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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Richardson Lion	1/3/18	1000 1100 2010	<p>G.O.C. inspected 18th Bde R.N.A. horses + men</p> <p>G.O.C. inspected 1st A.L.H. Bde</p> <p>Auckland H^q Rifles advised that a reconnoitering party from 2 L.H. Bdes consisting of 3 off & 6 O.R.'s and 12 horses will arrive at their H.Q. on 3rd</p> <p>Orders received from Des Corps as follows: "Anzac Division will detail 13th A.L.H. Bde Group including R.N.A. Battery to move via RAMLEH KURYET EL ENAB and BIDDU to BEITANIA aaaa RAMLEH night 6th/7th at KURYET EL ENAB arrive BEITANIA 7th aaaa Brigade group will come under orders of G.O.C. XXth Corps on arrival at BEITANIA aaaa Instructions regarding camp site at RAMLEH are being issued by I.A. + Q.M.G. aaaa</p>	
A.H. B.S.	2/3/18	1100 1100 1200 1530	<p>Divisional order N^o 116 issued see appendix 199</p> <p>G.O.C. inspected the NZMR Bde</p> <p>Word received that G.O.C. had been granted the 2nd Class Order of the Nile</p> <p>Approval received from Des Corps for carrying out bombing practice by 2nd L.H. Bde</p> <p>The results of 35th Course at the Imperial School of Instruction ZEITUN received - 1 off failed.</p> <p>Approval granted for issue to each H^q Bde Field Ambulance of 1 Helio 1 telescope 2 small flags 1 lamp electric signalling - Signal troop of Brigade to train the personnel</p> <p>Instructions issued to Units in regard to Aeroplane cooperation and 3 officers from 1st L.H. Bde ordered to proceed with 9 O.R.'s to RAMLEH 5th Wing R.F.C. to arrive at 1500 3/3/18 for temp attachment (3 days) to 4th to 6th inst to be followed by similar numbers from NZMR Bde on March 6th and after that by similar numbers from 2nd L.H. Bde - in addition on March 4th 1 pilot + 1 observer R.F.C. will be temporarily attached NZMR Bde till 6th inst + then proceed to 2nd L.H. Bde till 9th inst.</p>	<p>App 199</p> <p>MAR 1918</p> <p>A.H. B.S. Stanley</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
chou. le. Lion	3/3/18	1145 0941 1138 1158	<p>XXth Corps advised us Auckland Mth Rifles had captured 4 prisoners. NZMP B^{de} ordered to find duty Troop for their H.Q. as from tomorrow. 2nd L.H.B^{de} report that Sqdn 6th L.H. Reg^t detached to Des² Corps had reported back 2nd list Order received from Des Corps that Bridge at TEL EL SUZTAN is to be dismantled order received from Des Corps to send advance party of 1st L.H.B^{de} to report 53rd Div⁴ H.Q. on morning of 7th March for reconnaissance orders - Div⁴ H.Q. area at 099W.12.C near</p>	
		2140	<p>BEITIN Australian mounted Div⁴ asked to arrange horses + accommodation for officers ANZACS. visiting MELAB school on March 5th + 7th</p>	
		1330	<p>Des Corps order received to detail Capt L.W. DAVIS, 7th L.H. Reg^t to report at Corps H.Q. tomorrow 4th list for attachment to G¹ Branch G.O.C. + G.S.O, went to JERUSALEM to attend a Conference at XX Corps. General Cox assumed temp. Command of the Div⁴ during his absence.</p>	
	4/3/18		<p>reported to Des Corps that 1st L.H.B^{de} were moving out 2nd L.H.B^{de} reported that a troop of 5th L.H. Reg^t on duty at Div⁴ H.Q. had reported back. reported to Des Corps 1 ALH B^{de} had arrived in bivouac RAMLEN at 1400 advised by telephone that 7th A.L.H. Reg^t would be withdrawn to Billets RICHONAIT^{7th} 1st L.H.B^{de} moved from RAMLEN to ENAB.</p>	
	5/3/18	1030 1100 1530 2100	<p>G.O.C. + G.S.O, returned from JERUSALEM 1st L.H.B^{de} moved from ENAB to BEITUNIA arriving 1245 Hours.</p>	
	6/3/18	1700	<p>GHORANIYEH bridge destroyed by turks in the night. Leave granted to send 12 off^{rs} + 24 OR to be attached to Auckland Mth Rifles on 10th 1 N.C.O. + 6 Sappers ordered to report to Des Corps for water duty forthwith for 48 hours</p>	
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RICHON LE ZION <i>AMSB</i>	7/3/18		<p><i>Sgt MOORE</i> One Gymnastic Bayonet instructor ordered to proceed to Lutzun (Cairo) as instructor. G.O.C. advised Des Corps that the Officers General course should be extended to 4 weeks & that more time be given to such subjects as duties of officers & administration as tactics can be taught with the Division.</p>	app 200
<i>AMSB</i>	8/3/18		<p>Letter on coming operations issued to units see appendix 200 Desert Hill Corps Op Order N-12 received</p>	app 201
9/3/18	2135		<p>Signal 529 received from Des Corps ordering 1 Brigade to JUNCTION STATION instead LATRON on 13th</p>	
9/3/18	1430		<p>Operation Order N-117 issued see Appendix N-201 and the following after order issued by Signal G.I. 44 "for Brigade read Brigade Group in all cases AAA.</p>	
1730			<p>Batteries will accompany Brigades AAA Main Ammunition Column will follow 2nd L. H. Bde Group</p>	
<i>AMSB</i>			<p>90% of the Small box respirators having been called in units are ordered to hand in the remaining 10% to Divisional dump at LUDD before moving out permission given 18th Bde BHA to hand over their cable wagon to Divⁿ Signal Sqdn for working.</p>	
10/3/18	1100		<p>G.S.O. II returned here</p>	
<i>Wgts</i>	11/3/18	2230	<p>Orders received from Des Corps that Yeodiv will not now come to RICHON but to SUKERRIR. Ammunition Divisional Dump will be at RICHON not at LUDD.</p>	
<i>Wgts</i>	11/3/18	0930	<p>G.O.C. visited bayonet fighting and physical training classes.</p>	
<i>Wgts</i>	12/3/18		<p>Nothing to report</p>	
TRON	13/3/18		<p>Moves as in Divisional OO 117 took place DHQ opening at LATRON at 1530</p>	
JERUSALEM	17/3/18		<p>DHQ moved to JERUSALEM</p>	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
JERUSALEM	14/3/18	1100	Orders issued for NZMR Bde to march to ZAKARIYA on 16 th instant.	
	15/3/18	1100	Nothing to record	
	16/3/18	1215	NZMR Bde arrived ZAKARIYA.	
	17/3/18		Organization of demolition parties proceeding under direction of CRE OOs 118 and 119 with reference to forthcoming operations and march to TALHAT ED DUMM	Append 202 Append 203
	18/3/18	1315	All dates and times in OOs 118 and 119 postponed 24 hours.	
		1400	Word received that head of ILC Bde is now at BETHLEHEM and that rear will not be in until tomorrow morning. NZMR Bde camels are still at ZAKARIYA and unable to move until road gets harder.	
		1720	20 th Corps instruct that ILC Bde come under orders Amal Mtd Div on arrival at BETHLEHEM where they will stand fast until further orders.	
	19/3/18	0950	Times and dates in OOs 118 and 119 postponed till further orders. This is owing to heavy rain making roads impassable and JORDAN in flood. Men and horses have suffered much from the cold and wet. Positions are as follows - DHQ English Hospital 100 H 11C - 1 st L4 Bde 100K 21B - NZMR Bde 100 K 33B - 2 nd Bde 100 H 12D - ref 1" = 1 mile Palestine.	
	20/3/18		Oo 120 issued giving orders for march of Divn. to TALHAT ED DUMM. Division marched to TALHAT ED DUMM in accordance with 00120.	- MAR 1918 to Oo Appendix 202 Appendix 203 W.P. [Signature]



