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Kimi Corps, 1st L.H. Bde, 2nd L.H. Bde, H.Z. Bde, I.C. Bde,
190th Bde, 90th Indian Inf. Bde.

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Summary of Intelligence for period 0900 11/12 to 0900
12/4/19.

0900 Heavy attacks on GHRANISHI Bridghead and out position at
MUSALABH in full swing.

1014. 100 Bde asked if they could see anything (and to report on)
of enemy 4.2 Battery including I.C. Bde Artillery apparently
from M. EL AUJAH EL FOHA and of 50 men reported by aeroplane at
113.T.26.B at 0900. Reply received 1410 no enemy seen from
MUSALABH men at 113.T.26.B, not 100 Bde.

1020 I.C. Bde reports: Right subsector only enemy snipers working
in towards 113.Z.11 1 troop not attacking moving to deal with
them. Left subsector (MUSALABH and South) enemy has withdrawn
to 113.W.31.a.d.d. and is concentrating in WADY W.33.a.d.p.35.a.
34.c and X.3.a.d. enemy 4.2 shelling WADY AUJAH and searching
for Dty, thought to be in W.15.c. fired about 30 rds H.Z., now
enemy Dty reported W.9.a. now being engaged by our heavies,
6th L.H. Regt arrived 0940.

1140 Situation quieter but shelling of bridghead and AUJAH
defences continues intermittently, patrol to TEL EL TRUKY 2.04
reports all clear except for usual small enemy O.P. about
EL FOHA, Patrol to S.E. from Bridghead reports line 127.9.35.c.
to R.14 all clear except for two enemy whom they killed, enemy
astride Road 9 being shelled by our Art. whenever they show up
and 1st L.H. Bde preparing to use their mobility and move against
them.

1210 1st A.L.H. Bde reports: No enemy in front of right sector.
The main strength of the enemy is from WADY HIRIN inclusive to
No 6 Road inclusive, last mentioned patrol captured 2 Mtd men
but killed 2 men (same 2 as in above para) 2 enemy H.Guns on
the WADY HIRIN which can fire down the WADY are giving some
trouble they are just 300 yds from our line and we are trying to
get them with Art., in all 12 prisoners have been captured so far,
1245 we are attempting to envelope this enemy force by moving
3rd L.H. Regt out from the centre of the left sector to get round
the rear of the enemy, at the same time 1 Bdn from right sector
1st L.H. Regt will push out north and East to get in rear of the
force in the WADY HIRIN, at 1250 an intense bombardment by our
Art. of enemy positions will take place, while this enveloping
movement is going on as much fire power as possible will be
delivered from our centre sector, no enemy in front of our left
sector.

1230 H.Z. Bde report post at YEHUD and HAJLA FORDS will be
increased tonight to 1 troop each, have also ordered two boats
at HAJLA FORD to be drawn up on West bank of JORDAN.

1245 1st A.L.H. Bde reports: Enveloping movement has commenced,
centre sector have captured another 2 officers and 10 O/R
prisoners.

1250 I.C. Bde reports: Enemy concentrated 113.W.33.a.d., W.34.a.,
W.33.c.d., W.34.d. and WADY HIRIN MIB X.3.a.d., 4.a.d.,
estimated strength 500, enemy close up under West slopes of
MUSALABH and cannot be reached easily by our Artillery, M.G.
and L.C. positions being reconnoitred and prepared to meet any
attempt of enemy to push in from left near MUSALABH posts 5 & 6
113.Y.10, 51 have had quiet time during the day, only slight
movement on this portion of left subsector, C.O. left Subsector
gives following appreciation, enemy in good position to attack,
he intends to attack MUSALABH but our position is strong,
Heavies engaged 4.2 bty and silenced it, now engaging 77 on Dty
in X.1b.5.5.

1450 H.Z. Bde reports: Patrol carefully reconnoitred JORDAN
from YEHUD to DEAD SEA, no sign of enemy or work, enemy hallo

seen flashing from SHURUT HIRIN in direction of HENRI BORD.
 1515 1st L.H. Bde report:- 5th L.H. Regt held up by heavy H.G. fire
 5000 yds West of SHURUT HIRIN and now withdrawing slowly to
 bivouac, 1st Regt Bde held up by H.G. fire from 197.R.14 & 20 now
 withdrawing, patrol to Q.34 report all clear to the South, enemy
 are still holding WADY HIRIN with 2 H.G. in front of left sector
 centre.

1800 1st L.H. Bde signal 3rd Regt report dismounted enemy advancing
 against them from P.30.c., number could not be estimated owing to
 dense undergrowth, enemy line halted about P.13.d., and 19.a.

1915 I.C. Bde report:- Slight enemy movement southwards observed in
 W.31 & 32, 1400 small parties enemy infantry located moving south on
 tracks in Y.3.a. & 3.b., and W.13.b. 10.7., our Lewis Guns dispersed
 above groups, 18-pdr Bty registered direct hits on each of two
 H.G. emplacements in X.5.a., 4.2. gun reported firing from 113.
 W.2.a located in U.33.d. 5.0., and silenced by Howitzer, Gun target
 seen approaching this position were scattered, at 1800 enemy 77 mm
 opened a destructive fire on HUSSALAH, W.34, 35, 36, our Bty
 engaging Bty., enemy firing ceased, 1st patrol located party of
 30 H.G. and 20 dismounted men and 1 H.G. in Z.6.

1710 1st L.H. Bde report patrol on right sector 1st Regt proceeded
 to 197.R.14 at 0830 and reported all clear returning at 0900,
 patrol to Q.34.b. saw enemy ev. patrol of 2 men capturing 1 and
 killing the other, enemy holding position in brushland P.13 & 19
 in force, several scattered H.G. along W.13, 2 located 1 on
 each bank in O.30.a. - O.30.c. is enemy's right flank just E. of
 NO.6 road in 23.a. but not holding in force, enemy shelled centre
 sector with 1 4.2 gun throughout the day inflicting a few
 casualties, all sectors shelled with 77 mm without inflicting
 material damage total number of prisoners taken 1 Officer 21 O/Rs
 including 6 wounded.

1940 180 Inf. Bde report enemy guns located at 197.P.22.d. cent.
 approx., behind mound S. of road between 20 & 30 flashes observed
 and corresponding bursts over our lines during the hours of 1800
 and 1930.

2030 1st L.H. Bde report:- All clear, 3rd L.H. Regt report concent-
 ration of enemy troops along front in W.13, voices apparently
 Turkish can be heard in front of our centre sector, estimate our
 casualties 6 killed 3 off 50 O/Rs wounded 1 O/R missing, enemy
 casualties estimated about 200 killed.

GHORANIKH Artillery Sector (No. 0) report:-

0730 - 1015 The R.H.A. Bty kept up a rapid rate of fire corrected
 by P.O.S. directed on North bank of W.13, 2
 1030 These Bty maintained a slow rate of fire to form frontal
 barrage for enveloping movement of Light Horse, W.13, 2 searched
 from 4000 yds to 6000 yds.

10th Hvy Bty at 0900 - 0915 firing continued on 4.2. how. in P.30.c.

0900 - 0950 engaged hostile guns in P.30.b.

0915 - 0945 engaged hostile bty in R.16.a. This bty was silenced.

0945 - 1040 Opened fire again on 4.2 how. in P.30.c., 2 other guns
 were also located in this position and their fire neutralized.

1040 - 1130 Engaged hostile bty in R.16.a. at intervals, again
 silencing this bty, from which no firing was observed after 1130.

1145. Re-engaged hostile guns in P.30.b. enemy fire neutralized.

1355. Engaged hostile guns in P.17.b with accurate cooperation,
 fired 3 ranging rds out of which obtained 1.Y. & 3.Zs. Plane sent
 G.L. (or so on) fired 3 more rds on this target without receiving
 any further observations, Airman sending "thanks" at end of shoot.

1415 - 1430 Fired 3 H.E. on gun position in P.17.b.

1450 - 1510 Fired 3 rds T.E. on gun position in P.30.c.

1500 Searched scrub in vicinity of P.37 firing 3 rds H.E.

1525 Fired on transport on road in P.30.b. fired 4 rds H.E.

1550 Engaged hostile Hvy Bty, marching in a northerly direction
 in R.9 fired 3 rds H.E.

1600 Fired on transport and movement on road and surrounding scrub
 in P.30.

1800 Fired 3 rds H.E. on hostile gun firing from P.30.b.

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ALJAH Artillery Sector report:-

0945 80-pds fired 28 H.E. on gun position with aeroplane observation in W.33.d.S.O. Shoot was satisfactory, at 1455 7 rds H.E. fired on same target with aeroplane observation. 1830 A/301 fired on enemy machine gun in X.38.a. Several rds fell within 25 yds of target the crew left gun leaving head Turk with disabled gun. A second m.o. in close proximity with first was removed directly the first was fired on. B & C/301 opened up on their barracks when enemy attacked at 1800 searching and sweeping GREEN HILL and on front of MASSALAH. Both these Btys fired intermittently during the afternoon at group of Turks on GREEN HILL. B/301 in X.30.a. fired on by enemy 77 mm at 1800, no damage. At 0245 enemy 77 mm bty fired on B/301 wagon lines in W. ALJAH killing 11 horses wounding 1 O/R.

Orders and Moves.

At 0930 A.L.H. Bde H.C. Sqdn moved at 0930 to report to I.C. Bde. At 1030 2nd L.H. Bde H. Bns., moved to new camp 113.K.S.D. At 1955 G.C. Motor Boats Detachment, RUMH BR. BARR ordered to take greatest precautions during night against enemy enterprise against their post either by crossing river or by sea, a line covering their post will be taken up to meet possible attack and boats must be ready to act, whole force stand to at 0400 April 18th and to report hourly all clear or otherwise. At 1830 H.E. Bde ordered to post 1 troop night and day on HEHU FORD, this patrol should approach the FORD quietly tonight and endeavour to catch any enemy agent or spy who may be there. At 1740 Signal G.027 issued to all Bde dispositions for tonight 1st L.H. Bde & I.C. Bde will hold the same defensive line and will endeavour to harass the enemy by raiding any advanced posts that they can locate. H.E. Bde in addition to the posts on the FORDS will ensure that the JORDAN is patrolled with a view to preventing any small enemy parties from crossing, whole force will stand to at 0400 from which hour H.E. Bde will be prepared to move at short notice

Local.

