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Headquarters, I. F.
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Page I.	Remarks and references to Appendices
	March 1918.				
BELAH	I		10th L.H. Regiment on Musketry. 4th L.H. Brigade held their Sports Meeting. Brigadier General L.C. WILSON returned from CAIRO and resumed command of the Brigade.		
	2		Brigade Sports Meeting and Horse Show. The ground had been prepared, East of the Brigade Camp, and fenced off into Ring, Saddling Paddock and Officers' Reserve. A large number of Officers from the other Brigades of the Division, and the Yeomanry Division, attended and the men of the Brigade turned out en masse and showed great keenness. All events were well contested, particularly the Best G.S. Wagon and Limber and the Troop Competition. The Jumping was good throughout, the Championship Jumping event drawing entries from all Brigades of both Divisions. Programme attached. Syllabus of Training for week ending 9th instant issued.		Appendix I
	3		C. of E. and O. D. Church Parades held at 0900. 10th L.H. Regiment completed the 4 days Musketry Course.		
	4.		Orders received from Division that the fighting portion of the Brigade is to be trained in the Mounted Use of the Bayonet (as a sword) without delay. Regiments ordered to each erect three Courses of dummies and to commence training on the 5th inst. Each Regiment to put through 240 men per day on 1 hours instruction. The Course to last 4 days. Recommendations for Honours and Awards for 6 Officers and 20 Other Ranks, for work done during period 1917 to March 1918, forwarded to Division.		Appendix II
	5		Routine Work and training.		
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3rd Australian L.H. Brigade

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Page 2	Remarks and references to Appendices
	March 1918.			Page 2	
BELAH	6		Order issued cancelling previous Dismounted Bayonet Fighting Instructions and giving detail for daily classes to be held by C.S.M. WILSON. 4 Classes each of 20 men from each Regiment to carry out 2 hours work daily on 4 consecutive days under their own instructors, supervised by C.S.M. WILCOX.		Appendix III
	7		Routine Work. Half-holiday for Brigade to allow all ranks to attend 22nd Mounted Brigade Race Meeting at GAZA. 2 Flying Corps Officers visited the Brigade to discuss co-operation between the Flying Corps and Mounted Troops.		
	8		The Corps Commander (General CHAUVEL) inspected the Training being carried out by Regiments and rode through the lines. He remarked on the cleanliness of the camp but wished to see an improvement in the condition of the harness. Order issued stating that collective training would commence about the 18th inst. Units to push forward all Instructional Schools and individual work and to endeavour to complete it before that date. Order received from Division - The Duke of Connaught will inspect the Division, Mounted, and will present Medals on the 14th inst. A Rehearsal Parade to be held on the 12th inst. Order issued to Units.		Appendix IV
	9		Divisional Mounted Sports and Horse Show. The Corps Commander, and a large crowd from both this Division and Yeodiv., attended. All events were keenly contested, particularly those such as the Troop, M.G. and Hotchkiss Rifle Competitions, Best G.S. and Limbered Wagons etc. The Brigade was well represented throughout and secured the maximum number of points - 3rd Brigade 48 points, 5th Brigade 41 points and 4th Brigade 31 points. Syllabus of Training for week ending 16th inst. issued.		MAR 1918 F 39/3
	10		C. of E. and C.D. Church Parades held at 0900. Captain Chaplain WEBB (having relieved Chaplain KING) took the C. of E. Service. Party of 2 Officers and 162 other Ranks left for PORT SAID Rest Camp.		

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			March	Page 3	
BELAH	11		Routine Training. Divisional Commander held a meeting of Brigadiers and all Commanding Officers to discuss tactical training etc.		
	12		Rehearsal Parade for Duke of CONNAUGHT Inspection held. The march past at the walk and trot was practised.		
	13		The G. O.C. and three Regimental Commanders left at 0545 by motor to see the work being carried out at KELAB School of Instruction.		
	14		The Division, mounted, was inspected by H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT. The Brigade (strength 1400) moved on to the Divisional Parade Ground at 1000 forming up in mass. After H.R.H. had ridden down the lines the Division marched past at the walk, in column of Squadrons, then formed hollow square and medals were presented, after which three cheers were given for the King. After riding along the ranks of the Brigade H.R.H. complimented the Brigadier on the hard and smart appearance of all ranks.		
	15		A Divisional Staff Ride held for Brigadiers and all Commanding Officers. The scheme involved the attack on an enemy, who dispersed, and the subsequent pursuit. A Wireless scheme was also carried out between Corps, Division and the 3rd and 4th Brigades. Divisional station was established at BELAH with 3rd Brigade (with a trench W/T set) at the EL of GOZEL TAIRE. Code and cipher messages were exchanged until 1500 when the exercise ceased. One Ford Motor Car received for Brigade Headquarters. Meeting held at D.H.Q., of Brigade Majors and Signalling Officers, to discuss with R.F.C. Officers means of communication between Cavalry and Aeroplanes.		
	16		Lieut. LATHAM, Brigade Signal Officer, and I Signal N.C.O. per Regiment left for three days attachment to 14th Squadron R.F.C. to study method of "Intercommunication between Cavalry and Aircraft". Half Holiday given to all ranks to attend Race Meeting held by 7th Mounted Brigade at GAZA. A number of Brigade horses were entered for the open events.		

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BELAH	17		<p>Church Parades cancelled owing to wet weather. Order issued reference coming week's Tactical Training. Regimental Schemes, based on the Divisional S-scheme, carried out on the 15th inst., to be carried out 1st Without Troops, 2nd With Troops, Artillery and Machine Guns and lastly by individual Troops and Squadrons.</p>		Appendix VI
	18		The Brigadier and Commanding Officers selected training areas for the respective Regiments schemes. Regiments carried on with Mounted and Dismounted Bayonet Exercise.		
	19		Regiments carried out schemes, involving advance guard work and pursuit, with Officers and Troop Leaders only.		
	20		The same schemes carried out with troops, artillery and Machine Guns. The Brigade Transport was inspected by the D.A.D. of S. & T. The turnout was exceptionally good, all harness and wagons being in splendid condition. Without exception all harness and vehicles were passed as servicable.		
	21		Individual Squadrons carried out work involved in the scheme of 20th inst. Divisional Exercise, without troops, No. 2 received and appreciation made out. The scheme involved the breaking through entrenchments by Mounted Troops, after an Infantry attack, galloping between enemy redoubts and attacking them in the rear.		Appendix VII
	22		Divisional Staff Ride, for Brigadiers, B.M.s, S.C.s and Commanding Officers, to carry out the above Exercise. The scheme took place in the entrenchments S.E. of GAZA, finishing at AUSTRALIA HILL at 1100. Leave Party returned from Rest Camp PORT SAID and a fresh party of 3 officers and 64 other ranks left.		

