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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL ARISH	1/1/17	1000	N.Z. M. R. and 3 rd L. H. Bdes left for KILO 139.	Vol III Appen 23.
		1000	Three hostile aeroplanes flying West passed over D. H. Q. A number of bombs were dropped in the vicinity.	
		1000	LAHFAN post reports 3 red rockets at intervals of 5 minutes observed at 0330 in direction of MAGHDABA.	
	2/1/17	3100	Warning received from Desert Column that operations lasting two days may be expected to commence about 5 th instant.	
		2207	Light Car Patrol having gone to MAGHDABA to assistance of fallen aeroplane, I.C.C. Brigade ordered to send patrol to assist, to reach MAGHDABA at 0630 tomorrow.	
	3/1/17	1120	Desert Column inform that NO 4 Co ICC will reach EL ARISH from ABD on 6 th instant & join I.C.C. Brigade.	
		1135	Instructions received for 3 rd L.H. & N.Z. M. R. Bdes. at KILO 139 to return to MASAIID on January 4 th but not before 1600	
		1210	Above orders sent to 3 rd and N.Z. M. R. Brigades.	
		1825	I.C.C. Brigade reports that LAHFAN wires + cars and aeroplane passed LAHFAN 1645. Camel patrols sent to MAGHDABA and WADI HAREIDIN to assist in securing fallen aeroplane have returned.	
	4/1/17	0945	Instructions received that 3 rd L. H. and N.Z. M. R. Bdes may now move up to MASAIID as soon as possible, i.e. they need not wait until 1600.	
		1100	Conference of ^{S.O.C.} Divisions and Brigade commanders held at Desert Column headquarters.	
		1400	3 rd L.H. Bde arrived MASAIID	
		1600	N.Z. M. R. Bde arrived in bivouac east of MASAIID.	

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W. G. C. V.	5/1/17	1100	Conference of Brigadiers at D. H. Q. with reference to forthcoming operations.	
W. G. C. V.	6/1/17	1000	A & N. Z. Mounted Div. Order No 68, dividing outpost line into two sectors and detailing action in case of attack issued.	Vol III Appen 26
		1330	1 st Camel Brigade reports that patrol to MAGDHABA reports all clear.	
		2000	Special instructions to each Brigade and CIRA with reference to forthcoming operations issued	Vol III Appen 27
W. G. C. V.	7/1/17	1545	1 st L. H. Bde report 2 hostile planes dropped 3 bombs 1 horse killed two wounded, one man slightly wounded. These planes also dropped bombs about 1/2 mile East of D. H. Q. One fell among Egyptian Army Reservists working on railway, killing 29 and wounding 24.	
		1545	G.O.C. attended conference at Desert Column headquarters.	
		2100	3 Hostile aeroplanes made moonlight raid on EL ARISH dropping about 20 bombs and opening machine gun fire. No damage.	
W. G. C. V.	8/1/17	0900	From today 2 nd L. H. Bde. comes under orders of Northern Canal Section for tactical purposes, A & N. Z. Mounted Division Order No 69 issued. Details of march to SHEIK ZOWAID on 8 th and preliminary instructions for attack on EL MAGRUNTEIN position on 9 th instant. Special instructions also issued.	Vol III Appen 28
		1000	Conference of Brigadiers at D. H. Q. re forthcoming operations	
		1200	Hostile aeroplane approached but was apparently driven off by our AA gun fire.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
		1600	Division having assembled east of WADI EL ARISH moved off for SHEIK ZOWAID in order of march detailed in Order No 69.	Vol III Appen 28.
		2200	Head of Column arrived at Cross Roads at E of DARB EL SULTANI west of SHEIK ZOWAID. Column halted here.	
	9 th 10 th		Operations resulting in destruction of Turkish force at RAFA. Full account, with sketches and copies of orders issued in the field during the action will be found attached.	Vol III Appen 29
	11/1/17	0850	Report received from SHEIK ZOWAID that ambulance carts arrived from battlefield at 0530 and report all wounded brought in. Convoy with rations and forage arrived 0630.	
		1200	SHEIK ZOWAID reports ambulance convoy has just left with 139 wounded including 85 Turks. Rearguard just moving off.	
		1200	1 st Camel Brigade I.C.C. came under direct orders of Desert Column.	
		1705	Wellington Mounted Rifles (rearguard to convoy from SHEIK ZOWAID) report from EL BURJ that enemy aeroplane dropped 4 bombs at SHEIK ZOWAID as they were moving out. No damage.	
		2005	Desert Column instruct that 5 th Mounted Brigade will take turn about with 1 st L.H. Brigade in holding the outpost line East of WADI.	

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W.P.L.	11/1/17 Contd.	2135	Report received from NZMR. Bde. that rearguard (W.M.R.) and all wounded etc. have now reached EL ARISH.	
W.P.L.	12/1/17	1000 1115 1500 1510	G.O.C. addressed special parades of N.Z.M.R. - 3 rd L.H. and I.C.C. Brigades respectively Hostile aeroplanes reconnoitred EL ARISH dropping a number of bombs.	
		1540	Desert Column inform that Ayrshire Battery R.H.A. now at MAZAR may be brought up to join remainder of Div. Artillery at EL ARISH.	
W.P.L.	13/1/17	1030 2115	Orders sent to Ayrshire Batty at MAZAR to march for EL ARISH so as to arrive on January 15 th . Arrangements completed whereby section of outpost line is held alternately by 5 th Mounted Bde. and 12 th L.H. Bde. for periods of six days.	
W.P.L.	14/1/17	0900 1510	G.O.C. left D.H.Q. to visit 2 nd L.H. Bde at MASSANIVA. Orders issued for 1 st L.H. Brigade to provide escort of 2 troops for survey party working east of outpost line.	
W.P.L.	15/1/17	0905 0915	Orders issued to Bdes. for systematic reconnaissance of country to the front of EL ARISH defensive line. Information received from Desert Column that our aeroplanes successfully bombed aerodrome at BIR SABA at 0500 this morning.	

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Wally	15/1/17	1730	N.2. M. R. Bde instructed to provide 3 lumbered waggons to reach LAHFAN on evening of January 16 th and proceed next day to MAGDHABA, covered by detachment of camel corps and armoured cars, to bring back oil engine left there by the enemy.	
		2030	G.O.C. returned to D.H.Q., having completed a tour of 2 nd L.H. Brigade in HASSANIVA area.	
Wally	16/1/17	0838	Hostile aeroplanes reported flying East over 5 th Mtd. Bde. Camps.	
		1935	Warning received that owing to sunken mine, ground within radius of 200 yards of pier is dangerous.	
Wally	17/1/17	0730	G.O.C. left D.H.Q. to proceed to MAGDHABA with armoured car patrol.	
Wally	18/1/17	1455	Orders issued to N.2. M. R. Bde. to send one troop to bivouac night 19/20 th at LAHFAN and proceed to ABU AWEIGHA next day as screen to Light Cars, which are going out to bring in machinery.	
		2100	A. and N.2. Mounted Div. order No 70 issued, detailing system of defence of EL ARISH and administrative area of A and N.2. Mtd. Div.	Vol III Appen 30
Wally	19/1/17	1000	Reconnaissances of country round EL ARISH completed, and reports forwarded to Desert Column.	
		2100	Orders issued to 1 st L.H. Brigade for systematic reconnaissance of EL BURJ and for development of water in that area.	Vol III Appen 31

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W. Jeff	20/1/17	1340	12 th L. H. Regt. arrived at EL BURJ to carry out water and route reconnaissance. 5 Turkish deserters from SHELLAL were picked up. During the day 10 more deserters came in.	
W. Jeff	21/1/17	0951 1750	Reports received that water at EL BURJ is being satisfactorily developed by Field Troops under 12 th L. H. Regiment.	
W. Jeff	22/1/17	1150 1930	Further reports on work at EL BURJ received. All Bdes. have finished construction of rifle ranges and begin practice tomorrow.	
W. Jeff	23/1/17	1500	In accordance with instructions received from Desert Column, 12 th L. H. Bde ordered to carry out a reconnaissance of the area bounded on the north by the sea, on the E by a N and S line through the cross roads W. of SHEIK ZAWAHID, on the south by DARB EL GIDLA on the west by a N and S line through HIRET MASAUD.	Vol III Appen 32
W. Jeff	24/1/17	0830 1010 1440	G.O.C. left to visit A.I.F. headquarters, CAIRO. 12 th L. H. Regt. at EL BURJ reports two hostile aeroplanes flying West. Arrangements completed for 41 officers and 77 O.R. to attend courses of instruction at ZEITOUN commencing on 29 th instant.	
W. Jeff	25/1/17	1200 1400 2000	Two Turkish deserters surrendered to 12 th L. H. Regiment at EL BURJ. Supplementary instructions in care of adjutant issued. A.G.N.Z. Mtd. Div Order No 71 issued. 5 th Mtd Bde to relieve regt 12 th L. H. Bde at EL BURJ on 29 th instant.	Vol III Appen 33 Vol III Appen 34

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Wagla	26/1/17	1900	Reconnaissance of area east of EL BURJ by 1 st L.H. Regt. completed, in accordance with orders issued on 23/1/17.	Vol III Appen 32
Wagla	27/1/17		Musketry training being carried out by all Brigades on rifle ranges.	
Wagla	28/1/17		Training being carried out, no movement of troops	
Wagla	29/1/17	1000 1600	G.O.C. returned to Divisional Hqrs. 12 th L.H. Regiment having been relieved at EL BURJ by 5 th Mtd Bde. returned to EL RISA camp.	Vol III Appen 34
Wagla	30/1/17	0845 1000 1800	Hostile aeroplanes visited EL ARISH dropping several bombs 3 rd L.H. Bde report capture of Greek deserter from SHELLAL, in an exhausted condition. Arrangements made for 2 troops 12 th L.H. Brigade, escort for survey parties at EL BURJ to be relieved by 5 th Mounted Bde on Feb. 1 st .	
Wagla	31/1/17	2000	Instructions issued for personnel of 2 nd L.H. Bde SAA section BAC to move so as to reach MAZAR on February 4 th . 2 nd L.H. Bde are moving to MAZAR under orders of Northern Canal Section. During the day 3 rd L.H. Bde practised a concentration at MASMI. 12 th and 3 rd L.H. Bdes continued musketry practice. Position of troops midnight 31 st Jan/1 st Feb. is the same as for last month except that Agriohire battery RHA. has moved from MAZAR to EL ARISH.	Vol III Appen 25

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To.	1st L.H. Bde.,	2nd L.H. Bde.	3rd L.H. Bde.,	N.Z. Bde.
	1st Camel Bde.,	C.R.A.	O.C. A.S.C.	
	Sig. Sqn.	"A"	"Q"	Field Sqn.

