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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAMLEH	1/9/18		Nil	
	2/9/18		Nil	
	3/9/18		2 officers and 6 other ranks submitted for decoration in C in C's despatch 1/3/18 - 11/9/18	Appen 238
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			Organisation of Transport for operations	
			A new method of signalling with aircraft carried out with POPITAM panel	
			at 142 nd Sqn RAF.	
	4/9/18		All PH helmets returned to ordnance	
			Practice lifting water from deep wells with "churoas" carried out.	
	5/9/18		Training in the use of explosives carried out	
	6/9/18		all swords and bayonets sharpened	
			General W grant DSO to hospital.	
	7/9/18		Nil	
	8/9/18		Nil	
	9/9/18		Syllabus of Training week ending 14 th Sept issued	Appen 240
	10/9/18		Tactical Scheme without troops. Bde mounted attack and night outposts carried out.	

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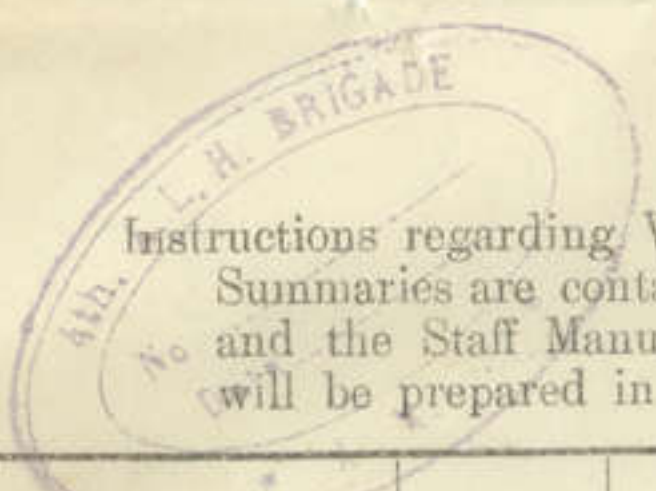
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RAMLEH	10/9/18		<p>The following were presented with ribbons by C in C / Following appointments approved Major L.S. Alexander</p> <p>dient A.R. Townsend 12th A.H. DCM and Bar. dient P McCowan 11th A.H. MC. 1955 Tpr Johns ET 11th A.H. DCM. 97 7 Sig Cpl Bligh R.H.L. 11th A.H. DCM. 107 Tpr Bloxham R.H. 11th A.H. MM.</p> <p>11th A.H. Bde Major 4th A.L.R. Bde vice Major K.A. McKenzie DSO 9th A.H. Major K.A. McKenzie DSO 2.0.B. Descrips vice Major T.E. Thornhill Seaforth Highlanders.</p>																			
	11/9/18 12/9/18		<p>nil</p> <p>Tactical scheme with troops carried out. GOC Division present.</p> <p>conference of COS units to discuss the following points</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Transport</td> <td>Explosives</td> <td>Pioneer Troops</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Regimental Pack establishment</td> <td>Water Equipment</td> <td>Bole orderlies</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Extra Packs on conversion from wheels</td> <td>aerial equipment</td> <td>light marching order</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Supplies</td> <td>Relay Troops</td> <td>Dumps</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Requisitioning</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Remounts</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Transport	Explosives	Pioneer Troops	Regimental Pack establishment	Water Equipment	Bole orderlies	Extra Packs on conversion from wheels	aerial equipment	light marching order	Supplies	Relay Troops	Dumps	Requisitioning			Remounts			<p>Appen 240 (a)</p>
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	13/9/18		<p>Instructions for Divisional Concentration with troops issued</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Calden Major</p>	<p>Appen 241</p>																		

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RAMLEH	14/9/18		<p>Instructions for the Reversion from wheels to pack in the event of moving through country unsuitable for wheels</p> <p>Bde now turned out in marching order on Div. inspection satisfactory conversion of wheels to pack quite satisfactory.</p> <p>Bde communicated with aeroplane on Popham panel successful</p> <p>Bde took part in Div scheme. Attacks coordinated by use of smoke signal. Demonstration given of blowing up railway line.</p>	<p>Appendix 242</p>
	15/9/18		Nil	
	16/9/18	1400	Training of Relay and Pioneer troops. Remainder of Bde advanced guards	
		1400	Demonstration to all officers of (a) a Regiment attacking mounted under covering fire of MGs. (b) a Brigade attacking mtcd with overhead MG support. Very successful and all officers realised that mtcd troops can attack close up under MG fire.	
	17/9/18	0950	Bde Commander and Regt Commanders attended at DTR for C.M.C. conference	
		1030	Conference at DTR. Bde & Regt Commanders & Bde major. Subject coming operations.	
		1900	Div order 27 No 28 copy 2 received	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RAMLEH	17/9/18	2230	Bde order No 8 issued. CO 11 th LIT Regt ^{as OC Rear guard} issued with 2 copies of Div order No 28 and 2 copies Administrative Instructions No 14.	Bde Appen 243.
	18/9/18	0745	Div order No 29 received Brigade operation order No 9 issued.	Appen 244
		1500	Addendum No 1 to Bde operation order No 8 issued	Appen 245
		1600	Bde marched from bivouac RAMLEH to south of SARONA arriving 2230 and	Bde.
		1930	bivouacing for the night.	
SARONA	19/9/18	0930	Bde less wheels marched via SELMEH & DAHR SELMEH to HADRATH Bridges over River AUJA where Bde watered. Wheels via SARONA. Appen 246. order for move GA 608 11 th LIT Regt took over duties as Div Transport escort under Div orders.	Appen 246
		1220	Bde continued march to CROMARTY Hill thence to JENKINS Hill. more order GA 609	Appen 247
		1330	Orders GA 612 received to follow 3 rd Bde at once via TABSOR - EL MUGHAIR road to KH ESH SH MUHAMMED.	Appen 248
		1400	Bde moved reaching SH MUHAMMED 1930 less wheels	
		2000	Watered from NAHR ISKANDERUNEH and bivouaced	Bde
NAHR ISKANDERUNEH		2020	Orders GA 614 received to place one sgn on night outposts. One Regt to be detached as Corps HQ escort. Bde to march in rear of Div troops at 0145. One sgn 12 th LIT sent on outposts. 4 th LIT detached as Corps HQ escort.	SEP 1918
		2230	Recon arrived at NAHR ISKANDERUNEH	Appen 249

