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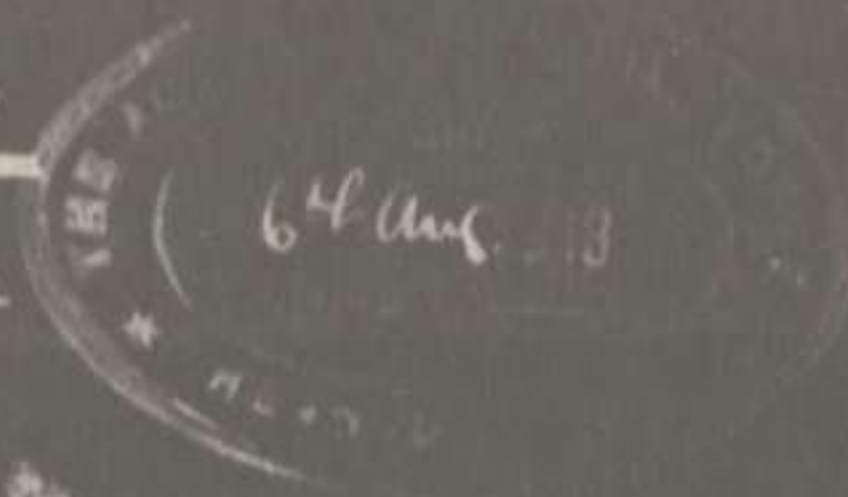
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ferry Post	2.1.18		Advance guard 3rd. Anzac Battalion, I.C.C. arrived FERRY POST. Patrol from TOR arrived AYUN MUSA. All correct with exception of Major Schreiber, Survey Officer. The latter was injured by fall from a camel and was left at ABU ZENIMA and returned to SUEZ by boat. The report by Major Schreiber passed into Southern Canal Section.	See copy of orders for Move Appendix 1.
Do	3.1.18		3rd. Anzac Battalion I.C.C. commenced taking over posts at SERAPEUM, KUBRI and BALLAH	
Do	4.1.18		Signal Office at Bn. H'Qrs taken over by 3rd. Anzac Bn., I.C.C. Relief of posts carried on during day. Division 1. (see Appendices 1 and 2) left with baggage for RAFA.	Appendix 2. Order to O.C. Div. 2.
Do	5.1.18		Division 2. (see Appendices 1. and 3) moved to KANTARA.	Appendix 3. Order to O.C. Div. 2.
	6.1.18		3rd. Anzac Bn., I.C.C. took over all post duties and patrolling from KUBRI to KANTARA from 1200. Division 3. moved to KANTARA to take over remounts.	Appendix 4 " 4a " 4b
Ferry Post	7.1.18		Division 1. of Nos 1. and 3. Companies arrived FERRY POST early morning. Division 1. left FERRY POST at intervals during afternoon. Passage of Canal was slow owing to breakdown of pontoon bridge, necessitating use of chain ferry. Half Battalion ordered to march to FERDAN and cross there. Same difficulty encountered. Battalion, less small detachment of No.1. Company concentrated at BALLAH by 2100.	App. 5 " 5a " 5b " 5c

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BALLAH	8.1.18		Detachment No.1. Company joined up at 0600. Battalion marched at 0800 and proceeded via KANTARA and HILL 40 to GILBAN. Remounts (620) taken over whilst passing Veterinary Hospital. Battalion halted for midday at HILL 40.	Appendix 6 " 7
GILBAN	9.1.18		Battalion moved at 0730 and arrived at ROMANI at 1300. Bivouaced for remainder of day.	App. 7. " 8.
ROMANI	10.1.18		Battalion moved 0730 and proceeded via KHIRBA, where halt was made for midday, to ABD, which was reached at 1630. Bivouaced for night at ABD.	App. 9. " 10.
BIR EL ABD.	11.1.18		Battalion moved at 1330 and proceeded via SALMANA to MOSEIFIG, which was reached at 1645. Bivouaced at MOSEIFIG for night.	App. 11.
Moseifig	12.1.18		Battalion moved at 0730 and proceeded via TILUL to MAZAR which was reached at 1200. Bivouaced for night.	App. 12.
MAZAR	13.1.18		Battalion moved at 1000 and arrived at Kilo 139 at 1700. During march weather was very boisterous. A distinct improvement in condition of camels was noticed during last two days' march.	App. 13.
KILO 139	14.1.18		Left Kilo 139 at 0730 and arrived at EL ARISH at 1200	App. 14.

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EL ARISH	15.1.18		Left EL ARISH at 0730 and proceeded via EL BURJ, where halt was made for midday, to SHEIKH ZOWAAID, reached at 1645.	APP. 15. " 16.
SHEIKH ZOWAAID	16.1.18		Left SHEIKH ZOWAAID at 0730. Arrived RAFA at 1100, where Brigade was rejoined. Captain A.S. Houston, C.F. taken on strength.	APP. 17. " 18.
RAFA	17.1.18		Training carried on daily from this date forward.	
Do	20.1.18		No. 3 Company isolated on account of case of mumps.	
Do	21.1.18		G.O.C. Desert Mounted Corps, Lieut.-General Sir H. Chauvel, KCMG, CB, inspected Brigade.	
Do	29.1.18		Capt. A.E.G. Campbell rejoined Battalion after Staff Attachment to Camel Brigade and Yeomanry Mounted Division.	
Do	30.1.18		Lieut. J.G. Smyth to Imperial Camel Brigade as Staff Trainee. Notification of award of M.C. to Capt. A.E.G. Campbell and Capt. H.S. DeBoer, RAMC, attached 1st Anzac Battalion, I.C.C.	
Do	12.2.18		Special parades for A.I.F. Official Photographer.	

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RAFA	13.2.18		Patrol to KHALASA under Capt. H.R. Denson for purpose of salvage of R.E. material. Strength :- 7 Officers - including Intelligence Officer from 1st, 2nd., and 4th. Battalions and Capt. Truscott, R.E. - 85 Other ranks. Standard tests for all Lewis Gun Sections commenced on range.	App. 19.
Do	17.2.18		KHALASA patrol reported back. All correct,	
Do	18.2.18) 19.2.18)		Imperial Camel Brigade Sports. Flag (for highest aggregate number of points) won by 1st Bn.	
Do	20.2.18		Combined Musketry and bayonet fighting competition.	
Do	27.2.18		Scouts and snipers under Lieut. A.W. Gull, Intelligence Officer, for four days trek in region of BEERSHEBA. Signal stations erected at Pt. 510 and KILAB to keep in touch.	
Do	1.3.18		Advance party under Lieut J.P.G. Cox marched to SHELLAL to arrange camp site.	App. 20. Copy of Order re Move.
Do	2.3.18		Battalion moved out at 0900 for SHELLAL on foot. Arrived SHELLAL at 1500. A small proportion of men showed signs of fatigue on this march.	

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SHELLAL	4.3.18		<p>Demolition party formed under R.E. officer.</p> <p>A system of practice route marches was instituted at this time. Two Companies moved out at 0600 each morning to destination as ordered - in no case more than ten miles from starting point. During midday halt all camels were turned out to graze, and as much use as possible was made of grazing. Camel ration was reduced to 5 lbs 5 lbs of grain per day - to be given in one feed - morning or evening according to whether the Company was remaining in or going on trek. The trek, out and back, gave practice in all field operations and touch was maintained at all times with camp.</p> <p>These practice marches continued until March 8th.</p>	
Do	10.3.18		Advance party under Lieut. Hall left for DEIRAN.	App. 21.
Do	11.3.18		Battalion marched out 18 Officers - 611 other ranks - 779 camels strong (including newly formed demolition party) en route for DEIRAN. Bivouaced at HAREIRA for night.	Copy of Order re move.