Sender's Number.	G. 241.
Day of Month.	31.

As all convoy Camels possible are required for next few days for accumulation of supplies at EL ARISH N.Z.M.R. Bde. and 3rd L.H. Bde. and attached units less artillery will march to KILO 139 tomorrow morning 1st JANUARY under arrangements made between Brigadiers AAA No supplies will be drawn before marching AAA Each Bde. will send representatives to Administrative Commdt. KILO 139 to allot Camp site AAA Supplies will be drawn direct from KILO 139 and watering carried out from the train AAA Each Bde. will leave portion of Field Troop at MASAID to continue developement of water AAA Small details will also be left to look after Camp site and Heavy Faggage AAA 1st Camel Bde. will detail one Company per Battalion to go to KILO 139 tomorrow for purpose of bringing in further supplies AAA One Officer will be placed in charge of these 3 companies and will report to Administrative Commdt. KILO 139 on arrival AAA Acknowledge.

From.	ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.
Time.	2120.

(Sgd). W. J. Foster.
Major.
G. S.

Noted by A.W.R.S.

(The original of above telegram is also referred to in diary for Dec. 1916, and is filed with volume for that month)

ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISIONS consisted of the following:-

1st. L.H.Bde.	Ayrshire)	Batteries R.H.A.
2nd. L.H.Bde.	Inverness)	
3rd. L.H.Bde.	Somerset)	
N.Z.M.R.Bde.	Leicester)	

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<u>ACTION.</u>	<u>DATE.</u>	<u>TROOPS ENGAGED.</u>
1. JIFJAFFA	July 19 - 3rd. August	9th. L.H.Regt. See letter 1 and 2nd. L.H.Bdes. continually engaged.
2. ROMANI.	August 3rd. & 4th., 1916.	1st. L.H.Bde., i.e. 1st. L.H.Regt. 2nd. " " 3rd. " " 2nd. L.H.Bde. Leicester Bty. 2nd. L.H.Bde. i.e. 6th. L.H.Regt. 7th. " " W.M.R. Ayrshire Bty. N.Z.M.R.Bde. A.M.R. C.M.R. 5th. L.H.Regt. Somerset Bty. <u>Attached</u> 5th. Mtd. B. Gloucester Yeo Warwick " " Worcester " "
QATIA (3)	August 5th., 1916	Same units as at ROMANI above.
HAMISSAH	August 5th., 1916	3rd. L.H.Bde. 8th. L.H.Regt. 9th. " " 10th. " " Inverness Battery.
OGHRATINA - -ABU DAREM (4)	August 6th. & 7th. 1916	N.Z. M.R.Bde. A.M.R.; C.M.R. 5th. L.H.Regt.; Somerset Battery; 3rd. L.H.Bde. 8th., 9th. & 10th L.H. Inverness Battery. <u>Attached.</u> Gloucester, Warwick 5th. Mtd. Bde. & Worcester Yeo., Ayrshire Battery.
BIR EL ABD. (5)	August 9th. 1916	1st. L.H.Bde. 1st., 2nd. & 3rd. L.H. Leicester Battery 2nd. L.H.Bde. 6th. & 7th. L.H. W.M.R., Ayrshire Battery. 3rd. L.H.Bde. 8th., 9th. & 10th L. Inverness Battery. N.Z.M.R.Bde. A.M.R. C.M.R. 5th. L.H.Regt. Somerset Battery. 5th. Mtd. Bde. Gloucester, Warwick & Worcester Yeo.
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ACTION	DATE.	TROOPS ENGAGED.								
BIR EL MAZAR (7)	17th. Sept. 1916.	2nd. L.H.Bde. 5th., 6th. & 7th. L.H.Regts. Ayrshire Battery. 3rd. L.H.Bde. 8th., 9th. & 10th. L.H.Regts Inverness Battery ----- No. 7 Coy. I.C.C. Bde. Hong Kong & Singapore Mtn. B								
EL ARISH (8)	21st. December, 1916	1st. L.H.Bde. 1st., 2nd. and 3rd. L.H.Regt 3rd. L.H.Bde. 8th., 9th. & 10th. L.H.Regt. N.Z.M.R.Bde. A.M.R.; C.M.R.; & W.M.R. I.C.C.Bde. and Hong Kong & Singapore Mountain Battery.								
MAGDHABA (9)	23rd. December, 1916	Same units as EL ARISH above with Ayrshire, Inverness & Somerset Batteries								
RAFA (10)	9th. January, 1917	1st. L.H.Bde. 1st., 2nd. & 3rd. L.H.Regts Ayrshire, Inverness & Somerset Batteries. 3rd. L.H.Bde. 8th., 9th. & 10th. L.H. Hong Kong & Singapore Mountain Battery. N.Z.M.R.Bde. A.M.R.; C.M.R. & W.M.R. I.C.C.Brigade.								
<p>After this action the Imperial Mounted Division was formed, and the 3rd. L.H. Brigade and the Leicester Battery left the Anzac Mounted Division, the 22nd. Mounted Brigade becoming the 4th. Brigade of the Anzac Mounted Division.</p>										
<p>ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION now:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1st. L.H.Brigade</td> <td>Inverness Battery</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd. "</td> <td>Ayrshire "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N.Z.M.R. "</td> <td>Somerset "</td> </tr> <tr> <td>22nd. Mtd. "</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>			1st. L.H.Brigade	Inverness Battery	2nd. "	Ayrshire "	N.Z.M.R. "	Somerset "	22nd. Mtd. "	
1st. L.H.Brigade	Inverness Battery									
2nd. "	Ayrshire "									
N.Z.M.R. "	Somerset "									
22nd. Mtd. "										
KHAN YENUS (11)		N.Z.M.R.Bde.; Auckland M.R. Canterbury " Wellington " Somerset Battery. 2nd. L.H.Bde. 5th., 6th. & 7th. L.H.Regts Ayrshire Battery.								
1st. BA TTLE of GAZA (12)	26th. & 27th. March, 1917.	2nd. L.H.Bde. 5th., 6th. & 7th. L.H.Regts Ayrshire Battery. N.Z.M.R.Bde. Auckland M.R. Canterbury " Wellington " Somerset Battery 22nd. Mtd. Bde.								

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Reconnaissance to ABU SHAWISH. (13)	17th. April, 1917.	1st. L.H.Bde. 1st.; 2nd. & 3rd. L.H.Rgt. Inverness Battery. 2nd. L.H.Bde. 5th.; 6th. & 7th. L.H.Rgt. Ayrshire Battery. N.Z.M.R.Bde. Auckland, Canterbury & Wellington Mtd. Rifles; Somerset Battery. 22nd. Mounted Bde.
2nd. BATTLE of GAZA. (14)	19th. April, 1917.	Same Units as above reconnaissance to ABU SHAWISH.
EXPEDITION to ASLUJ to blow up RAILWAY. (15)		Same Units as above reconnaissance to ABU SHAWISH.
From now on the ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION consisted of - 1st. L.H.Bde. (1st., 2nd., & 3rd. L.H.Regts. & Inverness Battery) 2nd. L.H.Bde. (5th., 6th. & 7th. L.H.Regts. & Ayrshire Battery.) N.Z.M.R.Bde. (Auckland, Canterbury & Wellington M.R. & Somerset Battery) The 22nd. Mounted Brigade going to the newly formed YEOMANRY Mounted Division.		
KHASIF. (16)	19th. July, 1917	1st. L.H.Bde. (1st., 2nd. & 3rd. L.H.) Inverness Battery) 2nd. L.H.Bde. (5th., 6th. & 7th. L.H., Ayrshire Battery.) N.Z.M.R.Bde. (A.M.R., C.M.R., W.M.R., Somerset Battery.)
BEERSHEBA. (17) Reconnaissance D.		Same Units as above.
BATTLE of BEERSHEBA (18)	31st. October, 1917	Same Units as above.
AIN KOHLEH - TEL KHUWEILFEH (19)	1st. November, 1917 2nd. November, 1917.	1st. L.H.Bde. (1st., 2nd. & 3rd. L.H. Inverness Battery) N.Z.M.R.Bde. (A.M.R., C.M.R., W.M.R. & Somerset Battery)
DHARERIYEH (20)	November, 1917, 2/3/4/5	2nd. L.H.Bde. (5th., 6th. & 7th. L.H. & Ayrshire Battery.)
RAS EL NAGB - TEL KHUWEILFEH (21)	November, 1917 3/4/5.	1st. L.H.Bde. (1st., 2nd., 3rd. L.H. & Inverness Battery.) N.Z.M.R.Bde. (A.M.R., C.M.R., W.M.R. & Somerset Battery.) I.C.C.Bde. and Hong Kong & Singapore Battery. Also under the Division were 7th. Mtd. Bde., 5th. Mtd. Bde. and 5th. L.H.Bde. on various dates.
TEL EL SHERIA (22)	November 6th. 1917.	1st. L.H.Bde. (1st., 2nd., & 3rd. L.H.Regts. & Inver- ness Battery.) 2nd. L.H.Bde. (5th., 6th., 7th. L. H. & Ayrshire Battery)

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AMEIDAT - TEL ABU DILAKH (23)	7th. November 1917	Same Units as at TEL EL SHERIA 6/11/17.
JEMAMEH (24)	8th. November, 1917	1st. L.H.Bde. (1st., 2nd. 3rd. L.H.Rgts. Inverness Battery) 2nd. L.H.Bde. (5th., 6th., 7th. L.H.Rgts. Ayrshire Battery.) <u>Attached</u> - 7th. Mounted Bde.
PURSUIT through HULEIKAT & BURIER to ES SUAFIR & ASHDOD (25)	9th. Novr., 1917	Same Units as above.
Action at ES SUAFIR -ASHDOD (26)	10th. Novr., 1917	1st. L.H.Bde. (1st., 2nd., 3rd. L.H. & Inverness Battery) And same units as at JEMAMEH.
ACTION at JISR ESDUD (27)	11th. Novr., 1917	1st. L.H.Bde. (1st., 2nd., 3rd. L.H.Rgts. & Inverness Battery.)
ACTION at BURKHA (28)	12th. Novr., 1917	Same units as above.
TEL EL TURMUS JUNCTION STN. (29) (30)	13th. - 17th. Novr., 1917.	2nd. L.H.Bde. (5th., 6th., 7th. L.H.Rgts. & Ayrshire Battery.) Under command of G.O.C. Aust. Mtd. Div.
ACTION on WADI KATRA (31)	13th. Novr., 1917	1st. L.H.Bde. (1st., 2nd., 3rd. L.H.Rgts. & Inverness Battery.) N.Z.M.R.Bde. (A.M.R., C.M.R., W.M.R. & Somerset Battery.)
WADI HANEIN (32)	14th. Novr., 1917.	Same as above above and part of I.C.C. Bde. attached.
JAFFA taken (33)	16th. Novr? 1917.	N.Z.M.R.Bde. (A.M.R., C.M.R., W.M.R. & Somerset Battery.)
RAMLEH taken (34) (35) LUDD taken (35)	16th. Novemr., '17	1st. L.H.Bde. (1st., 2nd., 3rd. L.H.Rgt & Inverness Battery.)
NAHR EL AUJA (36)	24 /25 Nov., 1917	N.Z.M.R.Bde. (A.M.R., C.M.R., W.M.R. & Somerset Battery.) 161st. Inf. Bde. Group attached after 0900 on 25th. November, 1917.
Two raids on BALD HILL & VICINITY (37) (38)	December about 1/5	2nd. L.H.Bde. (5th., 6th., 7th. L.H.Rgts. & Inverness Battery.) I.C.C.Bde.
NAHR EL AUJA & BALD HILL (39)	December, 21/25.	1st. L.H.Bde. (1st., 2nd. 3rd. L.H.Rgts. & Inverness Battery.) Auckland M.R. Wellington M.R. These units were under the command of 21st. Corps for this operation.
NEBY NUSA (40)	20th. Feby. 1918.	1st. L.H.Bde. (1st., 2nd., 3rd. L.H.Rgts. & N.Z.M.R.Bde. (A.M.R., C.M.R., W.M.R.)

