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OF

Headquarters 3<sup>rd</sup> LH Brigade

FOR

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DEIR EL BELAH	I	0630		Major W.M.ANDERSON, Brigade Major, 3rd A.L.H. Brigade, resumed duty as Brigade Major from acting G.S.O.2, Headquarters, Australian Mounted Division, on return to duty of Major A.T. McMURROUGH - KAVANAGH, M.C. 7th Hussars from leave in United Kingdom.		
		1500		3rd A.L.H. Brigade Group passed starting point - St. JAMES PARK - en route GAZA in following order of march:- B.H.Q. Brigade Scouts <del>3rd Signal Troop</del> 3rd Signal Troop 10th L.H.Regt. Notts Battery 8th L.H.Regt. 3rd Machine Gun Squadron 9th L.H.Regt. 3rd L.H. Field Ambulance 8th Mobile Veterinary Section Brigade Group Transport		
GAZA		1715		3rd A.L.H. Brigade Group arrived bivouac at GAZA. On arrival in bivouac the Brigade watered in order of march.		lma
GAZA	2	1230		3rd A.L.H. Brigade Group moved from GAZA en route MEJDEL in following order of march :- B.H.Q. Notts Battery 3rd L.H.F.A. Brigade Scouts 9th L.H. Regt. 8th Mob.Vet.Sec. 3rd Signal Troop 3rd M.G. Squadron Brigade Group Transport 8th L.H.Regt. 10th L.H.Regt.		
MEJDEL	2	1715		3rd Brigade Group arrived bivouac at MEJDEL. On arrival in bivouac the Brigade watered in order of march.		
MEJDEL	3	1100		3rd A.L.H. Brigade Group moved from MEJDEL en route WADI SUKERIER in following order of march:- B.H.Q. Notts Battery 3rd L.H.Field Ambulance Brigade Scouts 10th L.H. Regiment 8th Mob.Vet.Sec. 3rd Signal Troop 3rd M.G.Squadron Brigade Group Transport 9th L.H.Regiment 8th L.H. Regiment		

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WADI SUKERIER	3	I 425	3rd A.L.H. Brigade Group arrived bivouac at Wadi SUKERIER. On arrival the Brigade watered in order of march.		Wma
WADI SUKERIER	4	II30	3rd A.L.H. Brigade Group moved from Wadi SUKERIER en route DEIRAN in following order of march:- B.H.Q. Notts Battery 3rd L.H. Field Ambulance Brigade Scouts 8th L.H. Regiment 8th Mob.Vet.Sec. 3rd Signal Troop 3rd Machine Gun Squadron Brigade Group Transport 10th L.H.Regiment 9th L.H. Regiment		
DEIRAN	4	I 425	3rd A.L.H. Brigade Group arrived bivouac at DEIRAN. On arrival the Brigade watered in order of march.		Wma
DEIRAN	5	II30	3rd A.L.H. Brigade Group moved from DEIRAN en route SELMEH in following order of march:- B.H.Q. Notts Battery 3rd L.H. Field Ambulance Brigade Scouts 9th L.H. Regiment 8th Mob. Vet. Sec. 3rd Signal Troop 3rd Machine Gun Squadron Brigade Group Transport 8th L.H. Regiment 10th L.H. Regiment		
	5	I 400 to I 445	On march between DEIRAN and SELMEH an aeroplane of II3th Squadron R.A.F. carried out a contact aeroplane practice with the Brigade. B.H.Q. and each Regiment sent two messages to the aeroplane - each message contained a location by means of the colck code.		
SELMEH	5	I 515	3rd A.L.H. Brigade Group arrived SELMEH.		Wma
SELMEH	6	I 500	Personnel attending 3rd Course in Aeroplane Contact Work at II3th Squadron, R.A.F., left Brigade and proceeded to H.Q. II3th Squadron, R.A.F. at SARONA. Party consisted of Lieut. W.J. LATHAM commanding 3rd Signal Troop and one signalling N.C.O. from each of 8th, 9th and 10th L.H. Regime-nts.		
	6	I 600	Lieut. W.D. GLANFIELD, 8th L.H.Regiment, and one Signalling N.C.O. from each of 8th, 9th and 10th L.H.Regiments rejoined the Brigade from the second course in Aeroplane Contact Work at II3th Squadron, R.A.F. at SARONA.		

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SELMEH	7	0930		Brigadier and Brigade Major attended a Conference of Brigadiers at BALD HILL, Square 05 central. All Units of Brigade commenced sending parties of Officers to BALD HILL, Square 05 central, to reconnoitre the country towards ET TIREH with field glasses from BALD HILL.		lma
SELMEH	8	1700		Captain R. WILKINSON, 9th L.H. Regiment, reported to NOTTS Battery for 10 days attachment in accordance with instructions issued for Staff Training.		lma
SELMEH	9	0700		Preliminary Instructions No. 2 for Operation "A" issued to all Units of Brigade Group.		Appendix I 3rd L.H. Bd G.900.
	9	1430		Demolition Personnel (12 men per Regiment) reported to Headquarters Field Squadron for instruction in the methods of destruction of Guns etc.		
		1600		Personnel attending 3rd Course in Aeroplane Contact Work at 113th Squadron R.A.F. at SARONA, rejoined Brigade. (Personnel consisted of Lieut. W.J. LATHAM, 3rd Signal Troop, and 3 Signalling N.C.Os., one from each of the 8th, 9th and 10th L.H. Regiments)		
SELMEH	10	0930		All Officers of "A", and "B", and "C" Working Parties reported to O.C. Field Squadron for lecture in details of working parties.		lma Appendix 2 3rd Bde. G.937.
				First short course in Aeroplane Contact Work commenced at 113th Squadron R.A.F. at SARONA. Class finished at 1300. Major Y.H. WALKER, M.C., 8th L.H. Regt. and two Signalling N.C.Os. attended first course.		
		1030		Regimental Demolition Parties (12 men per Regiment) reported to O.C. Field Squadron for further instruction in demolition of enemy guns, machine guns etc.		
		1200		Officers detailed to attend following courses at ZEITOUN commencing at ZEITOUN on 11th April, left Brigade for LUDD to travel by 1536 train for ZEITOUN:- 2nd Lieut. R.R.W. PATTERSON                      3rd M.G. Squadron                      Rangefinding "B" 2nd Lieut. L.T.H. HAMMOND                      10th L.H. Regiment                      Hotchkiss "B"		
SELMEH	11	0500		Preliminary Instructions No.3 for Operation "A" issued to Units.		lma Appendix 2 3rd Bde. G.937.
		0900		Officers of "A" Working Party, 8th L.H. Regiment, reconnoitred roads to be used by the Division when moving beyond MELEBBIS on Operation "A".		
		0930		Second short course in Aeroplane Contact Work commenced at 113th Squadron, R.A.F., at SARONA. Lt. Col. W.H. SCOTT, C.M.G., D.S.O., 9th L.H. Regiment and two Signalling N.C.Os. 9th L.H. Regiment attended second course.		

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SELMEH	11	1600	<p>Brigade Order No.3 issued for following moves to take place after dark on 13th April:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) 19th Brigade R.H.A. from SELMEH to MULEBBIS.</li> <li>(b) Mobile Portions of Field Ambulances from SELMEH to MULEBBIS</li> <li>(c) S.A.A. Wagons of Regiments and M.G. Squadrons from SELMEH to MULEBBIS.</li> </ul> <p>Administrative Instructions No.1 for Operation "A" issued to Units.</p>		Appendix 3 Bde. Order 3
		1500	<p>Move of "A" and "C" Working Parties and "R", "S" and "T" Patrols, ordered for 1800 on 11th April in Preliminary Instructions No.3 postponed - Units informed. Moves ordered in Brigade Order No.3 postponed - Units informed.</p>		Appendix 4 A.938 <i>wma</i>
SELMEH	12	0930	<p>Third Short Course in Aeroplane Contact Work commenced at 113th Squadron, R.A.F., at SARONA. Major C.D. DUNCKLEY, 10th L.H. Regiment and two Signalling N.C.Os. 10th L.H. Regiment, attended third course.</p>		<i>wma</i>
SELMEH	13		<p>Administrative Instructions No.2 for Operation "A" issued to Units.</p>		Appendix 5 <del>XXIX</del> A.I. <i>wma</i>
SELMEH	15		<p>Units carried out training as follows during morning:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8th L.H. Regiment Mounted Bayonet Work - Crossing of Defiles.</li> <li>9th do. March Discipline - Crossing of Defiles.</li> <li>10th do. Mounting and Dismounting for action.</li> <li>3rd Machine Gun Squadron Practice Turnout of Squadron - Crossing of Defiles.</li> </ul>		
		2100	<p>Brigade Order No.4 issued to Units directing that as the operations of XXIst Corps are indefinitely postponed the Australian Mounted Division reverts to the command of Desert Mounted Corps, and stores and material which had been issued for these operations to be returned to Field Squadron, Flares to be returned to 19th Brigade R.H.A.</p>		Appendix 6 A.K Bde. Order 4 <i>wma</i>
SELMEH	16		<p>Units carried out training as follows during morning:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8th L.H. Regiment Outpost Scheme.</li> <li>9th L.H. Regiment Advanced Guard Formations - Patrols.</li> <li>10th L.H. Regiment Mounted Attack</li> <li>3rd Machine Gun Squadron Practice In and Out of Action.</li> </ul>		- APR 1918 <i>wma</i> E391/5

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Table with columns: Place, Date, Hour, April. Summary of Events and Information, Page 5, Remarks and references to Appendices. Entries include training at SELMEH on April 17, movement orders on April 18 and 19, arrival at DEIRAN on April 19, movement to LATRON on April 20, and arrival at LATRON on April 20.

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LATRON	21	0900	Brigade Group moved from LATRON in following order of march en route ENAB. B.H.Q. Brigade Scouts 3rd Signal Troop 9th L.H.Regt.	Notts Battery 10th L.H.Regt. 3rd Machine Gun Squadron 8th L.H.Regt.	3rd L.H. Field Ambulance 8th Mob. Vet. Sec. Brigade Transport (less R.H.A. and Field Amb. Wagons which accompanied Units).	
ENAB	21	1200 1830 1900	Brigade Group arrived in bivouac at ENAB Square 099 T.25.d.5.4. Brigade Order No.8 issued for the move of the Brigade Group to TALAT ED DUMM on 22nd April. Instructions received from H.Q. Australian Mounted Division for Captain R. WILKINSON, 9th L.H. Regiment, to be attached to 5th Royal Welsh Fusiliers for 10 days commencing 24th April.			Appendix IO Bde. Orders <i>lma</i>
ENAB	22	0700	Brigade Group moved from ENAB in following order of march en route TALAT ED DUMM:- B.H.Q. Brigade Scouts 3rd Signal Troop 10th L.H.Regt.	<del>10th</del> 8th L.H.Regt. 9th L.H.Regt. 3rd M.G. Squadron Notts Battery	3rd L.H. Field Ambulance 8th Mob. Vet. Sec. Brigade Transport (less R.H.A. and Field Amb. Wagons which accompanied Units).	
JERUSA- LEM	22	0915 to 1030	Brigade halted on outskirts of JERUSALEM from 0915 until 1030. During the halt horses were fed.			
TALAT ED DUMM	22	1520	Brigade Group arrived in bivouac at TALAT ED DUMM.			<i>lma</i>
TALAT ED DUMM	23	2045	Orders issued for the move of the Brigade Group from TALAT ED DUMM to a bivouac North West of JERICHO on 24th April.			<i>lma</i> - APR 1918 <i>E 39/17</i>



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TALAT ED DUMM	24	0700	The Brigade commenced watering at TALAT ED DUMM and, on completion of watering, units moved independently to bivouac North West of JERICHO in following order of march:- 10th L.H. Regiment                      B.H.Q.                      Notts Battery 3rd M.G.S.                                      Signal Troop                      3rd L.H.F.A. 8th L.H. Regiment                      9th L.H. Regiment                      8th Mob.Vet.Sec.			
JERICHO	24	1130	Transport accompanied each Unit. B.H.Q. established Square II3.K.4.central at 1130.      Brigade bivouac II3.K.4.b.c.and d. Brigade watering area II3.K.4.a.      Plentiful supply.			
JERICHO	25	0900	All Units of the Brigade commenced sending parties of Officers to reconnoitre the GHORANIYEH Bridgehead and the defences along the Wadi AUJA.			
		0930	9th L.H. Regiment provided a reconnaissance to report fully on the AUJA and MANDESI crossings over the JORDAN. Report forwarded Australian Mounted Division.			
		1100	Candidates for Schools of Instructions at ZEITOUN and EL ARISH left Brigade for Supply Depot, JERICHO, thence by motor-lorry to JERUSALEM. Party entrained JERUSALEM at 1030 on 26th April en route LUDD. From LUDD party proceeded KANTARA en route ZEITOUN.			
JERICHO	26	1900	Two troops 8th L.H. Regiment moved from bivouac to relieve one troop N.Z.M.R.Bde. at MANDESI FORD and one troop HYDERABAD Lancers at AUJA FORD.			
	26	2200	One Squadron 8th L.H. Regiment moved from bivouac to WADI NUBIAMEH Square II3.h.33.c. The duty of the Squadron was/ to watch the country to the North and East			
			(a) / (b) patrol Roman Road running North-West from position. (c) Maintain communication with right flank 53rd Division at NEJMEH (d) " " " H.Q. I.C.C. Brigade at II3.Y.30.			
JERICHO	27	0005	One Squadron 8th L.H. Regiment in position Square II3.H.33.c. at 0005.			
		0545	Two troops 8th L.H. Regiment relieved (a) One troop N.Z.M.R.Bde. at MANDESI FORD. (b) One troop HYDERABAD Lancers at AUJA FORD.			