64th Diva report heavy bombardment of left subsection right section 0500 to 0510, about 5 btys 77 mm bombarded MEJDEH, KABA and towards W. BALLEH, 54th Diva report Art. activity against left coy FURJAH apparently from SISTERS 0450 to 0510. 54 Bde report line was advanced 80 yds on 3 bushes HILL, enemy caused us casualties with large grenades and accurate shell fire. 63rd Diva, at 1730 report enemy very quiet except aircraft more active than usual. 51st Corps report at 1955 enemy casualties this morning in front on one Bdn estimated at 30 killed and wounded sniping continues on left of 75th Diva front, 6 prisoners belonging to 80th 48th and 708 Btys. At 2000 80th Corps inform us 4th GHALIB Regt will march 15th inst to road Junction 113.G.10 and will come under orders 50th Indian Bde at 1000 on that day, on 14th Bdn will march to KH. KAKH. 0800 Left Section 53rd Diva shelled between 1800 and 2000, enemy opposite right sector restless all night L.S.A., L.I.L.D & L.I.O.A shelled at intervals, Turks attempted raid on hill G.7.c.,

Enemy Aerial Activity

Hostile plane at 1730 approached from N.E. returned and proceeded N.E. height 1000 ft. Aviatik, reconnaissance. At 0815 hostile plane approaching from N.E. turned and proceeded E. height 10000 foot, Pz.I., reconnaissance.

Change

French Front. No material main battle front, British improved position N. & S. SOMME, by unfortunate cutting off of a French Bde Germans got 2000 prisoners, enemy break from ARMENTIERS line DEWINE front, attack delivered 3 divisions, main blow fell on Portuguese, in flat area gained there is no tactical advantage.

** attempted break through*

Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff.

18th April 1917. AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

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Summary of Intelligence for period 0000 12/4/46 to 0000 13/4/46.

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0000 - GHORAKHINI Bridghead quiet.

0000 1st L.H. Bde report:- Patrol to 127.P.20 report enemy holding the foothills in strength, no movement could be seen looking N. from P.20 nor to the S., 127 enemy dead counted in front of our lines unburied numerous graves seen and about 200 more dead seen some distance out results of Artillery fire, we are collecting few wounded & enemy casualties on this front must have been over 400 killed, many traces of wood. 30 prisoners taken this morning. 3rd Regt ordered to withdraw owing to losing lot of horses with shell fire and unable to get close enough to inflict any damage on the enemy owing to position he has taken covering No. 5 road and entrenched near SHIBER NERUN, 5th Regt report, patrolled along No. 6 Road to about 127.P.1, went N.W. to about 127.P.24 and saw no signs of enemy. Enemy prisoners taken state their orders were to dig in and hold line but they all gradually melted away not wishing to face another day like yesterday. At 10:0 3rd Regt report gained touch with enemy at NERUN, considerable movement of enemy observed moving into WADZ and hills, on Hill immediately N. of house 127.P.27.0.0.0. fully 1000 troops seen, most movement observed troops proceeding E., enemy hold line of trenches close to road N. of house (as above), 3rd Regt withdrawing heavily shelled from Bty and heavy gun located in foothills N. of house.

1145 Corps Commander very anxious to get trenches and gun positions at NERUN accurately located with view to future, 1st L.H. Bde ordered to have enemy line carefully piecemeal with patrols not large enough to draw shell fire but backed up by sufficient force to back them up in case of attack, reconnaissance of enemy position can probably be best done by Officers Patrols, this information required as soon as possible (GR. 767).

1215 1st L.H. Bde report:- H.Q.s., established at 113.X.0.0., screen crossed WADZ 1205 heavily shelled by two Btys. Further at 1400, Artillery fire still very heavy, 1 Sqn Cav. on 113.W.0.0., no report to hand from UNI SHIBER patrol but they have been observed in vicinity of UNI SHIBER and rifle fire heard from that direction.

1515 Movement of troops seen SHIBER NERUN, behind SHIBER NERUN from N. to S. and aeroplane requested to investigate.

1655 1st L.H. Bde report attempted forward move at 1400 held up by heavy Art. rifle and H.Q. fire, the latter being from 113.X.00.0. 113.W.10.0.0., Cav. reported 113.W.0.0. now estimated at 1 Regt, have ordered withdrawal commencing 1645.

1650 1st A.L.H. Bde report enemy movement observed round NERUN during the day, at 1100 enemy appeared going E. At 1000 a column of Inftry observed coming down road No. 6 in the foothills near NERUN, enemy observed digging trenches near NERUN commencing No. 6 road when a concentration of enemy was observed fully 1000 being seen, enemy shelled various sectors with 77 mm at 0900 and 1545, 6 wounded prisoners brought in.

1630 1.S. Bde report:- Enemy 4.0 bty opened on 113.X.00.0 about 1330 as 1st Bde moved across WADZ ALIAN and were shelled on far N. as SHIBER 113.X.10. Later on return 77 mm Bty about 113.W.30.0. shelled the Bde Sqr. 2.0.0.20. One prisoner captured by 7th L.H. Regt was from Divn. Sqn 11th Inf Divn.

1730 1st L.H. Bde report about 1 Bty of enemy inftry with Cav. seen moving out of hills near SHIBER NERUN on a bearing of 65° from 127.0.4.0. going in southerly direction. Officers patrol detailed to observe movement.

1730 1st L.H. Bde report patrol to UNI SHIBER got within 30 yds of UNI, report 30 enemy cav. with automatic rifle on E. bank of

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JORDAN. Covering patrol 1 mile N. of Ford encountered slight rifle fire.

1000 I.C.M. report, Dead counted 70, estimated wounded 150. 1000 1st L.H.M. report patrols returned report small enemy posts on foothills from HURRI HURRI to No. 6 road, enemy has taken up an outpost line running from No. 6 road to 107.7.22.d. No definite movement of troops N. or S., no enemy located anywhere W. of foothills position of trenches will be forwarded tomorrow morning.

0540 1st L.H.M. report all clear patrols returned from immediate front N. and S., patrols to get in touch with enemy not yet returned.

0645 I.C.M. situation, Right subsector 3 troops enemy seen, moving about 123.7.9. Left subsector HURRI HURRI shelled heavily with 77 mm Bty between hours 0600 to 0630, otherwise situation unchanged.

0730 1st L.H.M. report patrols returned report enemy holding line along foothills from House to HURRI HURRI towards No. 6 road also S. practically the same line as yesterday, have patrolled throughout night across and wood along the W. HURRI to within good observation distance of enemy line no new established posts.

1st L.H.M. report patrols of 2 troops proceeded as far as crossing at HURRI HURRI without opposition.

CHORANISHI Artillery Sector report:-

1000 Section 10th Heavy Bty pulled out to position 123.2.4.2. 4 Gun pits and trenches have been dug on hill N. of TEL. HURRI HURRI BILETBIL about 107.7.9 also trenches on top of foothills about 6.22.22. At 1000 explosion observed at about 107.7.10.c. At 0730 10th H. Bty fired 3 rds N.E. on Enfy in P.17.d.

ALIAN Artillery Sector report:-

17301 Bty advanced 1 seat to X.15.b and 17302 Bty advanced to X.17.a 17301 Bty 2 seats attached to 1st L.H.M. for Cav, reconnaissance all above returned to previous positions at dusk. At 0800 20 or 30 men were seen passing to and from GREEN HILL & BROWN HILL apparently withdrawing stores and ammunition, at 1000 peak animals were seen passing N. of BROWN HILL proceeding due W., 2 H.O. was observed in X.15.d.4.2. and fired on by 17301 Bty, situation quiet in the morning, 20 Turms were observed in WADY X.22.d. All quiet during night. Enemy Bty positions observed V.22.c. and R.22.c.

CHORANISHI Bridgehead progress report:-

- Right Sector. (a) 60 yds fire trench dug 50 yds improved.
- (c) 60 yds communication trench dug, 30 yds improved
- 1 Hotchkiss gun position dug.
- Centre Sector. (a) 51 yds trench completed.
- (b) 100 yds completed.
- Left Sector. (a) All existing trenches have been deepened and improved, H.O. and Hotchkiss gun positions strengthened.
- (b) Wiring completed around all trench positions.
- (c) Communication trenches have been improved and deepened.

Prisoners. The 30 prisoners mentioned above all O/Ts made up as follows - 10 Arabs and 6 Turms from 1/101 Regt, 2 Turms 7th Cav., 2 Turms 4th Divn Entrenching Bty, 2 Turms Rifle Coy, 1 Arab 1st Regt. The 1 prisoner mentioned above belonging to Divn. Bdn. 11th Inf. Div is now attached to 3th Regt of 1st Caucasus Cav. Divn. 3 further prisoners taken by the 1st L.H.M. in front of CHORANISHI are 1 Turk states from 3/101 probably 1/101, 1 Arab states from 3rd Inf Regt doubtful, man stupid, 1 Arab from H.O. Section attach. 1/101 Regt.

Aerial Activity. Aviation reconnaissance observed at 0600 approaching from N.W. turned and proceeded N.W. height 10000 ft observed by 120 A.A. Section, also by 1st L.H.M. from 107.9.3.a. and 10th Bn H.A.

Orders and messages. Signal No. 6.714 issued to 6 Bns and 15th Corps Reference Alvar I.S. Enfy movements. Dispositions for tonight 10/13th April issued in signal 6.715.

Handwritten signature and notes

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13th Corps, 1st L.N.M.B., and L.N.M.B., N.Z.M.B., I.S.M.B., 10th Inf.Bn.,
20th Indian Inf.Bn.

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Summary of Intelligence for period 0000 to 0000
14/4/10.

1100, and L.N.M.B. reports:- Patrols on Hill 1000 yds N. of MUSHALAH, patrol heavily shelled, 1 man & horse wounded.

1145 1st L.N.M.B. reports:- Patrols on Hill 1000 yds N. of MUSHALAH, enemy post of 20 men on hill to right of No. 6 road, at 0715 enemy the patrol of 20 men on hill in front of No. 6 road, our posts still hold this patrol under observation.

