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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ROMANI	September 1st. to 8th.		The 1st. A.L.H. Brigade took over Duty Brigade for the week September 1/2nd. to 8/9th. and supplied patrols as per Appendix XLIV. Brigade training being pushed on vigorously and rifle range being constructed. 40 reinforcements arrived for Machine Gun Squadron.	Appx XLIV.
"	September 9th.		The 1st. A.L.H. Brigade continued as duty Brigade until midnight Tuesday/Wednesday Sept. 12th/13th. whilst exchange moves were being completed between 2nd. A.L.H. and N.Z.M.R. Bdes.	Appx XLV.
"	11th.		60 reinforcements arrived for Machine Gun Squadron.	
"	September 14th.		The move of 1st. A.L.H. Brigade to BIR EL ABD as covering Troops for the Force operating against BIR EL MAZAR postponed for 24 hours.	
"	September 15th.		The 1st. A.L.H. Brigade left ROMANI at 1900 and moved to BIR EL ABD, arriving there at 0510 on 16th.	Appx XLVI
BIR EL ABD	September 16th		Bivouacked at BIR EL ABD.	
BIR EL ABD	Sept. 17th.		Brigade left BIR EL ABD at 0230 and marched to a point 9 miles East of SALMANA arriving there at 0830. Left Point 9 miles East of <del>SEKMAN</del> SALMANA and arrived at BIR EL ABD at 2010.	Appx. XLVII.
"	Sept. 18th.		Left BIR EL ABD at 0900 and marched to ROMANI, arriving in camp at 1730. The horses of the Brigade were inspected at BIR ABU EL AFEIN, en route by Brig.-General Butler, D.V.S., E.E.F.	Appx. XLVIII
ROMANI	Sept. 22nd.		1st. A.L.H. Brigade took over duty Brigade for the week September 22nd./23rd. to Sept. 29th/30th. and carried out patrols as per Appx. XLIX, up to 27th. September.	Appx. XLIX.
"	Sept. 27th.		Owing to <sup>move</sup> <del>move</del> of Brigade to KANTARA duties were handed over to N.Z.M.R. Brigade from midnight 27th. to 28th. September. Mass parade of 1st. A.L.H. Brigade addressed by Major General H.G. Chauvel, C.B., C.M.G., prior to moving to KANTARA for rest. Medals for meritorious service at GALLIPOLI were presented to :- Lieut. J. Wasson, 2nd. L.H. (Medaille Militaire), Corp. McDonald, 2nd. L.H. (D.C.M.), Corporal F.O. <del>McRae</del> <sup>McRae</sup> (D.C.M.)	

*Christopher Major*  
 Brigade Major, 1st A.L.H. Brigade



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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ROMANI	September 28th.		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Page 2.</u></p> <p>1st. A.L.H. Brigade left ROMANI at 0500 and marched to HILL 70 <del>leaving</del> relieving 5th. Mounted Brigade at HILL 70 and leaving 3rd. L.H. Regiment at DUEIDAR to relieve one Regiment of 5th. Mounted Brigade.</p>	Appx. L
HILL 70	30th.		<p>Horses of the Brigade, less 3rd. Regiment, inspected at HILL 70 by Brigadier-General Bates, D. of R. and Brigadier-General Butler, D.V.S., E.E.F.</p> <p>During the month whilst the Brigade has been in 2nd. line at ROMANI, training of the Regiments has been pushed on vigorously.</p> <p>The rifle range was completed on 25th. September and 2 days Musketry carried out by 1st. A.L.H. Regiment.</p> <p>Summary of daily states for month of September attached</p>	Appx.L1

*Richardson* Major  
 Brigade Major, 1st A.L.H. Bde.



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BRIGADE ORDER NO. 23

by

BRIGADIER-GENERAL C. F. COX, C.B., V.D.

Commanding First Australian Light Horse Brigade.

1st September '16.

The 1st A.L.H. Brigade is duty Brigade for the week commencing at midnight Friday/Saturday 1st/2nd September.

A. During this period the daily Duty Regiment will find the following daily Patrols.

- (a) HILL 110 and South edge of SARKHET BARDAWIL.
  - (b) HOD-UMM-UGBA to SARKHET QATAIA to BIR-EL-NANLUK.
  - (c) BIR-ABU-GULUB to BIR-EL-NAMISAN to BIR-ABU-THEILA
- Two Sections will carry out each patrol.

