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Brigade

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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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1st. A. L. H. BDE. A. I. F.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information		Remarks and references to Appendices
WARDAN	6.2.16.		1st. A.L.H. Regiment ordered to be ready to move to Western Frontier at short notice (Appx XI) 1st. Regiment did not move.		Appx XI.
	7.2.16.		TERIEH Troop relieved by Troop from 2nd. L.H. Nothing unusual occurred whilst at WARDAN.		Appx XII.

(The original of above appears on the same sheet as entries for previous month and will be found with the diary for that month.)

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WADDAH	16/3/16	11am	Brigade, less 3rd L.H. Regiment, 1st & 2nd Lines transferred 3rd L.H. Regt, and Brigade Train, moved by train to join Southern Force, Order APPX. VIII For distribution see Operation Order No. 6 (appx XIV). Maps referred to Appx XV	Appx VIII " XIV " XX
MIRIAH	17/3/16	11am	Relieved of Bridges at SAGULI and HAZZLET el ABID; distribution remained as before. The Troop at SAGULI and the Squadron at HAZZLET el ABID continued reconnaissance work only.	by 2nd London Regt. & Highland Mtd Bde. respectively
MIRIAH	18/3/16	1pm	Brigade Train (less 3rd L.H. portion) joined Brigade.	
MIRIAH	20/3/16	1pm	3rd Squadron, 1st L.H. Regiment moved from SHOSHAG to ELZET SIDHOUR on account outbreak of plague at SHOSHAG.	
MIRIAH	23/3/16	1pm	H-Col D.P. Glasgow, D.F.O., 2nd L.H. transferred to command 13th Inf Bde; Major P.W. Barlow reported to take over command of 2nd P.D.	D. WilliamBde Major, 1st. A.L.H. Bde A.I.F. 70

NOTE BY A.W.R.S.

The original copies of the following reports are referred to in Appx. 7 of diary for December 1915, and are filed with the volume for that month.

LIGHT HORSE WELLS

1/2/16

Headquarters

P.A.L.H. Brigade

Daily Report - 3rd Lt H Regt.

Training Morning - dismounted under troop leaders. afternoon - mounted under h/w leaders.

Patrols - An officers patrol was sent out during the day & proceeded S.W. by S. from LIGHT HORSE WELLS as far as the two conspicuous hills between WADI FIRIGH. and WADI NATRUN.

The second of these was found in use by CAMEL CORPS as a day observation Post. nothing else of importance to report. A patrol was sent out from THE PAPS and proceeded 6 miles N from there. nothing to report.

The country in vicinity of RAS SULIMANIYA was inspected with a view to finding water. The outlook for water is not too promising but it is thought possible a supply may be obtained at from 20 to 30 feet by boring.

Cawdarlane Lt

Adj. 3rd Lt H Regt.
for CO.

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LIGHT HORSE WELLS

2 - 1 - 16

Headquarters 12.

3rd A.H. Brigade.

Daily Report - 3rd A.H. Regt.

6 Squadron moved today to new camp site at EL GAHR.

Training - morning, dismounted under troop leaders. afternoon, field firing, 5 rounds individual practice 600 - 1000 yards.

Outposts & patrols - nothing to report.

Kantulane line

Adj. 3rd A.H. Regt.
for CO

J.W.

LIGHT HORSE WELLS

3 - 2 - 16

Headquarters

3rd A.H. Brigade

Daily Report - 3rd A.H. Regt.

Training - Morning, dismounted under troop leaders. afternoon, field firing, competition by troops.

Outposts and patrols - nothing to report.

Good progress has been made with well sinking at EL GAHR but very little progress made with boring. The nature of the ground being passed through making the work very heavy.

Rumtulane line
Adj. 3rd A.H. Regt.

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LIGHT HORSE WELLS

4-1-16

Headquarters

1st A.L.H. Brigade.

Daily Report - 3rd A.H. Regt.

Training - Morning, dismounted under troop leaders. Afternoon - Field firing, competition by troops. Outposts & patrols, nothing to report.

General Taylor, OC Forces WAD, NATRUN visited EL GAAR during the morning, accompanied by the C.O. 3rd L.H. The General also attended the field firing practice at BEIDA in the afternoon.

Arrangements have been made for Higgs, M.G.S. and 'B' sign to move to new camp at EL GAAR tomorrow evening.

Ramadan Line
Adj. 3rd A.H. Regiment.
for CO.

P.M.

Service Instructions

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TO

Headquarters

M.L.H.

Brigade

Sender's Number

Day of Month

In reply to Number

5-2-16

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Daily Report - 3rd L.H. Regt.

By Headquarters M.G.S. Section and 'B' Squadron moved from our LIGHT HORSE WELLS to EL GAAR. Arrangements have been made for 'B' Squadron to move tomorrow.

Outposts & patrols, nothing to report.

FROM

3rd A.H. Regt.