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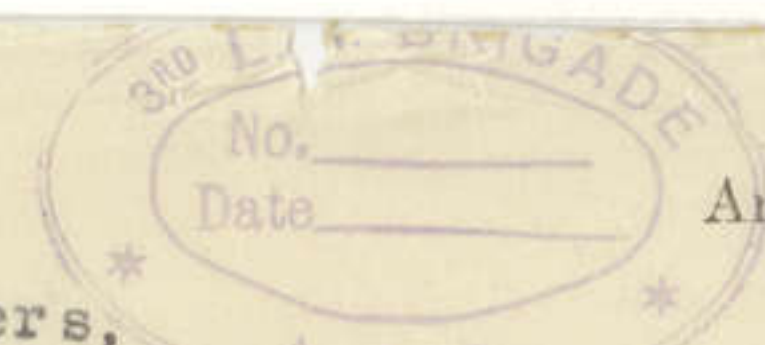
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3rd A.L.H. Brigade.



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Place	Date	Hour	March	Summary of Events and Information	Page 5	Remarks and references to Appendices
BELAH	23			All Officers attended a Demonstration, given by one Squadron 4th L.H. Regiment and one Squadron 9th L.H. Regiment under Lt. Col. OCBORNE, G.S.O.I, of the Mounted Charge and melee with bayonets in lieu of swords. Order received from Division - The Brigade to resume Salvage Operations on Monday 25th inst.		
	24			C. of E. and Other Denominations Parades held at 0900. Order issued to Units reference Salvage Operations - 200 men from 2 Regiments daily to leave camp at 0700 and work in the trenches at SHALUF until 1500. Transport to bivouac at SHALUF. Order issued reference Tactical Training for coming week. Each Regiment to carry out a scheme based on Divisional Tactical Exercise No. 2 every third day.		
	25			Salvage work cancelled owing to wet weather.		
	26			Salvage Operations. 200 men per Regiment and 75 men per M.G. Squadron. Working party left camp at 0700 and carried out 5 hours work on the trenches West of GAZA - BELAH Road. Work - mainly taking up wire entanglements.		
	27			Salvage Operations as for 26th inst.		
	28			Completed 3 days tour of Salvage Duty. Total weight material salvaged and carted to Dump at SHALUF Station - 42 tons.		
	29			M.G. Squadron carried out Indirect and Barrage Fire practice on the Range and were inspected by Lt. Col. PARTRIDGE, Corps M.G.O. Regiments carried out schemes involving the "Dismounted Attack in Depth".		

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Place	Date	Hour	March	Summary of Events and Information	Page 6	Remarks and references to Appendices
BELAH	30			<p>Regiments practised Shock Action and Mounted Bayonet Drill. 6 Officers and 22 Other Ranks left for Courses at School of Instruction, ZEITOUN, commencing 1st April. Memorandum on Training for week ending 6th April issued. Warning Order received from the Division :- The Division will move 1st April to arrive SELMEH (near JAFFA) on the 5th.</p>		
	31			<p>Church Parades cancelled - All Units preparing for move. Tents etc. to be left standing for incoming Unit (Yeodiv).</p>		

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Headquarters, 3rd A.L.H. BRIGADE.

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
I	Programme Brigade Sports.
2	Syllabus of Training for Week Ending 9th March.
3	Dismounted Bayonet Fighting.
4	"Collective Training".
5	Syllabus of Training Week Ending 16th March
6	Programme of Work " " 23rd March
7	"Appreciation" of Divisional Tactical Exercise.
8	Order - Salvage Operations.
9	Training Week Ending 30th inst.
10	" " " 6th April.
11.	<i>Miscellaneous Summary</i>
12.	<i>Brigade Move Order</i>



To
C. O., 8th L.H. Regiment
9th L.H. Regiment
10th L.H. Regiment.

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Attached is Programme of work to be carried out throughout the Brigade during the ensuing week. From now on all Mounted work will be in the form of Tactical Schemes and manoeuvres, the system being as follows:-

- "A" Day Divisional Staff Ride (Commanding Officers only).
"B" Day Arrangement on the ground by the Brigadier and Commanding Officers of the tactical scheme for the three following days.
"C" Day Regimental Tactical Exercise - without troops - for all Officers.
"D" Day Regimental Tactical Exercise - with troops.
"E" Day Squadron or troop Tactical Exercise with troops.

ON "A" DAY A certain Tactical Exercise will be carried out, involving various situations for each of which solutions will be worked out and a general "Doctrine" laid down.

ON "B" DAY This exercise will be worked out by the Brigadier and Commanding Officers and the situations adapted to the ground allotted to each Regiment.

ON "C" DAY Regiments will carry out the exercise without troops, for all Officers.

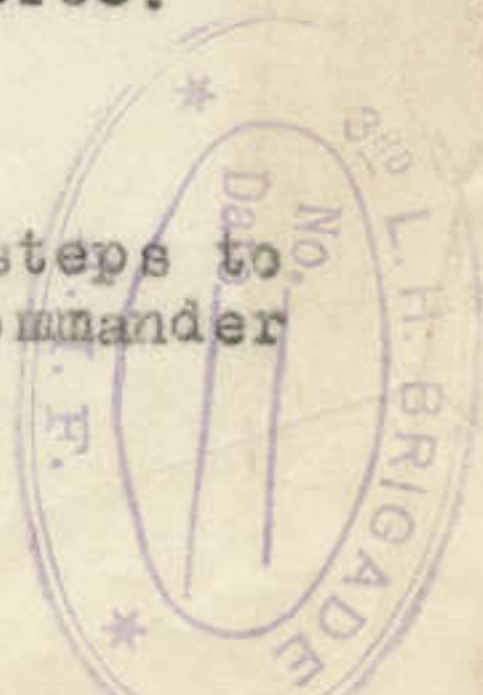
ON "D" DAY The exercise will be carried out by Regiments - with troops - artillery - and machine guns. Great care being taken to explain the scheme to all ranks.

ON "E" DAY Squadrons will carry out the exercise, bringing in the various situations of the previous days Regimental exercise. Opportunity being taken to thoroughly explain each situation and the resulting action to all ranks.

On Friday 15th ("A" Day) the Divisional Scheme was the "Pursuit" and Advanced Guard Work generally.

The "Doctrine" laid down was as follows:-

1. "All pursuing troops should act with the greatest boldness and be prepared to take risks which would not be justifiable at other times."
2. On gaining contact with the enemy the following should be the sequence of action by the Commander of each successive echelon (e.g. leading troop commander, vanguard commander, main-guard commander and leading Brigadier).
 - 1st. Report contact immediately.
 - 2nd. Reconnoitre vigorously by every possible means, and report back frequently as detailed information is gathered.
 - 3rd. Brush minor opposition quickly aside.
 - 4th. If opposition too heavy then take all possible steps to prepare an advantageous battle-ground for the commander who has to fight the battle.



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3. The Attack.

- (i) Fire and movement to be as nearly at right angles to each other as possible.
- (ii) Hotchkiss Rifles of troops making mounted attack should be grouped.
- (iii) Move Hotchkiss Rifle Batteries up immediately mounted attack masks them; use them then for consolidation.