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JERICHO	28	0548 I600	Two troops 8th L.H. Regiment on JORDAN report "all clear" at 0548 and at 0600 "situation quiet."			<p><i>Wma</i></p> <p>Appendix I2 Prel.Ins. No.I Operation "B" Appendix I3 P.I.No.2 "B" Appendix I4 B.O.No.9 Appendix I5 B.O.No.10</p>
	28	I730	do. do. do. report "situation quiet". Preliminary Instructions No.I for Operation "B" issued to all concerned at I730.			
JERICHO	29	0530 0630 II45 I330 I600 I730 I900 2I20	Two troops 8th L.H.Regiment on JORDAN report "all clear" at 0530 and at 0600 "situation quiet". Preliminary Instructions No.2 for Operations "B" issued to all concerned at 0630. Brigade order No.9 for the move of the Brigade Group to Area of Concentration Square 02 and 03 on night 29th/30th April issued to all concerned at II45. Brigade Order No.I0 for the role of the Brigade in Operation "B" issued to all concerned at I330. One Squadron Staffordshire Yeomanry relieved the Squadron 8th L.H.Regiment in Wadi NUEIAMEH Square II3.H.33.c. The HONG KONG and SINGAPORE Mountain Battery joined Brigade from Imperial Camel Brigade. Two troops 8th L.H. Regiment holding AUJA and MANDESI Fords on JORDAN withdrew and rejoined 8th L.H. Regiment. The head of the Brigade passed starting point (track Junction in Square K.5.c.4.3.) at 2I20 en route area of concentration East of JORDAN (Squares 02 and 03) in following order of march:-			<p><i>Wma</i></p> <p>- APR 1919</p> <p>E 29/19</p>
			<p>B.H.Q. 3rd M.G.S. (less one section) 3rd Field Troop, A.E. Bde. Scouts IOth L.H. Regiment H.K. &amp; S. Mtn.Btty. 3rd Signal Troop 8th L.H. Regiment 3rd L.H.F.A. 9th L.H.Regt.(plus one section M.G.S. - 4 guns)</p>			
JORDAN VALLEY	30	0I45 03I5	The Brigade Group arrived at the Area of Concentration at 0I45. The Brigade Group moved from the area of concentration and followed, in Column of Sections with intervals between Squadrons, in rear of 4th A.L.H. Brigade Northwards along the JORDAN Valley via the BEISAN ROAD. During this movement North along the JORDAN VALLEY, certain parts of the track had to be traversed at the walk owing to the broken state of the ground, but where practicable the pace was the trot. About I½ miles South of the RED HILL (Sq. C.I9.d) the enemy opened on the Brigade with Artillery and shortly afterwards they also opened with machine guns, whose range however was extreme and their fire did no harm. The fire continued until the Brigade arrived at the JISR ED DAMIE - ES SALT track. It was			

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JERICHO VALLEY	<del>0630</del> 30	0630		estimated that the enemy employed 8 guns firing both H.E. and Shrapnel. The Brigade arrived at the Junction of the BEISAN Road and the JISR ED DAMIE - ES SALT Road about Square I27.A.5.a.8.I0.		
		0650		9th L.H. Regiment, plus one section Machine Gun Squadron (4 guns) moved from Sq.I27.A.5.a.8.I0 East along ES SALT Track, which branches to the South about Sq.I27.B.I2., as advanced guard to the Brigade.		
		0715		The head of the Brigade moved from Square I27.A.5.a.8.I0 and followed 9th L.H.Regiment. The track which the Brigade traversed to ES SALT proved to be an indifferent mountain track, impassable to wheeled traffic of any sort but passable with difficulty in some places to horses, packs and camels in single file. For the whole way the track was dominated by hills on either side and a few determined riflemen or a machine gun could hold up a column until action was taken to outflank the holding up force.		
JISR ED DAMIE - ES SALT Road.	30			As the Brigade proceeded towards ES SALT the 9th L.H. Regiment picketed the heights. No enemy was observed until the advanced guard arrived at the steep ascent about B.I9. Here a scout noticed a saddled horse near the track; creeping up towards the man he came on a post of three men and observed a troop of 15 cavalry some 300 yards further on. The three man post was evidently the advanced post of the Cavalry troop. Two of our scouts got to within 25 yards before they were observed. Finally one of the Turks was killed and the other two captured. Our scouts then fired on the Cavalry troop. Six of these escaped on their horses.		
		I300		Two miles West from ES SALT THE ENEMY WERE FOUND in a sangarred position astride the road. The enemy held a high ridge about 1000 yards long. On the North and slightly in advance of the enemy position there was a detached ridge about 1200 yards away which was also held by the enemy. South of the main enemy position there was another detached hill at 1400 yards distance; the enemy occupied this advanced ridge. The enemy held these positions with rifles and machine guns. Troops opened rifle fire against these three positions supported by machine guns without any apparent effect. One Squadron 10th L.H. Regiment was at I400 sent dismounted against the enemy's right flank position. The enemy were cleared out and the position occupied by our troops. Enfilade fire was then brought on to the enemy main position from this post. One gun of the HONG KONG and SINGAPORE Mountain Battery then opened on the enemy left flank position; under cover of its fire and our machine guns one Squadron 10th L.H. Regiment took possession of the enemy left flank position.		
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JISR ED DAMIE - ES SALT Track	30	1745		At 1745 under cover of three guns of the HONG KONG and SINGAPORE Mountain Battery and 12 machine guns, the 9th and 10th L.H.Regts. moved on foot against the enemy main position. It was impossible to move against it mounted as his position was on a steep hill with rocky terraced sides. Before the attack was made, the 8th L.H.Regt. was standing to their horses with instructions that the moment the 9th and 10th Regiments got on to the enemy's position the 8th L.H.Regiment would, mounted, push along the track, collect any fugitives they could find, press on to ES SALT and hold the roads from ES SALT to SHUNET NIMRIN and from ES SALT to AMMAN where these two roads meet about half a mile S.E. of ES SALT. The attack with the bayonet was successful, 28 prisoners being taken, a number of whom were Germans. As the assault troops arrived on the crest of the enemy position, the 8th L.H. Regiment advanced at the gallop. From this point on to ES SALT the track was much better as we were now on the plateau. The ne-xt ridge East of the Turkish position was occupied and from this the enemy opened a brisk rifle fire. This the 8th L.H.Regiment ignored. A little further on a party of 50 to 60 Turks in sangars was met. A troop was at once detached to get behind them and the enemy fled. The 8th L.H.Regiment then galloped on to ES SALT which was entered at 1830. The 8th L.H. Regiment immediately pushed out detachments to hold the Junction of the ES SALT - SHUNET NIMRIN and AMMAN Roads. The streets and roads were full of mounted and dismounted enemy - 300 Cavalry and 200 Infantry, the latter escaping in motor-lorries and limbers. A large motor-lorry full of enemy was escaping along the AMMAN Road, firing as they went. One troop 8th L.H.Regiment raced after this lorry and stopped it. Two limbers were also seen escaping along the AMMAN Road. One of the drivers was shot and the two teams forced off the road, rolling down a twenty or thirty foot bank. The enemy was pursued for a distance of two miles along the AMMAN Road. This rapid pursuit was the means of capturing a further 200 prisoners. The 8th L.H. Regiment for the night occupied a position covering the Junction of the SHUNET NIMRIN and AMMAN Roads. The 9th L.H. Regiment provided an outpost line protecting ES SALT from the N.E. and N.W.			
ES SALT		1830		As soon as it was moonlight about 2000, two Squadrons 10th L.H.Regiment and 4 machine guns under Major A.C.N. OLDFEN, proceeded to point 2900 (Sq.I42.O.30), to block the track from AIN ES SIR, where it joins the ES SALT - AMMAN road at that point. This detachment was held up 2000 yards short of their objective by a Turkish force.			
		2200		Situation quiet.			
		2400					

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

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Operation "A".

Preliminary Instructions No. 2

Reference Map 1" to 1 mile and 1/40,000 when specially stated.

1. XXIst CORPS PLAN.

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The general outline of the XXIst Corps Plan, as amended, will be communicated to all concerned at a later date.

2. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS.

(a) The chief Enemy Trench Systems exist as follows:-

- (i) Front Line LONDON - SCONE - HANTS - to mouth of THAMES.
- (ii) Supporting works about IPSWICH - NORWICH - WINDSOR.
- (iii) 2nd Line from ETON to mouth of THAMES.
- (iv) 3rd Line in front of NOTTS and from HULL to BRIGHTON.
- (v) 4th Line in front of DURHAM and running North West from that place.

(b) The above Trench System-s have been copied by Regimental Intelligence Officers.

*Divisional Commander* →

The Brigadier attaches great importance to the marking of these Trench Systems on to the Maps of all Officers.

(c) It is essential that a thorough study of the Map be made by all Officers before operations commence.

The chief area to study is the area DITTON - East side of LONDON - NORWICH - ETON to WINDSOR - BERKS to BRIGHTON - Northwards.

3. OUTLINE OF AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION PLAN.

The operation will be divided into two stages:-

1st Stage - Assembly about KALKILISH.

2nd Stage - Closing Enemy's Lane of retreat about ST TIRSH and pursuit.

1st STAGE (ASSEMBLY ABOUT KALKILISH).

K/K+I Night.

The Division will move to, and camp hidden in the trees at, MULEBBIS under orders to be issued later.

B/B+I Night.

Immediately after dark. The Division will move out of MULEBBIS, keeping 300 yards south of SAS EL AIN and form up between KH. KEFR HATTU and the WADI RABAH.

If and when JILJULISH and KALKILISH - IBREIKH are taken the Division will move forward via KH. KEFR HATTU to the WADI ISHKAR at K.14.c.0.2 (1/40,000) but will not cross the Wadi till 0030.

At 0030

- (1) The Division will cross the wadi in column of sections to avoid cutting 54th Division telephone wires. After crossing the wadi and the trenches of the JILJULISH system, Brigades will close up and advance on a front of approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile.

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At 0030 (continued)

- (ii) The 4th A.L.H. Brigade will move up into the area North of KALKILISH and behind the Infantry and will
- (a) at once reconnoitre exits through the Infantry
  - (b) send out patrols to gain touch with the enemy.
- (iii) 5th Mounted Brigade will form up South of KALKILISH and 3rd A.L.H. Brigade close behind. Each Brigade will send liaison Officers forward with 4th A.L.H. Brigade Headquarters to
- (a) learn what exits are found to be suitable through the Infantry
  - (b) obtain early information of the intention of the G.O.C. 4th A.L.H. Brigade to advance.

2nd STAGE. (CLOSING ENEMY'S LINE OF RETREAT ABOUT BT TIRSH AND PURSUIT)

The Divisional Commander intends

Firstly, to move with the utmost rapidity and seize BT TIRSH and the high ground to the N.W. of it in order to close the retreat of the enemy Northwards between KH. IBREIKENH and AYAN EL BASSEN (OS4. S. 24).