B. On Monday 4th Sept. and Friday 8th Sept. the daily duty Regiment will send a Patrol on one troop to BADIEN to MBAYAD to HOD-GIRGAFFA to HOD-ABU-DAREN.

All Patrols must leave ROMANI Camp at 0600 and a report be sent to B.H.Q. at that hour, stating that patrols have been despatched.

Immediately on return of patrols, report "AllClear" or otherwise, must be sent to B.H.Q.

The places indicated are to be considered as localities, and not as fixed points.

A. CHISHOLM, Captain,  
B.H., 1st A.L.H. Brigade.

Copies issued at 1030, 1st September, to -

- No. 1 B.H.Q.
- 2 B.H.Q.
- 3 War Diary
- 4 File
- 5 1st Signal Troop
- 6 1st A.L.H. Regiment
- 7 2nd A.L.H. Regiment
- 8 3rd A.L.H. Regiment



Copy No. 3.C O P Y.BRIGADE ORDER NO. 23.

by

BRIGADIER-GENERAL C. F. COX. C. B., V. D.Commanding First Australian Light Horse Brigade.1st. September' 16.

The 1st. A. L. H. Brigade is duty Brigade for the week commencing at midnight Friday/Saturday 1st/2nd. September.

- A. During the period the daily Duty Regiment will find the following daily Patrols.
- (a) HILL 110 and South edge of SABKHET BARDAWIL.
  - (b) HOD-UMM-UGBA to QATAIA to BIR-EL-MAMLUK.
  - (c) BIR-ABU-GULUD to BIR-EL-HAMISAH to BIR-ABU-THEILA.
- Two Sections will carry out each patrol.
- B. On Monday 4th. Sept. and Friday 8th. Sept. the daily duty Regiment will send a patrol of one troop to BADIH to MBAYAD to HOD-GIRGAFFA to HOD-ABU-DAREM.

All Patrols must leave ROMANI Camp at 0600 and a report be sent to B.H.Q. at that hour, stating that patrols have been dispatched.

Immediately on return of patrols, report "All Clear" or otherwise, must be sent to B.H.Q.

The places indicated are to be considered as localities, and not as fixed points.

A. CHISHOLM. Captain.  
B. M. 1st. A. L. H. Brigade.

Copies issued at 1030, 1st. September, to -

No. 1	B. H. Q.
2	D. H. Q.
3	War Diary.
4	File/
5	1st. Signal Troop.
6	1st. A. L. H. Regiment.
7	2nd. A. L. H. Regiment.
8	3rd. A. L. H. Regiment.



Brigade Order N° 24

by  
Brigadier General Con C.O. VD  
Commanding 1<sup>st</sup> ALH Brigade

8<sup>th</sup> Sept 1916

The 1<sup>st</sup> ALH Brigade will continue as  
duty Brigade until midnight Tues/Wed  
12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> September during the move of  
2<sup>nd</sup> ALH Brigade and 142 ALH Brigade.

A During this period the daily duty Reg<sup>ts</sup>  
will find the following daily Patrols  
(a) Hill 110 and south edge of SABRNET DARRAWIL  
(b) HOD-ABU-UDAH to QATAIA L. BIR-EL-19417-UDH  
(c) BIR-ABU-GULAD to BIR-EL-1411715945 BIR-ABU-THEIRA  
Two sections will carry out each patrol.

B Patrols of one troop each will be  
sent out as follows:-

(a) BADIYA L. NYBAYAD to HOD BIR-ANFRA to  
HOD-ABU-DAREIA  
on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 1<sup>st</sup> ALH Reg<sup>ts</sup>

(b) HOD-EL-AYMA to HOD AYISH to HOD-ES-SAGIA  
to HOD-ED-DHAKAQ (17)  
on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 3<sup>rd</sup> ALH Reg<sup>ts</sup>  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2<sup>nd</sup> ALH Reg<sup>ts</sup>

All patrols must leave HQ camp at 0600 and  
a report sent to B.H.Q. at that hour stating  
that patrols have been despatched.

Immediately on return of patrols report  
"all clear" or otherwise must be sent to HQ.

The places indicated are to be considered  
as localities and not as fixed points.

Issued at 2000 9/9/16 L.

- 1 1<sup>st</sup> ALH Reg<sup>ts</sup>
- 2 2<sup>nd</sup> ALH Reg<sup>ts</sup>
- 3 3<sup>rd</sup> ALH Reg<sup>ts</sup>
- 4 File

Colonel Con C.O. VD  
B.M. 1<sup>st</sup> ALH Bde



C O P Y.Copy No. 4.BRIGADE ORDER NO. 24.

by

BRIGADIER GENERAL COX C.B., V.D.Commanding 1st. A.L.H. Brigade.