PLACE & TIME

EL GAAR

W. 1924-1925. 10,000 Pads - 2/4. S. S. Ltd. - Forces C. I. M.

Ramadan today

Appendix No. VII

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EL CAAR
7-2-16
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EL CAAR.
6-2-16

Headquarters
1st A.L H Brigade

Daily Report - 3rd A.H. Regt.

The Regiment at EL CAAR is now complete, A Squadron arriving today. The Wells at EL CAAR for use of L.H. Regt. will be completed in the course of a few days. The temporary well for use of Infantry will be completed tomorrow.

1 Troop under Fr. Copley proceeded to RAS SULIMANIA today to try for water. 3 holes, 17 ft. " " and 8 ft. were put down but unfavorable ground was met with in each case and no water was found. Outposts and patrols - nothing to report.

Ramdastane Lieutenant
Adjutant 3rd A.H. Regt.

Headquarters
1st A.L H Brigade

Daily Report - 3rd A.H. Regt.

the C.O. with patrol inspected country 10 miles S.W by W from LAKE CAAR and added some detail to WADINATRUN MAP.

The open cut for water at EL CAAR for watering horses gives sufficient water for the whole Regiment and canvas troughing has been erected.

The well for drinking water now gives an ample supply but will take two days to finish off. The temporary Infantry well is complete.

The bore has been sunk 87 feet and the band of clay penetrated and a further supply of water was struck in a black slush which is of no use whatever. Efforts to sink further have failed during last two days.

Outposts & patrols - nothing to report.

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Ramdastane Lieutenant
Adjutant 3rd A.H. Regt.
for CO

APPENDIX NO VII

EL GARA
8-2-16

Headquarters

1st L.H. Brigade

Daily report - 3rd L.H. Regt.

C Coy. 7th Cheshires - 6 officers & 85
ORankers arrived today.
All arrangements have been com-
pleted for the rapid movement
of two troops to intercept hostile
party of Bedouins reported to be
moving E. across our front to
PELINGAT.

60 Camels with 100 water tanks
arrived today. 50 of these leaked
badly and are being repaired
as rapidly as possible. 70 are
now complete. Still working on
remainder.

Outposts and patrols - nothing to
report.

Ramstar (one hour
Adjutant: 3rd L.H. Regt.

EL GAAR

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10-2-16

Headquarters
1st A.L.H. Brigade

EL.GAAR

9-2-16

Headquarters

1st A.L.H. Brigade

Daily report - 3rd L.H. Regt.

Two rotary pumps have been fixed on the open cut for watering horses and one on the well for drinking water.

Reserve rations and forage for the Regiment have been taken to the Infantry Depot.

A hand boring plant has arrived and instructions are being awaited as to its use. 100 feet of $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wire rope will be required before this plant will be of any use.

Patrols were sent out in accordance with orders - nothing to report.

Bawbarlane Lient.
Adjutant 3rd L.H. Regt

Daily Report - 3rd A.L.H. Regt

No. 1 patrol visited RAS SULIMANIA and came back 4 miles inland from the WADI on the N side and reported more Camel tracks than usual going N.W. from ZAWIA. They cut motor tracks 2 miles W of RAS SULIMANIA travelling S.W. at 1250. No. 2 patrol on high ground S. of L.GAAR reports country all clear. They cut motor tracks 3 miles S. of Camp. Patrol to GRAVEL and LIMESTONE HILL W of ZAWIA reported on ground for manœuvring. No view was obtained S.W. from this position but a covered approach to ZAWIA from there was discovered.

All water tanks have been repaired but they are badly made and could not be relied on to any great extent. They have been retained by Regt.

+ Camels returned to BIR HOKER. A pump has been fitted on temporary well.

Rawbarlane Lient
Adj. 3rd L.H. Regt for CO

Appendix No. XII

EL GAAR

12-2-16

Headquarters

159^t Inf. Brigade

Daily Report - 3rd L.H. Regt.

One well has been put down at EL ZAWIA and a good supply of water obtained. It is hoped that this well will be completed tomorrow.

A Patrol left GAAR for RAS SULIMANIA at 1000. Five foot tracks were followed from RAS SULIMANIA N.W. for 3 miles but failed to get in touch with party. 3 of the party were booted and two barefooted. The tracks appeared quite fresh, and made since patrol visited there yesterday.

A number of members of the Regt. attended sports at BIR HOOKER in charge of Mr Derrington.

Ramthorlani L.
Adj. 3rd L.H. Regt.
for CO

EL GAAR

13-2-16

Headquarters

159^t L.H. 159^t Brigade

Daily Report - 3rd L.H. Regt.

A Church parade was held during the morning and the afternoon was devoted to washing clothes, bathing and general cleaning up work.

Arrangements have been made to send one truck to ZAWIA tomorrow with Infantry Detachment.

Outposts and patrols - nothing to report.

Ramthorlani L.
Adj. 3rd L.H. Regt.
for CO.

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Appendix No. III

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EL GAAR

14 - 2 - 16

Headquarters

Brigade.

Daily Report - 3rd L.H. Regt.

One Troop from "A" Squadron
was sent to ZAWIA today with
D Coy, 7th Cheshire Batt.