ACTION	DATE	TROOPS ENGAGED.
Capture of JERICHO. (41)	21st. Feby., 1918	Same Units as at NEBY NUSA.
WADI SAMIEH (42)	7/15 March, 1918.	1st. L.H.Bde. (1/2/3 L.H.Regts. & Inverness Battery.) Under orders 53rd. Division.
Crossing of the JORDAN. (43)	23rd. March, 1918	1st. L.H.Bde. (1/2/3 L.H.Regts. & Inverness Battery.) 2nd. L.H.Bde. (5/6/7 L.H.Regts. & Ayrshire Battery.) N.Z.M.R.Bde. (A.M.R., C.M.R., W.M.R. & Somerset Battery.)
Capture of ES SALT. (44)	25th. March, 1918	3rd. L.H.Regt.
Climbing of Mtns? East of JORDAN. (45.)	Night 24/25 Mch. " 25/26 " 1918?	<u>NAAUR TRACK.</u> 2nd. L.H.Bde. (5/6/7 L.H.Regts.) I.C.C.Bde. <u>AIN EL SIR TRACK</u> N.Z.M.R.Bde. (A.M.R., C.M.R., W.M.R.)
Action about RED HILL & WADI ER RELEM (46)	25th. March - 2nd. April, 1918	1st. L.H.Bde. (1/2/3/L.H.Regts. & Inverness Battery.)
BATTLE at AMMAN 1st. Day. (47)	27th. March, 1918	2nd. L.H.Bde. (5/6/7 L.H.Regts.) N.Z.M.R.Bde. (A.M.R., C.M.R., W.M.R.) I.C.C.Bde. & Hong Kong & Singapore Mountain Battery.
2nd. day	28th. March, 1918.	Same as above but reinforced by 181st. Inf. Bde. and 2 Mtn. Batteries.
3rd. Day.	29th. March 1918.	Same as above but 181st. Bde. rein- forced by 2 Cos. 180th. Inf. Bde.
4th. Day.	30th. March, 1918	Same as above and Somerset Battery arrived at 1100.
AIN ES SIR. (48)	1st. April, 1918	N.Z.M.R.Bde. (A.M.R., CM.R., W.M.R.)
1st. Attack on JORDAN DEFENCES GHORANIYEH MUSALLABEH (49)	11th. April, 1918 do.	1st. L.H.Bde. (1/2/3 L.H.Regts. & Inverness Battery) 5th. L.H.Regt. I.C.C.Bde. & Hong Kong & Singapore Mtn. Bty. 2nd. L.H.Bde. (6/7 L.H.Regts. & Ayrshire Battery.) N.Z.M.R.Bde. chiefly in reserve.
Reconnaissance to KABR MUJAHID & NIMRIN (50)	19th. April, 1918	1st. L.H.Bde. (1/2/3 L.H.Regt. & Inverness Battery.) 2nd. L.H.Bde. (5/6/7 L.H.Regt. & Ayrshire Battery) N.Z.M.R.Bde. (A.M.R., C.M.R., W.M.R.) & Somerset Battery.

ACTION	DATE	TROOPS ENGAGED.
Battle on Line KABR MUJAHID - EL HAUD. (51)	30th. April, 1918.	2nd. L.H.Bde. (5/6/7 L.H.Regts. & Ayrshire Battery.) N.Z.M.R.Bde. (A.M.R., C.M.R. W.M.R. & Somerset Battery) Later in day on 30th. 2nd. L.H. Bde. went to Aust. Mtd. Div. at ES SALT.
Capture of ES SALT. (52)	30th. April, 1918	1st. L.H.Bde. (1/2/3 L.H.Regts.) Under orders of Aust. Mtd. Div. 2nd. L.H.Bde. also joined Aust. Mtd. Div. at 1445 on this day and moved on ES SALT.
Actions at ES SALT (53)	1/3 May, 1918	1st. & 2nd. Bdes. under Aust. Mtd. Div.
ACTIONS on Hill facing RED HILL (54)	1/3 May, 1918.	N.Z.M.R.Bde. (A.M.R., C.M.R., W.M.R. & Somerset Battery) Detachment 2nd. L.H.Bde. 1 Squadron 1st. L.H.Regt. 4th. L.H.Bde. Part of 6th. Mtd. Bde. All under G.O.C., Anzac Mtd. Div.
Actions on MELLAHA (55)	1/3 May, 1918.	I.C.C.Bde. and Hong Kong & Singapore Battery.
WITHDRAWAL from ES SALT to West Bank of JORDAN (56)	4th. May, 1918.	1st. and 2nd. L.H.Bdes. under orders of Aust. Mtd. Div. and all units on line facing RED HILL above.
2nd. Attack on JORDAN DEFENCES ABU TELLUL & MUSELLABEH. (57) MELLAHA	14th. July, 1918.	1st. L.H.Bde. (1/2/3 L.H.Regts. & Inverness Battery.) N.Z.M.R.Bde. (A.M.R., C.M.R., W.M.R. & Ayrshire Battery.) 2nd. L.H.Bde. (5/6/7 L.H.Regts.)
BAKR RIDGE	20th. Sept., 1918	2nd. Batt. B.W.I.Regt.
BAGHALAT (58) MELLAHA	" "	1st. Batt. B.W.I. Regt. 38th? Batt. Royal Fusiliers.
KAER MUJAHID (59)	20 - 23 September,	2nd. L.H.Bde. (5/6/7 L.H.Regts.)
Clearing of KH FUSAIL & capture of JISR ED DAMIEL MAFID JOZELEH & UMM ESH SHERT (60)	21 - 23 September, 1918.	1st. L.H.Bde. (1/2/3 L.H.Regts. & Inverness Battery.) N.Z.M.R.Bde. (A.M.R., C.M.R., W.M.R. & Ayrshire Battery.) 1st. & 2nd. B.W.I.Regts. 38th. Royal Fusiliers.
CAPTURE OF ES SALT. (61)	23rd. Sept., 1918	N.Z.M.R.Bde. (A.M.R., C.M.R., W.M.R.)
NIMRIN TAKEN	"	1 squadron 6th. A.L.H.

ACTION	DATE	TROOPS ENGAGED.
Action at & Capture of AMMAN (63)	25th. September, 1918	1st. L.H.Bde. (1/2/3/L.H.Rgts.) 2nd. L.H.Bde. (5/6/7 L.H.Rgts.) N.Z.M.R.Bde. (A.M.R., C.M.R. W.M.R)
SURRENDER of the TURKS at ZIZA STATION. (64)	29th. September, 1918	Force surrendered directly to the 5th. L.H.Rgt. after an ultimatum had been dropped on them by aeroplane, explaining futility of resistance.
ACTION on WADI EL HAMMAN (65)	28th. September, 1918	3rd. L.H.Reg.
RECONNAISSANCE to MAFRAK. --- - (66)		3rd. L.H.Reg.

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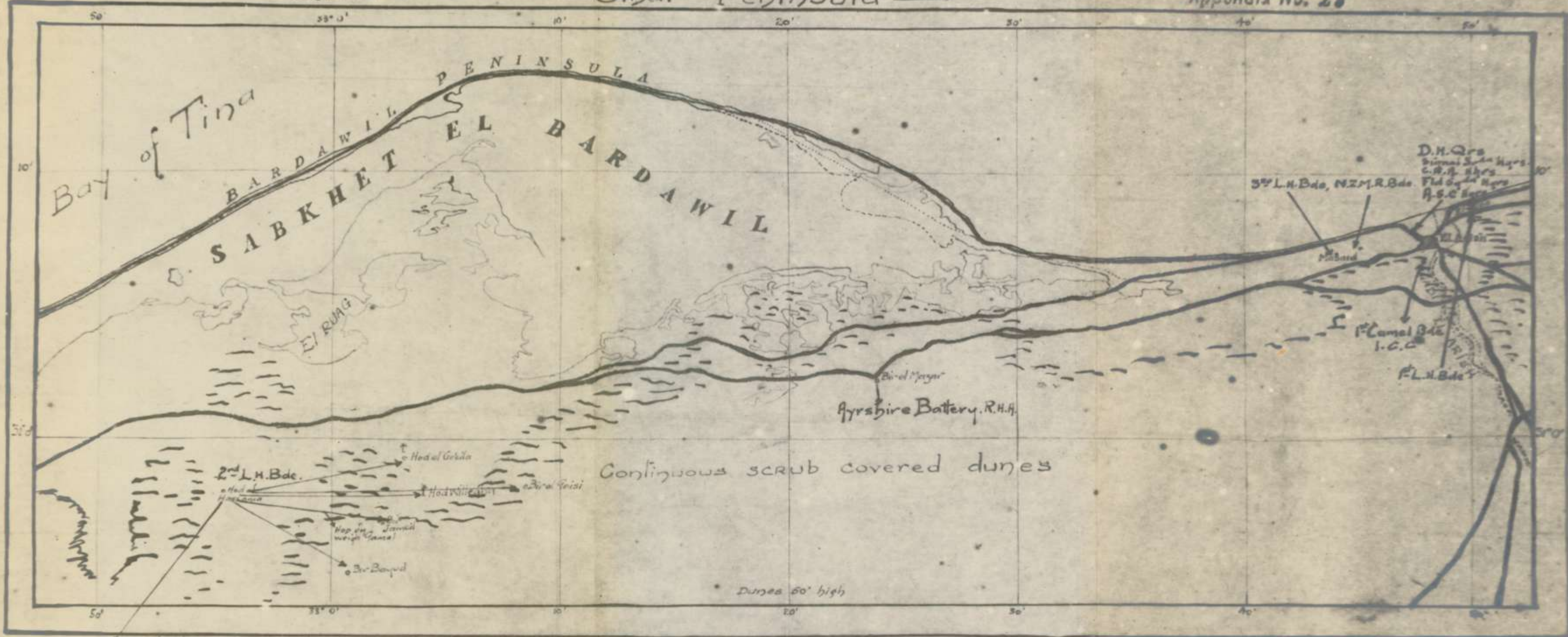
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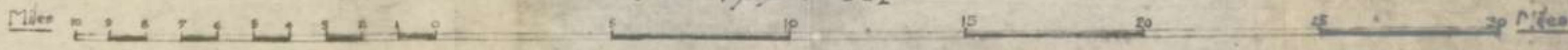
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Sinai Peninsula

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Scale 1 inch to 3.95 Miles
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Note by A.W.R.S.

