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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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E8/1

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAMSEY	1 st Sept.		Forwarded to Corps scheme for conversion from wheel to pack transport in event of necessity - which amounts to 284 pack saddles - this will only allow of each off horse being "packed" & consequently can only carry a very small proportion of the equipment carried in vehicles.	air
	2 nd Sept		581 Reinforcements notified as coming up from Kaulana. As that Brigades are armed with swords, the question of taking them on charge has to be decided - are they to be Reg'tl or personal equipment? We recommend to the Corps that they shd be Regimental, in order to avoid sick men when evacuated taking swords, like rifles, with them - if this is not done we shall get losses almost in swords as reinforcements certainly will not come with them -	air
	3 rd Sept		All vehicles in the Division are to be given the distinctive marks of the Kangaroo.	air
	4 th		all	air
	5 th		Arranged with @ £200 for the sharpening of all swords & bayonets - to commence tomorrow.	
	6 th		nil	
	7 th		Prepared scheme to meet with the possibility of having to convert from wheel to pack transport - on the basis of providing each off horse with a pack saddle.	
			Also prepared letter dealing with requisitioning & added notes for guidance of Regimental officers that may have to deal with requisitioning.	air

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E8/2

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAMLEH	8 th Sept		nil	
"	9 th	-	Attended conference at XXI st Corps	a/c
"	10 th	-	C. in-C. presented ribbons to certain officers who were awarded immediate decoration for action in the field.	arr
"	11 th	-	3 rd Lt Colde have epidemic influenza - have given their 7d Amb 2 extra R.P. tents to keep sick in, to avoid evacuation	arr
"	-	-	Require about 145 Riders + 50 Drought animals - little prospect of getting them - General - hostage throughout Egypt	arr
"	12 th	-	Circulized units upon method of requisitioning - very necessary that officers should understand this, but recognized procedure must be complied with	arr
"	13 th	-	long instructions in from Corps regarding demands for reinforcements from base - entailing many additional telegrams - We are now allowed 5% surplus to estab, but it is necessary that 3 rd echelon should be kept informed of numbers of this 5% at at Reinforcement camp held.	
"	-	-	Instructed 5 th Lt Colde to return surplus stores to dump	arr
"	14 th	-	Divisional parade - inspection of transport	arr