Secondly, if the enemy are found to be in full retreat Northwards, the Division after having taken steps to block the gap at BT TIRSH will carry out an energetic pursuit. The passage through the Infantry and subsequent operations will be carried out as follows:-

- (i) G.O.C. 4th A.L.H. Brigade will decide the moment for issuing through the Infantry. 4th A.L.H. Brigade will move with the utmost rapidity and seize BT TIRSH.
- (ii) 5th Mounted Brigade will issue behind the 4th A.L.H. Brigade and moving with the utmost rapidity round the North-Eastern side of the 4th A.L.H. Brigade will occupy tactical points on the high ground N.W. of BT TIRSH.
- (iii) 4th A.L.H. Brigade and 5th Mounted Brigade will prevent any of the enemy escaping through the gap IBREIKENH - AYAN EL BASSEN. They will also send reconnaissance Southwards and North-Westwards to discover the enemy's line of retreat.
- (iv) 9th L.H. Regiment will be pushed out close behind 5th Mounted Brigade to move North towards the line BT TAIYIBEN-KULUNSAWEN astride the railway and main KALKILISH - TUL KERRAN Road to discover
  - (a) if the enemy are retreating on that line
  - (b) any approach of hostile reserves.
- (v) 3rd A.L.H. Brigade (less 9th L.H. Regiment) will follow 5th Mounted Brigade to a position of readiness immediately S.E. of IBREIKENH and be prepared to move up at a moment's notice.
- (vi) Divisional Headquarters will move at the head of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade to KH. IBREIKENH. If and when Divisional Headquarters moves forward from the IBREIKENH ridge, every effort will be made to keep the Divisional Headquarters report centre moving along the railway, in order to facilitate intercommunication.

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The 19th Brigade R.H.A. will operate as follows:-

- (i) "A" Battery H.A.C. will march from MULEBBIS and issue through the Infantry with 4th A.L.H. Brigade and will operate under the direct orders of the G.O.C. 4th A.L.H. Brigade.
- (ii) 19th Brigade R.H.A. (less "A" Battery and Ammunition Column) will move with 5th Mounted Brigade and will operate under the direct command of the G.O.C. 5th Mounted Brigade.
- (iii) Ammunition Column will be moved under instructions to be issued later.

5. LIGHT ARMoured CARS AND LIGHT CAR PATROL.

- (i) On B day the two Batteries L.A. Cars and the Light Car Patrol will move to ET TIRSH, R.H.C. (I/40,000).
- (ii) Immediately after dark on the night B/B+1 they will move forward via MEJDEL YABA to behind KEFR HATTU reporting their arrival there to Divisional Headquarters.
- (iii) When the Divisional moves forward from KH. KEFR HATTU the three Units will follow 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.
- (iv) 2nd L.A.C. Battery will come under the command of the G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade on reaching Wadi ABEL at H.14.b. (I/40000) and will be employed by him to accompany and assist in its role the Regiment directed towards TAIYIBEH - KULUNSAWH.
- (v) The other two Units will take cover about Sq.H.14. (I/40,000) reporting their position at once to Divisional Headquarters at KH. IBREIKH.

6. ASSISTANCE FROM 75th DIVISION.

- (i) Artillery of 75th Division in the neighbourhood of KALKILIEH and IBREIKH are to assist the Division in its advance on ET TIRSH by firing on all enemy targets EAST of the track from BIRKET EL BUTT to ET TIRSH (exclusive), and NORTH of the KALKILIEH - TABSOR track.
- (ii) 75th Division are to endeavour to engage any enemy on the foot hills East of the valley about H.10 and H.5 during the exit of the Cavalry.

7. WORKING PARTIES AND OFFICERS PATROLS.

Reference Preliminary Instructions No.1, paras. ~~5 and 6~~ 3.

- (i) (a) On the night K-2/K-1 the three working parties will move under the command of Major ALEXANDER, with L.M. Regiment in advance of the Division to MULEBBIS.
- (b) On the night K-1/K the three working parties will make three crossings each for a troop in line over wadis from MULEBBIS via 300 yards South of NAS EL AIN to KH. KEFR HATTU.  
Instructions as to exact sites and method of marking will be issued later.

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- (ii) On B-I day, B working party and their horse-holders and U, V, W and X patrols, all under command of Capt. WILKINSON, 9th L.H. Regt., are to move mounted to join 232nd Infantry Brigade (75th Division) by 1600 about MESSHA.

They will advance with 232nd Brigade to about HAELSH and will endeavour to make as thorough a reconnaissance as possible by day of the Wadis at H.32.c and H.25.d (I/40,000) and the trench system South of KALKILISH. After KALKILISH is taken they will make broad crossings for the Division over these obstacles.

At least one through route is to be made for armoured cars and guns.

- (iii) For the operations A working party and R, S and T patrols will work under the command of Major ALEXANDER, who will make all necessary arrangements to carry out the following plan:

(a) Officers will accompany 161st Infantry Brigade (54th Division) in its advance on B day from about the line K.32 - K.33 to the line K.14.d - KHURBET EL KHARISH in order to reconnoitre as effectively as possible by day the Turk trenches in K.14 (I/40,000).

(b) The remainder will move mounted (with horse-holders from working party) to KH.KEFR HATTU immediately after dark; when JILJULIEH is reported captured, they will all move up to Wadi crossing in K.14.c (I/40,000), where the Officers from 161st Brigade will meet them and direct them to their work in the Turk trenches.

One special route will be made for armoured cars and guns.

- (iv) As soon after dark as possible on B day 54th Division is to make the MEJDEL YABA - KALKILISH Road fit for mounted troops and guns as far North as the Wadi KANAH (inclusive).
- (v) Immediately after KALKILISH - IBBIKH is taken, 232nd Bde. (75th Division) is to break down lines of advance for mounted troops over the Wadis in H.13 and H.14 (I/40,000) and the cactus garden in H.7 and H.13 (I/40,000).

## 8. DUTIES OF PATROLS.

- (i) (a) R, S and T patrols

1st - to accompany A working party to trenches East of LONDON.

2nd - ascertain location of crossings made by A working party and suitable passage North for the Division between the foothills and LONDON works.

3rd - reconnoitre route from crossings Southwards skirting foothills to meet 4th A.L.H. advanced guard at BEDFORD or North of it.

4th - to drop guides picquets on the backward route from the crossings to 4th A.L.H. Brigade advanced guard.

5th - guide the advanced guard forward when it advances later.

- (b)

U, V, W and X patrols.

1st - to accompany B working party to trenches about NORWICH.

2nd - ascertain location of crossings, if any are necessary made by B working party and all other suitable exits for the Division ~~through~~ through the infantry in the area NORWICH - SARLOW - to foothills about H.15 central.

3rd - reconnoitre route backward from exits through infantry and crossings made by B working party along foothills to area between LONDON works and foothills.

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- 4th - gain touch there with A working party and R, S and T patrols; if they cannot be found U, V and W patrols will reconnoitre southwards along foothills till advanced guard 4th A.L.H. Brigade is met about BEDFORD or North of it.
- 5th - to drop guide picquets on the backward route from the exits through the Infantry about NORWICH - MARLOW - H.15 central to the exits made by A working party between LONDON and the foothills and X if necessary back to advanced guard 4th A.L.H. Brigade about BEDFORD.
- 6th - guide the advanced guard forward when it advances later.

(ii) The lamps, electric, with each Officers' Patrol are to be employed as follows:-

- (a) The lamps will be replaced with the guide picquets and after NORWICH - MARLOW have been taken the lamps will be intermittently flashed back South-Eastwards to guide the advanced guard and following troops until the whole Division has passed.
- (b) It is essential that the lamps be flashed South-Eastwards (bearing of  $135^{\circ}$ ), and screened from the West and North-West to ensure that the enemy about SCONE and WINDSOR do not see them.

## 9. COMMUNICATIONS.

The Capture of Infantry objectives is to be notified to Div. H.Q. as follows:-

(i) (a)

On B day Div. H.Q. advanced Report Centre opens at 1600 at H.25.c.3.8 (1/40,000). (Present O.P. of "A" Battery, 172nd P.A. Bde., N.E. of MESDEL YABA).

(b) Div. H.Q. moves to KH. KEFR HATTU from MULEBBIS immediately after dark, and cable is laid forward from H.25.c.3.8 to KH. KEFR HATTU.

(ii) Information as to capture of railway line from about H.30. b.4.5 to IBREIKEN is to be signalled to Australian Mounted Division at H.25.c.3.8 by G.O.C. 232nd Brigade as follows:-

(a) By Lucas Lamp from neighbourhood White House, KALKILIE to O.P. H.25.c.3.8.

(b) By wireless Code message.

(c) By firing not less than three red parachute rockets.

(iii) Information as to capture of KH JILJULIEH is to be notified to Australian Mounted Division as follows:-

(a) By G.O.C. 161st Brigade by Lucas Lamp to H.25.c.3.8.

(b) By G.O.C. 161st Brigade by wireless to H.25.c.3.8.

(c) By gallopers from Major ALEXANDER's party with 161st Bde. to Div. H.Q. at KH. KEFR HATTU.

(iv) A cable wagon will accompany advanced guard 4th A.L.H. Bde. when it advances from KEFR HATTU, laying cable to IBREIKEN. It is intended to lay branch wires

(a) From KH. KEFR HATTU to 54th Div. H.Q. about H.33.

(b) From branch tracks at H.2.a (1/40,000) to 75th Div. H.Q. HABLEH.

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**10. HOSTILE COMMUNICATIONS.**

Each Regiment will detail one Section beforehand to search for and destroy all Turkish Communication at once.

**11. CAPTURED PRISONERS AND GUNS.**

(i) All Prisoners will be evacuated rapidly into the line of the 232nd Infantry Brigade between H.21. and KH. IBBIKEN. A receipt will be demanded for all prisoners handed over.

(ii) (a) If possible Captured Guns and Machine Guns will be evacuated to the rear. If it is impracticable to remove Turkish Guns, Machine Guns, Rifles etc., they will be destroyed at once. A careful note will be taken of the number of Guns destroyed and their calibre and location.

(b) Each Regiment will detail four men per Squadron to do this work.

(c) Personnel detailed will carry explosives and will be instructed in the best methods of destruction by the G.P.C. Field Squadron who will arrange the classes direct with Brigadier. Details of these classes will be issued later.

Every form of destructive measures must be employed.

**12. LIASON.**

(a) C.O. 10th L.H. Regt. will detail following personnel to Div. H.Q. under orders to be issued later.

(i) One Officer as galloper.

(ii) One Officer and 3 Other Ranks for Liaison duties between Australian Mounted Division and Infantry Formations.

(b) C.O. 9th L.H. Regt. will detail one Liaison Officer to go forward Headquarters 4th A.L.H. Brigade as detailed in para. 3 (iii) above.

**13. ACKNOWLEDGE.**

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Operation "A".

Preliminary Instructions No. 3

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Reference Map I" to I mile, and S 1/40,000 when specially stated.

I. PRELIMINARY CONCENTRATION.

The plan for the preliminary concentration is amended and is as follows :-

(1) Reference Preliminary Instructions No. 3, para. 7,

Sub-para. (a) -

for "three working parties" read "A and Q working parties and R, S and T patrols."

Sub-para. (b) -

for "three working parties" read "A and Q working parties."

(11) Reference Preliminary Instructions No. 3, para. 3,

K/K+I night.

(a) 10th Bde. R.H.A., Field Ambulances and such A Echelon transport as is detailed in para. 4 below will move to and camp in the trees at MULHIBIS.

(b) The remainder of Division will stay at SELMEH.

B/B+I night.

Immediately after dark

(1) A and Q working parties and R, S and T patrols will move to KH. KEFR HATTA.

(11a) 10th Bde, R.H.A. and Ambulances under escort of the working parties will move to South of RAS EL AIN, joining main body of Division there.

(111) The Remainder of the Division will march from SELMEH area via FEJJA and 300 yards South of RAS EL AIN and form up between KH. KEFR HATTA and the Wadi RABAH.

2. PRELIMINARY RECONNAISSANCES.

Preliminary Reconnaissances will be carried out as detailed in Appendix B attached hereto.