(The original of above map is also referred to
in diary for Dec 1916, and is filed with the volume
for that month)

AUS TRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISIONORDER No 68

- by -

Major-General H.G. CHAUVEL, C.B., C.M.G.,
Commanding A. & N.Z. MOUNTED DIVISION.

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Reference Map.
1/125,000 EL ARISH.Divisional Headquarters,
6th January 1917.

1. For purposes of command, the Outpost Line at EL ARISH will be divided into two Sectors, the LEFT SECTOR and the RIGHT SECTOR.

(a) LEFT SECTOR

- (i) Commander - Brig.-General COX, C.B., V.D., Cmadg 1st L.H.Bde.
(ii) Extent - From the sea North of the 3rd A in MAHWALA to Hill 160 (exclusive).
(iii) Special Orders -

By Day - Hills 110 and 100 will be occupied by observation posts.

The road along the Beach, the EL ARISH - EL BURJ road, and the track which runs roughly parallel to it and joins it at BIR EL BURJ will be patrolled to a distance of 5 miles from the observation line.

Patrols will move out daily, and will vary the hour from day to day.

By Night - A standing patrol will be kept on each of these roads at a distance of not less than 3 miles from 1st L.H.Bde Hdqtrs.

(b) RIGHT SECTOR

- (i) Commander - Brig.-General SMITH, V.C., M.C., Cmadg 1st Camel Bde
(ii) Extent - From Hill 160 (inclusive) to BIR EL MASMI (inclusive).
(iii) Special Orders

By Day - Observation Posts will be kept on Hills 160, 220, (1½ miles West of SHAKAL), 320 (GOZ EL DHABAA), 260 (West of the Wadi) and 120 (one mile West of BIR EL MASMI).

All roads leading into EL ARISH from East and South will be patrolled to a distance of 5 miles beyond the line of observation posts daily at varying hours.

By Night - Standing patrols will be kept on all roads not less than 3 miles from 1st Camel Brigade Hdqtrs.

One Company will be kept at LAHFAN and will patrol all roads leading into that place from East, S.E., and S.W.

2. Action in case of attack.

In case of attack, the role of the 1st L.H. Brigade and the 1st Camel Brigade is -

- (a) To give warning to the troops at EL ARISH.
(b) To delay the enemy as far as possible, so as to give time for the Infantry line to be ready to meet the attack, and all 1st Line camels time to get clear.

To carry out (a), the B.Gs.C., 1st L.H. Brigade and 1st Camel Brigade will, in addition to sending warning by wire or telephone, send orderlies straight to 52nd Division Hdqtrs, Anzac Mtd Division Hdqtrs, Desert Column, and to each other, to warn them. These orderlies should be detailed in advance and should all know the shortest way by day and night to these points.

Anzac Mtd Division Hdqtrs and the Brigades from MASAIID will concentrate between Hill 200 and BIR EL MASMI.

As soon as warning has been given, and the Camps East of the Wadi have been cleared, the 1st L.H. Brigade and 1st Camel Brigade will clear the Infantry front by withdrawing in the direction of BIR EL MASMI. Touch with the enemy will not, however, be lost.

While withdrawing, the B.Gs.C., 1st L.H. Brigade and 1st Camel Brigade will make every endeavour to communicate with the Anzac Mounted Division Hdqtrs, which will be between Hill 200 and BIR EL MASMI, to inform the G.O.C. of the situation.

D.H.Q. will, as soon as its exact position is fixed, send to inform the 1st L.H. Brigade and 1st Camel Brigade.

J. GILBERT BROWNE, Lt-Col.,
General Staff.

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Issued at 1200

Copy No	1	1st L.H. Brigade	13	Camel Brigade.
	2	2nd L.H. Brigade	14	Desert Column.
	3	3rd L.H. Brigade	15	42nd Division.
	4	N.Z.M.R. Brigade	16	52nd Division
	5	5th Mounted Brigade	17	R.F.C.
	6	Divn. Artillery	18	File.
	7	Field Squadron	19	War Diary.
	8	Signal Squadron	20	"A" Branch.
	9	Hdqrs A.S.C.	21	G.O.C.
	10	Divn Camel Transport.	22	G.S.O I
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Special Instructions to each Brigade and reference to forthcoming operations.

1. Each Brigade will detail one officer and two orderlies, who should all be well mounted to report to Div. Hdqtrs at the position of Assembly. They must come prepared to stay with Div. Hdqtrs during the operations.
2. To assist in the watering of horses as late as possible, the G.O.C., 52nd Division has placed the troughs of his Division at the disposal of the N.Z.M.R. and 3rd L.H. Brigades. Part has been allotted to each Brigade.
An officer from each Brigade will be prepared to guide the Brigades to the troughs allotted them.
The Brigades will then water on the way to the position of Assembly and feed on arrival there.
The Somerset and Inverness Batteries will water with their Brigades.
3. The O.C., Field Squadron will have reservoirs taken to SHEIKH ZOWAID to store drinking water for the men to be available on their return to SHEIKH ZOWAID from RAFA.
He will also be responsible, under the A.A. & Q.M.G., Anzac Mtd Division for the development of the water at SHEIKH ZOWAID in the areas allotted to Brigades.
Each Brigade will leave one half of its Field Troop at SHEIKH ZOWAID. This party will report to the O.C., Field Squadron at the position of Assembly, and act under his orders.
4. Brigade Ammunition Columns will march at the head of 1st Line Transport.
On arrival at SHEIKH ZOWAID, half of each B.A.C. will follow the Anzac Mounted Division under an escort of one troop provided by the 3rd L.H. Brigade. Arrangements will be made by the C.R.A. to have them guided to their destination.
The remainder of each B.A.C. will remain parked at SHEIKH ZOWAID.
5. The following escorts will be provided -
(a) For the part of the Bde Ammunition Columns following the Anzac Mtd Division, after it leaves SHEIKH ZOWAID - one troop from 3rd L.H. Brigade
(b) Escort to the guns. One Squadron (less the troop with the B.A.Cs) from 3rd L.H. Brigade.
Both the above escorts to report to the C.R.A. at the place of Assembly.
(c) Escort to convoy. One troop from 1st L.H. Brigade.
This escort will report to the O.C., Divn A.S.C. at the ANZAC Supply Depot at an hour which will be notified to them later.
Each Brigade will detail a small escort to accompany its own 1st Line Transport.
6. One days rations, one iron ration, and unconsumed portion of of the day of departure will be carried by each man
One days forage and unconsumed portion of day of departure will be taken on each horse in nose-bag and sand-bag.
Half a gallon of water per man will be taken on the 1st Line Camels. The remainder of the 1st Line water camels will carry extra forage for the horses.
7. The attention of all is drawn to para 7 of Desert Column Order where reference is made to bivouac areas. All must understand that, failing other orders the Force will bivouac the night following the operation at SHEIKH ZOWAID.
8. With reference to para 7.
As soon as the operations finish and the Brigades receive orders to return to SHEIKH ZOWAID, each Brigade and the C.R.A. will send back a party under a responsible officer to report to the A.A. & Q.M.G., Anzac Mtd Division ~~xxxxxxx~~ at SHEIKH ZOWAID

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to find out.-

- (a) The area in which the Brigade will bivouac.
- (b) Place of watering.

A guide will then be sent back by the officer to meet the Brigade, and guide it to the bivouac area.

J. G. Littlestone

Lieut.-Colonel,
General Staff,

6th January 1917.

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

O R D E R No 69

- by -

Major-General H G. CHAUVEL, C.B., C.M.G.,
Commanding A. & N.Z. Mounted Division.Ref. Maps. Sinai Peninsula;
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8th January 1917.

1 INFORMATION.

The enemy are holding an entrenched position near EL MAGRUNTEIN (Sketches from Air photographs have been issued)

There is also believed to be a small enemy camp on the frontier East of the C Group of works (marked on sketch).

There is also a large encampment about S HOKH EL SUFI believed to be Arabs, whose attitude is probably hostile.

A pool of water was notified yesterday by the R.F.C. half way between the first S of SHOKH EL SUFI and the letters B.P. about 1½ miles North of it.

2. INTENTION.

The enemy will be attacked by the Mounted Troops of the Desert Column as soon after dawn on the 9th January as possible.

3. MOVES 8/1/17.

(a) The A & N.Z. Mounted Division and 1st Camel Brigade (less one Company at LAHFAN) will be assembled by 1530 on the EL ARISH - SHEIKH ZOWAID Road near 1st L H Brigade Hdqtrs in Column of Brigade Masses facing East immediately in rear of the advanced guard (5th Mounted Brigade).

Units will form up in the following order -

Advanced Guard
5th Mounted Brigade.
Main Body.
Desert Column Hdqtrs.
Hdqtrs A. & N.Z. Mounted Division.
Signal Squadron.
1st L H Brigade (less one troop for convey).
N.Z.M.R Brigade.
Divn. Artillery and escort.
3rd L H. Brigade (less 1 Squadron escort for guns and Ammunition Columns).
1st Camel Brigade (less one Company).
1st Line Transport (ammunition sections only)
in same order of march as the Force.
Field Ambulances and Ambulance Conveys.
D.A.C.
Right and Left Flank Guards.
One troop on each flank from 1st L H. Brigade ahead of main body.

(b) Baggage sections of 1st Line Transport move off in rear of the D A C.

(c) A. & N.Z. Mounted Division and 1st Camel Brigade will pass the 1st L H Brigade Hdqtrs at 1600 and proceed by EL BURJ to SHEIKH ZOWAID, each Brigade moving in Column of Squadrons with each Squadron in line of Troop Columns.