1200 1st L.N.M.B. reports:- Patrols beyond usual lines have nothing fresh to report at 1200.

1250 1st L.N.M.B. reports:- Situation unchanged and at 1200 they report enemy still holding same line, apparent movement of some troops N. line held by enemy P.M.C., a trench 20 yds in length crossing No. 4 road, P.M.C. groups of trenches 150 yds apart, trenches approx 20 yds in length. Line not continuous about 100 yds in length that appears to be dugouts, no further trenches observed further North, about 20 77 m shells fired at front line this morning since which time everything quiet, we are holding a line of posts for observation purposes only.

1730 1st L.N.M.B. reports:- Patrols in front of Canal line have nothing fresh to report and are now returning.

1740 I.C.M.B. reports:- Very quiet day, nothing to report. But at 1000 about 2 regt. enemy seen collecting dead west of MUSHALAH (110.7.00) at 1700.

2000 1st L.N.M.B. reports:- Patrols returned from observation and report situation 1700, no definite movement of troops anywhere, a small hill patrol has moved to bottom of foothills, patrol No. 6 Road reports 20 enemy on high ground and Valley N. of MUSHALAH little of peak miles N. and S. in foot hills, situation otherwise unchanged, all clear.

0230 1st L.N.M.B. reports:- All clear to immediate front, patrols sent out to gain touch with enemy.

0300 I.C.M.B. reports:- Slight shelling of Hill patrols round MUSHALAH.

0300 1st L.N.M.B. reports:- Officers patrol 500 yds W. of the foothills along No. 6 road report at 0300 encountered 20 Cav. moving W. out of foothills near No. 6 road engaged with them, machine and rifle fire and they withdrew, moving towards JORDAN, enemy has posts in clumps of trees below foot of No. 6 road, strength not known, later report that 0300 No. 6 road patrol 100 cav. moved from foothills and MUSHALAH towards Jordan, later 100 enemy reported towards JORDAN and now firing along bank of river N. Observation from MUSHALAH HILL (110.7.00, c.)

0700 1st L.N.M.B. reports:- Patrols on Hill 1000 yds N. of MUSHALAH coming from a valley N. of MUSHALAH.

1000 from WHITE HOUSE, on the top of the hills are seven short lengths of trench and apparently 2 gun emplacements on the top of the hills. There appears to be a camp or bivouac in a dip on the hill on which these trenches are situated out of which men were continuously coming from 1100 onwards. They disappeared into the scrub in the MUSHALAH valley. There were always 20 in view at the same time.

On the point of Hill at 1000 from WHITE HOUSE at MUSHALAH there appears to be a redoubt being made. Men can be seen at work on the hill bearing 00° from MUSHALAH HILL. Immediately behind the two yellow scums on the hills at 0900 and 1000 from WHITE HOUSE there is a ridge of rock joining the top of two small MUSHALAH. There appears to be a sanger behind the right hand rocks and another sanger half way down left hand side of rocks.

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On the night of 14/4/41 there appears to be a danger
of trench on the rocky hill immediately overlooking PASS.
There was continuous movement of the AMI JUBA - BURKET RIVER Road.
3 or 4 Tanks appeared to the N. opposite 5th L.H. Regt.

CHERANIKH Artillery Sector.
Section of 10th Hvy Bty moved into new position in 107.0.7.5.0.
Somerset R.H.A. reports:-

0800 Enemy mortar still firing from old position 2.1.4.0.
1000 Party of enemy was observed on KARAKA RD DEERAKI (2.0.0)

proceeding N. also convoy of pack animals and infantry proceeding N.
from THE N. HILLS along top of foothills (2.5 and 3.0).

Very little enemy movement observed during the day.

10th Hvy Bty reports:- Report received from an unofficial source
of the Bty engaged by this section in 2.15 on the 11th inst., one
of the guns was destroyed by our fire. The damaged gun it is
understood is still lying in the position.

Fired 4 rds H.E. on hostile gun firing from position 2.15.0.0.
gun silenced. At 1100 fired 4 rds on hostile gun, again silenced.

At 1200 fired 2 rds H.E. on enemy mov. moving S. from 2.17.0.
10th Hvy R.H.A. guns did not fire.

CHERANIKH Artillery Sector.
1 Section 3/301 advanced to 113.1.15.0. at 0400.

0800 small party of ev. observed coming up N. of FRONT HILL. At
1030 large parties of enemy infantry seen moving N. out of W. HILLS.

00-pdr sec. silenced 77 on Mt in K.1.5.0. At 1100 they fired 5 rds
H.E. at 77 on Mt in K.2.0.0. At 0800 fired 10 rds H.E. on 77 on
Mt in K.3.0.0. At 0700 enemy 77 on Mt in K.1.5.0. heavily

shelled our old patrols N. of WINDHAM. At 0800 hostile 77 on
gun opened up in K.2.5.0. firing on patrol in K.3.0.0.

Enemy Bty located in K.2.0.0. (probably only one gun).
1st L.H. Bde progress report.

Right Sector. (a) 30yd fire trench deepened by 2 feet 3 ins.
(b) 15 yds communication trench dug 18yds deepened by
2 ft. 1 Hatch, Gun position deepened by 2 ft.
1 Hatch, Gun position camouflaged.

Centre Sector. (a) 47 yds completed.
(b) 300 yds completed.

Left Sector. (a) All fire trenches deepened and improved, New
Hatch, Gun emplacement constructed, 10 yds trench
completed
(b) 200 yds completed to date.
(c) Communication trench cleaned and improved.

Prisoners. 4 O/S captured R. of CHERANIKH Defences today, 1 Green
103 Regt, 1 Turk sec, both N.H. Section, 2 Arabs 1/101 Regt all
unintelligent.

Enemy Aerial Activity. At 0800 D.F.W. Avia on reconnaissance
height 2000 ft approaching from N.E. proceeded N.W. (230 A.A. Sect).

Orders 2nd Lt. Col. L.H. Bde 1st and 5th Regt and 1 Foot H. Co. with
1st Lt. Col. B. B. B. on staff of Genl. Bde are now directly under
R.H.A., and L.H. Bde. Col. L.H. Bde will continue to carry out patrols
to front of Genl. Bde a mutual arrangement (G.706).

11th Corps advise O.C. Light Armoured Car Bde has been instructed
to send 1 Bty to JERIKO Plain today.

Local 20th Corps report enemy shelled Wdy H.E. of DEER RIVER
from 0400 till 0600. 11th Corps report at 0800 enemy put down 3
mine barrage 77 on Mt and H.E. about U.I. com. and U.I. B.

and repeated at 0840 and 0900, estimated 3 Bty engaged, some period
some shelling of W. HILLS and KARAKA, no infantry action developed
otherwise noted.

General 11th Corps report fighting continues greater violence between
DEER and CHERANIKH in KARAKA Gully, 11th Corps. 11th Corps advance
definitely held and KARAKA ridge, special way line held
between 2. contacted enemy advance to continue to contact front N.
LAWRENCE, to still hold right of our line towards DEER RIVER and
KARAKA and line of river.

Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,
CENTRAL DIVISION.

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proceeded thro undergrowth to R.15 from which point an enemy Cav. post was observed in R.11 Cont. 10 strong 1 of which galloped on observing our patrol to camp of 5 tents about 7.30. Few Cav. men were seen in foothills.

0650 I.C.Me report. Situation report 0630. Right Subsector. I.H. patrol reached Z.O.A. at 0600. Left Subsector. Htd patrol reported yesterday in touch with enemy at W. BAW. Later report states unable to reach WADZ owing to 3 H.Gs in 113.W.32. 2 H.Gs in 1.10.d. and 1 H.G. in R.30. This patrol counted 100 dead turis on BROWN Hill (Y.30). These are additional to 40 dead found in front of (Camels Bay) MABALAWI after enemy attack of 11th. THE S. TRUNK occupied at 0600 without opposition.

Progress report 1st L.H.Mde-

Right Sector. (a) 10 yds fire trench constructed.
(b) 150 yds ~~communication trench~~ of wiring.
(c) 150 yds communication trench deepened 1 ft.

Centre Sector. (a) 20 yds fire trench completed.
(b) 610 yds previously commenced completed.
(c) 20 yds communication trench completed.

Left Sector. (a) Existing trenches cleaned and improved.
(b) 150 yds wiring completed the whole of this sector has now been completed with single apron.
(c) Communication trenches cleaned and deepened.

BROWN HILL (TR. BAKWAT) 113.W.31.d.S.2.

Aerial Activity. D.F.W. Aviatric at 0800 18000 ft reconnaissance approached from N.E. turned west W. turned and receded N.W. (110 A.A)

Orders and Movement. H.Gs 20th I.Mde will move 15th April to camp close to D.H.G. and GWAJICH I.S.Inf. to camp W. of JERICHO under Mde arrange.

1930 11th L.A.M.B. place under orders of 1st L.H.Mde. 1

1700 3rd L.H.Regt completed relief of 5th L.H.Regt at 1600.

2/19 & 2/20 London Regt will move to TALAT ED DUMH this evening.

Local. 6am Dawn 1700 report - Exceptionally quiet day.

General. No wireless news Western Front today.

Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff.

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5/4/19.

XXth Corps, 1st L.H.Bde, 2nd L.H.Bde, N.Z.Bde, I.C.Bde, 180 Inf.Bde,
20th Inf.Bde.

Summary of Intelligence for period 0800 15/4/18 to 0800
16/4/18.

0825 2nd L.H.Bde report:- BISAH Patrol reached to 1500v yds E. of BAGALAT sniped at and slightly shelled, few Cav. in Wady MUDAHERAH and considerable movement further N., have established post on W. BAKR E. of MUSALLAHBEH, at 1224 patrol further reports last named post shelled for $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour, have left dismounted post there.

1245 1st L.H.Bde report:- Officers patrol SHUNET NIMRIN report situation to 0700, Patrolled W.NIMRIN to within 1000 yads of foothills, report all clear, have observed usual enemy posts N. & S. of House, No.6 patrol report enemy post on hill N. of No.6 road, about 30 pack animals with escort 3 or 10 men Mtd moved along foothills to No.5 road and disappeared, increased Number of sangars between 5 & 6 road.