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HAREIRAN	12/3/18.		Bn. moved 0630 and marched via HULIEKAT, where halt was made for midday - to JULIS 1700 where Bn. bivouaced for the night.	
DEIRAN	13/3/18		Bn. moved at 0600, and marched via YAZUR, where halt was made for midday - to DEIRAN 1700, where Bn. moved into Bde Camp area.	
DEIRAN	15/3/18.		Lieut. Gull and Scout N.C.O's marched to ZAKARIYA to make report on road and watering.	
DEIRAN	17/3/18		Bn. marched with Bde from DEIRAN at 0600 for ZAKARIYA via NAINI, and JUNCTION STATION. Weather was very bad and roads were almost impassable. Head of Bn. arrived ZAKARIYA at 1600. Last Company arrived one hour later. No halt was made during the day on account of the weather.	App 22
ZAKARIYA	18/3/18.		Continued march to SOLOMONS POOLS. at 0600. Roads in very bad condition. First view of JERUSALEM. Arrived SOLOMONS POOLS at 1500. Rain continued right through night.	
SOLOMONS POOL.	19/3/18.		Weather cleared during day but move was cancelled.	
ditto	21/3/18		Bn. marched in rear of Bde at 1800 en route for TALAAT-ED-DUMM. Passed through JERUSALEM 2200.	
TALAAT-ED-DUMM	22/3/18.		Arrived Bivouac area TALAAT-ED-DUMM at 0400 without any mishap en route. Many camels suffering from injured pads etc, caused by rough roads on first two days trek. Bn remained in readiness to move off at one hours notice.	
ditto	23/3/18.		Bn. marched with Bde at 2015 en route for KASR HAVLAH	App. 23a 23b
JORDAN VALLEY.	24/3/18.		Bn. halted on JERICHO PLAIN waiting for Mounted Division to cross JORDAN. Bn. crossed about midday, and halted further on in order to allow Bde to concentrate. One Section No.1. Coy sent as Escort to Div. Ammunition Column. One Section No.1. Coy sent as Escort to C.T.C. Convoy.	MAR 1918 App. 24

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JORDAN VALLEY.	24/3/18.		<p>Bn. moved to TELEIL MUSLIM - passing through a heavy storm. No. 3. Coy detailed to picquet Southern Road and relieve Mounted Troops. Orders recieved for move at 1800. No. 3. Coy ordered to return to TELEIL MUSLIM, and to act as escort to Cars and Transport and Guns kept behind. No. 1. Coy less 2 Sections to remain also, Major Fraser R.F.A. in Command of Party left at MUSLIM.</p> <p>Roads found impassable for Transports - necessitating halt while all material being carried on limbers was transfered to C.T.C. The storm did not abate and the going was very bad. March was continued right through the night.</p>	<p>App.24a 24b App.25</p>
ditto	25/3/18.		<p>No halt was called until Bde was reached early in the morning, when Column halted to allow rear to close up. The track had not improved at all and horses and camels were both faring badly. The Bde. moved as soon as 2nd. Bn. came in sight, and baring one very bad patch the going was better. Bivouac was reached at 1620, and orders were at once issued for a move in 2 hours time. Bn. moved as rear Bn. about 2230. The weather had continued bad and the roads now encountered were much deeper in slush.</p>	<p>App.26.</p>
ditto	26/3/18.		<p>Passed through NAAUR about dawn. Bn. halted to allow 2nd. Bn. to concentrate before moving off. Bn. moved towards AMMAN. Arrived AMMAN - ES SALT CROSS ROADS and bivouaced R.32. Central about 1400. A hostile aeroplane flew over camp at low altitude and machined gunned troops and horses but no casualties in Bn.</p> <p>Outpost Line taken up by No. 2. Coy. Orders for attack issued at 1800</p> <p>1st. Bn. to remain in reserve. Night passed quietly and with the exception of bivouac fires no sign could be seen of the enemy.</p>	<p>App.27. App.28.</p>
NEAR AMMAN.	27/3/18.		<p>The Bn.- less 2 Coys - moved out with the Bde at 0830 along AMMAN- AIN - ES - SIR ROAD towards AMMAN. Enemy opened fire at long range on Advance Guard of 2nd. Bn. who dismounted for action near KUSR, 142.Y.6.D. and deployed so that the road formed centre of line, with one Coy frontage on either side of the road. The enemy H.E. Artillery Fire was neutralized by the mid. 1st. Bn. Coys were not called till late in the afternoon, when the order was received for No. 4. Coy and No. 2. Coy less Escort to A.C.F.A. and 1 section, to move to Bde H.Q. An hour afterwards orders were issued for 1st. Bn. to move up, and form a reserve to 2nd. Bn. (Maj. R.V. ^{Buxton} ..., Commanding). and the A/C.O. (Capt. H.R. Denson) moved along the Wadi AMMAN to a point immediately behind the 2nd. Bn. H.Q. at the Castle, and 1st. Bn. H.Q. then joined with them.</p>	<p>App.29.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- 669 - MAR 29 1918</p>

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NEAR AMMAN	27/3/18.		During the night this Hd.'Qrs was moved forward about 1000 yards half right to a ledge on the steep bank of the WADI, and on the right flank of the I.C.C. line, where joint dressing stations were also established. All through the night the men of No. 4. Coy were employed in carrying in the 2nd. Bn. casualties numbering 70 in all, and getting them back to the A.C.F.A. No. 2. Coy was brought into position as a reserve line with 4 Lewis Guns. The M.G. Sqn. formed the remainder of this line to the left.	
AMMAN	28/3/18.		This day was comparatively quiet with only reciprocal artillery and Machine Gun Fire. In the afternoon at 1600, A/O.C. 1st. Bn. took No. 4. Coy forward to strengthen the right flank of the Bde line. Ground Scouts sent ahead - numbering 12 - received 5 casualties. The remainder when about half way across received orders from C.O. 2nd. Bn. to remain where they were and take cover. This was done, and at night fall the Coy was retired to the old position in the reserve. In conference with C.O. 2nd. Bn. the A/O.C. suggested a night bombing raid as the best means of dislodging the enemy from their position on the Bde front. The suggested plans of operations was made out and sent on to I.C.Bde H.Q.	
ditto.	29/3/18.		<p>Comparatively quiet. The enemy with held all artillery and Machine Gun fire and few snipers were at work. During the day the Brig.-Gen. Commanding I.C.Bde visited Bn. Hd.'Qrs and instructed Capt. Denson to place Lt. Matthews in command of No. 4. Coy. Orders and plans of attack for a night raid on enemy positions along the whole front were also received. During the afternoon 2 Coys of 180th. Inf. Brigade arrived to reinforce the I.C.Bde for the attack. The plan of attack decided on by C.O.'s 1st. & 2nd Battns, was as follows :- The attack to be made in two waves of two lines each. 1st. Wave to be commanded by Capt. P. Newsam 2nd. Bn., and 2nd. Wave commanded by Major Day 2nd. Bn.</p> <p>The first line of 1st. Wave under Capt. E. Deas 2nd. Bn. to consist of 2 sections each from Nos. 4, 9, 7, 18, and 8 Companies each with 2 Lewis Guns and men armed with Hand Grenades. Second Line of 1st. Wave to consist of the remainder of each Company in same order.</p> <p>First and Second Lines of Second Wave to each consist of 2 half Companies of 108th. Inf. Brigade already referred to.</p> <p>On the right of I.C.Bde Line, the N.Z.M.R. were to attack, and on the left the 2nd. A.L.H.Bde. These attacks were to be delivered simultaneously along the whole line at 0200 on 30th. By 2200 on 30th. the Bde Line had worked quietly forward to within 50 yds of the enemy's position West of AMMAN.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">MAR 1918 669 APP. 5B</p>

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AMMAN	29/3/18.		The night was very dark and heavy rain fall until daybreak of 30th. No. 2. Coy of the 1st. B n. and the M.G. Sqn, were kept in reserve on their old Line, and were employed up to 0200 on 30th. in improving their positions.	
ditto	30/3/18.		At 0200 the attack was delivered by a quick rush forward and the Bde Line captured the whole of their objective, consisting of 2 lines of enemy trenches. Units on either flank were not so successful with the result that, when daylight broke and throughout the whole day the new I.C. position received enfilade fire from both flanks. Casualties were afterwards found to be much less than expected, showing how efficient the work of consolidation had been after the taking of the position. Lt. Matthews with a party from No. 4. Coy penetrated right beyond the objective and actually succeeded in getting into the town, hoping to find the H.Z.M.R. Bde up with him. Finding himself alone, he was forced to retire with his party. About 1600 30th. orders were received to retire the whole line back to the Led Camels as the G.O.C AMMAN FORCE had decided to not further pursue his efforts towards taking the town. As soon as darkness fell the C.O. 1st. Bn. and Capt. Tredennick 2nd. Bn. organized the retirement of the Companies. The rear was guarded by No. 4. Coy (Lt. Matthews). The retirement was effected without arousing the enemy's suspicions, although the lines were only 100 to 200 yards apart, and the night was still and fine.	
AMMAN	31/3/18.		As daylight broke on 31st. the whole of the I.C. Bde arrived back at the Led Camels and after a short rest the Battn marched off down the AIN-ES-SIR ROAD, arriving at SHUNET NIMRIM at 2100, where Battalion bivouaced for the night.	