The Brigadier directs that these principles be transmitted throughout Regiments and that they will be worked on during the weeks training.

H. Melvinson

Capt.,
A/Brigade Major,
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

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3rd A.L.H. BRIGADE PROGRAMME OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 23/3/18.

MONDAY - MARCH 18th

Morning.

Commanding Officers selection of ground for
Tactical Schemes and discussion on the ground.
Squadron Mounted Training. -
(1) Dismounting for action, occupation of positions
and manoeuvring of led horses, or
(2) Mounted Action.

Afternoon

Grazing of Horses.
Lectures and Instructional Classes.

TUESDAY - MARCH 19th

Morning

Regimental Tactical Schemes for all Officers to
be conducted by Regimental Commanders.
Mounted and Dismounted Bayonet Fighting Classes.
To be carried out under N.C.Os., supervised by
Regimental Orderly Officers.

Afternoon

Grazing of Horses.
Lectures and Instructional Classes.

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 20th

Morning

Regimental Tactical Exercises - with troops,
artill-ery and machine guns.

Afternoon

Grazing of Horses.

THURSDAY - MARCH 21st

Morning

Squadron Tactical Exercises - to be based on
Wednesday's Regimental Scheme.

Afternoon

Grazing of Horses
Lectures and Instruct-ional Classes.

FRIDAY - MARCH 22nd

Morning

Divisional Staff Ride for Commanding Officers.
Squadron Training - Mounted Action

Afternoon

Grazing of Horses.

SATURDAY - MARCH 23rd

Checking and Cl-eaning Equipment.
Camp Inspection.



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PROGRAMME OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 9th MARCH 1918.

Date	Nature of Training	Time
<u>8th L.H. Regiment</u>		
Monday 4/3/18	<u>Dismounted Training</u> - Bayonet Fighting <u>Mounted Training</u> - Squadron Drill	0830 - 0915 0915 - 1145
Tuesday 5/3/18	<u>Dismtd.</u> - Anti-Gas Training <u>Mtd.</u> - Squadron Drill	0830 - 0915 0915 - 1145
Wednesday 6/3/18	<u>Dismtd.</u> - Anti-Gas Training - Anti of Arms, Guards and Sentries <u>Mtd.</u> - Regimental Drill	0830 - 0915 0915 - 1145
Thursday 7/3/18	<u>Dismtd.</u> - Bayonet Fighting <u>Mtd.</u> - Dismounting for Action	0830 - 0915 0915 - 1145
Friday 8/3/18	<u>Dismtd.</u> - Bayonet Fighting <u>Mtd.</u> - Dismounting for Action and manoeuvring of led horses	0830 - 0915 0915 - 1145
Saturday 9/3/18	Divisional Sports	

<u>9th L.H. Regiment</u>		
Monday 4/3/18	<u>Dismounted Training</u> - Bayonet Fighting <u>Mounted Training</u> - Squadron Drill	0830 - 0915 0915 - 1145
Tuesday 5/3/18	<u>Dismtd.</u> - Anti-Gas Training <u>Mtd.</u> - Regimental Drill	0830 - 0915 0915 - 1145
Wednesday 6/3/18	<u>Dismtd.</u> - Bayonet Fighting <u>Mtd.</u> - Dismounting for action and manoeuvring of led horses	0830 - 0915 0915 - 1145
Thursday 7/3/18	<u>Dismtd.</u> - Anti-Gas Training - Bayonet Fighting <u>Mtd.</u> - Dismounting for action and manoeuvring of led horses	0830 - 0915 0915 - 1145
Friday 8/3/18	<u>Dismtd.</u> - Bayonet Fighting <u>Mtd.</u> - Dismounting for action and manoeuvring of led horses	0830 - 0915 0915 - 1145
Saturday 9/3/18	Divisional Sports	

<u>10th L.H. Regiment</u>		
Monday 4/3/18	<u>Dismounted Training</u> - Anti-Gas Training XXXXXXXXXXXX - Bayonet Fighting <u>Mounted Training</u> - Squadron Drill	0830 - 0845 0845 - 0915 0915 - 1145
Tuesday 5/3/18	<u>Dismtd.</u> - Anti-Gas Training Demonstrations in Dismounted work <u>Mtd.</u> - Regimental Drill	0830 - 0845 0845 - 0915 0915 - 1145



Date	Nature of Training	Time
<u>10th L.H. Regiment.</u> (continued)		
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Wednesday 6/3/18	<u>Dismtd.</u> - Gas Training Demonstrations in dismounted work <u>Mtd.</u> - Dismounting for action and manoeuvring of led horses	0830 - 0845 0845 - 0915 0915 - 1145
Thursday 7/3/18	<u>Dismtd.</u> - Gas Training Judging Distance <u>Mtd.</u> → - Dismounting for action and manoeuvring of led horses	0830 - 0845 0845 - 0915 0915 - 1145
Friday 8/3/18	<u>Dismtd.</u> - Description of Targets and visual Training <u>Mtd.</u> - Dismounting for action and manoeuvring of led horses	0830 - 0915 0915 - 1145
Saturday 9/3/18	Divisional Sports	

3rd M.G. Squadron

Monday 4/3/18	<u>Dismounted Training</u> - Anté - Gas Training <u>Mounted Training</u> - Subsection Drill	0830 - 0915 0915 - 1145
Tuesday 5/3/18	<u>Dismtd.</u> - Anti-Gas Training <u>Mtd.</u> - Limbered Drill	0830 - 0915 0915 - 1145
Wednesday 6/3/18	<u>Dismtd.</u> - Elementary Training in Immediate Action <u>Mtd.</u> - Coming into and going out of action Particular attention to be paid to pace and interval	0830 - 0915 0915 - 1145
Thursday 7/3/18	<u>Dismtd.</u> - Belt-filling by hand <u>Mtd.</u> - Tactical Exercises. Indication and recognition of Targets	0830 - 0915 0915 - 1145
Friday 8/3/18	<u>Dismtd.</u> - Gun Drill Cleaning of Saddlery, kit etc.	0830 - 0915 0915 - 1145
Saturday 9/3/18	Divisional Sports	



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Date	Nature of Training	Time
<u>3rd L.H.F.A.</u>		
Monday 4/3/18	Mounted Ambulance Drill for whole Unit Stretcher and hand-seat drill for Tent Division and Bearers. Instructions in Handling of teams and wagons for drivers Grazing	0830 - 0945 0945 - 1045 1045 - 1145
Tuesday 5/3/18	Mounted Ambulance Drill for whole Unit Stretcher and hand-seat drill for Tent Division and bearers. Drivers same as Monday Grazing	0830 - 0945 0945 - 1045 1045 - 1145
Wednesday 6/3/18	Dismounted Troop Drill for whole Unit Gas Training Grazing. Lecture on Anatomy by Capt. LEAHY	0830 - 0945 0945 - 1045 1045 - 1145
Thursday 7/3/18	Mounted Ambulance Drill for whole Unit Stretcher and hand-seat drill for Tent Division and bearers with application of 1st Field Dressing and arm-sling Rifle Inspection and Drill for Drivers Grazing	0830 - 0945 0945 - 1045 do. 1045 - 1145
Friday 8/3/18	Troop Drill for bearers at all paces with instruction in linking, haltering, hobbling and coupling hroses. Wagon Drill for Drivers Continuation of above drill Lecture on Anatomy by Capt. SHELLEY	0830 - 0945 0945 - 1045 1045 - 1145
Saturday 9/3/18	Divisional Sports.	