1315 2nd L.H.Bde :- Patrol UMM ES SHERT unable to get closer than 113.Z.12.d, enemy cav. posts as far S. as 127.F.8.b, RED HILL strongly held. At 1145 the UMM ES SHERT patrol reached to within 250 yds of FORD, E. bank good for wheeled traffic, W. bank would require cutting, FORD held by Cav. strength at least 1 Sqdn, BEISAN patrol report things quiet, few Turks, small parties of enemy near Roman Road on W. FUSAIL. At 1230 UMM ES SHERT Patrol nothing to report, BEISAN Patrol state enemy very quiet, small parties moving E. along N. bank of W. FUSAIL near Roman Road.

1655 I.C.Bde report situation quiet small parties enemy cav. seen 1500 hrs about W.20.

1635 1st L.H.Bde report usual Cav. movements vicinity No.6 rd foothills observed otherwise all quiet

1800 I.C.Bde:- TEL EL TRUNY reports 20 to 30 enemy on R.AUJAH at 113.T.23.a, our posts on TRUNY sniped at from 113.T.23.c.1.9.

1820 2nd L.H.Bde ordered to send another troop at once to join troop under I.C.Bde, they will endeavour to gain touch with above reported enemy at dawn. 180 Inf.Bde are warned (GI.159) that there patrols must not approach TRUNY before daylight 16th inst. I.C.Bde informed of C in Cs wishes in regard to wiring in posts. (GI,160)

2050 1st L.H.Bde report:- Patrol left camp at 1400 and proceeded S. to HAJLA FORD then to S.15 crossed Wady to S.16 and move to FORD in T.1 patrol then moved N. to R.14 at which point our patrol was met moving E. Patrol then moved W. returning at 1900 no enemy seen, No.1 Road suitable for Armoured Cars to T.7.a, country not reconnoitred S., 18 inches water in FORD in T.1,

0655 I.C.Bde report TEL EL TRUNY patrol reports all clear 0530, only 1 shot fired from N. bank AUJAH gorge T.22.b.

0730 1st L.H.Bde patrol left bivouac at 1700 proceeded to R.15 1 enemy post of cav. seen to move from R.11 and take up position in R.16.c. 1 standing Cav. post was observed at R.10.c. A strong post of Inftry and Cav. observed at P.28., unable to estimate strength, number of scattered dismounted men observed in line R.4. to P.17, battery appeared to be firing from about P.22, Signal light observed in W.19. and P.22, any movement off defined roads should be difficult owing to scrub and crops.

GHORANIYEH Artillery Sector report:-

1515 Parties of enemy Inftry were observed proceeding from SHUNET NIMRIN N. over TEL EL BELEIBEL and along top of foothills. (P.5 & G.29).

1540 3 small convoys of camels were observed proceeding N. along road from SHUNET NIMRIN.

1620 Large convoy pack animals proceeded N. from SHUNET NIMRIN over TEL EL BELEIBEL and along top of foothills (P.5 & G.29)

1500 Enemy working party observed in P.17.a, Engaged by 10th Bty. AUJAH Artillery Sector.

0530 5 Turks endeavoured to approach to within 300 yds of 13th Coy and were fired on.

0615. Enemy Fld Gun fired 3 rds on MUSALLAHBEH.

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1000 Enemy party apparently M.G. Post observed in X.15.
1500 Hostile Mtd patrol of about 40 came from Wadi S.W. of GREEN HILL they were shelled by B/301 bty and proceeded N.W.
1745 2 large convoys came down WADI ABU MADMUD in W.13.cent.

Progress report 1st L.H. Bde.

Right Sector. (a) 21 yds of fire trench.
(b) 3 more wire and extra stays added to 150 yds of wire defences.
(c) 35 yds communication trench ~~xxxxxx~~

Centre Sector. (a) Existing trenches improved and deepened.
(b) 300 yds double apron completed.
(c) 15 yds completed 30 yds under construction.

Left Sector (a) Existing trenches deepened, M.G. position covering road on left of 2nd Regt completed alterations.
(c) 120 feet communication sap to right of position.

180 Inf. Bde report 0845 to 1645 continuous movement of men and animals at 113.R.33.d. Local movement on track T.3.b.

Enemy Aerial activity. D.F.W. Aviatric, reconnaissance at 13000 ft approaching from E. at 1100 hrs turned and receded turned again and finally receded in N.W. direction.

Prisoners. 1 O/r captured NIMRIN, intelligent, 3/191 ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~
~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~

1 O/r Turk Sergt from 7th Cav. Regt, deserter, reliable gives his rifle strength 150, camped N. end DEAD SEA. Documents from enemy dead in front of post in 113.W.34.b. point to Germans having taken part in attack there on 11th, also 145th Regt.

Local. 5erd Div report all clear, sniping active at intervals during night.

Orders and Moves. The G.O.C., R.A., 60th Div will be attached to this Divn to command and to coordinate the action of all the Arty. 2/19 and 2/30 London Regts at 1050 at G.15.a, & b, respectively, 519 Fld Coy, R.E. G.10.b remainder of Bde group unchanged.

General. Attack at NEUVE EGLISE and FESTUBERT repulsed 14th, end of 13th after frequent assaults battlefied line intact, fighting continues neighbourhood BAILLEUL, West of LASSIGNEY 13th French attacked N.W. ORVILLERS on front 1200 yds advance several hundred yds, official reported 12th, British brought down 40 Machine drove down 20 and French accounted for 31.

A.H.B. Blandy Lt.
Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

16/4/18.

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XXth, Corps, 1st L.H.Bde, 2nd L.H.Bde, N.Z.Bde, I.C.Bde, 180 Inf. Bde,
30th Indian Inf. Bde, 53rd Divn.

1. SITUATION.

53rd Divn. 1700 report gmb t, prisoners and deserters nil.

2nd L.H.Bde @930 - Normal.

0715 Nothing to report.

2. PATROLS.

UMM ES SHERT 0930 FORD held by as usual, few enemy Cav. seen vicinity RED HILL. 7th L.H. Regt Patrol to TEL EL TRUNY got in touch with usual enemy patrols. BEISAN Road patrol advanced to 113.W.23.cent. No M.G. fire, few snipers on right but heavily shelled, forced patrol to retire. Post now established in 113.X.32. cent. UMM ES SHERT patrol reports few dismounted men in 127.F.2, also 6 Mtd men in 127.F.3.

1st L.H.Bde patrol 0730 established outpost withing 3000 yds of foothills from ~~SHUNET NIMRIN~~ enemy outposts observed all along foothills from SHUNET NIMRIN to detached hill N. of Road 6, and in about 127.P.30.c., enemy post of 12 Infty seen in scrub at 127.P.7.c. this post afterwards returned to foothills.

Report from SHUNET NIMRIN patrol - usual enemy posts observed in hills from No.6 Rd to about 1 1/2 miles S. of NIMRIN.

2nd L.H.Bde patrols 1546 report all clear 1500.

1st L.H.Bde patrol to 127.T.1 crossed FORD and proceeded to T.5 observed enemy in 127.W.25.a. & W.31.cent. Numbers not estimated. Patrol then proceeded to T.14 and S.27 then to HAJLA FORD and N. to camp. Enemy patrol of 12 Cav. was observed about 127.S.12 & chased 5 being captured. KABR MUJAHID patrol (2nd L.H. Regt) reports being fired on from 127.R.30.cent by Auto Rifle, they observed patrol moving N. near tombs in 127.R.24 and also observed movement further E. in vicinity MUJAHID.

3. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

Column of enemy Infty estimated 3000 with pack animals seen moving N. along BEISAN Rd in 127.V.7 towards MAKHRUK (112.L.28) Excellent bombing target. 1 Sqn Cav. protecting right flank of above force.

4. ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY.

119 A.A. Section engaged Hostile plane at 1000 hrs, approaching from N.W. turned and receded N.W., height 13000 ft, Aviatric, Rec. 1st L.H.Bde. - at 1000 Reconnaissance machine type unknown 12000 ft came from E. flew W. seen from Q.3.a.

2nd L.H.Bde at 1010 hrs, 1 Aviatric on reconnaissance observed from W. AUJAH at 14000 ft.

5. ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

1st L.H.Bde 0730 report enemy shelled right and centre with 77mm & 4.2 H.E. and Shrapnel at various intervals.

Our patrols shelled by gun reported in GREEN HILL (1st Bde 1030) I.C.Bde 1730 report very few shells on CAMELS HUMP during day.

6. Enemy Gun POSTIONS.

1st L.H.Bde report 1030 Enemy gun seen to fire from behind plateau S. of WHITE HOUSE.

A gun has opened up from about 127.P.23.a. (1st L.H.Bde 1030)

7. INFORMATION FROM PRISONERS OF WAR.

Five deserters taken opposite RUJM EL BAHR E. of JORDAN, 1 Armenian from Gendarmerie speaks little English, 1 Jew, blacksmith 1 Arab states from 1/130, 1 Armenian from Labour Corps, 1 Arab from Labour Corps. Only first somewhat intelligent.

2 O/Rs Turks medium intelligent from 2/24 of 8th Divn now attached 48th Divn, 1 man states he has seen 148th Regt here, 3 Btns estimated at 500 each, both are Medical Orderlies, taken at GHORANIKEH.

One small book recovered in front of MUSALLAHBEH belonging to head seaman of 1st Naval Divn recently at DJERABLUS 10/1/18 under the EUPHRATES detachment. Probably isolated case. Pocket book containing letters of Sgt of 1/145 Regt same place.

5 P of W captured 127.S.12 all Turks. 7th Cav Regt intelligent of which 2 Sgts, all agree strength about 800 of 4 Sqdns of 200 each and a M.G. Sqn of 4 M.G.'s and 1 Mtn Bty camped KABR MUJAHID. Have not seen any Germans or Austrians but know they are here and Mule

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Cav. on their right. Their Regt had 800 reinforcements during last 3 days, well fed, sample of bread taken.

3. GENERAL.

Adv. Divn. Artillery H.Qrs., will open in 113.L.14 at 1500 on 17th.

A.B. Blandy. Lt.

Lt Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

17/4/18.

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XXth Corps, 1st L.H.Bde, 2nd L.H.Bde, N.Z.Bde, I.C.Bde, 180 Inf. Bde
20th Indian Inf. Bde, 53rd Division.

