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532	(cont)	6		be back in a few days + as no steps were taken please advise how what is to be done with these people	
533	0730 2215	GA 566	9507	Mounted patrols sent out this afternoon report HADI THEN BEIT MABELA and DEIR TURIF Charx ET TIREH held enemy occupying high ground to south of it in R24 and R30. Patrol was fired on by 3 MG and one small field gun reckoned to be at R137.	
534	0730 2400	GA 567	9507	Please instruct one officer 5 Coy and Bull Squadron to report dismounted to D Col. RE DE Coy at RAMLEH supply dump tomorrow 20 th at 1100. They will receive special instructions on arrival and should be rationed for two days prior to reporting.	

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535	0600	GA 235	To 3 Bde	all clear	
536	0745 0710	GA 573	From Despatch	In the event of 5th Div operating today against enemy on Ridge between DEIR TEREIF - ET TIREH & you will place 2 2nd Bde at disposal of GOC 5th Div	
537	0730	GA 236	Despatch 2nd Sqn	in Patrol to WILHEMA the German colony yesterday reports that the German inhabitants very intolerant & stated that the Germans would be back in a few days. Mostly elderly men & women in village. Please state what action is to be taken.	
538	GA 237	0813	Despatch	Please detail 1 Coy 5 Coy to report dismounted to Col RE Despatch at RAMLEH supply dump today 20 th at 1100. They will receive special instructions on arrival & should be rationed for two days prior to reporting.	
539	0825	GA 238	Despatch	GA 567 ack	
540	0845	GA 239	Despatch	GA 574 ack	

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542	0745	99574	From Descript.	Descript is responsible for the defence of line MALIN BUDRUS DEIR TUREIF EL YEHUDIYEH Pt 265 JERISHEH - left flank of NAHR EL AVJA to the rear 54 th Div less one Bde group is placed at disposal of GOC Descript & 7 th MABde comes under direct orders GOC Descript from 1400 today. GOC Amgal will place one Regt at disposal of GOC 54 th Div for purposes of reconnaissance by day only. GOC Amgal will retain 1 Bde in reserve for the present. Dividing line between 7 th Bde + 54 th Div. JIMZU - KHURSE - BUDRUS - AENTIS all inclusive 7 th MABde. Between 54 th Div Amgal. BEIT DEJAN - EL YEHUDIYEH - NEBY TARI - RAILWAY LINE all inclusive to 54 th Div. Relief between Amgal + 54 th Div will be carried out under mutual arrangements so as to be completed by 1600. Amgal to be reported to this office & ack.	

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✓ 542	0915	9509	100 & 1000 1000 7 th MABde A. Amgal	line to be held by descript will now be MALIN BUDRUS - DEIR TUREIF EL YEHUDIYEH Pt 265 JERISHEH left bank NAHR EL AVJA to the rear 54 th Div less 1 Bde group comes under Descript & 7 th MABde comes under Descript from 1400 today. 22 Bde will place 1 Regt for reconnaissance by day only at disposal of 54 th Div. 100 will be in reserve for the present. Coy 100 Bde now with 102 Bde will report to 1300. 54 th Div will take over part of Descript line at far as including EL YEHUDIYEH & dividing line between 54 th Div + 102 Bde to the BEIT DEJAN - EL YEHUDIYEH NEBY TARI Railway line all inclusive to 54 th Div. 22 Bde on line being taken over by 54 th Div will be in reserve remaining in present bonnac. 102 Bde + 102 MR Bde no change. 102 Bde will keep track with 54 th Div + 102 Bde with 102 Bde. All arrangements will be completed by 1530 today & report furnished to this office when moves are completed & ack.	

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543	9/17	1930	From Desamps	(PB 236) This question has been referred to G.I.C. For the present no action should be taken except in cases of physical violence or threat of same in which case the culprit will be placed in arrest.	
544	0935	9510	to 22nd Bde	Repeat 543	
545	1040 1002	From 5	From 22nd Bde	Our patrol found RANTIEH LNEYBY TARI unoccupied by enemy but WADI ABU LESTIA was strongly held.	
546	1040 0942	From 4	From 22nd Bde	Our patrol this morning passed thro AT TIRIEH & found no sign of the enemy & the patrol have not yet returned.	
547	1040 0945	SC 653	From 12th Bde	Prisoners captured 19/11/17 - 2 Turkish deserters from 21st Regt 7th Div	
548	1050	9511	to 22nd Bde	Repeat 545	
549	1100	9512	to 22nd Bde	Please instruct WIT posts set your Bde report WIT Desamps.	

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550	-	95210	to 22nd Bde	Please give bearer the sheets 13 & 14 for 27th Bde of telephone conversation.	
551	1205	95219	From Desamps	Ref your PB 236 G.I.C. were enemy subjects who adopt violent attitude may be interned without mercy. They further suggest headmen of villages be made responsible for safety of our communication in vicinity mentioned if above ordered with	
552	1220 1127	R 578	From 5th Div	16th Bde group comprising 2 bat (4 18 par) & one H.S. (saw) also sent to 2nd Bde under Brig Gen MVOGE has been ordered to relieve 2nd Bde on line BUDRUS (bat) EL YCHUDIVIA (mil) by 1600. 16th Bde group (comprising no artillery) has been ordered to concentrate at RAMLEH. On 19th 12th Bde A.H.C. 189 Heavy Battery attached close by.	
553	1220	9573	to 22nd Bde	Repeat 551	
554	0915	Ans 02	From 7th Bde	all clear. Patrols sent out to REHMAN as ordered & about 100 enemy not seen returning N.E.	

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				from shells about 1 1/2 miles E of NABULUS. Am still in touch with 224 Bde night. Communication difficult & unreliable, bad. Country rocky & mountainous by steep wadis almost impassible. Fear patrol to RENTIS will be slow. If cables contemplated suggest pack after JMW 2V.	
555	1640	-	1070 S.W. 7M WAS	0810 approx 300 our car on road point moving towards JERUSALEM	
				OP 25 THATA all clear 0830 BIRE small party our car approx 50 moving along wadi HAMA towards BIRE 0855 KEFR AKAB small car patrols 20 men in small groups on Jerusalem road about point TEL ELIYASBI moving towards Jerusalem & no enemy movements seen throughout height 2000 mt Syria 1/250000 observation ball	
556	1535	9221	11 sheets 13+14+16 sheets 14 handed to you		

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				orderly today. It seems consignment for 2 2nd Bde have sent by corps orderly to you on 1st net but not accepted by you & reached 7th Bde. Suggest you endeavour collect from them location Y. 27 A	
557	1605	9137	1070 S.W. 7M WAS	1070 S.W. 7M WAS 1070 S.W. 7M WAS 1070 S.W. 7M WAS 79th Regt which he states is destroyed & left JERUSALEM 3 days ago - Turks were then leaving 2000 125 + 212 + 1 Habonim.	
558	1700	9208	1070 S.W. 7M WAS	79th Regt situation & no troops at SHILTA now have been in touch with infantry BERRILYA & parties of enemy shelling about 100 near DEIR EI KADDIS & Patrol to RENTIS not yet returned going very difficult &	
559	1450	4514	1070 S.W. 7M WAS	Repeat 558.	
560	1500	9515	1070 S.W. 7M WAS	Corps Code issues improvement of communication taken in hand at once & this includes sign boards	

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				on roads & tracks, making tracks where necessary through ledges and making roads over Hadis & ditches possible to take wheels. For this purpose Pds will be allotted areas as follows 2 Pds to work in collaboration with 5th Pdn in whose area they are bounded within area bounded by the railway front line held by 5th as far as and including EL YAHVOIYEH - line EL YEHUDIYEH through BEIT DEJAN to the main JAFFA - RAMLEH road + JAFFA - RAMLEH road to the railway.	
				12th Pde area bounded by N.W. boundary line of 5th Pdn area their own front line - a line from right post of 12th Pde (incl) to YAZUR (incl) thence to main road - main JAFFA - RAMLEH road to where boundary line of 5th Pdn meets it + 12th Pde area West of boundary between themselves + 12th Pde and South of their own front line. 1CC Pde area bounded on South by the track running from the JAFFA -	

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				RAMLEH road from 1 1/4 mile South of SURAFEND passing 1/2 mile South of KNIRBET SURAFEND - thence KNIRBET SURAFEND to AYUN KARA - From AYUN KARA up the line of Sandhills to the JAFFA - RAMLEH road South of YAZUR - tracks along the JAFFA - RAMLEH road. This work will be taken in hand but watering arrangements + strengthening of front line will take procedure.	
561	1645	Am 329	from Decoy	Wire names of attached officers to 'A' 'Q' 1st Branch of your Isgrs.	
562	1705	Am 338	from 12th Pde	Enemy still in position N. of NAHR EL ATVA, outposts in position. Position unchanged	
563	1710	Am 351	from 12th Pde	Patrol to FERREKHIEH today reports on approaching MULEBBIS which is surrounded by very thick mangli Groves patrol was fired on by 1 mach Gun from about 500 yds N.W.	

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				of MULEBBIS. One Troop of enemy Cavalry was afterwards observed moving NW from about this position. The patrol moved through MULEBBIS direct on FERRIKHIYEH. They crossed the WADI WADY LEJJA & got within view of the dam pumping house works when they were heavily fired on from houses & concrete wall of the dam. At this place there is sufficient water for an army Corps. The bridge was not seen but inhabitants of MULEBBIS states that it was demolished by the enemy two nights ago. The patrol moved down east bank of WADI WADY LEJJA which is dry except for occasional shallow pools & crossed near N of AYUD to move towards MULEBBIS. From FERRIKHIYEH until the Wadi was crossed the patrol was shelled by one battery which was not		

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				located. From pt of observation at 10 arch bridge on rly line estimated at about 2 miles N of RAS EL AIN & a trolley containing six men came down the line to the bridge at RAS EL AIN & were covered by about 7 sqds of Cav. which moved from the direction of EL MIRR to RAS EL AIN		
564	1820	9530	2000 54 Div	Have discussed situation with Gen Clayton & suggest returning 120th Bde on their present line by 161 Bde group including one 18/200 M H S How Batty these guns being additional to those now with 162 Bde. Relief could be carried out on 23 rd , 161 Bde will be replaced in RAMLEH by 2 Bnd 163 Bde. do you concur		
565	1830	9576	2000 54 Div	Repeat 563		
566	1840	9517	1000 54 Div	Repeat 562		

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567	1845	GA589	²²⁰⁰ Despatch	On receipt of this order 54 Dm will be responsible for policing RAMLEH MUDD. They will also take steps to make as soon as possible all roads & tracks leading out of those two places which are likely to be used especially the motor lorry track from RAMLEH to MAAHE.	
568	2127	GB741	¹²⁰⁰ Despatch	Ref 54 Dm message G 530 of 20 Nov. & suggest if any further relief of line by infantry takes place that either they take right of line which is bad country for mounted troops & difficult to water horses or take part of the line now held by 1 st Lt Bde nearest to that already held by 54 Dm. Proposal in G 530 would put part of Anzacs between two parts of 54 Dm & complicate command of line.	