8th. Sept. 1916.

The 1st. A.L.H. Brigade will continue as duty Brigade until midnight Tues/Wed. 12th/13th. September during the moves of 2nd. A.L.H. Brigade and N.Z.M.R. Brigade.

- A. During this period the daily duty Regt. will find the following daily Patrols -
- (a) HILL 110 and South edge of SABKHET BARDAWIL.
  - (b) HOD-UMM-UGBA to QATAIA to BIR-EL-MAMLUK.
  - (c) BIR-ABU-GULUD to BIR-EL-HAMISAH to BIR-ABU-THEILA.
- Two sections will carry out each patrol.
- B. Patrols of one troop each will be sent out as follows :-
- (a) BADIEH to MBAYAD to HOD GIRGAFFA to HOD-ABU-DAREM.  
on Sunday 10th. September 1st. L.H. Regt.
  - (b) HOD-EL-AMOTA to HOD AYISH to HOD-ES-SAGIA to HOD-ED-DHAMAR  
(17) on Saturday 9th. September 3rd. L.H. Regt.  
Monday 11th. September 2nd. L.H. Regt.

All patrols must leave ROMANI Camp at 0600 and a report sent to B.H.Q. at that hour stating that patrols have been dispatched. Immediately on return of patrols report "All Clear" or otherwise must be sent to B.H.Q.

The places indicated are to be considered as localities, and not as fix-ed points.

(Sgd). A. CHISHOLM, Capt.  
B.M. 1st. A.L.H. Brigade,

Copies issued at 2000 8/9/16.

No. 1	1st. A.L.H. Regt.
2	2nd. A.L.H. Regt.
3	3rd. A.L.H. Regt.
4	File.



BRIGADE ORDER No. 25

Brigadier General C.F. Cox, C.B., V.D.  
 Commanding First Australian Light Horse Brigade.

Headquarters,  
 ROMANI.  
 12/9/1916.

Reference Maps - QATIA  
 1/100,000  
 GAZNET-PL-SARHAWIL, 1/125,000.

INFORMATION

1.- The latest information as to the enemy's strength and dispositions at BIR EL NAZAR are as follows :-  
Garibani - Residue of 1st. Turkish Regiment about 2000 strong.

Small remnant of 39th. Regt. 200 to 300 strong, 10 machine guns with proportion of German personnel.  
 4 Mountain guns.

Some anti-aircraft Artillery.

Defences - A series of trenches, not continuous, facing West, <sup>North of and extending</sup> across the EL ANICH Road. Further trenches thrown back to protect the enemy's Southern flank, facing approximately South West. No definite works South or South East of BIR EL NAZAR.

ONE DIV TROOPS -

A Force is assembling in the area HED SALMANA - BIR SALMANA - BIR EL GANABIL - HED WILLAGRA ready to leave on evening of September 19th. to attack BIR EL NAZAR on morning of September 18th.

The force is composed of :-

ANZAC Mounted Divisional Headquarters.

2nd. L.H. Brigade.

3rd. L.H. Brigade.

Machine Gun Squadron, N.Z.M.F. Brigade.

Hd.-Qrs. and 2 Batteries and Ass. Col. R.H.A.

Signal Squadron, less detachments.

Field Squadron, less 1 Troop and details.

Medical Units.

No. 1 Imperial Camel Battalion.

Major-General H.G. Chauvel, C.B., C.M.G. is commanding the Force.

INTENTION

2.- The G.C.C., 1st. A.L.H. Brigade intends to move to BIR EL AND to act as covering Troops.

MOVIE

3.- The 1st. A.L.H. Brigade will leave ROMANI at 2100 on 14th. September and march to BIR EL AND.

All Units of the Brigade will report at Starting Point 400 yards East of INVENTORY POST No. 5 at 2045 formed up in Column of Squads in line of Troop Columns, facing East. The route to the Starting Point is via BIR ROMANI through the opening in the entanglements on North side of INVENTORY POST No. 5.

ORDER OF MARCH - 4.-Advanced Guard

Ass 1 Sqdn. 2nd. L.H. Regt.  
 Commander- Capt. C.C. Stewart.

G.C., 2nd. L.H. Regiment will detail one Squadron as Advanced Guard.

Main Body

H.Q.

1st. Sig. Troop.

