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1	0510	9K159	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt Adams	Armoured Cars have reported here. Have got the end of the cable here but cable car in sight now - Continuous rifle fire to the N. - Can't see end on station here & get Comm. with Desert Mgt. - Cannot see advanced Guard but no firing.	
2	0655 10520	9K159	Desert Mgt	D. L. Route HQ opened at 0500 at 0500	
3	0515	9K160	D. L.	Truck arrived at point 1 1/2 m from SHELLAL at 0245 - ground made good by Adv. guard 2 miles in front by 0430 Truck now moving down to water	
4	0605	9K161	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt Adams	Take up your line of observation as soon as possible and relieve post of Camel Post on Wadi Sheikh Nurran Report as soon as this is done, You can water by detachments	

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5	0625	BM 595	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Adams	from	Troops have been despatched to take up line of observation posts and to relieve post of 1 <sup>st</sup> C. Bde on Wadi Sheikh Nurran
6	0640 0645	BM 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Adams	to	Advanced Guard reported at 0600 a Turkish Patrol (Infantry Cavalry) 3 miles East of Wadi Crossing, also two Sq. Cavalry thought to be Imperial Mt. Bde moving South through NAQILA
7	0650	9K162	Desert Mgt	to	Advanced Guard 1 <sup>st</sup> C. Bde reported at 0600 Turkish Patrol 30 Cavalry 3 miles East of Shellal Crossing, also two Squadrons Cavalry thought to be Imperial Mt. Bde moving South through Naqila,
8	BM 438	0520	1 <sup>st</sup> C. Bde	from	May Camel Post - NURAN be withdrawn if as order then returns ADASAN,
9	0654	9K163	1 <sup>st</sup> C. Bde	to	Post Wadi Sheikh Nurran relieved.
10	0752	9K164	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt Adams	to	at 0830 AMs less 2 Bdes were advanced from SHELLAL through GOR to GURIA

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				on Point 510 ABU SAWI 154 - 22 M/W Bde with 1 Rgt as Adv Guard - Order of march of remainder 0.4.0 22 M/W Bde (less 1 Rgt + 1 Sgan) Artillery with recd 1 Sgan 22 M/W Bde 2 L H Bde, Heavy Arms. Cars will follow the Column	
				On arrival at point 510 ABU SAWI 154 Personal rec. will be carried out by Div Command + Sigs. CDR will select Artillery positions - N° 17 L.C. patrol will report to BGC W/Bde each under his order.	
11	T0815	Bmsq	1 L H Bde	post of L.C. Bde at WEL SHEIKH NURAN has been relieved + line of observation post in position - 0.4. Post RUEIBIA reports being engaged with hostile scouts believed to be Bedouins	

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12	T0751	GG74	Despatch	RTC report obs SHELLAL air tracks - ground clear in front of them to Wadi SHARIA 0630 SHARIA + HAREIRO T+S but no movement on road GAZA 0 SHARIA + HAREIRO roads clear for about 5 miles towards BIR SABA all clear - 0637 HOS T+S about 300 to 400 scattered about 7.5 transport camels run - 0648 DEIR SINEIO no movement road clear to GAZA - No movement seen in GAZA	
13	T0815	Bm6	N2 Bde	Bde has finished watering	
14	T0835	Bm7		Adv Guard reports heavy dust direction of BIR IFLEISI with cavalry patrols in front - Enemy patrols holding GOZ EL BASAL + high ground 1 M SIRI	

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15	0845	9A2	Despatch	repeat 14 & 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Bde engaged with enemy scouts about EL RUEIBID	
16	0850	9A3	A to	Ref my 9A2 the movement is towards SHEIRA.	
17	1040	9K167	Warwick	From information received, AmBattalions at present in El Zeleib moving on to Hill 510 ABU SHAWISH 22 <sup>nd</sup> Bde advanced guard moving N.E. and close to WADI IMLEIH, instructions are to examine crossings and country beyond, N.W. side are pushing on to the high ground N of TAWAIL & HARSARI. 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde hold line of posts facing South from Wadi Sheikh Muran to KH EL FAR, they and the N.Z Bde have been engaged with enemy Cavalry & Scouts, Infantry strength 1 Company have been seen about Haraira moving on Gaza, very little of position of force	
18	1015	AmB.	Warwick	Small column strength about 1 Coy	

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				Marching in three detachments in neighbourhood of HARAIRA towards GAZA at 1000 - 2 enemy camps seen on high ground S.E. of HARAIRA - Coy el Basma are clearing moving on by point 550	
19	1035	9K168	Despatch	repeat 18 & Am in contact with Warwick. Yes at KH ERK MIN HARAIRA - Enemy have just opened artillery fire on our advanced troops no reports yet to show where firing is from. Much movement towards Son Haraira - Kh Abu Israqat.	
20	1230	9175	22 Bde	please send escort of 1 Sqdn with guns	
21	1212	9173	22 Bde	Enemy trench has been located by Adv guard - bring your Bde forward & report yourself at Hill 510 for instructions	

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22	1129	9K119	NR Bde	Have you anything to report - was firing just now on hostile aeroplane	
23	1155	BM10	NR Bde	Firing was on hostile aeroplane	
24	1202 10930	9362	Cap Forman	Instruct CPO to return at once to Major Smith at Beulah the one 45 lb tank wagon for Bde, which should have remained behind last night.	
25	1210	9K17	Cap Forman	These wagons were retained with Div by other orders than mine (290 CAA)	
26	1202 1130	BM7	NR Bde	On good position of observation near point 350 - Can see railway viaducts TEL EL SHERID also camps at HARETRA. No sign of enemy movement.	
27	1210	9K17	Despatch	N.2 Bde at pt 550 3/4 mile N.W. of IMJ SIRI - Beersheba map report (rept 26) - Remainder of Div at pt 510. ABU SHAWASH towards WADI IMLEIN	

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28	1205 1100	9K9	Des Loc	I.M.O. report about 1 Bn Turks marched into Harena from Saba & are now working at N.W. end of Harena - About 500 Turks entrenching in Spur N.E. of KHARBA ZUMMARAH -	
29	1155	BM6	N2 Bde	Adv Guard report at 1130 a large number of Turks about 2000 retreating over hill TAWEL EL HARBAH - Turks strongly occupying foot hills & area near BIR, IFLEIS - about 500 others retreating in front of adv guard on to that position	
30	1253	9K17	Des Loc	rept 29	
31	1305	1193	Des Loc	5 Mo Bde reports about 1 Bn of Turks moved into UM ADRAH ref 425000 at 0910 - Amal Mo Bde moving now on point 510 ABU SHAWASH.	