3. All ranks are reminded that, if captured, every man is bound to give his true name and rank if questioned on the subject. It is the duty of all to refuse to answer/questions on military/further subjects, particularly those that might lead to the disclosure of the identity and positions of Units.

No documents or marked maps likely to disclose information useful to the enemy are to be carried by Officers or other ranks taking part in active operations or patrolling forward of our line.

This paragraph will be read out by all units on three successive parades, and a certificate that this has been done will be forwarded to this office.

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4. TRANSPORT.

The difficulties of taking wheeled vehicles through the gap in the dark with the Division may be great.

It is therefore essential that all important stores, which are likely to be required before noon on B/B+I day should be carried on pack where possible.

The wheeled transport of the Division will move as detailed in Appendix C attached, under orders to be issued later.

5. CAPTURED PRISONERS AND GUNS.

In continuation of para. II, Preliminary Instructions No. 3 issued under this office G.900 of 9th April.

In order to provide for the removal of enemy captured guns, each Regiment will take 1 team of 6 horses to be found from transport left behind at SKIMEN.

6. WORKING PARTIES.

In continuation of para. 3a of Preliminary Instructions No. 1 issued under this office G.806 of 1st April.

- (1) One Officer and 5 other ranks Field Squadron will accompany each working party.
- (11) C.O. 8th L.H. Regiment will arrange that each of the three working parties takes 10 horse holders and the following tools :-

17 picks
38 shovels
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The tools for each working party will be carried on three pack-horses.

The C.O. 8th L.H. Regiment will detail 6 of these packs, the loads of which will be as follows:-

	Picks	Shovels
"a" pack	6	13
"b" "	6	13
"c" "	5	13
"d" "	6	13
"e" "	6	13
"f" "	5	13

The C.O. 10th L.H. Regiment will supply 3 pack horses complete with pack leader and the following tools:-

	Picks	Shovels
"g" pack	6	13
"h" "	6	13
"j" "	5	13

Packs will accompany working parties as follows :-

"a" , "b" and "c" packs will accompany "A" working Party.

"d" , "e" and "f" packs : " " "B" " "

"g" , "h" and "j" packs " " "C" : "

It is intended that the packs detailed by the C.O. 10th L.H. Regiment should rejoin the Regiment when the working parties have completed their tasks.

- (111) The C.O. 8th L.H. Regiment will detail two pack horses complete, each to carry 25 sign boards marked with three square of luminous paint (signs to be provided by C.O. Field Squadron).

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(111) continued.

Every crossing made or selected over wadis, trenches and rough ground will be marked on its Western edge with one or more of these boards. The board will be placed with the luminous paint facing towards the line of approach from the South. One of the pack-horses mentioned in this paragraph will accompany "A" working party and the other will accompany "B" working party.

- (iv) Each man of each working party will carry two empty sand-bags. These will be filled and laid to provide one through road carefully made over wadi banks and trenches for armoured cars and guns.
- (v) The C.O. 8th L.H. Regiment will arrange direct with O.C. Field Squadron as to the carriage of sand-bags, wire rope, axes and wire cutters, which will be carried on the above-mentioned pack horses.
- (vi) The crossings over obstacles for cavalry should be on as wide a front as possible, but need not be elaborate.

7. LIAISON.

Paragraph 12 of Preliminary Instructions No. 2 issued under this office G.900 of 9th April is cancelled.

8. GALLOPERS.

The C.O. 10th L.H. Regiment will detail one Officer galloper to Divisional Headquarters to report to the General Staff at 1600 on B day.

9. AMMUNITION.

All ranks other than authorized exceptions will carry full bandoliers and pouches, i.e. 330 rounds each.

10. (a) RATIONS FOR "A" AND "C" WORKING PARTIES AND R, S, AND T PATROLS.

On moving from present bivouac at SELMEN "A" and "C" working parties and R, S and T patrols will carry two days emergency ration for man and horse. The emergency ration for horses will consist of 14 lbs. for two days. The emergency rations are on no account to be consumed while the parties are at MULEBBIS.

Rations for the 12th April will be carried as detailed in Appendix D attached hereto.

Rations for the above parties will be drawn daily at MULEBBIS.

(b) BLANKETS.

On "A" and "C" working parties and R, S and T patrols moving from MULEBBIS on B day blankets will be left at MULEBBIS and a guard will be sent from 3rd A.L.H. Brigade to the vacated bivouac.

11. Acknowledge.

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PRELIMINARY RECONNAISSANCE, APPENDIX B - To accompany Preliminary Instructions No. 3.

Reconnaissance Required.	By Whom.	Date and Time.	Remarks.
I. With Classes of line of advance from MEJDEL YABA Hill.	(a)	On 11th. April. ----- Lieut. -Col. T.J. TODD, D.S.O. 10th. L.H. Regt. Bde. Scout Officer.	1. Best route by motor i IBN IBRAK, YEHUDIYEH- WHEHLESA- RANTIER.
	(b)	On 12th. April. ----- Major T.J. DALY, 9th. L. H. Regt.	2. Cars should not go beyond wadi 1000 yds. behind MEJDEL YAB
	(c)	On 13th. April. ----- Brigadier. Brigade Major. Lt. -Col. W.H. SCOTT, C.M.G., D.S.O. 9th. L.H. Regt. Major H.J. BANNON, D.S.O. 8th. L.H. Regt.	3. Care should be taken not to draw fire on MEJD-EL YABA.
	(d)	On K+1 day re connaissance of route from 300 yds. South of NAS-EL-AIN to KH. KEFR HATTA.	----- Bde Scout officer. Guide officer detailed by each Regt. A and C Working Parties. Time. After Infantry attacks have gone forward each day.
(ii)	On B day reconn - aissance of route from KH. KEFR HATTA to as near Wady ISHKAR as possible.		

APPENDIX C. Moves of Transport. To accompany Prelim. Instructs. No. 3.

Serial No.	Transport	ITINERARY.	Remarks.
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1	10th Bde. R.H.A.	From SELEEN to MULENNIS on E/W+I night.	(1) To RAS EL AIN on B/B+I night. (2) To join Bdes. there and accompany through Gap. (3) B.I Echelon returns via SELEEN from MULENNIS.
2	All Field Ambulances	From SELEEN to MULENNIS on E/W+I night.	To follow artillery to RAS EL AIN. All ambulances follow 3rd Bde. from RAS EL AIN to KALKILIEH & hide in that neighbourhood till sent for by A.D.M.S.
3	Water Carts (less Water Carts of medical Units)	(1) To move to RAS EL AIN on B/B+I night divisionalised behind 3rd A.L.H. Bde (Bdty). (2) Remain hidden there till sent for.	(1) A.A. & Q.M.G. will detail an Officer to command this convoy. (2) This convoy will fill up at RAS EL AIN.
4(a)	BRIGADES BRIGADES. Regiment - Maltese Cart.	From SELEEN through gap with Regiment	
(b)	Regiment - I L.G.S. Wagon (S.A.A.) M.G. Sqdn. - 3 L.G.S. Wagons (S.A.A.)	From SELEEN to MULENNIS on E/W+I night	(1) To reach MEFR HATTA and be hidden about there at 0330 on B+I day. (2) To remain there till sent for
(c)	NOTE. The above W.G. and Regimental limbers will have teams of 6 horses and will carry 12,000 rounds S.A.A.		A.A. & Q.M.G. will detail an Officer to command this convoy.
5(a)	Supply Echelons Train - all	To remain loaded up at SELEEN	Subsequent moves to be detailed by A.A. & Q.M.G.
(b)	B.I Echelon - all	To reach MEJJA by noon B+I day loaded with one blanket per man.	
6	M.G. Sqdn. Wagons with watering equipment	To RAS EL AIN by 1300 on B+I day	To water Division when latter passes in withdrawing to SELEEN.
7	All other Transport	To remain at SELEEN	



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UNIT. "A" and "C" Working Parties, 8th L.H. Regiment and Field Engineers, and R, S and T patrols, 10th L.H. Regt.

APPROX -  
IMATE  
STRENGTH "A" and "C" Working Parties - 6 Officers and 160 Other Ranks, 180 horses.  
R, S and T Patrols - 3 Officers and 30 Other Ranks, 35 horses.

DUMP FROM  
WHICH  
RATIONS WILL  
BE DRAWN MULEBBIS, F.22.b.2.2

HOW RATIONS  $\frac{1}{2}$  One G.S. Wagon, 10th L.H. Regt., 2 L.G.S. 8th L.H. Regt.,  
DRAWN and 10 fantasses for drinking water.  
Above transport will move out with parties carrying the next day's rations and draw daily from Supply Depot, MULEBBIS.  
(Instructions for above already issued in Preliminary Instructions No.3).

CAMPING SITE. RIK F.18.d.  
F.24.b.

WATERING AREA. (a) Horses MULEBBIS Village  
(b) Drinking MULEBBIS Village

$\frac{1}{2}$  All Transport detailed above for drawing rations will return to SELMEH Camp when the working parties, patrols, 10th R.H.A., S.A.A. Wagons seve out from MULEBBIS to join the Division.

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Reference Palestine Map I/40,000 FEJJA Sheet, 2nd Edition.

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1. The following moves will take place after dark on April 13th.
  - (a) 19t-h Bde. R.H.A. from SELMEH to HULEBBIS and will bivouac about Square F. 28.d.
  - (b) Mobile portions of Field Ambulances from SELMEH to HULEBBIS and will bivouac about F.28.d.
  - (c) S. A.A. Wagons of Regiments and H.G. Squadrons as laid down in Preliminary Instructions No.3, Appendix C, 4 (b), from SELMEH to HULEBBIS, and will bivouac about F.28.d.
2. A march table for the above moves is attached.
3. While at HULEBBIS, the above Units and Details will keep as much hidden as possible.
4. Acknowledge.

Issued at 1600.

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|     | 3  | 10th "             |
|     | 4  | Hotts Battery      |
|     | 5  | 3rd H.G. Squadron  |
|     | 6  | 3rd Signal Troop   |
|     | 7  | 3rd L.H.V. A.      |
|     | 8  | 8th Mob. Vet. Sec. |
|     | 9  | A.D.C.             |
|     | 10 | File               |
|     | 11 | War Diary (a)      |
|     | 12 | " (b)              |
|     | 13 | " (c)              |

MARCH TABLE TO ACCOMPANY 3rd A.L.H. BRIGADE ORDER NO.3.

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>STARTING POINT</u>	<u>TIME TO PASS STARTING POINT</u>	<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
19th Bde, R.H.A.	Forked Roads at O.I3.b.I.6	1930	By Road through O.9 central - O.4 central to bivouac.	Must not leave camp before 1830
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mobile portions	do.	2000	do.	do.
Field Ambulances	do.	2015	do.	do.
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
S.A. A. Convoy	do.	2015	do.	do. Under arrangement to be made /s by Maj. CRAWFORD 8th L.H. Regt.

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3rd. A. L. H. BRIGADE.

No. A/938  
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OPERATION A- ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS No. I.

I. SUPPLIES.

(1) On the Man and Horse.

- (a) For the Man I Emergency Ration. II Iron Ration.
- (b) " " Horse 2 " Rations?

The Emergency Ration for the Horse will be 7 lbs. of grain, (14 lbs. for the two Rations). The above rations are for consumption on B-1 and B-2 days.

(2) On the Divisional Train.

One day's mobile ration for the whole Division for consumption on B-3 day.

- (3) The Divisional Train will remain at SELMEH with wagons loaded up ready to move immediately on receipt of instructions from D.H.Q.

(4) Camel Convoy.

The following camel forming part of the Corps Supply Column have been allotted to the Division to be used in the event of operations extending over 3 days:-

A Company	1200 Camels.
X " "	400 "
	<u>1600</u> "

The Camel Convoy will be located in Square 030 (1/40,000). The 1200 camels of A Company will be rationed by the Division; the 400 camels of X Company by the 7th. Indian Division. Full rations will be drawn by these camels. The camels have been allotted to the Division to act as a Supply Column to take supplies to a re-filling point from which the Divisional Train will load up and take them to the Division? These camels will remain under Corps order.