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E8/3

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
PAMLET	15 th Sept		Issued admin instructions for move of 5 th Hq Bde attached.	a/R
"	16 th		Attended conference at Corps The issue of Remounts is intended as an authority to draw some number of sets saddles as horses - there is often difficulty about this - as Ordnance do not hold stocks of saddles at Kantara they have to be ordered up from Kantara, which all means delay.	a/R
"	17 th		Employed all day on preparation for move - final issue of pack-saddles made.	
"	15 th		C-in-C addressed commanding officers	
"	18 th		Div marched at 1930 to 1 mile SE of Jatta Concentrated Div Transport and marched to same same direction	
SZ=RON/4	19		Marched 1000 - The pre-arrangements for crossing to Anija by certain bridges all altered - Transport crossed by Yellow Bridge + Jenisha - Train & camel convoy marched at 0530 - The going very bad + transport of 2 Divisions on the same road leads to confusion Div marched to Nady Iskandariyah - 25 miles. B1 echelon arrived 1000, but as Div was on home affairs by that time no delivery of rations could be made	
"	20 th		Div marched at 0100 for Lejjin - Div Train marched in 0400, ordered them to move on 0630	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Contd	20 Sept		<p>Being to difficulty of getting their transport along, the 4th M Bde, ordered to control & pass along all transport on the mainline plain - there are 3 divisions that have transport scattered about now.</p> <p>Bdecs today consume their 1st SF ration.</p> <p>Div arrived Lejjin about 1000 on 20th inst.</p> <p>B1 echelon arrived 1300, but just before this the 5th Bde was ordered out. Some issue could be made.</p> <p>The first M.T. convoy arrived at 1600 - a very fine performance.</p>	
	21 st Sept		<p>Train arrived 0100, having marched 45 miles in 2 marches.</p> <p>4th Bde marched out 0430 - B41 of 3rd & 4th Bdecs joined their Bdecs at 0700, taking rations up to after breakfast time - heavy convoy arrived about 1400 & sent proportion of supplies for Bdecs in advance to Jannin, thus making a double issue.</p> <p>5th Bde captured 4,000 prisoners at Jannin in a very collapsed state & famished for want of food. marched them into Lejjin.</p> <p>Trucks left Lejjin at 1700 for Jannin - Prisoners became very exhausted on their march to Lejjin.</p> <p>Gene Descuffs 3,000 rations to feed prisoners.</p> <p>DND being separated into two makes administration & supply difficult.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	22 nd	Sept	<p>Marched to Afuleh at 0700. Advance Rear joined at Afuleh. 4,000 prisoners arrived from Beisan - local supply of water has broken down, but received 4,000 gallons. water for these men - passed them on to Lejjin at 0600. 5th Brigade at Jenin.</p> <p>The rationing of prisoners is a great difficulty - supplies for the troops are none too plentiful & to have all the prisoners added makes it still more difficult.</p>	
AFULEH.	23 rd		<p>In consequence of water trouble have ordered B.S.C., B2 & Train less 36 Co. to return to Lejjin. This was altered later owing to probable movement eastward & sending them all the way back to Lejjin would be much out of the way - the water situation has meanwhile slightly improved.</p>	
	24 th		<p>2nd batch of 3,000 prisoners in from Beisan - Engineers working on rail to Beisan</p>	
	25 th		<p>4th Bde ordered to Senak. Went with G.A.C. to Senak. Where 4th Bde had stiff fight to take that place - we had 57 casualties, some men evacuated by rail, as line between Senak & Jenin is up for about 1 1/2 miles & roads too bad for motor ambulances.</p>	
	26 th		<p>Attended conference at Afuleh with G.A.C. & marched same evening to Tabernus - all Bdes have after delivery from Lornie tonight. 1. Lorn & 2 S.F.R.</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	27 th		<p>Marched at 0600 + met with considerable opposition at bridge over Jordan + detained night 27/28th west of the river -</p> <p>At 1300 Corps wires that lorries are being sent Jamine, so ordered Train + all transport left at Tiberias to Jamine. At 1930 Corps wires that they are after all sending lorries to Medjel, now that Train has marched 15 miles beyond that place have wired Corps that we cannot accept supplies dumped there, advised them to send a convey tomorrow night to Jamine, + have ordered train to remain there - This is most unfortunate arrangement, the altering of the lorry head. In event of the lorries not having left Medjel am sending officer in car + he can order them on to Jamine.</p>	
	28 th		<p>Enemy withdrew from the bridge during the night. D Troop A. Eng. started on rebuilding the gap which was completed & ready for traffic by 1230. The passage of transport over the bridge was delayed an hour by a lorry smashing the road beams of the bridge - Repts used a ford over the river, below the bridge + another used for the guns. 5th Cos who are behind us don't intend to start crossing over until 2000. It took the transport 480 minutes to pass over.</p>	acc
	29 th		<p>Division spent the night at Hmelia - Rations from B1 will be issued in the morning. Div. marched 1700 for Damascus. Gen Grant with 3 Repts placed in charge of Lines of Communication. Div. marched out with 1 Lorry + 125 Ration. - Our ration on Train has been given over to 5th Div. Our B1 will hold tonight from lorries. 3-4 men admitted to hospital.</p>	acc

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Sept	29 th		Bn echelon arrived and delivered - forage very short - only hay available	
	30 th		All dismounted men & weak horses are to remain Kinetra Div advanced along Demerius road, at 1100 camped on main road Motor convoy expected to arrive at 2100 did not fetch up till 0200 - Small available supply of water soon gave up - 1 Battery had to go 5 miles for water	a13
			3900 prisoners arrived after dark - only 1500 expected - no food or water for them	a12
			<p style="text-align: right;">R. S. Johnson ltd.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A. S. Smith</p> <p style="text-align: right;">A. M. D. W.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Aust med. Div.</p>	

War Diary

List No. 83

FORM "D"

Diviston etc. Australian Mounted

Week-ending 7th. September 1918.