Summary of Intelligence for period 0400 17th April to 0800
18th April.

1. SITUATION.

At L700 1st L.H.Bde reported situation unchanged,
enemy patrols and posts as usual. No other movement.
Quiet night - Situation on GHORAN, YEH & AUJAH fronts unchanged.

2. PATROLS.

Patrol to UMM ES SHERT reported at 0910 that enemy appear
to have same posts as yesterday. This patrol was fired at about
1030 from FORD and slight enemy activity in 127.C.25.d.
At 1050 BEISAN Road patrol reported that they had crossed W. BAKR
and reached 113.X.19.a & b, reported slight rifle fire from W.
MELLAHA about 113.X.14. No enemy seen in front.
At 1100 1st L.H.Bde reported considerable movement of enemy Cav.
from SHUNET NIMRIN. Observation bad.
At 1320 Reconnaissance Sqdn 2nd L.H.Bde made good 113.Y.2.cent,
screen in touch with enemy on N. bank of W. BAKR.
At 1327 BEISAN and UMM ES SHERT patrols had nothing fresh to report,
At 1420 Reconnaissance Sqdn 2nd L.H.Bde held up by M.G. and rifle
fire extending from 113.R.36.b. to 113.W.33.a.
At 1500 BEISAN Rd patrol had nothing to report.
At 1950 1st L.H.Bde reported patrol of 1 troop proceeded to vicinity
of 127.T.1 and a few enemy opened fire at long range from vicinity
of 127.T.9 who retired on our patrol moving forward. Enemy appeared
to be infantry of about 10 strong.
At 0700 (18th) 1st L.H.Bde reported patrols in touch with enemy &
shots were exchanged.
At 0755 Reconnaissance Sqdn 7th L.H.Regt reported enemy holding
W. BAKR from 113.W.33.a & b thence S.W. to 113.T.6.
TEL EL TRUNY patrol observed 30 enemy along W. BAKR.

3. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

about 600 enemy inftry with mounted details
reported at 0812 moving N. out of W. BAKR.
During the day enemy cav. patrols were patrolling E. & W. through
113.X.19 - 20, 21, 22.
At 0950 reported that 30 to 40 enemy Cavalry moved along foothills
to SHUNET NIMRIN from S. and large convoy moved along top of hills
from behind WHITE HOUSE thence Northwards disappearing behind EL
HAUD. Usual movement of packs from SHUNET NIMRIN northwards.

4. ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY.

At 1000 1st L.H.Bde - Enemy reconnaissance mach. height
12000 ft, type unknown approached from S.W. and departed N.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

Enemy M.G. fired from 113.W.32 at 1320.
2 enemy M.Gs located in 113.R.36.b, and 1 in 113.W.32.a.
I.C.Bde reported at 1945 that enemy working party about 113.X.27
were apparently digging a redoubt. 1st L.H.Bde that work on
enemy defences today were mainly of N. slope of EL HAUD were work-
ing parties are very active from 1500 and appeared to be preparing
trenches. No additions observed on S. of EL HAUD.
1st L.H.Bde report - Trench 40 feet long in low hill immediately
S. of No.6 Road, commanding road where it enters hills. Enemy's
most Northern post is about 1500 yds N. of No.6 Road. Roack
Sangars or rifle pits South of G.28.a. Sangars in G.28.a, P.5.c,
P.11.cent and an entrenched post in P.23.d. and then a line of
of Sangars to P.35.d. Hill 730 Sq.P.22.cent. is entrenched.
Inftry and Cav. observed in line from R.5.a to R.10.d and at R.30.cen
an auto rifle. A chain of standing posts from P.9.d thro P.15.cent
P.21.b, R.3.d, R.9.cent and R.15.cent but no entrenchments have
been located. 3 Enemy guns observed firing from 127.P.6.b.8.7. and
1 gun from forward slopes of Hill 730 in P.22.d.3.9.

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6. ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

At 0830 enemy fired 3 rds 77 mm H.E. on centre sector of GHORANIYEH defences. Very little shelling to 1200. 2nd L.H.Bde reported at 1330 that few heavy shells were fired from bearing 310°. During afternoon 2nd L.H.Bde Sqn was shelled by Bty in WADI 113.R.29.b. At 1950 1st L.H.Bde reported enemy art. quiet. At 0700 (18th) 1st L.H.Bde reported that enemy art. did not reply to our art. bombardment.

7. ENEMY GUN POSITIONS. - NIL. *See Enemy Defences*

8. INFORMATION FROM PRISONERS OF WAR.

1 enemy deserter taken E. of GHORANIYEH, Arab from Garrison Btn, 300 strong in HAAN, unreliable.

9. TOPOGRAPHICAL.

Approximate position of RED HILL 113.X.18 to 127.C.19 & 20.

10. GENERAL. NIL.

H. Hadell Major

for Lieut. Colonel,
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AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

18/4/18.

XXth Corps, 1st L.H.Bde, 2nd L.H.Bde, N.Z.Bde, I.C.Bde, 180 Inf.Bde
80th Indian Inf.Bde, 53rd DIVISION.

Summary of Intelligence for period 0800 18/4/18 and 0800
19/4/18.

1. SITUATION.

0915. 1st L.H.Bde report enemy outposts observed all along
foothills as usual.

1725 Situation unchanged.

0635 I.C.Bde report situation unchanged.

0800 1st L.H.Bde & N.Z.M.R.Bde moving towards NIMRIN, 2nd L.H.Bde
moving towards KAER MUJAHID, enemy guns have opened but very
little Musketry fire, 1st L.H.Regt have passed through usual
outpost line and at present can only observe a few enemy in main
defences.

2. PATROLS.

1st L.H.Bde patrol report 0915 - drew fire from detached hill
about 1500 yds N. of No. 6 Rd.

6th L.H.Regt patrol reached W. MUDAHERAH between roads and W.
MELLAAH. Fired on with M.Gs and rifles from W.18.b. enemy
apparently have line along W. ALY between road MELLAAH. Cav. W.
of BAGALAT near foothills our patrol heavily shelled.

UMM ES SHERT patrol reports FORD held as usual at 0915.

2045 1st L.H.Bde patrol to S.E. came under shell fire in P.14.d.
from 3 guns from N.E. SH. NIMRIN. Patrols reported they reached
127.P.27.cent. and were held up by enemy they then proceeded S.
to R.15.cent. Unarmed Bedouins lit smoke fires as they approached
EX and patrol was again fired on by enemy patrols that came from
direction of SALAH. Large camps observed behind hills in 127.P.24
Small enemy observation post seen at W.31. and camp of 13 or 15
Bell tents seen about P.30.

2215 Patrol moved S. through S.5 to T.4 then N. to R.28.b. Camp
of 4 Bell tents was observed in R.24.c, with about 15 Infty
forward up outside which were the only enemy seen. SH. NIMRIN
patrol report observed about a Sqdn of Cav. near SH. NIMRIN at
1600 they were stationary. Patrol left 1300 moved to R.28.a, then
R.27.d, and N. to R.9.b. and at R.9.B, fires were observed close
to our patrols but no bedouins could be seen. Enemy shelled
smoke and any patrols seen even half sections with 2 guns from
N.E. NIMRIN.

3. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

5 men working in 113.X.23.c. movement continued all day.

6 Mtd men seen moving in 127.C.19,20.

4. ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Engaged hostile plane at 1510 approaching from the E. turned
immediately and receded in N.E. direction. Height 10000 ft,
D.F.W. Aviatik, reconnaissance seen by 119 A.A. Sect.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

1st L.H.Bde report 0915 fired on by Auto Rifle from trench on
hill just S. and covering No. 6 Rd.

6. ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY. NIL. See 2. Patrols.

7. ENEMY GUN POSITIONS.

1st L.H.Bde 0915 report enemy gun firing from position on S.
slope of EL HAUD, about 1800 yds from pinnacle P.6.b.

8. NIL.

9. NIL.

10. GENERAL. 0925 Large explosion observed from 113.Y.11.b.1.5
on bearing 25° true at a long distance away. 1125 Large fire
observed 113.X.2.b.

0940 Our 60 pdrs fired 15 rds on hostile bty in 113.U.29.d, and
caused large explosion? Ammunition dump.

19/4/18.

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

W.A. Handy Lt
2nd Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,

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File *E/60*
XXth Corps, 1st L.H.Bde, 2nd L.H.Bde, N.Z.Bde, I.C.Bde, 20th Inf.Bde,
180th Inf.Bde, 53rd Division.

Summary of Intelligence for period 0800 19/4/18 to 0800
20/4/18.

1. SITUATION.

0525 Advanced troops 1st L.H.Bde & N.Z.M.R.Bde moving towards SH.
NIMRIN. and advanced troops 2nd L.H.Bde moving towards KABR
MUJAHID. No opposition so far.

0600 1st L.H.Regt passed thro usual outpost line very few shots fired

0700 1st L.H.Regt reported being in touch with enemy in trenches.
2nd L.H.Bde in neighbourhood of TEL EL MUSLIM.

0800 Enemy reported to have drawn into foothills - 1st L.H.Bde
ordered to push in enemy posts on our left - N.Z.M.R.Bde pushing
towards SH.NIMRIN and 2nd L.H.Bde towards KABR MUJAHID.

0900 Howitzers with 1st L.H.Bde shelling enemy's gun positions
on EL HAUD - 3rd L.H.Regt working round enemy's right flank -
2nd L.H.Bde ordered to turn enemy out of KABR MUJAHID from South
with another Regiment and Horse Artillery Bty.

1000 3rd L.H.Regt continued movement for developing enemy's right
but attack meeting considerable shell fire. Centre nothing to
report. Regiment and Bty ordered to envelope enemy's left encount-
ered heavy shell fire in moving across flat. No reports but
advance apparently continuing.

1100 No reports from flanks. Centre reported enemy holding all
ridges from 127.P.22.b to 127.R.18.d. and in greatest strength
from 127.R.6.d. to R.12.b.

1200 Situation on our left flank and centre unchanged. 6th L.H.Regt
sent to attack KABR MUJAHID from S. reported to have dismounted for
attack and Horse Art. Bty fire not yet opened on account of difficulty
in getting suitable position.