(d) The rate of march will be such as to ensure the head of the Main Body reaching SHEIKH ZOWAID by 2200.

Halts will be made from -

- (a) 1650 to 1700.
- (b) 1845 to 1900.
- (c) 2045 to 2100.

(e) The Column will halt one mile West of SHEIKH ZO WAIID.

A. & N.Z. Mounted Division and 1st Camel Brigade will collect and concentrate in Column of Brigade Masses South of the Road facing East. Here girths will be loosened and horses fed.

4. OFFICERS TO ASSIST O.C., ADVANCED GUARD.

B.G.C., 1st L.H. Brigade will tell off 3 officers who know the country about SHEIKH ZOWAID to report to the advanced guard commander at the position of assembly.

The advanced guard Commander has to place a cordon of posts round SHEIKH ZOWAID to prevent anyone leaving the village to give warning to the enemy, and, the success of this will depend on the knowledge these officers have of the country.
5. WATER.

A A. & Q. M. G., A. & N. Z. Mounted Division will be responsible for the allotment of watering areas and wells for men and horses on the return of the Force to SHEIKH ZOWAID. He will also allot bivouac areas about that place to be occupied by the troops on the night 9th/10th.
6. MEDICAL.

The D. D. M. S., Desert Column has been ordered to arrange for the erection of E. P. tents for the accommodation of wounded who are unable to return with the Force to EL ARISH.
7. PRISONERS.

A. P. M., A. & N. Z. Mounted Division will make such arrangements as he considers necessary for the reception of such prisoners as may fall into our hands - until they can accompany the Force back to EL ARISH.
8. SETTING WATCHES.

A Staff Officer from A. & N. Z. Mounted Division and the Camel Brigade will report to Desert Column Hdqtrs at the position of assembly at 1530 on January 8th to set watches.

Officers from each Brigade, & Artillery will report at D. H. Q. at 1545 to set watches.
9. COMMUNICATION.

The O. C., Signal Squadron will ensure that the strips for aeroplanes to drop messages are taken and placed near the D. H. Q. report centre.
10. MOVES. 9/1/17.

(a) At 0100, the A. & N. Z. Mounted Division and Camel Brigade will leave SHEIKH ZOWAID and move via points 210 and 250.

Advanced Guard.
One Squadron, 1st L. H. Brigade.
Right and Left Flank Guards
One Troop each from 3rd L. H. Brigade.
Rear Guard.
One Troop from 3rd L. H. Brigade.

(b) The rate of march will be such as to ensure the Column being clear of the cross-roads at 210 by 0400, and of those at point 250 by 0500.

(c) The 5th Mounted Brigade are moving parallel to and on the North of the Camel Brigade as far as point 210, and thence to a point on the RAFA Road about 2 miles N. E. near the word "of" in "Patches of Cultivation". They will be in reserve;

Desert Column Hdqtrs move with the 5th Mounted Brigade.
11. SPECIAL DUTIES.

On arrival at Point 250, the N. Z. M. R. Brigade will be detached to round up the Arab Camp, disarming the men and collecting them under a guard about point 250. Major BARLOW will accompany this Brigade to help in the direction of this work.

After being collected at point 250 these prisoners will be taken over by an escort detailed from the Camel Brigade.

The N. Z. M. R. Brigade will rejoin the Division after completion of this duty.
12.

The remainder of the Division will move N. E. to a position from which the following operations will be undertaken.

(a) The Camp East of C Group of works will be dealt with.

(b) Attack will be launched on works C and the reduct from East and S.E.

(c) The Camel Brigade will follow the A. & N.Z. Mounted Division and will, under direction of the G.O.C., A & N.Z. Mounted Division, attack work B from the S. E.

The attacks of the A. & N.Z. Mounted Division and the Camel Brigade will be made in conjunction with each other. Orders as to hour, and method of attack, and special tasks will be issued on the ground after reconnaissance by the G O C.

13. PURSUIT.

Should the enemy have retired or commence to retire, pursuit will be taken up by the Division; but will not be continued beyond KHAN YUNUS without orders from the Column Hdqtrs.

J GILBERT BROWNE

Lieut.-Colonel
General Staff.

Issued at 0900.

Copy No	1 1st L H Bde	1342nd Division.
	2 2nd D.H Bde	14 52nd Division
	3 3rd L H. Bde	15 1st Camel Bde.
	4 N.Z.M R Bde	16 5th Mtd Bde.
	5 Divn Artillery	17 R F C.
	6 Field Squadron	18 File
	7 Signal Squadron	19 War Diary.
	8 Hdqtrs A.S. C .	20 "A" Branch.
	9 Divn Camel Transport	21 G O.C.
	10 A D M S.	22 G S.O.I
	11 A.D. V.S.	23 G S O II
	12 Desert Column	24 G.S.O.III

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

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1. With reference to Special Instructions issued in our G.66/29 of 6/1/17.
 - (a) Cancel para 4. The orders are now that all the Brigade Ammunition Columns march together.
 - (b) Amend para 5 (a) as follows -
For the Anzac Mounted Division portion of the Divisional Ammunition Column one troop from 3rd L.H. Brigade. This escort will report to C.R.A at the place of Assembly as already ordered.
 2. Attention is again drawn to March Discipline. On the long march which will be carried out, it is of the utmost importance. Seconds in Command of Regiments and Squadrons must always ride in rear of their unit. Regimental Commanders and Squadron leaders must from time to time ride back along their units to see that intervals and distances are being kept.
 3. There must be no noise, no smoking, and no fires at the halt at SHEIKH ZOWAIID on the way to RAFA.
 4. As soon as possible after the orders for the attack are issued, Brigadiers and Regimental Commanders will select their battle posts from which they will direct the operations. They will communicate the position to higher formations as soon as possible. The maps provided will be used to mark their positions on. They must not leave their battle posts unless they are obliged to. If they do have to leave them they must inform the commander of the formation to which they belong that they are leaving the battle post, and where they are going. A representative of the staff must at all times be left at the battle post.
 5. It is most important that information should be continuous from Regiments to Brigades, Brigades to Divisional Headquarters, and thence to Desert Column Headquarters. It must be remembered that the Desert Column Commander is entirely dependent on the reports he receives for the action of his reserves, and the times he puts it in. Lateral Communication must be sent also to formations and units on the right and left.
 6. As soon as one position has been taken by any unit, the Officer in command must at once rally his unit preparatory for dealing with the next objective. He must detail small parties to take charge of any prisoners who are taken.
 7. In the case of men surrendering, the bolt will be taken from the rifle and kept, and the prisoner made to carry his rifle himself to SHEIKH ZOWAIID. The bolt can be put back afterwards. If guns fall into our hands the H.A. Batteries will be called on to arrange to drag them back to SHEIKH ZOWAIID.
 8. It is reported that there are some important papers in one of the houses in RAFA itself. These must be secured in case of the enemy retiring.
 9. On arrival at SHEIKH ZOWAIID the 3rd L.H. Brigade will detail one Senior Officer who will be left there. His duties will be -
 - (a) To command all the fighting troops in SHEIKH ZOWAIID in case of attack.
 - (b) To make dispositions for the safety and defence of SHEIKH ZOWAIID and areas in which water development is going on during the absence of the war force.

(Signed) J. GILBERT BROWNE, Lieut-Colonel.
General Staff,
A.&N.Z. MOUNTED DIVISION.

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AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

ACTION AT RAFA.January 8th 1917.

1530 At 1530, the A. & N.Z. Mounted Division assembled in Column of Brigade Masses immediately in rear of Desert Column Hdqtrs. Order was -

Hdqtrs A. & N.Z. Mounted Division.
Signal Squadron.
1st L.H. Brigade.
N.Z.M.R. Brigade.
Divn. Artillery.
3rd L.H. Brigade.
1st Camel Brigade.

Escort of one squadron, 3rd L.H. Brigade went with Artillery.

1600 The Main Body started at 1600, passed BIR EL BURJ at 1825, and the head arrived
2115 at S.W. end of the Sabket at SHEIKH ZOWAID at 2115, the tail being closed up
2205 by 2205. Force halted here until -

January 9th 1917.

0100 At 0100, the A. & N.Z. Mounted Division moved as follows -

Advanced Guard.
1st L.H. Brigade, with Major BARLOW and guide.
Main Body.
Hdqtrs A. & N.Z. Mounted Division.
Signal Squadron.
N.Z.M.R. Brigade.
Divn Artillery.
3rd L.H. Brigade.
1st Camel Brigade.

Each Brigade put out a small flank guard, and the 3rd L.H. Brigade a rear guard. Half a mile outside SHEIKH ZOWAID, a Bedouin Camel patrol was encountered. It made off, but was chased and captured.

0330 At 0330, the Force arrived at Point 250, and halted for an hour, then went on
0500 to Point 296. The left flank guard of the 3rd L.H. Brigade captured two Turks but not before they were able to send up some flares as a warning.

0515 At 0515, General CHAYTOR, N.Z.M.R. Brigade, with Major BARLOW and a guide left
0605 to round up the Bedouin encampments, about KARM IBN MUSLEH, he arrived at SHOKH EL SUFI at 0545, and at 0605, a message was received from him to say that he had rounded up 30 Bedouins armed with swords and a few pistols, and, that there was a good place in the rear of KARM IBN MUSLEH to assemble the Division. General CHAUVEL accordingly moved the Division up, dropping the Camel Brigade
0645 on the way, and by 0645 the Division was placed as follows - Hdqtrs, two Brigades and Artillery just South of KARM IBN MUSLEH, N.Z.M.R. Brigade about 1 1/2 miles N.E. at Point 350 close to I of SHOKH EL SUFI, the Camel Brigade 1/2 mile West of KARM IBN MUSLEH.

0700 An officer from the N.Z.M.R. Brigade was sent off with a patrol to cut the wire running East from RAFA at 0700. The G.O.C. and C.R.A. reconnoitred the Turkish position from KARM IBN MUSLEH. Parties of Turks could be seen moving in the position, apparently into the trenches, but some parties were seen going East. Communication was established
0720 with Desert Column by helio about 0720.

0750 At 0750, aeroplanes reported roads all clear to East and S.E. of RAFA except a few patrols. Aeroplane also reported heavy fire from almost every redoubt at
from EL MAGRUBTEIN.

A message was received from Desert Column giving estimate of enemy's strength and pointing out the necessity for deliberate artillery preparations and selection of targets. Once the artillery target was selected, he would cross the fire with "B" Battery, H.A.C., so as to get concentration fire on the objective.