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				no other changes	
32	1305 1250	9006	25th Bde	% Adv Gd reports Recd of WADI IMLIEH not possible with my present force as 2 Sqns have been heavily fired at by rifle only shave also been shelled - Trenches trenches appear to run on S. side of Wadi Imlieth from point 410 in a S.E. direction	
33	9177	1315	22 Bde	Withdraw advance guard out of shell range	
34	503	1130	Beersheba	Imp Mtd Det <sup>s</sup> were following from 5 <sup>th</sup> Kata Bde following crossings over Wadi Sharaia have been improved or newly made, Point 310, Point 310, Point 28 (two crossings, one about midway between point 28 and PT 310, other at PT 280, Gloucester report at 1007 3 enemy troops about a mile in front of observation posts near ZUMMARRAH and another fifty yards to the south Gloucester & Dorchester have sent one troop to reinforce.	

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35	1405	RAF report		On the Beersheba Gaza Rd no movement was seen other than of five men going towards Beersheba, as far N.W. as the HAREIRA trenches which are held and there is considerable movement	
36	1445	DM box	1 <sup>st</sup> Bde	received 9184	
37	0930	Q 366	Coverage	repeat 24	
38	1310	9K 172	25 Bde	Situation at 1300. 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde on line EL 1861310 to KHELFOR exclusive - nothing to report. N2 Bde on line KHELFOR line across the RAFA-BEERSHEBA & GAZA KHALASS roads. Alps at Pt 550 3/4 mile N.E. of IM SIRI- parties have pushed on the high ground & can see railway viaduct a mile rifle fire - 25 Mtd Bde about WADI IMLIEH opposed by enemy in trenches N.E. of BIR IFTAIS - Enemy can gun probably at 77 in action	

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				against them. Bde is rec. Nadis	
				IMLIEH and SHERID with view of future	
				crossings - Officer's patrol has just	
				returned from ERK where he met	
				Warwick who state not engaged	
				with enemy - Very few enemy	
				actually seen but much dust	
				observed behind the ridge N.E. of	
				BERT DURDIS - L.A.M. Party just	
				detached to move forward with	
				22 Mo Bde & endeavour to co-operate	
				against Turks holding them back.	
				L.G. patrol is working with 22 Bde.	
				Several casualties men & horses	
				caused by bomb this morning	
39	0500	Gal	20 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde	22 Bde are moving up in line	
				with N.2. Bde on right & 2 Bde in	
				line on left - Turks are remaining	

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39				on road <del>was</del> You will close up	
				in rear of guns	
40	1350		20 Desol	Enemy shell fire still continues	
				against adv. Trench. We have 1 Bde	
				in action at long range which has	
				driven enemy off ridge above trenches	
				to well <sup>two miles</sup> South of MAREIRA	
41	1505 T.N. 20	N/17	N 2 Bde	Only a few enemy posts now in	
				front of us - practically out of range -	
				Only movement is about trenches N.E.	
				of BIRIFLEIS which appears to be	
				strongly held	
42	1505 T.N. 15	506	Desol	Unless orders to contrary are recd. the	
				roles of Mo Divs will be the same	
				tomorrow as they were today. The night	
				outpost line of the I.M.D. will run from	
				right of 5th Div by ASEI FRITH &	
				MUNKHEILEN through ERK to point 300m	

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44				Amphibious will carry on line from point 300 extended through EL DEMATH through 907 EL GLEID to EL GADALI - troops now in advance of the outpost line should not be withdrawn till after dusk - Close watch will be maintained with enemy by standing patrols. Officers patrols will push forward at dawn to make certain the enemy is still in position. Fire may be set by all troops not on outpost. I. C. Bde & Mto Divs Ammun Cols will remain in present position. Ration Comms for tomorrow as for today. Ack 506 ackd		
43	1506	9K173	Desloc			
44	1513	9K174		Repeats 41 & situation elsewhere unchanged		

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45	1530	9K175	22 Bde	You will push out a screen of 1 Rgt at once - It will extend across the front at present occupied by your Adv Gd which is grouped in places. It is especially important that this screen covers our Batteries at present in action - This screen will not withdraw until all other troops have withdrawn after dusk. The present Adv Gd may be used for the purpose or another Rgt may be sent out. The present Adv Gd regt being withdrawn only after the new Rgt has occupied the line.	
46	0950	SK93	Desloc	Mto Bde report	
46	1556	9K176	all units	Unless otherwise ordered the role of Mto Divs for tomorrow will be the same as today. Outpost line for tonight will	

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46				runs from point 300 1m. S.W. of ERK (ex) through GOZ EL GLEIB, EL GANDLI, WELI SHEIKH NURAN - Aulpost troops 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde Troops now in advance of the aulpost line will not be withdrawn until after dusk. Standing patrols for 8 miles will be found by 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde as follows. 1 at GOZ EL MABRUK, 1 on road at G of GOZ EL BASIL, 1 about the 2 <sup>nd</sup> S.H. of OBU SHAWISH. Strength of these standing patrols will be 1 N.C.O + 10 OR. Officers patrols strength 1 troop. Each will be pushed forward at dawn to make certain the enemy is still in position. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde will provide these patrols which will go out as follows. 1 at TAWEL EL HABILARI, 1 towards BIR IFTEIS, 1 towards point 410 on Wadi	

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46				INLIEH. These patrols will report any information they have within own Bde as it moves forward in the morning. After dark all troops except 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde will withdraw to Shusei to bivouac areas assigned when by 22.00 hrs of Amm. Mto Div - This may be lit tonight by all troops not on aulpost. Mto Div Ammun. Col will remain in their present position. Ration convoys for tomorrow as for today. ACK	
47	1705	92177	ammunis (1st)	A.M. Div will carry out the same duties tomorrow as today. Dispositions for tomorrow 18 <sup>th</sup> will be as follows. N2 Bde same as today. Adv Gd to Am S (less 2 Bdes) will be found by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt Bde - 22 Mto Bde will take	