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569	2125	GB712	²²⁰⁰ Despatch	Relief of 22 ABde completed about 1900	
✓ 570	2035	-	²⁰¹¹² ¹²⁰⁰ Despatch	On account of difficulty of supply by lorry owing to bad weather 12 ABde will after waiting tomorrow hand over that part of the line they at present hold to 22 ABde & march to a bivouac site at ESOVD which should be sufficiently near JUKIS to allow supply to be drawn by wheeled transport. 22 ABde will take over line held by 12 ABde with two Regiments & relief to be completed early tomorrow to allow 12 ABde to water & march. 22 ABde will continue however to furnish one regiment to 54 Dm for mounting as at present. How relief & start of 12 ABde for ESOVD to be reported to these Staff & Act 1.	
571	2100	GA595	²²⁰⁰ Despatch	Comd Condr regrets he is unable to	

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				concur in your proposal as desires to maintain organization of two Div front & also 163 Bde to not at our disposal. He proposes to ask you on 23 rd to relieve 7 th Mtd Bde by two Bns where country is quite unsuitable for mtd troops.	
572	2120	9A39	54 Div	On account of difficulty of supply by lorry owing to bad weather following moves will take place tomorrow after watering. Austdn less one Bde left at disposal of 20 th Corps to HAMAMEN + METDEL. The Bde assigned to ESQVA. Above localities are approx only troops will be placed in such positions as to allow of supplies being drawn by wheeled transport from JULIS. Ammunition will hold present line with fine Regt + continue to furnish one Regt to 54 Div. Completion of move to be reported to Corps Lt Col. ACK.	

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573	2200 2120	9533	54 Div	Ref my 9530 of today. If I could have mtd troops placed at my disposal for day patrolling where ground admits of this I would be able to take over whole of line now occupied by ANZAC Div from ELVEHDIYEH to sea. This arrangement would enable us to dig line we have subsequently to occupy.	
574	2200	9518	Ab Co.	9A 594 recd.	

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575	0845	9519	By ^{1st} Bde	Ob. Com. support line report all ch.	
576	0835	9520	- Ob. Com.	begin 9th Lulu + Lt. No. 4evenson 9 Branch Lt. W. Averill 9 Branch.	
577	0840	9521	^{2nd} Bde	Should you require that 13+14 collect from 7th ^{1st} Bde location + 27a	Collect
578	0910 0900	9790	^{1st} Bde	There is no sign of d. 2 nd Bde coming to relieve the support line.	
579	0915	9522	^{1st} Bde	Following from Ob. Com. in receipt of the order 5th Bde will be responsible for police RAMLEH (LUND) etc. They will also take steps to make as com as possible all roads + tracks leading out of those two places which are likely to be used especially the motor lorry track from RAMLEH to NAANVEN	
580	1030 0925	9C65	^{1st} Bde	May troop escort to BAC be now relieved they have done me months duty.	
581	1022 1049	9M6	^{2nd} Bde	Our troop have reached + found one mile north of MEY TASI and have reconnoitred MEZERIKH for 54 th Bde. are found no sign of enemy troops.	

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582	1100 1045	9M905	^{1st} Bde	Support line relieved by 2 nd ^{1st} Bde at 1040 and Bde now moving at 1045.	
583	1110	9B203	Ob. Com.	replies 582	
584	1120	9B204	- Ob. Com.	What are you verbal in situation (Code)	
585	1130	9B205	- Ob. Com.	Your 59403 rec'd.	
586	1520 1515	9M10	^{2nd} Bde	BFO established YASOR 1400.	
587	1600 1530	9H610	Ob. Com.	54 th Bde will on 100.23 take over with 2 nd Bde front as present held by 7 th ^{1st} Bde + relief to be completed as early as possible consistent with the infantry, not supporting before dawn + completion to be reported to the office. + 7 th ^{1st} Bde will plan 4 9.5 wagons at disposal of 54 th Bde for the purpose of transporting supplies from RAMLEH to LUND + 7 th ^{1st} Bde on completion of relief will withdraw to bivouac SSE of ZERIVKHAH lat. etc. occupied by 4 th ^{1st} Bde + Act.	
588	1600 1455	9A609	Ob. Com.	advanced BFO established at ES SON FIR EL GHARBIRH 94A 12 noon +	

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✓ 589	1630 9533	9533	9533	By 1000 to-morrow 20 th unit. ICCBde will take over & be responsible for by day & night that section of the front line bounded by EL YEHUDIYEH on the right ecc. to pt 265 on left ecc. am This section to be held by 1 Btn 7 th IFFde will notify this office by wire when the handover of this section is completed. Remainder of ICCBde will remain as at present located. Ref 9513 dated 20 th IFFde will now be responsible for the area allotted 1 st IFFde am That allotted 2 nd IFFde in order mentioned is cancelled.	
590	1630 9534	9534	9534	By 1000 to-morrow 20 th unit 1 Btn ICCBde will take over the right sector of our line which is as follows: EL YEHUDIYEH ecc. on the right to pt 265 on the left.	
591	1630 9535	9535	9535	1 st IFFde now moved to YAZUR. Please forward copy of patrol instructions to regt. placed at your disposal to Gen HQ for information.	

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592	1650 1625	BM 986	BM 986	1 st IFFde Bde bivouacked two miles S of YEBNA at 1600	
593	1700	9536	9536	repeats 592	
594	1710	9537	9537	10 demtro brought in to-day, 1 from 21 st 1 from 14 th 1 from 19 th 7 th from 76 th & deep since they left their units.	
595	1710 1655	BM 490	BM 490	12 MR Enemy pos still occupying high ground covering bridge over NAHR EL AVSA square 217 B a battery held enemy position from 1230 to 1400 am otherwise no change.	
596	1715	9538	9538	repeats 595	
597	1730	9539	9539	12 MR reconnaissance required to monitor of FORD IN SUMMER in F14 B and FORD just north of KEIBATA in F14 A and add 12 MR	
✓ 598	1915	9530	9530	All units Gen HQ to-morrow 20 th unit to JAFFA to a life part of the town & ICCBde (less 1 Btn holding line) will move to a camp site about 1 1/2 miles SW of YAZUR near pt 265 & time of move of 5 th IFF will be notified later.	

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599	1970	9531	By 21st Div 72nd Div 73rd Div	Unless the situation demands otherwise all clear from the front line will only be sent at midnight and early morning.	
600	2022 1970	9A 615	By 21st Div 72nd Div 73rd Div	Part of a detachment 54th Div now at ABU SHUSHEM to rejoin Main Body of its division & as soon as it rejoins GOC 54th Div will place two Bns 1st Bn & 1st U.S. battery at the disposal of GOC Auzai Div. who will employ them to hold front line next to sea now held by 17th Bde & the troops they relieved will remain at disposal of GOC Auzai who will be prepared to support 50th Div if called upon. Except in case of immediate urgency GOC 54th Div will ask for assistance of mounted troops through Corp HQ & the does not apply to the Regt which will continue to be placed at the disposal of by Auzai & date & time of relief will be arranged direct between Divnl Corders concerned & notified to the office & ack.	

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601	0625 2300	9577	By 21st Div 72nd Div 73rd Div	Interp. Davidson should come with camel convoy from Gaza to Tulu Khay with motor convoy RAMLEN refilling it where he will be collected by Auzai Div & should have pass authorized to accompany convoy & advise us his arrival if not may not be provided pass & added G.H.R.	
602	0600	9526	By 21st Div 72nd Div 73rd Div	All clear.	
603	0900	9527	By 21st Div 72nd Div 73rd Div	To facilitate supply the whole of the ammunition Column should remain where it is at present	
604	0910	9532	By 21st Div 72nd Div 73rd Div	DAAG. ZEALANDIA) Leave matter until next orders but make promotion Lt to Capt.	
605	0915	9533	By 21st Div 72nd Div 73rd Div	110 units Ref 9530 Units will be prepared to move at 1230 to day.	
606	1125 1026	9529	By 21st Div 72nd Div 73rd Div	CCBde have relieved 17th Bde & 1st Regt of outpost line at 1030 this morning.	
607	1710	9534	By 21st Div 72nd Div 73rd Div	54th Div order 6041 received.	
608	1755 1115	9529	By 21st Div 72nd Div 73rd Div	Bde & Bwona SHEIKH ABU JAHIR 1050.	