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ALABAT DUMM	21/3/18	1200 1435	1 st L.H Bde ordered to march today to a position of readiness at 113M 16A ready to cross at either GHORANIVEH or MAKHADET HAJLAH wherever bridge is finished first.	
	22/3/18	0000	OO 121 issued giving plan of operations to be pursued on crossing the JORDAN	Appen 205
		0650	1 st A.H Bde ordered to stand fast for the present as current too strong at GHORANIVEH ford, party has crossed at HAJLAH with very little opposition. 1 st A.L.H Bde unlikely to move before dawn. RE expect to complete pontoon bridge at HAJLAH by 0600 - A.M.R. have been ordered to HAJLAH by dawn. * NZ M.R Bde ordered to water early & be ready to move to square H3 M.16.d.	
		0825	I. Camel Bde ordered to detail H. & S. Bde to accompany N.Z. M. R. Bde, Somerset RHA will march under orders of C.R.A.	
		1020	MAKHADET HAJLAH bridge reported complete.	
		1540	60 th Div ^s advise ANZAC Div ^s will not move tonight.	
		2100	2 nd L.H Bde ordered to detail 6 mounted orderlies to act as despatch riders for I.C. Bde	
	23/3/18		23 rd to 31 st March operations EAST of JORDAN including attack of AMMAN and destruction of railway North & South thereof & subsequent march back to Jordan. For full etc see Appendix (with April War diary).	Appen 206 207 AMMS