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				over the line of observation here today	
				by 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde will be responsible for the	
				protection of the rear of the Div &	
				SHELLAL from the 5th Bde who in	
				position by 0600. The remaining Bde	
				of the Div will be warned & moved	
				at the fall hours - N2 Bde 0700	
				2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde 0730 SHQ & Artillery 0800	
				1 <sup>st</sup> Bde 0830 L&S Bde & N7 L.C. parties	
				will report to GOC A.M.D. at 0700 at	
				SHQ - Ack	
48	1635	GK178	1 <sup>st</sup> Bde	forward progress report 5 days ops.	
49	1705	GK179	Disloc	Enemy Col. estimated at 1 Bn with	
				some Cavalry seen in vicinity of	
				point 510 moving towards ABO	
				HAREIRA at 1700.	
50	0530	Bmbis	PLH Bde	Instructions have been sent to GOC	
				2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde to push forward left of	

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50				outpost line to point 300 & report	
				immediately he has linked	
				up with I.M.S. No reply yet	
				received as Comm. by lamp	
				obstructed by dust & passing column	
51	0530	S 1000	ARST	(In reply to L.C.P.1) One car brand	
				& provided to you at Div tomorrow	
				More number of car lost.	
52	2325	GK192	all units 11 add.	Ref GK 176 & 177 of 17 <sup>th</sup> . Beyond relief	
				of obs line of 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde &	
				officers parties to be sent out by 2 <sup>nd</sup>	
				Bde. No moves will take place on	
				18 <sup>th</sup> until further orders. There	
				will be no stand down to morning	
				morning except for outpost Bde - ack	
53	2325	GK191	disloc	SO. of Ackd	
54	1715	N 817	N2 Bde	GK 176 & 177 recd.	
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56	1730	AK 136	CRA	GK 176 + 177 Recd.		
57	1740	GK 180	1-LA Co	In taking up outpost line		500 yds
				make certain that your left line		
				up with right P.I.P.s. which will		
				be at Hill 410. In reporting		
				outpost line taking up report if		
				you have gained touch		
58	1805	GK 180	1-LA Co	Ref my GK 180 for Hill 410		
				near Hill 300 in S.W. PERX-acc		
59	2300	So. G	Security	No ord. will be made by you		
				Dw through your outpost line		
				except the Officer's patrols ordered		
				in my SO. 6 without orders from		
				Col. Hqs. Orders will be issued		
				when airplane rec. have		
				made the situation clear - Ack		
60	1830	GK 180	1-LA Co	GK 176, 7 + 8 Ackd		
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Line of observation was established on line WELI SHEIKH NURAN - EL RIVEIBIA - GOZ MABRUK - KHEL FAR - protection for working parties at SHELLAL. From about 1 mi. S of TEL EL FAR 4 parties of Bedouins numbering in all about 150 men on camels, ponies & some on foot moved off rapidly on the approach of our patrols firing at extreme range. 4 Bedouins were captured. These parties kept appearing at different points throughout the day but would not stand up to our patrols however small. No parties were encountered by the patrol from WELI SHEIKH NURAN - Water is good plentiful in Wadi from Tel el Tara to GOZ MABRUK. A Bae could be watered at the pools at almost any point for 2 miles S. from Tel el Tara. Although a sharp lookout was kept for camels none were found in the area reconnoitered. In the area grass is plentiful & the crops are of better quality than that already passed over. The bed of the Wadi from Tel el Tara to GOZ MABRUK is very

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61	0530 17210	Bm64	1 <sup>st</sup> L & Bde	All clear our front	
62	0530 17213	Bm66	"	"	
63	0530 17225	Bm69	"	"	
64	0530 17220	Bm620	"	"	
65	0530 17215	Bm621	"	"	
66	1830	CCP 2	N <sup>o</sup> 7 LCC	GK 176 cuka	
67	0530 17400	Bm 172	2 <sup>nd</sup> L & Bde	GK 190	
68	0530	Bm 7	2 <sup>nd</sup> MGS Bde	"	
69	0530 17350	Bm620	1 <sup>st</sup> L & Bde	"	
70	0530 17330	CRE	CRE	"	
71	0530 17115	SC65	1 <sup>st</sup> L & Bde	GK 184	
18/4/17 72	0530	MDW	MDW	GK 190	
73	0530 17300	Bm625	1 <sup>st</sup> L & Bde	All clear our front	
74	0530 17218	-621	"	"	
75	0530 17200	-623	"	"	
18/4/17 76	0530 17225	SK	Dist/oc	GK 190 recd. To whom was added	
77	0620	GK 195	2 <sup>nd</sup> L & Bde	please send report of Officer patrol immediately recd please treat	

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77			2 <sup>nd</sup>	This as very urgent	
78	0721	GK 200	all units (21)	Ref GK 17617 & GK 190 the role of the Mto Div for today will be the same as yesterday but it is particularly necessary to conserve both men & horses. Mr Bde can patrol will not push forward further than the line 510.000 940 WISH. DHO will move to 902 EL GLEIB 430. Hour of crossing WDDI SHUZZO - Nr. 1000 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde 1030. DHO & artillery 1100, 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde follow artillery. L.A.M Bde & N <sup>o</sup> 7 L.C. patrol will report to DHO at 902 EL GLEIB at 1130.	
79	0722	GK 201	Dist/oc	Outpost Bde reports all clear. Officer patrol not yet returned.	