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609	1300	9535	6/ Dec Cp.	1st Lt. report received SHEKHADU TAMM 1050	
610	1315 1306	9535	6/ Dec Cp.	5th Regt patrol to FORD in SUMMER reports crossing held x one machine gun impossible to estimate number of rifles x We are not able to approach within 1200 Yds of crossing x Intention of MUL FBBIS that arabs are holding the ford.	
611	1370	9536	6/ Dec Cp.	Repeat 610.	
612	1605	9A630	6/ Dec Cp.	Ref the office 9A610 x 5th Div will hold line J13 Central SHEKH EL GHARBAWY - KH HARMVUSH instead of line as previous held by 7th Mtd Bde may if they wish withdraw on to the line previous to relief.	
✓ 613	1730	9B248	act 6/ Dec Cp.	Send on force of at least 1 sqdn to MUL FBBIS to monitor from 2300 to cover passage of civilians from JAFKA to MUL FBBIS and back x force to be in position by 0700 and to withdraw at 1500 x Civilians will be coming by SELMEN or by road over	

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614		over 9B249	NAHR EL BARIDEM	BARIDEM x They will not have passes SA 630 received	
615	1940 1550	913	6/ Dec Cp.	report situation in area from (Code)	
616	1950 1945	9A635	6/ Dec Cp.	Until further orders all units act under the direct orders of the Corps will forward daily situation reports at 0600 & 1800 to the office.	
617	2020	9B250	6/ Dec Cp.	Situation 0800 no change on J13M front as Patrol to FORD in SUMMER reports crossing held x 1 m G impossible to estimate number of rifles - Patrol unable to approach within 1200 Yds of crossing x intention of MUL FBBIS that arabs are holding the ford.	
618	2020	9B251	6/ Dec Cp.	No change in situation at 1800.	
619	2130	9B252	6/ Dec Cp.	MUL FBBIS will be covered by a force from 2nd Lt Bde from 0800 until 1500 to monitor area The information sent as it is understood in office from your staff will be to get into that village x The 90C appear to have permission for the relief at present in JAFKA to monitor MUL FBBIS to monitor between the above	

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	2140			Lower to bring in the personal belongings.	
620	2140	9553	to 50 th Bn.	What patrol do you require to-morrow please	
		23 rd		November 1917.	
621	0550	9537	to Despatch	Outpost line has nothing to report. Situation unchanged.	
622	0635	9558	to Despatch	GA out ack.	
623	0600	9539	to Despatch	All Clear	
624	0700 0740	9561	to 77 th	Cypher message G.D. 253 recd. 2312 22/11/17 intelligible & repetition asked for	
625	0830	Amst	to 22 nd Bn.	Covering light in position occupying line 500 yards N. of MULEBBIS AT TEL ABU ZEITUN.	
626	0915	9539	to Despatch	Patrol 221 st Bn. to FORD on NAH EL AJTA in squares of F.14 B & F.14 A found enemy with MG's at each & from all patrol reports therefore enemy have small posts along WADI ABU ZEITUN as far as the word WADI then a	

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				a space of about 2000 yards with no post & then post with M. Gun backed up by artillery covering MILK & BRIDGE at FERREKHIYEH. Post with M Gun at FORD at REIBUTA & at FORD in F.14 B & covering bridge MDAM in F.14 A & 17 B. Small posts in SHEKHA HANNIS & watering FORD at mouth of NAH EL AJTA	
627	1000	9524	to 3 rd Bn. 18 th Bn.	Please forward to DHO that portion of your War Diary that covers the period Nov 1 st to Nov 20 th . This is urgently required in writing up the DHO account of the operations. I'll be glad to see the account to Nov 3 rd already received	
628	1040	9520	to 3 rd Bn. Despatch	REC Reconnaissance 0830 today reports line of trenches 400 yards S. of FEJJA running W.N.W. to about F.27. & about 100-200	

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				Shelter behind this line. Large camp about 2000 men immediately N.W. MULEBBIS, About 800 men in MEBY TARI.	
629	1100	G/B 255	² Bdes	Repeat 628.	
630	1125	G/B 256	² Bdes	It is understood that a great deal of supplies such as Fibber, Seay, Grain & live Stock are in the German settlement of WILHELMA in neighbourhood of EL YEHUDIYEH. Send parties at early hour tomorrow to make investigation & list of supplies available. One Sqdn should be sufficient escort for this.	
631		G/B 257	² Bdes	Please send man to D.H.Q. to collect one bag map about 50 lbs weight.	
632	1245	G 540	² Bdes	Plan news.	
633	1500	Pm 2	² Bdes	Patrol to FORD in SUMMER reports crossing still held by enemy & Enemy also have small post along northern bank of WADI.	

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634	1345 1430	4568	From 54 th Dm	Propose sending patrol 6 AM tomorrow to ascertain if KULAT RAS EL AIN is clear -	
635	1510	4541	To Descript	Repeat 633.	
636	1530	GI 231	From Descript	Ref my GI 230 + second reconnaissance now amended. report as under + 2000 men + 250 T.S. N.W. of MISKE NOT MULEBBIS + trench line 400 yards S. of TABSOR NOT FETJA.	
637	1500	5c290	From T.I.	T.I. Bde Groups less two Battal concentrated at SELMEH 071 J.28.A + addressed Ryzee Dm	
638	1615	4542	To Descript	Prisoners nil.	
639	1710	4B258	To Descript	SB/HOO/5 recd.	
✓ 640	1750	4B259	To Descript	Buy 120 on 24 th met. 2 Bns 16 th Bde supported by one Batty RFA + one Batty H.S. Hows will have taken over that section of the front line at present held by 12 M.R. Bde + On relief 12 M.R. will concentrate in the vicinity of SARONA.	

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641	1830	4B260	To Descript	Situation unchanged.	
642	1830	4B261	To Descript	Your SA 662 received.	
643	1915 2000	4580	From 54 th Dm	Relief of 7 th Mtd Bde completed.	
644	2020	4B262	To Descript	At daylight tomorrow you will dispatch a patrol through MULEBBIS to ascertain if the enemy still hold the north bank of the Wadi in vicinity of FERRERIYEH + latest information being that they hold the building in + around the vicinity of DAM with one MG's + Field gun in rear. Ack.	
645	I/11/2/5	2114	From Intell rch.	Your G.S. 227 dated 21 st Interpreter DAVIDSON left GAZA today with Donkey + proceeds to RAMLEH Refilling permit as requested.	
646	2245	4A269	From Descript	7 th Dm arrives on 25 th at METDEL-HAMMAM + on 26 th in area BESHSEIT-KATRID-DERIVIRAH-MUBEYIS E2-YEBNA where it comes under orders Loc. Descript + Amstom will arrange to	

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				water on beach afternoon 25 th morning 26 th	
				so as to leave METDEL:HAMMAME clear for	
				7 th Dm. & 7 th Bde will from midday 26 th	
				until further order water at WINEPRESS	
				1000 yds N.W. of Corps S/Lt's but will not	
				for the present change bivouac 7 th Dm	
				will send officer in advance to 14 th .	
				Austrian O. 62. 230. B to obtain information	
				about water 25 th /26 th will send officer	
				to Corps S/Lt's 071. V 35. C noon 25 th for	
				instructions as to bivouac watering 26/27	
				x Ack.	
				24/11/17.	
647.	0015	98670	2 nd Dm Despatch.	It is important to make the enemy believe	
				that we intend to advance further along	
				the coast & with this object in view you will	
				today endeavour to secure Bridghead	

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				in whatever locality seems to you most	
				promising. An advance will be preceded	
				by a bombardment over hostile posts	
				during the crossing or crossings you	
				select. Arrange with Col 5 th Dm for	
				cooperation of his artillery especially	
				60 pdrs & 6" howitzers. Report your	
				plan when decided upon. If	
				inconvenient Corps Order does not require	
				you to meet them tomorrow as previously	
				arrange & instructions regarding your	
				action once the Bridghead is secured	
				will be issued when your plan is	
				read. Here x Ack.	
648	0255 0431	9588	2 nd Dm 5 th Dm	In reply to G.B. 69 tomorrow 25 th	
649	0125	98269	5 th Dm	Ref 648 Repeat 647	
650	0140	98270	2 nd Dm all units	It is important to make the enemy believe	

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				that we intend to advance further N. along the coast with this object in view and endeavours will be made today to secure a Bridghead by forcing the crossings of NARR EL AVTA at the FORD mill Bridge. Your Bde will be required for this work until now according to orders to be issued later even if relief by infantry is not completed. Issue of further orders depends on the time it will take to get the 6" hows of 54 Dm into position to cooperate in the bombardment hostile posts covering the crossings. Act. Added NSMR.	
651	04115	GB271	to	Despatch 54 Dm notified that it would be 8 hours after leaving LVDD before heavy guns would be in action. Will	

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652	0540	Pm 2	from NSMR	more suggest that their own outposts report all clear situation unchanged.	
653	0630	GB272	to	Despatch all clear at 0600	
654	0725	GB273	to	54 Dm Act GB269. Your heavy guns are not now required but Col. Annet would like your 2 nd 4.5" Hows. sent forward immediately. May your CRA Bde Group report to these Hqs at 0830 instead of 0900 as arranged. Act.	
655	0730	GB274	to	54 Dm Please report at these Hqs at 0830 today.	
656	0730	GB275	to	NSMR Please report to these Hqs at 0830 this morning.	
657	0730	GB276	to	2nd Bde Col. Annet to see Gen Ryer at 0830 this morning. Our will report to	

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				your help at 1800x in connection with demonstration against NAHR EL AVJA.	
658.	0730	4B277		Descrip. on account of operations loc cannot see Corps border.	
659	0750	4B278		Descrip. Ref telephone conversation. It is now proposed to await arrival of heavy guns but to act as follows as soon as the relief of the 120th Bde by the 1st is completed demonstration will be made against crossings in F 14 B 217. C.D. MILK N 221 D + FORD at mouth of NAHR EL AVJA + to push a strong party across the FORD which will then sweep E along the northern bank with a view of drawing the enemy from SHEIKH MIVANNIS + from the high	

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				ground above crossing in 217. C.D. as far east as KH HADRAH + also strong patrol 221 Bde to FERRERKHAYEH support by a Batty Art 161 Bde group will cooperate by firing on enemy by known to be in position N of crossing in 217. C.D.	
660	0750	4B279		to 1800x Please attend these help at 1800x this morning.	
661	0715	CL 82		from Camel Bde Situation Report 0700. Between YEHUDIYEH + Pt 265 Situation normal front all clear.	
662	0830	GIHO		161 Bde Ref arrangement to meet Gen Meldrum this morning a demonstration will take place as soon as your Art, are ready to take part. Can Gen Daddington come to help Amjad. as	

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				soon as possible	
663	0900	4572	cc	Detail Deal orderly.	
664	0905	45677	cc	Go contact will order 13 Pdr	
				Battly now at ESOD with 12 Bde	
				to march up the front 25% tomorrow	
				Go RTR will issue direct orders	
				to ensure 2 6" in stand of the	
				5th Div being in position as	
				early as possible to cover left	
				sector + 2 60 pdr now	
				concentrating right sector to be in	
				readiness to move at short notice	
				to support left Sector +	
665	0925	4574	cc	Flg Repeat 607	
666	0930	4576	cc	You will issue the necessary instructions	
				to ensure that the business Battly	
				arrives in this area by 1700 tomorrow	