W.C. Sqn.

1st. L.H. Regt.

2nd. L.H. Regt.

3rd. L.H. Regt.

1st. L.H. Hd. Ass.

Right Flank Guard

1 Troop 1st. L.H. Regt.

Left Flank Guard

1 Troop, 1st. L.H. Regt.

Rear Guard

1 Troop, 1st. L.H. Regt.

Order of March as per Margin.

G.C., 1st. L.H. Regt. will detail one Troop each as Right and Left Flank Guards and Rear Guard.



C O P Y.Copy No.7.BRIGADE ORDER NO. 25.

by

Brigadier General C. F. Cox. C. B. V. D.  
Commanding First Australian Light Horse Brigade.

Reference Maps - QATIA  
 1/100,000  
 SABKHET-EL-BARDAWIL. 1/125,000.

Headquarters,  
 R O M A N I.  
 12 /9/ 1916.

INFORMATION. 1. The latest information as to the enemy's strength and dispositions at BIR EL MAZAR are as follows :-  
Garrison - Remains of 31st. Turkish Regiment about 2000 strong.  
 Small remnant of 39th. Regt. 200 to 300 strong, 10 machine guns with proportion of German personnel.  
 4 Mountain guns.  
 Some anti-aircraft Artillery.  
Defences - A series of trenches, not continuous, facing West North of and extending across the EL ARISH Road. Further trenches thrown back to protect the enemy's Southern flank, facing approximately South West. No definite works South or South East of BIR EL MAZAR.

OUR OWN TROOPS. -

A Force is assembling in the area HOD SALMANA - BIR SALMANA - BIR EL GAMADIL - HOD WIRLAGHA ready to leave on evening of September 15th. to attack BIR EL MAZAR on morning of September 16th.

The force is composed of :-

ANZAC Mounted Divisional Headquarters.  
 2nd. L.H. Brigade.  
 3rd. L.H. Brigade.  
 Machine Gun Squadron, N.Z.M.R. Brigade.  
 Hd. Qrs. and 2 Batteries and Amm. Col. R.H.A.  
 Signal Squadron, less detachments.  
 Field Squadron, less 1 Troop and details.  
 Medical Units.  
 No. 1. Imperial Camel Battalion.

Major-General H.G. Chauvel C.B. C.M.G. is commanding the Force.

INTENTION

2. - The G.O.C., 1st. A.L.H. Brigade intends to move to BIR EL ABD to act as covering Troops.

MOVES.

3. - The 1st. A.L.H. Brigade ~~XXXXX~~ will leave ROMANI at 2100 on 14th. September and march to BIR EL ABD.

All Units of the Brigade will report at Starting Point 400 yards East of INFANTRY POST No. 5 at 2045 formed up in Column of Squadron line of Troop Columns, facing East. The route to the Starting Point is via BIR ROMANI through the opening in the entanglements on North side of INFANTRY POST No. 5.

ORDER OF MARCH. -4.-

Advanced Guard.

1 Sqn. 2nd. L.H. Regt.  
 Commander- Capt. C. C. Stodart.

C.O. 2nd. L.H. Regiment will detail one Squadron as Advanced Guard.

Main Body.

B.H. Qrs.

1st. Sig. Troop.

Order of March as per Margin.

M.G. Sqn.

1st. L.H. Regt.

2nd. L.H. Regt.

3rd. L.H. Regt.

1st. L.H. Fd. Amb.

Right Flank Guard.

1 Troop 1st. L.H. Regt.

C.O. 1st. L.H. Regt. will detail one Troop each as Right and Left Flank Guards and Rear Guard.

Left Flank Guard.

1 Troop 1st. L.H. Regt.

Rear Guard.

1 Troop. 1st. L.H. Regt.



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- REPORTS 5.- C.O., 3rd. L.H. Regiment will detail one Squadron to report to Major Stanfield, C.O., A.F.C., at 1400 on 14th. September at HQD IN KEBILIAF en route to convoy leaving KEBILIAF on afternoon of 14th. September.
- SUPPLIES 6.- One day's ration, extra ration, full water bottle and water bags where they have been issued, will be carried on each man and three feeds on each horse.
- WATERING 7.- The 1st. A.L.H. Brigade will water at EIR EL ABD.
- AMMUNITION 8.- 200 rounds S.A.A. will be carried on each man, the extra 60 rounds being carried on the haversack, 5,500 for each Machine Gun and 5000 for each Lewis Gun.
- NOISE 9.- No neck-chains or anything that will rattle will be taken.
- LIGHTS 10.- No lights are to be struck on the march until ~~permission~~ permission is given. Commanding Officers will see that this is strictly impressed on all ranks.
- LEAVING RANKS 11.- No one is to leave the ranks except with an officer's permission.
- MEDICAL 12.- C.O., 1st. L.H. Fd. Amb. will make necessary arrangements under M.O.C. 19.
- COMMUNICATIONS 13.- Under arrangements of C.O., 1st. Signal Troop.
- REPORTS 14.- Reports and messages to M.H.C., 1st. A.L.H. Brigade.