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80	0725 0706	Bm 64	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Bm	All clear air front.	Outpost
			2 <sup>nd</sup>	line taken over by 22 Bde	06.5
81	0739	GK 201	4 Bdes	please replenish Ammunition as soon as possible.	
82	0825	CP 211	Sigs	GK 200 ackd	
83	0815	LCP 4	N° 7 LCP		
84	-	-	CRK	GK 176 + 7 ackd.	
85	0855	Bm 10	22 Bde	Recd GK 200 + GK 202	
86	0905	Bm 11	22 Bde	GK 200 + 2 recd	
87	0900	Bm 11	22 Bde	Are we likely to be on outpost duty tonight. I would like to reconnoitre ground previously in case Bw will return W of the Wadi crossing at SHELLA after dark tonight please have crossing reconnoitred + guides detailed to lead Colms back in order to	
88	0833	GK 202	4 Bdes		

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88				avoid confusion - W Bde should cross over opposite their own bridge 22 M Bde should reconnoitre track opposite this camp. Other units cross by main crossing	
89	0920 0901	Bm 63	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Bm	A small party approaches our standing patrol at pt 20 last night. On being challenged they made off. This was apparently a Turkish patrol as one grey stallion has been found killed by rifle fire from our patrol.	
90	0910	AS 145	CPA	GK 200 + 202 recd	
91	0920	GK 202	4 Bdes	GK 200 recd	
92	0924	GK 202	22 Bde	Nothing definite available yet but reconnoitre ground west river by our holding outpost line tonight	

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93	0925	GK 205	Disulfo	repeat 89	
94	1005	S.C. 70	24 Bae	GK 200 recd	
95	1000 0950	O.B. 7	Impul Bu	GK 200 recd	
96	1005	Amac	C.R.E.		
97	1012	B.M. 6	24 Bae	Bde now moving to position East of Wadi Ghazze. 2 Regs moving by track on N. of main road across Wadi. Rest of Bde moving by main road.	
98	1125	-	Col Brown Impul Bu	Full reports to hand so far. Patrol at 410 reports in touch with enemy on Wadi. HABARIA patrol not yet there but nothing to report so far. About 60 enemy troops in position encircling 1 mi. S.E. of KARIM reported by HABARIA patrol. No other reports in yet	

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99	1215	GK 206	Disulfo	officer's patrol report Hill 410 patrol reports in touch with enemy on Wadi Ghazze. Patrol towards HABARIA reports about 60 enemy encircling 1 mi. S.E. of KARIM	
100	1205	GK 208	Disulfo	(In reply S.K.) Units under command (76) Amac also Div repeated Disulfo & Moundaw.	
101	1235	GK 207	Disulfo	S.K. 102 ackd	
102	1250	N 1/18	Mr Bae	Have arrived at same position as held yesterday only a few Snipers in front. About 2 Sqns Cavalry very scattered formation retiring from road along railway in direction of TEL EL SHEHIA	
103	1305	GK 230	Disulfo	repeat 102	
104	1300	GK 222	24 Bae 3rd Sqdn Col Pauls	G.O.C. Col Brown have Dms Desert Col Comar at Jemmi today & are leaving present Hill at 1345 -	

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104				Genl CHAYTOR will assume Command during absence of G.O.C. placing next senior in Command Mr. Bde. Genl CHAYTOR should reach there N.O. at 1345. Adv Mr. Bde report other units	
105	1345	9K23	22 Bde	reconnoitre a line to be held by you to protect water at KARM ARU EL HISEIA running as follows see WELI SHEIKH MURAN - TEL EL FARA - EL INARA - EL DAMMATH - Orders for the hour you are to take up this line will be sent you	
106	1360	9K23	22 Bde	Dr will be out until after dark & then returns to draw supplies & water horses - After that will form up for night march which will start about midnight - After drawing supplies & watering Dr use 22 Bde	

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107	1215 1155	9X9	Q. Anzac		will form up East of WADI GHUZZE ready to move off - Have forming up places chosen East of WADI near Shellal crossing in following order from the North - 1 <sup>st</sup> Lk Bde. 5th Q. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lk Bde Artillery - Mr. Bde. All troops facing North - Bdes have been instructed to send representatives to meet you at SHELLAL to be shown forming up places	
108	1300	9K23	22 Bde	Despatch expects all 5 days supply convoys are to return to Shellal from SHELLAL today - They should report to you on arrival here		
			22 Bde	Send representative around to meet Col Powell at SHELLAL to be shown forming up places for tonight's march		
				Adv Mr. Bde CRP report below		



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109	1400	94235	To Des for	f. C. 0656	
110	1400	BM7	2LN Ba	SK 220 recd	
111	1403	112/18	112 Ba		
112	1350 1308 1115	BMau	2 Ba	Patrol to homefront seen 2000 yds South EL FUKARI at 1110. They have now returned South -	
113	1428 11420	BM78	2LN Ba	Adv Ga report with the exception of odd shells from direction of HAREIRO there is nothing to report	
114	1430	94232	Des for	repeat 113	
115	1520	99184	Des for	RTC Report Cloud of dust seen at 1030 six miles S.E. of GAZA - On GAZA-SHARIA road 3 groups of Infantry 600 in all moving towards GAZA - 4 heavy gun emplacements occupying about 600 yds North of the house on ATAWINEH RIDGE - prisoners state that 125 <sup>th</sup> Pat moved on 17 <sup>th</sup> from	

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115				S.E. & N.W. side from WADI SHARIA near HAREIRO	
116	1500 1435	DC/34	Des for	Leason Officer detailed for 7 <sup>th</sup> Div should report at their HQs as soon as possible today - 7 <sup>th</sup> Div HQs are at 511 near RASPBERRY 1416	
117	1500	94237	2LN Ba	repeat 116 and Lieutenant Leason off was detailed from 1 <sup>st</sup> LN Ba. If so please comply with above & report departure as soon as he leaves	
118	1535	94238	Des for	Order No. 28 recd	
119	1715	014	BGRD	Ref Opn Order No 28 Your SAC will move so as to reach Tule Jimmi by midnight 18/19 & will be on road there. It will cross Wadi Shuzze by ac. 1 by 0600 & will form up S. road & crossing ac. 2 - ac. 1	

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120	1710	94750	Lombard	Muharraw You Ball. camp at the 4 former night - report of 4 ams at 0500 about point 280 on Wadi Sheria S.E. of KHIRBET UM RIFI	
121	1750	5073	124 Baw	Mc Miller 2 LH detached as Liaison Officer - he leaves here at 1800	
122	2110	99185	Disloc	RSC reports 1300-1450. Harena 200 Cavalry scattered about Camps. Only 25 T. 5 seen - a great deal of movement. Sheria no change & no movement. No movement on Bursheba road as far as RBA 1R9E19 - Had trouble owing to engine trouble - Rescoring machine dropped 2 112 lb bombs getting direct hit on Camp just S. of Abu Terrak. The other dropped	

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				8 20 lb bombs on enemy as they scattered with good effect - Obs. 4 20 lb bombs dropped with good effect on a parcel of 12 men just N. of Bursheba road.	
123	1812	90700	at Amman	Rif Palestine 168.960 map + 1/125000 Rala + Bursheba. Enemy appear to be concentrating on his right. Reduction reported in tents at Harena + Hij. At Atamneh - Khurbet Sihan - Khurbet el Bi - Gaza strongly held. Abu Wookh hold uni from sea w manna + Shukh Abbas with night known back for about 2000 yards SW at zero plus his hours depending on weather the enemy force will be attacked from sea to KHIRBET SIHAN.	