The well at ZAWIA has been
completed.

Outposts and patrols - nothing
to report.

Brig.-Gen R.O. Shaylor visited ZAWIA
with CO, 3rd L.H.

R.M. Starke Lieutenant
Adjutant 3rd Light Horse
Regt

for CO.

EL GAAR

15 - 2 - 16

Headquarters

P.A.L.H. Brigade

Daily Report 3rd L.H. Regt.

bore
The last well at ZAWIA
was put down to 26 feet
a supply of water being
struck at 22 feet; the
bore is now working in
clay and there is every
possibility of its proving
successful.

The # N.C.O. in charge of
patrol to high ground 10
miles S of Camp reports
that his party when
returning cut tracks of
seven camels 4 miles from
Camp. The tracks were
fresh made and were head-
ing towards BIR HOOKER.

R.M. Starke Lieutenant
Adjutant 3rd L.H. Regt
for CO

Appendix No. III

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EL GAAR

16-2-16

Headquarters

1st A.L.H. Brigade

Daily Report - 3rd L.H. Regt.

A patrol under Lieut. Bigg, officer in charge of light Horse troop at ZAWIA, went as far as ROM EL HEY on 15th inst. 6 camels were seen grazing there.

Tracts of 6 camels and 3 natives were also seen travelling in direction of ZAWIA. These were followed but lost on some hard ground covered with bush.

There is a large WADI running N.W. S of ROMEL HEY and a small to the E of that place, there is a possibility of water being obtained in these but it would be at a considerable depth.

Another patrol to RASSULIMANIA brought in two natives who were found grazing Camels but had no passes. They were understood to say that they had been issued with passes but had given them to other natives. On being questioned by the interpreter however it was found

that no passes had been issued them. They were given permission by CO 2nd L.H to visit the Sheikh, who they stated was their chief.

A third patrol from ZAWIA travelled S.W. by W for 15 miles but saw nothing to report.

Patrols & outposts for 16th - nothing to report.

In daily report of 15th "The test bore at ZAWIA" should have read "the test bore at Drify Camp EL GAAR".

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Adjutant 3rd L.H. Regt
for C.O.

Appendix No. III

EL GAAR

17-2-16

Headquarters

1st L.H. BrigadeDaily Report - 3d, L.H. Regt.

Three patrols were sent out from ZAWIA, one went 10 miles in direction of RAS SULIMAN - 1YA - nothing seen except a few camels grazing, the others went N.W. about W of ZAWIA for 6 miles, nothing to report. Patrols and outposts at EL GAAR - nothing to report.

Burnt & Burnt Piers
Aug 3rd L.H. Regt.
for CO.

EL GAAR

18-2-16

Headquarters

Brigade

Daily Report - 3d, L.H. Regt.

All wells at present in use both at ZAWIA and at Light Horse and Infantry Camps, at EL GAAR continue to maintain the supply of good water above requirement. All the timber supplied for well at Infantry Camp EL GAAR has been used up, and progress will be held up pending receipt of further supplies.

O.C. Light Horse detachment at ZAWIA reports that a patrol to RAS SULIMAN found 2 Bedouins without ponies, these have been brought in to ZAWIA.

Patrols and outposts from EL GAAR nothing to report.

Jell Burnt & Burnt Piers
Adjutant: 3d L.H. Regt
for CO

Appendix No. VII

W.C.

EL GAAR

19-2-16

Headquarters

10th A.L.H. BrigadeDaily Report - 3rd L.H. Regt.

The Patrol to high ground S. of EL GAAR report having gained touch with BIKHANIR CAMEL CORPS by Helio. A message from them was taken and forwarded from Camp to Headquarters 159th Bde. The CAMEL CORPS expect to reach BIR HOOKER tomorrow morning. Patrols and observation posts on ZAWIA - nothing to report.

J.W. Bandarawale Lt
Adjutant 3rd L.H. Regt.
for Co.

EL GAAR

21-2-16

Headquarters

Brigade

Daily Report - 3rd L.H. Regt.

A patrol from ZAWIA found indications of water at a point about 12 miles from ZAWIA and one mile S of track to MEGHARA. It is thought that water may be situated at a depth of 55 to 60 feet.

The well at Infantray Camp EL GAAR is progressing and is now down 12 feet. Pickets are being used in lieu of timber requisitioned for. The rails requisitioned for are urgently required.

Outposts and patrols - nothing to report.

J.W. Bandarawale Lt
Adjutant 3rd L.H. Regt
for Co.

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EL GAAR

22-2-16.

Headquarters

1st A.L.H. Brigade

Daily report - 3d L.H. Regt

Nothing to report

Ranbarfan Pier
Captains 3rd L.H. Regt.
for CO

For H.H.

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Headquarters of

1st A.L.H. Regt Brigade

Daily report - 3d L.H. Regt

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The wire entanglements
(Trenet wire) around the
High Horse Camp at GAAR
almost completed.

Outposts and patrols - nothing
to report.