A. CHISHOLM Captain.  
Brigade Major, 1st. A.L.H. Brigade.

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No. 6	2nd. L.H. Regt.
No. 7	3rd. L.H. Regt.
No. 8	M.O. Sqdn.
No. 9	1st. Sig. Troop.
No. 10	1st. L.H. Fd. Amb.
No. 11	Supply Section.



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- ESCORTS. 5.- C.O. 3rd.L.H.Regiment will detail one Squadron to report to Major Stansfield, O.C.,A.S.C., at 1400 on 14th.September at HOD EN NEGILIAT as escort to convoy leaving NEGILIAT on afternoon of 14th.September.
- SUPPLIES. 6.- One Day's ration, extra ration, full water bottle and water bags where they have been issued, will be carried on each man and three feeds on each horse.
- WATERING. 7.- The 1st.A.L.H. Brigade will water at BIR EL ABD.
- AMMUNITION. 8.- 200 rounds S.A.A. will be carried on each man, the extra 60 rounds being carried on the haversack, 3,500 for each Machine Gun and 3000 for each Lewis Gun.
- NOISE. 9.- No neck-chains or anything that will rattle will be taken.
- LIGHTS. 10.- No lights are to be struck on the march until permission is given. Commanding Officers will see that this is strictly impressed on all ranks.
- LEAVING RANKS. 11.- No one is to leave the ranks except with an officer's permission.
- MEDICAL. 12.- C.O.,1st.L.H.Fd.Amb. will make necessary arrangements under M.O.O. 19.
- COMMUNICATIONS 13.- Under arrangements of O.C.,1st. Signal Troop.
- REPORTS. 14.- Reports and messages to B.H.Q.,1st. A.L.H.Brigade.

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

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No. 4.	B.H.Q.
No. 5.	1st.L.H. Regt.
No. 6.	2nd.L.H. Regt.
No. 7.	3rd.L.H. Regt.
No. 8.	M. G. Sqdn.
No. 9.	1st. Sig. Troop.
No. 10.	1st.L.H.Fd.Amb.
No. 11.	Supply Section.





FIRST AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE

Headquarters,  
ROMANI, 14th. Sept., 1916.

REFERENCE MAPS - QATIA 1/100,000  
SABKHET EL BARDAWIL 1/125,000

With reference to Brigade Order No. 25

MOVES

1.- Night Saturday/Sunday, 16th/17th. September, 1916.  
1st.A.L.H. Brigade will leave BIR EL ABD at 0230 on Sunday, 17th. September and march to a point 9 miles East of BIR SALMANA.  
All units will report "ready to move" to Staff Captain at 0215.

ORDER OF MARCH. -

- Advanced Guard
- 1 Sqn., 2nd.L.H. Regt.
- Commander - Capt. C.C. Stodart.
- Main Body
- B.H.Q.
- 1st. Sig. Troop.
- M.G. Sqn.
- 1st.L.H. Regt.
- 2nd.L.H. Regt.
- 3rd.L.H. Regt.
- 1st.L.H. Fd. Amb.
- 7th. Mob. Vet. Sec.
- 1st., 2nd., 3rd. B.A.C.
- Right Flank Guard
- 1 Sqn., 1st.L.H. Regt.
- Left Flank Guard.
- 1 Sqn., 1st.L.H. Regt.
- Rear Guard
- 1 Sqn., 3rd.L.H. Regt.

C.O., 2nd.L.H. Regt. will detail one Sqn. as Advanced Guard.

Order of march as per margin.

C.O., 1st.A.L.H. Regt. will detail one Sqn. each as Right and Left Flank Guards

C.O., 3rd.L.H. Regt. will detail one Squadron as Rear Guard.

ESCORTS

3.- The Squadron detailed by C.O., 3rd.L.H. Regt. in accordance with para. 5, Bde. Order No. 25 will continue as escort to camels.