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Appendix 3

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Subject:- DISMOUNTED BAYONET FIGHTING.

To
C. O., 8th L.H. Regiment
9th L.H. Regiment
10th L.H. Regiment



This Office GI20 is cancelled.

Bayonet Fighting Classes will now be held as detailed below, the object being to put the fighting portion of the Brigade through a four days Course (2hrs. per day) without delay.

Thursday 7th	1000 - 1200	2 Classes of 20 men each from each Regiment
Friday 8th	0830 - 1030 1030 - 1230	2 Classes from each Regiment 2 Classes from each Regiment
Monday 11th		as for Friday 8th inst.

Thereafter as detailed.

Each Class will be made up of 20 ~~men~~ N.C.Os. and men from troops throughout the Regiments and the same men will attend the 2 hours Course daily for 4 consecutive days.

One Officer per Regiment will attend with each Regimental quota. If possible the same officer to attend with each quota throughout the 4 days Course.

Classes will report to the Brigade Instructor on the Brigade Ground punctually at the times detailed.

The instruction will be carried out by Regimental Instructors under supervision of the Brigade Instructor.

Capt.,
A/ Brigade Major,
3 rd A.L.H. Brigade.

6/3/18.

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Appendix 4



Subject:- TRAINING.

To
C. O., 8th L.H. Regt.
9th L.H. Regt.
10th L.H. Regt.

Collective Training, consisting of Advanced Drill and Field Work, will commence on Monday 18th inst.

Units will therefore make every effort to push on individual and specialist training prior to this date.

During week ending 16th inst. the mornings (less 12th and 14th insts.) are to be devoted to the instructional classes in Mounted Bayonet Fighting Practice, Dismounted Bayonet Fighting, Bombing, Signalling and Hotchkiss Rifle work. As many men as possible being put through the ~~same~~ courses.

All horses not working will be grazed throughout the morning, manoeuvring of led horses being practised on the way out from and in to camp.

Horses working in the morning will be grazed during the afternoon.

In order to expedite the training, the instruction is to be decentralised as far as possible, i.e. those Officers and N.C.Os. who attended Divisional and Brigade Schools will instruct selected Regimental Officers and N.C.Os. who will carry out the instruction of their respective troops.

Bombing.

All that is required is that every man shall have a "working" knowledge of the Mills Hand and Rifle Grenades and be able to throw and fire them.

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Capt.,
A/Brigade Major,
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

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PROGRAMME OF TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 16th March 1918

<u>Date</u>	<u>Nature of Training</u>	<u>Time</u>
<u>3rd M.G. Squadron.</u>		
Sunday 10/3/18	Rusketry (on the Range)	
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Monday 11/3/18	<u>Dismounted Training.</u> Anti-Gas Training Range Taking and Range Cards	0830 - 0900 0900 - 0930
	<u>Mounted Training</u> Squadron Drill at the Walk & Trot	0930 - 1145
Tuesday 12/3/18	Rehearsal Parade	
Wednesday 13/3/18	<u>Dismtd.</u> Elementary Training in Mechanism <u>Mtd.</u> Squadron and Sub-section Drill	0830 - 0930 0930 - 1145
Thursday 14/3/18	Inspection by H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT	
Friday 15/3/18	<u>Dismtd.</u> Anti-Gas Training Belt filling by hand <u>Mtd.</u> Changing Guns from Limbers to Packs. Coming into and going out of action	0830 - 0900 0900 - 0930 0930 - 1145
Saturday 16/3/18	C. Co. Inspection	

3rd L.H.F.A.

Monday 11/3/18	Mounted Ambulance Drill for whole Unit Stretcher and Hand-seat for Tent Div. and bearers. Instruction in handling of teams and wagons for drivers Grazing of horses	0830 - 0945 0945 - 1045 1045 - 1145
Tuesday 12/3/18	Rehearsal Parade	
Wednesday 13/3/18	Dismounted Troop Drill for whole Unit Anti-Gas Training Grazing of horses Lecture to Tent Div. on treatment of Gas Casualties	0830 - 0945 0945 - 1045 1045 - 1145
Thursday 14/3/18	Inspection by H.R.H. the Duke of CONNAUGHT	
Friday 15/3/18	Troop Drill for bearers at all paces with instruction in linking, haltering, hobbling and coupling horses. Wagon Drill with instruction in handling of teams, linking coupling and hobbling, for drivers Continuation of above drill Grazing of horses	0830 - 0945 0945 - 1045 1045 - 1145
Saturday 16/3/18	Cleaning of Saddlery and harness and camp throughout. Inspection of Camp by C. O.	



Appendix A

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DIRECTORS NOTES.



SITUATION 1.

Question 1 - What action should 1st Troop Leader take.

Answer 1 - (a) Inform Squadron Leader.
(b) Immediately reconnoitre vigorously and find out approximate numbers and dispositions of enemy.

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NOTE. Immediate and determined reconnaissance should be second nature to all mounted troops.

SITUATION 2.

Question 2 - What general action should 1st Troop Leader take.

Answer 2 - Attack and drive enemy away.

NOTE. Each successive echelon of an advanced guard should brush aside minor opposition without appealing for help from the rear.

Question 3 - As 1st Troop Leader state your plan of attack.

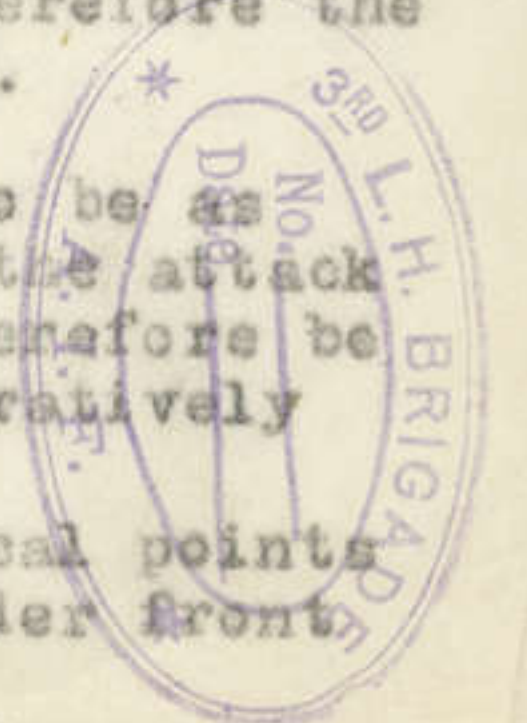
- NOTES.
- (i) Troop has 2 main means of enforcing a decision, i.e. Fire and movement.
Fire - Rifles and Hotchkiss.
Movement - Use of horses legs or mens legs.
He should use both to best advantage.
 - (ii) He should try and surprise.
 - (iii) He should make best use of ground
 - (iv) Following is suggested plan:-
 - (a) Demonstrate with a detachment (e.g. one section) against side of hill most unsuitable for attacker - i.e. against a concave or glaces like slope.
 - (b) Having induced enemy fire in that direction, emplace Hotchkiss Rifle and pin him to his position with fire.
 - (c) Movement should have assistance of ground, e.g. up a convex slope.
ii. Movement should be as nearly at right angles to fire as possible as then either fire or movement must take enemy in enfilade.
 - (d) Remember consolidation if necessary, and pursuit either by fire or movement.