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
NAHR ISKANDERUNEH	20/9/18	0145	Bde less wheels ^{of B1 & B2} moved. Orders GO 1 received to march to LIKTERA and to locate and organise all 5 th Cav Div, Ausdiv, Descorps transport on the coastal plain and to provide escorts to LETJUN. 2 cars placed at disposal of Bde commander for this purpose. 4 th H accompanied corps HQ.	Appen 250
LIKTERA.		0300	Bde (less 4 th & 11 th Lit Regts) arrived LIKTERA meeting HQ 15 th Cav Bde. Bde Major proceeded by car to S of MUKHALID via western road and directed all 4 th & 5 th Cav Div transport to LIKTERA. Staff Capt went S of MUQHAIIR directing 4 th & 5 th Cav Div " " " & all Descorps & AUS DIV transport to concentrate at crossing over ISKANDERUNEH with orders to march to LETJUN. Orders GA 890 from Descorps to remain at LIKTERA until all 5 th Cav Div wheels clear of village & then proceed to KERKUR & BEIDUS remaining in observation of country to N & E until recalled.	Appen 251
		1230	B1 & B2 echelons arrived NAHR ISKANDERUNEH experienced great difficulty over sandy country about MUQHAIIR. Bivouac sheets dumped at MUQHAIIR to lighten loads.	
		1300	AA & QMO 5 th Cav advise that all his transport proceeding via LIKTERA now concentrated at that place & moving 1400.	
		1400	Bde marched to KERKUR with 5 th Cav transport arriving 1600. Orders GO 562 received. 4 th Lit Regt acting as corps escort as told line UMM FAHM to DEIR EL HAWA. Remainder of Bde to move to LETJUN after duties at LIKTERA completed.	Appen 252

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
KERKER	20/9/18	1600	Rang up Descrips & received instructions to march at once to LEJUN 4 th A.L.H. Regt advised BTRQ that line was taken up as instructed B1 & B2 echelons ordered to march to LEJUN from NAHR ISKAN DERUKEH	
		1630	Bde left KERKER & marched to LEJUN with A echelon.	
LEJUN		2100	Arrived at LEJUN reporting to Corps HQ & A.V.S. Div HQ.	
		2115	Received copy Situation and Orders AO 564 to relieve 8 th A.L.H. on outposts E & N of LEJUN by 0530 with one sgn. Bde bivouaced for night	Appen 253
	21/9/18	0300	Orders OA 631 received to collect 11 th A.L.H. Regt according Div Transport and send 11 th A.L.H. Regt to reinforce 3 rd Bde at JENIN Orders OA 630 received to relieve 8 th A.L.H. on outposts at once. Sgn 12 th A.L.H. sent	Appen 254 Appen 255
		0330	Orders OA 632 received to leave one sgn 12 th A.L.H. on outposts at LEJUN Remainder Bde to move with all rapidity to support 3 rd Bde at JENIN to assist in capturing prisoners.	Appen 256
		0445	Bde moved with 12 th A.L.H. (less one sgn on outposts) (less 4 th A.L.H. under Corps HQ) 2 Troops 11 th A.L.H. (remainder 11 th A.L.H. being collected) 1 MG Sgn. One sect Matts Bde moving in rear of Bde Orders received to detail one sgn as guard over prisoners LEJUN One sgn 4 th A.L.H. detailed	Appen 257
JENIN		0600	Bde trotted from LEJUN arriving JENIN 0600 reporting HQ 3 rd Bde Bde arrived JENIN	

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JENIN	21/9/18	0730	<p>Orders GO 566 received to send small reconnaissance to BURKIN and KEFR ADAN and hold Bde on plain ready to attack any enemy vigorously who attempt to break through northwards.</p> <p>one troop 12th dH to BURKIN. one troop to KEFR ADAN. one patrol to SILY</p> <p>No enemy seen</p> <p>1020 Bde watered and off saddled. Prepared to march at 1/2 hrs notice. Bde echelon arrived & units watered.</p> <p>Composition of Bde. { 12th dH (less one Sqn at LEJUNIV) 11th dH (less HQ & 7 Troops still escort Div Transport) 5 Troops</p> <p>1630 Brig Gen GRANT reported ^{at each} at each ^{from camp by aeroplane} from camp by aeroplane</p> <p>1730 Day observation line maintained at night. Remainder of Bde off saddled one troop sent as escort to Div commander.</p> <p>1910 HQ & 2 Troops 11th dH arrived. Field amb & A echelon left at LEJUNIV</p>	<p>Appen 258</p> <p><u>Capl</u></p>
	22/9/18	0430	Bde stood to. Outposts report no enemy in sight.	
		0800	Bde moved to water at JENIN. Lieut Col Bouchier proceeded to recon Regt at MUSMUS Pass.	
		0945	One Sqn 12 th dH sent to report to Town Mayor JENIN for duty	
		1130	Orders GO 592 received. 4 th LHMde to relieve 3rd Bde about JENIN with Bde disposed as follows: Patrols watching Entrances into plain at SILY KEFR ADAN BURKIN & BEIT KAD.	Appen 259 <u>Capl</u>

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JENIN	22/9/18		<p>To Hold and JENIN and position astride main road and railway south of JENIN.</p> <p>1200 11th LH Regt now complete sent to above position to relieve 10th LH. 6 Machine Guns attached. 12th LH holding SILY, KEERADAN, & BURKIN</p> <p>1415 Relief of 3rd Bde completed.</p> <p>1430 Remainder of Bde in reserve on the plain N of JENIN.</p> <p>1330 Mobile Sect 4th Field Amb sent back with POW.</p> <p>1700 advanced Regt 5th LH Bde entered JENIN from direction of NABLUS dispositions for night as for day. all quiet</p>	<p>Remarks and references to Appendices</p> <p>E4019</p>
	23/9/18	0530	all clear	
		0730	verbal instructions to be prepared to move & to water at once	Appen
		0800	Order GO 597 received 4 th Bde to withdraw from positions covering JENIN & to march to AFULEH at 0900. Sqn 12 th LH at Descrips LEFTON ordered to rejoin Regt at AFULEH. 11 th LH & 6 mgs ordered to withdraw. 12 th LH troops holding W flank ordered to withdraw. Sqn 12 th LH under orders of Town major JENIN to be relieved by 5 th Bde & to march to AFULEH.	- SEP 1918
		0930	Bde moved from JENIN	E4019
		1230	Bde arrived AFULEH & bivouaced near Tankut aerodrome	