Ranbarfan Pier

Captain 3rd L.H. Regt.
for CO

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EL GAAR

24-2-16.

Headquarters

Brigade.

Daily report 3rd. Light Horse Regt.

The wire entanglements around the Light Horse Camp nearly completed.

The Infantry Well at EL GAAR completed to depth of 18 ft.,

Outposts & patrols nothing to report.

(Sgd) A. Dick., Lieut.,
A/Adjt., 3rd. A.L.H. Regt.
for C/O.

EL GAAR

25-2-16.

Headquarters

Brigade

Daily report 3rd. Light Horse Regt.

The wire entanglements around Light Horse Camp were completed. Timbering up Infantry well at EL GAAR.

Patrols Nil report. Post on E PAPPS reported that Bedouin party consisting of 3 men, 2 Women, 3 Children, & 3 Camels passed their post at about 1500. Party had pass signed by D.R. Tweedie.

(Sgd) A. Dick, Lieut.,
A/Adjt., 3rd. A.L.H. Regt.

EL GAAR

26-2-16.

Headquarters,

1st. A.L.H. Brigade.

Daily state of 3rd. A.L.H. Regt.

Nothing to report.

(Sgd) A. Dick, Lieut.,
A/Adj't., 3rd. A.L.H. Regt.
for C/O.

EL GAAR

29-2-16.

Headquarters,

1st. A.L.H. Brigade.

Daily report 3rd A.L.H. Regt.

Nothing to report.

(Sgd) A. Dick, Lieut.,
A/Adj't., 3rd. A.L.G. Regt.,
for C/O.

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S E C R E T.

FIRST AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE.

Headquarters,
Boni Salama Camp
6/3/16.

To 2nd L.H.

1.- In continuation of attached secret instructions, LHB 1. to 1st L.H., you are to please detail 1 Troop with necessary details to relieve 1st L.H. by the night of Monday 7th inst.

2.- Tentage, 2 days reserve rations, water fountains and telephone equipment will be handed over to your troop by Lieut. MACK on the ground.

3.- 1 G.S. Limbered Wagon, cooking utensils, blankets and water-proof sheets will be taken from here. Rail arrangements for wagon will be communicated as soon as possible.
Transport horses to go by road.
1 n.c.o. and 2 men will travel by rail as baggage guard.

4.- You will hand over the following to 1st L.H. in exchange for articles mentioned in para. 5 above.-

Tents, bell	8.
Telephones	3.

5.- Arrangements to be made Regimentally to send forward necessary rations and forage daily.
You should ascertain from 1st L.H. what the existing arrangements are.

6.- G.S. Wagon belonging 1st L.H. at present at TIERIA will be returned to WARDAN by 2nd L.H. Troop on arrival of the G.S. wagon of 2nd L.H.
Transport horses to be returned by road.

7.- These instructions addressed to 2nd L.H. and repeated 1st L.H. and Lieut. MACK.

Major,
B.M., 1st A.L.H. Bde.

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<p>The following will leave WARDAN STATION by rail as soon as possible and detailed instruction will follow.aaa H.Qs and two Regiments with 1st line transport aaa Field Ambulance less section at Wadi NATRUH aaa S.C. Detachment aaa please wire your train at Heliopolis your requirements to complete 1st line transport and brigade train company aaa Two days complete and Forage will be carried and also small arms ammunition carried with the Regiments</p>					
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Q 550

12th

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Reference my Q 548 13 Brigade will proceed to destination as follows and HQs one Regiment Field Ambulance and S.C. Detachment to MINIA and Regiment less two Squadrons to BENI AZAR were one Squadron to FASHN and one Squadron to SAMALUT on 1st line Transport will accompany units and further orders will be handed to Brigade Staff by RTO CAIRO on Report hour soon you will be ready to embark

FROM

53rd DIVISION

PLACE

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APPENDIX X/N22

Copy No. 10....

OPERATION ORDER NO. 6

by
Colonel G. F. Cox, C. B., V. D.
Commanding First Australian Light Horse Brigade.

Minia Camp,
16/2/16

REFERENCE MAPS

EL MINIA Sheet 4E
FAYUM " SE

1. INFORMATION.

(a) The enemy seen in BAHARIA OASIS on the 13th inst. has moved but his whereabouts not yet known.

(b) The Troops now available in the area occupied by the MINIA FORCE are as under.-

Highland Mounted Brigade (dismounted) at MINIA CAMP.
1st A.L.H. Bde distributed as in para 3 of this Order
1 Battery Field Artillery at MINIA CAMP.
Detachment Royal Flying Corps with 2 aeroplanes at
MINIA CAMP.

Two armoured cars, one Minia Camp and other at BENI MAZAR.

Camel Patrols, distributed as in appendix "A" attached.
These patrols will shortly be developed and strengthened.

In addition to the above, the following are expected to arrive during the next 48 hours.-

1 Battalion and 2 Cos London Regiment to be stationed BENI MAZAR.

1 Coy R.E. with Pontoon Section to be stationed MINIA.

(c) Role of Mounted Troops.