1300 1st L.H.Bde forward line holding 127.P.9.c.8.4. P.15.b.10.9
P.21.d.10.9 with 1 troop in P.21.d. - 3rd L.H.Regt continuing
movement to envelope enemy's right flank - Howitzer Bty shelling
enemy when target appears - Centre unchanged - On right 2nd L.H.
Bde held up by enemy about 127.R.24 - Enemy reported strong and
no cover for R.H.A. Bty. This Bty was ordered to come into action.

1430 3rd L.H.Regt reported enemy were being reinforced on their
right and 1st L.H.Bde were in consequence ordered not to press
attack. Situation in centre unchanged. 2nd L.H.Bde reported
trenches on summit of hill at KABR MUJAHID and sangars on crest
of foothills S.E. of KABR MUJAHID strongly held with enemy Cav.
~~xxxxxxx~~ Regt in 127.W.28.d. and 2 troops enemy cav. in
127.W.21.c moving slowly E. Cav. Regt shelled by R.H.A. Bty
which was also in action against KABR MUJAHID - 5th L.H.Regt was
held up by frontal and enfilade fire in consequence on this report
2nd L.H.Bde was ordered not to press attack.

1630 On our left 3rd L.H.Regt captured Hill 127.G.13.d. but could
not advance further as enemy held commanding position - Situation
on remainder of front unaltered and orders for withdrawal at 1830
were accordingly issued.

2300 Withdrawal reported completed except for contact patrols
from each Bde.

2. PATROLS. Patrol reported at 0835 in touch with enemy estd. 30
rifles and 2 M.Gs firing from foothills W. of KABR MUJAHID.
Patrol from 2nd L.H.Bde reached MAKHADAT HAJLAH FORD and S, 11
at 0930 no hostile movement observed to S. and S.E.
Last mentioned patrol at 1055 in 127.T.3.c came in contact with
advanced patrols $\frac{1}{2}$ mile towards KABR MUJAHID.

Patrol from 5th L.H.Regt reported enemy holding foothills E. of
KABR MUJAHID on both sides of No. 3 Rd estimated numbers 1000.
Southern patrol at 1400 had reached 127.T.12.a. and came under
rifle fire from KABR SAID.

3. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

0500 Enemy observed in defences but did not show himself in numbers
 8 Bedouins reported that enemy had gone back from foothills into hills and that parties of Turks were on the march to AMMAN.
 0700 Few enemy dismounted men seen moving into foothills and 1 Sqn enemy cav. on our left front.
 1000 200 enemy infantry seen to enter trenches in EL HAUD WOOD.
 1035 Several enemy M.Gs reported from 127.R.6.a to R.12.b.
 1330 Enemy reported holding Hill 127.G.13.d, 2000 yds N. of No. 6 Rd and that hill is commanded by M.Gs, enemy posts N. of No. 6 Rd Entrance to foothills at No. 6 Road held by M.Gs and rifles.
 1400 Enemy trenches reported on Summit of hill at KABR MUJAHID and sangars on crest of foothills S.E. of KABR MUJAHID.

4. ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY.

Hostile plane at 0910 Aviatik reconnaissance, height 12000 ft flying W. over JERICHO turned and proceeded E. seen from 113.L.13.d At 1745 hostile plane observed from Y.30.a flying N.W. at 7000 feet type unknown.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES.

0735 Enemy reported holding positions covering No. 6 Rd about 127.G.22 thence along 127.P.17 to P.35. 1st L.H. Bde engaged in scrub SHUNET NIMRIN N. of No. 5 rd. - N.Z. Bde S. of No. 5 Rd. 2nd L.H. Bde on line 127.R.20 pushing on to KABR MUJAHID.

0835 Enemy reported occupying ridge running from 127.P.29.d. to 127.U.18.d. - 40 of enemy counted.

1250 Enemy sangars can be seen from 127.P.29.a, to R.6.a. Five men to each sangar - eight sangars counted. 40 men and many sangars from 127.R.6.a. to 127.W.7.a. M.G. and 27 men counted 127.R.18.d. 3 M.Gs at 127.U.25.a. & 25.d. and ridges ridges from SHUNET NIMRIN to No. 3 Rd all occupied.

6. ENEMY ARTILLERY ACTIVITY.

0600 Enemy guns opened on our troops.

0650 Patrols of N.Z. Bde coming under a good deal of shell fire.

0735 Enemy Bty located at 127.P.23.d. and 1 about 127.R.4.b.

0800 Enemy Btys located EL HAUD and 127.P.12.b, P.27.d, & R.4,b. Bty commanders with screen reported using 20 guns.

0900 3 enemy guns firing from position E. of KABR MAJAHID and 3 guns from direction of Hill 810 127.R.4.b.

0955 Enemy reported to have 3 Btys 77 mms and 1 Bty #.2 on their left flank.

1030 Enemy gun located at 127.U.1.a.

1250 4 Field Guns at 127.P.30 and 4 Fld Guns at 127.U.27.a.

1335 77 mm guns at 127.U.2.c. and 10 pdrs at 127.R.12.

The following guns were located during the day by Major CLOWES, Somerset R.H.A. on reconnaissance and from the O.P. in 127.Q.4.a.3.4.

True bearing from O.P.	Estimated Map square.	Estimated No of guns.
51°	127.G.30,c.4.7.	2
53°	127.G.30,d.0.1.	2
65½°	127.P.18.c.(or 17.d)	2 - 4.2. located and 4 believed to be here & 4 guns of this calibre fired together also 2 lighter guns located here.
* 71°	127.P.23.d.cent.	3
89°	127.R.6.a.5.6.	4 - 77 mm (and 2 Mtd Guns ?)
105°	127.X.(?)	1, also a bty position unlocated S. of K.MUJAHID)

No. 7 & 8. NIL

No. 9. TOPOGRAPHICAL. Approx. position of Hill 2000 yds N. of

No. 6 Rd is 127.G.13.d.

No. 10. NIL.

A. H. Badell Major
 Lieut. Colonel,
 General Staff,

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

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SECRET.

XXth Corps, 1st L.H.Bde, 2nd L.H.Bde, N.Z.M.R.Bde, 20th Ind, Inf
I.C.Bde, 53rd Division.

Summary of Intelligence for period 0800 20/4/13 to 0800
21/4/13.

1. Situation. At 0715 127.G.13.d. and lower foothills N. from this post strongly held by enemy. Strong enemy posts in valley N. of No.6. Road. Hill captured yesterday (19th) by 3rd L.H. Regt strongly held by enemy today, but valley 1500 yds N. of WADI ABU TARRA clear of enemy. No enemy posts in low ground W. of foothills between W. NIMRIN and No.6 Rd, but sangars on foothills and strong posts on higher hills. Fewer enemy cav. observed in S. NIMRIN. Our Aeroplane was fired on by M.Gs from W. BAKR at 1000 hrs.

2. PATROLS.

Patrolled to 127.T.1 & R.28 where slight rifle fire was experienced from SALHA and at T.75 all clear. Enemy shellad Mtd Bedouin in 127.Y.1. patrol reached 113.Y.2.cent and encountered rifle fire from W.BAKR in 113.W.32.a & b. Patrols along Roman Rd 113.H.25. & B.24 report all clear on morning 21st.

3. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

60 pack animals observed moving from S.NIMRIN and returning. Usual movement of pack animals on track along foothills W. of MUSALLAHBEH. Enemy movement seen in 127.X.25 to X.16.b. Small dismounted patrol approached 127.X.30.c. at 1400 and fired on our post and retired at 1500. Individual movement observed in 127.A.16.c. throughout the day.

4. ENEMY AERIAL ACTIVITY.

1030 4 Albatross machines observed from 113.Y.30.a, approaching from N.E. at 5000 ft.
0910 Aviatik observed from 113.L.4.c. at 10000 ft approached from N.W. flew S. for some distance then turned in a wide circle and disappeared N.
1700 Hostile plane seen from 113.L.4.c. flying E. height 8000 ft turned and went N.E.
0900 1 two seater reconnaissance from N. flew E. height 10000 ft
1100 4 reconnaissance planes from N. engaged by 2 of our planes 3 Miles S. of defences No decision observed in fight.
0520 (21st) Enemy reconnaissance plane approaching from N. and flew S. 1500 ft machined gunned defences left and right sector flew round positions twice. (Last 3 reports observed 127.Q.3.a)

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. Nil.

6. Enemy Artillery Activity. 9 shells (10-pdr Shrap) fell in W. AUJAH about 113.Y.22. Enemy 10-pdr fired a few rds shrap, on our patrols in 127.O.18 & 36.

7. ENEMY GUN POSITIONS. Nil.

8. INFORMATION FROM PRISONERS OF WAR. 1 Arab destr. taken 113.W.36.c from hospital near MAKHRUK, medical orderly, medium intelligence, was in 31st Regt formerly, states wounded are evacuated by cart to NABLUS. 1 Greek dest. intelligent taken at 113.Y.15.c. coming from W. from 1/163 53rd Divn states 3 days ago 1/151 was relieved by 3/163 and went back DOMEH where is H.Q. XXth A.C. strength his regt 170 rations. Says population DOMEH sent away 2 days ago rations come by camel to DOMEH from NABLUS after that by mules, track not fit for wheels.

9. Topographical. Suggested that area in 113.Y.26.a & b be called 'ONSLOW'S FARM'. Suggested name for hill in 127.G.13.d be 'BELLS BLUFF'.

10. GENERAL. 1 enemy dead buried 200 yds N.E. of MUSALLAHBEH. Our Armoured cars came in contact with 80 Turkish Cav. N. of No.6 Rd near Bde old watering area they drove them into hills inflicting 4 casualties amongst men & horses, also dealt with 1 sniper found.

Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff

21/4/13

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

ROYAL ARTILLERY - N.Z. MOUNTED DIVISION

E1/63

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE
FROM 1200 H 15 OCTOBER 1941

REF: 13310

1. OPERATIONS

NIL

2. INTELLIGENCE
(FROM SOURCES)

CHEMUNYEN SECTOR

Japanese HQ report - 1100 H this movement of enemy troops observed proceeding from an old SHUNGT NIMIN from 127 R 13 about 100 m each party with horses or mules also various parties of about 100 men on move on my front during the day. One party of Cavalry about 100 strong proceeded S from 127 R 2 (1200 H) same party reported to be proceeding N. at 1200 H. One enemy gun located firing from 127 R 13 (1200 H) from position 127 Q 7 C 3.