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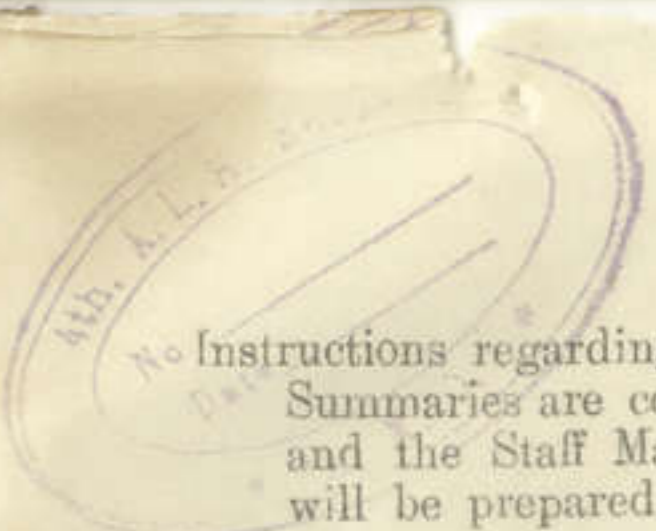
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AFULEH	23/9/18	1700	11 th LH Regt detailed to take over 4000 prisoners arriving from BEISAN & to guard them till morning when one Sqn 12 th LH would escort them to LEJUN	E4019
		1900.	Sqn 12th LH 12 th LH at JENIN mtd yet reported	
			Sqn 12 th LH start at LEJUN	
			4 th LH start at LEJUN	
	24/9/18	0125	Orders GA 178 received to march to RAS EL AIN at 0830 & take over responsibility of watching all routes from the south towards the line AFULEH - SHUTTA.	Appen 261
		0830	Bde moved (less 4 th LH & 2 Sqn 12 th LH) to RAS EL AIN where verbal orders were received to march to BEISAN.	
BEISAN		1345	Reached BEISAN & bivouaced.	
			Ausdiv order No 31 received to attack SEMAKH at dawn on 25 th . One Regt 5 th LH Bde ordered to join 4 th Bde en route to SEMAKH. Also written pack	Appen 262
			Sqn 12 th LH at LEJUN & Sqn 12 th LH escorting prisoners to LEJUN.	- SEP 1918
			Operation explained to COS & verbal orders issued	
		1630.	Bde moved from BEISAN to JISR EL MEJAMIE arriving 2100	
		1635	aeroplane dropped message regarding SEMAKH held by 50 rifles and a few MGs.	Appen 263
JISR EL MEJAMIE		2100	Bde arrived JISR EL MEJAMIE & bivouaced near HQ Central Indian Horse	
		2210	Orders GA 693 received. 4 th LH Bde immediately after capturing SEMAKH	Appen 264



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JISR EL MEJAMIE			to reconnoitre towards TIBERIAS with a view to cooperating with Sqn 3 rd Bde reconnoitring TIBERIAS from direction MAZARETH. Orders G.A. 692 received to my own discretion whether to attack SEMAKH with troops now with Bde or to wait for Regt 15 th d H & 2 Sgns 12 th d H to join up from LEJUN. Decided not to wait. Sqn 12 th d H from JENIN & Sqn from outpost LEJUN reported back. Bde moved with 11 th d H Regt and one sect MASqn as advanced guard.	Appen 265
SEMAKH.	25/9/18	0230	Account of operation against SEMAKH see Appen 266. 12 th d H Regt ^(see 2 column) were ordered to push up the line YAMOK to protect our right flank and reconnoitre the DERAA railway line. 12 enemy cov. & 25 infantry moving south halted E of KAHR HARI B. 60 Germans in redoubt holding engine & tender on railway near EL HAMME. 15 th d H Regt and Sqn 12 th d H (from POW camp LEJUN) reported at SEMAKH. Sqn 12 th d H sent to reconnoitre towards TIBERIAS via PARIYA. 4 get - touch with Sqn 3 rd Bde operating from MAZARETH. 1030 Sqn 12 th d H reached one mile N of PARIYA. 1230 Sqn 12 th d H linked up with Sqn 8 th d H. Enemy seen evacuating TIBERIAS by boat to ET TABGHAN and by road towards SAFA. East flank from SEMAKH and routes from KAHR HARI B and DERAA railway being watched by 12 th d H. Col Ausdiv routed SEMAKH. 1135. Orders G.A. 697 received to withdraw all detachments except those to safeguard railway bridges with view to being prepared to move Bde and	Appen 266 Appen 266 G.M.B. - SEP 1918 Appen 267

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SEMAKH.	25/9/18		<p>and 15th LH Regt this evening with view to attack TIBERIAS at dawn 26th from S in conjunction with 3rd Bde attacking same from S. SW or N.</p> <p>1620. Sqn 12th LH occupied TIBERIAS capturing 15 Germans 36 Turks. Bedouins looting inhabitants & severe measures being taken to restore order. Sqn ordered to remain at TIBERIAS with Sqn 8th LH.</p> <p>1840 Order GA 703 received. 4th LH Bde and plus 15th LH Regt to remain at SEMAKH. D.H.Q. and 3rd LH Bde were advancing to TIBERIAS.</p> <p>Dispositions for the night issued to 12th LH Regt and 2 Troops of 15th LH Regt to hold position on East flank to watch railway and routes from the East. H.Q. 12th LH Regt at PT. 377. Sqn 12th LH Regt were to remain at TIBERIAS. Remainder of Bde were to remain at SEMAKH, off saddled, stand-to saddled up at 0400.</p>	<p>APP. 268</p> <p>APP. 269.</p>
	26/9/18		<p>Quiet night.</p> <p>0705 12th LH Regt reported enemy on heights of plateau about JEBEL AIN EN NIMR.</p> <p>0800 Aeroplane reported no movement seen on East flank, observation bad.</p> <p>0815 12th Regt were ordered to occupy commanding points to prevent enemy stalling SEMAKH. One section of MGS were sent to 12th Regt.</p> <p>15th Regt were ordered to move to PT. 377 in support of 12th LH Regt.</p> <p>Remainder of Bde were ordered to stand by.</p>	<p>G.M.B. - SEP 1918</p> <p>G.M.B. APP. 270.</p> <p>G.M.B.</p> <p>G.M.B. in B.M. 4th LH Bde.</p>



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SEMAKH	26/9/18	0830	Sqdn 12 th LH Regt at TIBERIAS advise of arrival of 3 rd LH Bde there.	GMB
		0850	12 th LH Regt report 500 enemy on heights from railway at EL HAMME to west of AYUN through JEBEL AIN EN NIMR extending northwards along towards EL AL.	GMB
		0930	G.O.C. proceeded to 12 th Regt H.Q. Turkish gun captured at SEMAKH was manned against enemy.	GMB
		1025	Ausdiv ordered sqdn 12 th LH Regt to remain at TIBERIAS.	GMB
		1030	Enemy mountain gun fired a few shots from direction of DERAA railway which fell in their own lines. The captured gun fired on enemy holding the heights with good results.	GMB
		1300	A captured engine and truck were sent to repair line at SISR EL MEJAME in order to send wounded and prisoners to EL AFULE. Bde H.Q. moved to DAGANYA.	GMB
		1535	Night dispositions. 15 th LH Regt were to relieve 12 th LH Regt on outpost line 4 th MGS to remain in the line. 12 th LH Regt (less one sqdn) in support. Ausdiv advised - Intelligence states 400 Austrian Cavalry at KEFR HARI.	GMB