This Squadron will reach BIR EL ABD from HOD EN NEGILIAT at 0600 on Saturday, 16th. September.

This Squadron will leave BIR EL ABD at 0900 on 16th. and move to HOD SALMANA. Two Troops will remain there as escort to camels at SALMANA. Two troops will proceed to ~~XXXXXX~~ BIR EL GANADIL to report to B.G.C., 2nd.A.L.H. Bde., and will escort the camels of that Brigade to HOD SALMANA. These two Troops should reach BIR EL GANADIL as soon as possible, but must not be later than 1400 on September 16th.

The two Troops left at HOD SALMANA and the two Troops which will bring the camels of the 2nd.A.L.H. Bde. from BIR EL GANADIL will remain as Guard over all camels at HOD SALMANA.

C.O., 2nd.L.H. Regiment will detail two Troops as escort for camels accompanying the Brigade from BIR EL ABD to HOD SALMANA and will continue with one Troop as escort from HOD SALMANA. This Troop will remain as Escort to all camels with the Brigade until return to SALMANA when they will be handed over to the escort Squadron.

PROTECTION

4.- When the Brigade halts at Point 9 miles East of SALMANA the Regiments providing the Advanced, Flank and Rear Guards will be responsible for the local protection in their respective directions.

CAMP COMMANDANT

5.- Major P.A.M. Laurie, 3rd.L.H. Regt. will be in command of 1st.A.L.H. Bde. details in ROMANI during the absence of Bde.

A. CHISHOLM Captain,  
B.M., 1st.A.L.H. Bde.

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  - No. 6 2nd.L.H. Regt., No. 7 3rd.L.H. Regt., 8 Machine Gun Squadron,
  - No. 9 1st. Sig. Troop, No. 10 1st.L.H. Fd. Amb., 11 Supply Section.
  - No. 12 7th. Mob. Vet. Sec., 13 1st. B.A.C., Lestr. Batty, R.H.A.



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE  
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Headquarters,  
Romani,  
22/9/1916.

Headquarters,  
A. & N.Z. MOUNTED DIVISION.  
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REPORT ON MOVEMENTS OF FIRST A.L.H. BRIGADE ACTING AS  
RESERVE FOR THE FORCE OPERATING AGAINST BIR EL MAZAR  
FOR THE PERIOD 15/18th. SEPTEMBER, 1916.  
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This Brigade left ROMANI Camp at 1900 on September 15th. and marched to BIR EL ABD arriving there at 0510 on September 16th., bivouacked at BIR EL ABD for the day and moved out for a point 9 miles East of SALMANA at 0230 on 17th. Arrived SALMANA at 0345 and left, after watering, at 0500, arriving at point 9 miles East of SALMANA at 0830. The Brigade bivouacked at this point until 1245 and then returned to BIR EL ABD watering at BIR SALMANA en route and arriving at BIR EL ABD at 2010. The Brigade left BIR EL ABD at 0900 on 18th. September and marched to ROMANI arriving in Camp at 1730.

ESCORTS:-

During the operations the following Escorts were provided. One Squadron from 3rd. L.H. Regiment reported at HOD EN NEGILIAT at 1400 on 15th. September to act as escort to Camel Convoy proceeding to BIR EL ABD. On arrival of the Brigade at BIR EL ABD, this Squadron was sent forward leaving BIR EL ABD at 0900 on 16th. September, to take charge of all camels at SALMANA and to send 2 Troops to escort the camels of the 2nd.L.H.Brigrade from HOD EL GE'EILA to SALMANA, being relieved at BIR EL ABD by one Squadron of 2nd.L.H.Regiment, which acted as escort to all camels accompanying the Brigade to point 9 miles East of SALMANA. On arrival at SALMANA all first line camels, with exception of ammunition camels, were cut out of the convoy and parked until the return of the Brigade. The convoy which accompanied the Brigade to point 9 miles East of SALMANA consisted of :-

- (a).- Camels carrying Regimental Lewis Gun and Machine Gun S.A.A.
- (b).- 1st., 2nd. and 3rd. B.A.C's.
- (c).- Camels carrying water for men and horses of 2nd. and 3rd. L.H. Brigades.
- (d).- Camels carrying the technical equipment of 1st. Field Troop.

I beg to report that 1st. Field Troop was detained at point 9 miles East of SALMANA and no arrangements made to water this Brigade at BIR EL ABD on its return. All the pumps belonging to this Brigade were with the 1st. Field Troop.

