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1	1800	G 308	To 20th Corps 60th Div. Des Corps.	D.H.Q. closing Jerusalem 1815 aaa All further messages to be sent TALAAT ED DUMM.	
2		GI 54	To N.Z.M.R. Bde.	Bde order No 41 Copy No 17 recd.	
3	1830	Y 89	From 20th Corps.	Sit. report. Relief of 181 Bde by 160 Bde complete. Enemy registered WADIG HARID from A.20.central to A.29.D. Slight enemy shelling of 332 Central B.32.B. B.28.c. and D.3.A. Some enemy movement about FURKAH.	
4	1900	LD 1	To Des Corps.	Adv. H.Qrs. established. 1815 at 113.G.11.B. 99. Divn. now on the move.	
5	2000	GK 643	To 3 Bdes.	G.O.C. wishes all troops to lead from this control station as far as the bottom of the hill.	
6	0500	GK 644	To 60th Div. 20th Corps. Des Corps.	Tail of Divn. in bivouac at 0130. Camels in about 0330.	
7	0820) 0800)	G 198	From 60th Divn.	Capt. MacFarlane Liaison Officer has -s reported here.	
8	0940	GX 1	To 3 Bdes. 20 Corps 60th Div. Des Corps	For coming operation. All reports for Battle H.Q. should be added. ANZACS. All other correspondence ANZACS JERUSALEM.	
9A	0055	GB 91	To XX Corps 60th Div. Des Corps.	D.H.Q. & Div. Troops arrived bivouac 113.G.11.9.	
9	1100) 1020)	G 204	From 60th Divn.	Report from O.C. 2/19 Lond. R. begins. Major CRADDICK made reconn -aissance to river between 2300 & 0300 hrs. River appears about 6 inches lower but still running 5 to 6 miles. KELT in strong flood. River about 30 yds. across. Consid- er project difficult but possible ends.	
10	1115	G 309	To 3 Bdes C.R.E.	Repeat 9.	
11	1125	BM 415	From 1st Bde.	Officers attached A.M.R. for reconnaissance of JORDAN VALLEY report. Have only managed to reconnoitre WEST bank and to reach the river by night. At 2100 last night 20/21st the JORDAN was runnin- g a banker and WADY ES KELT runn- ing strong estimated about 3 feet deep at crossing in 127.S.2.c. The eastern bank is held by enemy at all crossings. Post at MAKHADET HAJLA estimated at about 12 rifles & 1 automatic rifle. Post on E. bank at EL GHORANIYEH more strongly held with rifles & M.Gs. Just N.E. of EL MANDESI enemy have artillery covering approaches to EL GHORANIYE -H. Number of guns not certain as only one has fired at a time. The roads leading to the river were wet & soft until yesterday, but are now quite firm & afford good going for horses & wheel.	
12	1250	G 310	To 2nd Bde. N.Z. M.R.Bde. C.R.E. Des Corps.	Repeat 11.	
13	1350	G 312	To A.P.M.	You will be on duty at the MAKHADET HAJLA Bridge as soon as it is completed for traffic until the Anzac Mtd Div has crossed.	

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13 Contd.					You will go on down there with Major Urquhart G.S. A. & N.Z. Mtd. Div. at such an hour that you are at the KASR HAJLA monastery by midnight. You will control all traffic of the Divn. over the Bridge being particularly careful to see that all are closed up & that no hurrying takes place, after the bridge is closed. Officers from Bdes crossing will be sent on to control the March of the Bde. & will act for the time being under your orders. On completion of this duty you will join the Division. Capt. WATT A.P.M. Anzac Mtd. Div. will be on duty at the bridge to be constructed at MAKHADET HAJLA from the time of its construction until the Div. have completed crossing. During that time he will control all traffic & all other officers sent forward to control traffic of Bdes will act under his orders.
14	1350	G 313	To 3 Bdes.		
15	1415	G 314	To 60th Div.		
16	1415) 1330)	G 214	From 60th Divn.		G 214 ackd. Move Bde which is to protect Northern flank to concealed position tonight in foothills in vicinity of NEBY MUBA. You will keep this Bde. in touch by motor D.R. with progress of bridge & it will time its arrival at bridge to be there as soon as bridge is completed. ack.
17	1435	G 315	To 1st Bde. Sig. Sqn. A Branch 60 Div. C.R.A. ADMS. DesCorps.		1st L.H. Bde. less Inverness Batty will march at 1800 today March 21 to the river where the EKTEIF road enters the JERICHO plain. North of NEBY MUSA about Square 113.M.16.A. Here they remain until ordered to march either to MAKHADET HAJLA or EL GHORANIYEH bridges. Horses & men must be kept back from the plain & concealed among foothills aaa O.C. Signal Squadron will arrange most rapid means of communication between this H.Qrs. & 1st L.H. Bde. so that it may be ordered to start at such an hour that it can arrive at the crossing place as soon as the bridge is finished. Bde. is rationed up to & including breakfast 24th March. First days supplies are on camel echelon at NEBY MUSA. The Bde. will detail one troop as escort to the remainder with the Camel Echelon & bring it up when required. O.C. this troop will report to Capt. PARSONAGE O.C. N Coy. Camels at NEBY MUSA. Ack.
18	1445	G 316	To C.R.E.		Please report if parties from Bdes have joined you.
19	1500) 1420)	FG 61	From 20th Corps.		R.F.C. report 1100 - 1300. MADEIBA slight movement nothing of military nature observed. EL KASTAL 3 RS 25 bell tents 50 men scattered about station. 8 miles South AMMAN train 18 RS going North men were clearly seen on roofs of carriages aaa AMMAN 26 H.T. parked. 14 M.T. in town aaa

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				AMMAN Station 12 RS 60 TS 30 HT 5 MT aaa AMMAN ES SALT Road 18 H.T. 50 Cav. halted 6 H.T. 50 cavalry 6 camels moving East 50 H.T. going West aaa ES SALT slight decrease in T.S. 30 H.T. parked 50 cavalry halted in town 500 men in streets JISR ED DAMIE no movement.	
20	G 317	1515	To 3 Bdes.	Repeat 19.	
21	1610) 1540)	G 216	From 60th Divn.	Please inform 1st L.H. Bde. that 160 th Bde. now holding line AUJAH FORD 113.W.34.cent. on right bank of river has been ordered to advance his line to General line UM MESH SHERT 113.W. 32.	
22	1630	G318	To 1st L.H.Bde.	Repeat 21.	
23	1645) 1605)	YD 2	From Admin Cmd.	Advance Party I.C. Bde. has arrived & area has been allotted aaa H.Qrs. will be at F.17.D. units in F.17. F.11.	
24	1800) 1725)	G 224	From 60th Divn.	Ref. this office G.219. Column repor- ted last seen halted approx P.26. 3 more Columns now reported total strength estimated at 800.	
25	1700	BM 418	From 1st L.H.Bde	Can "A" Sqdn. 3 L.H. Regt. attached as working party to Engineers be ordered to rejoin Bde. at once at NEBY MUSA.	
26	1740	BM 419	From 1st L.H.Bde	Can the flg. detachments be returned to the Bde. at NEBY MUSA at once. "A" Sqdn. 3 L.H. Regt. with Engineers. One troop 2nd L.H. Regt. with Lt.WEEDMAN. 3 Offs. attached Auckland.	
27	1900	GI 55	To 1st L.H.Bde.	"A" Sqdn. 3rd L.H. Regt. will rejoin when Bridge is completed not before. Troops guarding Explosives dump are being relieved by 2nd L.H. Bde. Lieut. Weedman has been ordered to rejoin his Bde. 3 Offs. attached Auck. are order- ed to rejoin you tonight.	
28	1900	GI 56	To A.M.R.	Instruct 3 Offs. 1st L.H. Bde. to rejoin their Bde. at Map Square 113.M. 16.a. on NEBY MUSA road.	
29	1905	GI 57	To 60th Div.	No trace of G 219 in this office. Please repeat.	
30	1915	GI 58	To 14 Sqdn R.F.C. Corps Wing. DesCorps 60 Div.	Half & three quarter Moon signs for Bde. & Regtl. H.Q. not in possession & will therefore not be used. The usual report centre ground signs will be used. Scarlet & Yellow flags have been recd. also panels also white strips. Addsd. 14 Sqdn. R.F.C.	
31	1930	GI 59	To I.C. Bde.	Have you contact patrol panels if not we have two spare panels at this H.Q. Further have you any white front line strips or the new Scarlet & Yellow flag or are you still carrying flares reply urgent.	
32	1815	G 103	From XX Corps.	Situation report. 60th Div. report parties of enemy Inftry. estimated at between 200 & 600 total seen marching WEST about 127.P.24.B. this afternoon. 10th Divn. report our patrol 30 strong to KEFR AIN A.23. Held up. by 1 off. & 30 O/Rs. Germans on Hill behind village. Enemy withdrew & spot where they been was shelled by enemy. 74th & 10th Divns & H.A. carried out two	

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33	2000) 1930)	G/695 From Mjr Urquhart	Arrived KASR HAJLA. Am taking over line from 29th Inf. Regt. at 2200. Am in touch with Bridging Troops.	organized bombardments of enemy positions in forenoon & afternoon, respectively. Enemy retaliation very slight.
34	2135	GI 60 To A.M.R.	Send messenger to Capt. Mackray the hotel JERICHO with following messages. forty armed guides to report Staff Officer Mjr. URQUHARD at KASR HAJLAH Sqr. 113.N.10. before midnight tonight 21st. Lt. Staff Offr. not at KASR HAJLAH they must proceed to him at the ford MAKHADAT HAJLA.	
35	2145) 2020)	G 219 From 60th Div.	Parties of enemy infantry variously estimated as between 200 - 600 strong altogether seen marching West at about 127 P.24.B. Disappeared in trees at P.23.a. & not seen since.	
36	2145) 2020)	G 232 From 60th Div.	Re this office G.224 A.M.R. report 2 Sqdns Cavalry seen in 127.R.22.A. in direction of MAKHADAT HAJLAH.	
37		GI 61 To Mjr Urquhart	40 armed Guides will report to you before midnight KASR HAJLA or follow you to the ford; make distribution of them among units according to their Special local knowledge of roads & locality. Motor Cyclist from this H.Q. to the 1st A.L.H. Bde. will require from twenty up to sixty minutes -s according to state of traffic.	
38	2205	GI 62 To 3 Bdes	Armed guides will be allotted you by Major URQUHART at MAKHADAT HAJLA ford. Should you march by the other ford they will be sent on to you as soon as possible.	
39	2130	BM 422 From 1 L.H.Bde.	Bde arrived in bivouac NEBY MUSA at 2030.	
40	2215) 2145)	G 234 From 80th Div.	180 Bde wire 1830. In view of enemys reinforcements the 2/18th will come under the orders of 2/19th at 1900. 2/19 will establish a strong Bridgehead at HAJLAH. This will be taken over by the 2/18th. The 2/19th will not send Coys to GHORANIYEH during darkness but the whole Btn. will push up towards GHORANIYEH as soon as possible after dawn. As soon as the Bridge is formed a Cavalry Regiment will be sent you. Once the Bridgehead is formed on no account is the bridge to be left with less than 2 Coys.	
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41	2210	GI 64 To 60th Divn.	Repeat 39.	
42	0210	BM 580 From Camel Bde.	Head of Column at bivouac 0200. could move 0600. H.K.S. Battery being sent straight on to your H.Qrs.	
43	0200	G 237 From 60th Divn.	Sit. reported guns. Short burst of rifle fire heard 2115 N.E. of GHORANIYEH in FOOTHILLS. Enemy have set light to patch of scrub E. of JORDAN on Bearing 115 degrees. from KUSR HAJLAH burning brightly. raft parties started 2315.	
44	0210) 0120)	G 238 From 60th Div.	Sit. Current too strong for swimming ers to cross at GHORANIYEH and	

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44	Contd.				and thought too strong for construction bridge but not definitely decided two punts & 1 raft swept away. Slight shelling from 2 Turkish guns very little rifle fire. At HAJLAH 2 rafts with total of 18 men have crossed also 10 swimmers, all quiet there.
45	0220	BM 581	From Camel Bde.		Have no contact patrol panels. Have front line white strips & flares only.
46	0025	GI 65	To 14th Sqdn RFC Corps Wing Des. Corps.		I.C.C. Bde. are not equipped with scarlet yellow flags or white strips but with flares for front line. We have supplied I.C. Bde. H.Q. with two panels. Our GI 58 refers to Anzac Div. only.
47	0210	GK 636	To 1st Bde.		Stand fast for the present. Current reported too strong at GHORANIYEH but party has crossed at HAJLA. Very little opposition. If your Bde. does move you will water about HAJLA on the way down. If it does not move arrangements will be made to water back at TALAT ED DUMM% G.O.C. 60th does not wish you to show your Bde before you start to cross. As far as can be seen you are unlikely to march before dawn.
48	0230) 0155)	G 239	From 60th Div.		Transfer whole of your Bde to HAJLA and when bridgehead established there clear enemy from left bank of river at GHORANIYEH. Any subsequent crossing found possible at GHORANIYEH will be undertaken by 179 Bde.
49	0340) 0255)	G 240	From 60th Div.		Situation. 2/19 Lond. R. report 150 men now across river at HAJLAH. Bridging train has been ordered to proceed to river. 2/18 Lond R. has been ordered down to river ready to follow 2/19 Lond. R.
50	0505) 0405)	G 241	From 60th Div.		Sit. Crossing by rafts continues at HAJLAH unopposed. R.E. have commenced pontoon bridge which they expect to complete by 0600. A.M.R. have been ordered to HAJLAH by dawn. All guns.
51	0500) 0455)	CT 2	From C.R.E. HAJLAH		Factual situation at HAJLAH crossing prevents immediate construction of bridge. O.C. 2/19 states that although 300 men across owing to darkness & thick undergrowth impossible to get on and secure bridgehead at site selected. Under circumstances do not expect complete bridge before 0730 at earliest.
52	0600) 0507)	G 242	From 60th Div.		179 Bde group will move to a concealed position west of HAJLAH at once. 181 Bde to TEL ES SULTAN at dawn. 1st L.H. Bde. to be ready to move at 0700. 180 Bde will report when bridge at HAJLAH is within half an hour of completion.
53	0610	G 320	To 1st Bde.		1st L.H. Bde. to be ready to move at 0700.

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54	0600)	RP 1	From Desert	Brid-	Commenced formation of bridge at 0445 probably complete 0645.
	0540)		ging Train.		
55	0600)		From Desert	Mtd Cor-	At present 2 Coys have crossed
	0405)		ps Bridging	Train.	without any casualties in actual crossing. Have reconnoitred left flank at RAFTING SITE. find it similar to right bank tactical situation on East side not yet determined only small amount enemy M.G. & Rifle Fire recommenced formation of bridge at site. Previously ordered immediately on receipt of appreciation from E. bank. Bridge train now proceeding to PIMPLE HILLS. Formation of bridge will probably require 2½ hours.
56	0650	GI 66	To N.Z.M.R.		Water Bde early as possible & be ready to move to about Square 113. M.16.D. where the EKTEIF road leads out on to the JERICHO plain. report when watering completed.
57	0700)	G 243	From 60th Div.		Sit. 300 men of 2/19 London R. have crossed river but are on low ground close to bank they are now working up to high ground. Bridge cannot be completed before 0800 at earliest. Sit. at GHORANIYEH reported quiet.
	0605)				
58	0825	GI 67	To N.Z.M.R. Bde. CRA. I.C.C. Bde. "A" 60th Division.		Ref. our GI 66 warning order sent to N.Z.M.R. Bde to be ready to move. B.G.C. I.C. Bde. will detail his battery to accompany N.Z.M.R. Bde. when it moves off. Arrangements will be made between Brigadiers as to Battery joining N.Z.M.R. Somerset Bty. will not accompany N.Z.M.R. Bde. but will march under instructions to be issued by the C.R.A. Ack.
59	0800	Q 23	From R.F.C.		0800 up to the time cannot see day sign of flares from our troops have sounded Klaxon & fired lights over whole Northern area.
60	1640	Q 23	From R.F.C.		1640 small bodies of men about 10 in each moving out of ES SALT along roads running East & N. continuous scattered movement in streets 2 camps of about 25 tents each still there. No fire experienced. No movement observed in any other part of Northern area. 0650 small camp of 5 tents in Wadi approx C.12.d. 0730 ES SALT 2 bodies of men moving on AMMAN Road towards AMMAN about 30 men in each party another party of about 30 stationary in Wadi in 127 J.25. approx 2 large drums of M.G. fire scattered them in all directions.
61	Aeroplane Message.				Country between Dead Sea North of a line drawn E. and N. through RAS DALE no movement except a few bedouins observed AMMAN 50 bell tents 50 R.S. 2 trains facing N. of ES SALT 19 bell tents camps on

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61	Contd.			AMMAN - ES SALT road normal very little movement on this road. 1 mile South of ES SALT 100 Cav. 200 Inf. scattered 1 mile E. 100 Inf. 10 shelters at the bridge 6 miles S. of ES SALT in N.2.B. No camps seen W. of this pt. 4 H.T. between SHUNET NIMRIN & ES SALT.	
62	0920	G 321	To 3 Bdes. DesCps. I.C.C. Bde. C.O. Wing.	Repeat 61. Current too strong at EL GHORANIYEH for rafts or swimmers but at 0600 300 our infantry had crossed at MAKHADET HAJLAH & were working up to high ground. Bridge not expected to be completed at HAJLA before 0800 at earliest. Opposition not serious. 1st L.H. Bde. at present at NEBY MUSA remainder of Divn. less A.M.R. Regt in TALAAT ED DUMM area. A.M.R. Regt have been ordered forward to bridge at HAJLA.	
63	0930) 0845)	G 245	From 60th Div.	Order of crossing HAJLAH Bridge. sufficient Infantry to secure Bridge-head. A.M.R. to scout. Fighting troops 180 Bde. Artillery. 179 Bde group to enlarge bridgehead & secure GHORANIYEH 1st L.H. Bde. 1st L.H. Bde. will not move before midday. Remainder Anzac will not move before afternoon and possibly not today. 2nd pontoon bridge will be constructed at HAJLAH today.	
64	0945	G 322	To 3 Bdes DesCps.	Repeat 63.	
65	0900	BM 426	From 1st Bde.	GK 536 timed 0210 was recd at 0520 aaa Des Corps bridging train report timed 0405 recd. 0615. G 320 timed 0610 recd. 0700.	
66	1000	G 323	To I.C.C. Bde.	Ref. our G.I. 67 aaa for your further information on the march out from TALAAT ED DUMM your Bde. Amm. Col will come under orders of ANZAC. Divl. Ammn Col. & report to Capt. Philipson	
67	1000		Aeroplane message.	M.T. movement between HUWARAK & NABLUS = 30 Nablus normal. No Inf or Cav movement observed between NABLUS & JISR ED DAMIE 250 FAN moving E. area round bridge no movement on roads & no guns firing. ES SALT 100 cav. on lines 3 H.T. 20 cavs moving N. (AMMAN) out of town 8 H.T. moving N 300 FAN moving out of town stopped on our approach on my going down broke ranks & took cover in houses also 50 Cav. one gun is on side of road running N of town outside of ES SALT there is nothing to report as unusual.	
68	1020) 0935)	G 252	From 60th Div.	Sit. 0932. Bridge at MAKHADET HAJLAH completed. One Bn. across another crossing now.	
69	1030	BM 34	From N.Z.M.R.	Bde. has now finished watering and is ready to move when required, baggage camels will complete watering about 1300.	
70	1200	G 324	To 1st Bde.	Herewith 2 sets of aeroplane photos AINN 388 - 407 & 1204/1210 for your information & return in due course. (reptd 3 Bde I.C.C. Bde. G.325)	
71	1315) 1245)	G 259	From 60th Div.	It is unlikely that 1st L.H. Bde. will Move today.	
72	1345	GI 68	To 1st L.H. Bde.	Please reconnoitre for water during this afternoon in neighbourhood of your present position.	

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73 1400 Aeroplane Message.

Water in cistern NEBY MUSA reqd. for animals.

1145 RAS DALE no movement. MADEBA slight movement in village. KASTAL 1 train of 10 RS. engine facing South 4 other R.S. in station. T.S. normal very slight movement on road N. to AMMAN. AMMAN Stn. to RS 80 T.S. at Station. Camp of 7 B.T. & 40 T.S. 6 horse lines approx. 800 horses 300 yards N. of Station. 2 Sangars at Stn. one in yard & one 500 yds E. of Stn. Movement on road ES SALT - AMMAN 2 M.T. & 8 H.T. moving W. 40 men 4 M.T. & 1 H.T. moving E. 10 H.T. 1 M.T. 10 Cav. 20 men halted at different points along road. ES SALT T.S. normal 150 Cav. halted just South of town. Slight movement in town. AMMAN village 15 M.T. in village 10 H.T. parked. Slight movement T.S. normal.

74 1430 F 326 To 3 Bdes. I.C.Bde.
75 Aeroplane message.

Repeat 73.

1215 - 1345 MADEBA no movement. ES SALT about 100 troops at West End of town. 20 maltese carts. 30 led horses on Amman Road. No fire. Sheets & squares of town deserted. JORDAN ES SALT road J 5. scattered M.T. going North. Road appears partially broken L.33.a. 3 Bell tents U.2.d. Camp of 12 T.S. & 4 E.Ds SHUNET NIMRIN.

76 1515 G 327 To 3 Bdes I.C.Bde

Repeat 75.

77 1540) G 262 From 60th Div.

None of your Divn will move tonight.