SITUATION 3

Question 4 - What further action should Squadron Leader take.

ANSWER 4 - (i) Inform advanced guard commander of his opinion.
(ii) Continue to reconnoitre vigorously, both enemy and ground.
(iii) Endeavour to seize all valuable tactical points - i.e. commanding ground and concealed avenues of approach.

- NOTES.
- (i) Reasons for seizing tactical points.
 - (a) He knows that in direct pursuit attack is imperative.
 - (b) He has decided he is not strong enough, therefore the Regiment or even Brigade must do the work.
 - (c) Regiment has 2 guns and 4 machine guns.
To employ them best their fire will have to be as nearly at right angles to the movement of the attack as possible. Tactical elbow room will therefore be required to assist best use of these comparatively long range weapons.
 - (ii) Squadron leader should therefore seize tactical points on a comparatively wide front - i.e. on a wider front than if he intended to attack himself.
By this means he will assist his Regimental Commander



SITUATION 4

Question 5 - As advanced guard commander what action would you take. State your plan fully.

Answer 5 - Attack and drive enemy out of the way.

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NOTES ON P-LAN.

- (i) Study ground with field glasses to find -
 - (a) good fire positions
 - (b) covered lines of approach to fire positions and to enemy's position
 - (c) shape of ground occupied by enemy, i.e. where concave convex or glacis like.
- (ii) Try and arrange surprise.
- (iii) Fire and movement should be as nearly at right angles to each other as possible.
- (iv) Remember a reserve, consolidation, pursuit by fire or movement.
- (v) How will you employ Hotchkiss Rifles :-
 - (a) To protect a flank or
 - (b) to consolidate or pursue by fire
 - (c) to give covering fire at shorter ranges than the machine guns.
 - (d) if you attack mounted do not trail them with you - form them into 2 batteries of 4 rifles under squadron 2nd in command.

NOTES ON RECONNAISSANCE.

- (i) Personal always from high ground with glasses.
- (ii) Reconnaissance as to strength and dispositions of enemy - Officers patrols - Demonstrations - Holding attacks.
- (iii) Ground Scouts.

NOTES ON MOUNTED ATTACK

- Points (1) (i) In enemy's position one locality may appear most valuable tactically.
- (ii) Take special precautions get this point by
 - (a) sweeping it with fire.
 - (b) arrange that successive lines should sweep over it
 - (c) let your last line halt on it
 - (d) send up Hotchkiss battery at once to consolidate.
- (2) (i) Give an objective to each attacking squadron.
- (ii) Squadron will probably have to dismount to complete job; keeping one troop mounted as reserve.*



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Point (2) continued.

- (iii) Hotchkiss battery follow squadron close, come into action close behind melees ready to:-
 - (a) shoot if things go badly in melees
 - (b) if melees successful at once consolidate position.
- (iv) Having consolidated with Vickers, Hotchkiss etc. rally all horsemen with a view to pursuit.
- (3) Reserve in hand always, either a reserve of movement or a reserve of fire - e.g. a squadron or a Hotchkiss Battery.
- (4) (i) Be prepared for total failure or incomplete success.

Total failure.

Gallop out taking care not to mask your covering fire troops.

Incomplete success.

Withdraw a few yards if necessary, consolidate everything you can and report exact situation next senior commander.

(ii) Be careful to mention possibility of failure only to very few.

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Appendix 7.

APPRECIATION OF DIVISIONAL TACTICAL EXERCISE NO. 2

Reference Maps:- GAZA - SHELLAL 1/40,000
GAZA 1/63,360

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I. OUR OWN TROOPS.

Consisting of XXIst Corps, disposed as per scheme, and Australian Mounted Division in Corps Reserve bivouaced about 2 mi-les North of BELAH.

The fighting condition of the men is good - morale high. The horses are in good hard condition.

2. THE ENEMY.

Has a total force of 4 Infantry Divisions and one Cavalry Brigade. Strength and dispositions as per scheme.

After the recent defeat, the enemy morale is not high and experience has shown that, although when well entrenched he will put up a strong resistance, if his rear is endangered he will surrender.

As regards numerical strength, his Infantry is outnumbered by our Infantry by 3 to 1. His Cavalry is outnumbered by about 8 to 1. If therefore he can be driven from his entrenchments he should have no hope of successful resistance in open fighting.

3. FACTORS.

(1) Country.

From the line now held by our Infantry (along the Wadi GHUZZEE) to the line to be taken up by the Infantry by OIOO on 4 day, the country is undulating but intersected by numerous Wadis. The two allotted lines of approach offer good going for slow movement and there is sufficient covered ground amongst the Wadis South of MANSURA Ridge to enable the Division to lie concealed during the Infantry attack.

Between the GAZA defences and the entrenchments on and in the vicinity of TANK Hill, is a shallow open valley about 3000-4000 yards in width, devoid of obstacles and extending to the North to low range of hills in vicinity of BEIT MANUN.

This valley appears suitable for rapid movement by mounted troops but offers no concealment from view or fire.

(2) Water

Ample water for horses and men is known to exist

- (a) In ga-rdens to N. and N.E. GAZA.
- (b) In Wadis East of GAZA.
- (c) Unlimited supply in Wadi HESI, 8 miles North of GAZA.

(3) Roads.

Good unmade roads, suitable in dry weather for transport and guns, exist and it is not anticipated that there will be sufficient further rain to interfere with this traffic.

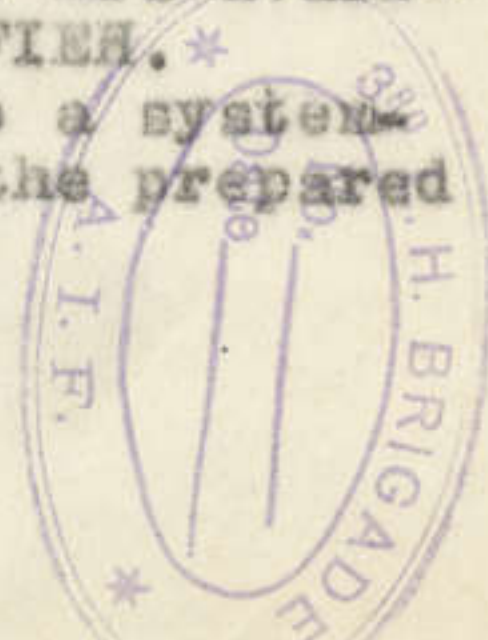
4. COURSES OF ACTION OPEN TO ENEMY.