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SEMAKH	26/9/18		<p>Cavalry seen on heights in small numbers by our outposts. Outpost Regt</p> <p>1540 Outpost Regt warned to watch beach sector carefully and to strengthen it. Steep hills came down close to Eastern shore of Sea of GALILEE and any Cav. operation against our line would be ^{on} very narrow front with no line of retreat if attack failed. Down the coast along this narrow strip was the only line of retreat for Cavalry.</p> <p>1945 15th LH Regt relieved 12th LH Regt on outpost line.</p> <p>2140 Order GO. 621 was received. 4th LH Bde to not leave one Regt at SEMAKH and to march at 0600 following day, 27th inst, at 5 miles an hour to TIBERIAS, wheels following. Infantry expected to relieve Regt about SEMAKH. 27th inst. As soon as relieved the 15th Regt was to follow Bde to via TIBERIAS, JISR BENAT YAKUB, DAMASCUS.</p> <p>2205 Order issued Bde. less 15th LH Regt to march at 0600, 27th inst, from SEMAKH to TIBERIAS. 15th LH Regt to remain in command of SEMAKH, affording its own protection and to relieve 11th LH Regt of guard over P/W at 0500.</p>	<p>Gmb.</p> <p>Gmb</p> <p>Gmb APP. 271.</p> <p>Gmb. - SEP 1918</p> <p>Gmb.</p>



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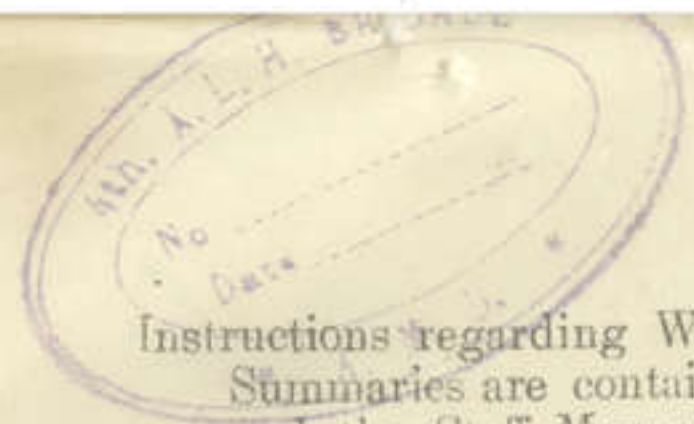
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SEMAKH	26/9/18		12 th LH Regt and sect MGS on outpost line were to withdraw at 0530 if all clear. A & B1 echelons to follow Bde. Infantry were expected to relieve 15 th Regt afternoon of 27 th inst.	GMB
	27/9/18	0100	Order GA. 714 received. 4 th LH Bde (less 15 th Regt remaining SEMAKH until relieved by 7 th Ind. Inf. Bde when it would follow Bde) were to march at 0600 and reach KEFR NAFFAKH before dark. Order issued BM. 227	APP. 272 GMB APP. 273.
		0600	4 th LH Bde (less 15 th Regt) marched to TIBERIAS and arrived at 0800. at TIBERIAS. Two day rations for man and horse were picked up and Bde continued march at 1000.	GMB
		1600	4 th LH Bde arrived on west bank of JORDAN at JISR BENAT YAKUB. where leading Bde of Division were held up by detachment of enemy on East bank and covering the Bridge.	GMB
JISR BENAT YAKUB.		1700	12 th LH Regt and 4 machine guns were sent to cross JORDAN and form a bridgehead at EL MIN. Remainder of machine guns were sent into action on line held by French Regt near village of KUSR ATAA. The Bridge at JISR BENAT YAKUB had been blown up. and the	GMB
		1840	Order GA. 723 received. G.O.C. 4 th LH Bde was to assume command of French Regt. Patrols were to pass over the river during the night in order to ensure possibility of crossing the river at or before daybreak. If ordered to	APP. 274 GMB.

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JISR BENAT YAKUB	27/9/18		do so A/HAC Battery would pass to command of 4 th LH Bde.	
			The 5 th LH Bde had crossed at EL MIN and were ordered to get on line of enemy retreat at DEIR ES SARAS. 3 rd LH Bde were crossing S of LAKE HULE to join up with 5 th LH Bde.	GMB
		2020	Order GA. 725 ^{received} 4 th LH Bde would not attack across the river until definite orders were received.	APP. 275 GMB
		2030	Order GA. 726 received. 4 th LH Bde troops about JISR BENAT YAKUB were to maintain close touch with enemy. If he retired during the night to pursue him at 0500 on morning of 28 th inst to DEIR ES SARAS.	APP. 276. GMB
	28/9/18	0030	12 th LH Regt + 4 machine guns ordered to march at 0500 direct on DEIR ES SARAS to endeavour to capture prisoners.	GMB
		0215	12 th LH Regt were across the river. River at Bridge reported clear. French Regt commenced to cross. Remainder of Bde were to cross at 0600 and to push on.	GMB - SEP 1918 GMB
		0500	Bde moved and crossed JORDAN. Enemy had withdrawn and slopes on East bank were all clear of enemy. Enemy had abandoned 3 Field Guns and one MG. 22 prisoners were captured, most of them drunk with rum.	GMB GMB
		0700	2 enemy planes bombed Bde. Camellies 1 OR wounded 3 horses killed.	GMB

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
		0900	Bde concentrated on east side bank and continued march to DEIR ES SARAS in close touch with 3 rd + 5 th LH Bdes. 4 th LH Regt reverted back to 4 th LH Bde from 5 th LH Bde with whom they had been attached since marching from LEJJUN. at the same time the French Regt reverted to command of G.O.C. 5 th LH Bde.	GMB APP. 277
		0945	Order GA.728 received. 4 th LH Bde to follow 5 th LH Bde to ARSU RUMET, scouting wide to both flanks. One sqdn 12 th Regt was detailed to escort Divisional Transport from JORDAN forward.	GMB APP. 278
		1045	4 th LH Bde moved in rear of 5 th LH Bde, 11 th LH Regt leading, with flank guards out, B.H.Q. 4 th LH Regt, MGS, + 12 th LH Regt (less one sqdn).	GMB
		1250	Aeroplane dropped message. No movement on road S of KUNEITRA + scattered movement on road near JEBBA.	GMB
		1530	4 th LH Bde arrived at KUNEITRA. and fed up.	GMB
		1600	4 th LH Bde moved to EL MANSURA. 4 th LH Regt put out outposts on roads leading from NW into MANSURA and KUNEITRA.	GMB
			Bde watered, and off saddled and bivouaced for the night.	GMB
	29/9/18	0530	All clear	GMB