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				in vicinity of point 780 on point to be selected later. As soon as Div has moved from Shehar 2 1/2" Bde will withdraw from present support line & take up line Shush Huran - Sara - El Mansra - El Damath - already decided	
				Keeping in touch with I.M.D on left about point 300 & guarding against enemy enterprise against their right as the camel Bde will be withdrawn from Abasan el Kebir. Should a gap occur in enemy line A.M.D will be prepared to push through. Cam Bde & W 74 C parties will report this A.M.D at point 780 by 0500. A.M.D will wait at Khairi Abu	

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123				at Misria. They will save out watering equipment left there by I.M.D C.P. B.R.K will hand over to I.M.D equivalent equipment. D.A.C's of both Divs will move to Tel el Jennin under order B.R.K. dismount. Cable will be laid to HQs each Div by Desert Co. Cable will also be available from Tel HQs to position of Motor ambulance Motor Amb. Convoy will move from Abasan el Kebir at 1700 Apr 18 to a point near El Graain. Supply Col for both Divs reaches Tel el Jennin at 0600 tomorrow. Any prisoners of war will be sent direct to a P.M. Dismount at Jennin. Ack	

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	Despatch		To		
124	2110	50139	Disrupt	Situation everywhere unchanged	
125	2110	1024	Liaison	St Bae leaving Abasan for Charing Cross 1800.	
126	2110	SK106	Disrupt	Zero hour will not be before 0530	
127	2130	9K24	22 Mo B	repeat 125	
128	2130	9K20	St Bae	repeat 126 + 127	
129	2130	9K20	St Bae	OK Ackd.	
130	2130	9K15	St Bae	repeat 119	
131	0033	SK110	Disrupt	All crossings completed over Wadi Sherai bet. point 280 + Mendung (a) on a bearing of 70° from Jimmi (b) 1 1/2 m. S.E. Mendung two crossings within 100 yards of each other leaving from Jimmi 100°. All vehicles	

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132	2316	D.16	RP Disrupt	Yam 9K 185 now on march to Jimmi	SAC
133	2330	9K315	IRA	SAC now on march to Jimmi	
134	1031	9203	Result	OK left point 1m. West of Wadi Crossing at Sherai at 1030 for Coy at Glib.	

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135	0909	SK 181	2 Bae	Make provision for protection of Div from S + SE - Select line of Abou posts N + S of the road through the second R of A B U SHWASH getting in touch with 1st Bae on N. - 2d Bae on S. Send out strong rec. parties as follows. 1 to move up the main line and observe the enemy in direction of Harisina. One to move down the Goga - Khalassa road running through Abou. SIVASH to watch for reports once any enemy movement at the high ground NE of Baw - Sheba.	
136	0526 T0515	SK 112	Disent	Zero hour will be 0530. Ack	

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137	0516	401	54 Div	please ack 54 Div order W 19	
138	0526 T0510	SK 137	Disent	You SAC will not be moved by you as a unit without ref to Col. B. - Ack	
139	0520	4K 326	Disent	SK 137 + 112 recd.	
140	0525	4K 326	54 Div	Order N 19 recd.	
141	0525	4030	4 Bae	repeat 136	
142	0516	59	Disent	SC 200 recd.	
143	0525 T0530	SK 112	Disent	Warn all troops not to drink well or eat in water in Sunkanis & beyond until it has been tested	
144	0530	4K 329	All units	repeat 143	
145	0540	4K 330	2 Bae 3rd Bae	You will select line of strong posts with a view to holding them tonight guarding your flank to the East + SE. They must be arranged so as to be on the line 340 - H 340 - El Dantak - work	

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145				must be started on them directly they are selected. Major Lyell will accompany rep of your Bde to select these posts	
146	0603	9K331	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Bde	Have you yet made good BAIKET EL SANNA ridge. This should be done at once. report progress.	
147	0555	B0013	2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt Bde	9K 739 recd.	
148	0610	B0013	1 <sup>st</sup> Bde	BAIK ET EL SANNA now occupied by 1 Sqdn 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Bde - the 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde occupied this post with a patrol early this morning and heard it was relieved by 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Bde	
149	0610	9K331	1 <sup>st</sup> Bde	repeat 148	
150	0637	9K331	1 <sup>st</sup> Bde	press forward patrols from BAIKET EL SANNA towards branches N. East of that place & endeavour	

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150				to ascertain if held up so on what strength - You must not however get seriously involved in a fight	
151	0613 70625	PP.13	Desbols	Desbols dispositions as under, Imp Bde on general line from EL in EL MUNKELEH to KH ZUMMARAH will commence demonstration against ATAWINEH at 0630. Am Bde two Bdes on right flank Imp Bde 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde, one Bde has seized and is holding BAIKET EL SANNA ridge dismounted, left of Imperials in touch with right of Camels.	
152	0700 70650	99.106	Desbols	Send two light armoured motor cars to report to Moundir at Munkuleh where a guide will meet them these cars will be operating on night of 5 <sup>th</sup> Mt Bde they should proceed MUNKELEH by VM RIJUL - MUNKELEH ROAD,	

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153	9K349	0707	L.A.M. Bde	Send two light-armed cars to report to Moundir at MUNKELEH where a guide will meet them. Three cars will be operating on right of 5 <sup>th</sup> Mts Bde. They showed Munkeluh - UM R156 Munkeluh Clerk	
154	9K372	0657	1 <sup>st</sup> Bde	Get touch with L.M.D who are on the line El of El Munkeluh - Khinbat Summarat & demonstrating towards Atawneh - Report when you have done this	
155	9K340	0657	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde L.M.D	Situation at Obes as follows: 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde occupied Barket el Sama & ordered to push forward towards N & E of that place to ascertain if held & if so what strength but not to get seriously involved. One Batty	