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Appendix 1

1. RELIEF. A. The Bn. will be relieved by the 3rd. Bn. C.C. on 2nd. and 3rd. inst. The 3rd. Bn. will be distributed as follows :-
FERDAN.. 1 Coy, less detachments on KANTARA cordon under orders of P.L. of C., which will be stationed at BALLAH WEST and TABOUL as heretofore.

FERRY POST.. Hd.'Qrs and 1 Coy.

SERAPEUM .. 1 Company.

KUBRI.. 1 Company.

The detachments of 1st. Bn. Camel Corps at all posts other than above will be withdrawn without relief on dates according to Table issued herewith.

B. The camels which are being handed over to the 3rd. Bn will therefore, required to be distributed as follows :-

BALLAH WEST (for KANTARA cordon) ...	50
FERDAN	65
FERRY POST	10
SERAPEUM	75
KUBRI	100
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C. The detrainment of the 3rd. Bn. Camel Corps will take place as follows :-

BALLAH ... KANTARA cordon detachment and conducting party to take camels from BALLAH EAST to FERDAN.

FERDAN ... One Company less above detachments.

MOASCAR ... Hd.'Qrs and 1 Coy, (for FERRY POST).

SERAPEUM ... One Company.

KUBRI. ... One Company.

D. Tents, post stores and post reserve rations at the posts from which Camel Corps are being withdrawn, without relief, should be disposed of as follows :-

KABRIT. They will be despatched to Coy. Hd.'Qrs at KUBRI by the daily ration boat, before the detachemnt is withdrawn.

The Officer Commanding 1/101st. Grenadiers, will send up a working party by the ration boat, IN DIRECT COMMUNICATION with the O.C. Company concerned, to assist in loading the stores.

BALLAH EAST. They will be sent to Coy. Hd.'Qrs FERDAN as opportunity offers. At the remaining posts they may be handed to the detachment 101st. Grenadiers, or sent to Coy. Hd'Qrs concerned as is most convenient.

E. The Officers Commanding Companies, 1st. Bn. Camel Corps, are responsible that the A.S.C. concerned is notified in good time beofre detachments are withdrawn from the various posts.

F. 1st. Bn. Camel Corps will hand over all Maps of this area to the 3rd. Bn.

2. MOVE. The Bn. will move as far as KANTARA in three Divisions, thence in two.

Div. 1. will march mounted. This party will be as strong as possible.

Div. 2. will proceed by train to I.C. Bde. Strength will be all men not able to be mounted less Div. 3.

Div. 3. will proceed by train to KANTARA, where they will pick up camels from Remount Depot, they will utilize all spare Coy. saddlery, plus 50 sets forwarded from I.C.Bde, and join up with Division 3.

The strength of this Div will be notified to Coys by wire.

3. TIME-TABLE. Div. 1.

Zero - 1. AYUN MUSA and GENEFE detachments will move to KUBRI. TOUSSOUN & DEVERSOIR detachments move to SERAPEUM.

Zero. KUBRI detachment will move to GENEFE.

TABOUL detachment moves to BALLAH WEST.

P.T.O.

O.C.,
No. 2 Company.

APPENDIX 2.

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The following instructions should be given to Lieut. Field proceeding with Division 2. from FERRY POST tomorrow, 5th. inst. :-

1. Obtain warrant from this Office.
2. Have party on West bank of Canal by 0700. Two motor lorries will be there at 0630. If possible, therefore, the men's gear should be taken across by that time and put on lorries.
3. On arrival at MOASCAR, proceed to No. 1 Platform and report to R.T.O. with warrant.
4. On arrival at KANTARA, he will report to Lieut. Mackenzie, No. 4 Company, who is joining train at BALLAH, and who will take charge of whole of Division 2.
5. Attention is called to F.S. Regs., Part 1, Sect. 35, para 6, and Sect. 37, para 1.

4.1.18.

Signed -- J.G. Smyth, Lieut. & Adjutant.
1st Anzac Bn, I.C.C.

Reference Move Order No. 1 of 2.1.18.

On arrival at KANTARA you will take command of Division 2. Check states from officers i/c No. 1, 2, and 3 Company detachments (total strength of Division should be - 4 officers, 100 o/ranks, 10 natives) and report to R.T.O., KANTARA. Motor transport is being arranged to take baggage (except camel saddlery - 40 sets) to KANTARA EAST. You will detail a party to assist baggage guard (i/c/ Cpl Easton) to unload baggage from train and on to lorries; also off lorries and on to PALESTINE train, but Cpl. Easton and guard will check and act as guard to the baggage at all times.

You will report to Administrative Commandant, KANTARA, or O.C. KANTARA SUB-SECTION for orders as to where your party will bivouac during day and as to hour of entraining at KANTARA EAST.

On completion of transfer of baggage to KANTARA EAST, you will ensure that 40 sets of saddlery referred to above are transported to Camel Remount Depot and left in charge of special escort of 1 N.C.O. and 2 men travelling with them.

On arrival at RAFA you will have baggage unloaded and report to Officer in charge I.C. Bde Dump at RAFA station, putting baggage where he directs and leaving baggage guard with it.

You will then march party to I.C. Bde and report there for further instructions.

You will arrange with Staff Captain, I.C. Bde, to wire this Bn. H'Qrs on your arrival.

The strictest attention to discipline must be paid while in KANTARA and on train.

Ferry Post.

4.1.18

Signed - J.G. Smyth, Lt. & Adjt.
1st Anzac Bn, I.C.C.

O.C.,
No. 2 Coy.

APPENDIX 4.

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The following instructions should be given to Lieut. Clark, proceeding with Division 3 from Ferry Post tomorrow, 6th. inst :-

1. Obtain warrant from this Office.
2. Have party on West bank of Canal by 0700. One Motor Lorry will be there at 0700. If possible; therefore the mens gear should be taken across by that time, and put on lorry.
3. On arrival at MOASCAR proceed to No. 5. Platform, and report to R.T.O. with warrant.
4. On arrival at KANTARA he will report to Lt. Lees, No. 4. Coy, who is joining train at BALLAH, and who will take charge of whole Div. III.
5. Attention is called to F.S. Regs. Pt.1., Sect. 35, para 6, and Sec. 37, para 1.

5. 1. 18.

Signed -- J.G.Smyth, Lieut. & Adjutant.

1st. Anzac Battalion, I.C.C.

APPENDIX. 4(a).

O.C.,
No. 2. Coy.

Owing to alteration in train arrangements paras 2., 3., & 4. of instructions sent you today for Lieut. Clark are cancelled, and the following substituted.

2. Have party on West bank of Canal by 1315, and load into Motor Lorry.
3. Proceed to ISMALIA station and entrain on 1405 train under direction of R.T.O.
4. On arrival at KANTARA, proceed with his party to CAMEL REMOUNT DEPOT, and report to O.C. Lieut. Lees will not arrive till 2230, after which Lt. Clark can hand over party to him.

New directions re disposal of your sick camels will be sent as soon as arranged with R.T.O's MOASCAR AND ISMALIA.

5. 1. 18.

Signed. J.G.S myth Lieut & Adjutant.

1st. Anzac Battalion, I.C.C.

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I/c Division 111.