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AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION ORDER No.116.

RICHON le ZION.
2nd March 1918.

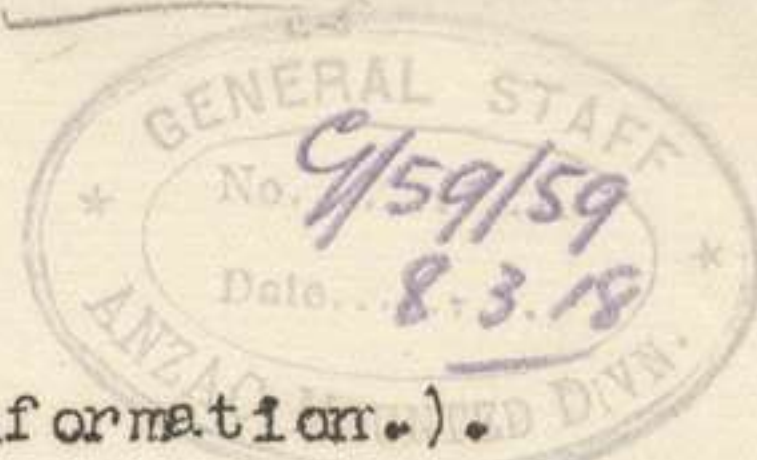
1. The 1st L.H.Bde group including Inverness Battery will leave RICHON le ZION on Tuesday March 5th and march to BRITANIA where it will come under orders of the 20th Corps.
2. MARCH. March will be as follows-
 March 5th. Leave RICHON le ZION march to EL RAMLEH.
 6th. Leave EL RAMLEH march to KURYUT EL ENAB.
 7th. Leave KURYUT EL ENAB march via BIDBU to BRITANIA.
 March each day to be completed by 1600.
3. On the march the Brigade will keep in bodies of half squadrons at 150 yards distance.
 Vehicles will march in groups of 6 vehicles at 150 yards distance.
4. SUPPLIES. Brigade will march with unconserved portion of days ration and iron ration for horse and man, and, will be rationed at RAMLEH and KURYUT EL ENAB on the way.
5. Orders regarding details left behind, Tents &c., will be issued later.
6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

W. G. McQuibban
Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff.

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1st L.H.Bde. 'A' Branch.
2nd L.H.Bde. Divn. Train.
N.Z.M.R.Bde. Desert Mounted Corps (for information).
Field Sqdn.
Signal Sqdn.

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1. MOVES

The coming operations will take place as follows;-

Z-5 day Anzac Mounted Division (less 1st L.H.Bde and Auckland Mounted Rifles) march to LATRUN. Here they come under G.O.C., 20th Corps.