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				25% x An officer will precede the	
				Battly reporting CRA re sight etc.	
				On leaving the Bde the Battly will	
				come under orders of Go. 15 Bde	
				RHA. x address 1211 Bde	
✓ 667	1000	4574	cc	all units Today 24 th an endeavour will be made	
				to secure a bridgehead over the NAHR EL AVTA with a	
				view to making the enemy believe that a further advance	
				northwards is intended x Troop to take part of 1211 Bde	
				Part 2 nd Bde (not holding the line) 103 LAC, antillery,	
				16 th Bde Group x operation will begin 1300 x 1211 Bde will	
				demonstrate against FORD in summer in F14 B, 1211 Bde	
				217 cd Mtl in 221) and Ford at mouth of Bahr	
				EL AVTA x 1211 Bde will put a strong body across	
				FORD at the mouth of NAHR EL AVTA which will then turn	
				left & sweep down the northern bank clearing the	
				enemy from all objectives on this bank for a distance	
				of two miles northwards up to and including the high	

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				Ground above KH HADRAM and the operation will be supported by the artillery group of the 161 st Bde which will fire on the line, intended about the bridge in Z 17 CD & high ground beyond, and, fire on any reinforcements seen coming up as they will be ready to fire at 1300 & 2 nd Bde will demonstrate against the MILL and BRIDGE at FERREKHIN. x 90 strong a force as possible (including the troops holding the line) will be taken for the objective & 3 rd Coy Patrol will be placed under orders of SGC 161 st Bde. As soon as the bridge high ground north of the bridge in Z 17 CD is made good, a careful examination of all crossings will be made. The CRE will examine the bridge in Z 17 CD and will take in hand such repairs as are required to make it into a crossing for artillery. If the objectives are made good the 161 st Bde will hold a line for the night covering bridge in Z 17 CD, MILL in Z 21 D and the FORD at the mouth of the NAHROU AJA x GULLS.	

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668	1035 1040	9A679	From De Cn.	Approved & when mounted troops have gained objective infantry & MGs should be ordered forward to hold crossings strong cavalry posts being established on high ground to the North & important to retain at least one bridgehead.	
669	1045 1050	9B 97	From S st Div.	Ref interrupted telephone conversation & this is NOT a second 4.5 how Batty. in the Bde group.	
670	1010	9545	De Cn.	operations will commence at 1300 & will follow by D.K.L.	
671	1025	9546	S st Div.	Can you make arrangements for replenishing 18 Pdrs & 4.5 ammunition of 161 st Bde group now under GOC charge. They will take part in operation to day. Can you say what arrangements will be made to replenish 6 in Hows. & 60 Pdrs.	
✓ 672	1045	9B 280	161 st Bde S st Div.	When mounted troops have made good objective you will be prepared to push forward infantry to posts & machine guns to hold crossings & strong cavalry posts will be established on high ground to the North & the	

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672	1214			important to remain at least one bridgehead	
673	1130	9595	54 th Div	Pls 2, 6' how. 189 th HQ group with most forward + take up a position near SARONIA (071-19)	x manual
				then will come under orders of Major M th Div	x an affair
				will be sent forward to reply to CRA at N th Div (071	
674	1735	9597	H 17 B) 54 th Div	1 st Section BAC to being ordered to proceed to SELMEN at one for replenishment of 18 Pdr's & 4.5 hows.	
				x 6 inch hows + 60 pdr's replenish themselves by tractor	
675	1305	9598	54 th Div	from T 17 D South of YEBNA Propose sending patrol of 4 AT to morrow	
				to ascertain if enemy is on EL MEVEIRAH and what	
				line of any he holds between them + METTEL YACRA.	
676	1310	BC 266	161 st Bde	161 st Bde (BFF) now at SARONIA	
677	1305	5547	161 st Bde	Situation 1300 x ATMR Bde approaching FORD x artillery covering same + enemy have opened rifle fire from position covering FORD x our howitzers shelling high ground north of BRIDGE	

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649A 1400 Pm 910. ^{17th} 12th. As this P.O. being connected with D.P.O.
 by cable.
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678	1440 1450	G1234	1 st Nazars.	(Code) RFE report about 200 enemy shelters MULEBBIS 1000 to day.	
679	1400	G548	161 Bde	161/139 need	
680	1405 E 1420	G549	2 nd Co Cp	Situation 1400 x our troops in SHEIKH MUANNIS and advancing well up the beach.	
681	1520 1450	G599	1 st Lt Det	161 Bde reports 6905 enemy pickets visible on highest point of ridge E of MEZEREH to E of METTEL YABA small parties visible MEZEREH village & some activity visible on E slope of METTEL YABA hill and	
682	1520 1450	BM33	1 st Lt Det	our guns have shelled TEL EL MUKHMAR where three troops enemy cavalry were reported this morning but no movement visible x how shelling trade high cliffs north of 1 st R of FERREKHAYEH and some movement visible x country right to trade & beyond them with orchards x BMO established MULEBBIS.	
683	1420 1405	BM47	1 st Lt Det	17 MAR. SHEIKH-MUANNIS made good x 1 Lt det moved north to Qura left flank x about 20 enemy observed on TEL EL RENKEIT approx X 31 B.	

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684	1512	G550	2 nd Co Cp	17 MAR Bde report two regts moving to seize KHURBET HADRAH + BRIDGE at 1530 x 1 RFE Patrol moving forward to cooperate.	
685	1513	G552	2 nd Descript	All objectives gained as far as KHURBET HADRAH and ordered follow	
686		Am47	2 nd Lt Det	17 MAR. 1 st Lt Det are moving forward to attack KHURBET HADRAH + BRIDGE at 1530 the 2 LAC Patrol is moving forward at 1530 to cooperate x Please notify Artillery 161 st Bde	
✓ 687	1515	G551	2 nd Lt Det	17 MAR. Dispositions for tonight. 1/4 Essex are holding bridgehead 2.17 ca with two Coy's x 1/6 Essex holding position about SHEIKH MUANNIS to cover crossing in 2.21 D with two Coy's x 17 MAR Bde will have a post of 1 Lt Det in front of Infantry post at KHURBET HADRAH another of a Lt Det in front of Inf post at SHEIKH MUANNIS to cover covering the FORD	

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				at mouth of NARR EL AVJA & there sqdms will patrol ground between each other at intervals during night hours to be arranged by op. Outpost line found by NZ Bde x Contact will be kept from left to right & Post on KHURBET HADRAH will patrol gap between their right & the bank of the NARR EL AVJA & Patrol will be pushed forward at dawn for at least two miles & report furnished D.N.C. & repeated to each of Infantry Posts. CRE will take on land at once making the crossing at MILL in 2.21.0. Fit for Infantry & crossing in 2.17.0. to take Artillery if the latter has been destroyed & Outpost line hitherto held by NZ Bde will also be held by 161 st Bde x Addressed NZ CRE repts 2 Bde 1cl. 161 st Bde sigs & descripts		

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688	1600	4553	1cc Bde	Ref telephone conversation & to move of 1cc Bde to IBN BRAR tomorrow give coordinates your S.Q. after completion of move.	No objection
689	1550	Bm 476	1cc Bde	Sign demonstrating against FORD's Summer report M. Gun & Ft. about square F. 14. B just N.E. of FORD. Forwarded for your information & Will you instruct battery if you require further action.	
690	1610	Bm 4	1cc Bde	now pushing a sqdm towards WADI N. of MULEBBIS but intend to withdraw demonstration troops to YASUR at dusk.	
691		45281	1cc Bde	Escort troop will remain with BAC until Bde comes forward again.	
692		45282	Discomps.	BRIDGE to take Infantry being constructed 2.21.0 at MILL work in hand but will not be completed until tomorrow & Infantry	

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				at present crossing by boats. at MILK x	
				BR BRIDGE at 2.17. c.d. was destroyed	
				by Luks but will be made passable	
				for wheels by 1300 tomorrow. It is	
				at present passable by men & horses	
				animals on the wreckage.	
693	1700	G554	²⁰ Discops	24 prisoners 1 machine & Lewis Gun	
				captured by Wellington used Rifles	
				Today.	
694	1625	G2688	²¹ Discops	G524 ack.	
695	1720	G828	²² Bde	Bde (less troops holding outpost	
				line) will withdraw to bivouac.	
696	1725	G8284	²³ Discops	May the 7 th Ch Ja Tde now found	
				Regt at disposal of 54 th Dm for	
				reconnaissance instead of 22 nd Bde doing	
				so as 7 th msa Bde are in area nearer	
				to 54 th Dm.	

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697	1655 1750	Pm 479	²⁴ Bde	Up to present Captives include	
				27 prisoners 1 Lewis Gun one machine	
				19 rifles 2000 rounds ammunition 16 boxes	
				machine Gun ammunition.	
698	1655 1735	G597	²⁵ Dm	701 Section BTRC. is being ordered	
				to proceed to SILMEN at once for replenishment	
				of 18 Pds & 4.5 hows x 6 coils fows 60, also replacing	
				themselves by tractor from T 17 - D 5 of RECA.	
699	1730 1730	Bm 276	²⁶ Cambd	The Bde less HK Battery with Godwin	
				1st BTR & msa Coy who are holding the	
				line will move to a bivouac near 18th BRAR	
				Sqre J 36 c tomorrow 25 th inst. Units will	
				move independently moving so as to	
				reach the new bivouac area by 0800 &	
				Representatives of units will meet the Staff	
				Captain at 0715 & ride on to the allocated	
				bivouac area. 2 BTR will remain Bde at	

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				1 Bt 1BRAR after relief by 4 th Bn. + ActR.	
700	6 1/2 84	1700 870	From Cammel	Situation report 1700. Situation on front unchanged an attack by 12 MR Bde N.W. at Pt 265 proceeding apparently successfully.	
701	9555	-	to 2/300 1500 1500	697. Repeat	
702	9930	9556	to 1 cc Bde	Bn 276 Recd.	
703	1545	-	to Discompt	Have news.	
704	1945	445258	to all units	Have news.	
705	1950	9557	to Discompt	Your Lt. Col. Hqs. recd.	
706	2010 1920	BM481	from 12 MR Bde	2 more prisoners captured making total 29	
707	2030	9558	to 12 MR Bde	report timed 1745 an outpost in position all clear.	
708	2030	9559	to 12 MR Bde	12 MR Bde report for etc. repeat 706.	
709	2035	GI 41	to 12 MR Bde	Pod Captured at bridge consisted of 1/2 company, 31 st Regt. strength 27 an 31 st Regt has been drafted into 135 th + 31 st an 3 rd Bde in 3 hour march south of MVR on 2030 + one hour march from sea among orchards. 500 in tent in small garden x 200 full artillery.	