(1) To retire forthwith to prepared line on Wadi HESI - SIMSIM - BURIER.

In the event of which he would probably have to sacrifice his heavy Guns and Stores.

(2) His broken Infantry to rally on his third line - ANZAC Ridge to the sea - covered by rear gax guards holding entrenchments South East of GAZA and on TANK Hill, at the same time the artillery being withdrawn to positions covered by his available Army Reserve in vicinity of KH KUFIEH.*

This movement to be preparatory to a systematic withdrawal of the whole force to the prepared position Wadi HESI - SIMSIM - BURIER.



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4. COURSES OF ACTION OPEN TO ENEMY.
(continued)

The latter course appears the one which he would adopt.

The enemy Infantry Reserve is 12 miles N. of GAZA or roughly 8 miles from cross-roads S.W. of BRIT HANUN. If this reserve $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after commencement of bombardment it would not reach these cross-roads before about 0900. The 19th Regiment in reserve at Kh KUFIEH would, by the time the front line is broken, be either engaged in the fight or in a support position on entrenchments on TANK RIDGE.

The possibility of the enemy taking up a permanent second position on or near TANK RIDGE has been considered but is not thought practicable. After being driven from the front line he could not organise a 2nd line of battle so near his first line which could successfully withstand our Infantry assault.

5. MISSION.

The mission of the Division is

- (1) To endeavour to cut off the enemy holding GAZA defences.
- (2) Capture Artillery.
- (3) Reconnoitre towards BURIER.

6. COURSES OF ACTION OPEN TO US.

The only course of action apparently open is to push rapidly up the valley between GAZA and TANK RIDGE, the country East of Kh KUFIEH being impassable for Mounted Troops.

7. PLAN.

- (1) To move from bivouac North of BELAM at midnight (2400) night 2-1/2 arriving at covered positions in rear of Infantry Assembly line South of MANSURA Ridge by 0400 (3 day).
- (2) When Infantry have occupied their objectives, to push at a fast pace up the valley of W. MUKADDEME, "A" Brigade leading followed at short intervals by "B" Brigade and then "C" Brigade, pushing vigorously against enemy rearguard in the valley and ignoring the enemy detachments, if any, still holding out on the South Eastern defences of GAZA and TANK RIDGE.
- (3) "A" Brigade with I Battery R.H.A. to wheel to the left at about the junction of Wadis HABIB and ES SAPIEH and occupy an East and West Line covering the junction of the GAZA - JAFFA and GAZA - BURIER roads.
"B" Brigade, with 2 Batteries R.H.A., to push forward along the GAZA \rightarrow BURIER and GAZA - JAFFA roads harassing and operating vigorously against enemy rearguards and endeavouring to capture guns and to occupy a position North of BRIT HANUN to hold up enemy reserves from that direction. A strong reconnaissance to be pushed on towards BURIER to locate any reserve.
"C" Brigade to send I Regiment to watch the country from BRIT LSHI in a N.E. direction to the sea and I Squadron to push towards Kh KUFIEH from the N.E. to co-operate with Infantry Brigade of 54th Division advancing from the DONGA. The Brigade, less I Regiment and I Squadron, in Divisional Reserve South of BRIT HANUN.

8. POINTS TO BE OBSERVED IN FRAMING OF ORDERS.

Point I - POSITIONS OF ASSEMBLY.

- (a) "A" Brigade in covered ground at Junction of Wadis NUKHABIR and BEN about Sq.R.35.b.
 - "B" Brigade in covered ground North of HAPPY VALLEY about Sq.R.22.a.
 - "C" Brigade in broken ground on Wadi NUKHABIR about Sq.T.4.b.
- Divisional Headquarters South of EL BURJALIVE.

All transport, less technical wagons, & Ammunition Column, to remain concentrated in Wadis in vicinity of EL ADAR until the Division has advanced to the attack.

* Will move up to ^{covered ground} at head of HAPPY VALLEY and WADI NUKHABIR - there to await further orders.

8. POINTS TO BE OBSERVED IN FRAMING OF ORDERS. (continued)

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Point I (continued)

b. FORAGE

Rations and Forage to be drawn prior to moving from bivouac near BELAH, as under:-
Forage. Mobile Ration, for use until breakfast Z plus 1 day and 2 special emergency rations (9½ lbs each), one to be carried on horse and one in RE B I Echelon.
Rations. Ditto.

c. WATER

Horses to be watered late prior to moving from bivouac.
 All water bottles and bags to be filled.
 Water Carts with B I Echelon.

Point II. COMMUNICATION AND LIASON WITH INFANTRY.

Cable from XXIst Corps to D.H.Q. near EL BURJALIYE
 This cable will be continued when the Division advances
 Exchange of Liason Officers with 54th Division and with supporting Brigade of 54th Division.

Point III. BRIGADE AND DIVISIONAL COMMAND POSTS.

a. Command Posts prior to Infantry attack.

D.H.Q. EL BURJALIYE. Brigade command posts with Brigades.

b. After "Breaking through" and occupying detailed Positions.

D.H.Q. on GAZA - BURIER Road 1 mile S.W. of BSIT HANUN.

"A" Brigade at junction JAFFA - BURIER Roads.

"B" Brigade on GAZA - BURIER Road 1 mile N.E. BSIT HANUN.

"C" Brigade with Brigade in Divisional Reserve.

Point IV. PRELIMINARY RECONNAISSANCE.

a. Z-1 day. Reconnaissances by all Commanding Officers along HAPPY VALLEY and Wadi NUKHABIR.

Officers Patrol from each Brigade to MANSURA Ridge to observe forward country.

Air Reconnaissance of valley and country to the North.

b. Preparations for Advance.

I. Z-1 Day.

Engineers to supervise preparations of approach routes as far as MANSURA Ridge.

2. Arrangements with Infantry to ramp and prepare openings through wire of our own trenches.

3. Engineers with working parties to follow closely on Infantry Advance to prepare routes and ramp captured trenches and cut wire.

Point V. Guides to accompany Engineers working parties and to return and direct formations to their allotted openings.

Connectin-g files between Brigades and Engineer working parties.

Point VI. - DECISION WHEN TO DEBOUCH.

By pre-arranged signal from Divisional Staff Officer with Engineers supervising work on ramps, that all routes are open to G.O.C. "A" Brigade.

"A" Brigade on receiving this word to at once move forward followed by "B" Brigade, Divisional Headquarters and "C" Brigade in artillery formation.

Point VII - USE OF OUR ARTILLERY AND MACHINE GUNS.

1 Battery R.H.A. to accompany "A" Brigade.

2 Batteries " " " " "B" Brigade

Machine Guns with respective Brigades.