Z-4 day N.Z.M.R.Bde marches from LATRUN to ZAKARIYA.
2nd L.H.Bde marches from LATRUN to ENAB.

Z-3 day Anzac Mounted Division (less 1st L.H.Bde and Auckland Mounted Rifles) march to JERUSALEM.

Z-2/Z-1 Anzac Mounted Division marches to area of concentration.

2. CONCEALMENT OF TROOPS.

From the time the Division leave JERUSALEM until they leave the area of concentration concealment of all troops, horses & etc., is of the utmost importance.

This particularly applies to the period from morning of Z-1 day up to evening of Z day when the Division is bivouaced ~~in~~ *in area of concentration.*

Bivouac sites are being selected in advance, and, troops after getting into them must take all steps to conceal themselves. Watering must be carried out with great care. The position in which fires are lighted must be chosen so as not to be seen by the enemy.

3. MOBILITY.

When the Division goes forward from JERUSALEM it will only take stores which are absolutely essential to fighting efficiency. Nothing not absolutely essential will be taken forward of JERUSALEM. Grenades will be taken. For the carriage of these stores and for ammunition and grenades one $\frac{1}{2}$ limber per Squadron will be taken and one for Each Regimental H.Q. and 4 per Machine Gun Squadron. Remainder of ammunition will be taken on Camels.

4. RATIONS.

3 days mobile rations for man and 3 days mobile forage ration for horse will be taken. Of these one day for the man and one for the horse will be carried on camels.

5. ARTILLERY.

R.H.A. Guns, firing battery waggons, 1st Line waggons, and four 13-pdr Q.F. waggons with the B.A.C. will be taken and will have 8 horses to each vehicle. The extra horses required will be taken from the Main Ammunition Column. All other ammunition will be brought forward by Camel.

6. TRAIN.

The Train will be left intact, and, will probably be employed to supply the Division later.

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7. RELAY POSTS.

A service of relay posts will be required for communication on night Z/Z+1 and on Z+1 day. 18 men are required, and, will be supplied by the N.Z.M.R.Bde.

8. TOOLS

A party with tools must be kept up with the advanced guard. They will have to detach parties from time to time for repairing the road before the main column comes on.

9. LEADING.

Troops will lead horses when going up or down the steep stony hills in the area.

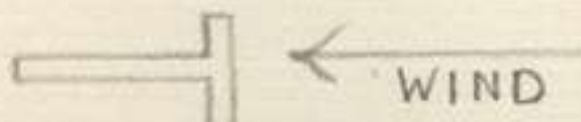
10. INFORMATION.

Timely information is of the utmost importance. It will be especially important for the Division to have information of water and stores.

11. LANDING GROUNDS.

A look out must be kept for possible Aeroplane landing grounds. These must be at least 300 yards square, and there should be no high trees or buildings immediately on the edge. There must be no small wadis or deep ruts on the ground.

A T put down in the white strips with the cross bar into the wind viz:-



will be put down on the approach of one of our own aeroplanes to indicate that it can land there if it wishes.

12. HOSTILE AEROPLANES.

Each unit will always have a man detailed to keep careful lookout for hostile aeroplanes.

A party under an officer will be detailed in each Regiment, ready to dismount and open fire on any hostile aeroplane which comes low over the troops.

13. HOSTILE POPULATION.

Part of the population in the country in which we will be operating are known to be hostile to us. This particularly applies to Circassians of whom several colonies have been planted by Turks in the area. Small bodies of troops must therefore take all precautions in approaching villages or ground giving concealment to snipers. Single men must not move about any distance from their unit or enter villages.

14. NAMES OF PLACES REPEATED.

In several cases it will be found that the same name occurs on the map. Officers and others making reports must give the co-ordinate to avoid mistakes.

15. TYPHUS.

Typhus is reported bad in villages. Troops must keep out of them as far as possible.

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16. PINK LAUREL.

Attention is called again to the pink laurel which grows near water and is fatal to horses.