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709 (cont)				reduced to 2 full guns x strength of 31 st + 135 th now 600 each x 3 rd Bde has 100 Cavalry attached for 3 Cavalry Bde. x order of pod was to allow no natives etc to cross river sea east of attack to hold on until order received from DHD. x Pod relieved similar pod from 19 th Regt 3 days ago - 19 th Regt reported East of Railway.	
710	2015 2015	BM6	from 2 nd Bde	Little enemy movement noticed both of MVR BDE in day though Wadi was held as fast in some strength. x our battery made good shooting at a number of different targets. Enemy appeared to be retiring his force a few men at a time x one of our Squadron reconnoitred to within few hundred yards of Wadi at 1700 but dead end, darkness prevented further advance x suggest WVR to be placed MVR BDE's which has abundance of water & apparently a fair quantity timber x line of Wadi + TEL FC maximum should make good support line x Bde commenced to return to camp 1800	

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✓ 711	2100	9560	161 st Bde	As soon as daylight patrols have reported all clear the posts of the 17 MRR Bde North of el Ghadi may be reduced to one Squadron x This will find small standing patrols pushed well out watching country to North & East x No GOC	
712	2100	9547	161 st Bde	repeat 710 to - further action x AT 1800 reported opposition at FORD Y18 C. Consisted of about 20 men who retired rapidly towards EL JEBEL	
713	2125 1955	BA291	161 st Bde	All landing detachment 4th Platoon 9th Coy RE at 0800 at Bridge in Z177 x strength about 20 men with tools x Please notify CRG & ask him to release infantry parker if not required.	forward CRG
714	2125 2005	KA110	161 st Bde	20 prisoners captured by 17 MRR Bde under guard this AM x	
715	2130	9K576	161 st Bde	Platoon despite into escort to take over 24 prisoners captured by 17 MRR to day 24 th x Prisoner as of HQ 161 st Bde x escort to take them over 0700 to-morrow x bring them to OHO.	

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716	2130	9K575	CRG	repeat 713.	
717	2251 1715	9603	54 th Bde	5 th & 7 th Escos will move to SELMEN to-morrow & come under orders of BG 161 Bde at that place x Ration arrangements have been issued separately x The issue of leaving RAMMEN to 161 st Bde x etc.	
718	2220	9561	CRG	Detachment RE from 54 th Bde is being attached to 161 st Bde to-morrow x strength 75	
719		9562	Cpls Cps.	CA 606 acknowledged.	
720	2129 1910	9609	54 th Bde	Detachment RE 75 strong is being attached to 161 Bde to-morrow at SELMEN	
721	2201 1730	9604	54 th Bde	Libation unchanged.	
722	2130 0305	CA609	Des Cps.	Continue operations to-morrow with object of consolidating hold on Bridgehead already secured raiding hostile posts at FERREKYIYEH & KETBUTA FORT & reconnoitering enemy disposition in area RAS EL AIN - EL MIRR-WADI ABU LETTA etc.	
723	2125 2305	CA700	Des Cps.	Corps Commander does not wish detail re 7 th MRR Bde. Your report passed in disposal 54 th Bde should if you consider advisable move to bivouac in 54 th Bde area.	

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✓ 724	0005	9563	2 nd Lt. N. M. R. Bde 101720 D. C. P.	Boys' Cadet with operations began to day Nov 24 th continued to day 25 th and working of crossing at Z17 C9 & Z21 D well be continued and NZMR Bde will reconnoitre towards FORD IN SUMMER FIVE B and FORD at KEIBUTA and attacks them if weather held but if artillery is required will defer attack until night at Z17 C9 is completed and 2 nd Lt. Bde will attack enemy post at FERREKHAYEM and will reconnoitre area ELDIARR RAS EL AIN - WADI ABU LETTA to ascertain if enemy still in that area this disposition.	
725	-	9565	D. C. P.	repeat 724	
726	2324 / 2305	9A696	2 nd Lt. Bde	Order 1 st Lt. Bde into forward area on 25 th Nov from 29 th onwards you will place on base group complete with battery at disposal of G.O.C. 5 th Div. & the Bde will become in 5 th Div area under arrangements to be made direct with between Own Cadets & air.	
727	0015	9564	1 st Lt. Bde	Your Bde will march to a bivouac site in area about RAMLEH arriving there on 28 th Nov. Bde will form you then 1 st Lt. Bde will be temporarily at disposal of G.O.C.	

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727 (cont)			5 th Div	Detailed orders will be sent you later & O.C.B.	
728	0415 / 0415	BMV54	1 st Lt. Bde	Enemy reported advancing towards KH HAIRAH through uncertainty & a good deal of rifle fire.	
729	0530	9B286	1 st Lt. Bde	repeat 728.	
730	0615	9B287	1 st Lt. Bde	Situation obs on morning on front of 1 st Lt. Bde appear to have lessened somewhat, 2 nd Lt. Bde report all clear on their front.	
731	0640	9B287	1 st Lt. Bde	Ref 9B286 NZMR Bde report enemy strength several hundred on high ground north of KH HAIRAH & are well & pushing forward from FORD Y 18 C against enemy's right flank & Battery getting into position to shell enemy. Command W.M. moving down to BRIDGE Z 17/18 to support outpost Squadron.	
732	0630 / 0636	BMV54	1 st Lt. Bde	It is reported that our Troop withdrawn & 2 nd Lt. occupying their position. Also a good deal of rifle fire & have ordered 270 T.M. RFA to come into action in yesterday's position & support as & see if necessary.	

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733	0715	GB288	^{to 2nd Lt 161 Bde} Sydney	Enemy strength 200-300 have occupied high ground above KHURBET HADRAH and Sqdn holding it obliged to fall back & are now with infantry covering bridgehead & W.M.R. have moved up in support of bridgehead & comd. are moving over ford. Enemy also have about 1/2 Company extended across squares X 27. 28. 29. & about 1/2 company in support. Turks have hitherto disclosed two guns & address Despatch ref. 54 in 161 Bde 22/11/17	
734	0750	GA705	^{from} Despatch	GB288 arranged.	
735	0705	GB289	^{to} 52 Div	Ref Despatch GB288 & 12.4 Bde being allotted you & 1st Bde will join you from this area & please allot broadcast area & inform this office.	
736	0810	GB290	^{to} 12.4 Bde	You may use all troops of your Bde at present employed in the town exclusive of the Troop which should be left there.	

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737	0750	Bm 486	^{from} 12.4 Bde	Enemy hold building wood East of KHURBET HADRAH in strength square 2.12. B.V. could assistance of artillery 161 Bde be obtained at once.	
738	0820	GB291	^{to} 2.2 Bde	Have your Batty tone kept up to neighbourhood Pt 275 ready to deal with any enemy move in the direction of MULEBBIS. Keep in close communication with D.H.Q. & send officer to report D.H.Q.	
739	0825	Bm 485	^{from} 12.4 Bde	Enemy entrenching in X.31.D. X 1000 & enemy reported around EL TELIL.	
740	0830	Bm 489	^{from} 12.4 Bde	Turks have captured KHURBET HADRAH	
741	0840	Bm 296	^{from} 161 Bde	KHURBET HADRAH & vicinity, H.Q. in town about 15. being shelled apparently with one Batty. Two Coys plus one Sqdn holding KHURBET HADRAH & 2 1/2 Coys plus one Sqdn holding SHEIKH MUANNIS & situation satisfactory.	

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742	0850	9566	^{to desert} 17th Bn 220 Bde	Repeat 739 + 740	
743	0852	Pm 297	^{from} 161 Bde	H Essex report KHURBET HADRAH position heavily shelled by three enemy Batteries including heavies & Infantry have fallen back slightly but are holding on N. of line. Our Artillery now in action + H Essex will counter attack with whole Batten #6 Essex will assist by flank attack from SHEIKH MUANNIS. Remaining two sections M.G. Company being sent forward from BARONA.	
744	0940	-	^{from} Whit	Capt Alexander unable to work at bridge owing to shelling. He will report later.	
745	⁰⁹⁴⁰ 0930	Pm 492	^{from} 17th Bn 220 Bde	Two enemy guns 900 yds N.E. of TEL EL REKKEIT & one Coy enemy infantry about REKKEIT. Gen Daddington + Col Brown have gone forward to view position from close range they will report to you immediately on return.	

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✓ 746	1000	9568	^{to report} 161 Bde 220 Bde	Corps Comdr does not wish troops to go beyond the line KHURBET HADRAH - SHEIKH MUANNIS but the high ground covering the FORD at mouth of NARR EL AVTA + SHEIKH MUANNIS must be strongly held. If counter attack on KHURBET HADRAH is successful & the infantry maintain hold on it they will do so but not by becoming heavily involved in a position in which they cannot retreat. If possible KHURBET HADRAH will be denied the enemy as a gun position.	
747	0905	Am 16	^{from} 17th Bn 220 Bde	Inverness Battery repaired 15 Bde + sent GRS No B/78 of 24 + MEAN of 25 th undelivered	
748	1000	9569	^{to} 161 Bde	Have 1 Bn standing & ready to move at a moment's notice together with a proportion of machine guns.	