Name of Unit, etc.	STRENGTH				ANIMALS				GUNS			NATIVES.	
	(a) Effective		(b) Ration		(a)	(b)	Donkeys. Camels. and Mules	F. A.	(b) Maxim or Vickers	(c) Hotchkiss. Lewis	Effective.	Rationed.	Remarks
	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	Horses	Mules							
D. H. Q.	12	52	19	152	154	10	19				6	8	
H. Q. R. A.	3	39	5	48	51		6						1
X/Batt. H. A. C.	6	156	5	159	148	23	3	4					1
Notts. R. H. A.	5	158	5	153	156	16	8	4					1
Bde. Ammn. Col.	5	259	3	254	120	207	4						2
Field Squadron.	9	179	9	179	222	30	2						2
Signal Squadron	10	253	10	250	177	83	6 23				15	17	
Divl. Train.	19	297	21	304	130	490					244	241	
San. Section.	1	30	1	26	15		1				47	4	
Tot. Divl. Troops	70	1423	78	1525	1173	859	49 23	8			312	277	
3rd. L. H. Bde.													
Signal B. H. Q.	6	38	7	63	58		4						1 2
Signal Troop.		34		39	38								
8th. L. H. Regt.	17	409	18	404	493	10	19			12	1	3	
9th. L. H. Regt.	23	368	20	351	490	23	8			12		2	
10th. L. H. Regt.	21	472	22	470	523	5	3			12	1	3	
M. G. Squadron.	8	196	8	192	265	14	9	12				2	
Field Amblce.	5	119	8	147 ^①	95	7	9				5	7	
M. V. Section.	1	27		29	55		1					1	
Tot. 3rd. Bde.	81	1663	83	1695	2017	59	53		12	36	9	20	
4th. L. H. Bde.													
B. H. Q.	4	26	6	51	79	2	4				4	5	
Signal Troop.	1	34		34	34								
4th. L. H. Bde.	28	471	25	421	435	23	14			12	1	3	
11th. L. H. Regt.	23	463	23	439	520	8	15			12	1	3	
12th. L. H. Regt.	22	506	23	489	436	57	8			12	1	3	
4th. M. G. Squadn.	8	196	7	184	274	6	4	12				1	
Field Amblce.	7	117	6	126	59	36	6				5	6	
M. V. Section.	1	25	2	34	71							1	
Tot 4th. Bde.	94	1838	92	1778	1908	132	51		12	36	12	22	
5th. L. H. Bde.													
B. H. Q.	5	30	4	40	41						1	2	
Signal Troop.	1	37	4	41	29	2							
14th. L. H. Regt.	25	425	22	399	491	4				12			
15th. L. H. Regt.	23	430	20	393	498	4				12			
R. M. M. C.	21	458	17	434	427	131				18			
2/N. Z. M. G. Sqn.	11	261	12	257	274	17		20					
Field Amblce.	8	120	7	118	41	54					4	12	
Patients				20									
M. V. Section.	1	30		46	71	5							
26th. M. G. Detmnt.	1	63		61									
Tot. 5th. Bde.	98	1854	86	1809	1872	217		20	42		5	14	
Grand Tot. Divn.	521	6778	339	6807	6970	1267	153 23	8	44	114	338	333	

^① Includes 20 Patients

Johnnie Jackson
Major General.

7th. Sept 1918.

Commanding Australian Mounted Division.

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NOTES ON METHOD OF REQUISITIONING FOR GUIDANCE
OF REGIMENTAL OFFICERS.

1. The Senior Supply Officer is responsible for all requisitioning.
2. Each Brigade and the Divisional Troop group has a Requisitioning Officer attached to B.H.Q.
3. In addition to B.R.O., requisitioning will be done by as few Officers as possible, usually the 2nd. in Command of Regiments, and when a Squadron is detached the 2nd. in Command of that Squadron.
4. Requisition receipt note is attached.
NO OTHER FORM OF RECEIPT NOTE IS TO BE USED.
5. It must be most carefully filled up.
6. Give original to vendor, after the goods have been removed, who presents same for payment to the nearest Military Governor.
7. Forward the Duplicate and Triplicate copies to the B.R.O. without delay.
8. Keep a record of all requisitions made.
9. Don't quote your unit after your signature on the original copy, but do so on the 2nd. and 3rd. copies.
10. In towns and villages all requisitioning will be conducted through the medium of the Mayor or Mukta when possible.
11. Don't pay cash when requisitioning.
12. Before requisitioning make sure that stores are not the property of the enemy.
13. A guard should be placed over enemy's confiscated stores, and a report made to the nearest A.S.C. Officer.
14. Use enemy's stores before those of inhabitants.

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REQUISITION RECEIPT NOTE.

(2)

Name and rank of signatory:-

Date

Received from

Address

Articles or Services requisitioned.	Quantity.	Quality (good, average or indifferent)
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Received the above.

Signature.
Rank.

For instructions to Holder PTO
To be given to local civil authority
No acknowledgement to be made when
payment is made on the spot.

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Signature.
Date.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO HOLDER.

This note is to be sent through the local civil authorities to the Central Requisition Office, British Base, together with a bill, which should agree in every particular with the number or quantity shown overleaf.

