poor supply as natives were tipping rubbish into well.

WADI EL HESY,
062 KI7.

Four open wells of average depth of 10 feet and average diameter of 8 feet.

Six feet in each.

Good.

Probably good supply.

ORANGE GROVE,
062 KII1

Four stone wells -- average depth of water 20 feet -- average diameter 6 feet. Three of these wells have sagia wheels on them.

Five feet in each.

Good.

Probably good supply.

WADI EL HESY,
062 KI7a.

Several small water holes about 3 feet deep. Wadi bed could easily be developed for a large supply.

In addition to the above water may be developed on the beach with spear points or large sumps. Water is reached about five to six feet below the surface and there is a good supply.

26th November 1917.

Brigadier General,

Commanding 3rd Light Horse Brigade

"C"
MESSAGES AND SIGNALS

Prefix.....	Code.....	Words..... £ s. d.	Received. From <i>APC</i>	Sent, or sent out. At m.	Office Stamp. <i>1/11/17 L</i>
Charges to Collect			By <i>RCS</i>	To	
Service Instructions			<i>1200</i>	By	
Handed in at			Office	m	Received..... m.

TO

G.L.H.

*Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

AAA

NW 201

1/11/17

<i>Please</i>	<i>ask</i>	<i>my</i>	<i>own</i>
<i>your</i>	<i>left</i>	<i>map</i>	<i>Reference</i>
<i>of</i>	<i>the</i>	<i>Batt.</i>	<i>Head</i>
<i>Quarters</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>information</i>
<i>to</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>Mounta</i>	<i>Bai</i>
<i>Map</i>	<i>Rep</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>Biquan</i>

3rd A.L.H. Bde

FROM

TIME & PLACE

*4th Ma Bde
1200*

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Office of Origin and Service Instructions.		Sent			Service.
		At.....m.			From.....
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		By.....			

TO {

Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

AAA

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10th 5th

one

aaa

M951

4

aaa

Total

Carroll

aaa

Personnel

and killed

2

of the ranks

aaa

wounded

6000

14 other

Ranks

aaa

These are

killed

41

wounded

17

From

A. L. N. Bae

Place

OSB5

Time

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		By.....			

TO { Aus. Div

Sender's Number * 657	Day of Month 1	In reply to Number	AAA
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Reported	S.C.	655	and
ahead	M.G. Ser.	total	to
and	two	other	banks
killed	and	one	other
at 9 hours	and	and	after
at	and	and	and
thirty	thirty	killed	and
and	wounded	and	and
and	Total	of Brigade	and
and	and	Personnel	and
and	and	Via	officer
and	26	and	banks
and	4000	and	letter 52
and	wounded	31	

From	3rd A.L. B. Co		
Place	1015		
Time			

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