17. ORDER OF MARCH.

During these operations whenever troops are using roads march discipline is of the greatest importance. Troops using the main roads will march in groups of half Squadrons at 150 yards distance. Transport will march in groups of 6 waggons at 150 yards distance. Brigades will ensure that this formation is kept to throughout the march, and, that no straggling takes place.

J. E. Broune

Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,

8th March 1918. AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION ORDER NO. 117.

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Reference map Iⁿ - 1 mile.RICHON le ZION,
March 9th 1918.1. INTRODUCTION.

Yeomanry Mounted Division will move so as to be concentrated in the area about AYUN KARA, in area now occupied by ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION by evening March 14th.

2. MOVES.

ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION (less 1st L.H.Bde group and Auckland Mounted Rifles) will leave RICHON le ZION on March 13th. D.I.Q., Divisional Troops and 2nd L.H.Bde will march to LATRON, H.Z.A.Bde to JUNCTION STATION.

- (a) Divn. H.Qrs., H.Q., R.A., Signal Squadron and Field Squadron will assemble immediately east of the gardens of RICHON le ZION village just north of the Signal Squadron camp ready to move off at 0900.
- (b) 2nd L.H.Bde will follow the Divisional Troops.
- (c) H.Z.A.Bde will march to JUNCTION STATION under Brigade arrangements.
- (d) For this march troops will keep off the road as far as possible. When obliged to keep the road Brigades and transport will march in formation already ordered. Divisional troops will march with 150 yards distance between each unit.
- (e) March will be completed by 1600.

3. COMMAND.

On arrival at LATRON and JUNCTION STATION respectively the ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION will come under the orders of the G.O.C., 20th Corps.

4. Orders as to continuation of the march to JERUSALEM will be issued later.

5. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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ORDER No. 118.

Reference Map -- Sheet XVIII) 1/53,360
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17th March 1918.

1. MOVES.

During the night March 18th/19th the A. & N.Z. Mounted Division will march to a bivouac site at TALAT ED DUMM.

2. The Division will march in Columns as follows:-

No.1 Div. H.Qrs.
Signal Squadron.
Field Squadron.
H.Qrs., 18th Bde R.H.A.

No.2 2nd L.H. Brigade Group.

No.3 N.Z.M.R. Brigade Group.

No.4 1st L.H. Brigade Group.

No.5 B.A.C. Waggon.

No.6 B.A.C. Camels, and all 1st Line Camels.

3. (A) STARTING POINTS.

(i) For No.1 & No.2 and No.5 Columns - A point on the JERUSALEM-JERICHO Road at the North East corner of the Walls of JERUSALEM.

(ii) For the remainder - The JAFFA GATE.

(b) Columns will pass starting point as follows:-

	Head to pass	Starting point.	
No.1 Column (D.H.Q. & Div. Troops)			1800
No.2 "	(2nd L.H. Bde)	"	1820
No.3 "	(N.Z.M.R. Bde)	"	1900
No.4 "	(1st L.H. Bde)	"	1940
No.5 "	(Waggon B.A.C.)	"	2040
No.6 "	(Camels B.A.C. All 1st Line Camels)	"	2050

(c) With reference to Column No.6, the Camels of D.H.Q., and Div. Troops will halt at B.A.C. bivouac opposite St. STEPHENS GATE until the B.A.C. moves off. 1st L.H. Bde Camels will remain in bivouac until the N.Z.M.R. Bde is clear they will then follow the N.Z.M.R. Bde Camels, joining the B.A.C. at ST. STEPHENS GATE.

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The order of march of Camels will then be -

- B.A.C.
- 2nd L.H. Brigade.
- N.Z.M.R. Brigade.
- 1st L.H. Brigade.

(d) The formation of all Mounted Troops on the march will be Column of Sections.

(e) No troops will leave their bivouacs areas before 1700 on March 18th.

(f) All troops will be in their bivouacs at TALAT ED DUMM by 0500 on March the 19th.

4. SUPPLIES.

(a) The Division will move from JERUSALEM area carrying unconsumed portion of days rations and forage plus iron ration for man and horse.