(i) The general scheme for the cavalry is to place detachments strong enough to act on their own initiative in close proximity to the very favourable ground for cavalry action provided by the Western Desert. This forward position has the further advantage of reducing to a minimum the amount of work required from patrols.

(ii) Detachments of the strength of a squadron would have nothing to fear from raiding parties and will be able to give a good account of moderate sized parties without assistance.

(iii) In the event of the approach of larger bodies of the enemy squadron commanders will be able, by means of the information obtained by their own patrols and the camel patrols working near their respective posts to obtain information in time to secure co-operation of the neighbouring squadrons, and in any case to fight a delaying action to enable the infantry reinforcements to be moved to the threatened point.

(iv) A defensive position selected by squadrons will be entrenched so as to be capable of defence by a few men.

(v) The main employment of machine guns will be in active operations. Emplacements, however, will be prepared at the defensive positions protecting squadron headquarters.

(vi) Detachment commanders will get into touch with the officers in charge of the camel patrols working in their respective areas. The presence of the Cavalry patrols and in special cases of supporting parties, will enable the camel patrols to carry out their duties with greater confidence and efficiency.

2. INTENTION.

The movements necessitated by the distribution set out in para 3 will take place on 17/2/16.

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3. DISTRIBUTION.(a) 1st L.H. Regt.

"B" Squadron { One Troop at MAZURA BRIDGE.
 "C" Squadron { One Troop at FASHN.
 & "C" Squadron { One Sqdrn (less two troops) at EZ BOSHRA.

Regt H.Q. { One Troop SAGULA.
 Machine Gun Sectn { H.Q., Machine Gun Sectn. & 1 Sqdrn (less one
 & "C" Squadron { troop) at BAHNASA EL GARBIA.

"A" Squadron { Near SHUSA.

(b) 2nd L.H. Regt.

"A" Squadron - At position to be selected by C.O. between
 EZ EL QAMIDIR - BENI SAMRAG.

Regt. H. Qrs { R.H.Q., $\frac{1}{2}$ Machine Gun Sectn., 1 Sqdrn (less
 $\frac{1}{2}$ Machine Gun Stn. { one troop) near TUKH EL KHEIL.
 "C" Squadron (less { 1 Troop at MINIA CAMP for escort duty- this
 1 Troop) { troop may be called upon through B.H.Q. if
 required in case of emergency.

"B" Squadron { 1 Troop and $\frac{1}{2}$ M.G. Sectn. at BRIDGE at NAZLET
 $\frac{1}{2}$ M.G. Section { EL ABID. Squadron less 1 Troop near NAZLET EL
 ABID.

(c) 1st L.H. Field Ambulance.

O.C. Ambulance will make necessary medical detachments
 and medical arrangements at FASHN, SANDAFRA, SAMALUT and EL MINIA.
 R.M.O's will be at Regimental Hd-Qrs.

The above detachments to go out on 18th inst.

(d) Brigade Train.

Lieut. Meunder, Supply Officer will arrange necessary
 Supply detail at FASHN, SANDAFRA, SAMALUT and EL MINIA.

(e) Signal Troop.

O.C. Troop will arrange communications between Squadrons
 and Regimental Hd-Qrs, and between Regt. Hd-Qrs and B.H.Qrs.
 C.O's will supply necessary personnel as demanded by
 O.C. Signal Troop.

Communication between detachments from squadrons with
 their squadron headquarters will be arranged as far as possible
 Regimentally, but O.C. Troop will give any assistance possible.

4. SUPPLIES.

(a) Until further orders all Supplies except those enumerated
 in sub para (b) of this para will be despatched to squadrons
 from MINIA by the Supply Officer daily.

~~Provision~~ and O.C. Squadrons will ensure that supplies
 are unloaded ~~properly~~ on arrival and transport returned.

(b) Local contracts are being made or have already been
 made for daily supply of the following ration.-

Berseem 14 lbs

Tibbin 7 "

Fuel (corn cobs) 3 "

These will be supplied at the following places as soon
 as can be arranged.-

FASHN	MAZURA	EZ BOSHRA
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SHUSA	SAMALUT	BAHNASA
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SAZULA BRIDGE	BUGA	TUKH EL KHEIL
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NAZLET EL ABID		
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The Supply detail where available will take over
 and issue the above.

5. TRANSPORT FOR 2ND L.H.

1st Line Transport will be used to fullest extent, but this
 will be supplemented by native transport which will be arranged by
 Supply Officer.

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5. TRANSPORT FOR 2ND L.H. (contd)

1st L.H. Field Ambulance will also make as many wagons as possible available for transport purposes. The red cross will be temporarily obliterated by O.C. Ambulance. These ambulance wagons should be sent to C.O., 2nd L.H. at 0830 on 17th inst.

6. REPORTS.

Special instructions regarding reports, communications etc. are attached as appendix "B" of this order.