78 1500)
1600) GB 94 From Mjr Urquhart
1420)

No change in situation. arrived KASR HAJLAH.

79 1600) BM 389 From Camel Bde.
1500)

May these 3 motor cyclists & 6 Mtd. Orderlies whom G.S. have asked for be instructed to join Bde. when it moves 1545 All roads leading to and from Jordan - No movement observed shells bursting about S.4 MADEBA & all roads leading to it no movement. No fire experienced. SHUNET NIMRIN. No movement 5 small bodies (about 20 each) of troops moving E. alongroad about U.2. also 3 bell tents on side of road. No movement observed EL KHOBA. further reconnaissance stopped by clouds.

80 Aeroplane message.

81 1700) G 267 From 60th Div.
1615)

180 Bde. will attack enemy opposing them at HAJLAH at midnight & make good a bridgehead on the left bank About the same hour 181 Bde will make every effort to force crossing at GHORANIYEH. Field Corps & rafts Coys at GHORANIYEH. B.G.C. 181 Bde. will despatch representative immediately to Field Coy. to be shown sites for rafting & get some instruction. C.R.E. will get into communication with B.G.U. 181 Bde. as soon as possible. 160 Bde is reconnoitring MANDESI FORD tonight to see if crossing is possible. Anzac Div will stand fast.

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82	G 328	1730 To All Units. 60th Division.	60th Div. are attacking at HAJLAH 60th Div. and attempting to force crossing at GHORANIYEH at midnight March 22/23	Improbable Anzac Divn required before 1000 tomorrow March 23rd. aaa G.O.C. wishes all ranks have good nights rest in view of future operations aaa Ack.
83	1745	G 329 To DesCorps.	60th Division attacking enemy opposing them at HAJLAH FORD at midnight March 22/23rd to make good a bridgehead on East bank. At about same hour will attempt to force crossing at GHORANIYEH. Anzacs now standing fast & improbable will be required before 1000 tomorrow 23rd.	
84	1815) 1740)	G 270 From 60th Div.	Aeroplane Message recd. 1710. BIREH - NABLUS road impossible owing to clouds. NABLUS DAMIE road impossible owing to clouds. DAMIE bridge camp on W. side normal. 113. N.4.B. 4 gun positions on E. side of bridge several lengths of trench facing South. 127 B 1 & 2 200 Cav. in line moving S. ES SALT 150 Cav. 400 Inf. watering from the E. also 30 S.T. 200 Inf. & 40 H.T. in streets S.H.T. entering from S. no movement seen to S. of ES SALT.	
85	1930	G 330 To 1st L.H. Bde.	Report when watering completed.	
86	2100	G 331 To 4 Bdes.	Aeroplane Rec. 1640-1730 reports 50 Inf in Wadi 127.S.29 rifle fire experienced 200 cav. at 127.T.1.central. 50 inf. & Cav. at 127.Q.28.c. At least 300 scattered Inf. between mouth of JORDAN to 127 Q.15. all in small groups. Heavy rifle fire along whole length of JORDAN between mouth of JORDAN & 127 Q.15. 3 short unoccupied trenches in 127 S.4. facing West. 4 M.Gs. in Wadi at 127.Q.2.7. There is a large movement of our troops East of Jordan nearHAJLA ford. No movement occurred of any description except in Wadis & Jordan Valley. Observation good height 50 feet.	
87	2100	G 334 To 2nd Bde. I.C. Bde.	You will detail 6 mounted orderlies to act as despatch riders for I.C. Bde. during forthcoming operations. These orderlies will report to these H.Qrs on the march at time to be advised later. addsd 2nd L.H. Bde.	
88	2100	G 334 To XX Corps.	Your G.I. 21 dated 22/3/18 recd.	
89	2245	2G4335 To 60th Div. XXth Corps. DesCorps	I.C. Bde. are not equipped with wireles -s set.	
90	0415) 0320)	G 2 From 60 Divn.	180 Bde. report Bridgehead formed at HAJLAH with little opposition. 2 prisoners captured.	
91	0630) 0440)	G 287 From 60th Div.	No report yet from GHORANIYEH. 181 Bde attempted to force crossing at GHORANIYEH at 0400 hours under cover of M.G. fire. Current in middle of river too strong to get rafts. across. Orders issued to withdraw from river bank.	
92	0615	G 289 From 60th Divn.	One prisoner captured by 2/20 L.R. Turk belonging to 3rd Btn 150th Regt., 486th Div (?) Machine gunnrr.	

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92 (Contd)					States has been in Jordan Valley 6 days that enemy are retiring on ES SALT.
93	0700) 0625)	G 290	From 60th Div.	180 Bde report clear roadway cut through scrub E. of HAJLAH bridge. Ground near river boggy but can be made possible for guns by using brushwood. No track E. of scrub guns can be got to higher ground without much difficulty will have to be manhandled over bridge.	
94	0800) 0730)	G 291	From 60th Div.	Line held by 180 Bde. runs approx. from Q.33.b.3.8. to Q.33.D.8.6. to S.4.D.05 to S.15.B. to S.15.central. Left Btn. re-ports enemy holding hills about 800 yds to their front. Very little opposition in attaining this position.	
95	Aeroplane Message.			0715. Cav & flares S.15.A. flares S.3. & 9.A. & C. 0745 rifle fire experienced from about Q.36 & S.6. no movement observed in whole area from JORDAN to E. boundary of Squares W.Y.H. (128) & no fire experienced. Many bedouin encampments in this area, further reconnaissance stopped by clouds.	
96	0730	G 336	To 3rd Bde. CRA. I.C. Bde.	Repeat 93.	
97	0900	G 337	To 3 Bde I.C.Bde	Repeat 90, 91, 92 & 94.	
98	0915	GI 69	(G338) To 1st Bde 60th Divn.	A.M.R. crossed river moving on GHORANIYEH. One Regt. your Bde. to march to KASR HAJLA AT Once & be ready to move across river if required. This Regiment can water at KASR HAJLA. O.C. requests to report arrival at KASR HAJLA. Rest of your Bde will follow probably not before midday. Ack. addsd 1st L.H. Bde.	
99	0930) 0830)	GB 98	From Major Urquhart.	A.M.R. can be seen pushing rapidly forward North Eastwards, "Reported they have captured 30 prisoners.	
100	0930) 0840)	G 293	From 60th Div.	1st L.H. Bde. will water in WADI KELT. watering to commence at once.	
101	0930	G 339	To 1st L.H.Bde	1st L.H. Bde. less regt. already ordered to water at KASR HAJLA will water at WADI KELT. Watering to commence at once advise completion also whether drinking water available in WADI KELT.	
102	0945) 0900)	G 294	From 60th Div.	Lend one Regt. from 1st L.H. Bde. to HAJLAH to come temporarily under B.G.C. 180 Bde orders.	
103	0945	G 339	To 1st Bde 60th Div.	Ref. my S. 338 of 23rd March the Regt. of your Bde. on arrival HAJLAH will come under orders of B.G.C. 180 Bde.	
104	1020) 0900)	G 295	From 60th Div.	A.M.R. and all 180 Bde across river. A.M.R. patrols seen in direction GHORANIYEH. Site for second pontoon bridge selected South of present pontoon. Hope Bridge will be completed early this afternoon.	
105	1045	BM 433	From 1st Bde.	GI 69 ackd. Bde. h less 2nd Regt. moved at 1045 & 2nd L.H. Regt. at 1030 under direct orders of G.O.C. 60th Div.	
106	1103) 1030)	G 302	From 60th Div.	179th Bde. is commencing to cross & is moving on GHORANIYEH. C.R.A. will arrange to support this advance.	
107	1100) 0930)	G 296	From 60th Div.	Aeroplane message received 0900. No signs of our troops East of Jordan GHORANIYEH UM ESH SHERT. Camp of 12 bivouacs	

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108	1100) GB 99 0940)	From Maj. Urquhart.		F.8. Central approx. Camp of 12 bivouacs & 4 E.P.s. at SHUNET NIMRIN & about 12 bivouacs concealed in small Wadis close by. 3 Bell tents U.2.A. ES SALT road no movement whatever to M.2.c. after which clouds A.M.R. left appears to be held up by shell fire about 127.Q.6. central. Regt H.Q. about Q.30. central. Second bridge -e will be finished by 1100.
109	1100) G 299 0920)	From 60th Div.		Sit. 0900. Whole of 180 Bde. & 1 Mtn Battery across river & 2nd Mtn. Bty. following. A.M.R. across & moving rapidly in direction GHORANIYEH. Party of 181 Bde landed East of JORDAN has been found No casualties.
110	1145) GB 100 1055)	From Major Urquhart.		A.M.R. cannot push on until Artillery gets up. 2 Mountain Battys. are now across river. 2nd L.H. Regt. are moving down to cross & watch country to E. & S.E.
111	1240 C 338	From Aeronautics 14th.		Tactical reconnaissance & contact patrol Southern operations area 0550 to 0915. Flares seen S.3.A. S.3.C. S.9.A. and S.9.c. (127). 600 our Cavalry seen S.15.A. (127). Rifle fire experienced Q.36. and S.6. (127). 70 our cav. seen advancing east S.21.A. No movement other than bedouin observed in area from JORDAN to EASTERN BOUNDARY of Square to and V (127) & S (128). Numerous bedouin encampment seen in this area. Further reconnaissance east impossible owing to cloud Messages 60th Div. & Anzac Mtd. Div. average height 2000 observation fair. Ref. Map. ES SALT camp 1/63,360.
112	1240 C 339	From Aeronautics 14		Parties Tactical reconnaissance & contact patrol 0550 to 0935. 12 bivouacs & 4 E.P. tents seen SHUNET NIMRIN. 200 rounds from Lewis gun fired into there from 2000. 12 bivouacs noted in Wadi concealed adjoining SHUNET NIMRIN. 3 bell tents seen 1 U.2.A. (127). No movement observed ES SALT road as far as N.2.c. (127) 12 bivouacs seen F.8. central (127) Our troops not observed east of Jordan in Northern area. Observation fair. message 60th Div. R.F.C. report centre & 20 Corps. av. height 2000. Ref. Map ES SALT Camp 1/63,360.
113.	1240) G 305 1230)	From 60th Divn.		A.M.R. report 1115. Enemy holding line WADI NIMRIN with M.Gs. A.M.R. holding line GHORANIYEH - BUTMET HALHUL. 200 enemy inf. & 2 troops cavalry holding SHUNET NIMRIN. A.M.R. say cannot advance without artillery support.
114	1430) G 309 1400)	From 60th Div.		Second bridge now open at HAJLAH for men & animals. Not ready for wheels owing to soft nature of ground along banks.
115	0600 GB 97	To 1st Bde.		Herewith a guide who is reported to know country well there you are going. if possible he should be mounted.

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116	1830	G 341	To 2nd A.I. Bde. I.C.C. Bde.	A.M.R. captured 41 prisoners successful raid by 74th Div. capturing 7 offs. & 50 O/Rs.
117	1615	G 342	To all units.	Be prepared for orders to move at short notice.
118	1630	G 343	To DesCorps.	A.M.R. Regt. have reached line GHORANI-YEH BUTMET HALHUL. They have captured 41 prisoners & 1 M.G. 2nd L.H. Regt. now crossing JORDAN at HAJLAH to watch country to E. & S.E. 1st L.H. Bde. at KASR MAJLAH (113.N.10.cent) 1st & 3rd Regts. at AIN HAJLAH N.E.c. rest of Division as before but now under orders to move at short notice.
119	1700) 1600)	G 317	From 60th Div.	Officers prisoner 126 Regt. M.G.Co. states all. - Rather Battns 126 regt on way to SHUNET NIMRIN & KERAK aas 126 M.G. Coy Cav. from AMMAN strength 126 Regt. 1500 rifles 14 M.Gs. aas other 2 Regts other Div. on Nablus fronts. Enemy force between GHORANIYEH & NIMRIN are 126 M.G. Coys aas at NIMRUN 2/159 Regt 311 rifles Cav. M.G. Coy 2 M.Gs. 60 sabres 703 German Btn. 600 rifles Circassian Cav 150 sabres 1 German Batt small gun 42 2 guns 77 mm aas 48th Div H.Qrs. at NIMRUN aas enemy knew out intentions.
120	1750) 1610)	G 316	From 60th Divn.	Following from Capt. MACKRAY Jericho. begins. Officer prisoner states on front 11th Coy 3/150 Regt. 2 Btn 28th Regt. 2/159th 1 Bty. 77th 1 M.G. Coy with 2 M.Gs. aas at SHUNET NIMRIN 500 German Inf. 1 M.G. Coy 640 Cav. 1 Coy 150th Regt. 125 & 127th Regts counted at SHUNET NIMRIN aas 126th at KATRANI disposition 48th Div. 1/150 destroyed 2 Coys 2/150 L. of C. AMMAN Ocraa (?) 2 Coys 3/150 AMMAN EL HASSA L. of C. 2/151 Regt. TIBERIUS L. of C. 1st & 3rd Btn destroyed. 1/152 KARAK 2/152 TEBUK 3/152 KATRANI.
121	1720) 1620)	G 328	From 60th Div.	A.M.R. holding following line 127.Q.2.B 3.B 17.a. R.19.A. 27.A. Patrols in touch with infantry in GHORANIYEH who are bridging river. approx. capture 70 Turks. 4 M.Gs.
122	1745) 1640)	G 319	From 60th Div.	R.A.C. report 1500 no movements on road Camp. apparently cav. at SALT possibly 500 men. Cav. column 600 yds long moving towards AMMAN from MADERA.
123	1725	G 344	To All Units.	This Divn. will concentrate as soon as possible at KASR HAJLA. Troops will march by the EK TEIF Road to JERICHO Plain thence by track leading to KASR HAJLA. STARTING Points for all units except 2nd L.H. Bde. will be road junction of EK TEIF & main JERUSALEM - JERICHO Road. Order of march & time of passing starting pt. as follows. D.H.Q. Signal Sqdn. 1940. N.Z.M.R. Bde. 2000, 18th Bde. R.H.A. 2040, I.C. Bde. 2110, B.A.C. 2310, 1st Line Camels & Camels of B.A.C. 0010. 2nd L.H. Bde. will march as soon as possible to KASR HAJLAH. Fld. Sqdn will march to KASR HAJLAH by shortest

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possible route O.C. will go to Bridge at MAKHADAT HAJLA with party with cutting tools place him at disposal of C.R.E. 60th Divn. in preparing road through scrub for wheels. Action of Anzac Mtd. Div. will be as in order 121 of 21st March prep for operations of tomorrow March 24th. aaa Ack. Addsd all concerned.

124 1815) G 322 From 60th Divn.
1730)

Southern area tactical patrol. No movement observed in area. 1545 MEDIBA 2 camps of about 20 tents each. Party of about 40 men stationery Camp about 30 tents in village. S.W. of MADEIBA Slight civilian with flocks apparently goats on road Eastward from MEDEIBA. 1555 2 large flocks of apparently sheep about 100 in each moving S.W. from MADEIBA. 1605 about 100 men in approx. 127.Y.7. stationery no fire experienced. 1600 Our troops observed camels & cav. in approx 127.Q.33.S.3.9. moving N. no flares on signs observed.

125 1530 C 340 From Aeronautic.
126 1845 GA 1 To DesCorps.

Tactical rec. all observation impossible A.M.R. holding following line. 127.Q.2.a 3 B 17 A. R.19.A. 27.a. Patrols in touch with Inftry. at GHORANIYEH who are Bridging river. Approx. captures. 70 Turks. 4 M.Gs. Divn. now moving to concentrate at KASR HAJLAH? D.H.Q. will close at TALAT ED DUMM at 1915 & reopen at KASR HAJLA at same hour.

127 1810 GD 2 To 4 Bdes 60th
Div. XX Corps.

128 1907) G 327 From 6th Divn.
1800)

D.H.Q. will close TALAT ED DUMM 1915 reopen KASR HAJLA at same hour. Prisoner statements. Forces at NIMRIN about 1000 rifles possible being reinforced now by 126th Regt. from KERREK 1000 rifles. 200 sabres. 20 a.r. 30 M.Gs. 4 guns 4.2. & 2 77 mm the other two right 11th Div. identified last night near MUGHAIR.

129 2000 GB 103 To 4 Bdes. 1
Sqn Bde RHA.

Repeat 128. Other units that may be met Camel Regt. 2/159 Btn. German Btn. 303. 505 703 Cavly. Imp. & M.G. Coy. 78th 125 & 127 Regts. & elements 48th Divn. German reported to have 4 4.5 guns & 2 77 mm. guns.

130 2100 GK 645 To A.P.M.

A.M.R. are concentrating near Bridge. Inform O.C. Col. McCarroll that they are not to cross. N.Z. Bde. will be crossing Jordan about 0100. Auckland must have officer on Bridge to meet Bde. & show them where Aucklands are. Tell Col. McCarroll that Gen Chaytor would like to see him at KASR HAJLA monastery. The advance as ordered in Div. O. 85 will continue tonight except that 18th Bde. will take place of 180th Bde. & that A.M.R. will not be attached 60th Divn. Troops will concentrate as follows.

131 1840) G 520 From 60th Divn.
1740)

1st L.H. Bde. East of HAJLA FORD and move Northwards to about 0.8 & 9 & will detail an offr. to report to Bde. H.Q. & Q.7.a. for further orders. A/303 Bty. which is to join this Bde. will move to GHORANIYE -H west of Jordan with escort of one troop 180th Bde will remain in Divl.

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131	Contd.				<p>reserve East of HAJLA & will dispatch Mtn. Bty. East of the river to join 181 Bde. Group. 181 Bde. Group will concentrate East of GHORANIYEH & push forward to gain contact with enemy at SHUNET NIMRIN. 179 Bde. Group will move to position astride No 6 road about 0.22. transferring one Mtn. Bty. the 181 Bde Group. 303 F.A. Bde. & C/302 Bty. R.F.A. will move west of river to GHORANIYEH All Divl. Art. west of river will join respective Bde groups when Bridge is completed except 301 F.A. Bde. which will remain West of riverside tomorrow. Anzac Div. & I.C. Bde. will concentrate at KASR HAJLA & cross at HAJLA crossing Bdes & C.R.A. will report when respective commands are concentrated. Orders will then begin for further advance. Ack.</p>
132	2130	GB 104	To 2 L.H.Bde. N.Z.M.R.Bde. I.C. Bde.		<p>Ref. 0.0. 121. Information. 181 Bde. are taking place of 180 Bde at HAJLA bridge head. A.M.R. will not be attached 60th Division. 1st L.H. Bde. concentrate east of HAJLA ford & move northwards to about 0.8. & 9. 180 Bde. remain in reserve E. of HAJLA. 181st Bde group concentrate E of GHORANIYEH & push forward to gain contact with enemy at SHUNET NIMRIN. 179 th Bde. group move to position astride No 6 Road about D.22.</p>
133	2135) 2110)	G 335	From 60th Divn.		<p>1st A.L.H. Bde. moving from AIN HAJLA at 2100 to concentrate in Squares 0.8. & 9.</p>
134	2135) 2130)	G 337	From 60th Divn.		<p>180th Bde. reports good corduroy road for Guns over HAJLAH Bridges will be ready by midnight if no rain.</p>
135	2110) 2100)	G 334	From 60th Div.		<p>XX Corps wire begins. Arrangements have been made by PAL Bde to bomb SHUNET NIMRIN at 0700 tomorrow. If it proves impossible to carry out scheme at this hour owing to weather conditions no bombs will be dropped without further request from you.</p>
136	2140	GB 105	To Bdes & 18 Bde. R.H.A.		<p>Repeat 135.</p>
137	1920	G 531	From DesCorps.		<p>German offensive on Western front commenced.</p>
138	2215) 2020)	CA 334	From Aeronautics Jericho.		<p>Tactical reconnaissance Jericho landing ground 1400 to 1545 reports. 128.Q.16. our cavalry. SHUNET NIMRIN very slight movement 20 men stationary in 127.P.21.D. 50 troops & several vehicles stationary on bridge at 127.P.24.a. 127.U.2.c. 50 men approx. moving N.E. 127.M.21.D. 100 men stationery. 127.M.18.b. 30 men stationery. 127.J.3.c. 20 men stationery. 127.J.32.c. cavalry camp very closely packed probably 500 men. ES SALT no military movement observed nor on roads Northward but clouds interfered with observation here. SHUNET NIMRIN - ES SALT road apparently in good condition bridges all intact Hills command road. 127.V.2.6. 8 tents. 127.M.4.c. 60 cavalry stationary 127.O.20.C. shallow trench 20 yards approx facing River. 127.O.14.b. 4 guns pits but no movement</p>

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138 Contd.				127.0.36.b. fresh earthworks among trees 50 men 2 miles S.W. of Madeiba. 143.0.28 approx. column of Cavalry 600 yards long moving North of AMMAN Road at least 500 men in Column. 128.T.1.a. 100 men & horses stationary. Bridge at GHORANIYEH almost completed. 143 c.19.a. 60 men stationary. 127.W.22.a. 20 men 3 tents. 200 M.G. rounds fired on Cavalry column MADEBA other rounds on troops in 143.F.16 b. from 2000 feet. Observation good. occasionally cloudy. Height 6000 ft. G.O.C. learns with satisfaction that Germ-an Infantry will be in front of us tomorrow. He hopes that your troops will make them pay a heavy price.	
139	2245	G 346	From 60th Div.	N.Z.M.R.Bde. crossing shortly look out for them with to rejoining.	
140	2400	G 345	To A.M.R.	Have 6 mtd. orderlies reported to you.	
141	0005	G 347	To I.C. Bde.	N.Z.M.R. Bde. crossed Jordan by HAJLAH Bridge at once. Then move in direction of SHUNET NIMRIN & concentrate in neighbourhood of fork roads just South of BUTMET HALHUL. Get into touch with A.M.R. & 181 st Bde. The Bde. will cooperate with the infantry in the attack on SHUNET NIMRIN. Bde. will get in touch with GHOFANIYEH by visual. Further operations of N.Z.M.R. Bde. will be in accordance with Order No 1	
142	0006	G 346	To all units.	121 para 3. when Bde. will move up road No 4 & gain the plateau. 2nd L.H. Bde. will follow N.Z.M.R. Bde. across JORDAN & concentrate about TEL EG MUSLEIM. Bde will picket roads 2 & 3 D.H.Q. & Divn tr-ops will follow the 2nd L.H. Bde. & join the Bde. about TEL EL MUSLUM. I.C. Bde. will follow Divl. troops & take over picquetting of roads & from the 2nd L.H. Bde. the advance will then be made up road 3. 2nd L.H. Bde. leading & gaining the plateau as soon as possible. Subsequent operations will be as in Order 121 para 3.	
143	0010	G 349	From 60th Div.	160 Bde. report. right of Bde advanced to approx. Z.11.d. Z.4.B. Z.3.C. 32 central such dispositions will be notified tomorrow after daylight.	
144	0015	G 348	To 60th Divn.	N.Z.M.R. Bde. 2nd L.H. Bde. & Div. Troops concentrated KASR HAJLA. I.C. Bde. not yet up. N.Z.M.R. Bde. now moving off.	
145	0015	G 349	To Camp Cmdt. Sigs.CRE.CRA.	Divl. troops will be ready to move off at 0415. Order of March D.H.Q. Sig Sqdn. C.R.A. C.R.E. 1st Line camels.	
146		GB 108	To I.C. Bde.	2nd L.H. Bde. just starting to cross bridge. D.H.Q. will probably move off from hereat 0730.	
147	0035	GI 70	To A.P.M.	We understand North Bridge much more suitable for camels. pass Divis' onal Camels & Camel Corps over the bridge as they have so few wheels, these should save considerable time. Two motor cyclists are detailed for your use to report progress of Brigade crossing. At least report when N.Z.M.R. Bde. are over also when two regiments of 2nd L.H. Bde. are over & more frequent if possible.	