- (5) The attached schedule shows how the Working Parties, Patrols, Artillery and S. A.A. Echelon will be rationed up to and including B day. They will carry with them on the man and horse when they move out from SELMEH to MULEBBIS the Emergency and Iron Rations mentioned in sub-para. (1) above. These rations will on no account be touched while the parties are at MULEBBIS. The rations for consumption at MULEBBIS will be drawn from the Supply Depot at that place by the transport specially provided for the purpose.

- (6) The dismounted men, transport, and any details left at SELMEH will be rationed as at present from the Supply Depot at SARONA.

- (7) Quartermasters will remain behind with the Divisional Train at SELMEH and accompany it when it moves forward.

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WATER ARRANGEMENTS.

(1). Only the minimum number of vehicles can accompany the Division at the commencement of operations, all kangaroos in possession of units will be taken in addition to the water bottle carried by each man.

(2) Water Carts.

All water carts in possession of the Division (less those belonging to the Field Ambulances) will be grouped together to form a "Water Convoy".

2/Lt. STEVEN, Worcester Yeomanry, has been appointed officer in charge of this convoy.

Water carts will parade at B.S.A. at 1600 on B-day and then move off and report to 2/Lt. STEVEN, Worcester Yeomanry at 1645 at Sq. J. 200 East of SALAM village on South side of water road. 8th. L.N. Regt. will detail a Corporal to take charge of Brigade Water Carts.

These water carts will parade empty and move off in rear of 3rd. Bde.

The water carts will be filled at RAH-SI-AN, the water being chlorinated in the carts.

(3) The details left behind at SALAM will use the fantasses in possession of units for drawing water from the present drinking water areas.

3. Major CRAWFORD, 8th. L.N. Regt. will be in charge of the B.S.A. Echelon.

4. Lt. G. PALMER, 10th. L.N. Regt. will be in charge of B 2 Echelon carrying the men's blankets and ground sheets.

5. PASSAGE AND CAMP EQUIPMENT.  
All kit and baggage will be left in camp under suitable guards to be found by the details remaining behind. Units will be responsible that adequate precautions are taken to prevent any looting by Bedouins and Natives.

6. Lt. F. NOBLE, 3rd. Bde. will command all Brigade details.

7. Cloaks will be carried by men but no blankets, bivouac sheets or ground sheets. It is essential for the sake of mobility that the weight on the horse be reduced as much as possible.

7. GUARD OVER SUPPLIES.  
In accordance with orders from XIst. Corps, the following guard over supplies at rail off-loading place will be found by the Division:-

- 3rd. A.L.N. Bde. IN.C.O. 2 C/No.
- 4th. Mounted Bde.
- 5th. Mounted Bde.

2 S.C.Os. 7 C/No.

8th. L.N. Regt. will detail the above for this Brigade and this Guard will be under the orders of Lt. HUNT, 27th. D.U.S. Instructions will be issued later as to when and where they are to report, they can be mounted on donkeys.

In accordance with orders from XXist Corps, the Division has to detail 1 M.C.O. and 7 men to be left with the Supply Party, at the rail off-loading place to control the watering places for the Camel Supply Column. This party, which will also come under the orders of C.O. 17th D.U.S. will be found as follows :-

3rd A.L.H. Brigade.		5 men
4th " "		3 men
5th Mounted BCo	1 M.C.O.	1 man
	1 M.C.O.	7 men.

10th A.L.H. Regiment will detail these men for this brigade. The men can be mounted on donkeys. Instructions as to when and where they are to report will be issued later.

9. PRISONERS OF WAR.

In accordance with "Preliminary Instructions No 2;" already issued by General Staff, all prisoners are to be evacuated rapidly into the line of the 23rd Brigade between H.21 and H.22. IMMEDIATE.

The Commander of the Escort is responsible that he obtains a receipt for the number of prisoners handed over in exchange for a written statement showing the number of prisoners in question. This statement should show Officers and Other ranks separately and German and Turkish prisoners separately. The simplest method is to make out a statement in Duplicate, the receipt can be written on one copy and returned to the Commander of the Escort. Where practicable all prisoners must be sent under Escort to B.H.Q.

II 10; SALVAGE OF SADDLERY.

( see para 10, below

Attention is directed to the instructions contained in Desert Mounted Corps letter G.A./14 of 28/3/18 and D.H.Q. office letter G.P./89 of 6th instant and this office A/856 forwarding same. So far as the tactical situation permits the instructions contained in the above letters will be adhered to.

Special attention is directed to para .6. of G.P./59.

11; DAMAGE TO PROPERTY, DROPS, Etc.

The following instructions from XXist Corps are to be repeated for general information and guidance:-

"Precautions must be taken to prevent more damage to property than is necessary for the purpose of operations. The reserves of food in the hands of the native population are low, and it necessary for the purpose of maintaining it should get the full benefit of this years crops to obviate the necessity for relief from British sources. Care will be taken therefore to prevent standing crops being destroyed by roads, bivouacs or grazing to a greater extent than necessity compels".

12; CASUALTIES.

The following returns will be rendered during operations:-

- (1) Estimated Casualty wire up to 1630 to be rendered as soon after 1630 as possible. Only totals to be given.
- (2) Daily Casualties wire of casualties for 24 hours up to 1900 to reach B.H.Q. whenever possible that evening and not later than 0700 the following morning. Names of Officers and numbers of other ranks to be shown.
- (3) M.I. returns to be rendered.
- (4) Daily casualty wire for animals by classes up to 1700. To be despatched as soon after 1700 as possible.

10. CAPTURED ARMS, and EQUIPMENT Etc.

Units will wire at the end of each day number of Guns and Rifles captured.

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And Lieut G.P. SIMONDS, Gloucester Yeomanry, the Divisional Burial Officer is attached to Headquarters, 5th Mounted Brigade. All burial reports should be rendered to him in accordance with instructions already issued on the subject.

15. VETERINARY ARRANGEMENTS.

- (1). The three Mobile Veterinary Sections (less personnel left behind) will form a Veterinary Dressing Station in the vicinity of the Medical Receiving Station.
- (2). The party forming the Veterinary Dressing Station will move from SELMEL in rear of the Receiving Station under arrangements to be made direct between the A.D.H.S. and A.D.V.S.
- (3). All casualties fit to walk will be taken to the dressing station and handed over to the Veterinary Officer in charge.
- (4). The details of the Mobile Veterinary Sections left behind will concentrate at 5th Mobile Veterinary Section lines SELMEL and form a Veterinary Receiving Station to which all animals will be evacuated from the Veterinary Dressing Station.
- (5). To provide additional personnel for the Veterinary Receiving Station each Regiment will detail 2 men who will report to O.C. 5th Mobile Veterinary Section. This personnel will remain under the orders of the A.D.V.S. till the operations are concluded.
- (6). D.A.D.O.S. will have a representative at the Veterinary Receiving Station to take over all saddlery evacuated with the horses.

16. MALARIA & TYPHUS

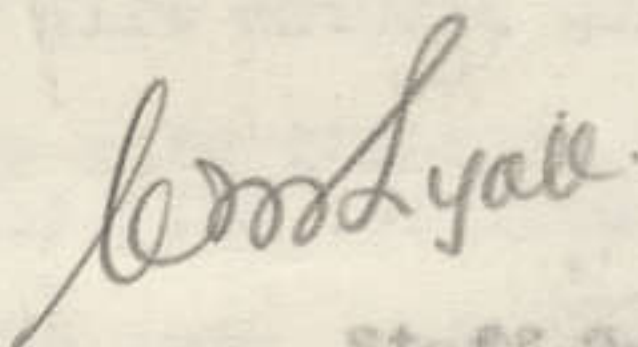
The following instructions contained in XXIst Corps Administrative Instructions are repeated for general information and guidance:-

- (1). Bivouacs should not be placed within half a mile of a village; the further away they are the better, as the inhabitants are always infected with malaria.
- (2). Bivouacs should be on high ground and as distant as possible from marshes, pools and streams.
- (3). Occupation of houses and sheds should be avoided.
- (4). Men should not sleep near the mouths of wells and cisterns. Experience shows that men living near these are the first to be infected.

AGAINST TYPHUS.

- (1) All ranks should be warned of the danger of infection by lice incurred by occupying buildings or bivouac sites which have been used by the Turks.
- (2) No one should be allowed to use Turkish blankets or clothes which should be burnt as soon as possible.

ACKNOWLEDGE.



Captain.  
Staff Captain.  
5th A.D.H. Brigade.

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## Issued to:-

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. 5th L.H. Regt.      | 9. A.D.C.          |
| 2. 9th L.H. Regt.      | 10. File.          |
| 3. 10th L.H. Regt.     | 11. War Dairy. (a) |
| 4. Hotts Batty R.H.A.  | 12. " " (b)        |
| 5. 3rd Signal Troop.   | 13. " " (c)        |
| 6. 3rd M.G. Squadron.  |                    |
| 7. 3rd L.H. Field Amb. |                    |
| 8. 5th M. Vet Sect.    |                    |

SCHEME OF SUPPLY FOR WORKING PARTIES, PATROLS, R.H.A. EDE, AND S.A.A. WAGONS.

Formations	Approx. Strength	Dump from which Rations will be Drawn.	HOW RATIONS DRAWN.	Camping Site	Watering Drinking	Area Horses
"A" and "C" Working Parties 8th L.H., and Fld. Engineers & R. S & T Patrols 10th L.H.	Off. O/Rs. 6 160 180 horses Off. O/Rs. 3 30 35 horses.	MULEBBIS F. 22.b.8.9	% One G.S. Wagon, 10th L.H. Regt., 2 L.G.S. 8th L.H. Regt. and 10 fantasses for drinking water. Above transport will move out with parties carrying the next days rations and draw daily from Supply Depot, MULEBBIS. (Instructions for above already issued in Preliminary Instructions No. 3).	F. 18.d F. 24.b	MULEBBIS Village	MULEBBIS Village
"B" Working party, 8th L.H. and Field Engineers & U, V, W & X patrols.	Off. O/Rs. 3 30 90 horses Off. O/Rs. 4 50 60 horses	In present camp	% 2 L.G.S. detailed by 9th L.H. Regt. and will move with party on B-I day and will return to SELMSH as soon as off-loaded.			
R.H.A. Brigade	500 personnel 500 horses	do.	% Transport supplied by 19th R.H. A. from B Echelon (including all water carts). Transport will move out with Brigade carrying the next day's rations, and draw daily from Supply Depot MULEBBIS.	F. 28.d	MULEBBIS Village	F. 22.c central
S.A.A. Wagons	80 personnel 150 horses	do.	10th L.H. Regt. will supply an extra L.G.S. Wagon for transport to carry next day's rations and to draw rations daily at Supply Depot MULEBBIS. 4th and 5th Brigades will each supply 3 fantasses for drawing drinking water. (Movement Instructions already issued in Appendix C, Preliminary Instructions No. 3)	F. 28.d	do.	do.
18 Ambulance Wagons	120 personnel 160 horses	do.	Draw supplies with own transport daily from MULEBBIS. Ambulance Wagons will move out with next day's rations.	F. 28.d	do.	do.

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Formations	Approx. Strength	Dump from which rations will be drawn	How Rations Drawn	Camp- ing site	Watering Area Drink- ing	Hor- ses
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\* All transport detailed overleaf for drawing rations will return to SKLMEH Camp when the working parties, patrols, 19th R.H. A.S.A.A. wagons move out from M ULEBBIS to join the Division.

Receiving Station

In present Camp

Rations for 3 day will be carried in addition to the emergency rations for B-1 day and B-2 days. Water Carts of Field Ambulances will accompany the Receiving Station. 17 Camels of the Signal Squadron will be attached to the Receiving Station to assist in drawing further supplies if the operations extend over 24 hours.

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OPERATIONS "A".

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS NO. 2.

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I. COMMUNICATIONS.

During operations the movements of the various transport will be controlled as follows:-

(i). S.A.A. ECHELON.

- (a). 8th L.H. Regt. will detail two reliable men from details left in camp mounted on donkeys to act as orderlies for this Echelon. These men will report to Major CRAWFORD, 8th L.H. Regt., at H.Q. 3rd L.H. Brigade at 1700 on the day this Echelon leaves BELMUN.
- (b). Major CRAWFORD will report by wire to Ausdiv.H.Qrs. when these men have reported.
- (c). A Signal Post is to be established by the Signal Squadron at KH. KEPR HATTA.
- (d). On arrival at KH. KEPR HATTA Major CRAWFORD will send one of these orderlies with written instructions to report to the Superintendent of the Signal Post.
- (e). All messages for this S.A.A. Echelon will be sent to this Signal Post.