1. You will take the camels allotted to I.C. Bde from the O.C. Remount Depot or from Lt. Clark No. 2. Coy, if he has already taken them over.
2. You will have the camels ready for inspection at 0700 on 7th. inst by Brig.-General Smith V.C. Cmdg. I.C. Bde.
3. You will get in communication with the Administrative Commandant KANTARA, as to the hour at which, and the route by which you will move on morning of 8th. inst., to join the Battn at Hill 40.
As you will only have 110 men to handle the 553 camels, it is probable that when near KANTARA SOUTH BRIDGE, you will find it necessary to barrak, say half the camels under as small as guard as possible, while you get the other half across, leaving them on the East Bank with a small guard and returning for the remainder.
The strictest attention must be paid to avoid empeding traffic, around and on the Bridge, and any suggestions of the Staff of KANTARA Subsection must be complied with as far as your experience of handling camels thinks advisable.
4. You will arrange to leave the Remount Depot with all Dhoura bags filled. Other camel rations will arranged by Bn. H.Q.

6. 1. 18.

Signed J.G.Smyth, Lieut. & Adjutant

1st. Anzac Battalion, I.C.C.

APPENDIX No. 5.
-----O.C.,
No. 2. Coy.

You will commence moving your Coy at once to bivouac on West Bank.

The Battn will move at 1400 ~~#####~~ from West Bank, No. 2. Coy leading and will bivouac for night at BALLAH.

7. 1. 18.

Signed J.G.Smyth, Lieut. & Adjutant.

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O.C.,
No. 3. Coy.

You will be prepared to move your Coy to West Bank immediately No. 2. Coy have completed crossing by punt. Rations should be drawn as soon as available, and report sent to H.Q. as soon as your Coy is clear of East Bank. You will halt your Coy in position behind No. 2. Coy. The Battn will march at 1400 proceeding to BALLAH, where it will bivouac for the night

7.1.18.

Signed -- J.G.Smyth, Lieut. & Adjutant.

1st. Anzac Battalion, I.C.C.

APPENDIX. 5(b).

O.C.,
No. 1. Coy.

You will draw rations and stand by to move your Coy across to West Bank, at a time to be notified later. The Bn. will move at 1400 and proceed to BALLAH, where it will bivouac for the night.

7.1.18.

Signed J.G.Smyth, Lieut. & Adjutant

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O.C. No. 1. Coy.
" No. 3. Coy.

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Orders in A 1/6 and A 1/7 re crossing Canal at Ferry Post, are cancelled.

No. 3. Coy will move at 1200, and proceed to Ferdan, where it will cross to West Bank, and proceed to BALLAH, independently.

No. 1. Coy will move at 1300 following No. 3. Coy, and cross to West Bank at FERDAN. It will then proceed to BALLAH independently.

Bivouac grounds are being prepared at BALLAH by O.C. No. 4. Company.

7. 1. 18.

Signed -- J.G. Smyth, Lieut & Adjutant.

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I.C.C.

O.C. No. 1. Coy.
" No. 2. Coy.
" No. 3. Coy.
" No. 4. Coy.

MOVE ORDER No. 2.

1. MOVE. The Battalion will off at 0830 in the following order :-
No. 3. Coy, No. 4. Coy, No. 2. Coy, No. 1. Coy. and proceed to HELL 40 via KANTARA. above
2. RATIONS. Rations will be drawn at 0730 in the following order.
Packs should be sent to the Dump on East Side of BALLAH STATION and C.Q.M.S's take over their issue from C.Q.M.S. Child.
3. REMOUNTS. On arrival at 16th Vet. Hospital S. of KANTARA, the Battalion will take over Remounts from Division 111. The men of Div. 111 will rejoin their Companies. Each Coy will be expected to take over about 110 camels.
4. MARCH ROUTE. The trek to RAFA will be divided into 9 days, tomorrow the 8th. inst, being the first. Camels will be watered and 1 days mobile rations and grain drawn at ROMANI on afternoon of 2nd. day, (9th. inst.).
5. ORDERLIES. Each Coy will detail 1 orderly to report to Bn. H.Q. at 0800.
6. STATES. Parade States must be sent in by 0800.
7. FIREWOOD. O.C. Coys should remind the men that firewood is very scarce along the route and economy should be exercised.

8. 1. 18.

Signed -- J.G. Smyth, Lieut & Adjutant.

1st. Anzac Battalion, I.C.C.

APPENDIX 7.

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HILL 40.

1. MOVE. The Battn will move at 1500 in present order, and proceed to GILBAN, where it will bivouac for the night. Companies will move at 5 minutes interval.
2. SANITATION. It is to be taken as a Standing Order that on arrival at a Bivouac ground, O's.C. will arrange for Latrines and Refuse-Pits, and before moving out personally inspect the area occupied by the Company.
3. LED CAMELS. The number of Remounts at present being led by Coys must be sent to Bn.H.Q. by 1430 with a view to allotting these equally. Men riding remounts with stripped saddles and those with dhurra bags only should draw dhurra from Sgt. Anderson, No. 4. Coy, at Dump. Dhurrs bags will be supplied there for those without them. Men of Div. III. should now report back to their Coys. Each Coy will draw necessary proportion of dhurra for remounts : i.e. 680 lbs. in addition to grain bags being completely filled. Empty sacks to be returned to dump and handed over to N.C.O., I/c Post by Sgt. Anderson.

Issued at 1400

O.C. No. 1. Coy.
O.C. No. 2. Coy.
O.C. No. 3. Coy.
O.C. No. 4. Coy.

Signed J.G.Smyth, Lieut. & Adjt.
1st. Anzac Battalion, I.C.C.

APPENDIX 8.

MOVE ORDER NO. 4.

1. GILBAN.
MOVE. The Battn will move at 0730 tomorrow, 9th. inst., and proceed to ROMANI via PELUSIUM. Coys will move at 5 minutes interval in the following order :- No. 4. Coy, No. 1. Coy, No. 2. Coy, No. 3. Coy.
2. HALTS. Company Commanders will arrange their own halt : one in first half hour, and one every hour thereafter.
3. WATERING. Coys will water camels at ROMANI in order of march, under supervision of the Orderly Officer, commencing 1½ hours after arrival.
4. RATIONS. One days mens rations and two days camel rations will be drawn under supervision of C.Q.M.S. Child, at a time to be notified later. There is no intention to keep the 5 days grain intact, and the grain bags are to be used for feeding all camels indiscriminately. A careful check should be kept, however, on any incursion into the 5 days rations. After watering Coys will saddle up and move off in same order, independently, to bivouac as directed.
5. FURTHER MOVE.
6. ORDERLY COY. The Coy leading the line of march will be the Orderly Coy. Duties include Orderly Officer (to report to Bn.H.Q. ½ hour before moving off in morning), Bn.H.Q. Line Guard (1 N.C.O. and 3 men to report to R.S.M. at 1800)
7. CAMEL casualties. The C.O. wishes to arrive at RAFA without having any sore backs.

Issued at 1900. (8/1/18).

Signed J.G.Smyth, Lt. & Adjt.

1st. Anzac Battalion, I.C.C.

MOVE ORDER No. 5.

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- ROMANI.
1. BIVOUAC. The Batta will bivouac for the night on the present area.
 2. MOVE. The Batta will move at 0750 tomorrow, 10th. inst, and proceed to ABD. via RABAH and KHIRBA. The midday halt will be made at KHIRBA (15 miles). Coys will move at 5 minutes intervals in the following order :- No. 1. Coy, No. 2. Coy, No. 3. Coy, No. 4. Coy.
 3. WATERING. Camels will be watered in the order laid down in MOVE ORDER No. 4. i.e. today's order of march, commencing at 1400. An Officer must be in charge of each Coys camels.
 4. RATIONS. Nos. 1; 2, & 3 Companies will send packs to draw rations at dump near station.
No. 1 at 1400; No. 2 at 1415; No. 3 at 1430.
 5. Drinking Water. No. 4 Coy will draw after the camels return from water. Fantassies will be filled at tanks near ration dump under Coy, arrangements as to time. Men from each Coy. must be in a formed party under a Sergeant.
 6. LED CAMELS On arrival in camp for midday halt rugs must be removed from led camels if covering them. Much more care must be exercised in the feeding of these camels. Their condition on arrival at Bde, will reflect to the credit or otherwise of the Battalion.
 7. RIDING CAMELS There must be more supervision of the grooming of backs when off saddled.
 8. STATES A return of led camels, carefully checked, will be sent to Bn. H'Qrs at 1800 today.