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155				Comdr rec. position with view to firing on ridge S.E. of Wadi el Baha - position also being reconnoitered with view to keeping demonstration of Imp Mt Bde against Atawneh - F.O.O. has been sent to L.M.D - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde parading towards EL GIRHEIR and along the Wadi INLETH - position for strong posts to be held at night in case of staying here being rec. & dug up Bde are at present in reserve	
156	0705	9K307	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde	9K186 recd	
157	0715	9K350	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde (171)	Situation at 0700 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde occupied by Bukit el Sama & pushing forward towards N & E - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde parading towards El Girheir along Wadi Inleth. Positions for strong posts	



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157				at night in case of sleeping here being recommenced now. Mr Bde in Reserve 5 km on East bank of Wadi Sharai 6 m West of Ript - Report your dispositions & situation on your front at once.	
158	0800	GR 351	Mouman	G.C. 200 dated 18 not ackd. Has it been received.	
159		W.D.1	Lombam	G.C. 200 recd	
160	0810 10750	SK 121	Desult	Im D wires - In telephone comm with Mr Bde who report as follows Bde in position 300 yds S of 9 trees in Wadi Y 5 extending a 1/2 18 B Cannot move until 5 PM comes forward on our right	
161	0825	B.W.1	Sigs	G.C. 200 recd	
162	0825 108 W	B.M.18	2 L & Bde	G.C. 200 recd.	

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163	0745 10730	B.M.16	2 L & Bde	1 bomb dropped amongst troops of Mr Bde - only 1 man slightly injured	
164			CRA	G.C. 200 recd	
165	0815 10845	B.M.13	1 L & Bde	G.C. 200 was ackd yesterday by SC 70 timed 1000	
166	0845	B.M.13	Mr Bde	Your G.C. 200 of 15 recd	
167	0745	GR 352	Mr Bde	please send 1 sqm to report 1500 for anti with guns	
168	0745 10615	OB 93	Mouman	Your two Bde in action against Dawonik near Prophet's tomb are not covered by any troops. Between them & the sawage ridge S of Wadi el Baha. Should advise this ridge be seized by 1 Rgt your Lvt immediately. Ack	
169	0853	GR 365	Mr Bde Desult	Send at once 1 Rgt your Bde to report BGC 5 Mtd Bde. This Rgt will assist in attack on	

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169				Alawinit by attacking Sausage sloped ridge just S. of Wadi el Baha. This Rgt will probably have to remain there 15 nights - dig them selves in. 5th Bde HQs are in a branch wadi which runs from half down the wadi Munkileh to the wadi el Baha. C/o Rgt should see S. business Party on the way and in order obtain artillery support.	
170	0905	9K360	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde	Tonight you will be responsible for holding line in your immediate front up to & including Wadis Shera & Inleik inclusive. This line must be dug in. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde now digging in line from point 300 Wadi Inleik (enc) to El Sammath.	

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171	0855	9M1	20 miles	1. Troops disposed on outpost line as ordered by you. 2. Patriots report all clear. 3. Staff Yes on air left report they are not yet in touch with 1. M. S. 4. Bde report Centre at Shual.	
172	0950	9K36	Dist HQ	All patriots have pushed forward with 1000 yds S. of V in DM BDRAN. Enemy holding point 470 in strength. Their artillery fire is apparently directed from this point. Enemy holding strength line from VM BDRAN back to Gga. Bursheba road.	
173	0900	9K36	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde	0900 162 Bde reported in W 2. 162 <sup>nd</sup> Bde in W 22 in touch with 1. C. Bde on right. 155 Bde on outpost hill without much	

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				opposition are advancing - 155"	
				Rde on right of 155 -	53 Div
				pushing on Northward	
174	1003	GK362	to CRA Brisbane	As soon as Regt ordered to attack	
				Sausage ridge moves forward	
				The Ayrshire & Inverness Batts. will	
				move forward to close range to	
				support attacks of 8 M on	
				Atawinich	
175	1005	GK368	to Dunlop	S.O. to ack'd	
176	0950	BM33	to WZBde	May permission be given for the 1st of the	
				Auchk htd Btles on duty with the guns to	
				work half at a time.	
177	1007	GK366	to WZ CRA	WZBde & Somerset Batts will be held ready	
				to move forward on ATAWINICH immediately	
				orders are received to do so,	
178	1015	GK367	to WZBde	This <del>is</del> <sup>is</sup> now being relieved & will	
		BM35		return to you	

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179	1015	GK367	to WZBde	Your Bde may be withdrawn at a	
				moment's notice to assist in attacks on	
				ATAWINICH. Posts are not to be withdrawn	
				until orders to do so are received, ack.	
180	1020	GK368	to CRA	Should a gap occur the Ayrshire into	
				Dunlop with Inverness. You will therefore	
				complete all arrangements to lift-	
				troughs etc at short notice, they will	
				remain in position until further	
				orders are received.	
181	1025	GK369	to Des Col	Ref my GK365 - WZBde will not	
				now report to 5 <sup>th</sup> - WZBde but will	
				be sent direct to attack Sausage	
				Ridge, under A.M.S. orders while	
				carrying out attack on Sausage	
				Ridge. Add Mainman reports	
				Des Col	

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182	1026	9K370	"nr Bde	Bring your Bde across the wadi to a point immediately west of HQ as soon as possible	
183	1038	9K371	" 1 LH Bde	Continue digging in your position - You will however be prepared to move forward with your Bde on receipt of orders	
184	1035	9K371	" 2 LH Bde	Leave out observation posts of a troop each at Pts 410 & 510 Abu SHAWISH - Withdraw remainder of 7 LH & keep them concentrated - 5 LH will continue the digging - You must be prepared to move forward your Bde on receipt of orders	
185	10935	SO.10	Disamb	Imp. say 2 Bde are at KH SHANZ - Turks have retired to position 900 to 1000 yds. NE. of that place taken - Alawneh not yet taken - Pres	

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185	(contd)			your attack on Sawage ridge & from there towards Alawneh - Have all available troops ready with guns & press on to Alawneh when taken & follow dismounted men as closely as you dare with their horses - If we take Alawneh our first objective must be RIDG EL SHARKY & point 467 - You understand that if a gap is made all flank protection at HISEIP and ERK must be withdrawn - 5 Mts Bde report having carried 3 lines of trenches to be on ridge near where wadi BAHQ cuts Beishera - Gaza road. ACK	
186	1000 10035	B222	2 LH Bde	2 all from 7 Ppt begin have established RQ to mile S. of 2nd in El Samnath - Patrols have gone out	