0800 At 0800, Divisional Hdqtrs moved to Point 350 close to the I of SHOKH EL SUFI. Communication was established with Desert Column and report of the situation sent in.

0830 About 0830, a cable was laid from Desert Column to Divisional Hdqtrs which remained in telephone communication throughout the day.

0830 Another air report was received at 0830 giving 9 gun positions at EL MAGRUBTEIN and four of these occupied.

0832 At 0832, General CHAUVEL gave orders for the attack. The N.Z.M.R. Brigade to

- 0832 attack trenches C4 and C5, the B.G.C. making provision for safety of his own right flank and rear. The 1st L.H. Brigade to attack C5, C2 and C1. When these objectives had been carried, both Brigades to rally and attack the redoubt. The Camel Brigade were to attack the B Group of trenches beginning with B4 as first objective. The C.R.A. was to select gun positions to support the attack. Fire to be first on C4, then C5, then C3 and then C2, C1 and finally the redoubt. If the enemy's artillery opened, one Battery to be detailed as a counter Battery. Fire to open at 0930, and the attack of the Brigades to start at 1000. 3rd L.H. Brigade to be in reserve.
- 0840 At this hour the enemy were seen to be sending back camels towards KHAN YUNIS. At 0840, another aeroplane message was received saying that the B4 trenches and C5 had more men in them than the others. A1 and A2 had very few. A trench was located 300 yards South of the R of DARB UM AMAD. Number of enemy in trenches given as 600. All roads five miles East of RAFA and KARM IBN MUSLEH were clear. Some 30 unloaded camels were seen leaving the trenches. A further air report put C4 and C1 also strongly held and confirmed their numbers in other trenches. The Leicester and Somerset Batteries were now brought into action against C Group about 1000 yards North of KARM IBN MUSLEH and registered on the trenches in their front. A Turkish Mountain Gun opened and for the next two or three hours fired shrapnel and H.E. at the hill where Divisional Hdqtrs were, the gun teams and the camels.
- 0852 At 0852, Desert Column sent to say that Turks were showing unrest and urged on detachments being sent towards RAFA at once in case of their retiring. Another air report gave loaded camels going East towards RAFA, roads two miles East and S.E. of that place clear.
- 0915 At 0915, the situation was as follows. N.Z.M.R. Brigade moving to a position N.E. of Divisional Hdqtrs to attack C4 and C5. 1st L.H. Brigade moving to a position South of N.Z.M.R. Brigade. 3rd L.H. Brigade moving to a position South of Divisional Hdqtrs under cover of the hill on which Divisional Hdqtrs was situated.
- 0920 Warning was sent to the N.Z.M.R. Brigade that the enemy might retire by the sand dunes, that any sign of this must be reported at once. The Camel Brigade at this time had one Company deployed. The enemy's guns succeeded in reaching the camels which had to be moved back half a mile.
- 0935 At 0935, the N.Z.M.R. Brigade moved in a Northerly direction in Column of troops, to a position to attack C4 and C5. The Inverness Battery were in action 300 yards N.E. of Point 350 against these trenches.
- 0945 At 0945, General COX sent in the 1st L.H. Regiment and four machine guns keeping touch with the N.Z.M.R. Brigade on their right. Two more machine guns were pushed forward on the left of the front of attack of the 1st L.H. Brigade and these crossed their fire with the right flank. The 1st L.H. Regiment came forward mounted to 2000 yards from the trenches and then horses were sent back and the advance commenced. The Turkish guns opened with shrapnel and rifle and machine gun fire was fairly heavy, but so far casualties were light. In keeping touch with the N.Z.M.R. Brigade, however, the advance became deflected to the North, and was directed on C4. Finally, the Regiment got to a position 800 yards from the enemy on a sunken road.
- 1000 At 1000, the Auckland Mounted Rifles were ordered to attack the high ridges one mile S.E. of RAFA, the Canterbury Mounted Rifles to work forward on their right along the RAFA - KHAN YUNIS road. The Wellington Mounted Rifles (less one squadron) were to follow and support the Canterbury Mounted Rifles; one squadron Wellington Mounted Rifles sent one section to AMR to watch the country towards SHELLAL and one troop to patrol towards KHAN YUNIS.
- 1015 The Auckland Mounted Rifles came into action at 1015.
- 1020 At 1020, a report was received from N.Z.M.R. Brigade to Divisional Hdqtrs that the enemy was retiring and that they were pushing the Canterbury Mounted Rifles round to cut them off. By 1040 this was done, Canterbury Mounted Rifles moving at a gallop over the hills cut off the Turks retiring on camels and on foot. RAFA was occupied at the same time and 6 Germans, 2 Turkish officers, 163 other ranks, 21 Bedouins and some camels, mules, and 5,000 rounds S.A.A. were captured. A line of half completed works running S.E. from RAFA was found. Meantime, the Camel attack was progressing, the 1st Camel Battalion being directed on B4. The Hong Kong and Singapore Mountain Battery pushed up to support the attack. The enemy's position was now definitely disclosed, and all means of exit stopped by the N.Z.M.R. Brigade. Orders were issued now for the remainder of the Division to take part (less 8th L.H. Regiment left with Divisional Hdqtrs). The 3rd L.H. Brigade (less 8th L.H. Regiment) to attack C4 and C3 on left of the 1st L.H. Brigade, keeping touch with them. The B.G.C., 1st L.H. Brigade to reinforce his line and attack C4, keeping touch with the N.Z.M.R. Brigade.

- 1040 The Camels to attack their original objective, the line of B trenches.
- 1100 By 1100, the position of the troops was as follows, from the right or Northern flank. Canterbury Mounted Rifles - Auckland Mounted Rifles - "A" Squadron, 2nd L.H. Regiment - "C" and "A" Squadrons, 1st L.H. Regiment - "B" Squadron, 2nd L.H. Regiment - 3rd L.H. Regiment - 10th L.H. Regiment - 9th L.H. Regiment - 1st Camel Brigade. The N.Z.M.R. Brigade Hdqtrs was at Boundary Post one mile S.E. of RAFA. 1st L.H. Brigade Hdqtrs were at a point $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles due North of SHOKH EL SUFI, close to the Boundary Post. The Inverness Battery were in action supporting N.Z.M.R. Brigade attack one mile North of Divisional Hdqtrs. The Camel Brigade was now within 700 yards of the B trenches and their Hdqtrs just North of KARR IBN MUSLEH.
- A message was received from the N.Z.M.R. Brigade at this time to say that they were endeavouring to get command of some dead ground between their right and the sea, by means of which some enemy were escaping. This was successfully done, and some 40 or 50 men, camels and donkeys were taken.
- 1110
- 1125 By 1125, the 1st L.H. Regiment succeeded in getting down to the large tree. The rifle fire was fairly incessant, but so far, opposition was not very great. On their left, the 10th L.H. Regiment moved on C4 and the 9th L.H. Regiment on C3 and got forward to within 900 yards.
- 1130 The Batteries were working with aeroplanes and wireless and at 1130 the Somersets and Leicesters moved forward to a previously reconnoitred position 2,500 yards South of the redut, and by firing on B Group, materially assisted the advance of the Camel Brigade, who got up to 800 yards of B Group and then came under fire from C Group at 1400 yards.
- 1145 At 1145, the Inverness Battery moved forward to Hdqtrs N.Z.M.R. Brigade and opened fire on C5 and Point 255.
- 1158 At 1158, an air report was dropped saying that C4 was held strongly but not the redut. No enemy posts could be seen in front of the redut. Another report immediately after confirmed the fact that there were no troops East of RAFA. Some had been seen moving towards KHAN YUNIS at 1030. Small groups up to 200 in all had been counted in the RAFA trenches.
- By mid-day, the Canterbury Mounted Rifles had cleared the sand hills between RAFA and the sea, and the attack on Point 255 began by the N.Z.M.R. Brigade.
- 1215 By 1215, they got within 600 yards of the trenches. At this hour, first calls for more ammunition began. The enemy in B2 were now found to be strong and a heavy fire was opened on the Camel Brigade. Two Companies of the 2nd Battalion were sent to prolong the left and engage the B works from the S.W. The other Company was sent to reinforce the left centre.
- 1230 In answer to a question if they were watching their right, the N.Z.M.R. Brigade reported that all was clear towards KHAN YUNIS except for some snipers who were engaged with the troop watching that direction.
- 1255 At 1255, another air report gave the country clear to KHAN YUNIS. The trenches there were reported empty, and no troops seen.
- 1300 At 1300, the left of the Camel Brigade was making progress, though the enemy still seemed to be in considerable force. The Hong Kong and Singapore Mountain Battery pushed forward. The centre of the 1st L.H. Brigade reached the large tree. The N.Z.M.R. Brigade, pushing round the Northern side of the redut, linked up with the 5th Mounted Brigade attacking from the West. They reported that they had two squadrons in reserve, and that a long row of trench half a mile South of RAFA Police Barracks had been captured.
- 1310 Two troops from Wellington Mounted Rifles were now put in to fill the gap between N.Z.M.R. Brigade and 1st L.H. Brigade. The Inverness Battery were now in action at 2,200 yards supporting the N.Z.M.R. Brigade attack on the redut and also shelling C5.
- 1345 At 1345, the left of the Camel Brigade became held up by enfilade fire. Another Company was sent in to help the right of the Brigade and brought fire to bear across the front of the 1st L.H. Brigade and helped their advance. The Camel Brigade reported that the Turks appeared to be giving way to the 1st L.H. Brigade attack.
- 1350 By 1350, N.Z.M.R. Brigade reported that their Brigade and the 5th Mounted Brigade were steadily pushing forward on the seaward side of the redut. The 2nd L.H. Regiment pushed along the ridge N.W. of the large tree and two small trenches and 24 prisoners were taken. The Regiment asked fire to be opened on 255 to help in taking another trench which at the time was holding up the line. The 10th L.H. Regiment was held up by rifle and machine gun fire.
- 1400 At 1400, the fire of the Leicester and Somerset Batteries was turned on to B works and one Company Camel Brigade was moved to the left of the Brigade to envelop B2. B3 was now found to be unoccupied, and the trench wastaken. The rest of No. 3 Battalion of the Camel Brigade was moved up.
- 1425 At 1425, the 1st L.H. Brigade reported that their right was forward to the ridge North of the big tree and in touch with the N.Z.M.R. BR ~~DE~~.