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL. MANSURA	29/9/18	0800	<p>11th LH Regt ordered to relieve 4th LH Regt patrols on roads leading into MANSURA and KUNEITRA as soon as possible.</p> <p>Water reconnaissances were made round the district.</p>	Gmb
		1100	G.O.C. 4 th LH Bde attended conference at DHQ at KUNEITRA.	Gmb
		1120	Order GA.739 received. 4 th LH Bde less 4 th + 12 th LH Regts were ordered to remain at KUNEITRA and organise L of C from SAPED to DAMASCUS. 15 th LH Regt, HYDERABAD Lancers, and SHERWOOD RANGERS came under command of G.O.C. 4 th LH Bde.	APP. 279.
			4 th LH Regt and 12 th LH Regt under command of Lt. Col. BOURCHIER 4 th LH Regt moved as BOURCHIER'S force under Ausdiv. to DAMASCUS.	Gmb
		1400	G.O.C. 4 th LH Bde attended conference at H.Q. Des. Intd. Corps at KUNEITRA.	Gmb
		1430	Order received from Descaps with reference to command of L of C. ordering Bde to halt 15 th LH Regt at DEIR ES SARAS.	APP. 280
			S.D.R sent to DEIR ES SARAS ordering them to halt there.	Gmb
		1430	Order GA.739 with reference to organisation of L of C received.	
		1430	Div Order GA.740 Copy No. 2 received with administrative instruction re the advance of Ausdiv on DAMASCUS from KUNEITRA.	APP. 281. Gmb. APP 282

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices	
EL KUNEITRA	29/9/18	1600	Hd. Qrs. 4 th LH Bde (i.e. H.Q. GOC. i/c L of C) established at KUNEITRA in touch with Des. Mtd. Corps at KUNEITRA.	Gms	
		1630	4 th + 12 th Regts under Lt. W.J. BOURCHIER DSO. marched with Amudin as "Bourchier's Force" to DAMASCUS.	Gms.	
		2000	Dispositions as follows - HYDERABAD hankers H.Q. at JISR BENAT YAKUB holding line SAFED to JISR BENAT YAKUB. 15 th Regt H.Q. at DEIR ES SARAS holding line from JISR BENAT YAKUB to TEL ABU ENNEDA. 11 th Regt H.Q. N of KUNEITRA holding line TEL ABU ENNEDA forwards towards DAMASCUS.	Gms	
		30/9/18	0500	One troop sent to BANIAS to endeavour to capture some prisoners enemy in that district, reported by inhabitants to be there.	Gms
		0830	Order NO. 1. L of C. issued attached as appendix 283. Recommendations for immediate awards are attached as Appendix 284	APP 283 APP 284	
		1600	15 th LH Regt at SARAS observed small column moving W in vicinity of BANIAS. Patrol from BANIAS reported that the inhabitants stated that 500 Trucks from SAFED were at MUTALLA moving N.	Gms	
		1/10/18	0730	SHERWOOD RANGERS arrived at KUNEITRA and came under order of GOC 4th Bde.	Gms

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL KUNEITRA	30/9/18		<p>A report on the movements of the Bde transport and difficulties of supply are attached as Appendix 286.</p> <p>Casualties ^{during operations} for month of September were as follows:-</p> <p>B.H.Q. 1 off. und and remaining on duty.</p> <p>11th LH Regt. 3 off killed 11 ORs killed 4 off 35 ORs wounded.</p> <p>12th LH Regt 1 OR killed. 11 ORs wounded.</p> <p>4th MGS. 2 off 2 off 2 ORs killed 9 ORs wounded (one officer remaining on duty).</p> <p>Animal Casualties during operations 19th Sept - 30th Sept:</p> <p>B.H.Q. 1 Ride killed 1 light draught destroyed.</p> <p>4th Regt 2 " " 8 horses evacuated.</p> <p>11th Regt 61 " " 9 rides destroyed 12 rides wounded.</p> <p>12th Regt. 5 " " 3 rides destroyed.</p> <p>4th MGS. 2 " destroyed 2 rides wounded 2 light draught destroyed 2 wounded</p> <p>4th F.A. 2 " " 2 camels destroyed.</p>	<p>APP. 286. GMB.</p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL. KUNEITRA			<p><u>Prisoners of War.</u></p> <p><u>Unwounded</u></p> <p>German. 6 offs. 145 ORs</p> <p>Turk 16 off 245 ORs.</p> <p><u>Wounded.</u></p> <p>German. 1 off 17 ORs</p> <p>Turk 1 off 14 ORs.</p> <p><u>Captured War material included:-</u></p> <p>4 Field guns.</p> <p>3 automatic rifles</p> <p>8 Heavy machine guns.</p> <p>2 locomotives with tenders.</p> <p>8 carriages</p> <p>12 goods waggons</p> <p>1 damaged aeroplane</p> <p>1 electric lighting set</p> <p>10 cookers</p> <p>several disinfectors on wheels.</p> <p>several hundreds of rifles.</p>	G.M.B.
				G.M.B. SEP 1918
				<p>J. Alexander Major. Bde. Major 4th ALH Bde.</p>

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Summed up and handed over to the Bde

*Alexander
Major
Bde Major
4th ALH Bde.*

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To 4th A.L.H. Regt. 9th Mob. Vet. Sec.
11th " " 4th Signal Troop.
12th " " 4th Field Troop.
4th A.M.G. Sqdn. B.H.Q.
4th A.L.H. Fd. Amb.



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1. The Division will be so organized so that it can be independent of the Divisional Train for supplies for a period not exceeding 72 hours after it has left bivouac on operations; and further, so that it can be independent of all transport for supplies for a period not exceeding 48 hours after it has left bivouac for operations.

2. Arrangements will therefore be made so that rations and forage can be carried as follows :-

(i) On the man and horse.

(a) On the man.

- (i) Unexpended portion of the day's ration.
- (ii) 1 Special emergency ration.
- (iii) 1 Iron Ration.

(b) On the Horse.

- (i) Unexpended portion of day's forage.
- (ii) 1 Special emergency forage ration.

(ii) On 1st Line Transport.

- (a) 1 Special emergency ration per man.
- (b) 1 Special emergency forage per horse.

3. In order that the above rations and forage may be ready :-

- (i) Steps will be taken to ensure that all ranks are in possession of the iron ration.
- (ii) 2 days special emergency rations and 2 days special emergency forage will be drawn and maintained ready for use in the present bivouacs.