(ii) WATER CONVOY.

- (a). 5th Mounted Brigade will detail two reliable men from details left in camp mounted on donkeys to act as orderlies for the Water Convoy. These men are reporting to Lieut. STEVENS, Worcester Yeomanry at 1600 on B day at H.Q., 5th Mounted Brigade.
- (b). A Signal Post will be established at RAS EL AIN by the XXIst Corps.
- (c). All messages for the Water Convoy will be sent to this Signal Post.
- (d). Reference Administrative Instructions No.1 para.2, sub-para. (2) add after the words "less those belonging to the Field Ambulances" the following "and those accompanying the 19th R.H.A. Brigade."

(iii) B.2 ECHELON - WITH BLANKETS.

- (a). 4th L.H. Brigade are detailing two reliable men from details left in camp mounted on donkeys to act as orderlies for this Echelon. These men will report to Lieut. PALMER, 10th L.H. Regt., at 0730 on B+I day, at H.Q. 3rd L.H. Brigade.
- (b). A Signal Post will be left by the 34th Division at their Headquarters at Square O.5.a.8.6. at the southern end of MULEBBIS Village.
- (c). On arrival at EK FEJJA Lieut. PALMER will despatch one of these orderlies with written instructions to report to the Superintendent of this Signal Post.
- (d). All messages for this Echelon will be sent to this Signal Post.



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(iv). DETAILS LEFT IN CAMP.

10th L.H. Regt. will detail one man on a donkey to report to Lieut. BOYLE at H.H.Q. on B day when Brigade moves out. He will be on duty at the Agricultural College to take messages that may be received by the signal Post there.

2. OPERATING UNIT (MEDICAL).

3rd H.G. Squadron will detail 1 L.G.S. Wagon to carry the equipment of the Operating Unit during Operations. These wagons will report to the Operating Unit south of YASUR at Square L.9.d (WEJJA c.3 I/40,000) at 1800 on B - I day. H.G. Squadron will wire H.H.Q. when this wagon has left.

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*Woollyall*  
Capt.,  
Staff Capt.,  
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

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| No. 1 | 8th L.H. Regt.  | No. 8 | 8th Mob. Vet. Sec. |
| 2     | 9th L.H. Regt.  | 9     | A.D.C.             |
| 3     | 10th L.H. Regt. | 10    | File               |
| 4     | Hotts Battery   | 11    | War Diary (a)      |
| 5     | 3rd H.G.S.      | 12    | " (b)              |
| 6     | 3rd Sig. Troop  | 13    | " (c)              |
| 7     | 3rd L.H.F.A.    |       |                    |

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3rd A.L.H. BRIGADE ORDER NO. 4

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15th April 1918.

1. The Operations of the XXist Corps are indefinitely postponed.
2. Preliminary Instructions Nos. 1, 2, 3, Administrative Instructions Nos. 1 and 2 and Brigade Order No. 3, are cancelled and will be returned to this office before 1200 to-morrow 16th April.
3. The Australian Mounted Division ceases to be under the command of XXist Corps and reverts to the command of Desert Mounted Corps.
4. Regiments will return all faxes to B.H.Q. by 1000 to-morrow 16th April.
5. All R.S. stores and material which have been drawn for these operations will be returned to the Field Squadron.  
Stores drawn direct by Units will be returned direct to the Field Squadron before 1200 to-morrow 16th April.  
Stores drawn from B.H.Q. will be returned to B.H.Q. by 1000 to-morrow 16th April.
6. Acknowledge.

*Wm Anderson*

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

Issued at 2100.

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		2	9th L.H. Regiment
		3	10th L.H. Regiment
		4	Hotta Battery
		5	3rd M.G. Squadron
		6	3rd Signal Troop
		7	3rd L.H.F.A.
		8	8th Mob. Vet. Sec.
		9	A.D.C.
		10	File
		11	War Diary (a) ✓
		12	" (b)
		13	" (c)

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Reference/Map

18th April 1918.

(1). The Division will commence moving to TALAT ED DUSH to-morrow 19th inst.

(2). The Brigade group will move in order of march as below, the head of the column passing White Ruins 300 yards S. of B.H.Q. at 0930 to-morrow 19th April.

G.O.C.  
B.H.Q.  
3rd Div. Scouts  
3rd Signal Troop  
10th A.L.H. Regt.  
Hotts Battery  
8th A.L.H. Regt.  
3rd H.C.S.  
9th A.L.H. Regt.  
3rd L.H.F.A.  
8th Mob. Vet. Sec.  
Brigade Transport (less H.H.A. and Field Ambulance Wagons which will accompany their Units).

Units will report at the Head of the column at 0920 that they are in readiness to move and will join the column in Order of March.

(3) TRANSPORT. All transport of the Brigade (less H.H.A. and F.A.) will form up on flat 250 yards S.E. of B.H.Q. at 0815 and will move off in rear of the Brigade under C.M. 9th L.H. Regt. R.Q.Ms. will accompany their transport which will report direct to Units immediately on arrival in bivouac.

(4) UNIFORMS. Marching Order; equipped for operations.

(5) RATIONS. Two emergency rations now in possession will be consumed on 19th and 20th. Rations to make up to full scale will be drawn by 36th Coy. Divisional Train at BIR SALEM. During march from DEIRAN to TALAT ED DUSH the Div. Train will draw and issue supplies at each halting place for consumption on following day. Ration parties will go in advance of the Brigade and report to supply officer at respective halting places. at 1300.

(6) BIVOUAC PARTIES. An Officer and one man from each Regiment, H.C.S. and Battery and an H.C.O. from Field Ambulance, Mob. Vet. Sec. and Signal Troop will report to Lieut. PASCOE at B.H.Q. at 0815 to-morrow 19th inst. Whole party will move in advance of Brigade.

(7) WATERING. Brigade will commence watering at 0700 to-morrow in usual order and must be completed by 0815. Brigade will water in order of march at DEIRAN. 3rd Field Troop will proceed to DEIRAN at 0830 to arrange troughs for watering.

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(8) CAMP AREAS.

Units will ensure Camp Areas are left scrupulously clean and tidy.

The Field Officer, accompanied by the Brigade Sanitary Officer, will inspect the Brigade Area immediately the Brigade moves out and the latter will submit certificate to B.H.Q. on arrival at DEIRAN.

A small rear party of 1 S.C.O. and 3 men per Unit will be left behind to finally clean up. This party will join the column with the Field Officer.

(9) SANITARY MATERIAL.

The usual 36 of Portable Sanitary Material will be taken.

Sanitary Natives will accompany Units.

(10) COMMUNICATIONS.

Brigade Office will close at 0830 19th inst.

(11) SUBSEQUENT MOVES OF BRIGADE.

20th April	DEIRAN	to	LATRON	) Times of departure will be notified later.
21st "	LATRON	"	JERUSALEM	
22nd "	JERUSALEM	"	TALAT SD DUM	

Unless otherwise ordered the daily order of march will be :-

B.H.Q., Scouts, Signal Troop, Duty Regiment, Hotts Battery, Regiment next for duty, H.C.S., Remaining Regiment, 3rd L.H.F.A., Mobile Veterinary Section, Brigade Transport.

(12) JAFFA ROAD CROSSING.

JAFFA Road will be crossed in line of Troop Column, with normal distances to enable traffic to pass between Squadrons.

Issued at 2100.

*W. D. Lyall*  
Capt.,  
for Brigade Major,  
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

Copies to :-

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2	9th L.H. Regt.
3	10th L.H. Regt.
4	Hotts Battery
5	3rd H.C.S.
6	3rd Signal Troop
7	3rd L.H.F.A.
8	5th Mob. Vet. Sec.
9	36th Coy Divisional Train
10	3rd Field Troop A.H.
11	A.D.C.
12	War Diary (a)
13	War Diary (b)
14	War Diary (c)
15	File.

3rd A. L. H. BRIGADE ORDER NO. 6.

*copy No 19*  
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(1) The Brigade Group will move to LATRON to-morrow 20th April in order of march as below, head of column passing B.H.Q. at 0830.

- G.O.C.
- B.H.Q.
- 5 coats
- Signal Troop
- 8th L.H. Regt.
- Netts Battery
- 8th A.L.H. Regt.
- 3rd H.G.S.
- 10th L.H. Regt.
- 3rd L.H.F.A.
- 8th Mob.Vet.Sec.
- Brigade Transport (less R.H.A. and EA. Wagons which will accompany their Units).

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(2) TRANSPORT.

All transport of Brigade (less R.H.A. and F.A.) will form up on flat 150 yards W. of B.H.Q. at 0815 and will move off in rear of Brigade under Major Darley, 8th L.H. Regt. R.Q.Ms. will accompany transport.

(3) WATERING TO-MORROW.

Watering to-morrow will commence at 0600 in above order of march.

8th L.H. Regt. will detail a Field Officer for the day who will supervise watering.

8th L.H. Regt. will also detail a pumping party of 1 H.G.O. and 12 men to report to F.O. at Troughs. at 0800.

3rd Field Troop will proceed in advance of the Brigade and will arrange to water Brigade on its arrival at LATRON.

(4) BIVOUAC PARTIES.

Usual Bivouac Parties will report to Lieut. PASCOE at B.H.Q. at 0700.

Ration Parties will also report at same place, same time and proceed to LATRON with Lieut. PASCOE, reporting to Supply Officer there at 1300.

(5) SUPPLIES.

36th Coy. Divisional Train will proceed in advance of Brigade and draw supplies for Brigade from Supply Dump, LATRON.

(6) SANITATION.

Brigade Sanitary Officer and F.O. will ~~inspect~~ inspect Brigade Area after Brigade has moved out.

Units will leave small rear party behind to clean up.

*Wm Lyall*  
Capt.,  
for Brigade Major,  
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

Issued at 1630.

Copies to:-	No. 1	8th L.H. Regt.	No. 9	36th Coy. Div. Train
	2	9th L.H. Regt.	10	3rd Field Troop
	3	10th L.H. Regt.	11	A.D.C.
	4	Netts Battery	12	War Diary (a)
	5	3rd H.G.S.	13	War Diary (b)
	6	3rd Sig. Troop	14	War Diary (c)
	7	3rd L.H.F.A.	15	File
	8	8th Mob.Vet.Sec.		

3rd A.L.H. BRIGADE ORDER NO.7.

20th April 1918.

*copy No. 19*  
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(1) Para. II of Brigade Order No. 5 is amended to read  
 21st April LATRON to ENAB  
 22nd " ENAB " TALATE ED DUMM. - APR 1918

(2) The Brigade Group will move to ENAB to-morrow the 21st inst. in order of march as below, 1st sub-group passing S. of Poplar Trees (near Water Area) at 0900.

G.O.C.	)		
B.H.Q.	)		1st Sub-group
3rd. Bde. Scouts	)		
3rd Sig. Troop	)		
9th L.H. Regt.		2nd	"
Notts Battery		3rd	"
10th L.H. Regt.		4th	"
3rd M.G.S.		5th	"
8th L.H. Regt.		6th	"
3rd L.H.F.A.			
8th Mob. Vet. Sec.	)	7th	"
Brigade Transport, less R.H.A. Wagons	)		
which will accom any Unit	)	8th	"

The above sub-groups will move independently at intervals of 10 minutes between each.

On reaching main road all Units will march in column of half-sections. Usual ten minutes halt will be observed by all Units. Watches to be synchronised before leaving area.

(3) TRANSPORT. All Transport will form up between 10th L.H. and metal road and 100 yards North of 10th L.H. at 0945 and will move off in rear of Brigade under Major DARLEY. R.Q.Ms. will accompany Transport.

In view of steep roads on road to JERUSALEM, C.Os. and O.Cs. Units will ensure that brakes of vehicles are overlooked and oiled and that wagons are not overloaded.

(4) WATERING TO-MORROW. Watering to-morrow will commence at 0600 in order of march. 9th L.H. Regt. will detail a F.O. to supervise watering. 9th L.H. Regt. will also detail a Pumping Party of 1 N.S.O. and 18 men to report to F.O. at troughs at 0600. 3rd Field Troop will proceed in advance of Brigade and will arrange to water Brigade on its arrival at ENAB.