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749	1000 0940	GA 710	Adv. D. G. confirmation of telephone conversation re Be		
			careful not to place infantry in a position from which their retreat is not assured as far as the Corps is concerned you are only required to retain your hold on SHEIKH MUANNIS and the bridgehead covering the ford at mouth of AUSA as infantry are not to go beyond line KH HADRAH - SHEIKH MUANNIS x Your role to shell that of a demoralisation		
750	1010	9570	161 st Bde 12 th M.S. observation from N.W. tower observe numbers of enemy north of KH HADRAH moving west behind the spur.		
751	1015 0970	BM 307	161 st Bde 4 th Exes still holding high ground covering bridge on 707 C and D.		
752	1015 0954	BM 494	12 th M.S. strong force of enemy advancing along flat ground between KH HADRAH + SHEIKH MUANNIS and Ford Square I. 21 B.		
753	1015	98297	161 st Bde repeat 752		

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754	1000	BM 304	161 st Bde. B Battery 270 Cde R.F.A. in morning Bde to day.		
755	1030 1017	BM 306	161 st Bde. Following from SHEIKH MUANNIS x large bodies to be cavalry & infantry advanced from NE distance about 2000 yds x position now being shelled, enemy evidently intending attacking x Arty. assistance required, 270 Cde R.F.A. have been informed but range is long as can hear in + 13 th Bde assist.		
756	1035	9574	161 st Bde. observation post 1/2 mile N of MUX FBBIS report enemy Convoy moving towards x TERISHAH x Arty. or the flanks have been advised.		
757	1045 1030	BM 495	12 th M.S. SHEIKH MUANNIS has been captured by enemy.		
758	1010 1040	GA 714	D. G. Aircraft used but not used x 0755 312 JULIA hunkle between village + Railway, occupied garrison approx 200 x large camp so bivouac. K 9 A x KAL KILIEH no movement observed x 0805 KIBR SABA approx 500 men garrisoning the camp x 0810 TABSOR 600 men + 100 horses in bivouac x large concentration of troops approx 2000 - 3000 at A 28 B x		

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758	(cont)			0815 - EL JOLIL 100 cavalry cavalry 0870	enemy
				Shelling 2 28 x	
759	1055	9571	161 Bde	Ref 9569 Bde is to move at once to SEC MSH x office to be sent on to report OXG at end of Jaffa H 17 D.	
760	1005 1015	PM 305	161 Bde	How SAA required 4th Essex x Please say if any can be sent up x urgent	
761	1115 1100	PM 314	161 Bde	Lucian, in MUAHVIS x 270 Bde R.P.A. ordered to shell if any 4th Essex are retaining one Coy to assist with drawal from KH HADRAH if necessary	
762	1120 1100	PM 1	2nd Bde	No enemy movement visible at present N of E of MULEBBIS x 5th Regt holds usual outpost line with patrols in MULEBBIS x 6th Regt marching to the post BDB remainder of Bde into N of pt 275 where observation of country N. + E possible x Our Battery will seek target.	
763	1150	9572	2 Bdes	Air reconnaissance reports x 500 fifty N	

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763	(cont)			of SHEIKH MUANNIS 200 + 1000 Cav about TABSOR Considerable work on TABSOR.	
✓ 764	1225	9573	161 Bde	161 Bde will hold on to present line at all costs Bde 22 x Bde to move up one height in rear of the bridge in 2.17.c.o. to replace the Auckland who will remain their Bde. The Bde 22 x Bde will be prepared to support the Inf line in case of attack from Pt 2.30 D. up to including the NAHR EL BARIDEH with his whole Bde x Bde 1200 Bde will support the infantry line from the NAHR EL BARIDEH inclusive to the sea with his whole Bde x Det.	
765	1230 0920	PM 277	2nd Bde	Bde self square Q. 1. B. 1 inch map sheet 13	
766	1230 1205	PM 8	2nd Bde	Observation post 1/2 mile W. of MULEBBIS report enemy Convoy moving towards TORISHAH Artillery on this flank have been advised	
767	1255 1115	11415	T.I.	Situation now as follows x Luchin possession	

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				of KA AADRAH & MURADIS village. Strong Turkish attack now developing against the FORD 476	
				base now in course of reoccupying former position S. of river. Am not certain whether Bridgeheads at DAM & MILL are still held. Turkish force actually seen number approx 5000	
768	1335	GA293	214Bde	For your information. Self 1st Bde in MAIN Street SARONA. Ref 120R Bde 071.	
			J. 2. A.		
769	1330	GA713	Discops	In continuation this of GA713 you will move as soon as possible after receipt of this message to MYUN KARA. You will come under orders Goc again. Report hour of departure to this office by wire & repeating information to August direct. ACK. Address J. 2. A.	
770	1345	GA576	A	Vide instructions contained in Discops	

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				GA 713 dated 25 th 7 124Bde are to move at once to MYUN KARA on arrival will come under orders Goc again.	
771	1335	GA575	Discops	Your Ref 400/6 Acknowledged	
772	1345	GA294	54 Dm	Please expedite reply to this office GA 289. ref Bronnac for 124Bde	
773	1335 1325	GA9	224Bde	Situation unchanged. 6 Regt has arrived.	
774	1410	GA577	54 Dm	Situation quietest quiet opening when favourable targets appear. Art located as follows: O.P. at 2.30. x Hows. Batty J. 6. Bx 1st Batty F. 25. c x 2 Fla Batty 1st Bde J. 6. c x 6" Hows J. 2. c x 13 Pdr Batty 750 yds S. of SUMONIKAL x 224Bde 13 Pdr Batty in support vicinity Pt 275. Propose placing Troop Batty on arrival H. 18.	
775	1430 1422	GA627	54 Dm	Cannot reply by today GA 623 of today	

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				is answered & understand Bde does not move here until 29 th not ride Desert GAB96	
776	1440 1305	Pm 319	from 161 Bde	5 th + 7 th Bde at Section RE arrived	
				SARONIA	
777	1550 1412	Pm 12	from 224 Bde	Will we be in this support line tonight necessary if so to have blankets + other gear brought from the Camps.	
778	1505 1425	Pm 308	from 1445	Bde marches 1445 x address Despatch	
779	1575	6578	to 224 Bde	Contact patrol report timed 1400 reads mouth of WADI AVDA patrol of 15 men on landhill between mouth of Wadi + TEL REKKEIT + about 50 men scattered x 1000 yds N. of TEL REKKEIT 28 shelters x EL JELLA 100 men Rest of Village + 50 shelters East of EL HARAM 50 men saw no sign of Concentration reported this morning x KH SABIEH Camp of 50 bell tents x BIR	

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				ADAS no movement x In the area SHEIKH MANNIS X 34. C.17. + C.35 approx 250 shelters x Patrol of 15 men in H. 6. 2.29. + P. 26 x No sign transport or Troops on road	
				TABSOR to BRIDGE 2.17. + 18. and End.	
780	1540	6579	to 224 Bde A Branch	Your Bde will remain in the vicinity of AYUN KARA until further orders x Well water there is an estimated supply in the village itself but the 12 M R Bde watered from a reservoir about 1 mile N. of the town on the West of the road x The engine which supplies this reservoir is situated close to the road x In all cases you will probably find a shortage of charcoal but the CRE suggest your getting in touch with headman of the village who is in a position to assist x oc signals + communication PL communication x D.H.Q. are situated H. 17. B.	

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781	1525 1530	4629	From 54 th Div	16 th Bde reports that 6 AM 4 received orders to remain where Bde today & Hill you please inform me to whom instructions regarding patrols to be carried out in front of this sector should be sent.	
782	1625 1630	Bm 370	From 16 th Bde	Enemy suspect firing from White Hut on Knoll just N of FORD in Y.P.D. Can artillery shell this.	
✓ 783	1645	4581	to accounts	Dispositions for tonight will be as follows: No 1 Subsector held by 1 CC Bde - 1 Btm & No 2 Subsector 2 24 th Bde & No 3 & 4 Subsectors by 161 st Inf Bde and 24 th Bde will remain in present position (less regt holding line) ready to support in case of attack on either No 2 or No 3 Subsector & 12 th R Bde as soon as infantry have taken over line in No 1 subsector will be concentrated	

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				in rear of the present BTL to be ready to support in case of an attack on No 1 subsector. The 1 CC Bde will remain in SELMEH in Dawn reserve a representative will remain at BTL, however Bathy will remain on bivouac site allocated them just E of BTL in Dawn reserve, 16 th Div Bde. 12 th R Bde will have night line laid out to cover approaches to FORD at mouth of SAH or AVJA on Northern bank of the FORD in SUMMER area. The 161 st Bde will strongly support the line they hold to night in Subsectors 3 & 4. The Wadi bank must be carefully patrolled & watched after dark to detect any enemy attempt at crossing & means must be taken to give information of this without delay. 12 th Bde & 1 CC Bde will send patrol out both East & West as soon as it is light enough to see and 7 th Bde will remain bivouacked south of AVJA & KARA the whole force will stand to at 0400 so reserve will be ready to move at 1/2 an hour notice from that hour	

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				100 remain for the present at H17 x 100.	
784	1705	88295	100 Bde	Personnel of the return	100
785	1705	8580	100 Bde	Yes	
786	1705	91296	100 Bde	Report 781. It is necessary that 8th Coy	
				remain in present area owing to present situation.	
787	1800	91297	100 Bde	Situation 1800 x unchanged since last report	
				all messages returned for night firing.	
788	1835	9631	100 Bde	Situation unchanged	
789	1855	9A718	100 Bde	BGGJ on way back here met 7th Coy Bde	
				who are bivouacked at the AYON KARA N of	
				AYON KARA	
790	1905	BM16	100 Bde	Situation unchanged x Bde shelled just	
				before dark by our long range guns without	
				Caenette, 7th Regt have received AMR regt x 5th	
791	1745	ECL91	100 Bde	Regt a outpost 6th Regt in reserve	
				Situation report 1700 x no movement to	
				N of our line as a large enemy convoy was	
				observed moving due East from a point NE	

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791 st 1945 RHS 6A119	<p>non compt. Superior hostile fire obliged Anzacs to withdraw from North Bank of MANKELAVA today. At present no mobile reserve can be placed at disposal of Col. St Dm who should therefore place part of his Dml. reserve near LVDD early tomorrow at the place northwest of A.M. KARA will not be moved by Anzac Dm without approval to Corps Sefr. Anzac Dm will direct 1200th to be prepared to move at short notice as soon as possible after morning watering Time of completion of watering will be wired to this office. Amdiv Batteries may possibly be used at North Wanna act</p>				
795 th 1945 RHS 6A119	<p>1200th You will be prepared to move at short notice after morning watering & shortly completion watering the 1200th</p>				
			1945	1945	

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791				of p 265. Shelling still fur towards coast during the day x This cleared at 1430	
792	2600	GB298	161 Bde	SA 119 ack.	
793	1955 1940	BM299	161 Bde	9579 med x H/O ^m are located 3/4 mile N of AYON KARA.	
794	2000	GB299	161 Bde	repeats 793	
795	2025 2000	SA721	161 Bde	Rept should not have been withdrawn without ref. to Corps HQ ^m x You will place 1 page at disposal of 90C 54 th Bde to monitor further no notice x This report will be used in 54 th Bde area	
796	2027 1854	KA170	161 Bde	60 pdr section of 189 HB ordered to move from SAFARIYEH at 0500 to JAFFA & 6 C to report at auza HQ ^m	
797	2030	9583	161 Bde	You will give hourly reports for night 25-26 th clearing all chain or otherwise x ack	
798	2045 1605	BM16	161 Bde	5 th Regt observation post reports x approx 2 troops enemy cavalry units FERREKH IYEH area otherwise W & E MULEBBIS apparently clear.	