AVIATION SECTOR

During the afternoon there was continual enemy movement from our right to left all quiet during the night.

CHEMUNYEN SECTOR

0700 H the R.A.A. section kept up a rapid rate of fire directed by S.C. directed to the tank of WASH NIMIN.

At 1200 H the R.A.A. section a slow rate of fire was maintained to force frontal barrage for enveloping movement of light troops. Heavy rain commenced from 1100 H to 1200 H.

The enemy heavily continued to fire at 1200 H from 127 R 13.

0700 H engaged hostile gun on 127 P 2. The enemy is alerted.

0800 H engaged hostile gun on 127 P 2. The enemy is alerted.

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1000 H engaged hostile gun on 127 P 2. The enemy is alerted.

1100 H engaged hostile gun on 127 P 2. The enemy is alerted.

1200 H engaged hostile gun on 127 P 2. The enemy is alerted.

1300 H engaged hostile gun on 127 P 2. The enemy is alerted.

1400 H engaged hostile gun on 127 P 2. The enemy is alerted.

AVIATION SECTOR

0700 H found 25 H.E. in gas position with complete equipment. 45 V.34 d. 10
0800 H found 7 H.E. found on same target. 45 V.34 d. 10
0900 H found on enemy machine gun on 127 R 13. 45 V.34 d. 10
1000 H found 7 H.E. in gas position with complete equipment. 45 V.34 d. 10



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(6) GREENVILLE

GREENVILLE SECTION

Weather - 1000 M. 1000 M. close proximity with first in command directly the first was fired on

HUMAN BILLS

Among killed - 1000 M. 1000 M. close proximity with first in command directly the first was fired on

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ROYAL ARTILLERY - 12 MOUNTED DIV

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

FROM 0800 12 4 18 TO 0800 13 4 18

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OPERATIONS

(a) OURS

INTELLIGENCE

RIF SOURCES

2500 Section 10th Div Bty pulled out to position on 113 L 4 a. 1st Lt C/Sec moved to 113 Y 10 a. in pm 8/26. 2nd Lt C/Sec for Cav. Sec. both returned to previous positions at dusk.

General R.H.A. report - GERMANIAN SECTOR.
Throughout the morning small parties were seen to go in the same direction & disappear behind TEL EL BELIBEL. The enemy troops or encampments situated in night flanks.
1700 Considerable movement & digging on TEL BELIBEL. Parties of 100 moving up & down behind SAKKA. N. of hill N of TEL BELIBEL about 127 25 also trenches on top of hill about 127 25 & 127 29. Parties of 100 came down from hills about 127 25 also movement round trenches on 127 28 & 29.

General R.H.A. report -
1030 Explosion observed at about 127 25.
0530 Blast observed indicating movement of enemy from 127 23 into the hills 127 25 to 26.

ALIAN SECTOR
0500 to 0530 men were seen passing to & from GREEN HILL & BREATHING in small parties, with carrying stores & ammunition.
1000 Pack animals were seen passing N of BREATHING & proceeding the W. a few were observed on 113 Y 8 C in g. found on 113 Y 8 C.
Situation quiet during night.

ARTILLERY

(a) OURS

GERMANIAN SECTOR
0755 to 1000 hrs found 3 rdls H.E. in trench on P.T. 10.
ALIAN SECTOR
0701 Bty found on & destroyed enemy MG on 113 Y 3 C. H. 8.
1000 B/301 shelled returning enemy on GREEN HILL.
60-1000 hrs found 4. Shrap. on 113 X 28 C.
20 rdls on enemy Bty 113 V 32 C. 80. H.E.
1417 Found 10 rdls on enemy Bty on 113 X 29 C. 80.
0855 60 pdr found 7 H.E. in enemy g. trench from 113 X 1 8.

(b) ENEMY

7700 Bty shelled our GERMANIAN Patrols during the morning.
Enemy shelled B/301 Bty position on 113 Y 40 a at 1400.
Our patrols were shelled intermittently during the afternoon.

LOCATION OF ENEMY BYS.

113 V 22 C. 80, 113 X 29 C. 80, 113 X 1 6, ~~113 X 1 8~~

GENERAL

NIL.

W. J. [Signature]
Lt Col
G.S.
A. 12 Mounted Div.

13 4 18

ROYAL ARTILLERY IN 2 MOUNTED DIVISION

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SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

0800 13 4 19 E 0800 14 4 19

REGTIONS

(a) OURS

Section of 10th Heavy Bty moved into new position in 127 Q 7 0 5 6
1st Section R/101 advanced to 113 Y 15 d at 0200.

INTELLIGENCE

(R A SOURCES)

GHORRYH SECTOR

2000 hrs R/101 report

0100 Enemy mortar still firing from old position P 15 d

1100 Party of enemy was observed on DIANKAR DO DAKRASI (P 2e) proceeding N. side

of hill (P 5 F 4 29) proceeding N from TEL EL BILKHAL along top

of hill. Very little enemy movement observed during the day

10th Heavy Bty report -

1000 mortar from an unofficial source of the 10th engaged by this section in R 11

The 11th mortar of the gun was destroyed by our fire. The damaged gun it is understood is still lying in the position.

QUTAH SECTOR

0100 Small party of cam observed coming up R of BORD HAN

1000 Large portion of enemy Bty seen moving N. end of WADI ER RISHAN

Quit afternoon.

GHORRYH SECTOR

1000 Fired 4rd HE on hostile gun firing from position 127 P 15 d 5 3. Gun silenced

1100 Fired 4rd HE on hostile gun again silenced

1200 Fired 3rd HE on enemy cavalry moving S. from P 17 c.

1400 The R/101 gun did not fire.

QUTAH SECTOR

0100 77mm gun silenced 77mm Bty in X 1 B

1500 Fired 5rd HE on 77mm gun in P 29 c.

0200 Fired 10rd HE on 77mm Bty in X 2 C 5 6

0300 Enemy 77mm Bty in X 1 B heavily shelled our 7th patrol E of MUMALASHAN

0400 Enemy 77mm gun opened up in X 2 C 5 6 firing on patrol in W 6 a

113 X 2 C 5 6 (probably only one gun).

NIL

ARTILLERY

(b) OURS

(c) ENEMY

LOCATION OF ENEMY BTYS

GENERAL

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at end of numbered line.

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ROYAL ARTILLERY - A & NZ MOUNTED DIVN.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

0700 14 & 15 to 0700 15 & 16.

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1. OPERATIONS

NIL.

2. INTELLIGENCE

A. B. SERVICES

GREENHITCH SECTOR

0700 Party of enemy car about 100 metres on G 26.4 - Engaged by 10th Coy R.A.

1700 Party of 200 about 100 metres on G 26.4

1730 Party of 100 about 100 metres on G 26.4

ALTAR SECTOR

0700 Enemy infantry appeared to be moving N with pack transport.

1700 A party of 100 on G 21 + 22

CHURCH SECTOR

A. Enemy field

0700 Party of 100 on G 25.4

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1700 Party of 100 on G 25.4

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ALTAR SECTOR

0700 Party of 100 on G 25.4

1700 Party of 100 on G 25.4

1700 Party of 100 on G 25.4

3. ARTILLERY

(a) GUNS

(b) ENEMY

GENERAL

NIL.

15/11/12

By the order of the
Adjutant General
of the Royal Artillery

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ROYAL ARTILLERY - A & N Z MOUNTED DIVISION

SUMMARY of INTELLIGENCE

0800 15 4 18 to 0800 16 4 18

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OPERATIONS

NIL

GHORANIYA II SECTOR

1515. Parties of enemy supply were observed proceeding SOUTH NIMRAIN towards TEL EL BOLEIBLA
+ along top of foot hills (P. 5 + 9 29)

1540. 3 small convoys of camels were observed proceeding N along road from SOUTH NIMRAIN.

1630. Large convoy with animals proceeded N from SOUTH NIMRAIN over TEL EL BOLEIBLA
along top of foot hills (P. 5 + 9 29)

1500. Enemy working party observed on P. 17 a. Engaged by 10 Troy Bty.

ARJAN SECTOR

0830. 2 Lbs. ammunition to approach to within 100 yds of 13 Coy trench found one

1400. An enemy party, apparently in 9 post observed on X. 15.

1500. Mobile Lbs. Patrol of about 140 Camels from W. S.W. of GREEN HILL. They were shelled by B/301
Bty & proceeded N.W.

1745. 2 large convoys came down WADI FAR MANMID on W. 13 cont.

CHERANIEH SECTOR

10. 1000 100 yds found -

1500. 7 Lbs. H.E. on working party on P. 17 a + searched back of hill on P. 10 d.

1600. 4 Lbs. H.E. searching back of hill at about P. 10 d.

1700. 3 Lbs. H.E. on suspected gun position at P. 16 b.

0830. 9 Lbs. H.E. on enemy gun on P. 24 d. 5. 6 - 4 Lbs. appeared effective.

ARJAN SECTOR

1500. B/301 shelled mobile patrol on Wadi SW of GREEN HILL

0800. 60 yds found 6 Lbs. H.E. on mobile Bty on X. 1. 6.

Mobile Bty on hill 10 2 a found several ridges MUSALLAMBAH in early morning.

NIL

ARTILLERY

(a) OURS

(b) ENEMY

GENERAL

P. J. Hignett
1st Lt Col
G. H.
A + N Z Mounted Div.

16. 4. 18

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

0500 16 4 P. to 0700 17 4 18

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OPERATIONS

Our 7.7mm gun advanced to H3.Y 18.0.

INTELLIGENCE

(R.A. SOURCES)

GHORANIYEH SECTION

0400 About 100 horses observed on about P.17.0. A number of pigs have been observed burrowing in front of the line, in a square. Throughout the morning small groups of pack animals were observed proceeding to + from SAHDET MOUNTAIN some by the road from the N. + some over TAL OL BARRIKAN + along path of foothills (P.15 + 16.21). Campments suspected around K.11.