Artillery to co-operate with Infantry in preliminary bombardment but to return to Brigades 15 minutes before mounted advance. Guns not to be used during "Break through" until objectives reached.



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8. (continued). Point VIII - PLAN AFTER DEBOUCHING.

Brigades to move as rapidly as possible to occupy detailed positions and carry out allotted roles.

Point IX

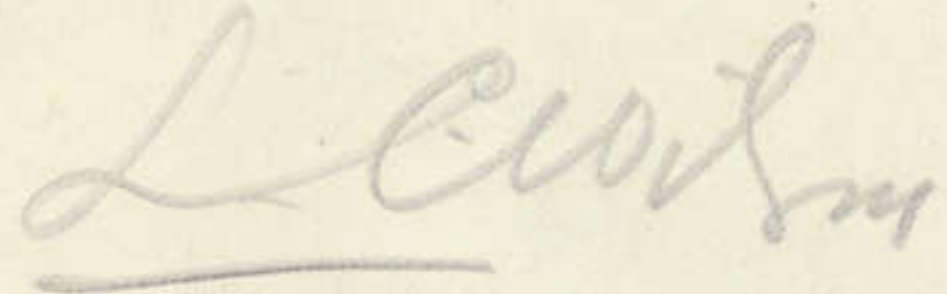
Details of plans decided on, control of transport, employment of reserves and action against hostile reserves as above.

Communications.

When Brigades have occupied allotted positions, visual communication with D.H.Q. will at once be opened up and, if the situation allows, cables run out.

Co-operation of Heavy Artillery.

- a. Arrangement with 54th Division supporting Brigade immediately the Mounted Division has broken through to concentrate their attack on TANK RIDGE and thence sweep Southwards. *NORTHWARDS.*
- b. During the "break through" Infantry Machine Guns to place barrage along enemy trenches S.E. of GAZA and on TANK RIDGE.
- c. Intense bombardment by all available Infantry Guns of enemy positions covering route of Mounted Advance, with if possible a smoke barrage along flanks of the "break through".



Brigadier General,
Commanding 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

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Appendix B.

Subject:- RESUMPTION OF SALVAGE OPERATIONS AT SHALUF

To C. O., 8th L.H. Regiment
9th L.H. Regiment
10th L.H. Regiment
3rd M.G.S.

F 39175
3rd L.H. BRIGADE
No. 9167
Date 23/3/18
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I. The Brigade will re-commence Salvage Work on Monday 25th inst., daily working parties being supplied as under:-

<u>Monday 25th March</u>	9th Regt. 10th Regt.	200 men ^{including} horseholders. do.
<u>Tuesday 26th</u>	8th Regt. 10th Regt.	do. do.
<u>Wednesday 27th</u>	8th Regt. 9th Regt.	do. do.
<u>Thursday 28th</u>	9th Regt. 10th Regt.	do. do.
<u>Friday 29th</u>	8th Regt. 10th Regt.	do. do.
<u>Saturday 30th</u>	8th Regt. 9th Regt.	do. do.

10% picks and shovels and a proportion of wire cutters will be carried.

2. A Field Officer will be in charge of each Regimental Party, the senior F.O. present being in charge of the Brigade Party.
3. Parties will parade daily, North of Field Ambulance Camp, at 0700 and will move off under the senior F.O. to SHALUF. Working hours :- 0900-1200, 1300-1500.
4. 10th Regiment will detail a Field Officer to supervise the Salvaging for one week, commencing 25th inst. This Officers duty will be to ensure continuity of work, allotting the daily task to each Unit, to supervise the carting and to obtain the daily estimate of material salvaged from the Engineers in charge of the dump.
5. The task is to salve all engineering material, ammunition and other stores of any value, in and about the enemy and our own works in the allotted sector.
6. Horses will be watered before leaving and on return to camp. They will be grazed (one man to four horses) during the working hours, the horseholders being changed at mid-day. Mid-day meal for horse and man will be carried.
7. TRANSPORT
8th, 9th and 10th Regts. will each detail 4 half-limbers (4 horses per half-limber), and M.G. Squadron 2 limbered wagons and 4 half-limbers, for the carting of salved material. This transport will parade at B.H.Q. at 1430 tomorrow and will proceed to bivouac at SHALUF under an Officer to be detailed by 9th L.H. Regt. An N.C.O. will be in charge of each Units quota of transport. 24 hours rations and forage to be carried. Each Units quota will take 2 fantasses for drinking water.
8. GUARD. A Guard of 1 N.C.O. and 3 O/Re., to be detailed by 8th Regt., will relieve the 5th Mtd. Bde. Guard on the SHALUF Engineers Dump at 0830 Monday 25th inst.

[Signature]
Capt.,
A/Brigade Major,
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

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Appendix 9

Subject:- REGIMENTAL TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 30th INST. E 39/76

To
C. O., 8th L.H. Regiment
9th L.H. Regiment
10th L.H. Regiment
3rd M.G. Squadron

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- I. In view of Salvage Operations, the scheme of Tactical Training laid down in this office G.473 of 17th inst. is cancelled and the following substituted:-
2. On the days on which they are salvaging Regiments will, during the morning, carry out "Individual" Instruction in Hotchkiss Rifle work, Signalling, Bombing etc., with those men left in camp.
3. On every third day (Ref. G.617) each Regiment will carry out a scheme, with troops, based on Divisional Exercise No.2.
4. As it will be impossible to first carry out the scheme without troops, Regimental Commanders will, in lectures, thoroughly explain the scheme to all officers and troop-leaders.
5. The G.O.C. directs that the following details be studied and introduced into Regimental Schemes:-
 - i. The organisation in each Regiment of a small pioneer unit provided with wire-cutters and tools. Each of these Units should be thoroughly practiced in rapidly clearing tracks through such obstacles as awkward wadis, wire entanglements and trench systems.
(Note - The old British trenches South of GAZA and to the East are available for this training.)
 - ii. The rapid crossing of defiles, i.e. wadis and tracks through trench systems.
This will entail
 - (a) The approach to the defile from cover.
 - (b) The rapid passing of the defile on what will necessarily be one or more narrow fronts.
 - (c) The rapid extension immediately the defile is passed into whatever formation may be required at the moment.
/ in any kind of formation /
 - iii. The rapid movement of masses, (which may possibly be required e.g. ~~in any kind of formation~~ column of troops
" Column of lines of troop columns
Sch-elon of ~~in any formation~~ (in any formation).
Note - The one essential is that squadron and troop leaders should be so trained as to be certain of maintaining absolute control of their troops in the noise and confusion of battle when moving at a fast pace.
 - iv. The attack mounted against any enemy who may attempt to bar the way, i.e. against cavalry, infantry entrenched or otherwise, guns and machine guns.
 - v. The rapid detaching of fire power to deal with any hostile threat, thus enabling the mounted troops to press on.
 - vi. The assault on the final objective by every means, i.e. the mounted charge or the assault with the bayonet fixed.
 - vii. The occupation of the final objective. This will probably necessitate
 - (a) facing in more than one direction
 - (b) the hiding away of horses in wadis, villages or trees
 - (c) the linking of horses and leaving about 10 horses in charge of one man while the remainder are employed in the firing line.