7. Copies issued as under:-

No.	Filed.	by hand	2200	16. 2. 16
" 2	Brigadier	"	"	4
" 3	MINIA FORCE	"	"	5
" 4	2nd L.H.	"	"	1
" 5	2nd L.H.	"	"	5
" 6	2nd L.H.	"	"	5
" 7	Field Ambulance	"	"	2
" 8	Signal Troop	"	"	2
" 9	Brigade Train	"	"	2
" 10	1st L.H. BAHRNASA,	by hand	1025	17/2/16
" 11	" " "A" Sqd. SAMALUT	by hand	1025	17/2/16
" 12	" " "B" " EZ BOSHRA	by hand	1025	17/2/16.

Major,
S.M., 1st A.L.H. Bde.

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SCHEME OF CAMEL PATROLS

North to South

- One British soldier in reserve 1.- SHEIKH MASAoud. Amin Hassan Eff., one British soldier and tracker to patrol from N. SHEIKH MASAoud to KARNA BHAN ASSA and back to SHEIKH MASAoud cutting the tracks on the DARB EL MASAOUD and DARB EL BHANASSAWI. Patrol to go out on odd days, 15th. Feb. etc, and
- One British soldier in reserve 2.- On even days, 16th. Feb. etc the BAHNASSA Patrol covers the same ground from the South. Number 2 to consist of El Gadi Eff. One British soldier and one Soudanese.
- One British soldier in reserve 3.- ~~KARNA BHAN ASSA~~ (ESBET SIDHOUM SHUSHA) Hafiz Fahmi Eff. One British soldier and one Soudanese to patrol the ROUBI and GAMADIRI roads on alternate days, 15th. Feb. Etc., On the other days to go out one hour on the ROUBI road.
- One British soldier in reserve 4.- BENI SAMRAG. Tewfig TAHA Eff. One British soldier and one tracker to cover the same ground as Number 3 on alternate days, 15th. Feb. working from the South. On the other days to go out one hour on the GAMADIRI ROAD.
- One British soldier in reserve 5.- TOUKH EL KHEIL. Pv W. Shirley , one British Soldier and one tracker. To patrol on alternate days from TOUKH EL KHEIL to SAFT EL KHAMMAR, cutting TOUGH and SAFTAWI Roads. On the other days to go out one hour North West of TOUKH.
- One British soldier in reserve 6.- SAFT EL KHAMMAR. Ferad El Sayid Eff. One British Soldier and one tracker. Same route as as No. 5 from South on alternate days. On other days to go out one hour S.W.
- 7.- SULTAN HABEAN. MAhoud Khalid Eff., one British soldier and one tracker to patrol BALAH SOURA Road and as much as possible of West Front of ABU GORGUS District daily.

Pte Major,

1st.

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE

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Headquarters,
Minia
16/2/18

Memorandum

Telegrams

Telegrams sent through the civil postal service are in future to be made out on the civil service form, typewritten whenever possible, and number, date, and in reply to, being shewn in top of message, for example :-

"A" SQUADRON FIRST LIGHT HORSE
F A S H N

S.C. 800 SIXTEENTH M.H. 58 AAA PLEASE REPORT
SITUATION DAILY AAA

FIRST LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE
M I N I A

In reply to above message the following might be sent :-

FIRST LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE
M I N I A

M.H. 60 SIXTEENTH S.C. 800 AAA NOTED AAA

"A" SQUADRON
F A S H N

Messages sent through the military Signal Service, either by despatch rider, by telephone, or by visual signal, will follow the Signal Form A.F.G. 2121

All ordinary messages, information, etc., will in future be sent by the quickest available means to Regimental Headquarters

Urgent tactical information will be sent to Regimental Headquarters, but a copy will at the same time be sent direct to Brigade Headquarters. In such cases the Regimental Commander will forward the information he receives if he considers this necessary together with any remarks or further information, etc., he may think necessary to add.

A telephone has been installed at Brigade Headquarters and instructions in Operation Order No. 5 stating that information would be sent direct to MINIA FORCE are therefore cancelled.

Major.
Brigade Major 1st. A.L.H. Brigade

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FIRST AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE.

MINIA CAMP, 17/2/16

Minia Camp,
17/2/16RELIEF OF GARRISON AT SAGULA AND NAZLET EL ABID BRIDGES.

A detachment of the Highland Mounted Brigade and London Regiment is being sent to-day to occupy the Bridges at NAZLET EL ABID and SAGULA respectively.

The detachment of Light Horse at present there will withdraw on relief to the vicinity of the Bridge but will carry on patrol work by day and night as before.

Addressed.-

2nd L.H. MINIA
 Troop at NAZLET EL ABID.
 1st L.H. BAHRNASA
 Sqd. " SAGULA.