4. (i) In order to provide transport to carry the supplies as laid down in para 2 (ii) and to establish an organization which can be utilised to relieve units of as many vehicles as possible when going into action, the 1st Line Transport will be divided as follows :-

- (a) Vehicles with the Unit.
- (b) "A" Echelon.
- (c) "B.1" Echelon.
- (d) "B.2" Echelon.

- (ii) (a) Vehicles with the unit will consist of those vehicles which are necessary in action.
- (b) "A" Echelon will consist of those vehicles which carry S.A.A. and technical stores and equipment, excluding (a).
- (c) "B.1" Echelon will consist of those vehicles which carry the supplies as laid down in para 2 (ii).
- (d) "B.2" Echelon will consist of those vehicles which carry baggage.

(iii) In future these Echelons will be referred to in orders and instructions under the above titles.

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- (i) The detailed distribution of vehicles between the various Echelons is shown in the attached table.
- (ii) Each Light Horse Brigade Headquarters and each Battery R.H.A. will have one L.G.S. wagon complete attached from the Divisional Train to make up the necessary quota of Transport in "B.1" Echelon. These teams will be rationed by the units to which they are attached.
Field Troops attached to Brigade will be rationed with Brigade Headquarters.
O.C. Hdqtrs. Field Squadron will distribute throughout his Headquarters transport the supplies normally carried by "B.1" Echelon.
6. (i) In the event of the "A" Echelons being ordered to separate from its units an Officer will be detailed by B.H.Q. to command group of "A" Echelon.
(ii) Brigade Group of "B.1" Echelon will be commanded by an Officer to be appointed by Brigade. The senior will command the whole Echelon.
All Quartermasters will accompany this Echelon.
(iii) Brigade groups of "B.2" Echelon will be commanded by a N.C.O. to be appointed by Brigade. The whole Echelon will be commanded by a Captain to be appointed by G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.
7. (i) The function of "B.1" Echelon is to furnish from within the Division a convoy that can carry one day's supplies on the mobile scale and to work between refilling points (ex Divisional Train) and unit's bivouacs.
This Echelon, after arriving at bivouacs, will off load and in the event of night refilling will proceed direct to the refilling point. Otherwise it may remain with units or return to a rendezvous according to orders and will march the following day in rear of "A" Echelon, refilling during the day from the Divisional Train.
The Divisional Train will thus take the place of a Supply Column and "B.1" Echelon will fill the stage of the train.
(See F.S.R. Part 11, paras. 51/53).
(ii) Each vehicle in "B.1" Echelon will be accompanied by one man for loading purposes.
(iii) 4th A.L.H. Brigade will detail one Motor Cyclist to report to O.C. "B.1" Echelon at the point of concentration.
8. The movements of "B.1" and "B.2" Echelons will be controlled by Divisional Headquarters under orders to be issued by the A.A. & Q.M.G.
9. The loads of vehicles in "B.1" Echelon are calculated on a basis of 2 lbs per man's rations, 9½ lbs per horses forage, and 4 lbs per donkeys forage.
10. Preparations will be made at once to organize the transport under this scheme in all details.
11. The above organization of the First Line Transport will come into force under an order to be issued by B.H.Q.

3rd September, 1918.

Major,
Brigade Major,
4th A.L.H. Brigade.

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DISTRIBUTION OF FIRST LINE TRANSPORT (To accompany B/402 of 3/9/18).

Serial No.	Unit.	"A" Echelon.	"B.1" Echelon.	"B.2" Echelon	Remarks
1.	Field Ambulance.	-	1 LGS Wagon.	-	2 GS wagons with Immobile Section.
2.	A.L.H. Bde. H.Q. with Sig. & Field Troop.	1 Water Cart. 1 LGS Wagon (technical stores) 1 LGS. wagon (Signals)	1 LGS wagon	1 GS wagon	On loan from Div. Train.
3.	A.L.H. Regiment.	1 Water Cart. 1 LGS Wagon (Off's Mess) 1 LGS. wagon (S.A.A.) 2 LGS wagons (technical stores)	3 LGS wagons 1 GS wagon.	4 GS wagons	
4.	M.G. Squadron.	1 Water Cart. 8 LGS wagons (S.A.A.)	3 LGS wagons	1 GS wagon. 1 LGS wagon.	

ALL VEHICLES NOT SHOWN IN THE ABOVE TABLE WILL ACCOMPANY THE UNIT.

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4TH. A. L. H. BRIGADE.

Syllabus of Training. Week ending 14th September, 1918.



Morning.

Afternoon.

Date	Nature of Training.	Time.	Place.	Nature of Training	Time.	Remarks.
10/9/18. Tues	Mounted swordsmans hip training. Regimental drill & manoeuvre. <i>Bde Tactical Scheme without Troops</i>	0800 - 0900 0900 - 1000 1400 - 1600	Drill Ground.	Classes : Hotchkiss gunners. Signallers. N.C.O's.	1400 0 1500.	Hotchkiss & M.G. Range practices will be carried out as soon as targets are available.
9/9/18. Mon	4th A.L.H. Regt. range practices. Remainder : Mounted swordsmanship training. Regtl. drill and manoeuvre.	Whole day move 0600. 0800 - 0900. 0900 - 1000.	RICHON. Drill Ground.	Do.	Do.	
11/9/18. Wed	11th L.H. Regt. range practices. Remainder : Mounted swordsmanship training. Regtl. drill and manoeuvre.	Whole day move 0600. 0800 - 0900. 0900 - 1000.	RICHON. Drill Ground.	Do.	Do.	
12/9/18. Thurs	Tactical exercise with troops, Repeat mtg. attack in the Pursuit on different country. <i>Bde Scheme</i> <i>consolidation of positions</i>	Move 0700. Commence water 1030.	Ground E. of RICHON.	Do.	Do.	
13/9/18. Fri	12th L.H. Range practices. Remainder : Mounted swordsmanship training. Regtl. drill and manoeuvre.	Whole day move 0600. 0800 - 0900. 0900 - 1000.	RICHON. Drill Ground.	Do.	Do.	
14/9/18. Sat	Inspections. Cleaning saddlery & kit.		Lines.			



THE MOUNTED ATTACK & NIGHT OUTPOSTS

Reference Sheet XIII, 1" to 1 mile.

GENERAL IDEA.

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The Turks have been driven from their entrenched positions by infantry operations and are in retreat ^{westwards}. The cavalry have passed through the infantry and are in close pursuit. The cavalry role is to break down enemy rearguard actions, destroy his retreating columns and prevent him from re-organising and preparing a new defensive system.

On 11th September, the Turks were holding the line of the RAILLEN - LUDD Railway and were driven out with heavy losses. He withdrew in disorder during the night of the 11/12th Sept.