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799	2045	9583	161 Bde	repeats 795.	
800	2045	9584	54 th Bde	ref 161 Bde SA 721 x Squadron arranged would you send their instructions for to-morrow to their HQ ^m	
801	2050	BM324	161 Bde	relief complete	
802	2112 0010	9637	54 th Bde	Ref Decoy SA 271 Regt will bivouac on ground vacated by 6 th Bde	
803	2330 2215	BM329	161 Bde	5 th Bde (No 3 section) report movement of enemy Cavalry situation estimated so towards bridgehead x otherwise all clear	
26/11/17	0030 0010	BM331	161 Bde	About 100 of enemy reported digging in on both side of river at about 22A02 x otherwise all clear	
805	0445 0435	BM335	161 Bde	all clear area Patrol of 8 Turks approached bridge 217 D x one killed by rifle fire not fled.	
806	0500	9585	161 Bde	Ref 9583 x Regt will bivouac on ground vacated by 6 th Bde	
807	0535	9639	54 th Bde	Situation unchanged no nothing to report	
808	0600	96300	161 Bde	all quiet on section front	

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809	0700	9B301	161 st Bde	Detachment all guns & fire support by ford	
810	0650	9B302	161 st Bde	ref. telephone communication & GOC's letter wide, all fords & crossings reconnoitred at night acceptance if they are covered by the enemy.	
811	0710 0630	BM331	161 st Bde	all clear & post on ford (18.7) report about 200 enemy cars at 0750 on sand ridge about 2000 yds bearing 45° in from road. Enemy went back into trenches on that ridge.	
812	0720	9586	161 st Bde	enemies quite now firing at ford at mouth of WADI EL AWTA x our guns firing on target west of SHEIKH MUAWWIS, all round area of (FOR) IN SUMMER now being carried out to report yet received	
813	0735	9587	161 st Bde	our own post on enemy, continue forward west of SHEIKH MUAWWIS at 0750, enemy crossed & made for the farm guns now shelling farm & report 811	
814	0720	BM919	161 st Bde	Message not clear after notify, please repeat last 6 groups	

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815	0810	9B303	161 st Bde	Your report attached to 54 th Bde will not be required to carry out any patrol to day & it will be established in its allotted area by 1600 hrs	
816	0830	9B304	161 st Bde	regarding last 6 groups of 9587	
817	0845 0830	9640	161 st Bde	Kutaba bivouac area for 1/4 th Bde and Inocuous Calky about 0855. It is understood they will bring pump & troughs with them	
818	0850	9B310	161 st Bde	Ref SG 40015 para 9 x on account of operations and uncertainty of front line of sub-section 3 or it is not unlikely that map asked for can be forwarded to-day.	
819	0910 0850	1A116	161 st Bde	Ref German inhabitant SARONA removed to JAFFA yesterday & thus there is no evidence against this man with the GOC's sanction it is suggested that he should be returned	
820	0945 0915	9I231	161 st Bde	An reconnaissance 0600 also reports considerable amount of new trench work on crest of hill about Z6 TEL EN NURIYEH - SHEIKH EL BACLATAN and also at	

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870	(cont)			receiving from C14 - C10 x Four lines in all facing Generally SIV x SHEIKH EL BALLATAN very strongly held x at least 3000 Turks in trenches & crowded in Wadi in Area E of JAM ET TIREH ROAD x Good bombura strands largely x 4 Gun emplacements occupied in C16 central x about 40 HT coming down ET TIREH JAM road no movement of troops seen west of above road except at EL JELEL where 200 Cavalry seen x SHEIKH MUANINIS appears deserted.	
871	0950 2910	BM7		2nd Bde FORD IN SUMMER appears to be fairly strongly held numerous parties of men seen working in broken ground vicinity x we have seen in patrol now reconnoitering FERRIKAYEH x one towards RAS EL AIN x our guns have registered FORD IN SUMMER	
872	0955	9588		re 871	
873	1000	98311		re 871	

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874	9876	1015	2nd Bde	54th Bn advice x REC. re para proposed for your Squadron to narrow is cancelled x enemy holding ridge near EL MEZEIRH x 1st Bn 6th Lt. to attack his southern flank to narrow	
875	1020 0900	91738	2nd Bde	Ref my Iqt para 4 of 2nd x owing present position defence line the line not to be crossed by natives as follows x from BERRIJA along Roman road to KH of KH DHANEDIVEH thence NW to TOJA & along nameless wadi NE of WDD along Wadi RIZIA to wadi ESH SHELOL thence as before.	
876	1020 2905	91117	2nd Bde	35 bedouin are under guard (see 874) x some are suspected of sympathies to enemy during operations yesterday remainder crossed through outpost line x Major instruction to GWS for disposal	
877	1030	9147	2nd Bde	25 clubs XIII & 25 clubs X are required x found them please be forwarded.	
878	1010 1010	1032	2nd Bde	2 enemy guns located in Z14 B 24 x Can heavy battery be asked to engage them.	

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829	1050	98307	1st Bde	1st Bde	In accordance with instructions issued from Dls Cps. 1st Bde Dunbar DSO & appointed CCA of all guns in left sector as from 0900 to-day.	
830	1055	BM970	1st Bde	1st Bde	Watering completed at 1000	
831	1115				acroplane rec. 1115. Movement of NAHR EL AJUSA no movement observed as far as SAHIB MUANNIS or in this area x in square Y 24 B just S of Wadi are 5 short length of trenches apparently fairly good & app. unoccupied x TIC JULIA 60 tent shelters in KIA (K13A) 12 TS in W18 C just S of Wadi. There appear to be huts, mainly N + S + E + W in 3 lengths in KIA x KULAT - RASEVAN about 30 shelters in G17 A x METDEL YASSA huts & horses up against hedge W of village in large numbers x hard to estimate a partially concealed no movement observed elsewhere.	
832	1120	GI4	1st Bde	1st Bde	Those suspected of signalling etc should be sent to DHO, remainder warned against approaching outpost line conducted to the rear & illand & find evidence with prisoners.	

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833	1100 1045	GI239	Dls Cps	Dls Cps	Acroplane rec 0830 to 0900 x about 300 cavalry, 0100 infantry scattered & stationary in 238 Central x about 300 infantry in G15 x About 1400 infantry east of Railway, tank units 2nd PD 18 x 1500 infantry scattered in A 20 & A 21	
834	1130	98313	Dls Cps	Dls Cps	Ref you 2A 719 1st Bde completed watering	
835	1150	98316	1st Bde	1st Bde	repeat 833.	
836	1223	BM971	1st Bde	1st Bde	Please supply an additional Purser arabic interpreter for the Bde.	
837	1215 1145	BM585	1st Bde	1st Bde	Observation post near P 265 north movement of troops near KH SHAIREN & about 1000 companies infantry with some camel transport and scattered parts of cavalry moving from direction of MUL EBBI & FEJJA through NEBI TARI SE 4th the hills when they are lost to sight.	
838	1215	98315	Dls Cps	Dls Cps	repeat 831	
839	1230	GI43	1st Bde	1st Bde	Please detail guard of 1400 16 men in Wadi engineering, 2nd Bde, Guard to report to officer 1st Bde works with JERUSALEM HOTEL forthwith.	

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840	12 30	4B516	From 101 Bde	Repeat 837.	
841	12 30 11 35	Am 210	From 101 Bde	At 1030 Bridge Z.17.0. shelled with 77 m.m. & shooting accurate & apparently at short range.	
842	12 45 12 00	Am 211	From 101 Bde	Small parties of enemy moving towards Bridge in Z.17.0. & Artillery have been warned.	
843	13 00 12 45	QC 414	From 54 Bde	Propose sending patrol tomorrow to ascertain whether KH EL BIREH & KH EL BEIDA are clear of enemy.	
844	12 40 12 35	Am 509	From 102 Bde	Ref this office L.O. 52 and Land Lane have been moved by enemy.	
845	14 00	2B317	To 101 Bde From 101 Bde	Patrol to RAS EL AID reports - Proceeded via FEJJA to a pt. 1200 yds S.W. of RAS EL AID 50 dismounted men on large earthen bank at AID at 0800 & troops enemy moved 1 mile W. of this position to protect	

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				enemy right flank. At 0830 1 Coy reached MID to the North 1 Troop enemy Cav on Hill 495 MEJDEL YABA and when road forked 1 mile S.W. of MEJDEL YABA on Wadi LEJJA one Regt Cav 160 Camel transport seen leave this Troop & proceed E at 0900 and one Troop visible on ridge at KULE & on patrol returning it was fired on from R of KURNET ET HARAMEYE by M.G.	
846	14 20	4B318	From 101 Bde	Ref GA 696 of 22 Nov 17 101 Bde to be now ordered into SW Wm area	
847	14 40 14 15	Am 212	From 101 Bde	Patrol reports small post approx 10 trucks Aug in about 150 yds N of M in MILL Z.22A.	
848	15 15 14 27	Am 9	From 22 Wde	FERRAKIYEH patrol reports 200 yards of WADI S. of m.m. as observed	