Settlement will then be made, providing the charges are found to be reasonable and the claim in order.

received the above.

Signature.
Rank.

To be sent to Central Requisition Office Base.

NOTE. The unit or Force of the Requisitioning Officer will in no circumstances be shown on original note, but only on duplicate.

Diviston etc. Australian Mounted

Week-ending 14th. September 1918.

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Name of Unit, etc.	STRENGTH				ANIMALS				GUNS			NATIVES.	
	(a) Effective		(b) Ration		(a)	(b)	(c)	(a)	(b)	HOT CHIMES.	Effective	Remarks	
	O.	O.R.	O.	O.R.	Horses	Mules	Donkeys. Camels	F. A.	Maxim or Vickers				
D. H. Q.	12	53	20	151	154	10	19				6	8	
H. Q., R. A.	3	39	5	46	44		6					1	
"A" Batt. H. A. C.	6	153	7	155	154	16	3	4				1	
Notts. R. H. A.	4	157	4	151	152	16	8	4				1	
Bde. Ammn. Col.	5	265	4	262	122	204	4					2	
Field Squadr.	9	188	9	188	222	29	3					2	
Signal Squadr.	8	207	8	206	135	82	6 23				15	17	
Divisional Tn.	19	314	19	318	128	487					239	239	
San. Section.	1	39	1	25	15		1				47	14	
Tot. Divl. Tps.	67	1405	77	1502	1126	844	50 23	8			307	285	
3rd. L. H. Bde.													
B. H. Q.	6	39	7	66	58		4				1	2	
Signal Troop.		33		38	38								
8th. L. H. Regt.	20	414	22	414	490	10	19			12	1	3	
9th. L. H. Regt.	24	356	25	350	491	23	9			12		2	
10th. L. H. Regt.	21	461	21	437	493	5	3			12	1	3	
M. G. Squadron.	8	192	8	191	258	14	9	12				2	
Field Amblce.	5	116	8	159	95	6	9				6	7	
M. V. Section.	1	25		29	63		1					1	
Tot. 3rd. Bde.	85	1636	91	1684	1986	58	54		12	36	9	20	
4th. L. H. Bde.													
B. H. Q.	3	24	6	52	81	2	4				4	5	
Signal Troop.	1	33		33	34								
4th. L. H. Regt.	28	474	28	452	457	22	14			12	1	3	
11th. L. H. Regt.	24	492	24	475	485	8	14			12	1	3	
12th. L. H. Regt.	24	537	25	519	426	57	8			12	1	3	
M. G. Squadron.	8	213	8	202	273	6	4	12				1	
Field Amblce.	6	110	5	124	58	37	11				5	6	
M. V. Section.	1	27		33	71							1	
Tot. 4th. Bde.	95	1910	96	1890	1885	132	55		12	36	12	22	
5th. L. H. Bde.													
B. H. Q.	5	28	7	43	38		9					3	
Signal Troop.	1	37		39	27	2	2						
14th. L. H. Regt.	26	429	27	409	494	4	22			12			
15th. L. H. Regt.	19	422	21	404	498	4	22			12			
R. M. M. C.	21	467	17	436	424	131				18			
2/N. Z. M. G. Sqn.	11	258	12	256	276	17	13	12					
Field Amblce	8	115	7	142	41	54	22					16	
M. V. Section	1	30		46	72	6							
Tot. 5th. Bde.	92	1786	91	1775	1870	218	90		12	42		19	
Grand Tot. Divn.	339	6737	355	6851	6867	1252	249 23	8	36	114	328	346	
26th. M. G. Detachment	1	63		61									

14th. Sept. 1918.

Major General.
 Commanding Australian Mounted Division.

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No. 14.

Reference Divisional Order No. 28 of 15th. inst.

1. DIVISIONAL TRAIN & CAMEL CONVOY.

- (a) The movements of the Train less 5th. A.L.H. Brigade Company on Z-2, Z-1 day are as given in Z.A. 348/10 dated 16/9/18. inst.
- (b) Arrangements for taking over Camel Convoy at SARONA at 1700 on Z-1 day are also dealt with in Z.A. 348/10 of 16/9/18.
- (c) On Z day the Division less 5th. L.H. Brigade will be followed by the Divisional Train less 5th. L.H. Brigade Company and a camel convoy. Each of these will carry one days mobile rations. It is hoped that the camel convoy will be able to deliver direct to Brigades etc. on evening of Z day, the Train being left untouched. Otherwise if circumstances permit the issue will be made from the Train and wagons reloaded ex camels.