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viii. The formation in each Regiment of a special troop organised and specially trained in rapidly forming a line of relay posts in any direction.

Note - It is considered that this provision is most important and should greatly facilitate communication in an operation of this nature.

ix. The special training of one or two officers and 3 to 6 men in each Regiment as Officers patrols and as guides across the defile.

Note - They will be required to accompany partly mounted and partly on foot the commanders of attacking battalions. They should be specially selected for their boldness and intelligence.

They should accompany the pioneer units mentioned in para. 5 (i) above, in their training as in actual practice they will be required to work together.

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P. Milne-Smith

Capt.,
A/Brigade Major,
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.



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Appendix 10.

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Subject:- TRAINING FOR WEEK ENDING 6th PROXIMO.

To C.O., 8th L.H. Regiment
9th L.H. Regiment
10th L.H. Regiment



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Training for week ending 6th proximo will be as follows:-

- Monday a. Divisional Tactical Exercise - without troops -
1st April "Dismounted Attack in Depth".
- b. Regimental Training.
Squadrons in Dismounted Attack in Depth. Formations laid down in Descorps Letter G 500/1 to be closely followed.
- c. Salvage Duty. 8th L.H. Regiment.
- Tuesday a. Divisional Exercise - with troops
2nd April b. Salvage Duty. 9th L.H. Regiment.
- Wednesday a. Regimental Schemes based on work laid down in this office
3rd April G 633 para. 5.
b. Salvage Duty. 10th L.H. Regiment.
- Thursday Repetition of Wednesdays Scheme.
4th April Regimental Commanders will submit the "General and Special Ideas" of the schemes to be carried out on Wednesday and Thursday, to this office by 1800 on Monday 1st April.
- Friday Divisional Field Day.
5th April
- Saturday Work will be notified later.
6th April

ANTI-GAS DRILL To be carried out daily by 10% of personnel.

INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTION. Signalling and Hotchkiss Rifle Schools to be continued.

ROUTINE. Morning 0900 - 1145 Mounted Parade

Afternoon (Grazing Parade.
(Individual Instruction
(Anti - Gas Drill

F. Milburn
Capt.,
A/Brigade Major,
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

30/3/18.

Copy to Headquarters, Australian Mounted Division.

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3rd A.L.H. BRIGADE.

The following is a summary of reinforcements received during the month of March 1918.

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8th L.H. Regt		7 O/R.
9th L.H. Regt.	3 Off	20 O/R.
10th L.H. Regt.	1 Off	14 O/R.
3rd M.G. Squdn.		5 O/R.
3rd Field Amb.		16 O/R.
8th M.Vet Sect.		2 O/R.

TOTAL. 4 Off 64 O/R.

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DIVISIONAL HOT BATHS.

Approximately 350 men used these Baths every fourth day.

LEAVE.

Parties of 3 Officers and 10 Other Ranks proceeded on leave to Egypt on the 9th and 23rd of the month, period of leave being 7 clear Days.

CLOTHING.

Pantaloon Cotton in lieu of shorts were given fortnights trial but were not found satisfactory.

RATIONS and FORAGE.

<u>Forage.</u>	<u>Horses</u>	<u>Mules</u>	<u>Donkeys.</u>
Barley	5 lbs	4½ lbs	4 lbs.
Grain.	3 lbs	-	-
Bran	2 lbs	3 lbs	
Maize	2	5½ lbs.	
Sucre	3 lbs	3 lbs	2 lbs.
Indian Hay	9 lbs	9 lbs	6 lbs.
Treacle	1 oz to 3 lbs of Indian Hay.		
Salt	1 oz	1 oz	1 oz.

No Tibbin issue.

Horses over 16 hands 2 lbs extra Barley.

Rations. Full less 10 per cent G.H.Q. order being in L. of C.
8 ozs

4 ozs Potatoes or Onions, 4 ozs Fresh Onions, Vegetables poor quality, Bread 1 lb loaf brown bread poor quality.

Fuel. ¾ lb of Wood ½ lb coal.

To supplement wood isseu 6 wagons per week brought in firewood salvaged from Gaza for the Brigade.

Wm Anderson
Major,
Brigade Major.

3rd A. Bde.

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3rd A.L.H. BRIGADE ORDER NO I.

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Reference I' Map Sheets I9, I6, I3.

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1. The Division (less Warwick Yeomanry) marches to SELMEH by Brigade Groups leaving BELAH on MONDAY 1st APRIL .
2. The Brigade Group will Move, in order of march as below, the head of the Column passing St. JAMES PARK at 1500 (tomorrow 1st April.)

- G.O.C.
- Brigade Headquarters.
- Scouts.
- Signal Troop.
- 10th L.H. Regiment.
- Notts Battery, R.H.A.
- 8th L.H. Regiment.
- 9th L.H. Regiment.
- Field Ambulance.
- Mobile Veterinary Section.

Brigade Transport (less R.H.A. and Field Amb. Wagons, which will accompany their Units).

Units will report to Head of the Column at 1430 that they are in readiness to move and will join the Column in order of march.

3. Transport. All Transport of the Brigade (less R.H.A. and Field Amb,) will form up East of the old Decan ville Railway Track at 1430 and will move off in rear of the Brigade under Q.M. 9th L.H. Q.M. and Q.M. Sgts. will accompany their Transport which will report to Units on arrival at Gaza.
4. DRESS. Marching Order. Fully equipped for operations.
5. RATIONS Current days rations and forage and Iron Ration to be carried. Rations and Forage for 2nd inst. will drawn at GAZA under instructions to be issued later.
6. WATERING. Morning watering will be completed by 0930; evening watering at GAZA.
TROUGHS. Water Carts will travel full.
Establishment of troughs will be carried by Units
7. BIVOUAC PARTIES. AN Officer, and one Man from each Regiment. M.G. Squadron and Battery. and an N.C.O. from Field Amb. Mob Vet Sect. and Signal Troop will report to Staff Captain at B.H.Q. at 1045.
8. CAMP AREAS. All Camps will be in readiness for Inspection by 1300.
9. Brigade Headquarters will close at 1400.

10. Subsequent moves will be as under:- Approximate time of

	(1) Arrival	(2) Departure
2nd April XXXXXXXXXX GAZA to MEJDEL	1730	1500
3rd April MEJDEL to SUKERIER		1230.
4th April SUKERIER to DEIRAN	1430	1130.
5th April DEIRAN to SELMEH	1430	1130.

NOTE. Unless otherwise ordered the daily order of march will be :- B.H.Q. Scouts and Sig Troop. Duty Regiment. Notts Battery. Regt next for duty. M.G. Squadron .Remaining Regiment. Field Amb . Mob Vet Seet. Bde. Transport.

Signed R. WILKINSON .Capt.
A/Bde Maj. 3rd A.L.H. Bde.

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