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186				Am in touch with 22nd Bde & South & can see 1st Bde & N - enemy home killed, home & wounded & horses	
187	1015	BND7	22nd Bde	Nothing to report	
188	1055	BND6	22nd Bde	P.C. 200 was taken over personally by S/C & ack'd by him about 1815 yesterday	
189	1110	BND6	2 Bde	GK 371 rec'd.	
190	0015	GK 161	Desol	Not able to move at midnight as proposed owing to one Bde not being up. Remains of Bde formed up ready - Ref. Convoys our troops will be east of the wadi & camels with supplies arrive in a lull with stores at aboo. Are these camels allowed east of the wadi & distributed? Desert for order prevents this	
191	1106	L92	7 L4	at 0000 wadi Imleit patrol reports enemy shelling 1st Bde troops on	

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191	(Continued)			side of wadi, Enemy guns are firing from ABU HAREIRA unable to detect any movement of troops in this direction from there. This patrol is at W in WADI IMLEIH Ref Map (Beersheba) Observation post - Hill 510 ABU SHAWISH Road reports drove out troops Cavalry there, but from enemy movement to the East, I will keep you informed of any movement there, Enemy very numerous and submarched at HAREIRA	
192	75112	9C201	Desol	Patrol at W in WADI IMLEIH (Ref) Map Beersheba report - at 0930 unable to detect any movement of troops about HAREIRA. Report Turkish guns shelling BAIKET el SANI, Observation post on Hill 510 ABU SHAWISH road reports drove out one troop of Cavalry from that place, but caused by movement to the East, Enemy very numerous at ABU HAREIRA	

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193	1130	BM 27	from 2nd Bde	7th Reg reports no sign of any further enemy movements in direction of Beer Sheba or up Wadi IMLEH	
194	1140	9K 378	Des John	One section Inverness Batty and 1 Reg - 1/2 M.R. Bde are now moving forward against Sausage Ridge, 2 Batteries less 1 section are taking up position to give close support to Moundir attacks on ATANINEH	
195	1145	BM 8	from 2nd Bde	9K. 567 received	
196	1148	9K 378	CRG.	9.15. 351 received	
197	1205	9K 379	Bdes, CRA,	Staff force reports enemy intends sending aeroplanes to bomb our reserve formations take precaution not to give target	
198	1207	9K 378	Wellington Reg (103)	Report your progress to DMO using INVERNESS Battery telephone	
199	1215	9C 41	L.A.M. Bde	Saw 5 armoured cars report Col Melburn of Wellington 1st Reg attacking Sausage ridge and act under his orders,	

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200	1232 1130	SK 136	Des Joe	RHC report 1050 - Area HQ J. KH HURAB - DIAB - HAREIRA no indication of general retirement. Observation bad but enemy appeared to be taking up position KHARBET EL BIR & KHARBET HURAB DIAB along Saja - Sheria road. Considerable movements round Hareira defenses. Shells still in Wadi SE of KUFIEH.	
201	1235 1120	Bombay	PLA Bde	Air post on SANA reports considerable reinforcements arriving at KHUMADRON	
202	1255 1125	Bombay	1st Bde	Squad of AMK attached to guns has not yet ret'd. This Squad's rations are waiting to be drawn at last Bde's halting place	
203	1232 1120	BM 639	PLA Bde	This Bde at present holds a line BARKET EL SANA this Squad to Bde	

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203				el Shana - Work on this line has been much intensified with by Mr Baily from Barera. Khubet on Adrah is occupied by enemy. The enemy have approached a <sup>position</sup> small farm 1100 yds on bearing 90° from Sana. Rel. these points position of enemy have move to low ground 3500 yds. from Sana on bearing 40 to 50°	
204	1245	GR381	Desloc	repeat 201 + 3	
205	1230	WMW	Desloc	have occupied line touching 5th Mo Bai on left + L-14 on right. Heavy Turkish reinforcements have appeared on eastern edge of Sausage ridge - probably 4-500 + are now holding it strongly	
206	1305	GR381	Desloc	repeat 205 Add Mound + Bada Azar Mo on	

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207	1340	SK137	Desloc	167 Bde being heavily counter attacked 161 Bde reinforcing them. 161 Bde ordered to assist 163 Bde.	
208	1315	GR381	Desloc	repeat 207	
209	1330	LG10	2 Bde	510 report 500 men on 3000 yds away marching on this position from S.W.	
210	1325	SK138	Desloc	Send 1/2 Bde to Munkhich at once. It will be held in reserve there in case 1270 requires reinforcing. This Bde will not be put in without up of loc. Han	
211	1320	GR381	Desloc	Enemy are preparing counter attack round wadi el Baha - move at once with your Bde to Munkhich report on your arrival there to B.C. 5th Mo Bde move at the rate.	

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212	1420	9K386	Des for	AK 138 Ack. Bde now leaving	
213	1425	SK100	Des for	Bde mentioned in my AK 139 will move at a trot to the East of Munkheilak report to Gen Fitzgerald Comdg 5th Bde.	
214	1432	9K387	22 mstr	Send 1 Rgt at once to report to Genl Pryor 2 L4 Bde at point 1 mile West of point 280 on Wadi SADRIA where SAK now is. Follow this by another Rgt as soon as you can get it together. - Ack	
215	1455	AP16	Des for	Mr Bde is ordered hereby to act with 5th Bde	
216	1450	9K390	11/22/2	Infm. Mr Bde 6 Rgt sent re. info. Impd Mtd Bde. have already left. 2 Rgt 22 mtd Bde ordered to report Bde 2 Bde - 7 L4 engaged with about 1 Rgt enemy Cavalry about	