Should this be impossible :-

- i. The camel convoy will dump its supplies on the roadside on hard ground where lorries can pick up

or

the convoy may have to be returned to Railhead without off-loading.

- ii. The train will issue and refill ex lorries during Z + 1 day.

- (d) Orders will be issued by D.H.Q. as to which procedure is to be adopted.

It is essential that the D.A.Q.M.G. be kept constantly informed as to the progress of the camel convoy.

O.C. Escort to Camel Convoy will report to the D.A.Q.M.G. the arrival of the convoy at F 30b

2. BASIS OF SUPPLY.

Supply during operations is to be based on the principle that the special emergency and iron rations are not to be consumed until all means of sending supplies by normal method to the troops fail and only when nothing can be obtained by requisitioning the local resources.

After following this principle should it be necessary to consume the special emergency ration the fact is to be immediately reported to D.H.Q.

3. VETERINARY SERVICES.

- a. Detachments of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men A.A.V.C. are to be detailed to act under instructions of B.V.O's.
- b. The Mobile Veterinary Sections will move with their respective Brigades.
- c. One or more Sections may subsequently be withdrawn, to act as a General Receiving Station, under arrangements to be made by the A.D.V.S.

4. HORSES, EVACUATION OF.

All horses evacuated will be sent away with their saddlery complete. This saddlery will finally be returned to Ordnance.

5. REMOUNTS.

Remounts will come forward with saddlery and picquetting gear complete.

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6. SANITARY SECTIONS.

All natives on strength of the Sanitary Section are to be returned to the Headquarters of the Section before marching out.

7. STRENGTH.

Brigades and Divisional Troops will render a return to this office by 1200 on day of departure showing

- (a) Fighting Strength i.e. fighting strength of B.H.Q., Signal Troops, Regiments and M.G. Squadrons, but excluding rifles with "B" Echelon.
- (b) Ration Strength including Echelons and attached personnel.
- (c) Numbers sent to Reinforcement Camp, LUDD.

Animals to be shown under headings of Horses, Mules, Donkeys, Camels. Vehicles not to be shown.

8. PREVENTION OF MALARIA.

As far as tactical requirements will permit units will avoid camping in the immediate vicinity of marshes or even running streams.

9. CAMP SITE.

Particular care is to be taken that the present camp site is left clean and in a thoroughly sanitary state. Special parties are to be detailed for this purpose. Brigades etc. will be responsible that their areas are left in a proper state.

10. TRANSPORT.

During the march on Z day the D.A.C.M.G. will be at the head of the Transport Column.

Transport (with exception of "A" Echelon) when Divisionalised unless otherwise ordered, will march in column of Echelons in the following order :-

- "B.1"
- Train.
- Main Section B.A.C.
- "B.2"

Brigade transport in each Echelon marching in order of march as may be laid down in operation orders, otherwise in order of seniority of Brigades preceded by Divisional Troops.

11. BIVOUAC PARTIES.

Staff Captains and usual bivouac parties will report at 1745 on Z-1 at the crossing over the JAFFA Railway at H25d to the A.A.C.M.G. to be shown bivouac sites.

A. Richardson

Lieut. Colonel.

17/9/18.

A.A.C.M.G., Australian Mounted Division.

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- 2 4th. A.L.H. Brigade.
- 3 19th. Brigade, R.H.A.
- 4 Field Squadron.
- 5 Signal Squadron.
- 6 Divisional Train.
- 7. O.C. Rear Guard C/o 4th. L.H. Bde.
- 8. O.C. Escort Camel Convoy.

- Copy No. 9 G.S.
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It is hoped that the camel convoy will be able to deliver direct to Brigades etc. on evening of Z day, the Train being left untouched. Otherwise if circumstances permit the issue will be made from the Train and wagons reloaded ex camels. Should this be impossible :-

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or

the convoy may have to be returned to Railhead without off-loading.

- ii. The train will issue and refill ex lorries during Z-1 day.

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It is essential that the D.A.Q.M.G. be kept constantly informed as to the progress of the camel convoy.

O.C. Escort to Camel Convoy will report to the D.A.Q.M.G. the arrival of the convoy at F 30b

2. BASIS OF SUPPLY.

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- a. Detachments of 1 M.C.O. and 6 men A.A.V.C. are to be detailed to act under instructions of B.V.O's.
- b. The Mobile Veterinary Sections will move with their respective Brigades.
- c. One or more Sections may subsequently be withdrawn, to act as a General Receiving Station, under arrangements to be made by the A.D.V.S.