Issued at 1520 (9.1.18)

Signed J.G.Smyth, Lieut. & Adjutant,
1st Anzac Battalion, I.C.C.

1st Anzac Bn, - C.C.

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MOVE ORDER No. 6.

KHIRBA.

10.1.18.

1. MOVE. The Bn. will march at 1430 and proceed to ABD where it will bivouac for the night.
2. LED CAMELS A. Camels which will not be led and are being driven should not be allowed to wander into other Companies or lag behind.
B. In the event of any camel being unfit to travel, it must be handed over to nearest Post. Camels must not be shot. If unable to walk and it has to be abandoned, the nearest Post should be informed in writing.
3. MARCH DISCIPLINE. More attention must be paid to this. Most instances of men falling out are due to bad loading and loose girthing.
4. CARE OF PROPERTY. Permanent buildings, shelters, picqueting lines, latrines, notice boards etc. at Posts must not be interfered with or broken for use as firewood.
5. STATES Parade states (Division 1) and led camels only) must be sent to Bn. H'Qrs by 1800 tonight.
6. CAMEL RUGS Many camel rugs have been dropped along the road. This shows a want of supervision on the part of Officers in rear of Companies

Issued at 1245.

(Signed) J.G.Smyth, Lieut. & Adjt.
1st Anzac Bn. I.C.C.

1st ANZAC BN. C.C.
MOVE ORDER No.7

Appendix 11.

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1. BIVOUAC

Reveille on 11th. will be at 0600. Coy. Commanders should take advantage of the spell in bivouac to inspect all camels.
2. WATERING
CAMELS

Companies will water camels at troughs N.W. of bivouac in the following order, commencing at 0900 :-
No.2 Coy.; No.3; No.4; No.1.
3. RATIONS.

Rations will be issued by CQMS Child at A.S.C. dump north of Railway station at 0900. Ration parties should be in charge of a responsible N.C.O. who will see that his party keeps together and conforms to all Post regulations for traffic etc.
It is published for information that by 0900 tomorrow 1 day of 5 days reserve rations will have been consumed.
4. DRINKING
WATER

Fountains may be filled at any time at tanks S. of station. All men must be in formed bodies under an N.C.O.
5. SICK
PARADE

Sick parade will be held at Bn. H'Qrs at 0800 tomorrow, 11th. inst.
6. MOVE

The Battalion will move at 1330 tomorrow, 11th. inst., and proceed to a bivouac almost midway between SALMANA and TILUL. Companies will move at 5 minute intervals in following order :- No.2 ; No.3; No.4; No.1.
7. WATERPROOF
SHEETS

All W.P. sheets will be inspected by Coy. Commanders and a return of numbers serviceable and unserviceable sent to Bn. H'Qrs by 1200 tomorrow.

Issued at 1930.

(Signed) J.G.Smyth, Lieut. & Adjutant,

1st Anzac Battalion - I.C.C.

APPENDIX 12.

1st. Anzac Bn.
MOVE ORDER No 8.

1. MOSEIFIG.
MOVE.

The Battn will move at 0730 tomorrow, 12th. inst, and proceed to MAZAR on morning of 13th. Time to be notified later. Coys will move at 5 minutes interval, in the following order:- No. 3 Coy, No. 4. Coy, No. 1. Coy, No. 2. Coy.
2. RATIONS.

Two days rations will be issued at MAZAR on morning of 13th. Time to be notified later.
3. MANGE-
DRESSING.

In the event of mange dressing being available on arrival at MAZAR, O's.C. Coys will at once inspect all camels and have urgent cases dressed.
4. FIREWOOD.

In future any men found in possession of sawn timber, other than packing cases, will be treated as an offender in respect of damage to property.

Issued at 1800. 11. 1. 18.

Signed J.G.Smyth, Lieut. & Adjt.

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MOVE ORDER No 9.

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MAZAR.

1. RATIONS. Two days camel rations will be issued at A.S.C. MAZAR STATION at 1430 today. Coys will draw in order of march. Two days rations will be issued at A.S.C. at 0800 tomorrow 13th. inst in following order :- No. 4., No. 1., No. 2, and No. 3.
2. MANGE-DRESSING. Two drums per Coy, and one for Bn. H.Q. should be drawn from Cpl. Easton at MAZAR SIDING this afternoon.
3. DRINKING WATER. Fantassies should be filled under Company arrangements from Water Dump on near side of A.S.C.
4. EMPTY SACKS. All sacks drawn at ABD must be returned to C.Q.M.S. Child at A.S.C. dump this afternoon. Sacks drawn at MAZAR should be carried on to EL-ARISH.
5. MOVE. Unless orders are issued to the contrary, the Bn. will move at 1000 tomorrow 12th inst, and proceed to BARDRWIL halting in the vicinity of MAADAN for midday meal. Order of March :- No.4., No. 1., No. 2., No. 3., #.

Issues at 1300. 12. 1. 18.

Signed J.G.Smyth, Lieut & Adjt.

1st. Anzac Battalion, I.C.C.

APPENDIX 14.

1st. Anzac Battalion.
MOVE ORDER No. 10.

BARDAWIL.

1. MOVE. The Battn will move at 0730 tomorrow 14th inst., and proceed to EL-ARISH, where it will bivouac for the night. Order of March :- No. 1., No. 2., No. 3., No. 4.
2. RATIONS. Two days rations and camel forage will be drawn at EL-ARISH tomorrow afternoon, by Coys, ~~at a time to be notified later.~~ at a time to be notified later.
3. WATERING CAMELS. Camels will be watered at EL-ARISH tomorrow afternoon, by Coys in order of march, commencing 1400.
4. RETURNS. Coys should hand in A.F.B. 213 for today to Bn. Hd'qrs, by 1400 tomorrow 14th. inst.

Issued at 1800, 13. 1. 18.

Signed J.G.Smyth, Lieut. & Adjt.
1st. Anzac Battalion,
I.C.C.

EL-ARISH

1. WATERING CAMELS. All camels will be ready to move off for watering at 1400. Pack camels will go saddled and will be watered first. Coys will water in order of march.
2. RATIONS. O.C. No. 2. Coy will detail an Officer to take charge of all pack camels of Battn. on completion of watering and report to A.S.C. Dump, to draw Battn rations. Rations will be issued to Coys by C.Q.M.S. Child on bivouac area unless otherwise ordered. Coy Q.M.S's should be with party I/c of pack camels.
3. DRINKING WATER. This may be drawn under Coy arrangements from Well # about 1/2 mile S. of Wadi El-Arish.
4. BOUNDS. All cultivation is out of bounds and on no account must any trees be interfered with or damaged. It is given for information that the dead looking fig-trees are not defunct merely dormant. The town of EL-ARISH is out of BOUNDS.
5. MOVE. The Battn will move at 0800 tomorrow 15th. inst., and proceed to SHEIKH ZOWAID via EL-BURJ.

Issued at 1245, 14. 1. 18.

Signed J.G. Smyth, Lieut. & Adjutant.
1st. Anzac Battalion,
I.C.C.

EL-ARISH.

1. MOVE. The Battn will move off Bivouac Area southwards into WADI EL-ARISH in the reverse order to that in which it moved in. It will then halt and form up in parallel columns facing East, order from right to left : Bn. H.Q., No. 2., No. 3., No. 4., and No. 1.,
2. SANITATION. O's.C. Companies will detain 4 men per Coy to remain behind and ensure that area is clean after Coy has moved out. As much rubbish as possible should be buried. Tibben bands should be collected in one heap.

Issued at 0700.

Signed J.G. Smyth, Lieut & Adjt.
1st. Anzac Battalion, I.C.C.

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SHEIKH BOWAID.