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148	0325) 0230)	G 350 From 60th Divn.		Second heavy bridge at GHORANIYEH completed 0100. 181 Bde. & three Batteries have crossed remainder of Artillery now crossing both bridges. 1st L.H. Bde. have arrived at 127.0.8 & 9.
149	0350	G 352 From 60th Divn.		N.Z.M.R. Bde. are across river. HK & S Bty. crossing. 2 L.H. Bde. ready to follow. Delay caused by some horses getting with river.
150	0515	GB 108 To 60th Divn.		Advance will be resumed by the Infantry on assigned objectives at 0630. The mounted troops to move at once. 301 F.A. Bde. will cross & get into position of readiness East of River. These H.Qrs. will close at G.10.d. at 1200 & reopen near GHORANIYEH Bridge at same time. Ack.
151	0600) 0517)	G 353 From 60th Divn.		Your Signal received. Head of N.Z.M.R. Bde estimated at 127.Q.29. One Sqdn. & half of 2 L.H. Bde. reported over bridge at 0435 hours. This D.H.Q. Divl Troops will move from here as soon as two regiments of 2nd L.H. Bde. have crossed.
152	0600	GI 70 To 60th Divn.		G.O.C. wishes you to block roads 2 & 3 as soon as possible without waiting for whole Bde. to cross.
153	0620	GK 646 To 2nd L.H.Bde.		Have been trying to call you up from KASR HAJLA for sometime without success keep look out for visual as information urgently required by 60th Divn.
154	0655	GK 647 To 2nd L.H.Bde.		Much dust on road close to SHUNET NIMRI -N.
155	0700	GK 648 To N.Z.M.R.		B.A.C. will halt at BUTMET HALLUL.
156		GK 648 To C.R.A.		Report from M/HALLA Bridge roads. 7th Regt. all over & Battys about 3 parts over. Everything still going smoothly improving on previous estimate of times
157	0715	GI 72 To 60th Divn.		Cipher message (clear not written). 2nd L.H. Bde. over except 7th Regt. Bty R.H.A. Fld. Amb. & 1st line camels. Estimate 2 L.H.Bde. will finish crossing at 0830.
158	0720	GB 108 To 2nd L.H.Bde.		D.H.Q. & Divl. Troops now moving toward Bridge.
159	0730	GI 71 To 60th Divn.		Ref. our GI 66 warning order sent to N.Z.M.R. Bde. to move B.G.C. Imperial Camel Bde. will detail his Batty to accompany N.Z.M.R. Bde. when it moves off Arrangements will be made between Brigadiers as to Bty. joining N.Z.M.R. Somerset Bty. will not accompany N.Z.M.R. Bde. but will march under instructions to be issued by the C.R.A. Ack.
160	0800	GI 73 To 60th Divn. DesCorps.		One mile west of TEL EL MUSLIM advanced Guard almost at that place. Have seen no sign of enemy though one small shell was dropped near our right flank guard. Have met numerous arabs mending including Sheikh of AJWAN tribe. These very friendly & state that Turks have dawn back to ES SALT & AMMAN. Country here good with fine crops & plenty of cover from view & running water in small Wadi. One dead Turk & two badly wounded lying close here.
161	0815	GI 67 To N.Z.&I.C.C. Bde. 18 RHA BDE 60th Divn.		
162	0830	BM 48 From 2nd L.H. Bde.		

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163	0900		Capt. Blandy.	As you come down G.O.C. order from G.O.C. that no one is to water at AIN HAJLA. Whoever is in charge of the trough is to take it up at once.
164	0900	BM 1	From 2nd L.H. Bde.	Reached TELEIL MUSLIM 0850 advanced patrols on foothills one mile further east. Four shells fired at advanced guard from small gun east of SHUNET NIMRIN otherwise no sign of enemy. Have met Sheikh of AIWAN Arabs who states Turks have retired to SALT. Arabs very friendly. Fine fields of barley & plenty of running water, unable to get touch with you on march.
165	0915	GB 110	To 60th Divn.	D.H.Q. at 127.Q.34.D. repeat 162.
166	0915	GB 111	To 2nd L.H. Bde.	Make good low ridge N.E. of MUSLIM & report when you have done so.
167	0930	GB 112	To N.Z.M.R. Bde.	2nd L.H. Bde. H.Q. on TELEIL MUSLIM. They are pushing up WADI KEFREIN no sign of enemy. Send situation your front.
168	0935	BM 49	From 2nd Bde.	Now identify this place as KABR MUJAHID Unable to get touch with N.Z.M.R. Bde. but may when ridge North East of this is occupied.
169		BM 50	From 2nd L.H. Bde.	Ridge occupied as required. All quiet & excellent grazing here. About nine dead or wounded Turks seen on line of March. Arabs state our men killed a number of Circassians in the fighting yesterday.
170	0950	BM 52	From N.Z.M.R.	TEL EL MUSTA & high ground to South of Wadi JERIA held by enemy. 181 Bde attacking shortly we are cooperating by attacking on right of 181st Bde.
171	1020	GB 113	To 60th Bde.	D.H.Q. moving to TEL EL MUSLIM.
172	1020	G 348	To 60th Div.	N.Z.M.R. Bde. report 0950. TEL ELMUSTA & high ground to South of WADI JERIA held by enemy. 181st Bde. attacking shortly. We are cooperating by attacking on right of 181st Bde.
173	1040	GB 114	To 60th Divn.	2nd L.H. B. H.Q. on TEL EL MUSLIM & their troops pushing up WADI KEFREIN & N.Z. Bde. H.Q. at BUTMET HALHUL.
174	1210	CA 335	From Adv. Aeronautic	Tactical reconnaissance machine from Jericho landing ground 0610 to 0710 reports. No movement observed in plain as far as foothills. Further observation east impossible owing to clouds. Tactical reconnaissance attempted 0610 & 0700. All observation impossible owing to ground mist & clouds. Ref. Map 1/63,360. Square 127.128 143.
175	1230	GA 7	From 60th Div.	D.H.Q. closed G.10.d. at 1200 & opened GHORANIYEH bridge at the same hour.
176	1245	GK 649	To 60th Divn.	2nd L.H. Bde. captured Armenian from SALT who states Turks are evacuating SALT & AMMAN & retiring to DAMASCUS.
177	1255	GK 649	To 2nd Bde.	Continue your march up road No 3. Protect your right flank & get into communication with N.Z.M.R. Bde. on your left.
178	1312	GK 650	To 60th Div. 20th Corps. Des Corps.	Only enemy opposition so far from shells fired from direction of SHUNET NIMRIN at about 0730. Party of about 200 Mtd. men or animals have appeared about HAJQR EL MENA

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178 Contd.				127 Z 14 now being investigated. D.H.Q. now at KABR MUJAHID. 2nd L.H. Bde. working up road 3 now about RUJM EL OSH. IR & 127.W.9. N.Z.M.R.Bde. advanced troops have appeared moving along JOFET EL GHAZLANIYE. M.G. & rifle fire heard in direction of 127.W.1. about midday. I.C. Bde. following D.H.Q. & head about 2 miles West of KABR MUJAHID.
179	1340	G 404 From 60th Div.	181st Bde. report 1310. 2/22 Lond. R. have captured 4 Field Guns & 2 M.Gs. in MAKKAR ED DERBASSI. Enemy M.Gunners were killed. 2/22 will advance on MUSTA at 1400.	
180	1430) 1400)	Z 599 1st Bde.	Line from 127.G.32 to V.14. occupied 1115. Water is available at P.23. for all. Mtd. Bde. to move to road 4 1430. One man wounded.	
181	1435	G 406 From 60th Div.	179 Bde. report. 2/14th are above P.S. having captured 35 Germans of whom 3 officers & 5 Turks. 2/16th about G.28. & moving near WADI. A little M.G. opposition but no firing.	
182	1420	G 408 From 60th Div.	303 F.A. Bde. report verbally 1340 EL HAUD captured.	
183	1515	G 349 To 60th Div.	(Code) About 500 believed to be enemy cavalry have appeared on our right front 2nd L.H. Bde. clearing up position before continuing to advance.	
184	1525	BM 5 From Gen RYRIE	Troops seen Turkish cavalry about 200 strong. Keeping them under observation 5th Regt. will send two Squadrons to this position one Sqdn. already here.	
185	1530	G 350 To N.Z.M.R.Bde	1st L.H. Bde. moving by road 4 at 1430	
186	1540	G 351 To I.C.C.Bde.	Have you relieved 2nd L.H.Bde. picquet on road 2 if so what is the strength of your post there.	
187		G 352 To 2nd L.H.Bde.	Please detail 18 men to report D.H.Q. at once as despatch carriers. These will probably be returned to you when top of plateau is reached in any case as soon as possible.	
188	1620	G 353 To 60th Divn.	As advance began up road No 3 about 1000 Cavalry appeared to the East. 2nd Bde was deflected to deal with them & Turks then turned & went up spur between roads 2 & 3. Natives who accompanied them report that these cavalry left MADEBA this morning & lost their way trying to get to AMMAN. Advance up road No 3 now continuing. How is N.Z.M.R. Bde. progress-ing. if they cannot get on to 4 road suggest they join the Divn. in No 3.	
189	1640	GI 75 To 2nd Bde. N.Z.M.R.Bde.	181 Bde. report 4 enemy Field Guns 2 M.G. captured & 179 Bde captured 35 Germans. EL HAUD to MUSTA captured.	
190	1700	G 413 From 60th Div.	Advance on ES SALT will be renewed tomorrow with utmost vigour. 1st L.H.Bde. will move one Regt. on ES SALT via UMM ES SHERT - ES SALT road. 180 Bde followed by 301 F.A.B. will move to SHUNET NIMRIN at 0700. D.H.Q. to SHUNET NIMRIN. hour of opening later. Ack.	
191	1730	BM 57 From 2nd Bde.	We have advanced four miles from KABR MUJAHID & are in vicinity of RAS KUSEIB. The guns & other wheels can absolutely go no further,	

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191	Contd.				one gun has got into a bad place & there may be trouble to get it out. At present we are halting at this place & ask for further instructions.
192	1815	GA 636	From DesCorps	Ref this office G2/11 of 23rd. inst on subject of ground signal sheets. In line 3 delete word "Divisional".	
193	1830	G 418	From 60th Div.	R.F.C. report today. from four miles North of KERAK to MADEBA east to KASTAL & North to ABU ALANDA. No movement or sign reinforcements throughout. Train at LIBEAN was attacked when going North. Train stopped & 50 men detained.	
194	1905	GK651	To Sigs. CRE. 2nd Bde. CRA. A.D.M.S.	As road unfit for wheels all vehicles will return to KABR MUJAHID & park there until morning. I.C.C. Bde. will detail $\frac{1}{2}$ Coy in addition to that already going to guard bivouac. In morning if wheels cannot come on S.A.A. will be brought on camels in place of 13 pdr. O.C. Field Sqdn. will make arrangements to bring on explosives on camels in place of limbers. O.C. Signal Sqdn. will have post on KABR MUJAHID to keep communication. Capt. Davis G.S. will remain at KABR MUJAHID until further orders. Major FRASER C.R.A. will be in command of the camp.	
195	1915	GK652	To 60th Div.	Road 3 has been found unfit for vehicles. Am sending them all back to KABR MUJAHID for the night & exchanging S.A.A. & Explosives on to camels.	
196	1915	GB 115	To Capt. Davis	You will remain at your present position until further orders.	
1917	1930	GB 116	To 2nd Bde.	Your proposal re return of wheels approved. All wheels of Divn. & yours will be bivouaced at KABR MUJAHID for the night with guard of $\frac{1}{2}$ Coy of Camels.	
198	1950	GB 117	To 60th Divn.	G 413 recd. & understood.	
199	1940	G 419	From 60th Div	D.H.Q. will close at present position & open at SHUNET NIMRIN 1000 tomorrow.	
200	1950	G 420	From 60th Div	N.Z.M.R. Bde. is on road 4 Div. are by one Regiment the W.M.R. which has been pushed along Road No 5 to secure the bridge at EL HOWEN before dark this evening.	
201	2000	GB 118	To I.C.Bde. 2nd L.H.Bde. A.D.M.S. "A" Branch	Advance on ES SALT is being continued tomorrow with utmost vigour. 1st L.H.Bde. are moving one Regt. on ES SALT via UMM ES SHERT - ES SALT road.	
202	2000	G 424	From 60th Div.	Squadron unable to reach HOWEN owing to enemy occupying high ground N.8. & 67. 2/23 Lond R. has reached M.23.A.	
203	2030	GB 119	To N.Z.M.R. Bde.	(code) Advance on ES SALT continues tomorrow with utmost vigour.	
204	2050) 2001)	BM 55	From M.Z.M.R.	Code we have captured 3 prisoners 2 horse -s one gun.	
205	2200	G 427	From 60th Div.	Push towards plateau with vigour tomorrow N.Z.M.R.Bde. advancing on road 4 A. 181st Bde. has reached M.23. Carry out mission to AMMAN. if possible. Will reinforce you by 1st L.H. Bde. less 1 Regt if you consider advisable. Ack.	
206	2235	G 430	From 60th Div.	181 Bde. wire begins. Situation as follows 2/23 & 2/24 Lond. R. picquetting heights east & west respectively of main ES SALT road just North of the road junction in M.21.D. 2/22nd Lond. R. in support in U." 2.B.9.0.	

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206	Contd.			2/21 Lond. R. in Bde. reserve in U.13. A. not in communication with A 9 or N.Z.M.R. aaa.	
			25th March 1918.		
207	0825	GK 652	To 2nd L.H.Bde	Concentrate about NAAUR & put out stro- ng observation line to watch N.E. & S. I.C.C. Bde. on its way to you.	
208	0900	GK 682	To 60th Divn.	2nd Bde. holding line covering NAAUR CAMEL Bde. concentrating there. Road awful & making progress of camels very slow. Neither ration convoys or more troops can use this road. Divn. is rationed up to and including breakfast 26th.	
209	0730	G 434	From 60th Divn.	Cipher message. Cancel 427. Push towards plateau with vigour today. N.Z. Bde. advg. on road 4a one Bde has reached M.23. Prepare to carry out mission to AMMAN if possible after receipt definite orders to do so. Will reinforce you by 1st L.H. Bde. less one Regt. if you consider advisable.	
210	0845	G 439	From 60th Div.	Cipher.)	
211	0850	G 437	From 60th Div.	Cipher.) Not written in clear.	
212	-	G 441	From 60th Divn.	Cipher.)	
213	-	BM 61	From 2 L.H.Bde.	All very wet ground under water. No bivouacs reduced to iron rations waiting orders.	
214	1010	GI 77	To 60th Divn.	G 427 & G 434 recd.	
215	1135	T/56	From 18th Bde. R.H.A.	As per your instrs, the flg. are being moved this morning to SHUNET NIMRIN. 18th Bde. R.H.A. & B.A.C. complete escort. All wheeled transport of Divn Camels of Divl. train 2 Troops 7th L.H. Regt. Orders have been sent for 2nd L.H. Bde. & D.H.Q. Camels to proceed to SHUNET NIMRIN. Left at Biv. area one company & half I.C.C. B.A.C. Capt. Davies staying at KABR MUJAHID until further orders.	
216	1205	GK 655	To 2nd L.H.Bde.	Patrol forward to high ground NAAUR HESBAN. Keep touch with enemy there. Have signs communication to report at once if enemy move.	
217	1140	M 468	From 60th Div.	(Bode) Situation at 1600. Infantry meeting opposition at L.9. 1st Bde. reached WADI ISKHARARA.	
218	1550	GB 125	To 2nd L.H.Bde.	G.O.C. wishes you to ensure that out- posts are warned in plenty of time of move of Division at 1830 tonight.	
219	1605	GB 126	To 60th Divn.	(Code) Can you order Capt Davis half Coy camels and Camel B.A.C. to move KABR MUJAHID to NIMRIN.	
220	1615	GB 127	To 60th Divn.	(Code) Divn. moving 1830 through NAAUR thence along MADEBA SALT road.	
221	1715	BM 608	From Camel Bde	All present except 2 Coys 2 Btn. ATFA(?) & demolition party these should be all in in one & half hours.	
222	1725	GB 128	To I.C. Bde.	G.O.C. wishes you to report at once how much of your Bde is in & if possible when rear will be in.	
223	1750	GI 47	To 60th Divn.	Is road 4 fit for Camels (G 508 Yes)	
224		G 526	From 60th Divn.	ES SALT taken last night. Mtd. patrols from 60th Divn. pushed along ES SALT AMMAN Road & have located enemy in	

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224	Contd.			position ridge about 7 miles EAST of ES SALT. If you have not already done so push on to AMMAN as soon as possible to carry out mission of destroying railway according to orders already sent you (which may not have reached You) When railway is completely destroyed fall back to line of MADEBA road, or west of it, if rations are not accessible to you there rations are being sent to you as follows:- In the Bde. under Lt.Col. Pigot - Moodie marched at dawn by road 3 for two Bdes & Div. Troop by road 4 also at dawn. Those sent by road 4 should reach AIN ES SIR without great difficulty. Two Inftry Btns. are now at work improving this road which will become your line of supply until the destruction of the railway is complete R.F.C. report No movement on MADEBA road 45 rolling stock & quantities of ammunition in AMMAN Stn. In case of very serious difficulty with supply you are authorised to requisition supplies at NAAUR & AIN ES SIR but quantities must be checked & full payment will be made subsequently. This must be explained to Sheiks. Report frequently by wireless changes of your H.Q. & positions of your advanced troops. Cipher message (Position of Bdes &c). ES SALT occupied Mtd. Tps. & Armoured Cars will push east to cooperate with Anzacs. Reported our Mtd. Troops & Armoured Cars in SALT. Believed these to be 1st L.H. Bde. Reconnoitre towards ES SALT & endeavour to get in touch with them.	
225	0710	GK 655	To 60th Divn.		
226	0700	G 503	From 60th Divn.		
227	1130	GB 130	To 2 L.H.Bde.		
228		CA 336	From Aeronautics	Tactical reconnaissance from JERICHO 0700-0930 reports. MADEBA obscured by clouds road running North towards NAAUR in 143 & 11 cent 12 H.T. 40 Jan. approx. going N. Between 143 0.22. - F.23. 20-30 small parties of 3-6 Jan. going North. ES SALT partly obscured by clouds 200 approx. our troops dismounted in Square near Mosque. 160 approx our cavalry in 142.L.11.central going East. Road between ER RUMEIMIN & ER RUMMAN considerable movement of small bodies of dismounted troops & H.T. 300 Jan. 60 H.T. approx in all going East. 142.R.30. b. 50 approx. cavalry going east apparently hostile. 142 R.29.a. 20 M.T. going towards AMMAN. Enemy shells bursting at 127.J.26.a.b. Hostile rifle fire experienced in 127.B.6.1.2. Following roads obscured by clouds ES SHERT - ES SALT - AMMAN - EL KASTAL NAAUR - ES SALT AMMAN almost entirely obscured by clouds but apparently considerable movement there. Observation difficult & often impossible on account of clouds. Height 4000. Ref. AMMAN sheets D.H.Q. 142 R.25.a. 2nd L.H.Bde R.20.c. also astride AMMAN Road. & 2 Sqdns pursuing enemy train	
229	1200	GB 131	To 60th Divn.		