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				Two troops enemy cas. at MILL & observed no infantry & inhabitants report about 80 infantry n. WADI N. of MILL & machine gun + ten men posted n. MILL also about 80 infantry at EL MIRR & RAS EL AIR report already forwarded	
849	1525	4B319		Discomd. Please forward a Turko-Arabic Interpreter for 120 Bde to refuel at Pt RAMLEH and can this office be advised of this arrival there.	
850	1530 1645	4A742	from Discomd.	74 Div moves tomorrow 27 th to Junction Str. under orders of Col 20 th Corps unless previously ordered	
851	1530	4B320	from Discomd.	Repeat P48.	
852	1610 1530	4A743	from Discomd.	No not at present & orders regarding move will be issued later.	
853	1610	4B321	from Discomd.	Due to probability of strong enemy	

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				attack this of great importance to push forward with entrenching lines as rapidly as possible & Bdes will render progress report to this office by 1000 daily including today until further orders & this is in addition to reports called for in Para 10 of G20/17 of 20	
854	1625	B316	from 54 Div	Ref Lbno of 26 th inst. For second para read it is understood that they will bring pumps & troughs with them.	
855	1625	4B322	from Discomd.	172 Bde are arranging to land 161 Bde & occupy lights postals for use of posts of NARR EL AVTA in calling for Art support if required tonight & signals to be used will be arranged direct between CRA left sector & Col 161 Inf Bde.	
856	1645 1650	Am 322	from Discomd.	161 Bde have 161 Bde at 1507 that	

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				Pontoon bridge is complete & will carry Tpt in place. It is completely denied to enemy by our posts on S. bank of river MVA N. IS unoccupied except by natives. Suspect occupy line of path running W. from village. A few enemy on line of path running E of village. Patrol of 7 th Bn is withdrawing from N of river at MILK at 1700.	
857	1655	45145		Despatch	Prisoned Tpt.
858	1700	45144		20 3 Bde Pm 547	Repeat 856.
859	1700	4559		4559	There will be no change in disposition of units from last night. Wadi bank will be carefully watched & patrolled after dark. Any movement of enemy to be reported to this office at once. Hourly reports all clear or otherwise will be furnished by each sector & as soon as it

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				is light enough to see 2 2 nd Bde & 1 st Bde will push out patrols to N. + N.E. & when force will stand to at 0400. Reserves will be ready to move at half an hour's notice from that hour on & act.	
860	1710	4590		A hauler with a searchlight will be off the MATHR EL AVTA from the time the moon sets tonight. In the event of heavy firing will endeavour to light up the enemy.	
861	1720	4591		2 nd Bde report 300 killed by enemy from heavy tank 4.2 at 1700 & heavy losses of Aparisi Battery badly wounded also some casualties to 3 rd Bde personnel & no further details at present.	
862	1720	4597		1 st Bde. Ref Des Cp SA 746 & 1 st Bde night has been instructed to bivouac in vicinity of 2 nd Bde that is being relieved. Do you concur.	

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863	1700 1746	9652	54 th Div	Situation unchanged & Patrols to MAIN & SHICTA report no sign of enemy & no danger.	
864	1830 1800	9A746	7 th Bde	Following moves will take place to-morrow 27 th x 7 th Bde (a) AYUN KARA to ZERNUNAH watering in wine pits & Combs under orders of GOC 4 th Div. & advanced parties to TAHTA to arrange for relief of 1 st Bde 4 th Div. on 28 th 1 st Bde has (b) 1 Regt of Batty ES 200 to AYUN KARA remains in Corps reserve as 1 Regt 1 st Bde 5 th Div to RAMLEN & Combs under (a) orders of GOC 54 th Div relieving Squadron 2 nd A Bde which sends a Co. Canteen & representative will report to GOC 54 th Div. A10A 1000 am 1 st Bde also Div. HANMAME to KATRAM with a view to relief of 1 Bde 4 th Div on 29 th as above move to start as soon as possible after morning watering & camp.	
865	1830	9B353	2 nd Bde	9A 746. OK'd	
866	1905 1815	BM10	2 nd Bde	Troop position on our outpost line have been practically completed for one troop with support trench also for one troop & strong extra working parties are being detailed	

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866 (contd)				to night to expedite this work	
867	1910	9597	1 st Bde	After watering to-morrow Bde will move to AYUN KARA 1 Regt to Ramleh further details by 2 nd Bde to-morrow	
868	1910	9598	7 th Bde	You will act in accordance with details 9A 746.	
869	1915	9594	2 nd Bde	On relief by 1 Regt 12 th Bde during afternoon 27 th met your Sgt. now with 5 th Div. will report to Regt.	
870	1920	9596	7 th Bde	12 th Bde have been instructed to send representative to take over water service soon as possible to-morrow. Please leave someone to hand over.	
871	1915	Bm 245	161 st Coy	Dispositions as under, 5 th Bde one Company Z.30 D, one Company Z.30 D, one Company with two platoons support guarding Bridge Z.17 D 12 platoons in support & one	

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				<p>finding three parties in Z.28.A + B + One Company in reserve south of Caves + 7 Company + 7 Companies One Company plus one platoon Guarding MILK Z.21.D + finding posts in Z.27.A, B + Z.26.A + One Company plus two platoons holding ford + posts in Z.25.A + Y.24.A B + D, one platoon in reserve + four H.M.G.'s with each Bn + 4 + 6 Companies + H.M.G.'s in reserve + Consolidation proceeding satisfactorily, good trenches dug + those are being further improved. Detailed report + distribution will be forwarded tomorrow, situation unchanged + small party of enemy approached bridge Z.17.D about 1800 down off by rifle fire + withdrawal of patrol of 7 Companies from N of river accomplished with no casualties.</p>	

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872	1930	4595		<p>2nd Lt Det 4592 dated 26 which reads as follows "After watering tomorrow Bde will move to AYUN KARA less one Regt to RAMLEH further details by D.R.S tomorrow and notify this office by bearer Regt proceeding to RAMLEH which on arrival will come under orders Col 54th Div + This Regt will relieve one Sqdn 2.24 Bde the Regt camping in the vicinity of the post it relieves. Representatives of the Regt will report Col 54th Div A.I.O.A. Now tomorrow + remainder of Bde less Battery will move AYUN KARA + will remain in Corp Reserve but will be connected by wire to the HQ + instructions re communications will be forwarded by air signal Sqdn. Notify this office</p>	

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				arrival AYUN KARA 7th Bde Army AYUN KARA tomorrow have been watering in the village (supply unlimited) and at Reservoir about 1 mile north of village on the W. of road & pumping plant for same near road & send representative as soon as possible to take over water from 7th Bde in ACR.	
873	1930 1830	6294	from Camel Bde	Situation report 1700 x One Troop enemy Cavalry rode up to RAS EL AIN returning E at 1615 x During the day there was some movement from N.W. to S.E. towards RAS EL AIN x This extended EAST from RAS EL AIN x Party was on foot & in no regular formation. At 1330 host aircraft flew very low. One line going N. x 2 of our planes heavily shelled from MULHABIS direction about 1600 x	

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874	1930 1900	Pm 287	from Camel Bde	Progress report for subsection. Work on front line support reserves trenches also m.s. Lewis Gun positions was continued on posts 2.3.4.5. 16. x Total yardage seventy yards. Previous trenches at same time deepened & enlarged.	
875	1950	96324	to 2nd Bde 16th Bde	Tonight you will be required to establish a standing patrol not less than a troop in the vicinity of I IN ZEITUN to watch any enemy movement in the direction of FORD in SUMMER + to connect with Infantry patrols working along the southern bank of the NARR EL AWIA East of BRIDGE. If sufficient cover available the above patrol will remain in observation after daylight. After daylight tomorrow 27 th not your own Regt at present in support of 16th Bde can be concentrated in vicinity of your present Sqn & ACR. address 24th Bde	

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876	1954 1935	Pm 26	22 nd Bde	Our Sqdn doing reconnaissance for 54 Div. has been ordered to reconnoitre KHEL BIRCH + KHEL BEIDA ref obs W14 + 15 sheet 14 tomorrow 27 th . This is most rocky country where infantry can move faster than mounted men + the Bde. most strongly protests against the improper use of this Sqdn and asks that the 54 Div may be asked to reconsider this proposed rec.	
877	1954 1917	G656	54 th Div	Ref Obs Capt GA 746 - will you please direct the Regt to bivouac in area occupied by 6 th LH whose Rgtm is vacating tomorrow	
878	1954 1915	G655	54 th Div	162 Bde report marked enemy activity all day in front of left of night sector foothills being occupied by Cav + Inf - 2 nd patrol located about 170 enemy with 40 pack mules near EL MEZEIRH - patrol found RENTIS + DEIR ALLA clear but enemy present of about 20 in U35A + also saw convoy of 50 camels with 30 Inf escort going from EL TIREH towards BURJ EL HANIYEH - seems to	

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878				be a general hostile movement in 2 directions	
879	2020 1900	Gm 472	N2 Bde	Ref Int. sheet 151/45 dated 25/11/17 para 1 could this be amended to read N2 Bde please	
880	2040 2030	G658	54 th Div	Reply to G597 Yes. Ref bivouac site 1 Regt 2 nd Bde	
881	2040	G6325	2 nd Bde	Repeat 878	
882	2150 2145	G662	54 th Div	Ref conversation G644 cancelled - enemy holding ridge vicinity EL MEZEIRH - sqdn Lt Regt to ascertain his S flank tomorrow	
883	2230	G6327	2 nd Bde	161 Bde reports enemy reported dumping material in G20A - artillery asked to fire - all clear	
884	2230	G61356	161 st Bde	Enemy reported dumping material about G22. Artillery have been asked to fire a few rounds otherwise all clear	
885	2301 2230	GA 751	2 nd Bde	Ref the obs GA 746 are Bde of 54 th Div will now march to DEIRAN ahead of 4 KATRAH and will wait at the west end NW of KH DEIRAN.	
886	2318 2250	G6358	161 st Bde	Enemy digging in about Z 22 A and back towards artillery advised otherwise all clear.	