1. MOVE
The Battn will move at 0800 tomorrow, 15th. inst., and proceed to RAFA where it will join the Camel Bde. Order of March :- No. 3. Coy, No. 4. Coy., No. 1. Coy., No. 2. Coy.
2. DRESS
O's.C. Coys will pay particular attention to the dress of all men under their command. Full marching order must be worn or laid down. Hats and not caps must be worn. Bandoliere need not be put on until order is passed down.
3. SADDLERY.
Particular attention must be paid to arrangements of loads of both riding and pack camels. Rugs of led camels will be carried rolled and hung round neck of camels.
4. DISCIPLINE.
The C.O. wishes the attention of all ranks to be directed to the necessity on rejoining Bde., of keeping up the reputation of the Battalion for smartness, and good discipline. In this respect the paying of compliments should receive particular attention.
5. STATES.
Parade states of Company on trek, with number of remounts carefully checked, should be sent to Bn. H.Q. by 1830 today.

Issued at 1720. 15. 1. 18.

Signed. J.G. Smyth, Lieut & Adjnt.

1st. Anzac Battalion,
Imperial Camel Corps.

RAFA.

1. REMOUNTS?
All Remounts will be transferred to lines laid down, North of Bn. area, by 1345 today. Coys will keep their quota separate until a check has been made of the whole number. One Officer from each Coy, and one man to 4 camels should be detailed as escort, and will not be dismissed until ordered by Bn. H.Q.. Any Coys having extra lines/ropes should take them down for use for today only.
2. RATIONS.
Coys will send packs I/c C.Q.M.S. to draw rations and ~~xxx~~ forage at Supplies Enclosure, Bde. H.Q., at 1430.

Further orders later.

15/1/18.

Signed J.G. Smyth, Lieut. & Adjutant,
1st. Anzac Battalion,
Imperial Camel Corps.

BY

Lt. Col. G.F. Langley, Commanding 1st. Anzac Battalion, The Camel Corps.

1. For the purpose of obtaining grazing for camels the Bde will move to a camp near SHELLAL STATION on Sat. 2nd. March, in the following order :-
- | | | | |
|------|---|------|--------------------------------|
| 0900 | -- 1st. Batta.; | 0930 | -- Bde. H.Q., Sigs & Supplies. |
| 1000 | -- Machine Gun Bdn. & R.E's. | | |
| 1030 | -- A.C.F.A. & M.V.S. | 1100 | -- 4th. Batta. |
| 1200 | -- H.K.S. BATTERY. & Bde. Assn. Column. | | |
| 1300 | -- 2nd. Batta. | | |

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Every man except those excused by Medical Officer will march, and camels will be led. Men not leading camels will march in formed bodies on the wire road as far as ABASAN, and then along the Motor road, No men will proceed by train.

2. The Advance party will be as strong as possible, but not to exceed 60 all ranks per Company, and will move off at 0830 tomorrow. One Officer from each Coy Parties will report to Lt. Cox when ready to move. Lt. Cox will be in charge of Advance Party and selection of bivouac Area at SHELLAL, and he will report to the Staff Capt. at Level Crossing West of SHELLAL Station at 1300 tomorrow to be allotted Camp Site for Batta. The Officer in charge of No. 4. Coy Party will hand same over to his N.C.O. and remain to take Pack Camels with rations at rate of 1 per Coy on afterwards when rations have been drawn. O's.C. Coys will arrange the number of rations to be sent to SHELLAL before parties march out.
3. The following will be the route for all traffic to and from SHELLAL, so that no cultivation or crops will be damaged :-
Bivouac - along North side of Railway to Level crossing at East end of KEELAB Station - Alongside wire road from G.H.Q. Enclosure to old Desert Mounted Corps H.Q. - On Motor Road from Villages of ABASAN EL KEBIR to SHELLAL Station via SHEIKH NURAN.
4. RATIONS. Fresh rations for Friday and Mobile Rations for Saturday will be issued at RAFA Supply Dump at 0700 tomorrow, and will be issued to Coys as soon as possible. Rations (perishable) will be issued at SHELLAL Station on Sat 2nd. at 1500. Daily ration issue commencing Sun, 3rd at 1100.
5. All R.E. Material (Ablution benches, Cooks Shelters etc) will be carefully dismantled and dumped at RAFA Station Siding to be pointed out by Lt. Higgins. This will be brought to SHELLAL as soon as trucks are available
6. (a) The Bde. Office will close here at 0900 on Saturday and reopen at SHELLAL at 1300.
(b) The Bde. Sig. Office will close here at noon on Saturday reopening at the same time at SHELLAL.
(c) The F.P.O. will open at SHELLAL Station on Sunday.
(d) The Bde Canteen will move to SHELLAL as soon as trucks are available
(e) The Bde Dump will remain at RAFA and stores left there must be neatly stacked. All unserviceable stores will be handed in to Ordnance.
(f) Only 1 Fantasi to 3 men will be taken to SHELLAL, the remainder being left on Units Dump.
(g) Truckage is being arranged for E.P. Tents and a percentage of stores on Saturday. Time of loading and exact amount will be notified later.
(h) Orders re Grazing Area and Watering will be issued after arrival at SHELLAL Station.
(i) All Camp Areas will be left clean and tidy, excavations being filled in and levelled off. The O.C. A.C.F.A. will detail an Off. to inspect all Camp Sites. Units will report to this Off. when ready for inspection & will not withdraw Sanitary Sqds until passed clean by this Officer.
7. WATERING. Camels will be watered tomorrow at 1000 in following order :-
No. 3. Coy.; Batta. Hd. Qrs; No. 4. Coy; No. 1. Coy; No. 2. Coy.
Camels to be off the line ready to move off at 0945. O.C. Duty Coy will detail a pumping party of 10 men to be at the wells at 0930. The camels proceeding with the Advance Party to SHELLAL will be sent down to water at 0700 tomorrow. O's.C. Coys will arrange to send men other than those going with Advance Party to water these camels.

RAFA.,

Feb. 28th. 1918.

(signed) A.E.G. Campbell Capt. & Adjt.

1st. Anzac Battalion,
The Camel Corps.

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1st. Batta. Order No. 2

Capt. H.R. Denson, Commanding 1st. Arab Battalion, The Camel Brigade

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1. The Bde will move in order to concentrate at Kilo 293. (Pal. Sheet 16. O.V. 35. KHURBAT DEIRAN, on evening 13/3/18.
2. Itinerary attached.
3. Batta will move out at a minimum strength as laid down in "Special Organization of a Batta", plus establishment of horses and natives. All camels and as many men as possible above this minimum will be taken.
4. Rations on fresh ration scale will be issued at SHELLAL today for consumption on 11th. Reserve Rations will be consumed on 12th and 13th (leaving 3 days balance on hand on arrival) whether on march or not. Fresh rations will be issued at Kilo 293 on evening of 13th. 10 lbs. grain and daily grazing for camels. The March Table allows ample time for grazing, and O.C. Companies will ensure that every advantage is taken of same.
5. Capt. Strickland will travel with 1st. party and select Camp Sites. Bde Police will travel with him and one man will be left on each Camp Area to point same out to incoming Units.
6. Water bottles will be filled daily at midday halt under arrangements made by O.C. Units, and supervised by R.M.O.'s. Horses will be watered twice daily under Batta arrangements. Camels will not be watered en route.
7. Greatest care must be taken that no damage is done to native crops and orchards, and Units are reminded that waste wood does not exist in the country they are marching through. Any cases of theft of wood for fire wood will be severely dealt with.
8. Whenever possible the Batta will march on a Section frontage, i.e., line of Section Columns in file, and will go round all native Villages when possible. If necessary to pass through Native Villages, O.C. Companies will send an Officer to watch their Companies until clear, and to ensure that good discipline is maintained and an even pace regulated.
9. Capt. Houston with batman, and riding camel each will join A.C.F.A. and march with them. Rations and forage will be drawn from Q.M. here.
10. Surplus men, animals, stores etc. will be dealt with under a separate order. Major Hemphill 4th. Batta will assume command of this detachment on departure of Brigade.
11. All Tents will be left standing, and will be removed to SHELLAL later by party remaining behind.
12. The Bde Signal Officer will arrange for S.P.'s to be delivered and collected as follows :- (a) A Motor Cyclist to leave DEIR SINRID at 1000 and 1330 daily to deliver and collect S.P.'s from Units in bivouac there (b) Units bivouaced at JULIS will deliver and collect S.P.'s from Signal Office under their own arrangements. (c) A Motor-Cyclist will leave ESDUD daily at 1000 on the 12th and 13th to deliver and collect S.P.'s from Units bivouaced there. This will enable Units to keep in touch with Brigade Headquarters twice daily throughout the march.