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230	1225	GB 132	To 60th Divn.	Will blow up rlwy. N. & S. AMMAN to-night before attacking AMMAN men horses require least one night rest 2nd N.Z. & camels three nights running no sleep. G.O.C. wishes to see Brigadiers at Div. H.Q. at 1500 today.	
231	1430	G 426	To 2 L.H.Bde. N.Z.M.R.Bde. I.C.C.Bde.		
232		BM 72	From 2 L.H.Bde.	Convoy reported by 5th Regt. has been investigated & has been discovered to be about thirty motor lorries & cars whose engines have been damaged. Please instruct as to these. Bedouins report presence of Turkish Cav. on our right flank but nothing can be seen of these. Enemy located 7 miles East of SALT on AMMAN Road.	
233	1220	G 520	To 60th Divn.	Patrol from C.M.R. on AMMAN ES SALT Road report increase of enemy at AMMAN. Troops are apparently moving into AMMAN from the north.	
234	1340	BM 65	From N.Z.M.R.Bde	Reporting D.H.Q. Square 142 R.25.a. asking theirs. 127.F.6.D. (G.I. 78).	
235	1340	GI 78	To 1st L.H.Bde.		
236	2300	BM 479	From 1st L.H. Bde.		
237	1345	GI 79	To 60th Div.	May guns be delivered today for use operation tomorrow.	
238	1350	G 131	To 60th Div.	Ref. AMMAN sheet position of D.H.Q. Square 142 R.25.a. 2 L.H. Bde. H.Qrs. R.20.c. They also dominate AMMAN - ES SALT Road two Sqdns are out pursuing enemy transport columns proceeding South 2 miles distant from here. Am trying to get touch with Mtd. Troops reported by you as having occupied ES SALT N.Z.M.R. Bde. H.Qrs. across roads 142.R.2.c. I.C. Bde. H.Qrs. R.32.C. Di vn. (less N.Z.M.R. Bde. & 1 L.H.Bde. & artillery) reached night march last night from 142 C.10. through NAAUR. Track through & boggy heavy rain & mist all night. Camels carrying explosives ambulance camels & drivers exhausted but now resting. Have seventy to eighty prisoners here details later that our Guns at SHUNIT NIMRIN be sent forward for operation tomorrow if this impossible could 2 Batteries from 60th Divn. be sent forward. Intend to blow up rlwy. N. & S. of AMMAN STN. tonight. Please detail one officer two N.C.Os. & 20 men to escort prisoners to NIMRIN. N.Z. Bde. H.Q. at T.2.c. I.C.C. H.Q. R.32.A.	
239		GB 136	To 2 L.H.Bde.	SALT fallen (ALLS) push on AMMAN. Have located & dominate AMMAN - SALT Road. Patrols have been sent out on this & other roads in vicinity. One prisoner sent in. A little surprising. Twenty five enemy transport have been seen about two miles from here proceeding South. Two Sqdns sent to reconnoitre & attack if possible. Position B.H. roughly BKT UMM AMUD.	
240	1410	GB 134	To 60th Div.	Enemy patrol of 2 Mtd. men approached our post on the AMMAN road. two men were killed & one wounded. All three horses killed. There appears to be	
241	1400	G 525	From 60 Div.		
242		BM 64	From 2 L.H.Bde.		
243	1430	BM 66	From N.Z.Bde.		

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244 1545 GI 80 To N.Z.M.R. Bde.

245 1600 G 533 From 60th Divn.

246 1625 GB 139 To 60th Divn.

247 1640 GB 137 To 60th Divn.

248 1615 GB 136 To 60th Divn.

249 1655 GB 138 To 60th Divn.
250 1700 GI 88 To 3 Bdes.

251 - - From 2 L.H. Bde.

252 1800 GB 140 To 2 L.H. Bde.
N.Z.M.R. Bde.

253 1810 GK 657 To N.Z.M.R. Bde.

twelve rolling stock in KISSIR STN. Detail a small party under an officer to go to the rlwy North & South of AMMAN tonight March 26th & up sufficient rails to cause a temporary isolation of that place 2 L.H. Bde act North of Stn & N.Z. Bde. South thereof Certain has reached G.H.Q. that the enemy has read some of our wireless messages & known that our Cav. is to attack AMMAN & they appear to know our dispositions it can only be supposed that messages have been sent "Not clear" Please make enquiries & warn your Brigades of the absolute necessity of using the Field cipher word in all wireless messages. You will lay out a chain of relay posts along Road 4 as Road 5 is no longer being used. Wireless messages dealing with operation orders on disposition of troops should not be sent by wireless unless the situation at the time absolutely demands it. This should be communicated to Bdes on paper. Men Animals must rest one night explosive not yet up owing exhaustion camels will start for AMMAN 0830 tomorrow with whole force can two F.A. Btys. accompany. Ref. your G.520 - Enemy reported are 2 L.H. Bde. party who are at SWILEH. Ref. your G 525 - men Repeat 246. Ref. report that two of our Sqdns were pursuing enemy transport column - column was found to consist of about thirty motor lorries & cars whose engines have been damaged. Please instruct urgent as to disposal 170 prisoners of war now in our collecting Stn. being sent through to you tonight. This is party 2 L.H. Bde. (G 520) Local protection for tonight as follows N.Z. Bde. responsible for MADEBA road inclusive to Road 4 exclusive I.C.C. Road 4 inclusive to EL FUHEIS AMMAN Road exclusive 2 L.H. Bde. EL FUHEIS AMMAN Road inclusive to MADEBA road exclusive. As small a number as possible to be used approaches & tracks require watching not ----- space. In touch with patrol of W.M.R. & Anzac Car patrol four miles from ES SALT on metalled road please inform 2nd Bde. Repeat 251.

Tomorrow we have to attack AMMAN order following. As the camels carrying the explosive are exhausted & vehicles not available Bdes have to be called on to be called upon to provide pack horses to carry the explosive. The G.O.C. wanted to see the Brigadier at 0300 this afternoon but he did not come & hence has not been able to discuss the proposed operation given in this orders

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253	Contd.				There is however no change from the original schemes.
254	1815	GI 83	To N.Z.Bde. I.C. Bde.	Outposts & inlying picquets will stand to at 0430 tomorrow.	
255	1840	GB 142	To All units.	Tomorrow March 27th Anzacs (less 1st Bde) & I.C.C. Bde. attack AMMAN with view to destroying Railway. N.Z.M.R. Bde move by road from AIN ES SIR through KUSR to AMMAN leave the road near KUSR & get into position to attack AMMAN% from SOUTH. Front of attack AMMAN to AMMAN Station both inc. B.G.C. will provide for guarding his rear during attack. I.C.C. Bde. follow N.Z.M.R. Bde. & when N.Z.M.R. Bde. move to South of AMMAN make dispositions to attack AMMAN from the WEST. H.K. & 5 Mtn Bty. will rejoin I.C.C. Bde. for the operation. 2nd L.H. Bde. march by EL FUHEIS AMMAN road. At a point to be selected by the B.G.C. is will march North of AMMAN and take up position to attack from the North. Front of attack AMMAN to AMMAN STATION both inclusive B.G.C. WILL make provision for guarding his rear during attack. if AMMAN is found held demolition parties will commence work on Railway as it is cleared by the troops. D.H.Q. Sign & Field Sqdn. will march by AIN ES SIR - KUSR - AMMAN road. O.C. Field Troop I.C.C. Bde. will accompany N.Z.M.R. Bde. when they move South of AMMAN & be ready to move to his points of demolition. Hours of march 2nd L.H. Bde. N.Z.M.R. Bde. 0800. I.C.C. Bde follow N.Z.M.R. Bde. head passing cross roads in square 142 T.2.c. at 08-25 Bdes who leave material in present camp will see it is collected in one place & adequately guarded.	
256	1900) 1700)	C 242	From Aero 14 Jericho.	Tactical reconnaissance 1400 to 1640. 50 tents seen XI and X2. 100 tents & bivouacs observed U.34. & U.35. 30 men seen stationary on road U.34. About 50 bivouacs seen T.6. No movement observed or fire experienced EL BAGHADAT. 50 to 100 cav. observed this bank of Jordan. X.4. & X.10. approx. No movement observed or fire experienced but 3 tracks by Cavy appear fresh. Observation poor. av height 4500. Ref. Map 1/63,360, Square 113.	
257	2000) 1830)	BM 71	From N.Z.M.R.	GV 26 only received this evening. Does G.O.C. still wish to see Gen. MELDRUM.	
258	2030	GX 2	To N.Z.M.R.	No. The G.O.C. wishes to see Genl MELDRUM as the head of Div. Troops. pass cross roads at your H.Qrs. about 0800 tomorrow	
259	2000	G 544	From 60th Div.	Guns will be sent method of cooperation is being sent by D.R.	
260	2030) 1920)	BM 73	From N.Z.M.R.	Patrols report large column of troops observed at 1740 marching into AMMAN from direction of KISHIR Station. Length of column estimated 1000 yds but too dark to distinguish whether camels Infantry or Cavalry. At 1740 also observed proceeding South from AMMAN.	

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261	2100	GK 3	To 2nd Bde.	Repeat 260.
262		BM 83	From 2nd Bde.	Prisoner captured today 76.
263		GA 337	From Adv. Aeronau -tic. Jericho.	Tactical reconnaissance from Jericho 1115 to 1315 reported EL DAME BRIDGE 126 S.7.A. No movement or camps observed in vicinity no movement observed on roads or either side of river as far as 126.Q. 20. About 25 rounds fired from field gun apparently on that bank of river. 127.J.2 (W. of KEFR HUDJ). 20 M.T. approx on road going North. AMMAN 3 tracks in Railway Station 15 trucks approx. to east. No engines observed. Camp of 40 bell tents & 5 C.S. on east of Station & several small camps of 5 to 10 tents on outskirts of town. 142 23 A 15-20 M.T. going East on road. No movement of troops observed on roads in vicinity as far as 5 miles along AMMAN road. HUN landing T observed in 142 Z.7.A. approx. no machine observed Message dropped 60th Divn. Observations difficult height 10,000 150 rounds M.G. fired on bearings Camps AMMAN from 9000 feet. Ref. Map 1/63,360 Square 142, 143, 126, 127.
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264	0045	BM 84	From 2nd Bde.	Our raiding party on the railway tonight did not achieve success. They made for a point 1 mile North along a deep Wadi. & were allowed approx to within 400 yds o line but were then ejected by very hot fi -e from cavalry who seemed to have little posts dug in at intervals guarding the line. They had to fall back very quickly were followed up for a short distance by about 80 mounted men who seemed reluctant to move far from their post as if fearing a trap. Our people were therefore compelled to return home. A large fire was burning in AMMAN.
265	0200	G X4	To 20 Corps.	G 190 undecipherable.
266	1450	GO 4	From 60th.	Please draw the attention of the G.O.C. N.Z.M.R. to the fact that two messages were not sent last night in the 1917 code which has been replaced by the 1918 code. Presumably the 1918 code is in his possess ion as a general issue was made before operations commenced. The 1917 code has been destroyed. The message referred to were obviously only receipts.
267				Do not send messages in your 1917 code it is out of date. 60th draw attention to two of your messages sent in this code on 25th inst.
268	0615	GX 5	To N.Z.M.R.	20 men required for relay posts on road 4 This party must meet D.H.Q. on their arriv -l at your camp at 0800 today. March 27th. when orders will be given them. Party mus be close to your HeadQrs. so as to be easily found.
269	0632	GX 6	To N.Z.M.R.	Bends watching. All roads leading Northwar including motor road you will keep a good reserve to deal with any attempt at inter- ference by enemy from the North or from about SWEILEH. All information to be sent to D.H.Q. which will be on the AIN ES SIR AMMAN road probably near I.C. Bde. H.Q.
270	0650	GX 7	To 2nd L.H.Bde.	

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271	0755	G 527	To 60th Divn.	Body blew up Rly. S. of AMMAN.) Northe	
272	1000	BM 83	From N.Z.M.R.	-n party failed Col. now moving. Bde. now Y.15.D. 58. A good deal of M.G fire from direction Y.10.C. Enemy also shelling us with two mountain guns. Hill 3039 appears to be held in strength.	
273	1010	GX 33	To N.Z.M.R.	I.C. Bde. have had no communication with their 4th Btn. with demolition party all day. Have sent communication to them at 1920 through you. Please get in touch with this Btn. & report position to I.C. Bde.	
274	1030) 0935)	IG 110	From 20th Cps.	R.F.C. report 0600 to 0800. EL YAHUDE 150 cavalry scattered in groups around village. LIBBEN No R.S. 2 Station buildings. Landed at LIBBEN. AMMAN Station 100 R.S. 4 trains only 1 engine facing N 70 Bell tents 1 Sangar 7 marquees 200 Infantry scattered about station 10 H.T. entering station from West. ABU ALANDA. 200 Cavalry going South on West side of Rly. road not very good here for wheels AMMAN town 150 Inf. scattered on West. 50 Inf. on North. 2 miles North of town just off road 150 Inf. scattered. Station north AMMAN 8 R.S. 1 engine 30 empty dugouts. No roads East of Rly. only tracks & very poor.	
275	1600	GX 39	To I.C. Bde.	N.Z.M.R. Bde. were not on the line at the time apparently the break was repair	
276	1130	GX 20	To 60th Div.	-ed by the train party. (Code) asking for bombing machine.	
278	1015	GB 146	To 179th Bde.	Line runs W.10. Y.6. KISSIR STA. held u	
279	1135	GX 21	To 2nd L.H.Bde	ip by enemy with M.Gs. & eight guns continuing attack at 0630	
280	1140	GX 22	To N.Z.M.R.	Report frequently how your troops are progressing. Camel advance has reached Y. 9. Demolition party far SOUTH can be seen going up ridges towards railway. Camel Bde. has reached about Y.9. Turks are reinforcing sangars between the two roads entering AMMAN from the West. Your attack from the South will greatly aid advance of camel Bde.	
281	1140) 1117)	BM 86	From 2nd Bde.	Enemy appears to be strong front opposit us in fair numbers. Sangars are visible & appear full of men on a hill command	
282	1150) 0948)	BM 1	From 181 Bde.	ing a number of tracks or roads North East of D.H.Q. We are sending 2 Sqdns to endeavour to move round enemy flank. Have been shelled by heavy guns as well as field guns. Defining location. Infantry column have reached Q.14.c. Mounted troops well in advance. Going very heavy road waterlogged. Please send information as to plain.	
283	1220) 1150)	CA 338	From Adv. Aeronautics.	Tactical reconnaissance from Jericho 0625 - 0930 reports. MADEBA area & road MADEBA to NAAUR no movement. KISSIR Station 142. H.36.B. in good orde	
				-r but no movement observed. Amman in town itself no movement observed but considerable activity in Station 40 tent 40 R.S. made up in 3 trains engines apparently in sheds as not observed in open & steam observed issuing from sheds 142 X.31.C-D. 200 men. 300-500 men in AMMAN Station.	

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Bridge in Z.4.A. intact. Train observed approaching AMMAN from North 5 miles approx. distant. Train bombed & machine gunned from 500 when it reached X.11.B. train stopped but later proceeded on its way. 10 R.S. in train apparently loaded with heavy material as engine was steaming furiously but carriages were all completely covered. & impossible to observe contents. No movement observed on roads leading to AMMAN from North. 50 troops approx. around AIN EL BEIDA (in 1/250,000 Map Jerusalem) 3 miles N.W. of AMMAN probably hostile but no fire experienced. Roads leading from North into ES SALT no enemy movement observed. Our Cavalry & Camelry moving East from R 25 Head of column 142 R.28.C. approx. message dropped on head of cavalry column added. Anzac Divn. & on 60th Divn. observation difficult at first owing to ground mist but later better. Height 3000 ref AMMAN 1/63,360 Square 142, 143.

284 1200) G 343 From Aeronautic
0915)

Tactical reconnaissances 0605 to 0805 V.8.B. (113) 25 tents & bivouacs seen here and about 30 men walking about camp. 30 tents seen N.13.B. (112). 50 tents and bivouacs seen G.25.B. (112) Hospital 30 tents seen TEL FIT. 30 tents seen Wadi JUNCTION Z.22.A. (098) 50 bivouacs noted H.4.A. (099) No movement observed or fire experienced FURKHAH BERUKIN area. Slight fire experienced ES SAWIEH TEL FIT area. messages dropped 74th Divn. Engine trouble prevented further message dropping. Ref. Map 1/63,360 Sq. 098 099. 112, 113, av. height 6000.

285 1155 GX 23 To 2nd L.H.Bde.

Camel attack progressing well. Press your own attack forward.

286 1155 G 354 To 60th Div.

Sit. 1030 - D.H.Q. at Y.2.C. - N.Z. Bde. Y.15.D. some M.G. fire South - demolitions party left early. No news yet. 2nd Bde. H.Q. W.28. can be seen working round W. of AMMAN - enemy strong at 3039 - enemy firing 2 Mtn guns also one Battery.

287 1230 - To 2nd L.H. Bde.

Lieut. Lockington N.Z. & party have been told to report to you. They are to destroy Northern bridge & 4 miles of rail. As soon as you can get on to the Railway they should take in hand the rail destruction without delay.

288 1235) BM 88 From 2nd Bde.
1155)

Bedouin information is unable to reconcile Map to AMMAN. We are pushing troops round enemy flank which is apparently clear though front of position strongly held. Have sent forward M.Gs. to assist camel attack & have a Sqdn. also pushing forward dismounted. Ground very boggy. (Code) Asking where are guns promised. Have pushed a Sqdn & 8 M.Gs. to operate on left of camel attack also our troops on left flank are advancing steadily over heavy ground.

289 1235 G 355 To 60th Divn.

290 1300) BM 90 From 2nd Bde.
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291	1305	BM 87	From N.Z.M.R.	C.M.R. in touch with camels right. A.M.R. HOLD from RUJM TAIHIN to Y.27.A. enemy holding & reinforcing in some strength H.6.A.B. Work South of RUJM TAIHIN with demolition party moving on Rly.
292	1310	GX 36	To 2nd Bde.	Repeat 282.
293	1320	GX 24	To N.Z.M.R.	D.H.Q. established on hill in Y.2.C. amongst ruins. Get in touch by helio.
294		BM 85	From 2nd L.H. Bde.	Have reached within about 3 miles AMMAN Rly. Stn. Some shell fire from apparent-ly one Battery. A good deal of M.G. fire on our right flank. On our left flank about 2 Sqdns Cavalry are visible three miles away. N.Z.M.R. visible on our right.
295	Aeroplane Message. AMMAN.			apparently unoccupied considerable move-ment at Rly. Station. Our troops appear to be at approx. W.25.c. & movement of about 20 H.T. from AMMAN in direction of RAFIA at X.30.A.
296	1330	G 357	To N.Z.M.R.	Detail 2 Mtd. orderlies to report I.C.C. Bde. at once.
297	1330	G 358	To 60th Divn.	(Code) attack progressing ground very boggy enemy strong in M.Gs. & have at least one Mtn. Bty. & 2 77.
298	1356) 1230)	BM 616	From Camel Bde.	Battn advancing on AMMAN reports 50 Turks with M.Gs. in position astride road in Sq. Y.12.B. Our front line 1300 yds from there.
299	1340	G 356	To 2nd Bde. N.Z.M.R.	Repeat 298.
300	1340) 1130)	BM 84	From N.Z.M.R.	Position H.Qrs. 142 Y.15.D.58. A.M.R. holding ridge South of AMMAN in touch with I.C.C. Bde. enemy appear to be holding AMMAN in strength & are holding line on ridge about Square Y.10.D. enemy appear to have 3 guns & large number of M.Gs.
301	1350) 1305)	BM 93	From 2nd L.H. Bde.	Our line is pushing forward slowly through held up in front of Sangars east of AMMAN. Turks appear to be retiring on our right flank. & we have 4 M.Gs. harrassing them. B.H.Q. shifting to a hill about 1 mile further North.
302	1445) 0770)	BM 152	From 181 Bde.	Bde. has advanced 3 miles along ES SALT AMMAN Road. Hostile aeroplanes flying low have delayed progress; driven off by M.G. fire.
303	1415	AQ 15	To 60th Divn.	Can a 100,000 S.A.A. be sent urgent ES SIRT 2 CZ.
304	1455	GX 25	To 2nd L.H. Bde.	How are you getting on. When do you expect to get demolition party on railway
305	1430) 1405)	BM 95	From 2nd Bde.	Turkish gun position bearing 100 degrees from hut in Y.4.A. distance 2300 yds. Can battery shell.
306	1445	G 359	To I.C.Bde.	Repeat 305.
307	1515	GX 26	To N.Z.M.R.	Get on to Rly. as soon as possible & cut rails. One train already seen go through.
308	1520) 1305)	BM 94	From 2nd Bde.	We are advancing on our whole line. 7th Regt. & 1 Sqdn. 6th on our left flank should soon enfilade sangar & make further advance on right of line possible. Unable to find suitable position on left for H.Q. as observation & communication very bad. Have returned original position.
309	1515	BM 619	From Camel Bde.	A train has just steamed into AMMAN from the south. There is

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310	1530	GX 2	To 2nd Bde.			
311	1540) 1515)	BM 89	From N.Z.M.R.			
312	1545	BM 91	From N.Z.M.R.			
313	1545	BM 99	From 2nd Bde.			
314	1545	GX 27	To I.C.C.Bde.			
315	1600	GK 675	To 2nd Bde.			
316	1612	GK 678	To N.Z.M.R.			
317		G361	To 60th Div.			
318	1620	BM 103	From 2nd Bde.			
319	1635) 1545)	BM 621	From Camel			
320	1630	BM 94	From N.Z.M.R.			
321	1640	G 360	To 2nd Bde.			
322	1705	G 362	To 60th Divn.			
323	1720	G 363	To N.Z.M.R.Bde.			

a body of Cavalry which appear to be N.Zs. on the line. Can you explain. Train with 40 carriages & 2 engines in AMMAN station with 1000 troops waiting to entrain. Cut the Rlwy. somehow. Train consisting of 3 trucks & 7 carriages on Rly. about J.13.A. Number of troops in train. W.M.R. now at H.24.c. Demolition party now near KISHIR Station. Our right held up by enfilade fire. Our 3 Sqdns on extreme left flank are still advancing but progress is slow owing to open country & heavy fire & enemy troops numbers unknown reported advancing from North. Am now sending 2 Sqdns of 5th with demolition party to make dash for Rly. This will leave only 1 Sqdn. in reserve. & 6 M.Gs. to be withdrawn from right flank. Aeroplane report. 2 guns firing from Y.11.B. 300 Cavalry at Z.2.A. 40 Railway carriages in AMMAN two engines & at least 2 troops waiting to entrain. 1300 Inftry at Y.11.A. & C. 100 yds trench facing West at Y.11.A. Press attack with all possible energy only keeping sufficient reserve to guard your flank aaa immediate destruction of Rly. most important. What is delaying advance of your Bde. Press on attack with all vigour (immediate destruction of Rly. is most important) Sit. 1500 N.Z. North & S. through RUJM TAIHEN I.C. Bde. Y.17.D., Y.11., Y.6., 2nd Bde. W,30.6.D.O the N.E. & advancing to new demolition party orof our guns. shelling continuous. Wire sent you for S.A.A. in touch convoy road 3 ground very boggy everywhere. movement slow. deep Wadi cause wide detours. Turkish counter attack developing on left flank. 7th Regt. has been pushed back somewhat. Only 1 off. in one Sqdn unwounded. Have instructed the two Sqdns of 5th L.H. to reinforce instead of dashing for line at present. Attacking the reported portion on main front apparently evacuated except for snipers. My left is enfiladed & cannot advance further. Casualties reported severe. Right attacks progressed. inform 2nd L.H. Bde. (GK 618) A.M.R. are moving on AMMAN from S. with one Sqdn guarding right flank. C.M.R. cannot advance further owing to M.G. fire. W.M.R. are covering demolition -n party which is destroying Rly at KISSIR -R STN. Repeat 319. Code. Troops reported advancing towards AMMAN from North. Aeroplane reconnaissance required. Demolition party referred to in your BM 94 are already covered by I C. Bde. you can use W.M.R. for attack.