AVYAN SECTION

0700 Parties of 2 or 3 Lurks seen walking about in H3 X 30 + 36.

1000 One post of 20 men observed at F. 15.6

1500 A small party of Lurks Cavalry was seen to shoot 1000 H.M. + 1000 P.M. in V. 10.0. + 10.0. + 10.0.

GHORANIYEH SECTION

1000 Heavy Artillery fired +

0700 3rd H.E. on enemy gun in P. 13 + 14.3.

1142-1147 2nd H.E. on enemy houses in about P. 17.0.

AVYAN SECTION

1000-1000 11/301 fired 15 rds of 7.7mm gun about F. 15.6

1040 10/301 fired 3 rds on enemy O.P. in F. 15.6

1150 11/301 fired on F. 15.6 at 2 intervals + now seen to retire

0700 11/301 fired 12 rds on a small convoy in V. 10.0. in line direct. No return observed

0700 Enemy 4.2 put 2 rds from H.E. over the front line (GHORANIYEH) very little enemy shelling (ACTION)

ARTILLERY

(c) OURS

(d) ENEMY

LOCATION OF ENEMY UTYS

NIL

GENERAL

NIL

[Signature]
LT COL
G.S.
R.A.N.Z. MOUNTED DIVISION

17 9 18

60th Divisional Artillery Intelligence Report
 From 0800 17th to 0500 18th April 1918

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OPERATIONS

(a) Our own

1/11 Ammunition Rtds moved to positions 127 0 27 a1
 1/11 Ammunition Rtds " " " " 127 0 33 0
 1/11 Ammunition Rtds " " " " Q 4 Central
 302 7a Bds relieved 18th Bde Rtds in positions just W of GHORANIYEH.

(b) Enemy

INTELLIGENCE

Ra sources

Continual movement observed at 113 X 23 055
 Small party of pack mules observed moving along Roman Road in 113 U 23

ARTILLERY

(a) our fire

Forward Section B/301 at 113 Y 18 d shelled 2 small enemy convoys moving E from 113 W 14 a1
 301 Bde Turkish gun shelled small enemy camp in 113 W 10
 B/303 Registered batteries on 68th Inf Bde front.
 10th Heavy Bty fired - 0530 12nd H A on trenches at 127 P 16 0550 9 rds HE on hill P 23 d 55 continued to fire on this
 target at intervals 0655 5 rds on hostile gun in 75 cent. 0750 6 rds on hostile gun active in P 18 C

(b) enemy fire

Approx 20 rds. 77 mm fired in MOSALLABEH at intervals during the day.

(c) High, low, how

GENERAL

18.4.18

Sgd R. A. Hicks
 Staff Lt
 60 Div Artillery

60 Divisional Artillery Intelligence Summary.
From 0800 hrs 18/18 to 0800 hrs 19/4/18.

OPERATIONS
(a) Our Own

802 SA Bde took up positions E. of river during evening.
96 HAG carried out registrations.

INTELLIGENCE
R A Sources

0630 5 men seen at 113 V 23 c movement has continued all day.
0730 6 mtb men seen at 118 G 19 c.
0925 Large explosion observed at river bearing 250 from 113 Y 11 to 1.5, long way beyond river.
1125 Large fire observed in Hade at 113 X 2 b.

ARTILLERY
(a) Our Own

96 HAG fired 320 rds during the period on various targets including following hostile batteries: 0900 gun in P. S. Cent. 1230 gun in 127 P 18 c; 1545 gun in 127 A 18 c 0556 Hostile Bty in 127 D 23 d. All above guns reported silenced. 0940 60 pdr fired at Hostile Bty in 127 U 29 d causing large explosion.

(b) Enemy Gun

0915 Hostile gun firing from EL HAUD

GENERAL

1 60 pdr out of action Puffer trouble

Visibility

Daylight to 1000 hrs	FAIR
1000 hrs to 1600 hrs	MODERATE
1600 to Dark	GOOD.

19/4/18

Sgd E.R. Street
Staff Capt
60 Div Artillery

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60 Div. Arty. Intelligence Summary.
0800 hrs 19/4/18 to 0800 hrs 20/4/18

E.M.V.

OPERATIONS
on Arty.

302 PA Bde supported 1st L.A.H. Bde. in demonstration against SHUMET NIMRIY defences.
1 Sec. C/302 in action 127.P.19.c. 1 Sec B/302 in action 127.O.14. Both Btys fired on enemy trenches and gun positions throughout the day. C/302 knocked out enemy gun at 127.U.1.a.
AYRSHIRE Bty R.H.A. supported 2nd A.L.H. in advance towards KABR MUJAHID.
2100 hrs all Bty. W. of river except 18th RHA Bde in Bridgehead.

INTELLIGENCE. Considerable movement observed round H.B. X.23. all day.

ARTILLERY

(a) own fire.

9th RHA G. engaged following hostile guns - 127.P.23.d. W.13.b. W.13.c. P.24.d. & U.20.a.

(b) enemy fire

Enemy Arty. active in positions quoted.

(c) Btys located show.

18 Bde. RHA. located following guns: 127. G.30.C.4.7 (2-77mm) 127. G.30.C.0.1 (2-77mm) 127.P.18.c. (2 mountain Hows) 127.P.23.d. cent. (3-77mm) 127.R.6.a.5.6. (4-77mm)

GENERAL

<u>Visibility</u>	Daylight to 1000 hrs	POOR.
	1000 to 1600 "	POOR.
	1600 to Dark	GOOD.

20/4/18.

J.R. Archer
Lieut
Staff Lieut
60 Div Arty.

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ROYAL ARTILLERY A & N 2 MOUNTED DIV.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE

0800 20 9 18 to 0800 31 9 18

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OPERATIONS.

Reconnaissance R.H.A. moved to 113 L 6 a 59
Reconnaissance R.H.A. " 113 L 6 a 32
Reconnaissance R.H.A. " 113 Q 7 a

INTELLIGENCE

GHORANIEH SECTOR
Very little movement observed. Small parties of 2-3 horsemen continually moving along track 127 P 17 c cent + P 16 a c e

AUTUMN SECTOR
0830 towards during day movement observed in 113 X 03 to X 16 e
1100 2 horsemen were observed proceeding from X 18 a cent travelling S. direction & disappeared in P 19 c.
1400. Small dismounted patrol approached X 30 c & fired on our post retired at 1500. Individual movement observed in A 16 c throughout the day.

ARTILLERY

OURS.

ENEMY.

At 1010 AM registered a barrage in 113 X 24 0.7 by X 33 6 + X 32 0 8.1

During 10 PM fired few shot from Shrapnel & percussion shrapnel on our patrols in 127 O, 18, + 26.

GENERAL.

Visibility, 0800 - 1000 - Good
1000 - 1600 - Fair
1600 - 1800 - Good.

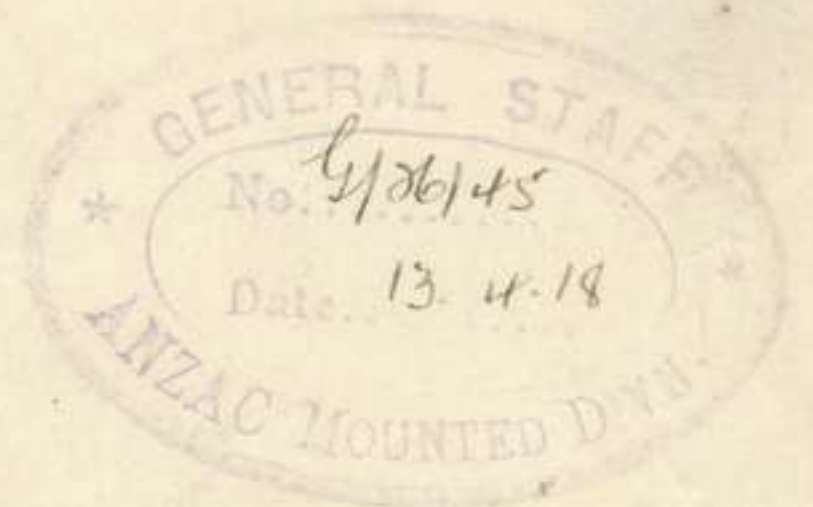
W. J. Wigham
Lt Col
A & N 2 Mounted Div.

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SECRET.

O.C., Detachment, RUJH EL. BAHR,
O.C., Motor Boats.
XXth Corps.

War Diary
App plan etc
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Subject:- Defences of RUJH EL. BAHR.

1. The chief points you have to bear in mind are -

(a) That though all the known FORDS of the JORDAN are watched and the banks patrolled, a small party of the enemy may get across by an unknown crossing or by some sort of raft and raid RUJH EL. BAHR for the express purpose of destroying the boats there.

(b) That he may make the same attempt by sea.

(c) That he may get a gun up on the opposite bank of JORDAN and shell the place, in the hope of destroying the boats.

(d) That an agent or spy of the enemy may get in with the express purpose of destroying the Motor boat if opportunity offers.

(e) That he may bomb the place in hope of destroying the 'WENDY' or other boats.

2. You must therefore have:-

(a) A careful watch kept along the shores of the DEAD SEA A and along any approaches which lead to RUJH EL. BAHR.

(b) A defensive line which will be occupied by a proportion of your force in case of alarm, while part is kept as a reserve.

(c) An inner line immediately round the place where the boats are, into which no person, unknown to you, or the O.C., Motor Boats will be admitted.

(d) Some place in which the 'WENDY' can lie in safety inside the inner line and some form of camouflage to conceal her from the air. This last matter is now being gone into by Capt. TOUP with Major ALEXANDER, C.R.E., ANZAC Mtd Divn.

3. A small sketch was left with you to show how the local defences of RUJH EL. BAHR should run.

In connection with this the wire should be brought down to the small lagoon Northwest of the buildings and ending in the water.

4. In the event of alarm therefore which should be given by such posts as you have East and North of RUJH EL. BAHR. You will occupy the defensive line.

If the enemy are attempting a bombing raid it will be better to get your men away from the building which will certainly be an object of attack. Holes where they can shelter in event of bombing raids must be made.

In case of a bombing raid or a gun opening fire the 'WENDY' should be got to sea without delay, and, remain out until all is clear again, and in case of necessity should go over to RAS FESHUKAH.

W. J. Thynne
Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,

13/4/18.

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

- APR 1918

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Lieut. H.S. GULLETT,
Officer i/c A.I.F. War Records in Egypt.

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