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ACKNOWLEDGE

[Signature] Capt. H. R. Denson

1st. Arab Battalion,
The Camel Brigade.

Issued at 1100.

- Copies to No. 1. Coy.
- " " " No. 2. Coy.
- " " " No. 3. Coy.
- " " " No. 4. Coy.
- " " " R.M.O.

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Amended

SPECIAL ORGANISATION FOR A BATTALION, I.C.C.

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	Off.	O.Rs	Riding Camels	Bag. Camels	Remarks	
1 SECTION	1	26	27		6 groups, 2 Sgts., 1 batman.	
1 L.G. SECTION	1	20	21	4	3 teams, 1 Sgt., 1 batman	
COMPANY HEADQRTS.	1a	6b	7	14c	a=O.C. b=(C.S.M., C.Q.M.S., (Vet. Sgt., Med. Ord., (Batman, Baggage man. c=2 baggage, 4 caacolet, 8 amm., and bombs.	
1 COMPANY	5a	129a	154b	18	a=1 section without officer and batman. b includes 20 spare.	
BA.H.QS C.O. Adjnt. M.O. Sig. Off. Int. Off. R.S.M. Vet. Sgt. Saddler Sgt. Armour Sgt. O.R. Sgt. Signallers. Med. Ordly. Batmen Baggage men	5		5	2a	a = officers baggage.	
			1	1		b = Equipment for Vet., Saddler, & Arm. Sgts.
			1	1	1b	
			1	1		
			1	1		
			9	9	2c	c = signalling gear.
			1	1	3d	d = medical stores.
	5	5				
	2	2				
			3e	1e	e = spare.	
DEMOLITION PARTY	1	24	25			
1 BATTALION.	26	562	671	81		

N.B. Each section includes two signallers in 26 O.Rs.
O.R. clerk is a rifle and should be included in one section
instead of on Headquarters.

L.G. Ammunition.

Each L.G. Camel carries L.G. & 32 full drums =	4800.
L.G. pack " " 32 full drums =	1600.
COY. Ammn. packs carry 2 boxes each =	14000.

	20400.

B.A.C. carries 136000 rds. S.A.A. for M.G. & L.M.G.

9.3.18



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1st. BATTALION.

MOVE ORDER.

by
Lt.-Col. G.F. LANGLEY, Commanding.

Approved 24
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1. The Bn. will march at 1400 tomorrow. All camels will be off the lines and fallen in on Battn Parade Ground East of Camp by 1300. All men less Camel Holders, will then be sent back to thoroughly clean up old bivouac area. Incinerators will be left standing for this purpose.
2. Companies will render Parade and Marching Out States to this Office by 1200. Particular care must be taken to have these States accurate and they must show numbers of men and camels remaining in Camp.
3. Camels will not be turned out to graze.
4. All men attached to Bn. Hd.'Qrs will report back to their Companies at 0700.
5. O'S. C. Companies will arrange to have all Tents and surplus baggage including Camp Cooking Utensils, etc., at Dump SHELLAL JUNCTION STATION, by 0900.
6. Latrine Seats (bucket covers) in possession will be taken at the rate of 1 per Company.
7. Reference B.R.O. No. 204 para 1164 of today = Detail 4 Mounted Orderlies therein is cancelled, and the following substituted :-
"Two Orderlies per Company will report at Bn. Hd.'Qrs at 0700, and again immediately the Battn halts". This order will hold good until further notice.
8. O.C. No. 1. Company will provide Advanced, Rear and Flank Guards, and detail a Company Officer to be responsible for direction. The whole Company will be utilised in protection to the column, including 2nd. Battalion.
9. Particular attention must be paid by all ranks to the maintenance of good march discipline.
10. All camel loads are to be carefully inspected by Company Commanders, and unauthorised loads dumped. Every effort is to be made to reduce loads to the minimum.

SHELLAL,

March 10th, 1918.

(signed) A.E.G. Campbell Capt. & Adjt.

1st. Anzac Battalion,
The Camel Brigade.

1st. Anzac Bn. Order No. 3.

By Lieut.-Col. G.F. LANGLEY, Commanding.

29 APR 1918 Copy No. 5

15th. March, 1918

REF. MAPS :- 1" sheets - 15 - 17 - 18. Palestine.

Brigade

1. The Battalion will march to ZAKARIYA tomorrow, 17th. inst. as follows :-

Bde. H'Qrs, R.E., and signals)
M.G. Coy, 1st Bn., Supply Section) 0500.

Route :- Bivouac - X 5a - BAS DEIRAN - AKIR - F 1 A - F 15 central - F 28a - F 26a - thence South of Railway to P 7b - P 1 9d - R 28a - R 35a - W 31a (ZARAKITA).

The leading units will drop files to direct the column where necessary. These files will be relieved by each succeeding unit. The route will be covered in one march.

2. Five days mobile rations will be carried plus fresh rations for 17th. inst. (six days in all).

One fantassi to three men. S.A.A. as laid down in "Special Organization" of 9.3.18 to complete will be drawn on march at a place to be notified later.

3. The Chaplain will march and remain with ~~the~~ A.C.F.A.

4. Demolition Party, plus one extra man per Company, will report to R.E. at 1500 today. They will parade at Bn. H'Qrs under Lieut. Cowland at 1545 today and bivouac with R.E. tonight. The whole will be under the command of Major Henry, DSO.

5. Signallers will take all visual gear only. Very pistols, aeroplane signals and flares will also be carried. Flares will be drawn on march at a time to be notified later.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 1500

(Sgnd) A.E.G. Campbell, Capt. & Adjt.

1st Anzac Battalion, I.C.Bde.

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APPENDIX. 23a

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O.C.,

1st. Battn, I.C.C.

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Ref. Map Sheet XV111.

1. The Bde will march to KASR HAJLAH this evening. Head of column will pass Admin. Comms. Office on JERUSALEM - JERICHO road at 2015. Order of March :- 1 Section 4th. Battn. (Adv. Gd); Bde. H.Q. Sigs R.E. Water Party; M.G. Sqdn; 4th. Battn. (less 1 Section); 1st. Battn; 2nd. Battn. (Less 1 Section); A.C.F.A.; 1 Section 2nd. Battn. (Rear Guard). Bde. H.Q. will be at junction of Wadi EKTEIF and main JERUSALEM - JERICHO ROAD at 0010 tonight, where it will join camels of Anzac Divisional Amun. Column.
2. FORMATION ON MARCH - Files.
3. O.C. Battns will arrange to have a pioneer party with picks and shovels (10 picks and 10 shovels) to march in advance of their respective Battns.
4. Strictest March Discipline will be observed. No smoking after leaving bivouac.
5. Acknowledge.

Issued at 1850.

Signed E.H. Stocker Capt.
Brigade Major.

APPENDIX. 23b

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ORDER by

Lt.-Col. G.F. Langley.

Cmdg. 1st. Anzac Battn, I.C.C.

Ref. Map. PALESTINE, sheet XV111.

1. The Bde will march to KASR HAJLAH this evening. Head of column will pass Admin. Comms Office on JERUSALEM - JERICHO road at 2015. Order of March :- 1 Section 4th Bn. A.G.; Bde. H.Q. Sigs R.E.; M.G. Squadron; 4th. Bn. less 1 Section; 1st. Bn; 2nd. Bn. less 1 Section; A.C.F.A.; 1 Section 2nd. Bn. R.G. Order of March 1st. Battalion :- No. 3. Coy, Bn. H.Q.; No. 4. Coy; No. 1. Coy; No. 2. Coy.
2. Formation on march - Files.
3. O.C. No. 3. Coy will arrange to have a pioneer party with picks and shovels to march in advance of Battalion.
4. Strictest March Discipline will be observed. "No Smoking" after leaving bivouac.
5. Acknowledge by signing below.

Issued at 1945.

23/3/18.

Signed A.E.G. Campbell Capt. & Adjt.
1st. Battn, I.C.C.

A.M. 698.