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324	1720) 1700)	BM 96	From N.Z.M.R.	W.M.R. now in position H.24.D. J.19.C.	Demolition now being carried out.
325	1730	GK 679	To N.Z.M.R.	State your casualties as your ambulan-	ce is required to assist the Camel Bde
326	1735	GK 680	To 2nd Bde.	Give disposition & coordinates of	troops guarding your left flank.
327	1735	G 365	To 60th Divn.	Three Chiefs of Christian & Arab tribe	at MADEBA ask that troops might be
				sent up from Jericho to MADEBA to	protect them as about 1000 arabs have
				discarded 40,000 rotels of corn &	7000 medfides which the Turks left
				there & which they are protecting	from the English they have already
				had four men killed in keeping arabs	off. They are afraid if Arabs get
				corn & money they will loot town.	They can muster only 500 armed men
				against Arabs 1000. They are taking	these & will guide troops up.
328	1735) 1705)	BM 104	From 2nd Bde.	Right flank are held up by enfilade	fire from sangars & there seems little
				chance of an advance in that place	counter attack against our left has
				been checked but enemy has been strong	-ly reinforced there. & seems little
				prospect of getting demolition party	on Rly at present. B.G.C. has gone to
				inspect the position there. casualties	are reported fairly heavy.
329	1725) 1715)	BM 97	From N.Z.M.R.	C.M.R. left already in advance of I.C.	C.Bde. right. Held up until I.C.C.Bde
				move forward.	
330		GX 31	To 2nd Bde,	If necessary slacken off attack on	right to leave troops to deal with
				Turks against your left. Southern	demolition party has begun work at
				KISSIR STN.	
331	1745	GX 32	To 2nd Bde. N.Z.M.R. I.C.C. Bde.	Attack will now cease. Take up strong	line of posts on or in advance of
				present line. Frequent patrols will be	pushed forward to feel enemy during
				night. Attack will be renewed at 0630	tomorrow March 28th. when it is hoped
				that reinforcements will reach left	flank. If patrols find enemy has
				evacuated AMMAN troops will push into	AMMAN as soon as it is light enough to
				see. Hourly reports required at D.H.Q.	D.H.Q. remains at Y.2.C. for night.
332	1800	G 367	To 60th Divn.	Prisoners taken yesterday 162. 4 today.	
333	1800	G 369	To N.Z.M.R.	Get information from prisoners if	possible before sending them in.
334	1810	G 370	To 179 Bde.	B.M. 261 undecipherable.	
335	1845) 1745)	BM 100	From N.Z.M.R.	CASUALTIES approx. 10.	
336	1825	G 366	To 60th Divn.	Sit. much as reported 1500 progress	very slow instead pressing on till
				object achieved. Can you send mounted	men & light car patrol by SALT
				SWEILEH - AMMAN road to cooperate	with me at dawn if necessary. if actio-
				-n continued tomorrow much more than	100,000 rounds are already asked for
				will be required. Ration satisfactory	guns must come by KUSR AMMAN road.
				Demolition has begun KISSIR STN.	

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237	1845) 1745)	BM 101 From N.Z.M.R.	Up to present have captured 54 prisoners. Am sending them in.	
338	1900	G 368 To N.Z.M.R.	G.O.C. wishes you to get in touch with right of I.C.C. Bde. & fill gap at present existing between you & them. Report completion.	
339	1940	G 371 To 60th Divn.	Head men of MADEBA seeking our assistance being sent you.	
340	2000) 1905)	BM 102 From N.Z.M.R.	A.M.R. are held up by M.G. fire & cannot advance further. Turks have counter-attack-ed on C.M.R. right. & have gained position between them & A.M.R. They have 2 M.Gs in position there. Am taking steps to have line re-established.	
341	2015	GB 143 To N.Z.M.R.	Report when camel party arrive.	
342	2015	G 359 To XXth Corps.	Still undecipherable.	
343	1750	SC 160 From N.Z.M.R.	Here 6 Off & 46 O.Rs. P/W. one M.G. Also captured.	
344	2045	GB 144 To 60th Div.	20th Corps Cipher message not decipherable viz. G 190 priority radio of 26th with five later connections subsequently wired their diagonals are right but cannot understand their method of ciphering horizontal & vertical. We also hold BM. 261 of 27th. from 179 Bde. which is undecipherable.	
345	2050) 1910)	BM266 From 179 Bde.	Are one mile E. of SWEILEH inform situation & place tomorrow.	
346	2135	GK 681 To 2nd I.H.Bde	Ref. your Squadron & 4 M.Gs. on left of camel Bde. G.O.C. has decided they must not be withdrawn. but you may take 2 M.Gs. if you wish. 179 Bde. are 1 mile E. of SWEILEH with a Sqdn. of N.Z.M.R. Bde. attached.	
347	2152) 1745)	G 594 From 60th.	R.F.C. report 1700. 1000 Inf. West of AMMAN town on parade & 300 horses.	
348	2000) 2040)	SC 428 From Camels.	Following wire sent 4th Btn. through N.Z. M.R. Bde. at 1920. Report progress at once You will withdraw for night inside N.Z.M.R. line which runs through J.19.C. H.24.D. RUJM TAIHIN Y.27.A. Have had no communication with this Btn. during day Ask N.Z.M.R. TO GET IN TOUCH & Report.	
349	2205) 2130)	BM 108 From N.Z.M.R.	Touch has been gained with I.C.C. Bde. on left.	
350	2150	BM 111 From N.Z.M.R.	Line has been reestablished.	
351	2215) 2150)	BM 112 From N.Z.M.R.	14 more prisoners have been captured.	
352	2235	GI 48 To 3 Bdes.	Repeat 347.	
353	2240	GB 147 To 60th Divn.	Ackd.	
354	2240	BM 624 From Camel Bde.	N.Z.M.R. not yet in touch with our right.	
355	2250	SB 429 From Camel Bde.	Following from O.C. 4th Btn. timed 2150. Begins. delayed about 2 hrs. ran in to enemy. could not find KISSIR. Native says no such place. destroyed about 2½ miles of line. at a point about 2½ to 3 miles N. of ALAMANDER. We have been gathered in by Major DICK W.M.R. & we are to take part in attack tonight.	
356	2315	G 360 To 60th Div.	Code.	
357	2335	GX 34 To N.Z.M.R.	Ref. your B.M. 101 I.C. Bde. report at 2240 that you are not yet in touch with their right. instruct your left to get in touch with them again & report when they have done -e so.	
358	2335	GX 35 To I.C. Bde.	N.Z.M.R. Bde. reported at 2130 that touch had been gained with your right. Have instructed them to get in touch again report when they have done so.	

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359	1500	Aeroplane message.	1350 ES SALT Area enemy not located. No movement observed on road 10 miles N. of ES SALT 140. AMMAN AREA. No change in situation observed Viaduct & tunnel apparently intact F.T. observed approx Y.24.B. F.1. observed approx. Y.24.C. About 300 cav. & camel observed in approx I.14.c. No sign of our troops East of Rly. Heavy rifle fire from AMMAN. Wadi AMMAN about 300 troops in Wadi between town & X.22.	
360	1730) 1700)	CA 340 From Adv. Aeronautics.	Tactical reconnaissance from Jericho 1310 1525 reports. AMMAN railway Stn 40 R.S. approx. made up in 4 trains. 1000 Inf. in neighbourhood of town chiefly on North side. 50 tents. N.E. of town. 300 enemy cavalry at 142 Z.2.A. 100 enemy Cav. at Z.1.A. 2 field guns observed firing on our troops from Y.11.B. 300 enemy Infantry here. 100 yds of trench in Y.11. A.-C. facing these. Two 30 yd trenches in Y.3D. facing West 150 Inf. here. Our Cav. at following places. 600 at W.21.D. 400 at Y.23.A. 100 at Y.15.B. 100 at W.26.A. 1500 camels at R.35. Our troops advancing on foot in line from R.29. - T. 24. Considerable rifle fire experienced in vicinity of enemy troops. & on the two Field guns which ceased firing. Messages dropped on Adv. Cav. & 60th Div. 4 bombs dropped in vicinity of Station at AMMAN. Observation good. Av. height 3000. Ref. Map AMMAN 1/63,360 Sqs. 142, 143.	
361	2320) 2240)	G 602 From 60th.	R.F.C. report no ground signals put out by your Divn. or Bdes to take action.	
362	0100	BM 626 From Camel Bde.	After inspection of line report following My Bde. is in touch with flanks 2nd Bde. in WADI AMMAN and N.Z.M.R. Bde. on N. bank of Wadi South of town. My right centre post is now 550 yds. from enemy position. Any further advance will mean that they will be taken in flank. Consider that attack from South must be developed & brought into line with centre before any further advance can be made from the West. Shall require the 3 Coys Southern demolition party for this attack to connect N.Z.M.R. Bde. with mine Turkish working parties are busy building breastworks on hill West of town. Sounds of shunting at Station.	
363	0145) 2350)	G 603 From 60th Div	Force of two Btns 181 Bde three Mtn Battys & one Sqn (N.Q.O.W.) 1½ miles east of SWEILEH have been ordered to advance on AMMAN at dawn to cooperate with you. Road impossible field guns & light cars more S.A.A. will be sent you 100,000 rounds already despatched. Messages can be sent 181 Bde. for transmission by wire.	
364	0540	SC 106 From 181 Bde.	Casualties cannot yet be ascertained. Estimated between 150 & 200.	
365	0545) 0230)	BM	Left Flank less than 50 yds from & in touch with Camel.	
366	0610	GB 149 To 60th Div.	Firing began 0515 am sending to get in touch with our column on FUEHIS Road.	
367	0620	GX 39 To N.Z.M.R. I.C.C?Bde	Repeat 363.	

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368	0620	GX 38	To 2nd L.H.Bde.	Repeat 363 - Send officers patrol at once to get in touch with them & to tell them position of D.H.Q. who will get in communication with them by visual.	
369	0630	GB 150	To 3 Bdes.	R.F.C. report no ground signs put out by your Bde. Take action.	
370	0630) 0500)	BM 117	From 2nd Bde.	Major Bolingbroke just reported back & reports blow up a 30 ft 2 arch bridge at X.11.D. after travelling over very rough country. No casualties. All our patrols report enemy still holding position but everything quiet.	
371	0645	GK 683	To N.Z.M.R.	Turks may be brought by train from the South to the break in the line have careful watch kept in that direction & of roads leading N. alongside Railway.	
372	0700	Aeroplane Message.		Turks appear to be holding ground in Y.6.c. perhaps 150 - 200 men here AMMAN Station 25.K.S. & 1 engine with them steam up. 300 to 400 men round station & in 29 A. A small party (50) seen proceeding in a Northerly direction from Station.	
373	0930	G 400	To 3 Bdes.	No movement observed roads N.E. & S. from AMMAN 100 rifles near Z.1. A.B.C. 50 rifles Y.12.A. No sign demolition parties. 0800 one engine. 2 R.S. moving N. 2 miles N. of AMMAN attacked with M.G. & bombs returned towards AMMAN.	
374	0700	GB 151	To 60th Div.	30 ft bridge. X.11.D. destroyed during night.	
375	0725	GK 681	To 181 Bde.	How soon will you be in position to attack AMMAN. Rly. broken to N. & S. of AMMAN. Turks still in position with guns & are digging hard. Send liaison officer here.	
376	0745	G 398	To 60th Divn.	In touch 181 Bde. Turks with guns still in AMMAN. & entrenching.	
377	0745	GX 41	To 3 Bdes.	R.F.C. report 0700. Repeat 372.	
378	0745	Aeroplane Message.		Repeat 373.	
379	0820) 0810)	SC 431	From Camels	(G 151) action taken.	
380	0815	G 399	To 2nd Bde.	Following from 181 Bde. Moving at 0800 Half a Sqdn. N.Z.M.R. Bde. has orders to push forward rapidly to gain touch with your left Bde. ends.	
381	0820) 0815)	BM 121	From 2nd Bde.	Our left flank reports enemy in large numbers on ridge one mile E. also about 1 mile S. where a light gun has been located firing to S.W. roadway.	
382	0820) 0800)	SB 429	From Camels.	Sit. report. Enemy have improved their sangars. & constructed 50 yds. of new sangars on road spur on ridge immediately W. of AMMAN. Otherwise sit. as last night.	
383	0830) 0735)	BM 160	From 181 Bde.	Repeat 380.	
384	0830) 0720)	BM 124	From N.Z.M.R.	(G.B. 150) this incorrect. Ground sheet has been out all the time. Only removed when Taube overhead.	
385	0830	GX 42	To 2nd Bde.	Following special instructions are sent to you for action when Inftry. come up. Their advance will bring them in between you & the I.C.C.Bde.	

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385	Contd.				When they reach point held at present by your Sqdn & 4 M.Gs. you may withdraw these. You will attack on inftry left & get across Rly. N. of AMMAN & road leading to RUJM RAFIA. to cut off enemy -s retreat. You must watch your NORTHERN Flank during these operations.
386	0815) 0220)	BM 153	From 181 Bde.		Your G.B. 146 timed 0115 reached here this morning one thirty undecipherable.
387	0845) 0815)	SC 432	From Camel		Following from 4th Btn. timed 0515 begins. We are moving forward on the right flank on N. B.Z.M.R. Bde. ends.
388	0850	GK 686	To N.Z.M.R.		What is sitn. in your front. No report in this morning. Can see your advanced troops apptly. about Y.19.-20.
389	0915	GK 687	To Gen RYRIE.		G.O.C. congratulates you & your Bde. on success of last nights enterprise & wishes you to express his thanks to Major BOLINGBROKE. Lieut. LOCKINGTON & Those concerned in it for what may well prove to be the means of important capture.
390	0930	GK 688	To 2nd Bde.		Is Lieut. LOCKINGTONS party with you as we wish to send them rations.
391	0940) 0900)	BM 125	From N.Z.M.R.		Our line approx. Y.16, 17, 18. Z.13, 14 A.M.R. & 4th Btn. Camels advancing against hill 3039. Expect to take it shortly. Have one troop & about 500 Arabs on Rly. about KISSIR Station to deal with any trains advancing from S. C.M.R. on left unable to advance owing to M.G. fire.
392	0945	G 401	To N.Z.M.R.		When may we expect the 14 prisoners reply urgent.
393	0955) 0945)	BM 124	From 2nd Bde.		Inftry. advance guard is in sight on our left flank about 1 mile N. of B.H.Q.
394	0945) 0925)	BM 127	From N.Z.M.R.		Enemy heavily reinforcing top of hill 3039. Advance now held up. Could artillery be directed on top of 3039 or two guns sent here.
295	0950	G 402	To 179 Bde.		Signal should read. line runs W.10. Y.6. K.6. KISSIR Stn. held up by enemy with M.Gs. & 8 guns continuing attack at 0630.
396	0955	G 406	To I.C.Bde.) 2nd L.H.Bde.		Repeat 391.
397	1000	G 404	To I.C. Bde.		Repeat 394 - Can you direct fire on 3039. N.Z.M.R. report good artillery position near their H.Q. Suggest you send officer to reconnoitre.
398	1000) 1920)(26th)	G 541	From 60th Div .		1. Impossible to send your artillery as no roads possible. A column has been ordered to ES SALT to cooperate with you along ES SALT - AMMAN Road. This force consists of two Btns 1 how. Bty. 1 Mtn. How. Bty. & some mounted troops. It will start from ES SALT at 0500.
399	1005	G 407	To 2nd Bde.		2. Remain on the Rly. until it is completely destroyed. 3 acknowledge (G 405 ackdge)
400	1025) 0950)	BM 128	From N.Z.M.R.		Repeat 394.
401	1100) 1040)	BM 630	From Camels.		The 14 prisoners were sent in by W.M Rly with the ration camels.
					2 guns of H.K.S. Bty. being sent to N.Z.M.R. Remainder of Bty. being moving to new position & will deal with hill 3039 as soon as in position.

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402	1100) 1433)	BM 154 From 181 Bde.	Have reached SWEILEH. Further progress at present stopped by intertribal fight between EL FUHEIS & SWEILEH. Have stopped the fight for time being but cannot get natives to withdraw to villages. Bedouins are cutting wire so communication will be difficult.	
403	1100) 1810)	C 344 From Aeronautics.	Tactical reconnaissance 1430 to 1705. ISKAKI hospital & camp total 50 tents ebs and bivouacs seen Y.10.B. (0 98) 2 H.T. & about 20 men seen moving South Z.20.A. (0 98). 30 bell tents & 50 bivouacs noted J.6.A. (0 99). JALUD 10 bell tents & 50 bivouacs seen 0 9 A (113). MUGHEIR 20 bivouacs & 2 bell tents seen Q.5.c.50. (113) approx. 50 bivouacs seen R.20.a. (113) A A fire experienced ES SAWLEH - YETMA area. Messages 20th Corps. Aver. height 8500. Observation fair. Ref. Map 1/63,360 Square 098 099 112 113.	
404	1100) 2040)	GA 342 From Advanced Aeronautics.	Tactical reconnaissance from Jericho 1605 1750 reports. 100 Cav. dismounted at 142.H.10. More Cav. spread to W. & S.W. of AMMAN in T, Y & H. Squares approx. A A fire experienced S. of AMMAN. AMMAN Railway Stn 4.5 made up trains 1 engine facing S. withs team up one of these trains into Station. 12 bell tents approx. observed around Station. Shells observed bursting on each side of ES SALT AMMAN Road 1000 yds approx. West of AMMAN. Rly. viaduct at 142 Z.15. apparently intact No movement on Rly. Height 6000 feet observation bad ref Ma p 1/63,360 Squares 142, & 143	
405	1100) 2040)	GA 341 From Advanced Aeronautics.	Tactical reconnaissance from Jericho 1525 - 1745 reports. MADEBA no troops observed but considerable movement apparently civilians. NAAUR Slight movement apparently civilians. AMMAN 1000 Jan. approx 300 horses approx troops dispersed on sighting machine but opened heavy rifle fire. One large drum fired at troops here from 2000 ft. Our troops 1 Btn. approx in 142.Y.15.A. No other observation of our troops. Height 5000 ft. Observation difficult 4 bombs dropped on troops in vicinity of Station at AMMAN. Ref. Map AMMAN 1/63,360. Squares 142 & 143.	
406	1100	GX 48 To I.C.Bde. N.Z.M.R.	As 4th Btn are now in line & attack commences 1300 there is no time to withdraw them & they must go into the attack.	
407	1115	G 408 To N.Z.M.R.Bde	Following from I.C. Bde. 2 guns of H.K.S. being sent to N.Z.M.R. remainder of Battery moving to new position. & will deal with HILL 3039 as soon as in position. ends.	
408	1140	GK 689 To 3 Bdes. 181 Inf.Bde.	Inftry Bde. & Mtn Arty. Bde. now up. Guns will open on hill 3039 & Turkish position West of AMMAN. When Infantry advance commenees - time of which will be notified later whole line will advance until AMMAN is taken. Meantime Bdes will make what progress is possible to get suitable jumping off places. A/L.	