At daylight on 12th Sept. the pursuit was continued, the 4th L.H. Bde. directed on SURAFIND towards AYUN KARA in touch on the right with 3rd L.H. Bde. directed on SAHRIYEH and towards HET BEJAN and in touch on the left with right Bde. of Anzac division directed on KIRRIET SURAFIND.

SPECIAL IDEA.

The 12th L.H. Regt. with 1 section M.G.S. and 1 section R.H.A. attached moved out as advanced guard. Enemy advanced patrols at ES SEHIL have been captured and enemy rear party has been destroyed at SURAFIND by a mounted attack delivered by advanced guard regiment.

SITUATION. 1.

The Advanced Guard Regiment is held up by enemy main guard estimated strength 500 with some M.G.'s. and artillery support.

The locations of the forces are as follows :-

Enemy. Occupying heights N.12. - Trig. Pt.261. - JUMUZET - RED HILL, N.16.d. - Gaps appear to exist on either flank. Artillery fire is coming from the direction of the town of AYUN KARA. No sign of cavalry has been seen during the operations and Intelligence knows of none in any considerable numbers.

Our Troops.

- (a) Advanced Guard, 12th L.H. Regt. Patrols to the front and towards flanks of enemy position. 2 Sqdns. and 1 section M.G.S. on the line Ridge (S.8.c.) - BALD HILL (S.13.central) - W. edge of cactus SURAFIND - PARANE RIDGE (S.25.central). 1 Sqn. in support at SURAFIND. Patrols in touch with flank Bdes. 1 section R.H.A. at ES SEHIL (approx.)
- (b) ~~such~~ R.H.A. } In belt of
11th L.H. Regt., leading regt. M.G. Reserve. } timber S.21.
Battery less 1 section. }
M.G.S. less 1 section. }
- (c) 4th L.H. Regt. at ES SEHIL.

PROBLEM. 1.

Brigade Commander decides to attack the enemy mounted on enemy's left flank with one regt. (11th L.H. Regt) supported by

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12th L.H. Regt., M.G.S. and Batt. R.H.A. and with 4th L.H. Regt. in res. exve.

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SITUATION. 2.

The attack is successful, 300 prisoners and 4 M.G.s. being captured. The remainder of enemy main guard have retired through SITT HUNISAN and AYUN KARA.

Two Sqdns. 11th L.H. Regt. have pushed forward and locate enemy forces holding the line of the road L.27. - AYUN KARA.

The Bde. receives orders to occupy the line RAMLEN - JAFFA Road at N.6. (inclusive) - JUNUIZER - N.22. (inclusive) as night outpost line.

PROBLEM. 2.

The Bde. will take up night outpost line. 4th L.H., 12th L.H. and 2 sections M.G.S. in the line. 11th L.H. Regt will withdraw into Bde. Reserve about N.18. when night outposts are in position. Battery will occupy night position to support line of Resistance.

Bde. Reserve :-

- 11th L.H. Regt.
- M.G.S. less 2 sections.

CO-OPERATION WITH AIRCRAFT.

An aeroplane will fly over at about 1000.

A portion of Signal personnel will be detailed to carry out this special operation and be prepared to operate as soon as the aeroplane arrives, no matter in what position the H.Q's. are at the moment. The sequence in which units will communicate will be arranged by C.C., Signal Troop on the ground. The most forward troops will display their white strips.

Full equipment for co-operation with aircraft will be carried. Copies of messages sent will be forwarded to Bde. H.Q's.

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. PACE.

At the walk except (a) when in view and under effective fire, when troops will trot, and (b) when the command "Charge" is given, when troops will charge at slow canter.

2. ASSEMBLY.

The Bde. will be assembled on 3rd. L.H. Bde. Training Ground by 0730, at which time 12th L.H. Regt. and attached troops will move out as advanced guard.

3. ENEMY.

Enemy will be represented by flags as follows :-

- (a) White flag represents 50 men.
- (b) Blue " " " 1 M.G.

One troop 4th L.H. Regt. and Bde. Scouts will be detailed to operate as enemy under Lieut. LITTLE.

4. INSPIRES.

- | | | |
|---------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Problem No.1. | Major RANKIN. | To be stationed on Enemy Position |
| | Capt. McFARLANE. | " " " " " " |
| | Major CHAMBER. | To accompany 12th L.H. Regt. |
| | Major REID. | To accompany 11th L.H. Regt. |
| | Major RAE. | " " " " " |

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4th A.L.H. Regt.
11th " "
12th " "
4th A.M.G. sqdn.
4th Signal Troop.

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REFERENCE BRIGADE SCHEME. SEPTEMBER 12TH.

1. No aeroplane is available and therefore co-operation with aircraft is cancelled.
2. The following amendment is made in the plan of attack by the Brigade.
In order to assist the attack by 11th L.H. Regt., one squadron 4th L.H. Regt. will deliver a mounted attack on RED HILL on the enemy's right flank. Care must be taken that this attack is launched in co-operation with that by 11th L.H. Regt. and will be supported by machine guns placed on that flank.

11/9/18.

Ed Dwyer
Major,
Brigade Major,
4th A.L.H. Brigade.

4th A.L.H. Regt.
11th " "
12th " "
4th A.M.G. Sqn.
4th Signal Troop.
Batterie.-----
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NIGHT OUTPOST ORDERS. - SEP 1918

1. The Brigade will occupy at once night outpost line, Main Road at Guard House S.7 (inclusive) - Trig. Pt. 261 - Tree JUMMEIZET ET. TIREH - N.22.b. (inclusive).
2. 11th A.L.H. Regt. will cover the Brigade during outpost dis positions . When the outposts are in position 11th A.L.H. Regt. will withdraw to S.13. in Bde. Reserve.
3. (a) Right Sector.
12th A.L.H. Regt. will occupy the line Main Road at Guard House S.7 (inclusive) - Trig. Pt. 261 (inclusive).
(b) Left Sector.
4th A.L.H. Regt. will occupy the line Trig. Pt. 261 (excl) N.20.b. (inclusive).
(c) 4th A.M.G. Sqn. will place two sections in the line.
(d) Wa Battery will move into its night positions to cover the front of picquet line.
(e) Picquet line will be the line of resistance.

4. PATROLS.

The following of ficers reconnoitring patrols will at once be sent out (a) to gather all information of the enemy's dispositions from 11th A.L.H. Regt. (b) to keep in touch with the enemy and report at once any indication of the enemy withdrawing during the night.

12th A.L.H. Regt. One patrol based on SITT NEFISAH.
4th A.L.H. Regt. One patrol based on Pt.240.

The dividing line for the action of these patrols will be a line from Trig. Pt. 261 due E.

12th and 4th A.L.H. Regts. will each detail a patrol to gain touch with 3rd Bde. and Anzacs patrols at track Q.31.d. and cross tracks V.3. respectively.