(5) BIVOUCAC PARTIES. Usual Bivouac Parties and Ration Parties will report at B.H.Q. at 0700.

(6) SUPPLIES. 36th Coy. Divisional Train will proceed in advance of Brigade and deliver rations at ENAB.

(7) SANITATION. Portable Sanitary Equipment will be used by all Units in each camp and faeces will be buried in one deep pit. All tins, rubbish etc. should be placed in same hole. The practice of burying rubbish in numerous holes must be discontinued.

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 for Brigade Major,  
 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

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	4	Notts Battery	12	War Diary (a)
	5	3rd M.G.S.	13	do. (b)
	6	3rd Sig. Troop	14	do. (c)
	7	3rd L.H.F.A.	15	File
	8	8th Mob. Vet. Sec.		



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Reference:- <sup>Map</sup> I/33,300/ Sheets 17 and 18  
 JERUSALEM and ERINA Sheets.

- (1) The Brigade Group will move to TALAT ED DUMM, Sq. 113 G. I.S., b.s.s., to-morrow the 22nd April in order of march as below.

Starting Point	Point on road 200 yards East of present location of B.H.Q.	Order of March.	Hour of passing starting point.
Scouts	} 1st sub-group		0700
B.H.Q.			
Sig. Troop	} 2nd do.		0703
10th L.H. Regt.			
8th do.	} 3rd do.		0713
9th do.			
3rd M.G.S.	} 4th do.		0723
Motts Battery			
3rd L.H.F.A.	} 5th do.		0733
5th M.V.S.			
Brigade Transport, less R.H.A.	} 6th sub-group		0740
Wagons which will accompany Unit			
			0745

March Formation. Column of Half-Sections

- (2) HALT. On to-morrow's march the Brigade will not halt for the usual 10 minutes from 0850 until 1000. On the head of the Brigade reaching Square 100 H.10 central, it will halt, rear Units closing up as much as possible. The head of the Brigade will move at 1100 in half sections, with the normal distances only. This is necessary in order to enable 20th Corps. to regulate the march of other troops on the JERICHO Road. During the above halt horses will be fed.

- (3) BIVOUAC PARTIES. The usual Bivouac Parties and Ration Parties will report at B.H.Q. at 0800 to-morrow 22nd April.

- (4) WATER. 3rd Field Troop will proceed in advance of the Brigade and will arrange to water the Brigade on arrival at TALAT ED DUMM.

- (5) SUPPLIES. 36th Coy. A.A.S.C. will proceed in advance of the Brigade and will deliver rations at TALAT ED DUMM.

- (6) TIME. Watches will be synchronized before moving off.

- (7) WATERING. 10th L.H. Regt. will detail F.O. to supervise watering at watering point "A" (near drinking water area South of B.H.Q.)

5th L.H. Regt. will detail F.O. to supervise watering at point "B" (near old building South of Div. Train Camp).

Units will water as under:-

<u>Point "A"</u>	10th L.H. Regt.	0500
	8th do.	0530
	B.H.Q., Signal Troop and Scouts	0550
<u>Point "B"</u>	Div. Train	0500
	9th L.H. Regt.	0515
	3rd M.G.S.	0530
	Motts Battery	0545
	F.A. & M.V.S.	0600

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(7) WATERING (continued)

10th L.H.Reg't. will detail sweeping parties as under:-  
I H.C.O. and 13 men to report to F.O. at point "A" and I H.C.O.  
and 16 men to report to F.O. at point "B".

Above parties will report at 0600.

No man is to be allowed to lead more than two horses  
to either watering area.

(8) TRANSPORT. All Transport will form up on area now occupied  
by 10th L.H.Reg't. at 0730 and will move in Brigade order of  
march under Major DANLEY.

Issued at

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

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		3	10th do.		11	A.D.C.
		4	Hotta Battery		12	War Diary (a)
		5	3rd H.C.S.		13	do. (b)
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		7	3rd L.H.F.A.		15	File
		8	5th Mob.Vet.Sec.			

To  
Headquarters,

AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.



Reference:- I/63,360 Sheet XVIII.

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With reference to your G.A.750 of 25th April 1918 the following is the information obtained by reconnaissances to the AUJA and MANDESI Fords to-day:-

AUJA FORD.

1. LOCATION.

The Ford is 300 yards South of the Junction of Wadi AUJAH and the JORDAN.

2. STREAM.

- (a). Velocity. Five miles per hour.
- (b). Depth. Four feet at deepest part of ford. (Centre of Ford).
- (c). Width. Thirty yards.
- (d). Bottom. Composed of stones, with the exception of near the East bank where there is a patch of mud.

3. APPROACHES.

On the West bank, 200 yards from the Ford, there are cliffs approximately 100 feet high. From these cliffs to the Ford the ground is level.

On the East bank, 20 yards from the Ford, there are cliffs approximately 100 feet high.

4. TRANSPORT.

- (a) Wheeled transport could not approach the Ford from either the East or the West.
- (b) Camels could approach the Ford from the West with difficulty, but could not approach it from the East.
- (c) Wheeled Transport and camels could not cross the Ford.

5.

With difficulty Mounted Troops might possibly cross the Ford. Mounted Troops could move over the cliffs on either side in single file. The reconnoitring party to-day were unable to force their horses across the Ford. Two of the party finally waded and swam across.

Infantry could wade across if they had a rope across stream.

6. WORK REQUIRED.

(a). Camels.

To admit of Camels in single file approaching the Ford from the East and to improve the present approach on the West, 300 men would be required for two days.

(b). Wheeled Transport.

To admit of wheeled transport approaching Ford on the East bank, it would necessitate a cutting of at least 25 feet in depth and 60 yards in length.

To make the approach on West bank suitable for wheeled transport 300 men would be required for two days.

7.

The O.C., Field Troop, of 2nd A.L.H. Brigade informed reconnoitring party to-day that he had reported to Anzac Mounted Division that in his opinion it would take 1000 natives 14 days to make a reasonably good crossing fit for wheeled transport and that the scheme would require a pontoon bridge for the crossing of the water.

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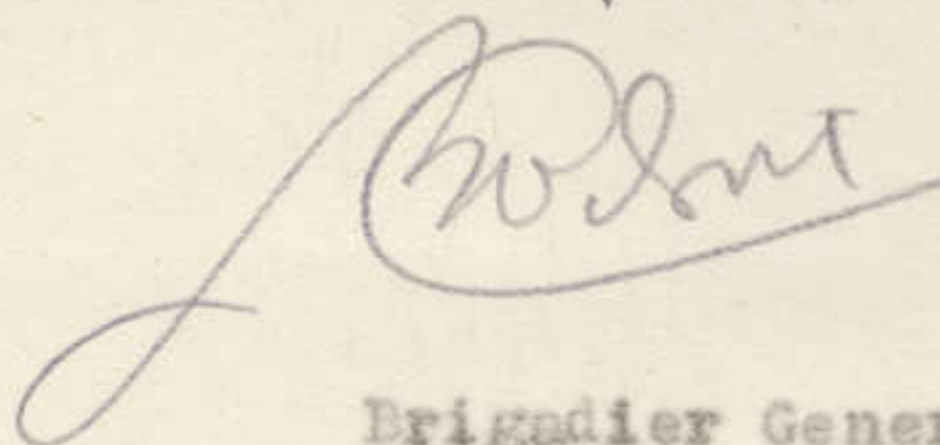
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8. MANDESI FORD.

The reconnoitring party failed to locate the MANDESI FORD as shown on the Map. A post of N.Z.M.R. Brigade near crossing 300 yards south of junction of WADI AUJAH and JORDAN, called that crossing the MANDESI FORD.



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

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Operation "B".

Preliminary Instructions No. I.

I. INFORMATION.

- (i) Full information regarding enemy in Eastern Area has been issued to-day and will be revised as changes occur.
  - (ii) The present disposition of Desert Mounted Corps troops has been issued to-day.
2. Information as to the probable plans of operation of Desert Mounted Corps and Australian Mounted Division has been given verbally to all concerned and is not to be reproduced in writing until the final operation Order is received from B.H.Q.
3. PRELIMINARY RECONNAISSANCES.
- Reconnaissance of lines of advance can be carried out with glasses from
- (a) H.29.
  - (b) Y.30.a. (good view).
  - (c) I.C.C. Brigade Forward O.P.  
This is best view, but permission to use it should be obtained from Camel Brigade H.Q. at Y.30.
4. The special features of the operation will necessitate special arrangements for carriage of essential material. These special features are:-
- (i) In the first stage for the 3 leading Brigades, the utmost rapidity of movement of which the Brigades are capable in order to surprise and demoralise the enemy and capture all who resist in the valley.
  - (ii) For the 3rd L.H. and 5th Mounted Brigades, the 2nd stage will consist of difficult movement up the mountains on bad tracks which are not thought possible for wheels.
  - (iii) The ultimate stage for 3rd, 4th and 5th Brigades, will probably consist of taking up a defensive line to resist counter attack.

As regards (i).

All pack-horses will be grouped by Squadrons, in rear of each Squadron.

As regards (ii).

The following will be the distribution of pack-horses in each Regiment on present numbers in possession:-

12 Hotchkiss Guns  
12 " Ammunition  
5 Signalling Equipment  
2 Bombs  
1 Water Equipment  
7 (or more if available) Tools.



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As regards (iii).

Barbed wire and tools and a large supply of bombs will be required. 4th A.L.H. Brigade can arrange for Limbers to bring them up, but those for 3rd and 5th Brigades cannot be expected to arrive till the SH.NIMRIN - ES SALT Road is clear.

5. ESSENTIAL STORES.

- (i) As each Brigade has a different problem to solve, the details of transport are left to Brigades.
- (ii) It is considered the order of importance of stores is as follows:-

S.A.A. and Grenades  
 Signalling Equipment  
 Tools.

- (iii) The transport question for 4th Brigade is fairly normal.

- (iv) Following detail for 1st, 3rd and 5th Brigades is suggested:-

- (a) 230 rounds S.A.A. per rifle on man and horse.  
 (b) 12,000 rds. S.A.A. Regimental Hotchkiss Reserve on 6 pack horses.  
 (c) 400 rounds extra on each M.G. pack horse - 12,000 extra on pack per each M.G. Squadron.  
 (d) 148 rifle grenades and 48 bombs per Regiment on 2 pack horses.  
 (e) A minimum of 6 tool packs per Regt.  
 (f) Remaining 5 packs for signalling Equipment, etc.  
 (g) Water equipment to continue to be carried on special pack horse.

6. One L.G.S. Limber per Regt. and 2 L.G.S. Wagons Field Squadron will be left empty. These will be filled with R.E. material, under arrangements to be made by O.C. Field Squadron, for use when ES SALT is taken.

7. Remaining wagons will be packed with the most essential stores and will be prepared to march to ES SALT as soon as sent for.

8. The less essential stores and baggage will be dumped in present bivouacs under arrangements by A.A. & Q.M.G., Australian Mounted Division.

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 28th April 1918.

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Operation "B".

Preliminary Instructions No.2.

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Reference Map I" to I mile.

1. Cancel Para. 7 of Preliminary Instructions No.1.

2. GUIDES.

Natives guides have been obtained on the following scale - each Brigade 4.

These guides will report to Brigades as soon as they arrive.

3. MAPS.

The detail of maps to be carried is laid down in my G.226 of 28/4/18.

4. CAPTURED PRISONERS AND GUNS.

(i) (a) All prisoners will be evacuated rapidly to B.H.Q.

(b) The Corps collecting station is being established at the entrance to the GHORANIYEH Bridgehead on No.8 Road.

(ii) Captured Guns will, if possible, be removed to the rear; otherwise they will be destroyed.

5. (i) All ranks are warned that, if captured, every man is bound to give his true name and rank if questioned on the subject, and it is the duty of all to refuse to answer further questions.

(ii) No documents or marked maps likely to disclose information useful to the enemy are to be carried by Officers or men taking part in active operations.

(iii) All ranks will be searched for documents before going into action.

6. WATER.

Water will be scarce. All ranks will start with their water bottles and Zamzameers, if in possession, full and will conserve the water as much as possible.

7. STORES.

The following stores will be carried :-

(i) FLARES.