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409	1115	GX 47	To 3 Bdes. 181st Bde.	Ref. my GK 689 advance begins 1300.
410	1140) 1100)	CA 343	From Adv. Aeronautic.	Tactical reconnaissance from Jericho 0545 - 0840 reported. Our troops observed as follows:- 300 Cav. 200 camels. 142.R.25. B. 50 Cav. R.28.B. 2000 troops R.30. FZ Sign W.25.D. 400 cavalry W.31.D. 500 camels Y.30.B. 800 camels Z.25.A. 100 Cav. Y.24.A. FK Sign. here the K very indistinct might be FN. 100 Cav. Y.23.B. FI sign here. 200 cav Y.17.B. 100 Cav. W.35.B. 200 cav. Y.5.B. 300 Cav. Y.2.A. 50 camels W.32.D. Enemy holding line through Y.6.c. Y.12.A. & 50 rifles approx in reserve & enemy also holding circular position through Z.8.B. A.C. 400 approx enemy troops Z.3.B. formed up Some of them marched off in N.E. direction. Machine was not fired on from here until later & at the time it was impossible to tell whether they were hostile or not. AMMAN Station 30 R.S. & 1 engine with steam up. Message then dropped on Anzac DHQ. D.H.Q. sent message by panel asking if possible to land. - F was put out. descended & picked up message asking for information on road movement N. & S. of AMMAN. If demolition party had commenced work and position of front line. No movement observed on roads asked for. Turks holding position as reported. No sign of demolition party. Message dropped to this effect. Train 1 engine 2 R.S. proceeding North from AMMAN 2 miles N. Descended to 500 feet stopped train by M.G. fire & 1 bomb other failed to release. Train proceeded back towards AMMAN. Our troops were all Stationary & appear to be holding line W36.A., W.36.D. Y.5.A. D. Observation good. Aver. height 6000 ft. Ref. Map AMMAN 1/63,360 Square 142.
411	1150) 0950)	C 345	From Advanced Aeronautics.	Tactical reconnaissance 0600 to 0850. 150 tents & bivouacs seen scattered R.5. R.6. W.1. W.2. (113) 60 bell tents seen V.8. (113) approx. P.24.(113) 40 to 50 bell tents & in P.13.(113) 70 to 80 bell tents concealed. 200 bivouacs noted JALUD KURIYUT area. TELFIT 90 to 100 tents & bivouacs. noted. 1 M.T. seen proceeding South. X.26.D.(098) 20 to 30 M.T. seen parked North of KUZAH near road. 4 E.P. tents by M.T. EURKHAH 15 bivouacs & 1 bell tent seen. Average height 6000 observation good. Message 74th Div., 10th Div. 20th Corps. Ref Map 1/63,360 Squares 098, 099, 112, 113.
412	1155	GB 157	To 60th Div.	Inftry. Bde up. whole line to press attack as soon as infantry in position.
413	1200) 1110)	BM 130	From N.Z.M.R.	Enemy on 3039 now counter attacking on front of A.M.R. Excellent artillery targets Please send two guns.
414	1200) 1130)	BM 152	From 181 Bde.	Ready to advance 1300 from line now held by 2nd Bde. Wire if this hour stands.
415	1205	GX 44	To N.Z.M.R.	Be careful leave no gap between your left & I.C. Bde. party apparently Turks are pushing up ridge on flank of your attack.

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416	1210	GX 45	To 181 Bde.	Please give as long notice as possible of how you intend to advance so that orders may be sent round our Bdes.	
417	1215	GX 46	To N.Z.M.R.	Two guns have been sent to you.	
418	1215	GX 48	To 181 Bde.	Yes. Bde. ordered to attack at that hour	
419	1215) 1130)	BM 131	From N.Z.M.R.	4 Battn have had orders to withdraw. They are now in firing line with A.M.R. holding up enemy on 3039. If 4th Battn is withdrawn A.M.R. will have to fall back. Could orders be cancelled & they be allowed to remain as position could not be held without them (See 406)	
420	1200	GK 691	To 3 Bdes.	All ranks to be warned against enemy attempting to direct our fire or surprise us by shouting commands in English & appearing dressed in our uniform.	
421	1200	GK 697	To 181 Bde.	Yes hold on orders coming.	
422	1245) 1150)	BM 132	From N.Z.M.R.	Guns located. One Gun Square W.35, C.33. 1 gun square Y.6. G.29.	
423	1300)	G 410	To I.C. Bde. 181 Bde.	Repeat 422.	
424	1300) 1200)	BM 129	From 2nd Bde.	Only one troop & 2 M.Gs. on left flank of camels. No room for more. Am withdrawing rest of Sqdn to reorganize for attack on left flank.	
425	1305) 1210)	BM 135	From N.Z.M.R.	Enemy counter attack reached bombing distance from I.C.C. Bde. & A.M.R. right. Counter attack beaten off.	
426	1305	GK 687	To 181 Bde	One troop & 2 M.Gs. 2nd L.H. Bde. will be on your right when you advance position about 142.Y.6.A. They will be withdrawn when you reach this point.	
427	1310	G 413	To 2nd Bde. 181 Bde.	Repeat 425.	
428	1310	GK 688	To 2nd Bde.	In withdrawing the troops & M.Gs. from the left of the camel Bde. you must be certain that no gap is left between them & the Inftry	
429	1320	G 412	To 6 th Div.	Attack on AMMAN begins 1300.	
430	1325	GK 687	To 2nd Bde	If you have a Squadron still in hand keep it in reserve until further orders.	
431	1340	GK 690	To N.Z.M.R.	Infantry have nearly reached Wadi AMMAN. Use all available men to press attack on your front keeping touch with right of I.C.C. Bde.	
432	1345) 1255)	BM 138	From NZ.MR.	Ref. BM 135. Turks counter attacked right flank of 4th Battn. I.C.C. at 1200 using bombs. 13th Coy. were forced to retire but immediately counter-attacked & retook lost ground. Sit. now normal.	
433	1415	G 415	To 2nd Bde 181 Bde.	Repeat 432.	
434	1415) 1255)	BM 130	From 3rd Bde	Can see no more I.C.C. Bde. as they moving	
435	1410	G 414	To 2nd Bde.	Yes moving now.	
436	1420) 1305)	BM 121	From 2nd Bde.	Can we get gun fire on green ridge forward of round tower.	
437	1430	G 416	To 2nd Bde.	Gun now firing on apparently ground you require.	
438	1430) 1415)	BM 141	From NZMR.	Section Hong Kong Battn not yet arrived. Effective artillery support not being given on 3039. M.Gs. command all approaches absolutely necessary To have two guns to silence M.Gs. every effort is being made to push on.	
439	1445	GX 60	To N.Z.M.R.	Guns have been on way to you for 3 hrs. Try & locate & guide them forward. Give location of C.M.R.	

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440	1450	G 417	To 181st Bde.	N.Z.M.R. Bde. held up temporarily by M.Gs on hill 3039. Can you spare any guns to fire on this position in support of their attack which is coming from direction Y.24 & Z 19.	
441	1500	G 418	To 60th Div.	Sit 1430. Two counter attacks by enemy on N.Z.M.R. Bde. & I.C. Bde beaten off. Attack continuing. N.Z.M.R. Bde held up by M.G. fire from hill 3039. I.C. Bde. ready to assault from WEST. Infantry have reached WADI AMMAN NORTH of Station no report from 2nd L.H. Bde. but seen moving forward in conjunction with Infantry. Enemy resisting strongly.	
442		From Q.22.	R.F.C.	Our line is X.31 ¹ / ₂ B. Y.6.A. Y.11.B. to WADI at Y.18.A. about 300 hostile troops in Wadi at Y.12.D. appear to be acting against our dismounted troops. there we have about 300 there. Road N.E. of AMMAN about 800 troops going N.E. WADI AMMAN at X.12. about 400 mounted troops hostile 400 Cav. ours in X.25.A. Shrapnel bursting at W.36. & Y 5. & over AMMAN at Y.12.A. Station viaduct & tunnel not yet destroyed Section below AMMAN have rails torn up. 500 hostile Infantry stationary AMMAN Station.	
443	1550	G 420	To I.C. Bde.	A trench with men apparently blue uniform can be seen on a bearing of 108° from our H.Qrs. Trenches are astride the road where the telegraph crosses the road.	
444	1550	GB 160	To 3 Bdes. 181 Bde.	Repeat 442.	
445	1600	G 419	To 60th Divn.	Smoke seen 3 times today bearing 164° from 142.Y.2.C. apparently train possibly reinforcements to just South demolition May aeroplane be sent investigate also report on roads Northwards.	
446	1600)	BM 143	From N.Z.M.R.	Guns are now arriving here. One Sqdn co-operating on left of A.M.R. one Sqdn. in Wadi about Y.17.A. Remaining Sqdn. will push forward with camels along ridge J 10 11.	
446A	1607)	BM 135	From 2nd Bde.	7th L.H. in touch with infantry left & holding on. Have seen 4 M.Guns.	
447	1610	G 421	To I.C. Bde.	Left flank is heavily engaged. Enemy are retiring. What are you doing. N.Z.M.R. Bde. position one Sqdn. in Wadi about Y.17.A. another Sqdn. waiting to push forward with you along ridges Y.10. & 11.	
448	1620	G 420	To 2nd Bde.	R.F.C. report timed 0615 KALAAT EZ ZERMA STN 13. miles North of AMMAN train with troops steam up facing AMMAN. 1 mile S. of ZERKA train 10 R.S. going towards AMMAN.	
449	1645	G 425	To N.Z.M.R. I.C. Bde. 181 Bde.	Enemy counter attacked left of 2nd L.H. Bde. Bde now holding good position.	
450		SC 108	From 181st Bde.	Both Btns have reached line approx Y.6. They are opposed by considerable numbers with M.Gs. F.O.Os. have not been able to obtain observation. Btn cannot advance without artillery support which I am trying to arrange.	
451	1620	G 427	To 181 Bde.	Please give situation of your Bde.	
451A	1620)	IG 121	From 20th Corps.	R.F.C. report 0615. Wadi about 142 W.36.D. 100 Cav. AMMAN Stn. 40 R.S. KALAAT EZ ZERMA 1 train in station steam up facing AMMAN. with troops. 1 mile South ZERMA. train of 10 R.S. going towards AMMAN.	
452	1630)	G 616	From 60th Div.	You will take over the defence of ES SALT forthwith using your discretion as to number of troops to be employed. The troops	

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The troops of 181 Bde. thus released will be held in readiness to support 181 Bde. if required on the ES SALT - AMMAN Road. Details of relief to be arranged between G.O.C. 179 Bde. & Lt. Col. CROSBIE. addsd 179 Bde.

453 1615 G 436 To 3 Bdes.

Infantry have reached line running N.E. from Y.6. Central. Held up at present by M.Gs. & arranging artillery support for further advance. 2nd Bde. report what is position now held by your troops on Infantry flank since enemy counter-attacked.

454 1625 BM 86 From 181 Bde.

My left Btn reports that he understands that the 7th L.H. Regt. on his left are withdrawing. Neither of my Battns can make headway over the exposed ground against the numerous enemy M.Gs. I will report later if further advanced. is possible under cover of darkness. A third Btn. left ES SALT at 1530 to join me but it cannot arrive here to take part in any action tonight. I am not in touch with any troops on my right.

455 1635) G 631 From 60th Div.
1450)

Two Btms 180 Bde. moving to AIN ES SIR at 1400 to come under orders 181 Bde.

456 1615) T 1 From I.C. Bde.
1550)

My right 2 Coys 250 yds from top of ridge W. of AMMAN. Can you inform me situation on left.

457 1630) BM 137 From 2nd Bde.
15 10)

Enemy heavily counter-attacked left flank & drove it back but we are now holding in a good position. Our right has been heavily shelled.

458 1640 G 424 To 2nd Bde.

There is no question of retirement. You must hold on & protect the infantry flank Send Staff Officer to see Inf. Brigadier & in conjunction with him select & strengthen a position which you can hold to protect the infantry flank during the night if necessary.

459 1645 G 423 To 181 Bde.

The two remaining Btms of your Bde. have been relieved of duty at ES SALT. Suggest asking for these Btms to be placed at your disposal to be in position of readiness E. of SWEILEH by tomorrow morning.

460 1715 G 427 To D.C. Detach-
ment 180 Bde.

As soon as your Btms have sufficient rest march on by the AIN ES SIR - AMMAN road to where you will find D.H.Q. about T.2.C Send on officer to report your arrival to 142 Y.2.C. You should not arrive later than 0500 tomorrow March 29th.

461 1715 G 428 To 181 Bde.

Two Btms 180 Bde. moving to AIN ES SIR at 1400 today to come under your orders on arrival & have instructed them to move up AIN ES SIR - AMMAN Road to a position West of our D.H.Q. at 142 T.2.C.

462 1725) SC 439 From Camels.
1620)

Can you give location 181 Bde. H.Q.

463 1735) GB 161 To 60th Divn.
1635-)

Am ordering up two Btms. 180 Bde. from AIN ES SIR.

464 1715) BM 144 From N.Z.M.R.
1635)

4th Btn. I.C. Bde. & A.M.R. have advanced their line 500 yds but are still unable to take hill. there is no fire directed on hill 3039 except by section of Battery with us.

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465	1725	G 429	To 181st Bde.	Regt on your left is not withdrawing but has been driven back a certain distance taken up position & holding on there. Will send one Sqdn. to link up with your right. Please report later whether you consider it better to advance under cover of darkness instead of waiting until tomorrow morning when three extra Btns. (one from your Bde. & two from 180th Bde) will be available also guns are short of ammn. until supply is available tonight.	
466	1730	GB 162	To I.C. Bde.	Repeat 464.	
467	1740) 1720)	BM 128	From 2nd Bde.	No Cav. can be seen now on left flank but Infantry counter-attack was pressed with great determination.	
468	1740	G 430	To 2nd Bde.	Send Sqdn. now in reserve to link up between right of Infantry & left of your right two Sqdns. one of the latter may be withdrawn into reserve.	
469	1740) 1640)	BM 139	From 2nd Bde.	O.P. to N. reports all clear. Our left flank being shelled.	
470	1740) 1645)	BM 140	From 2nd Bde.	If reqd. can we have artillery support on left flank.	
471	1740) 1730)	BM 141	From 2nd Bde.	Right Flank of 7th now about W.20.c. During counter-attack touch was lost with Inftry left. Bde. Major. & C.O. 7th have now gone to interview Inf. Brigadier with view to reestablishing touch.	
472	1745	GB 163	To I.C. Bde.	(462) Could point it out to a representative if he came to D.H.Q.	
473	1745	GK 690	To 4 Bdes. A.D.M.S. "A"	As no report recd. from aeroplane a strong defensive line will be put out in line already held with intention of renewing attack tomorrow morning. B.G.C. 2d L.H. Bde. will adjust his line to 181 Bde. & will send a staff officer to make necessary arrangements. Patrols will be pushed out during night to feel enemy line. 2nd L.H. Bde. will push out patrols northwards to get timely warning of any enemy attempt to work round left flank. Ack.	
474	1825	GK 692	To N.Z.M.R.	The right of the Camel Bde. is now at about C.6. on hill West of AMMAN. You must push forward & get into touch with his right otherwise he must withdraw across the Wady. Gen. Smith will send across another coy. to ensure there being no gap. He will also send an officer to your left to point out position of his right.	
475	1840) 1750)	BM 142	From 2nd Bde.	A Sqdn. 5th L.H. pushed forward about 400 yds from white ridge indicated to Gen. CHAYTOR bearing 1200 from B.H.Q. Enemy appears to be reinforcing breastworks & sangars.	
476	1900	GB 168	To Mjr. Henry I.C.Bde.	Can any of southern demolition party explain column of smoke to South today which appeared to come from a train.	
477	1935) 1850)	BM 188	From 181 Bde.	I do not consider that an advance tonight by my two battalions alone is advisable after their casualties today and advance in daylight even with three other Battns will entail heavy losses in view of inadequate artillery proposed approaches I would prefer to delay attack until tomorrow night when incoming Battns have rested & reconnected.	

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478	1935	GB 169	To 181 Bde.	O.C. 2nd Btms. 180 Bde. has reported here Expect the column will arrive in this vicinity about midnight. They will bivouac 1/2 mile North of these H.Qrs.	
479	1950) 1815)	BM 145	From 2nd Bde	B Sqdn. 5th L.H. has gone out to establish touch with infantry right & left of A Sqdn. 5th L.H. propose to withdraw into reserve C Sqdn. 5th L.H. which is holding ridge North of Wadi opposite round tower. Will I.C.C. Bde. establish touch with right flank of A Sqdn. 5th L.H.	
480	1955	GB 170	To 181 Bde.	What were your casualties today please,	
481	2000	GB 171	To 2nd L.H. Bde.	Where is right flank A Sqdn. 5th L.H. Regt.	
482	2020) 1936)	BM 90	From 181 Bde	Understand from 60th Div. that 2 Btn 180 Bde. are en route to join me via AIN ES SIR. Can you arrange to guide them from AIN ES SIR. I have no one who knows this route.	
483	2115) 2105)	BM 146	From 2nd Bde	(481) Approx. V.5.B.	
484	2025	GB 172	To 181 Bde.	(482) Arranged as in our GB 169.	
485	2035) 2000)	BM 648	From Maj. Henry.	Enquiries being made.	
486	2115	GB -	To I.C. Bde.	Are you in touch with right of 2nd Bde. in Y.5.B. If not try to gain touch with them. They have "A" Sqdn. 5th Regt. in above location.	
487	2150) 2050)	BM 146	From 2nd Bde.	Sit. report approximately left flank 6th L.H. W.17.B. to 18.G. then 7th L.H. 24.B. to 29.B. then a gap to infantry about 31.1 (Col. Browne is consulting with B.G.C. 181 Bde. regarding gap) thence to Infantry right in Y.6.B. then 5th L.H. then one Sqdn. Y.5.B. then one Sqdn. W.24.B. then one Sqdn. Y.4.E. and troop 6th L.H. & 2 M.G at tower in Y.4.A. then B.H.Q. W.26.B. with Sig. Troop demolition party & 2 M.G. 7th L.H. have 37 rifles & 6th L.H. 60 rifles in firing line.	
488	2110) 2020)	CA 346	From Adv. Aeronautic	Tactical reconnaissance from Jericho 1620 -1750 reports. AMMAN viaduct & tunnel appears intact. Our troops observed as follows. 300 Cav. in Y.17.B. Y.17.D. Y.18.D. 100 Cav. in Wadi X.3 ZA aaa 400 cav. in Y.5.B. Heavy rifle experienced from AMMAN and station. 60 R.S. approx, in Station. Train & covered trucks 1 engine facing N. one mile North of Station. About 1000. troops mounted & dismounted in Wadi AMMAN in X.28 approx. unable to say if ours or enemy. 4 bombs dropped on AMMAN Stn. & camp 50 M.G. rounds fired on station from 2000 ft. Shells observed bursting at W.36. approx. No enemy movement observed outside 2 miles of AMMAN. Observation poor. Height 5000 ft. Ref. Map 1/63,300 Square 142.	
489	2350	G 431	To 3 Bdes, A 181 Bde. A.D.M.S.	Ref. GK 690 will not now be continued at 0730. 181 Bde. will take up line between right of 2nd L.H. Bde. & left of I.C.C. Bde. The right of the Bde. to be extended so as to relieve 2 Sqdns 5th L.H. Regt. B.G.C. 2nd L.H. Bde. will withdraw 2 Sqdns 5th L.H. Regt. for use on Northern flank. 1 Sqdn. will be left to link up between 181 & I.C. Bde.	

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489	contd.			I.C. Bde. will drop back to line held this morning. N.Z.M.R. Bde. to link up with right of I.C. Bde. A strong line will be taken up & strengthened frequent patrols will be sent to feel enemy. G.O. C. would like Bgdrs. to meet him at D.H. Q. at 0930 tomorrow March 29th. unless enemy action prevents attendance when representative will be sent. Ack.
490	2355	GK 691 To 3 Bdes.		All ranks to be warned against enemy attempting to direct our fire or surprise us by shouting in English and appearing dressed in our uniform.
491	2330	SP 268 From 2/17 Lond. Regt.		2/17 & 2/18 Btns bivouaced in areas allotted. Approx strength altogether 900 all ranks. Two runners report herewith & will stay if required.
492	0005	GB 173 To I.C. Bde.		
493	0013) 1835)	G 688 From 60th Div.		R.F.C. report that bridge which has been destroyed is 3/400 yds N. of bridge in X.11.D. 1 engine & 4 R.S. South of gap & 6 R.S. to North about 100 to North about 100 to 150 infantry in between. R.F.C. instructed to ascertain nature of large fire burning South & destroyed bridge.
494	0010) 2305)	G 694 From 60th Div.		Somerset Batty R.H.A. has been ordered to join your force via ES SALT. The Bty. left NIMRIN at 1900 this evening.
495	0030	GB 170 To 181 Bde.		2/17 & 2/18 Arrived in bivouac 1/2 mile West of here. approx. Strength all told 900.
496	0145) 1730)	T/60 From C.R.A.		In accordance with instructions from R.A 60th Div. Somerset R.H.A. leaving SHUNET NIMRIN 1900 to night 29th & proceeding to AMMAN. Section B.A.C. leaving SHUNET NIMRIN 2300 tonight & proceeding ES SALT
497	0215) 0105)	BM 192 From 181 Bde.		Following received from 60th Divn. begin -s. transmit to Anzacs. Begin send hourly progress reports after 0200 tomorrow. including progress of demolition. ends.
498	0240) 0025)	BM 94 From 181 Bde.		Following message from 60th Div. begins Inform Anzacs GXOOD information enemy is ordering position behind WADI AMMAN Ref. Map 250/000. to be taken up looks like withdrawal push on tonight. ends.
499	0540) 0005)	BD 93 From 181 Bde.		At 2230 enemy counterattacked left of Bde. line & were driven off.
500	0700) 0300)	IG 129 From 20th Cps		R.F.C. report 0730. KERAK 1 gun firing from town. KUTRAWI Station 30 Cav. in Wadi 1 mile west 200 inf. 50 Cav. scattered 70 tents. KALAT DABAA 3 R.S. ZIZA 3 R.S. KASTAL 6 R.S. 30/40 men on Rly. line 1 mile South of Station.
501	0700) 1500)	AC 284 From No 1 LCP.		Retired from position on AMMAN Road Q.24.A. as ordered yesterday to ES SALT at 1500 waiting there for orders.
502	0720) 0700)	BM 161 From N.Z.M.R.		All patrols report enemy still holding same position as yesterday.
503	0735	GB 174 To 60th Div.		Arab who came through Turk lines report DJEMAL PASHA at AMMAN yesterday. & could not get away as line was cut thence enemystrong resistance.
504	0745	GB 176 To 60th Div.		Situation unchanged.
505	0745	GB 177 To No L.C.P.		Reconnoitre ES SALT AMMAN Road if possible you should come through to about 142 W.27.D. D.H Q. are at 142 Y.2.c.