- 1425 Orders were now given by G.O.C., Desert Column for the attack to be concentrated on the reduit at 1530. The Artillery to keep up an intensive bombardment up to that hour. The 5th Mounted Brigade were ordered to cooperate with 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ squadrons.
- 1445 From information of prisoners, it now appeared that the garrison at RAFA was two taburs of the 31st Regiment, each 1000 strong and four mountain guns. The 3rd L.H. Brigade reported that the 9th Regiment were still stationary, but, the 10th L.H. Regiment was swinging round. Both Regiments had now been replenished with ammunition. The N.E.M.R. Brigade reported that their right was progressing slowly, but the Brigade on their left seemed held up. Meantime the Camel Brigade and the 5th Mounted Brigade gained touch with each other.
- 1500 A report came in from the N.Z.M.R. Brigade that they had caught a Turkish M.G. officer and 4 Germans on the coast 2 miles N.E. of RAFA Police Barracks. From thence came the report that the 160th Regiment had left SHELLAL when the attack on RAFA was commenced, to relieve that place.
- 1530 In spite of the bombardment, the assault on the reduit only made slow progress. The left of the Camel Brigade was held up by machine gun and two guns in the reduit. The 1st L.H. Brigade was being heavily bombarded with H.E. The right of the 10th L.H. Regiment fell back a little. Left of the 1st L.H. Bde also fell back a little and reported unable to advance owing to unsilenced machine guns. A message was therefore sent round to xxx Brigades to ask at what hour a general assault could be made with all available forces. At this time, hostile aeroplanes appeared and bombed Divisional Hdqtrs and the Camel Brigade. Little damage was done.
- 1550 Meantime, news came from the N.Z.M.R. Brigade that men in scattered formations about two Battalions in strength, were advancing over the ridges West of SHELLAL.
- 1615 The flank guard in direction of KHAN YUNIS also reported a force of about 2000 advancing on EL MAGKURTEIN from KHAN YUNIS, now about 4 miles from the reduit. More troops seen coming over hills five miles away, too far to estimate numbers. The Camel Brigade reported their centre held up and that the right of the Brigade on their right seemed to be retiring. Only half a Company was available to throw into that part of the line without withdrawing one from the attack on B works. A report also came that the Turks in the reduit were counter attacking.
- 1625 Further report of enemy advance was received from N.Z.M.R. Brigade. 1st L.H. Brigade also reported that they could not get on, their right at this time was attacking C5 and seemed to be progressing, though slowly. A conversation now took place between G.O.C., Division and G.O.C., Desert Column on the telephone. Owing to the advance of the enemy reinforcements, orders were issued by G.O.C., Desert Column for the abandonment of the attack, and withdrawal. Before, however, these were issued by the G.O.C., Division, our
- 1630 men were seen on the hill and at 1630, the N.Z.M.R. Brigade reported that the green hill Point 255 was taken. The last 6 to 800 yards being covered in two rushes, and covered by machine gun and rifle fire. Almost immediately afterwards, the 3rd L.H. Brigade advanced and carried the redoubts in their front, the Turks surrendering as they came up. The Camel
- 1640 Brigade then carried the B Group of trenches, taking 5 officers and 214 other ranks. The 1st L.H. Brigade also rushed the trenches C5 opposit to them. Detachments from the Wellington Mounted Rifles were, however, engaged with the enemy coming from SHELLAL, and therefore the G.O.C., Division gave orders for the 3rd L.H. Brigade to form a rear-guard, while the other Brigades collected their prisoners and got away. Two teams with wagon limbers were ordered to the reduit to bring in captured guns and arrangements made to collect the wounded without delay. The 3rd L.H. Field Ambulance, under Lieut.-Colonel BRAHER, was left for this purpose, the A.D.M.S., Colonel DOWRIES remaining with it while a final rear-guard of one Regiment of the 3rd L.H. Brigade, under Lieut.-Colonel HAYGAR, was left as escort and covering party.
- 1900 At 1900, Divisional Hdqtrs left for SHEIKH ZOWAID, and arrived there at 2300. The G.O.C., Desert Column had ordered all fresh troops not engaged in the action to be employed next day in clearing the battle-field.
- 2359 Accordingly, one squadron, 3rd L.H. Brigade with all available limbers, was ordered to leave at 0400 next day for RAFA. Orders were also issued for the Wellington Mounted Rifles to remain at SHEIKH ZOWAID to cover the collecting of wounded and all enemy material. The Division and Desert Column Hdqtrs to march at 0700 for EL ARIEH.

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January 10th 1917.

0130 At 0130, the Brigade Major, N.Z.M.R. Brigade, came in with a few more prisoners.

0400 At 0400, the squadron, 3rd L.H. Brigade, under Major PARSONS, moved out with all available limbers to RAFA, and returned to SHEIKH ZOWAID at 1600, having filled all limbers with arms, ammunition and material, and buried all our dead.

0645 All was reported clear East of RAFA by aeroplane at 0645.

0700 At 0700, the Division and Desert Column Hdqtrs marched from SHEIKH ZOWAID. The Regiment under Colonel MAYGAR, which had been left the night before covering the collecting of wounded had a small encounter with some mounted troops and camel men to the East of SHOKH EL SUFI. The Turks retired and the squadron took 14 prisoners. All our own wounded and such of the Turkish wounded as were left were brought in to SHEIKH ZOWAID, leaving the battle-field at 0900. Ambulances withdrew from SHEIKH ZOWAID covered by the rear-guard of the Wellington Mounted Rifles, by 1000 on January 11th.

The results of the action were as follows -

Losses to the Enemy - about 200 Killed estimated.
 162 wounded collected.
 35 officers, 1 W.O., 1437 other ranks prisoners.
 These included the following Germans - 1 Officer, 1 W.O., and 9 other ranks.

The captures were -

(a) Material Mountain Guns - 4.
 Machine Guns - 4.
 Rifles 578.
 S.A.A. - 40,000,
 And parts of guns, sights, machine guns, pack saddles, flares etc.

(b) Animals. Camels - 83.
 Horses - 19.
 Mules - 35.

The casualties of the A. & N.Z. Mounted Division were -

(a) Persommel Killed - 42 other ranks.
 Wounded - 19 officers, 233 other ranks.

(b) Horses Killed - 23.
 Wounded - 63.
 Missing - 7.

The expenditure of ammunition for the three Brigades was -

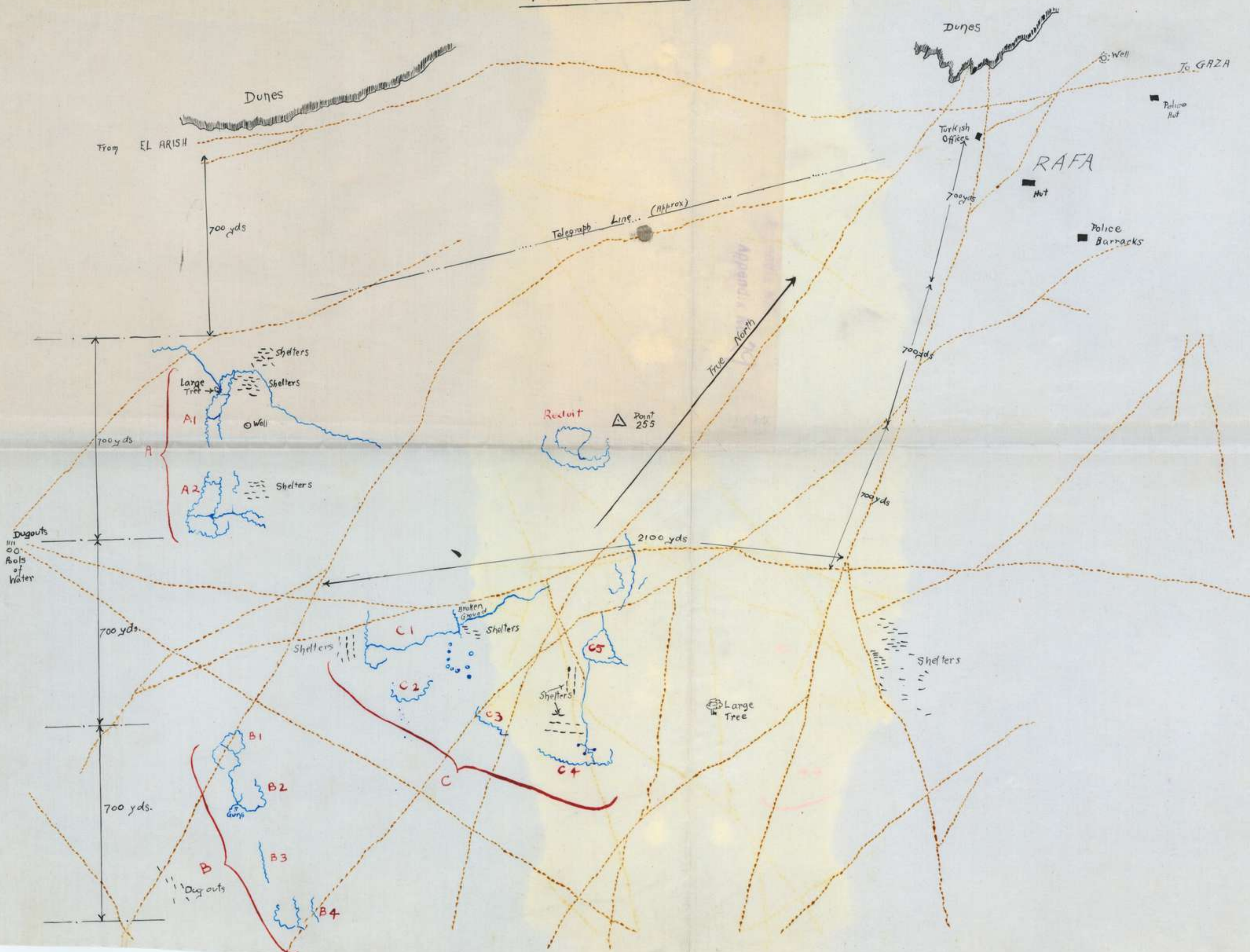
S.A.A. - 409,107 rounds.
 Shells - 1,637

I desire to specially bring to notice the names of Brig.-General CHAYTOR, in connection with these operations, as I consider it was greatly owing to his energy and leadership that they were brought to a successful issue.