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216				See 510 - 22 mtd Bde engaged about 1 Sqdn of Troop enemy Cavalry about 500 or 600 - Enemy reported advancing toward BAIKET EL ZANA. One Rgt 1 Bde ordered up.	
217	1450	9K319	Wm A	Mr Bde 6 Rgt same as 216	
218	1500	B716	Wm B	AK 387 recd.	
219	1453	9K391	Des 22	2 L4 Bde reports Turkish Cavalry estimated 500 strong have occupied Mui 510 ABU SHAWISH. report being investigated.	
220	1515	9K392	20 mtd Bde	Report for duty 2 Bde Bde at	
227	1705	9K395	Annunio	Once - Ack. Disposition for night as follows - All troops will withdraw at an hour to be notified later from assembly on the Western side of Wadi el Shana crossing	



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227				<p>near present OHQ + march back to KARIM ABU EL HISEIA to be vacated Site selected by Dy Staff - A line of strong posts will be dug, held &amp; dug as follows from Point 310 on Wadi Shara to m. South of EL EL MAGAN to the El of El Sammakh both inclusive. This will be held by 2 Bde + they will connect at Point 310 with the night of 1.11.17. From El of El Sammakh exclusive through el Shera - Wadi Sherah Nezan will be held by 22 Mto Bde. The posts at Shera &amp; Nezan will be strongly dug in &amp; garrisoned by a least 2 troops with 1 Sec. M gun. at each place. 22 Mto Bde will also send a post at ABU SITTA where</p>	

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227				<p>will be dug in about that point &amp; specially watched for enemy enterprises against our rear. B4C 52 + 22 Bde will have their posts about KARIM ABU EL HISEIA - will select positions for the local reserves. Dy Staff will be at Karim Abu el Hiseia Unit for this duty will be notified later. Guns which will be brought W of the Wadi Shara will be along high line - Every preparation will be made to put up a strong resistance of the prepared line. C.B. will have water prepared for the Anac Mto Bde at Karim Abu el Hiseia. L.M. Bde will return to el Sammakh leaving So as to W. Shara by daylight. R<sup>o</sup> 7 L.C. pack will</p>	

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227				leave at an hour before 20th April later.	
				All troops will stand at arms at 0400 on 20th April. Ack	
228	1845	BM 652	1 Bde	ER 395 acks	
229	1815 1810	R 1	Mr Bde	"	
230	1730 1825	AP 20	Mr Bde	"	
231	700	BM 652	2 Bde	"	
232		WM 12	LOM Bde	"	
233	1850	CS 113	Sigs	500' recd	
234	1855 1900	BM 652	1 Bde	"	
235	1845 1850 1830	WM 12	WMR	Rights of position on Sausage hills seriously threatened. Have no reinforcements available. Want if possible 2 Sqdn	
236	1553 1545	WM 12	WMR	Have been advised that heavy pressure has been compelled to retire on night of Sausage ridge.	

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237	1607	ER 395	WMR (12)	You must act with caution. Bde 5th Bde. If they fall back you must conform, but you must not let their flank become exposed.	
238	1607 1520	BM 118	WMR (12)	Have ordered Staff - Yes + ER Yes & report to Gene Ryan at once. Am holding Weli Sherik Kuman - See u Tara & Sherik will be in Yes + M & - Sqdn	
239	1600 1605	WM 12	LOM Bde	Unsure to find a way round a point 280 via Charing Cross owing to Nadi. Am returning with the 3 armoured cars.	
240	1620	ER 395	WMR	What is your situation. Do you require reinforcements.	
241	1700 1645	WM 12	WMR (12)	have readjusted line & am for the present able to hold position.	

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241				Trucks however are in much	
242	1620	SK 143	Despatch	changing numbers The right of the Inf will be brought back since occupies a night outpost on Sheik Alban with the flank thrown back towards MESH REFE & resting in Sq 1133 & 1.M. Div will occupy night outpost line in continuation of this with the left in touch with Inf right through Meshrefe - Ascipuyeh - Yunkheiteh. Point 310 on Wadi Shana exclusive - Area Mo Div from point 310 line through Dammat to Wadi Thuz <sup>at one</sup> through Wadia - here will consist of well dug in strong points with local & Div reserves should be strong in	

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242				M Guns - Guns which should be brought West of Wadi Shana with allocated night units - horses should be made a part up prolonged resistance any this time in case of attack - hour at which withdrawal will commence will be notified later.		
243	1730	GR397	" Dis for	SK 1st		
244	1750	GR400	" "	Ref SK 395 Batteries will withdraw at 1845 - move to the left bank.		
245	1805	GR401	" all units	All other troops will withdraw at 1945 - Ack		
246	1820	GR402	" work	Yam will withdraw at 1945 by West bank of Wadi Shana by crossing just near present S.W.		

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248 <sup>b</sup>	1732 SK 144	SK 144	Left				
	<p>line will now join up with 7<sup>th</sup> Div airport at Contour 300. Sumbur has exclusive zone at Mustyft. Inf will move to take up positions at dusk 1945. Des (ol) will conform. Horses of troops in local reserve will be kept saddled up.</p>						
248 <sup>c</sup>	1810 BN 42	NS Bde	Unava				
	<p>through 1MS. Am returning to your HQ when I may withdraw to airport line. please issue instructions WMR.</p>						
248 <sup>d</sup>	1810	DL 63	Des (ol)				
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246				You will there repair & march with them to Abu el Kheira	Your Bde
247	1855	Green	20 miles on road	The airport line will now run from 310 inc. EL NIGLI - HISEIA - Suta - 2 Bde Bde in direction of Kheira ex. - 22 miles from Kheira inc. 0 Abu Suta inc. will be at El Graam. 22 miles Bde will also be at El Graam. 2 Bde will be at Kheira. Fresh trenches will be dug. Ack	run from Abu Suta in direction of Kheira
248	1950	BMing	22 Bde	SK 400 rca	
249	1735	APro	Disloc	Last force with estimate of enemies dead, 9 men by last SW as soon as possible.	

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249	0535	Green	Disloc	SK 157 acka	
250	2155	APro	Disloc	The role of the 5th Div tomorrow will be defensive, that of the 1st Div will be mainly offensive also. The 1st Div will hold the present night airport line tomorrow. The 5th Div pushing forward sufficiently far to make good the water at Kheira. The line of strong posts will be strongly dug in with additional trenches prepared for occupation by reinforcements. 5th Div Comd will retain as many troops as possible in their own hands & must eventually be in positions for the defence of the line will be selected. Launch will be gained with the enemy	Mto Div also. The present