20 per Troop. To be lit to co-operate with our artillery.

(ii) BOMBS.

48 per Regiment

(iii) RIFLE GRENADES.

144 per Regiment.

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8. GALLOPERS.

~~(ix)~~ Each Brigade will detail one officer galloper to report to D.H.Q. by 1600 on the day before the operation. O.C., 8th L.H. Regiment will detail this officer.

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9. AMMUNITION SUPPLY.

(i) Ammunition dumps are being formed

(a) West of GHORANIYEH Bridge, II3.L.I2.b.

(b) SHUNET NIMRIN as soon as possible.

(ii) G.O.C. R.A. assumes command of the ammunition columns as soon as the Division reaches ES SALT.

(iii) A camel ammunition column is being formed, which will carry:-  
3.7 and 2.75 shells, S.A.A., bombs and rifle grenades.

This column will move under the orders of O.C. 19th Bde. R.H.A.

10. AEROPLANE CO-OPERATION.

The following reconnaissances have been arranged. They will drop messages on D.H.Q.

(a) Contact patrols from 0530 to 0700, 1100 to 1230, 1530 to 1700. Forward troops will show their positions by lighting red flares when called for.

(b) Tactical reconnaissance from 0900-1030, 1300-1430, 1500-1630, not ~~going~~ <sup>showing white strips</sup> more than 16,000 yards beyond our front line

11. RELAY POSTS.

Corps H.Q. is arranging for a chain of relay posts to connect with the 4th Bde. facing JIER ED DAMIE. It will be in position by 0500.

12. DISCIPLINE.

The strictest silence will be maintained during the night march.

No lights are to be lit until permitted by order of an officer after dawn.

13. COMMUNICATIONS.(i) GENERAL.

Owing to the difficulties of transport during the second stage of the operations, cable work will be extremely limited, therefore visual and wireless communication must be principally depended on. Brigades must make every endeavour to keep in touch with D.H.Q. at all times by means of visual signalling.

All Signal Officers will make every possible use of the means at their disposal to maintain communication under the varying conditions which may ~~prevail~~ be expected.

(ii) VISUAL.

Helios will be used as much as possible by day and Lucas lamps by night between Bde. H.Q. and D.H.Q. An advance visual party will be detailed by the O.C. Signal Squadron to keep touch with the 5th and 3rd Bdes. on their advance towards ES SALT; these Bdes. must be prepared however to drop additional visual parties between the top of the plateau and ES SALT should the advanced Divisional Station get out of touch with them.

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(iii) WIRELESS.

Horse pack W/T stations will be detailed by O.C. Signal Sqn. for attachment to the 3rd and 5th Bdes., and a camel pack W/T station for attachment to the 4th Bde.

One horse pack station and one camel pack station will remain with D.H.Q.

(iv) CABLE.

A pack cable detachment will follow the 5th Bde. to ES SALT. One cable wagon detachment will connect the 4th Bde. H.Q. with D.H.Q. during first stage, if and when D.H.Q. moves up steep track during second stage, the cable to the 4th Bde. will be tied into one of the two lines running back to Advanced Descorps H.Q.

The three cable wagons of the Signal Squadron will proceed to ES SALT as soon as Route No. 8 is clear.

(v) DESPATCH RIDERS.

The majority of these will join D.H.Q. as soon as possible after dawn during the first stage, the 4th Bde. D.Rs. will join their Bde. at the same time. During the second stage all D.Rs. less the 4th Bde. D.Rs. will proceed when possible by Route No. 8 to join the D.H.Q. at ES SALT.

14. HOSTILE COMMUNICATIONS.

Hostile communications will be destroyed whenever met with.

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Reference Map I" to I mile, Sheets IS and East of JORDAN composite Sheet (2nd Edition).

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1. OUTPOSTS.

- (i) On the night April 29/30, from immediately after dark, one Regt. 1st L.H. Bde. will hold the following approximate outpost line:-

O.24 - O.18 - O.5 - F.29 central - F.23 central - F.16 central - F.15 central - F.14 central.

- (ii) The outposts will not be withdrawn without orders from D.H.Q.

2. MARCH.

- (i) To-night April 29/30th, the Brigade Group will march to area of concentration as follows:-

(a) Order of March.

B.H.Q.  
 Brigade Scouts  
 3rd Signal Troop  
 9th L.H. Regiment (plus one section M.G.S.-4 guns)  
 3rd M.G.S. (less one section).  
 10th L.H. Regiment  
 HONG KONG and SINGAPORE Mountain Battery.  
 8th L.H. Regiment  
 3rd Field Troop, A.E.  
 3rd L.H.F.A.  
 Camel Ammunition Column.

- (b) Starting Point. Track JUNCTION in Square K.5.c.4.3 (just South of present bivouac of Fotts Battery).

- (c) Time to pass Starting Point. B.H.Q. will pass the starting point at 2120. Units will join the column in above order.

- (d) Route to Exit through Bridgehead Defences. Via Track North of TELL DEIR GHANNAM to L.12.a, thence via main road, across barrel and pontoon bridges, thence North.

- (e) Time to cross Bridges. 2320 - 2400.

- (f) Exit through Bridgehead Defences. Square O.27.b thence due North.

- (g) Area of Concentration. Square O2 and O3.

- (h) March Formation. Column of Section. On reaching Area of Concentration, the Bde. will form Column of Squadrons in Line of Troop Column at reduced distances.

- (ii) After passing through the Bridgehead Defences, C.O. 9th L.H. Regt. will detail two troops as left flank guard to the Brigade. These troops will rejoin 9th L.H. Regt. on Bde. moving North from the Area of Concentration early on 30th April.

3. C.O. 3rd M.G.S. will detail one section (4 guns) to report to C.O. 9th L.H. Regt. before Bde. moves to-night.

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4. C.O. 8th L.H. Regt. will detail 2 N.C.Os. and 20 men, plus necessary horseholders, to report to Staff Captain at B.H.Q. at 2115 to-night. This party is required to assist Bde. in crossing bridge. Party will rejoin 8th L.H. Regt. when the Brigade Group has crossed bridge.
5. No wheels will accompany Brigade Group, except Field Ambulance.
6. The Brigade Group will use the pontoon and cask bridges equally.
7. The strictest march discipline will be maintained on the march. Special attention will be given to packs as it is probable the Bde. might have to move at the trot up the JORDAN valley.
8. The A.P.M. will reconnoitre the route by daylight and employ all the police in the Division for policing the route from the entrance to the JORDAN Valley to the exit at O.27.b.

9. STEEL HELMETS.

On the Brigade Group moving from the area of concentration at dawn to-morrow all ranks will wear steel helmets.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Issued at 1145.  
29th April 1918.

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3rd A.L.H. BRIGADE ORDER NO. 10.

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Reference Map: East of JORDAN Composite Sheet (2nd Edition).

I. INFORMATION.

- (1) The latest information about the enemy will be issued separately.
- (ii) Desert Mounted Corps is to envelop the right of the enemy's main forces about SHUMET NIMRIN, capture ES SALT and advance to the line KUSR, I49.T.9 - Pt. 2900, I49.O.35. The operation commences about dawn on April 30th.
- (iii) Major General SHEA, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., commanding the right attack, is to operate about one hour before dawn as follows:-
- To seize, with one Mounted Regt., one Squadron Hyderabad Lancers and one Battalion Malak Infantry, the enemy's advanced works near the KARR SAID and KARR MUJAHID tracks.
  - To occupy the line MARKAR ED DERBASI - TELL EL MUSTA-EL HAUD.
  - To direct A & N.Z. Mt'd. Divn. to advance to the line KUSR, I49.T.9 - ES SALT.
- (iv) Major General HODGSON, C.V.O., C.B., will command the left attack, which will operate as detailed in Para. 2.
- (v) The I.C.C. Bde is ordered by 0400, to have thrown forward its front to about I13.X.23.a, and to have established a post of at least a section to command the right bank of the JORDAN near the bend in I13.X.17.d.
- (vi) 20th Inf. Bde. is to be prepared to defend the Bridgehead.
- (vii) 6th Mounted Brigade and Imperial Service Cav. Bde are in Corps reserve West of GHORANIYER Bridge.

2. INTENTION.

The Divisional Commander intends to advance rapidly Northwards East of the JORDAN, place one Brigade N.W. astride the UMM ESH SHERT - JISR ED DAMIE and the ES SALT - JISR ED DAMIE tracks and with the remainder of the Division move on ES SALT from West and North West.

When ES SALT is captured, dispositions will be made to protect it from the North; one Brigade will move Eastwards on Pt 2900, I49.O.35, and a detachment will move towards SHUMET NIMRIN with the object of capturing the enemy retiring in front of the right attack.

3. ORDERS TO TROOPS.1st Stage of Operations. (Capture of ES SALT.)

- (1) G.O.C. 4th A.L.H. Brigade at dawn at latest, will move forward from the Wadi ABU MUHAIR and will force his way with the utmost rapidity towards JISR ED DAMIE.
- The Brigade will take up a position facing N.W., astride the UMM ESH SHERT - JISR ED DAMIE and ES SALT - JISR ED DAMIE tracks, in order to enable 3rd Bde, to move behind 4th Bde. on to ES SALT - /8/4 3 = =) ES Track.
- XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
- (ii) G.O.C. 4th A.L.H. Brigade at dawn at latest, will move forward from the Wadi ABU MUHAIR and will seize with the utmost rapidity the entrance of the UMM ESH SHERT track into the foothills. The Brigade will then advance and occupy ES SALT.

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- (iii) G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Bde. will move from WADI ABU BUHAIR in closest support of 4th A.L.H. Bde.  
 G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Bde. will maintain close touch with G.O.C. 4th A.L.H. Bde. and will afford him all and immediate assistance in forcing his way rapidly Northwards.  
 3rd A.L.H. Bde. will seize the entrance to the hills on the ES SALT - JISR ED DAMIS Road and move on ES SALT as rapidly as possible.
- (iv) G.O.C. 1st A.L.H. Bde. will at dawn push forward one Regt.  
 (a) and one section M. guns on the left of the 4th A.L.H. Bde. Their role will be to contain the enemy in the RED HILL about C.25 from the South and South East.  
 (b) The remainder of the Brigade will be in Divisional reserve and will take cover in a position of readiness in the JORDAN VALLEY about F.19.
- (v) ARTILLERY.  
 (a) 19th Bde. R.H.A., (less "B" Battery H.A.C.) under command of the C.R.H.A. will support 4th A.L.H. Bde.  
 (b) The 3.7" Battery and "B" Battery H.A.C. will support 5th Mtd. Bde. under direct orders of the G.O.C. 5th Mtd. Bde.  
 Immediately "B" Battery H.A.C. is unable to support 5th Mtd. Bde. any longer, it will be ordered by G.O.C. 5th Mtd. Bde. to move North and support 3rd A.L.H. Bde.  
 (c) Hq. K. & S. Battery will support 3rd A.L.H. Bde. under direct orders of G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Bde.

(vi) 12th L.A.C. Battery.

- (a) Two L.A. cars are allotted to 4th A.L.H. Bde.  
 (b) Two L.A. cars are allotted to 5th Mtd. Bde.

Immediately the G.O.C. 5th Mtd. Bde. no longer requires them, he will order them to report to the G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Bde.

When G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Bde. no longer requires them, he will order them to report to G.O.C. 4th A.L.H. Bde.

2ND STAGE (DEFENCE OF ES SALT AND CO-OPERATION WITH A. & N.Z. MOUNTED DIVISION.)

- (i) After ES SALT is captured every effort will be made to  
 (a) Protect it from the North.  
 (b) Move a detachment towards SHUNET NIERIE with the object of capturing the enemy retiring from in front of Major General SHEA's force.  
 (c) Send one Brigade to occupy Pt. 2900, I42.0.35.
- (ii) The above three tasks are stated in order of importance. Until the Divisional Commander arrives at ES SALT, the senior Commander present at ES SALT will use whatever troops of the Division are available at the time to carry out the above three tasks.
- (iii) The dividing line between A. & N.Z. and Australian Mounted Divisions East of ES SALT will be a line from ES SALT to Pt. 2900, I42.0.35, inclusive to Australian Mounted Division.

54. REPORTS.

Div.H.Q. will be at the head of the 1st A.L.H. Bde. about F.19 from 0300 onwards.

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