Major-General,
 Commanding,
 AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

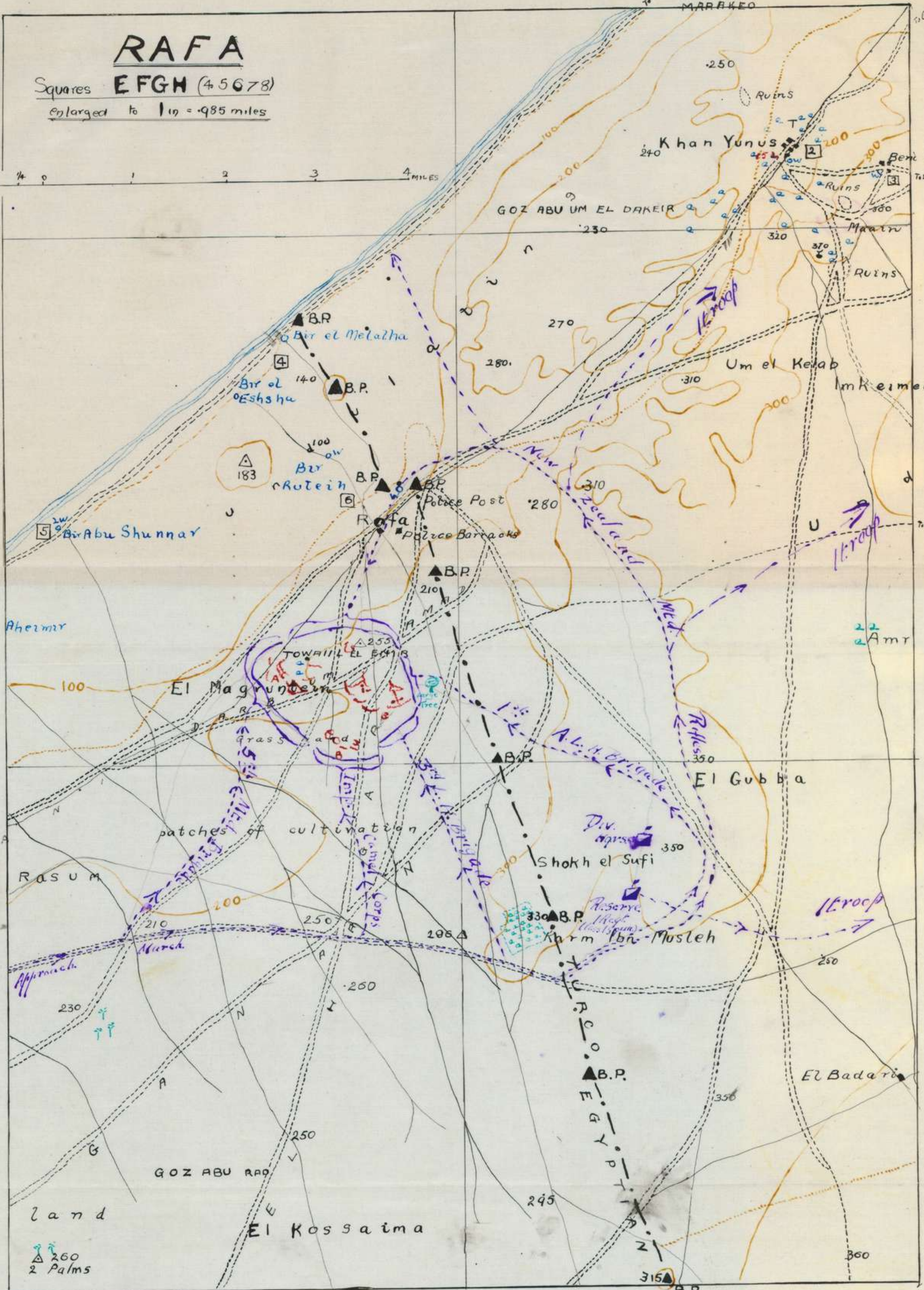
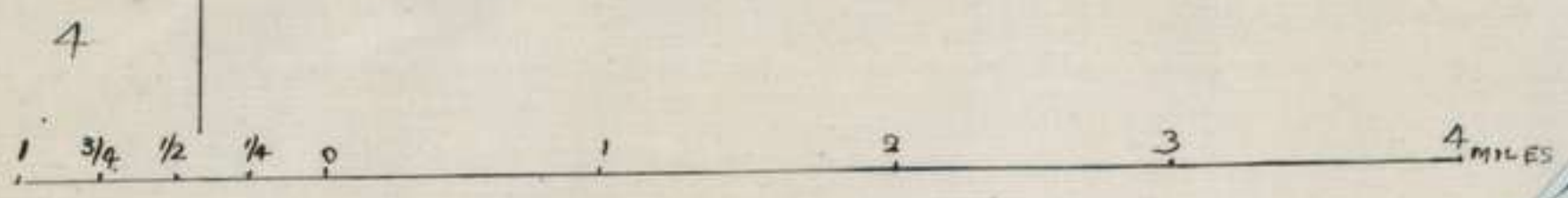
DIAGRAM SHEWING TURKISH POSITIONS
AT RAFA

Information compiled from Aeroplane Photographs dated 18th Jan 1917



RAFA

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"A" Form.

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TO	1st L.H. Bde	C. R. A.
	3rd L.H. Bde	Desert Column
	N.Z.M.R. Bde	I. C. C.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
GK.76	9		

* There is no further information AAA G.O.C. Anzac Mounted Division intends to attack enemy's position. AAA N.Z.M.R. Bde will attack works C4 and C5 AAA The G.O.C. Brigade will make provision for the protection of his own right flank and rear. AAA 1st L.H. Brigade will attack C3, C2, and C1 AAA When these works are carried the Brigades will rally and attack the reduct AAA The Imperial Camel Corps will attack B Group of works commencing with B4 AAA The C.R.A. will select position from which to support the assault concentrating his fire on C4 in the first place and following on to C5, C3, C2 and C1 and the reduct AAA If enemy opens artillery fire one Battery will be detailed as counter Battery AAA Artillery preparation will commence at 0930 AAA Attack will commence at 1000 AAA 3rd L.H. Brigade in reserve AAA Divisional Headquarters will be at KARM IBN MUSIEH.

From	ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION
Place	0832
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TO	N.Z.M.R. Brigade
	Desert Column

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* GK 79	9		

Warn detachments that have been pushed out towards RAFA that enemy may retire by sand dunes or beach road You must have warning at once if this takes place and prevent it AAA Addressed N.Z.M.R. Brigade repeated Desert Column.

From	ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION
Place	
Time	0920

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TO	1st L.H. Brigade	I.C.C.	
	3rd L.H. Brigade	C.R.A.	
	N.Z.M.R. Brigade	Desert Column.	

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* G 82	9		

Enemy said to be retiring EAST AAA 5th Mounted Brigade is attacking from the west AAA 3rd L.H. Brigade will leave one Regiment in reserve to report to G.O.C. Anzac Mounted Division and General Royston will move with the remainder to attack C4 and C3 on left of 1st L.H. Brigade AAA G.O.C. 1st L.H. Brigade will reinforce his line and press home the attack on C4 and C5 keeping touch with N.Z.M.R. Brigade AAA The Camel Brigade will press on their attack against their original objective keeping touch with General Royston on their right AAA General Royston will make his attack at 1130 when all attacks will be pressed home AAA Addressed all Brigades C.R.A. I.C.C. and repeated Desert Column Acknowledge

From	ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION
Place	1054.
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TO	1st L.H. Brigade	1st Camel Brigade	
	3rd L.H. Brigade	C.R.A.	
	N.Z.M.R. Brigade	Desert Column.	

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* G K 77	9		

The G.O.C. desires a concentrated effort to be made against the redoubt and G Group of works at 1530 AAA Artillery will keep up an intense fire on these works before the operation until 1530 at the discretion of the C.R.A. AAA 5th Mounted Brigade have been asked to co-operate AAA Addressed all Brigades C.R.A. I.C.C. repeated Desert Column AAA Acknowledge.

From	Anzac Mounted Division
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TO	1st L.H. Brigade	1st Camel Brigade
	3rd L.H. Brigade	C. R. A.
	N.Z.M.R. Brigade	

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* G 102			

Force of enemy 2000 strong marching on EL MAGRUNTEIN from direction of KHAN YUNIS AAA Others seen in scattered formation on ridge in direction of SHELLAL AAA Distance from redoubts about four miles at 1615 AAA Force will withdraw and assemble at point 250 on KARM IN MUSLEH - SHEIKH ZOWAIID ROAD AAA Brigades will find their own rear guards AAA C.R.A. will arrange for Batteries to take up position to cover withdrawal of Brigades AAA 8th L.H. Regiment will form a rearguard to cover withdrawal of all parties and camels.

From	A. & N. Z. MOUNTED DIVISION
Place	
Time	1645

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TO	N.Z.M.R. Brigade	

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* G 110	9		

Reference your B M 35 if unable to withdraw so as to assemble at point 250 make your own way back to SHEIKH ZOWAIID AAA Send representative to say when you are clear.

From	AMZAC MOUNTED DIVISION
Place	
Time	1650

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By _____						

TO { General CHAYTOR
General CHAUVEL

Sender's Number. _____	Day of Month _____	In reply to Number _____	AAA
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* General ROYSTON will form the rearguard to the Division AAA
General CHAYTOR will clear all wounded from the Battlefield.

From ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION	Place _____	Time 1715
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TO { Special Instructions to MAJOR PARSONS 3rd L.H. Brigade.

Sender's Number. _____	Day of Month _____	In reply to Number _____	AAA
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* G 102 9
You will take your squadron and limbers which will report to you to RAFA tomorrow AAA You will bring away all arms ammunition mountain or machine guns etc as may be found. AAA If the enemy is found in occupation you will not engage in action with him but will withdraw AAA If you are attacked while examining the position you will withdraw and will not ~~engage in a fight~~ engage enemy in a fight AAA report on what you find will be sent by wire as soon as possible to D. H. Q.

From ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION	Place _____	Time 2359
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TO { 1st L.H. Brigade 1st Camel Brigade
 3rd L.H. Brigade C.R.A.
 N.Z.M.R. Brigade Desert Column.

Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* G 150	9		

At 0400 tomorrow January 10th one squadron 3rd L.H. Brigade under Major Parsons will leave here under special instructions for RAFA all limbers which have not been out today will parade at the same hour on main road along telegraph line immediately east of town AAA Anzac Mounted Division will leave SHEIKH ZOWAID for EL ARISH at 0700 tomorrow January 10th AAA Starting point Cross roads at "E" of DARB EL SULTANI Order of march - Advance guard 1 Squadron from N.Z.M.R. Brigade AAA D.H.Q. - Remainder N.Z.M.R. Brigade - 3rd L.H. Brigade - Divisional Artillery - 1st L.H. Brigade - 1st Camel Brigade I.C.C. - 1st Line transport of units in rear in same order of march AAA Wellington mounted Rifles will leave camp at 0600 and move to a point 1 mile E of SHEIKH ZOWAID where it will put out a line of observation posts AAA They will remain in this position to cover Field Ambulance at SHEIKH ZOWAID until such wounded as can ~~start have been~~ be removed have started. Addressed all Brigades 1st Camel

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Sender's Number.	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
* G 150	9		

Brigade C.R.A. repeated Desert Column AAA Acknowledge.

From	ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION
Place	
Time	2359

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