4. HORSES, EVACUATION OF.

All horses evacuated will be sent away with their saddlery complete. This saddlery will finally be returned to Ordnance.

5. REMOUNTS.

Remounts will come forward with saddlery and picquetting gear complete.

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6. SANITARY SECTIONS.

All natives on strength of the Sanitary Section are to be returned to the Headquarters of the Section before marching out.

7. STRENGTH.

Brigades and Divisional Troops will render a return to this office by 1200 on day of departure showing

- (a) Fighting Strength i.e. fighting strength of B.H.Q., Signal Troops Regiments and M.G. Squadrons, but excluding rifles with "B" Echelon.
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Particular care is to be taken that the present camp site is left clean and in a thoroughly sanitary state. Special parties are to be detailed for this purpose. Brigades etc. will be responsible that their areas are left in a proper state.

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During the march on Z day the D.A.C.M.G. will be at the head of the Transport Column.

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- "B.2"

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Staff Captains and usual bivouac parties will report at 1745 on Z-1 at the crossing over the JAFFA Railway at [] to the A.A.S.Q.M.G. to be shown bivouac sites.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No. 14.

Reference Divisional Order No. 22 of 15th. inst.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS NO. 13.

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Reference Divisional Order No. 27.

1. B. 2. ECHELON.

B. 2 echelon of 5th. L.H. Brigade will not accompany the Brigade further than the Agricultural College. Two days supplies for this Section will be dumped at the College. Further instructions will be issued to N.C.O. i/c of the section at their bivouac at the College on the afternoon of Z-1 day.

2. DETACHMENTS.

(1) The Pack W/T Section and the 4 L.G.S. wagons of No. 3 Section 19th. B.A.C. and 10th. Mobile Veterinary Section will carry one day's Special Emergency supplies normally carried in B.1. Echelon, distributed throughout their wagons.

(ii) O.C. Divisional Train will detail:-

(a) ~~2 G.S. wagons to accompany the squadron reporting to Desert Mounted Corps Headquarters.~~

ack ~~These wagons will move after dark on the night of Sept. 16/17th. and report to the Camp Commandant on arrival.~~

(b) 2 G.S. Wagons to report to H.Q. 60th. Division at 1200 on morning of Sept. 16th. for the transport of supplies of the squadron attached to 181st. Infantry Brigade. These wagons will carry the supplies for the squadron for consumption on 17th. September.

3. 5th. BRIGADE COMPANY OF DIVISIONAL TRAIN.

(a) On the evening of Z-3, the Company will dump at "Y" bivouac one day's Special Emergency supplies, which will be left in charge of a guard provided by 5th. A.L.H. Brigade. The Train Company after off-loading will proceed to SARONA where it will load up with one day's mobile supplies. It will rejoin its Brigade at "Y" bivouac on night Z-1/2 under orders to be issued by 5th. A.L.H. Brigade.

(b) Under arrangements to be made by O.C. Divisional Train, on the afternoon of Z-2 day a camel convoy with one day's mobile supplies for the Brigade group will be taken over at SARONA. It will proceed to the Agricultural College where supplies will be dumped at a site to be selected by 5th. A.L.H. Brigade and camels will be returned to SARONA. This convoy will carry the extra day's supplies for the section of B. 2. Echelon, mentioned in para. 1.

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3(cont) (c) On Z-1 day, a camel convoy with one day's mobile rations for the Brigade group will be taken over at SARONA at 1700. This convoy will accompany the Brigade Train on its march to "Y" bivouac referred to in para.34(a). It is hoped that this camel convoy will be able to deliver direct to the Brigade on evening of Z day and the wheeled echelons will then be left untouched. Otherwise, if circumstances permit, the issue will be made from the Brigade Train and wagons reloaded ex camels. Should this be impossible:-

(a) The camel convoy will dump its supplies on the roadside on hard ground where lorries can pick up,
or
the convoy should be returned to RANTIEH without off-loading. Descorps will be informed of the action taken in this respect.

(b) The Brigade Company of the Train will issue and refill ex lorries during Z+1 day.

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5. RATION STRENGTHS.

O.'s C. Signal Squadron, Field Squadron and 19th. Brigade R.H.A. will wire the ration figures of their detachments to the Senior Supply Officer of the Division immediately on receipt of this order.

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Lieut. Colonel.

16-9-18.

A.A. & Q.M.G. Australian Mounted Division.

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