  
Brig.-General,  
G.O.C., 1st. A.L.H. Brigade.



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BRIGADE ORDER No. 26

by

Brigadier-General C.F. Cox, C.B., V.D.

Commanding First Australian Light Horse Bde.

Headquarters,  
Romani,  
22/9/1916.

The 1st. A.L.H. Brigade is duty Brigade for the week commencing at midnight Friday/Saturday, 22/23rd. Sept.

A.- During this period the daily duty Regiment will find the following daily patrols :-

(a).- HILL 110 and South edge of SARKHET BT BARDAYIL.

(b).-HOD UMM MOBA to QATAIA to BIR EL MANLUK.

(c).-BIR ABU GULUD to BIR EL HANISAH to BIR ABU THILA.

Two Sections will carry out each patrol

B.- During duty week the daily duty Regiment will send out Patrols of one Troop as follows :-

(a).-SADIH to MBAYAD to HOD GINGAFFA to HOD ABU DARRH -

On Saturday, 23rd. September.  
On Wednesday, 27th. September.

(b).-HOD EL ANOIA to HOD ES SAGIA to HOD ED INANAH (17) -

On Monday, 25th. September.  
On Friday, 29th. September.

All Patrols must leave ROMANI Camp at 0600 and a report be sent to B.H.Q. at that hour stating that patrols have been despatched.

Immediately on return of patrols report "All Clear" or otherwise must be sent to H.H.Q.

The places indicated are to be considered as localities and not as fixed points.

A. CHISHOLM Major.  
Brigade Major, 1st. A.L.H. Bde.

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BRIGADE ORDER No. 27

Copy No. ....

by  
Brigadier-General C.V. Cox, C.B., V.C.  
Commanding First Australian Light Horse Brigade

Hq. - Qrs.,  
ROMANI, 27/9/1916.

MOVES.

1.- On Thursday, September 28th., the 1st. A.L.H. Brigade will leave ROMANI and relieve the units of the 5th. Mounted Bde. at the under-mentioned stations :-

- BUEIDAR - 3rd. A.L.H. Regiment.  
Detachment, Field Troop.
- HILL 70 - B.H.C.  
1st. Sig. Troop.  
H.Q. Sqdn.  
1st. A.L.H. Regt. (less 1 Troop to BALLY BUNICH on 29th. instant).  
2nd. A.L.H. Regt.  
1st. L.H. Pl. Amb.

BALLY BUNICH - 1 Troop, 1st. A.L.H. Regt. to relieve Troop of 5th. Mtd. Bde. on 29th. inst.

All Units of the Brigade will report at Starting Point 500 yards due West of 1st. A.L.H. Regiment lines at 0445, formed up in column of Squadron lines of Troop Columns, facing West.

ORDER OF MARCH.

Ground Scouts C.C., 2nd. L.H. Regt. will detail one officer who knows the best route to HILL 70 and 12 other ranks as ground scouts.

- B.H.C.
  - 1st. Sig. Troop.
  - H.Q. Squadron.
  - 1st. L.H. Regt.
  - 2nd. L.H. Regt.
  - 3rd. L.H. Regt.
  - Detachment of Fd. Troop.
  - 1st. L.H. Pl. Amb.
- Order of March as per margin.

Monday, October 2nd. The 1st. A.L.H. Brigade, after being relieved by 2nd. L.H. Bde. at BUEIDAR and HILL 70, will march to QANTARA.

The Troop of 1st. L.H. Regt. at BALLY BUNICH, after being relieved, will march direct to QANTARA.

The 1 Officer and 20 men of 3rd. L.H. Regt. at HOD SHEKAT will re-join their Regiment at BUEIDAR on being relieved by 2nd. L.H. Bde.

DISMOUNTED MEN

2.- When the Brigade moves, 1st., 2nd. and 3rd. L.H. Regts. will each leave from dismounted men a party of 1 officer and 67 other ranks, totalling 3 officers, 201 other ranks. This party will be under command of Major W.E. Maxwell.

On October 1st. party under Major W.E. Maxwell will strike ROMANI Camp and proceed with all tents to QANTARA by 1025 train.

Other dismounted men, with all baggage, will proceed by rail to QANTARA tomorrow, 28th. instant. Train timing will be notified later.

Two officers per Regiment, one being the Q.M. to go with this party.

C.C., 1st. L.H. Regiment will detail one senior N.C.O. and 20 men to detrain at HILL 70 with 60 C.D.L. Tents, which they will take charge of at ROMANI Station from 3rd. A.L.H. Bde.