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To O.C. 1st. Battalion. I.C.C.

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Please detail the following escorts. One Section to report to Capt. Philipson, Anzac Divn. Amn. Column. One Section to report to Capt. Parsonage, N. Coy, C.T.C.

Acknowledge.

SIGNED E.H. Stocker Capt.

Brigade Major.

B.M. 600.

APPENDIX. 24a 212

O.C.,
1st. Battn.

Units will saddle up and be prepared to march at 1815. Units march in same order as this morning.

Representatives of Units to be at Bde. Hd. 'Qrs at 1800.

Acknowledge.

Issued at 1720. 24. 3. 18.

Signed E.H. Stocker,

Brigade Major.

C.O.A. 3.

APPENDIX. 244

O.C. No. 1. Coy.
No. 2. Coy.
No. 3. Coy.
No. 4. Coy.
Bn. Hd. Qrs.

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at 1815 today.

The Battalion will be ready to march

Issued at 1730 24/3/18

Signed A.E.G. Campbell Capt. & Adjt.

1st. Battalion,
The Camel Brigade.

B.M. 602.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX. 25

O.C.,
1st. Battn.

Please inform the O.C. No. 3. Coy that he will be responsible for the protection of the Anzac Divisional Details during the night.

Acknowledge.

Issued at 1600, 24. ³/₅ 18.

Signed E.H. Stocker,

Brigade Major.

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I.C. Brigade
OPERATION ORDER NO. 4.

- MAR 1918 APPENDIX. 26 869 70
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1. The Brigade will march at 1915 today. Head of column will pass Anzac Div. Hd. Qrs at 1915. Bde will march first to NAAUR and locate main road running through NAAUR from MADEBA Northwards, and advance up it in direction of its junction with the AMMAN - ES SALT ROAD.
2. Order of March :- 1 Section 4th. Battn; Bde. H.Q.; Sigs R.E. Water party; M.G. Squadron; 4th. Bn. (less 1 Sect. Adv. Vd.) also a party of R.E. Demolition Party to be detailed by Major Henry D.S.O. 2nd. Bn. and a proportion of R.E. Demolition party; 1st. Bn. less 2 Coys and 1 Section; A.C.F.A.; 1 Section 1st. Battn. Rear Guard.
MARCH FORMATION ::: "Groups" - to be increased wherever possible.
3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Copies to all Units.

Signed E.H. Stocker Capt.
Brigade Major.

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I.C. Bde. OPERATION ORDER. No. 5.

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Copy No. 1. 26/3/18.

Ref. Maps - AMMAN & ES-SALT "1" .

1. INFORMATION. The enemy is still probably holding AMMAN. ES SALT was captured this morning. Information about enemy troops south ward is indefinite.
2. The Bde will bivouac as at present in Sq. R.32.C.
3. LOCAL PROTECTION. O.C. 1st. Battalion will detail a Section to watch the line of the Wadi in Squares T. 4.D.82. (inclusive) to R.29.A.1.000 central (exclusive). On their right will be the N.Z.M.R. Bde, and on their left the 2nd. L.H. Bde.
4. The Outpost Section should move out complete ready to move on with the Bde. to AMMAN as it passes through their line at R.4. at about 0830 tomorrow morning.
5. O.C. 1st. Battn will arrange Lamp Communication between his Hd. Qrs. and the Outpost Line.
6. Acknowledge.

Copies to all Units.

Signed. E.H. Stocker, Capt.
Brigade Major.

SECRET.

APPENDIX. 28 ²⁶⁹/₃₄

I.C.BDE. OPERATION ORDER NO. 6. - MAR 1918 Copy No. 1.

Ref. Maps. - AMMAN & EB-SALT.

26/3/18.

1. INFORMATION. Any further information regarding ~~xxxxxx~~ enemy movements will be notified to Units later.
2. INTENTION. An advance will be made on AMMAN tomorrow morning at about 0830, actual time of starting and point of assembly will be notified later.
3. ROUTES & TROOPS PARTICIPATING. Route No. 4. - N.Z.M.R. Bde, I.C.Bde, Div. H.Q. and attached Units Anzac Division.
EL FUHEIS - AMMAN Road - 2nd. L.H. Bde.
4. OBJECTIVES. The N.Z.M.R. Bde will be deflected southwards at about KUSR and march South of KISSIR Station.
4th. Battalion I.C.C. (less 1 Coy) with Demolition Party attached, will also be deflected at KUSR and march to KISSIR Station.
H.K.S. Battery will be under orders of G.O.C. I.C.Bde.
2nd. Batta will deplot 2 Coys on a Section frontage at KUSR, with their centre on road 4, and proceed direct on AMMAN.
If no opposition is met with, their left will be brought up, and the march proceeded with to AMMAN Station.
M.G.Sqdrn. & Demolition Party will follow 2nd. Batta, and come under orders of that Unit from point of deployment.
Bde. H.Q., 1 Coy - 4th. Bn., and attached Units will follow M.G. Squadron.
5. Position of Bde. H.Q. will be notified to Units before leaving KUSR.
6. The 1st. Bn. (less 2½ Coys) will be in reserve and will follow Bde. Hd'Qrs.
7. DEMOLITIONS. If no opposition is met with the right Demolition Party (with 4th. Bn) will commence their task at KISSIR Station, and work northwards. The left Demolition Party (with 2nd. Bn) will proceed direct to AMMAN Tunnel. In the event of opposition being met with, the right Demolition Party will work from KISSIR Station southwards and northwards as far as possible. The left Demolition Party will commence work as soon as possible after occupation of AMMAN Station.
8. COMMUNICATIONS. (a) With 4th. Bn. - By visual & mounted orderly.
(b) With 2nd. Bn. - By Mounted Orderly and Runner.
(c) " " H.K.S.Bty. - Visual & Mounted Orderly
9. PRECAUTIONS. All ranks should be warned that "BOOBY TRAPS" may be met with. Bombs should not be handled, and full bottles in conspicuous places may be attached to mines.
10. ORDER OR MARCH. 4th. Bn. (less 1 Coy) with Demolition Party attached. H.K.S. Bty; 2nd. Bn. with Demolition Party attached; M.G. Sqdrn; Bde. Hd'Qrs.; Signals; R.E. Water Party; 1 Coy - 4th. Bn; 1st. Bn., (less 2½ Coys); A.C.F.A. - with 1 Section 1st. Bn. escort; 1 Section 1st. Battalion (Rear Guard).
FLANK PROTECTION - Units will be responsible for protection of their own flanks. Each Section on the line of march will detail 1 file to protect right and left flanks alternately.
MARCH FORMATION FOR APPROACH MARCH. - "Groups".
11. "Rouse" will be at 0430 tomorrow.
12. "Acknowledge".

Issued at 2120.

Signed E.H. Stecker Capt.
Brigade Major.

Copies to all concerned.

B.M. 613.

APPENDIX. 29

To O.C. 1st. Battalion, I.C.C.

MAR 1918
27/3/18.

Reference I.C. Bde Operation Order No. 6. of 26th. inst.
Head of Column will pass a point on the ES SALT Road just West of
4th. Battn at 0830. All surplus material and dismounted men will be
left on a Brigade Dump to be formed near starting point.

Acknowledge.

Signed

E.H. Stocker Capt.
Brigade Major.

APPENDIX. 30

B.M. 645.

To O.C. 1st. Bn.

A strong defence line will be put out
on line already held with intention of renewing attack tomorrow morning.
B.G.C. 2nd. L.H. Bde will adjust his line to 181 Bde. Patrols will be
~~pushed~~ out during the night to feel enemy line. 2nd. L.H. Bde will push
out patrols northwards to give timely warning of any any enemy attempt to
work round left flank. N.Z.M.R. Bde. have been ordered to join up with
your right flank. O.C. 2nd. Battalion will send an Officer to guide
N.Z.M.R. to position on right of Bde. The Companies across Wadi will
consolidate approximately their present line, and another Company sent
forward to reinforce them. Similarly the left Company will endeavour
to work forward and consolidate. Acknowledge.

Addressed 2nd. Battn. repeated all Units.

Camel Bde. 1900.

(signed) E.H. Stocker.
Brigade Major.