(b) When the Division moves from TALAT ED DUMM it will take 3 days supplies for man and horse which will be carried as follows;-

- Unconsumed portion plus iron ration on man and horse.
- Two days mobile ration on Camel Echelons.

5. WATER.

No troops are to water at BETHANY. All fantassis will be filled before moving off. Drinking water will be drawn at TALAT ED DUMM from tanks on JERICHO Road at Square G.10.B.

Horses will water at the MILL at G.4.a. under instructions to be issued later.

6. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff.

Issued at 1500.

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- 60th Division.
- O.C. Camel Convoy.
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With reference to column horse the Camels of B.A.C. and Div. Troops will half on B.A.C. bivouacs opposite B.C. STEPHENS WAY and the B.A.C. moves off. The B.A.C. Camels will remain in bivouacs until the B.A.C. has a clear way will then follow the N.Z.M.R. Bde Camels, joining the B.A.C. at ST. STEPHENS WAY.

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION

ORDER No. 119.

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Reference Maps - 1/63,360
 Sheet XVIII
 AMMAN SHEET
 ES SALT Composite.

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18th March 1918.

1. INFORMATION.

(a) Information as regards the enemy will be issued separately. As the general goodwill and assistance of the inhabitants East of JORDAN is of first importance, all ranks must be warned to treat them with the greatest consideration; all payments are to be made in cash and all friction is to be strictly avoided. It must be remembered that these natives are of a very different class to those hitherto met with.

(b) A force consisting of 60th Division, A. & N.Z. MOUNTED Division and Imperial Camel Brigade will cross the JORDAN, and advance on ES SALT and AMMAN with a view to destroying the railway.

(c) The operations of the 60th Division are as follows:-

- (i) To force crossings of the JORDAN and form Bridgeheads at MAKHADAT HAJLA and EL GHORANIYEH as soon after dusk as possible on March 19th/20th.
- (ii) To seize the foothills on the line TEL EL MUSTA - EL HAUD.
- (iii) To follow the Mounted troops to ES SALT, or, if the Mounted troops cannot get through, to fight its way to ES SALT and secure the place.

(d) Under cover of the bridgeheads the building of Bridges at MAKHADAT HAJLA and EL GHORANIYEH is being carried out.

(e) The Imperial Camel Brigade will be under the command of the G.O.C., A. & N.Z. Mounted Division for these operations.

2. INSTRUCTIONS.

(a) From 1800 on the night 19th/20th onwards, the A. & N.Z. Mounted Division and Imperial Camel Brigade will be ready to move at one hours notice to the JORDAN by the EKTIEF Road. As soon as orders are received the Division will move off in the following order -

N.Z.M.R. Brigade.
 2nd L.H. Brigade.
 Divn. Headquarters.
 1st L.H. Brigade.
 18th Brigade R.M.A.
 Imperial Camel Brigade.

(b) March to the top of the plateau. As soon as the first bridge is completed the N.Z.M.R. Bde will cross the river. It will move rapidly to the foothills about SHUNET NIMRIN.

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One regiment will be detailed to move as quickly as possible by road 5, (the main road to ES SALT) with object of preventing road being blown up, and to seize ES SALT by a ~~parade-main~~. This regiment will rejoin its brigade on order by the Infantry. The remainder of the N.Z.M.R. Bde will move by road 4 and 4a and gain the plateau as quickly as possible.

(c) The 2nd L.H. Bde will cross the JORDAN and march by road No. 2.

(d) Div. M. Qrs, 1st L.H. Bde, 18th Bde R.H.A. and Imperial Camel Brigade will cross and march by road No. 3.

(e) Each Brigade and the Central Column will gain the plateau as quickly as possible.

(f) A party with picks and shovels will be detailed from each Brigade to march with their advanced guard, to take in hand at once any road repairing required, so as not to delay the march of the Column.

(g) Immediately the plateau is gained, either by one of the Brigades, or the Central Column, its object will be -

- (i) To get into communication at once with the troops marching up to the plateau on its right or left.
- (ii) If any body of troops to its right or left is encountering opposition to assist it by taking the enemy in flank.