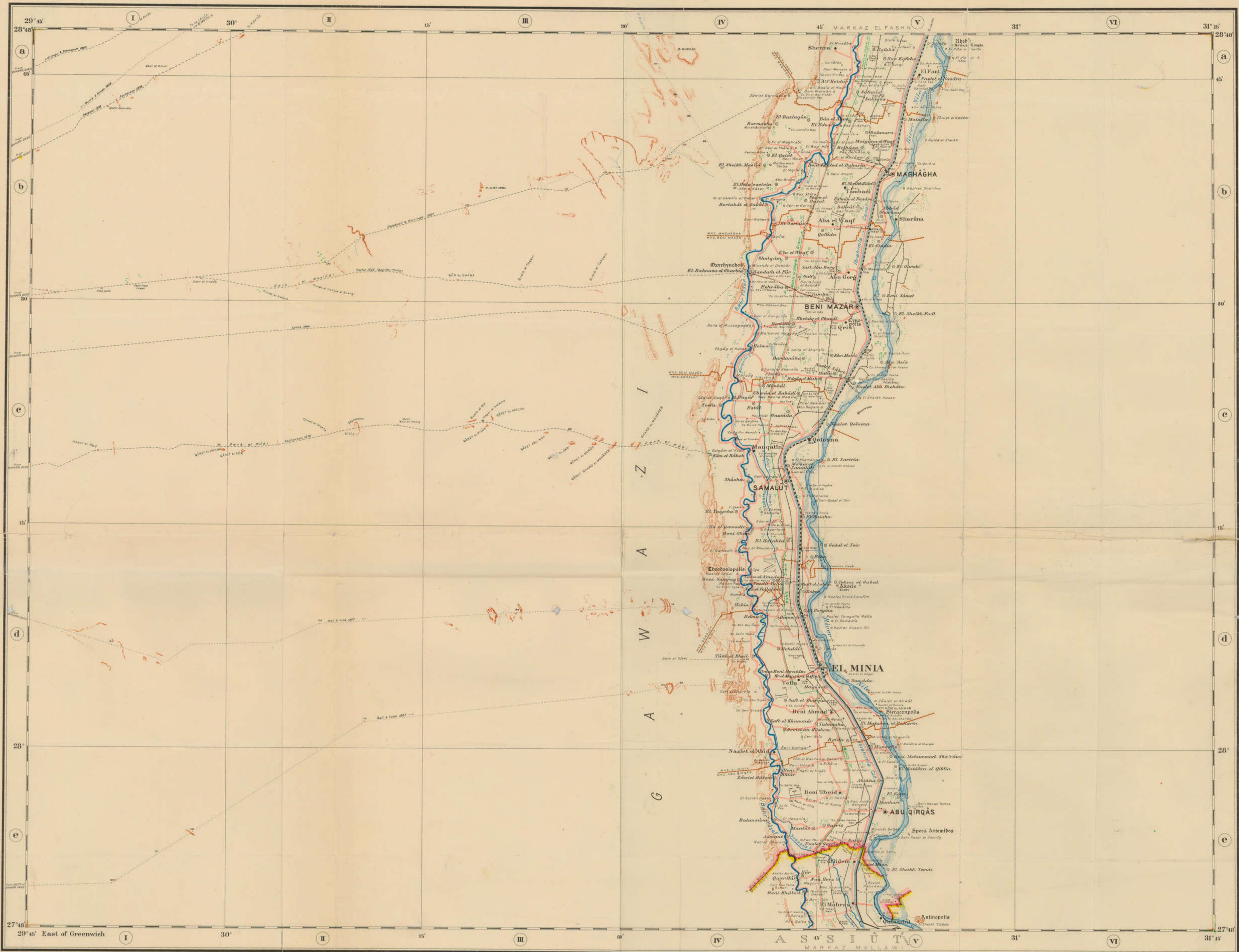
D. J. P.

 Major,
 D. M., 1st A.L.H. Bde.

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SHEET 4-E.



REFERENCE	
Railways (Double Line)	—
Single	—
Light Railways	—
Main Roads	—
Mudiria Boundaries	—
Marks	—
Limit of taxed Land	—
Canals	—
over 40 Metres wide	—
from 15 to 40 Metres wide	—
Drains	—
over 20 Metres wide	—
from 10 to 20 Metres wide	—
Travellers' Routes with Names	—
Desert Tracks	—
Tribal Names	GAWAZI
Wells	—