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506	0800) 0725)	BM 150 From 2nd Bde.	Sit. normal. A number of Arabs have offered their services & we have asked them to go to the broken bridge N. of AMMAN and harass any attempts at re-building or detrainning. They have promised to do this & state there will be several hundred of them.	
507	0805	GB 189 To 60th Div..	Sit. 0800 N.Z.M.R. Bde. still held up by fire from right. I.C.C. Bde. being enfiladed from left with rifle fire. Position of I.C. Bde. is on ridge just W. of AMMAN village. Right Battn. infy less two coys with I.C. Bde. still unplaced and out of touch with Bde. Left Battn making good progress S. of WADI RUAK towards WADI AMMAN & have taken 135 prisoners 1 officer prisoner states 3400 Turks & 300 Germans at AMMAN No intention of retiring. 2nd L.H. Bde. patrolling to North. All quiet. Our attack surprised enemy. demolition party not yet able to get at Rly.	
508	0815) 0755)	BM 151 From 2nd Bde.	Our extreme left flank reports an enemy post of about 50 men established in an old castle about 1500 yds to North East of them & other small bodies seem to be making up that way also.	
509	0910) 0800)	BM 657 From Camel.	Sit. report. Nothing to report on right of line. Trenches about green field astride road have been considerably enlarged. Many enemy observed in them. This trench was pointed out by you yesterday.	
510	0920) 0915)	BM 654 From Camels	Large column of Turks moving South on Northern slopes of hill 3039.	
511	0920	GB 178 To Maj. HENRY	Please furnish report giving details of demolition carried out on 27th inst.	
512	0930	GB 179 To 181 Bde.	Repeat 510.	
513	0930	GB 180 To N.Z.M.R. Bde.	Ref. GB 179 if necessary you will drop back across the Wadi AMMAN on the right of the Camel Bde.	
514	1040	BM 283 From 181 Bde.	Will you instruct OSC 2/18 & 2/17 Lond R. to report at B.H.Q. in approx W.33.c. at 1100 this morning.	
514A	1040	BM 154 From 2nd Bde.	Left flank report a train steamed from North to about 6 miles from AMMAN at 0930. Troops can now be seen marching but in what direction not ascertainable on road about 5 miles from AMMAN. Our post close to Round Tower reports about 100 Cavalry enemy infy. moving E. over hill, across Wadi AMMAN bearing 15° from round tower & also others withdrawing in ones and twos from immediate front.	
515	1055	GB 181 To A.A. & Q.M.G.	2nd L.H. Bde. have just rung up to know if there is any possibility of them getting their baggage camels & transport up from SHUNET NIMRIN. They urgently require rifles, oil, signal cable, Stationery (message forms &c) which are with the camel & transport.	
516	1110	GX 50 To 3 Bdes. 181 Bde.	B.G.C. 181 Bde. will relieve Sqdn 5th L.H. Regt. now between him & the I.C. Bde. with 2 platoons Infy. he will also hold Sqdn. W.M.R. now with him ready to rejoin their own Bde.	
517	1120	GB 182 To I.C. Bde.	Two enemy guns can be distinctly seen from here. Could you send an artillery	

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517	Contd.			observer here to see if it is possible for the H.K.S. Bty. to get on to them. Prisoners already reported to you 2 Offs. 160 O/Rs. & 4 O/Rs. further to this 3 Off 76 O/Rs. have been taken 27, 28 making total 245. Prisoners taken by A.M.R. previously are not included in this total.
518	1130	GI 84 To 60th Divn.		Body of enemy troops estimated 100 seen marching down white road close to aerodrome into Wadi towards AMMAN.
519	1140) 1129)	BM 155 From 2nd Bde.		Repeat 519.
520	1145	GB 153 To N.Z.M.R. I.C Bde. 181 Bde.		Another body enemy at least 100 coming by white road near aerodrome.
521	1210) 1200)	BM 156 From 2nd Bde.		Repeat 521.
522	1215)	GB 184 To N.Z.M.R. I.C Bde. 181 Bde.		My left Btn reports that about six or seven hundred Turks are working round his left flank. 7th L.H. on his left are about 1200 yds from him. He also reports that enemy is showing some activity on his right flank apparently in approx. Y.11.B.
523	1215) 1206)	BM 97 From 181 Bde.		My left Btn. is being outflanked from the North & is suffering severe casualties. The whole line is liable to be cut off if Turks work further round. May I withdraw at once to line held yesterday.
524	1305) 1236)	XM 99 From 181 Bde.		Wire from Div. begins. Transmit to General Chaytor following message begins. From information received imperative AMMAN should be taken today. This must be done. ends. Report situation at once. to your information.
525	1240) 1212)	G 665 From 181 Bde.		Ref. your BM 99 & XM 99 if situation very acute drop back on proposed line otherwise hold on where you are.
526	1310	GB 175 To 181 Bde.		Left flank of Inftry being attacked from the North & suffering casualties possibly may have to drop back short distance enemy also show activity about Y.11.B. Two columns one about 200 men & one partly pack animals partly men 250 yds long marched into AMMAN STA. about 1200.- 1230 respectively, Enemy very quiet over all other parts of front. 2 Btms 180 Bde. arrived last night & camped Y.5.B. 6th & 7th Regts had fairly severe casualties yesterday during enemy counter-attack. H.K. Mtn Bty. very short of ammunition which is expected tonight. Your G 665 arrangements will be made when G.O.C. returns from reconnaissance. Cauntry is drying rapidly & wheels could go anywhere after two more dry days.
527	1320	GB 176 To 60th Divn.		Carry out reconnaissance with a view to pressing home attack this afternoon or after dark.
528	1327	GB 177 To N.Z.M.R.		Ref. GB 177 hour of attack will be between sundown & moonrise exact time will be notified later. G.O.C. N.Z.M. R. Bde. need not come to D.H.Q.
529	1405	GB 178 To N.Z.M.R.		O.Cs. companies to act with Camel Bde should visit camel B.H.Q. as soon as possible
530	1410	GB 179 To 181 Bde.		

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531	1445	G 443	To 60th Div. (by pigeon)	to reconnoitre & if required they will be directed on from here. G.O.C. visited left flank & found Turks reinforcing there but position not as serious as reported. Casualties in 2nd L.H.Bde. were not so serious as estimated yesterday. May aeroplane reconnoitre bridge destroyed by us 5 miles N. of AMMAN also roads North & S. There has been a large fire burning for 3 days in the South which we cannot get report on.	
532		GA 348	From Adv. Aeronautic.	Tactical reconnaissance from Jericho 0600-0920 reports. 0630 message picked up from Anzacs D.H.Q. IN W.25.D. asking for reconnaissance of roads & Rly N. & S. of AMMAN. Apparently no change in position & numbers of our troops between AMMAN & R.23. FK Sign in W.26.B. 0820 picked up second message from Anzac D.H.Q. Stating his disposition this message dropped on 60th Divn. at 0855. AMMAN - NAAUR Road 1 horseman B.16 - No other movement. No movement on roads running N. & E. from AMMAN. KISSIR Stn. An aeroplane on line 100 yds N. of Station apparently Hun - no damage observed to railway here. 1½ miles N. of KISSIR Stn. 2 men with horses apparently working on line. Line destroyed at Stn. 2 miles S. of AMMAN about J.1.B. This is probably taken for KISSIR Sta. by troops on ground. Tunnel & viaduct in Z.15. intact. Our troops holding line running E. & W. through Z.14. Turks holding 50 yds shallow earthworks running N.E. & S.W. through Z.7.c. 27.B. - rifle pits & shallow earth works - might hold 100 rifles. Rifle fire experienced here - 300 Turks in circular position previously reported in Z.1.C. a & b. 200 Turks in Wadi. 32.A. 300 yds trench in Y.12.B. overlooking road apparently unoccupied. All coordinates are in reference to AMMAN (Y.12.B.) aaa X.11.D. railway bridge destroyed. Train stationary engine facing N.10 R.S. - steam up - 18 miles N. of AMMAN. 300 men near bombed & Machine gunned from 800' bombs dropped 30 yds from train & men scattered. Heavy rifle & M.G. fire experienced. Men apparently entraining. AMMAN 30 R.S. in Station but no movement or engines observed. No movement of our troops observed E. of railway. 70 rounds M.G. fired - 4 bombs dropped. Height 6000' Observation good. Ref. Map 1/63,360 Sq. 142.	
533	1525	GB 181	To I.C. Bde.	Two Coy leaders 2/18th Lond. Battrn reporting to you herewith & come under your orders.	
534	1535	GX 51	To 2nd Bde.	R.F.C. report timed 1500 reports about 300 troops in WADI between town & X.22.	
535	1540	GB 180	To 3 Bdes 181 Bde.	AMMAN will be attacked tonight at an hour to be notified later between sunset & moonrise. B.G.Cs. camel 181st, 2nd L.H. Bde. will meet Div. Comdr. at D.H.Q. at 1600.	

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536	1640) 1620)	BM 165	From N.Z.M.R.	Position over which A.M.R. & camels have to attack 3039 is open clear ground dominated by many Machine Guns & by three entrenched lines in succession & held by at least 500 Turks. Both flanks are also strongly protected do not think an attack on the position unless there is heavy artillery support has any chance of success.	
537	1645) 1630)	JDH	From R.E. Camel Bde.	Have been unable to get any information regarding cause black column of smoke observed 27th & 28th to S.E.	
538	1645) 1615)	JDH	From R.E. Camels	Total railway destroyed by demolition party 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ miles including three large culverts & two small culverts. Points on both ends of loop at ABU ALANDA also destroyed.	
539	1645	GB 185	To All Units.	AMMAN will be attacked tonight. Our troops move off to attack from position of deployment 0200 March 30th. Objectives N.Z.M.R. Bde. Hill 3039. I.C. Bde. Eastern end of spur in their immediate front overlooking AMMAN & trenches on it. 181 Inf. Bde. group two right companies end of citadel spur Remainder eastern bank of Wadi AMMAN. After reaching objective Bdes will get into communication with D.H.Q. without delay. On reaching objectives Bdes. will at once re-organise & strengthen positions. Reconnaissance for a further advance at dawn will be made & preparations for artillery support for this advance. The 2nd L.H. Bde. will protect the Northern flank of the infantry. They will push patrols Northward & from 0.230 onwards will endeavour to attract attention to themselves. The B.G.C. 181 Bde. will place two companies at the disposal of I.C. Bde. for the attack. He will also detail one Coy which will be a Divnl. reserve the O.C. to report to D.H.Q. by 1800 today March 29th. The B.G.C. I.C. Bde. will leave the Btn at present on the right of N.Z.M.R. Bde. at the disposal of B.G.C. N.Z.M.R. Bde. for the attack. Demolition parties will be ready to march down & commence work on orders from D.H.Q. Until objectives are reached there will be no firing except by 2nd L.H. Bde. D.H.Q. Ack. Orders being sent you as to to-nights operations. For the success of the operation you must press the attack with every available man.	
540	1700	GX 54	To N.Z.M.R. Bde.	Ref. your G.665 the attack will commence at 0200 March 30th.	
541	1820	GB 186	To 60th Div.	O.C. Section H.K. Battery reports one gun out of action owing to sight being several degrees put.	
542	1830) 1630)	BM 169	From N.Z.M.R.	Arabs report 3 trains arrived AIN EL GHAZAL today from North carrying enemy reinforcements.	
543	1530) 1740)	BM 170	To N.Z.M.R.	Please ack. orders GB 185 of today.	
544	1900	G 431	To N.Z.M.R.	Wire from 60th Div. begins & attack must be made tonight wire particulars our heavy battery being despatched to you & once will take about 24 hrs to reach & you. ends .	
544A	1900) 1840)		From 181 Bde.		

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545	1900	G450	To 2 L.H.Bde. I.C.Bde. 181Bde.	Has your B.G.C. arrived with operation order.	
546	1940	GB 186	To 60th Div.	Have received wire saying heavy Battery being despatched to you will take about 24 hrs to reach you attack must be made tonight. Is time of march of Battery correct. When did it start.	
547	2025) 1930)	BM 101	From 181 Bde.	AMMAN will be attacked tonight. Units will leave positions of deployment at 0200. 30th March. Objectives N.Z.M.R. Bde. Hill 3039. I.C. Bde. Spur to their immediate front overlooking AMMAN. 2/18 Lond.R. has 2 Coys end of citadel Spur. 2/22 Lond.R. S.Eastern bank of Wadi AMMAN to the West of Wady RUAK. 2/17th Lond.R. less 1 Coy will be in support behind 2/22nd Lond R. 2/23 Lond R. & 2/21 Lond. R. with M.G. section attached. & D Coy. 2/21 Lond.R. will remain in present positions (part of message torn off) attacking Btns will reconnoitre for further advance at dawn & artillery will be prepared to support this advance. 2nd L.H. Bde. will protect Northern flank & push patrols northward from 0230 onwards. 2 Coys 2/18 Lond.R. will be at disposal of I.C.C.Bde. for attack. 1 Coy. 2/17 Lond. R. will be in reserve to Anzac Div. Hd. 2/6 Fld Amb. will remain in present position in approx W.33.A. B.H.Q. will be on hill in approx W.33.cent. Ack. GB 186 reed. & understood.	
548	2036) 2030)	SC 116	From N.Z.M.R.		
549	2045) 1840)	G 685	From 60th Div.	Sit. AMMAN not yet taken. 2nd L.H.Bde on left about X.21. but position not clear. Infantry hold line from Y.6.C. to X.31.B. rest of line as in last report. Enemy who had been reinforced attacked left of infantry from the North at 1300 but were beaten off. Situation at ES SALT and on our left remains unchanged. One Btn 158th Bde. has relieved the Battn. 180 Bde. in reserve to 1st L.H. Bde. 180 Bde less 2 Btns are now in reserve at SHUNET NIMRIN.	
550	2140) 2130)	BM 661	From Camels.	B.G.C. was given operation orders at BHQ. at 1630 today.	
551	0500) 0415)	BM 114	From N.Z.M.R.	3039 has been captured.	
552	0500	GK 700	To 60th Divn.	N.Z.M.R.Bde. captured Hill 3039. Being shelled from North. Camel Bde. seen getting close to trenches & firing there has completely died down but no report yet. 181 Bde. left Bty. still held up by M.G. fire on right & still without report from right battalion. 2nd Bde. front quiet. Quiet all along front except opposite infantry. Rain, & fog still heavy.	
553	0600	GK 701	To 60th Div.	N.Z.M.R.Bde. on 3039 meeting opposition from M.Gs. I.C.C.Bde. captured 2 lines of trenches & 12 prisoners in Square 12.A. Still no news from 181 Bde. Their Battys being asked to shell M.Gs. opposing N.Z. M.R. but owing to fog and rain no target at present. Enemy gun still firing at AMMAN.	
554	0600	BM 662	From Camel Bde	Have captured both lines of enemy trenches on spur to our front. So far 10 prisoners brought in.	

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555	0630) 0600)	BM 102	From 181st Bde.	Situation 0620. 2/22nd Lond.R. making good progress & have taken 20 prisoners. Out of touch with 2/18 Lond.R.	
556	0700	GB 188	To 60th Div.	Sit. 0700. N.Z.M.R.Bde. have asked for artillery to fire on Square 28.a & b. No further report from I.C.Bde Infty. making good progress on left & have taken 20 prisoners still no communication with their right Battn. Owing to awful state of roads making move by wheels impossible may all caicolet camels available be sent here to remove cases. Very heavy rain here G.O.C. wishes pressure to be kept on enemy all along the line with object of driving enemy North & E. of AMMAN Stn.	
557	0710	GK 702	To 60th Divn.	2/22 Lond.R. have captured 135 prisoners. Officer prisoner states 3400 Turks & 1 German Btn. of about 300 round AMMAN who were surprised by our attack. They were told reinforcements would probably be coming to help them in a day or two. Sit. unchanged since my BM 102.	
558	0820	GK 703	To 3 Bdes. 181 Bde.	Left post worked along Wadi AMMAN & entered AMMAN. They now hold position on edge of Wadi in Y.12.d. covering AMMAN. Prisoners now starting to arrive will advise later.	
559	0820	BM 103	From 181 Bde.	Sit. 2/22 Lond.R. astride motor road facing East & about 500 yds from CITADEL. Still out of touch with 2/18 Lond.R. 1 Coy. 2/17 Lond.R. is being moved to link up with 2/ 22 Lond. R. right. Enemy are now counter-attacking left of our line & along W.36.D.	
560	0835) 0745)	BM 177	From N.Z.M.R.	Sit. 0900. N.Z.Bde. working along Wadi AMMAN & entered AMMAN village. Now hold position on edge of Wadi Y.12.D. covering AMMAN. Report prisoners starting to arrive. I.C.C. Bde. still unable to make further progress. Infty. were heavily counter-attacked & driven off. 2nd L.H. Bde. attacking on left of infantry. Somerset Batty has arrived & about to come into action. Still no change of demobilition parties starting on viaduct & tunnel.	
561	0830) 0845)	BM 104	From 181 Bde.	Ref. my BM 104 enemy counter attacked left of my line in approx. W.36.D. at 0830 & obtained temporary lodgment on hill. My Btn. immediately counter-attacked & retook hill with heavy loss to the enemy taking 20 prisoners Situation on my left very acute & must ask for assistance from 2nd L.H. Bde.	
562	0910	GB 190	To 60th Div.	N.Z. Bde. report post worked along Wadi AMMAN & entered AMMAN village they now hold edge of Wadi in Y.12.D. covering AMMAN. Prisoners starting to arrive & Somerset Batty has just arrived.	
563	0925) 0900)	BM 106	From 181 Bde.		
564	0920	GB 191	To 2nd Bde. I.C. Bde. 181 Bde.		

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565	0940) 0930)		From N.Z.M.R.	Artillery wanted at once highest point hill 3039.	
566	0940) 0750)	BM 178	From N.Z.M.R.	Following prisoners being sent in. One Officer 4th Div. 38 O/Ranks. all Turk	
567	0930	GX 56	To 2nd Bde.	Enemy counter-attacked left of Infantry who immediately re counter-attacked inflicting heavy loss on enemy. Taking 20 prisoners. Situation still very acute. You must do all you can to help N.Z.M.R. Bde. heavily counter-attacked on 3039 enemy concentrating on eastern slopes of hill. First attack beaten off but another in progress. Prisoners taken by Bde. 1 Off. 38 O/Rs. All Turk of 48th Divn. I.C.C. Bde. no further progress. 2 Offs. 25 O/Rs. of 17th Depot Regt. No further report from Infantry of 2nd Bde. Demolition parties still unable to work. From observation Turkish counter attack directing against 3039 was dispersed by artillery fire. Send 25000 rds. of ammn at once. Guide on way in.	
569	1010) 0935)	SG 1	From N.Z.M.R.	Enemy delivering heavy counter-attack on hill 3039. At present being held up No artillery support yet received. Our Section 7 H.K. Bty. out of Ammn. 10 more prisoners captured.	
570	1010) 0950)	BM 181	From N.Z.M.R.	Turks are heavily counter attacking on both flanks & fighting is very severe We shall require all possible caicolets & sand carts to deal with casualties & there will be a very great expenditure of Ammn. both S.A.A. & 13 pdr. It will not be possible to send back the I.C. Bde. under present circumstances. The fight is so far in our favour but progress slow. 215 prisoners have been taken so far. The attack has however to be carried out over very deep Wadis & boggy ground against well placed M.Gs. & enemy in well sited trenches, or sangars. He has counter attacked three times this morning but all were unsuccessful. No possibility of demolition party starting at present.	
571	1010	GK 704	To 60th divn.	Enemy continuing to press attack against my Northern flank which has now been reinforced by 1 Coy. Situation on right satisfactory except that there is considerable sniping possibly from bedouins.	
572		BM 110	From 181st Bde.	Could you please give us progress report of I.C.C. Bde. & 181 Bde.	
573	1020) 1000)	BM 182	From N.Z.M.R.	6th Regt. on left flank state they are being attacked. Orders have been given that this attack must be held at all costs & every effort made to get on enemys flank & drive him back.	
574	1020) 0949)	BM 176	From 2nd Bde.	Section H.K. & S. Bty. with N.Z.M.R. Bde out of ammn. If possible please send some over. Wire coordinates of line held by you. 225 prisoners have been taken since 0200.	
575	1020	G 460	To I.C.C. Bde.	N.Z.M.R. Bde. have taken 10 more prisoners they are expecting another counter attack on their right. Infantry have advanced slightly on right but	
576	1115	G 461	To 60th Div.		