(h) Advance on AMMAN. As soon as the plateau is gained by all ~~three~~ columns, the advance on AMMAN will begin.

(j) The N.Z.M.R. Bde (less the regiment sent to ES SALT) will move by the shortest route directing its march just North of AMMAN. A detachment of one Squadron with a party carrying explosive will move with all speed to a point on the railway about 5 miles North of AMMAN, and, will at once cut the railway by destroying some lengths of rail at that point.

(k) The Central Column will move direct on AMMAN by road No. 3.

(l) The 2nd L.H. Bde will direct its march on EL YADUDE. A detachment with a party carrying explosive will be pushed forward to the railway about EBAN STATION (Square 142.N.25.) as rapidly as possible and will cut the railway by destroying some lengths of rail.

The 2nd L.H. Bde will be responsible also for watching the Country South from Point 2954 (Square 142.F.24.a.) inclusive to EBAN STATION (Square 142.N.25.) inclusive.

The roads leading to MADEBA and EL KASTAL will be carefully watched and patrolled towards those places.

(m) As soon as AMMAN is occupied the G.R.E., A. & N.Z. Mounted Division, assisted by the C.R.E., Imperial Camel Brigade, will take in hand the destruction of the railway under special instructions.

3. DETACHMENTS.

(a) The B.G.C., N.Z.M.R. Bde will detail one Squadron which will be employed on reconnaissance North and East of the JORDAN. This Squadron will assemble at TEL ES SULTAN at 0800 on March 20th.

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~~The O.C., this Squadron will report to the B.G.C., 17th Infantry Brigade in the WADI NUELMEH at Square 3.3. at 0800 on March 20th. This Squadron will subsequently be attached to 1st Bde group on the arrival of that Brigade on the line WADY ABU TARRA and remain with it.~~

(b) The B.G.C., 1st L.H.Bde will detail one troop to join H.Qrs., 60th Division by 0800 on March 20th.

4. CONCEALMENT OF TROOPS.

No fires will be lit or bivouacs or tents erected by day by units on arrival in the JERICHO plain, as it is of the utmost importance to conceal the concentration of troops there, and prevent leakage of information.

5. GRAZING.

No grazing of animals will take place in the JORDAN VALLEY owing to the danger of Surra and of poisonous grass.

6. CONTROL OF TRAFFIC AT THE BRIDGES.

One Officer Divn.H.Qrs., will be on duty at the Bridge at MAKHADAT HAJLAH to control traffic at the bridge. An officer of the 60th Divisional Staff is controlling the traffic at EL GHORANIYEH.

7. COMMUNICATIONS.

Special instructions are issued to O.C., Signal Squadron.

8. LINE OF SUPPLY.

The line of supply for the A. & N.Z. Mounted Division and Imperial Camel Brigade will be read No.3.

9. HOSTILE AEROPLANES.

In the event of a hostile aeroplane approaching troops concentrated on the JERICHO Plain, everyone will remain still and not look up. THERE IS TO BE NO RIFLE FIRE.

Brigadiers will have special Machine or Hotchkiss Guns detailed for firing on any hostile aeroplane which flies low over the troops.

10. REPORT CENTRE.

Until the A. & N.Z. Mounted Division moves off to cross the JORDAN, report centre will be at TALAT ED DUMM.

11. ESCORTS.

Orders as to escorts will be issued by A.A. & Q.M.G.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. Pittwater
Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff.

Issued at 1600.

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ORDER No.120.

Reference Map - Sheets XVII & XVIII.

19th March 1918.

Reference Operation Order No.118, para 1.

1. The A. & N.Z. Mounted Division will march to a bivouac site at TALAT ED DUBBI tomorrow night March 20th/21st.

2. Reference O.O. 118, para 3.
The hours at which troops will pass the starting point will now be one hour later than in the above order.