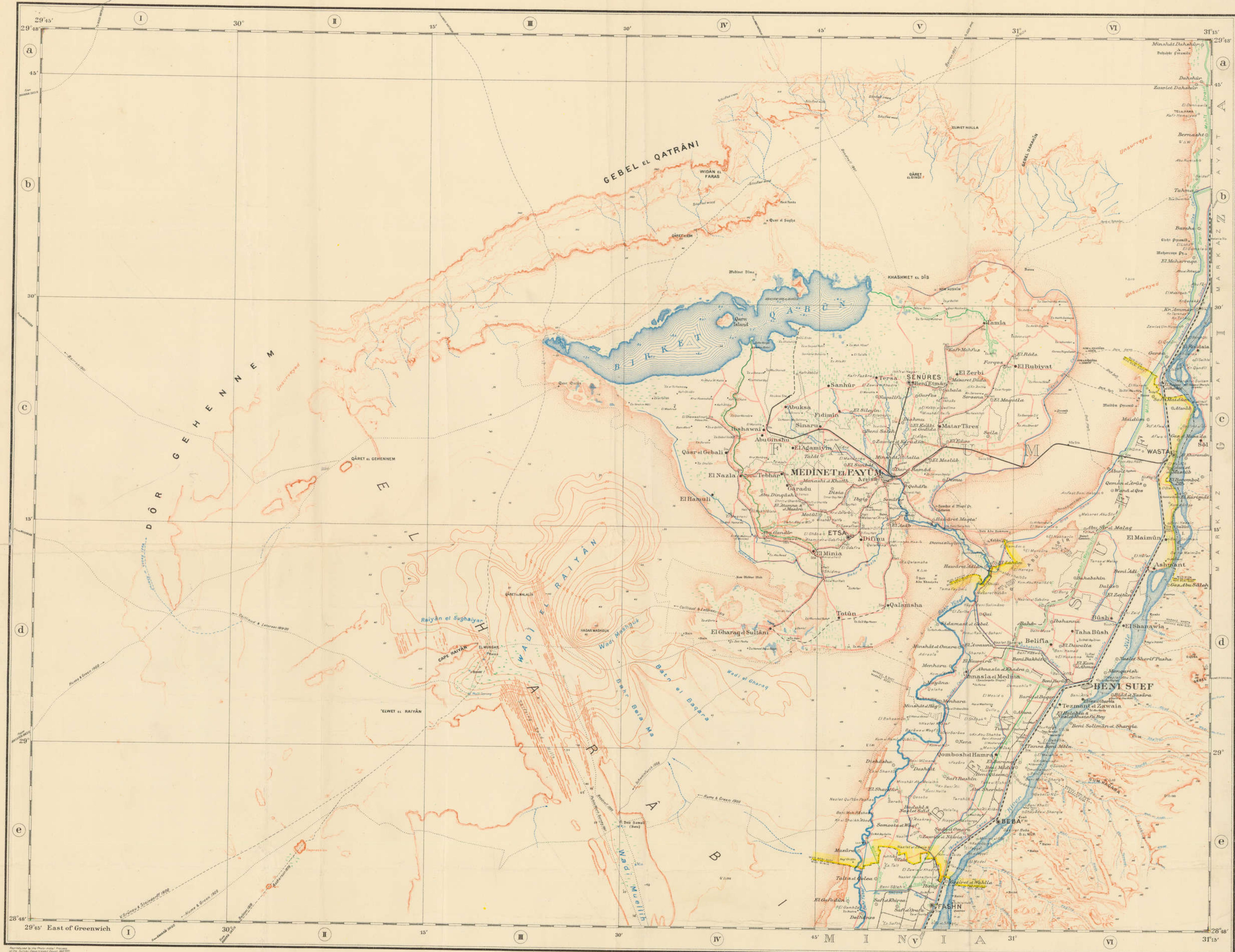
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Kilometres 5 4 3 2 1 0 5 10 15 20 25 Kilometres

- Notes: 1. Compiled from 1:50,000 Maps (1907-11 revised 1913)
 2. Heights in Metres above Sea-level. instrumental vs. approx.
 3. * Denotes Village Areas which have no Village of the same Name.
 4. The Limit of taxed Land approximates closely to the Limit of Cultivation.
 5. Desert Detail taken from Travellers.
 6. Price per Sheet 75 Millimetre.

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Important Cities & Mudiria Towns	Antisopolis
Mudiria Towns	Pyramids
Finance Villages over 5000 inhab.	Well An er-Bir
* From 2000-5000	Swing or Lid Bridges
* under 2000	Ferries
Villages (not Finance)	Lighthouses
Coast Guard Stations	Green Tow
Forts	Swamp



REFERENCE

Railways (Double Line)	
— (Single —)	—
Light Railways	—
Main Roads	—
Mudiria Boundaries	—
Markas	—
Limit of taxed Land	—
Canals	{ over 40 Metres wide From 15 to 40 Metres wide Under 15 Metres wide
Drains	{ over 20 Metres wide From 10 to 20 Metres wide Under 10 Metres wide
Travellers Routes with Names	—
Desert Tracks	—
Tribal Names	HARABI
Wadis	—

Scale - 1:250,000.

Kilometres 0 5 10 15 20 Kilometres

- Notes: 1. Compiled from 1:50,000 Maps (1909-10).
 2. Heights in Metres above Sea-level instrumental approx.
 3. Only the Limit of High Nile is shown.
 4. The Limit of taxed Land approximates closely to the Limit of Cultivation.
 5. Desert Detail taken from Traverses.
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REFERENCE

Important Cities & Mudiria Towns	Memphis
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From 2000 to 5000	○
under 2000	○
Villages (not Finance)	+
Coast Guard Stations	C.G.S.
Forts	II
Antiquities	Pyramids
Well, Ain or Bir	•
Swing or Lift Bridges	—
Ferris	—
Lighthouses	—
Ocean Loco	—
Swamp	—