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576 contd.				their left which has been reinforced by 1 Coy. is still being pressed by enemy. Somerset Bty has arrived & is in action on this flank.	
577	1115) 1026)	BM 111	From 181 Bde.	The Somerset Bty. has just reached me & is in action to support my Northern flank. It cannot get position sufficiently advanced to reach hill 3039.	
578	1115) 0915)	BM 107	From 181 Bde.	Enemy have repeated attacks in large numbers against my Northern flank which is being outflanked & forced back on to the Southern bank of Wadi RUAK in approx W.34.B. & 35.A. Have already ordered forward a reserve Coy to reinforce the flank.	
579	1112) 1520)	BM 110	From 181 Bde.	Enemy continuing to press attacks against my Northern flank which has now been reinforced by 1 Coy X ? Same as 572.	
580	1135) 1128)	BM 167	From 2nd Bde.	Wire from Gen. KYRIE at 7th L.H.Qrs. begins We have 7 M.Gs. 4 hotchkiss & 20 rifles firing now on infantry hill & have ordered post on our left to turn on 2 M.Gs. & 2 Hotchkiss. It should not be safe to take men out of the line.	
581	1140) 1105)	BM 663	From Camel Bde	Present line. Y.12.B. & A. Cannot send more amm. to H.K.s. Section with N.Z. Bde. until fresh supply arrives.	
582	1145) 1120)	SC 469	From Camel.	Ref. my BM 663 of today. 56 rds. were sent to section H.K.S. Bty. with N.Z.M.R. this morning.	
583	1150) 0845)	BM 105	From 181 Bde.	Continuation my BM 103 2/22 Lond. R. have also captured 3 M.Gs.	
584	1150	-	To N.Z.M.R.	Inftry. right is on CITADEL hill where position is satisfactory. Their left is being heavily shelled counter attacked at 1100 but Somerset Bty. has come into action here a reserve Coy was ordered up & 2nd Bde. gave support. I.C.Bde present line Y.12.B. & A. report they cannot send any more amm. to H.K. Section until fresh supply arrived this is expected at any time.	
585	1150) 1100)	BM 112	From 181 Bde.	Am now in touch with 2/18 Lond. R. on Spur running thro. Y.3. & Y.4. cent. but no report yet recd. from them.	
585A	1110	GK 704	To 60th Div.	Find report of 28th sent you by D.R. puts 7th Regt. X.30.D. and 6th Regt. X.24.D. aaa This is wrong should be 7th W.30.D. and 6th W.24.D. W.18.D. & W.17.C.	
586	1210	G 462	To 60th Div.	N.Z.M.R.Bde. report counter attack attempted by Turks from E. on 3039 taken in flank by 2 troops & did not develop I.C.Bde. line in Square Y.12.A. & B. report lull in front of them but a good deal of movement. 181 Bde. still being attacked from direction W.36.D. but holding off. 2nd L.H.Bde. North of Inftry report attack being made on them but B.G.C. is trying to take this in flank. 2/22 Lond. R. captured 3 M.Gs. in addition to prisoners already reported. Further statements of prisoners say enemy was reinforced by 2000 men yesterday & more reinforcements are expected. Four 15 cm guns are reported to have reached northern side of break in Rly.	

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587	1230	GX 57	To 3 Bdes. I.C.C. Bde.	Should our aeroplane fly over be sure & show flags in order that observer can report exact position of our front line	
588	1230) 1210)	BM 15	From 181 Bde	Situation on left flank is now quiet	
589	1235) 1132)	BM 170	From 2nd Bde	We have put a heavy barrage of M. Gun & Hotchkiss fire on inftry. left & do not think that any counter attack can now make much progress there. On rest of our line there are a considerable number of enemy who have only sniped so far for the most part. 6th Regt. line report about 120 Turks with pack mules moving from AMMAN towards our left. We are watching for them.	
590	1240) 1130)	SM 113	From 181 Bde	Ref. my BM 106 a prisoner states a new Brigade arrived from DAMASCUS yesterday.	
591	1240) 1200)	BM 183	From N.Z.M.R	One troop C.M.R. patrolled through AMMAN They were fired on by native population This troop has now withdrawn to a position in Wadi W. of AMMAN.	
592	1320	G 461	To 60th Div.	Sit. report. Everything quiet except for continuous heavy enemy pressure in & about W.36. Also pressure N. of W.36. against 2nd L.H. de. One Troop C.M.R. patrolled through AMMAN were fired on by native population withdrew to a position in Wadi West of AMMAN.	
593	1325) 1250)	BM 116	From 181 Bde	Continuation my BM 112. 2/18 Lond.R. report they are in approx. Y.5.C. & in touch with I.C.C. on right & with 2/22nd Lond. T. on left flank.	
594	1345) 1200)	G 714	From 60 Div.	report general sit. at 1300. In view of further reinforcements believed to be coming from North do you consider you can destroy viaduct & tunnel today or tonight.	
595	1355) 1145)	G 713	From 60th Div.	Reliable information states 200 enemy troops with 2 M.Gs. moving from broken bridge to AMMAN by road this morning.	
596	1350	GK 703	To 60th Div	Ref. G 714. No. Turks hold very strong position covering viaduct & tunnel	
597	1415	GK 705	To 60th.	No. repeat 596 (code).	
598	1450) 1405)	BM 117	From 181 Bde.	2/18 Lond.R. will assault the citadel at 1500 under cover of artillery bombardment 2/22nd Lond. R. will cooperate by pushing forward on the North of the Road. Bombardment will commence at 1450 & cease at 1500. Infantry will commence to advance at 1450.	
599	1450	GK 706	To 60th Divn.	General situation. Enemy centre very strong & our troops unable to make headway. Enemy have counter attacked hill 3039 three times & continually on left about W.36.D. All attacks beaten off but continuous pressure kept up against our left running North from W.36.D. Enemy have 12 guns in action. Prisoners report all reinforcements come and are coming marching from the blown up bridge. German reported opposite W.36.D. Propose if situation does not change to bring N.Z.M.R. Bde. across Wadi AMMAN after dark reinforce my left & attack enemys right with view of destroying Northern bridges on Rly. Our line at present Z.21.C. Z.22 B.	

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599	Contd.			Z.14.C. Z.13.B. Z.7.C. AMMAN village Y.12.A. B. Y.5.D. Y.6.A.-C. W.36.D.-B., W.30.D.-B. W.24.D-B W.18.D.-A. W.12.C.-A. Infty. just attacking citadel about Z.6.D.	
600	1550	G 465	To 60th Div.	Enemy centre very strong our troops held up 3 C -Attacks against 3039 & 3 on our left repulsed but enemy - Repeat 599 (code).	
601	1555	G 462	To N.Z.M.R.	As soon as it was dark you will drop back with your whole Bde. including camel Btn. across the Wadi AMMAN to a position in rear of D.H.Q. about 142. T.5. Camel Btn. will rejoin its Bde. on arrival there. Post in Southern flank overlooking the MADEBA road will stay in position for the night being relieved by the Camel Bde. in the morning.	
602	1600) 1548)	G 702	From 60th Div.	Hold one Btn in readiness to join 181 Bde. after 1200 when ordered. 179 Bde. to ack. addsd. 179 Bde.	
603	1610	G 464	To 60th Divn.	Our Infantry attack on Y.6.D. appears not to have succeeded. N.Z.M.R.Bde. on 3039 being severely shelled.	
604	1700	GB 195	To 60th Div.	Inf. attack held up by enfilade fire from right & left. N.Z.M.R. still being shelled.	
605	1700	GX 60	To 181 Bde.	If all quiet on your front can B.G.C. come over to see Gen. CHAYTOR now.	
606	1720) 1345)	GA 679	From DesCorps.	1/1st South Notts Hussars & 1/1st Warwickshire Yeomanry change places with 7th & 5th Mtd. Bde. from midnight March 31st. but no move will take place. Following move will take place under instructions to be issued by the D.A & Q.M.G. Aus.Div. leave BELAH April 1st. Arriving SELMEH April 5th. Yeo. Div. leave SUKEREIR 1st arrive BELAH 2nd. 7th Mtd. Bde. move from GAZA to BELAH. on 2nd & come under orders of Yeo, Div. on arrival. Instructions will be issued later regarding 3rd County of London Yeo, not included in above & now under 20th Corps.	
607	1720) 1000)	G 703	From 60th Div.	Ref. my G. 702. This Btn. will move at once. Report when started. 179 Bde to ack. addsd. 179 Bde.	
608	1800) 1730)	G 727	From 60th Div.	Withdraw tonight. Orders follow.	
609	1810	GK 708	To 4 Bdes. A.D. M.S.	After dark tonight Bdes. will withdraw from their present line as follows. N.Z.M.R.Bde. will move as ordered in G.402. I.C.Bde. will fall back to the line held this morning but will time his move by that of the N.Z.M.R.Bde. so as not to leave their left unprotected. On reaching his new position the two infantry coys now with the B.G.C. I.C.C.Bde. will return to their own Bde. an officer being sent to D.H.Q. for directions. The 181 Infty. Bde. will fall back to the line held this morning withdrawal to begin at 1900. The 2nd L.H.Bde. will hold their present line adjusting their right to the 181 Inf. Bde. as it falls back.	

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610	1830	GK 707	To 60th Div.	Persistent shelling of N.Z.M.R.Bde. on Hill 3039. Column of enemy about 300 marched into AMMAN from N. about 1715. Smoke of train reported beyond where blown up bridge is some hours previous. Quiet on rest of front. Total demolition carried out to date 4 1/4 miles of rail 3 large & 2 small culverts 1 two arch bridge and all points crossing in ABU ALANDA Stn. Our line now as follows. W.12.A. 18.A. & C. 24 A&D. 30 B-D. 36.B-D. Y.6.A. Y.5.D. Y.12.A-B. pt.3039 Z.10.B. 21.C.
611	1900) 1754)	G 733	From 60th Div.	Commence withdrawal tonight. One Mtd. Bde. R.H.A. Battery 2/13 Lond. R. to ES SALT. Remainder of your force to NIMRIN by No 4 road in following order. I.C. Bde. straight through tonight. Mtn.Arty Infty. less 2/13 Lond.R. Anzac Div. less 2 Bdes. Mtd. Troops will not leave AIN ES SIR & ES SALT until ordered. They congratulate troops on success obtained & they have done brilliantly. G 733 ackd.
612	1900	GB 196	To 60th Div.	Prisoners sent in today 4 offs. 75 O/Rs making total to date 9 offs. 315 O/Rs. exclusive. about 150 prisoners captured by Infty. today.
613	2000	GI 85	To 60th Div.	
614	2010) 1313)	G 717	From 60th Div.	Adv. East were begins. Reported ammn stored at AMMAN in following houses. Have under horse of YUSIS KHUR SHED. Cave under house of YUSIF EL MAGNSIN. Also in house of EL HAJ OMAR TUSH. G 734 ack. (G 734 code message). Can you ensure that road 4 is quite clear of traffic tomorrow for us. Bde. orders for withdrawal.
615	2125	GB 197	To 60th Div.	On completion of the moves detailed in our GK 708 the further withdrawal of the force will be carried out as follows. The N.Z.M.R. Bde. will take up an out-post line covering AIN ES SIR from the S & E. their left being on the EL FUHEIS AMMAN Road (inc) the Battn 1 I.C?Bde. & Section H.K.S. Bty. at present with N.Z.M.R.Bde. will remain on the road West of Div. H.Qrs. about Square T.5. & rejoin the I.C.Bde. as it moves along the road. The I.C.Bde. will start at 0500 & go by No 4 road direct to SHUNET NIMRIN they will pick up all gear left at the X roads one mile East of AIN ES SIR on the way. The 2 Coys 2/18 Lond.R. & D.H.Q. will follow the Camel Bde. to the X roads. 1 mile E. of AIN ES SIR. The 181 Inf. Bde. with attached units will march by the FUHEIS AMMAN Road his rearguard moving in conjunction with the rest of the 2nd Bde. until reaching the high ground just West of the line now held. The Bde. will then move across at the AIN ES SIR AMMAN Road & bivouac near the X roads 1 mile east of AIN ES SIR. The 2nd L.H.Bde. Somerset Bty & 2/13 Lond.R. march to SWEILEH by the ES SALT AMMAN Road. Gen RYRIE cmdg. 2nd L.H.Bde. will be in command of these units.
616	2130	GB 198	To 60th Divn.	
617	2130) 2025)	BM 121	From 181 Bde.	
618	2230	GK 709	To All Units.	

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618	Contd.			The B.G.C. 2nd L.H.Bde. will move his rearguard in conjunction with that of 181st Inf.Bde. until it reaches the high ground just West of the line now held. The 2nd L.H.Bde. will take up an outpost line covering SWEILEH from the E. his right flank will be in touch with left of N.Z.M.R.Bde. The 2/13 Lond. R. will march in to ES SALT. The 2nd L.H.Bde. will go on to ES SALT when all the wounded at AIN ES SIR have been evacuated. The Anzac Demolition party will march with D.H. Q. whole force will stand to at 0400. From receipt of the order Somerset Bty. R.H.A. will come directly under your orders.
619	2245	GB 199	To 2nd Bde.	Ref. 60 Div. wire G733. Mtd.Bde. & R.H.A. Battery will encamp near ES SALT on ES SALT AMMAN Road. Officer should be sent in advance to these H.Q. J.32.B. on ES SALT NIMRIN Road for instructions.
620	2220	SC 72	From 179 Inf.Bde.	Repeat 620.
621	2250	GB 200	To 2nd Bde.	Only traffic road 4 tomorrow ration convoys for consumption April 1st by troops retiring down that road. wire destination of convoys.
622	0045) 2250)	G 644	From 60th Div.	Ref. this office GA 679 for South North Hussars read Sherwood Rangers.
31/3/18.				GK 709 Ackd. No dates are mentioned in your order. The evacuation of my wounded will not probably be completed before midnight. March 31/Apl.1st.
623	0103)	GA 681	From Des Corps.	Withdraw accordance with my BM 122 commence at 1000.
624	0120) 0100)	BM 125	From 181 Bde.	Ref. your GK 709 the whole of the 2/18th Lond.R. will be bivouaced at their late camp just W. of your H.Qrs. Suggest the whole Btn. withdraw under your orders.
625	0120)	BM 124	From 181 Bde.	Ref. your BM 125 how far back behind your H.Qrs. is your advanced dressing station & when will all wounded be there.
626	0145	BM 126	From 181 Bde.	Ref your BM 125. Last night your Bde. reported that your wounded would be evacuated by 0100 today 31st.March. Why is the extra 24 hrs. now necessary. It is urgent that all casualties be removed behind the ridge in your rear as soon as possible so that rearguard may take up position on that ridge. Ref. your BM 126. Your suggestion agreed to O.C. should be instructed to report here. Will you keep in touch with us by visual.
627	0220	GK 710	To 181 Bde.	No hostile movement this side of AMMAN observed. H. & J Square 127. No hostile troops observed. Bde our Inftry in bivouac at L.6.central 127 approx. Bridge viaduct & Station still intact engine with steam up at Station.
628	0225	GK 711	To 181 Bde.	Early morning. 5 B.Tents seen at P.27. approx. (127) small fire at P.20 (127) 17 Cav. on road at G.19. approx (127) going S. Camp & dump of 14 B.tents & 4 large
629		Aeroplane Message 0600.		
630		Aeroplane Message.		

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630	Contd.			large Square tents at F.10. approx. 30 horses round camp. rifle fire experienced here.	
631	0715 GX 70	To 60th Divn.		D.H.Q. now at AIN ES SIR.	
633	0830) G 755 0801)	From 60th Div.		Forward plan of withdrawal as soon as possible including dates & time of arrival of units at NIMRIN & SALT.	
634	0945 GB 202	To 60th Div.		Sit. 0900 D.H.Q. T.2.C. N.Z. holding outpost line covering SIR from E. & S. head I.C.Bde. passed ES SIR 0710. 17 Lond.R. at 0850 FUHEIS AMMAN road impossible Infty. All remaining Infty. directed SALT road move 2nd Bde. infty. R.H.A. by SALT road delayed by evacuation infty. wounded in view above have you any further orders enemy shelled T.3.D.	
635	1000) G 758 0920)	From 60th Div.		Wire sit. 181 Bde. & route by which they are retiring.	
636	1105 GB 203	To 60th Div.		Proposed in case of enemy attack to draw N.Z. to North so as to concentrate force in AMUD SWEILEH HEMA area thus ensuring any attack up FUHEIS road would not cut off N.Z.Bde. from rest of Divn.	
637	1300 GX 72	To 181st Bde.		Orders have been received that your Bde is to return to SHUNET NIMRIN via AIN ES SIR & No 4 Road. You will therefore move to X roads 1 mile E. of AIN ES SIR where you will Anzacs D.H.Q. aaa Lt.Col FRENCH has gone on to halt the head of the column. Will you please send a Staff Officer to the road junction at SWEILEH to give your camels the required direction,	
638	1300 GX 73	To 2nd Brigade.		You will move on to ES SALT this afternoon with SOMERSET Bty. & the Btn 180 Bde. detailed to accompany you. Send a Staff officer on to report your arrival to Town Commandant at ES SALT Please send an Officer to junction of roads at SWEILEH to see that your camels and those of the SOMERSET Bty. & Infty Btn. accompanying you go on to ES SALT & do not turn off with main column to AIN ES SIR.	
639	1510 G 769 1355	From 60th Div.		Proposal not approved take up strong position with N.Z.Bde. covering No 4 road not necessarily at AIN ES SIR will reinforce you up No 4 road if required. Ration convoys now moving up that road for N.Z. & 181 Bde.	
640	1420) BM 176	From 2nd Bde.		At about what time may we expect to move	
641	1440) GB 206	To 60th Division		181st Bde. 2nd L.H.Bde. now withdrawing to SWEILEH along motor road. 2/18 Lond marched Road four. 1300.	
642	1500 BM 190	From N.Z.M.R.		Outposts report large force of enemy advancing on left flank. Advancing very fast along EL FUHEIS road.	
643	1510 GK 713	To 181 Bde.		Outposts report large force of enemy marching up the EL FUHEIS Road marching very fast.	
644	1535 GB 207	To 60th Divn.		Repeat 643 - Can plane be sent to verify	
645	1545 GB 208	To 60th Divn.		2000 enemy infty. reported advancing up ES SALT road from AMMAN.	
646	1650 BM 193	From N.Z.M.R.		C.M.R. report enemy advancing on wide front. We have ordered A.M.R. out to support C.M.R. When	

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646	Contd.				When compelled to withdraw they will fall back on ridge covering village of ES SIR.
647	1715	GX 75	To 60th Divn.		Enemy advancing on wide front.
648	1740	GB 209	To 60th Divn.		Cannot warn 2nd Bde. whose wireless broken. Inf. here now.
649	1805) 1745)	G 779	From 60th Div.		Report your position.
650	1830) 1820)	G 781	From 60th Div.		In reply GB 209 (code.).
651	1850) 1820)	G 782			Fall back to position covering road about V.5.cent. 7th Lond. being ordered to AIN JERIA.
652	1840	GB 212	To 60th Div.		G 769 & G 782 ack.
653	1855	BM 196	From N.Z.M.R.		C.M.R. report begins. Enemy apparently advancing on wide front along the ES SALT road. No great pressure on front. Patrol to North failed to gain touch with out troops but was fired on & driven back by enemy cavalry.
654	1905	GB 210	To 60th Div.		In reply G 781 One eight one Bde.
655	1920	GB 211	To 2nd Bde.		NZ outpost a force estimated 2000 men advancing on a wide front along ES SALT -T Road & S. of it.
656	2050) 1940)	G 786	From 60th Div.		As 181 Bde. came from North E. or R.32. A. would they not have encountered enemy columns. Did they see them. 2nd L.H. Bde. reported 2 miles W. of SWEILEH moving on ES SALT.
657	2200	GB 212	To N.Z.M.R. 181 Bde.		As soon as camels have cleared the pass 181 Infy. Bde. will follow & will march as far as Square V.5.central where a position will be selected with a view to covering road 4. N.Z.M.R.Bde. will follow the 181st Infy. Bde. & will act as rearguard to the force.
658	2200	G 791	From 60th Div.		D.H.Q. is at present 1/2 mile West of village of AIN ES SIR. Divl. troops will follow 181st Bde. to Square V.5. ack.
659	2308) 2215)	GA 695	From DesCorps		Anzac H.Q. & N.Z.M.R.Bde. will move to -morrow morning to NIMRIN. 181 Bde group to position covering Number four road about V.5.Cent.
660	1/4/18. 0150) 2300)	G 795	From 60th Div.		Please send men of 3rd County of Londo -n Yeo. now with Lt. DAVIES to report to ADMIN. Com. LATRON. Say what day they can reach LATRON.
661	0040	BM 132	From 181 Bde.		Ref. previous message 181 will follow N.Z.
662	0210	GI 101	To 181 Bde.		Order of March of Bde. (illegible)
663	0235	GI 102	To 181st Bde. N.Z.M.R.		Your order of March ackd.
664	0313	GI 103	To 60th Div.		Ref. GB 212 of 31st March 181 Bde will occupy position to be selected about Square V.5. to cover road 4. Anzacs less 2 Bdes & R.H.A. will pass through this line & march to SHUNET NIMRIN this morning.
665	0340) 0310)	G 796	From 60th Divn.		Understand you wish 181 to follow N.Z. when latter have passed V.5.
					Inform 181st Bde. Sqdn. 3rd Regt. is placed under orders 179 on receipt of message.