BAGGAGE

3.- All baggage other than that taken with Mobile Column will be sent to ROMANI Station on afternoon of 27th. instant under Guards provided by the units to which it belongs.

RATIONS & FORAGE

4.- The un-consumed portion of the day's ration and extra ration will be carried on each man, and three feeds on each horse.

AMMUNITION

5.- In addition to the ammunition carried on camels in 1st. Line Transport, 140 rounds E.A.A. will be carried on each man, 3,500 rounds with each Machine Gun and 500 rounds with each Lewis Gun.

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



BRIGADE ORDER No. 27.

by

Brigadier-General C. F. Cox C. B., V. D.  
Commanding First Australian Light Horse Brigade.Hd.-Qrs.  
ROMANI.  
27.9.1916.

MOVES. 1.- On Thursday, September 28th., the 1st. A. L. H. Brigade will leave ROMANI and relieve the units of the 5th. Mounted Bde. at the under-mentioned stations :-

DUEIDAR - 3rd. A. L. H. Regiment.  
Detachment, Field Troop.

HILL 70 - B. H. Q.  
1st. Sig. Troop.  
M. G. Sqn.  
1st. A. L. H. Regt. (less 1 Troop to BALLY BUNION on 29th. instant).  
2nd. A. L. H. Regt.  
1st. L. H. Fd. Amb.

BALLY BUNION-1 Troop, 1st. A. L. H. Regt. to relieve Troop of 5th. Mtd. Bde. on 29th. inst.

All Units of the Brigade will report at Starting Point 300 yards due West of 1st. A. L. H. Regiment lines at 0445, formed up in column of Squadron lines of Troop Columns, facing West.

ORDER OF MARCH

Ground Scouts. C. O. 2nd. L. H. Regt. will detail one Officer who knows the best route to HILL 70 and 12 other ranks as ground scouts.

B. H. Q.

1st. Sig. Troop.

M. G. Squadron.

1st. L. H. Regt.

2nd. L. H. Regt.

3rd. L. H. Regt.

Detachment of Fd. Troop.

1st. L. H. Fd. Amb.

Order of March as per Margin.

Monday, October 2nd. The 1st. A. L. H. Brigade, after being relieved by 2nd. L. H. Bde. at DUEIDAR and HILL 70, will march to QANTARA.

The Troop of 1st. L. H. Regt. at BALLY BUNION, after being relieved, will march direct to QANTARA.

The 1 Officer and 20 men of 3rd. L. H. Regt. at HOD SEGHAHAT will re-join their Regiment at DUEIDAR on being relieved by 2nd. L. H. Bde.

DISMOUNTED 2.- When the Brigade moves, 1st., 2nd., and 3rd. L. H. Regts.

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This party will be under command of Major W. E. Markwell.

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BAGGAGE. 3.- All baggage other than that taken with Mobile Column will be sent to ROMANI Station on afternoon of 27th. instant under Guards provided by the units to which it belongs.

RATIONS & FORAGE. 4.- The unconsumed portion of the day's ration and extra ration will be carried on each man, and three feeds on each horse.

AMMUNITION. 5.- In addition to the ammunition carried on camels in 1st. Line Transport, 140 rounds S. A. A. will be carried on each man, 3,500 rounds with each Machine Gun and 3000 rounds with each Lewis Gun.

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



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FIRST AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE  
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXHeadquarters,  
HILL 70,  
1/10/1916.WITH REFERENCE TO BRIGADE ORDER NO. 27.M O V E S.

The 1st. A.L.H. Brigade, less 3rd. A.L.H. Regiment and one Troop of 1st. A.L.H. Regiment will leave HILL 70 on Monday, October 2nd. immediately on arrival of 2nd. L.H. Brigade at HILL 70.

Each Unit will be formed up in mass facing West on the South side of the KANTARA Road directly opposite its present Camp site by 0930, leaving parties to ensure that the camp is thoroughly clean. All camps must be reported clean by 1000.

The 3rd. A.L.H. Regiment will leave DUEIDAR immediately on being relieved by the Regiment of the 2nd. A.L.H. Brigade and will march to Kantara.

One Troop of 1st. A.L.H. Regiment will march direct to KANTARA on being relieved by one Troop of 2nd. A.L.H. Brigade.

*at BILLY BUNION*  
A. CHISHOLM, Major,  
R.E., 1st. A.L.H. Brigade.

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