No.1 Column (D.H.Q. & Div. Troops)	1900
No.2 " (2nd L.H.Bde)	1930
No.3 " (N.Z.M.R.Bde)	2000
No.4 " (1st L.H.Bde)	2040
No.5 " (Waggons B.A.C.)	2140
No.6 " (Camels B.A.C. & all 1st Line Camels)	2150

3. IMPERIAL CAMEL BRIGADE MOVE.

1st Imperial Camel Brigade will march on evening of March 21st to TALAT ED DUBBI.

Head of the Brigade will pass the JAFFA GATE at 2100.

4. No troops will leave their bivouac areas before 1700 on March 20th. In the case of the Imperial Camel Brigade on March 21st.

5. All troops will be in their bivouac areas by 0800 on March 21st, and in the case of the Imperial Camel Brigade on March 22nd.

6. On arrival the Anzac Mounted Division including 1st Imperial Camel Brigade will come under orders of G.O.C., 60th Division.

7. ACKNOWLEDGE.

J. E. Broune
Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff.

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AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION
ORDER No. 101.

Reference Maps - Sheet XVIII,
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21st March 1918.

1. INFORMATION.

(a) Information as regards the enemy will be issued separately. As the general goodwill and assistance of the inhabitants East of JORDAN is of first importance, all ranks must be warned to treat them with the greatest consideration; all payments are to be made in cash and all friction is to be strictly avoided. It must be remembered that natives are of a very different class to those hitherto met with.

(b) A force consisting of 60th Division, A.I. & N.Z. Mounted Division and Imperial Camel Brigade will cross the JORDAN, and advance on ES SALT and AMMAN with a view to destroying the Railway.

(c) The operations of the 60th Division are as follows-

(i) To force the crossings of the JORDAN and bridgeheads at HAWIADAT HAJLAN and EL GHORANIYEH, coupled with feints at ALJAH, HANDESI and ENKOLA crossings. These feints will be made on the night of March 21st to cover the real crossing.

(ii) To seize the foothills on the line TEL EL MISTA - EL HAUD as quickly as possible.

(iii) To advance on ES SALT and secure that place.

(d) Under cover of the bridgeheads the building of Bridges at HAWIADAT HAJLAN and EL GHORANIYEH is being carried out.

(e) The 100th Inf. Bde with a Squadron Corps Cavalry will cooperate with the 60th Division on the right bank of the JORDAN.

(f) The Imperial Camel Brigade will be under the command of G.O.C., ANZAC Mounted Division for these operations.

2. INSTRUCTIONS.

(a) The 1st L.H. Bde will hold itself in readiness to march at one hour notice from 1800 on the night March 21/22nd onwards. On receiving orders they will cross the JORDAN by whichever bridge is ready first and will be used to secure the left flank of the 60th Division by operating Northward on the left bank of the JORDAN. A/303 Battery R.F.A. will be attached to the Brigade. As soon as the 1st L.H. Bde crosses the JORDAN it will come under orders of the G.O.C., 60th Division who will issue detailed instructions to the Brigade. The Inverness Battery will not accompany the 1st L.H. Bde.

(b) The ANZAC Mounted Division (less the 1st L.H. Bde) will be ready to move at one hour notice from on night March 21/22nd. The order of march and detailed orders will be issued later.

3. The role of the Division will now be -

- (a) To secure the right flank of the 60th Division.
- (b) To prevent any advance of the enemy by roads 2 & 3.
- (c) To endeavour constantly to work up on the plateau, and secure the road junction near HAJER.
- (d) To work round the flank of the enemy opposing the advance of the 60th Division moving on ES SALT.

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(e) To endeavour to create an opening for a raid to destroy the railway.

4. DETACHMENTS.

(a) One Regiment N. M. M. Bde will be temporarily attached to the 180th Bde. This Regiment will assemble at TEL EL SULTAN by 0800 on March 22nd. The C.O. will report to B.G.C., 180th Bde at EL GHORANIYEH at the same hour.

(b) One Troop will be detached by the 1st L.H. Bde for communication. It will report to 60th Division H.Qrs., by 0800 on March 22nd.

5. Paras. 4 to 11 in O.O. 119 still hold good.

6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

C. J. Hughes
Major
Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff.

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