Standing Patrols will be pushed forward to watch the edge of orchards to the front of the position.

If the outpost line is attacked and patrols are forced to withdraw they will do so to the flanks.

5. B.H.Q. on Main Road at S.14.c.
Bde. Reserve.
11th A.L.H. Regt.)
4th A.M.G. Sqn. less 2 sections.) At S.13.

6. Brigade will stand to at 0400 and will be prepared to move at short notice.

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Ed. Denny
Major,
Brigade Major,
4th A.L.H. Brigade.

B.H.Q. 12th A.L.H. Regt.
 4th Signals Troop. 4th A.M.G. Sqn.
 4th A.L.H. Regt. 4th A.L.H.F.A.
 11th " " 9th A.M.V.S.

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INSTRUCTION-S F-OR DIVISIONAL CONCENTRATION No.1, WITH TROOPS.

1. The Brigade in marching order will form up in Brigade mass at deploying interval facing N.W. at S.I.L.D., East of Railway at 0820 on Saturday, 14th inst.
2. The Divisional Commander is to inspect each Brigade in turn. After the inspection the Brigade will stand fast.
3. The transport of the Division will
 - (a) Be inspected by the A.A. & Q.M.G.
 - (b) Convert wheel transport to pack, and the pack will make a short march.
 - (c) Transport will be reformed and all Divisional transport will move off in column divisionalised into three echelons - "A", "B.1" and "B.2".

Each Echelon will be in order :-

 - 3rd Bde.
 - 4th Bde.
 - 5th Bde.
 - Div. Troops.
4. Brigade transport for Divisional Inspection will parade in rear of Brigades with echelons in line in following order :-
 - "A".
 - "B.1."
 - "B.2."
5. Officers in charge "A" and "B.1" echelons will hand over on parade to the A.A. & Q.M.G. (Inspecting Officer) a state showing by units number of vehicles in their respective echelons. Brigade N.C.O. i/c "B.2" echelon will hand over a similar state. Names of officers and N.C.O. s elected are as follows :-

To command "A" Echelon :	Lieut. J.T. MOODIE, 4th A.L.H.
" " "B.1" " :	2/Lt. A.I. NUGENT, 4th "
" " "B.2" " :	N.497 Sgt. DAVIDSON, L, 11th A.L.H.
6. Order of march from Brigade Area to point of concentration :
 - (a) All transport, including 9th M.V.S., will parade on open ground opposite Chief Int errogate's Camp at 0720 where Brigade transport will be formed up in "A", "B.1" and "B.2" Echelons by the Officers and N.C.O. detailed to command echelons.
 - (b) All transport of 4th, 11th, 12th, M.G.S., B.H.Q. & Sig. Troop will move from bivouacs via road on S. end of Bde. Camp.
 - (c) All horses will move from bivouacs via road which comes out at the cinema.
 - (d) Starting Point : H-ous-e on road near cinema.
 Time of S tarti ng: 0720.
 Order of March : B.H.Q., Sig. Troop.
 4th Regt.
 11 th Regt.
 12 th Regt .
 4th M.G.S.
 4th L.H.F.A.

9th M .V.S. troops will not parade.

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7. If received, the small 8 gallon fan tasses will be lashed to the water-carts as laid down in A/614 of 10/9/18.
8. All L.G.S. waggons will be paraded with "ride and drive" harness (ride near side horse and lead off side horse).
9. Off side horses will carry the pack saddles as far as the issue will permit.
10. The special emergency ration carried on the man and horse will not be issued.
11. "A" Echelon waggons will be loaded.
"B.1" Echelon waggons will carry the one days special emergency rations.
"B.2" Echelon waggons will not be loaded.
12. Bivouac sheets will not be carried.
Jackets will be strapped on front of saddle.
Iron Ration will be carried.
Two nose-bags will be carried empty.
13. Motor cyclist will report to O.C., "B.1" Echelon on Divisional Parade Ground.
14. Each vehicle in "B.1" Echelon will be accompanied by one man for loading purposes.
15. All units of the Brigade will have a practice turn-out ^{this} ~~exercise~~ afternoon under unit arrangements. Times will be notified by units to B.H.Q.

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L.M. Aulave Capt.
for Major,
Brigade Major.

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To 4th A.L.H. Regt. 4th A.L.H. Fd. Amb.
11th " " 4th Signal Troop.
12th " " B.H.Q.
4th A.M.G. Sqdn.

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1. In order to provide for the necessity of having to resort to Pack Transport the attached table shows :-

- (a) The number of pack saddles which Brigades will draw when available.
- (b) The basis on which the conversion of wheel to pack has been worked and the method of carrying the saddles meanwhile.
- (c) Numbers of certain other stores which are also to be drawn.

2. Small fantasses are to be allotted at the rate of 4 per water cart (with the exception of the 1 water cart of the Immobile Section of the Field Ambulance) and meanwhile will be carried empty and lashed to the water carts. If carts have to be left behind these fantasses will be "packed" on the two off horses of the team. Great care is to be taken of the fantasses as should the conversion be necessary they will be practically the only water receptacles units will have. (Instructions re drawing later).

3. The pack saddles now with units are not taken into consideration in this scheme.

4. Details regarding Field Ambulance will follow.

5. Units will take these saddles into use at once and arrange the division of loads and accustom the drivers to this mode of transport.

6. In the event of the total number of saddles not being available necessary deductions will be made from "B.1" Echelon.

7. The provision of riding saddles for Maltese carts and G.S. Wagons for the near horses on conversion is not allowed for.

8. 59 Pack saddles are available and allotted as follows :-

4th A.L.H. Regt.	12
11th " "	12
12th " "	12
4th A.M.G. Sqdn.	17
B.H.Q.	6

These have been ordered to be drawn by my S.C.10 dated 10/9/18.

10th September, 1918.

M. St. Lawrence Captain,
Staff Captain,
4th A.L.H. Brigade.

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Unit.	Echelon	Water Cart.	Maltese Cart.	L.G.S.	G.S.	Total off horses.	Pack saddles required for off side horses	Total pack saddle
Bde. H.Q's. with Signal Troop.	"A"	1	2	2	-	6	6)	10
	"B.1"	-	-	2	-	4	4)	
M.G. Sqdn.	With Unit	-	-	6	-	12	12)	34 Only 32 Pack Saddles will be issued to M.G. Sqdn.
	"A"	1	-	7	-	16	16)	
	"B.1"	-	-	3	-	6	6)	
Regiment.	With Unit.	-	1	-	-	2	2)	20
	"A"	1	-	4	-	10	10)	
	"B.1"	-	-	3	1	8	8)	

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The off side horse in all teams as above will carry a pack saddle. Drivers will ride and lead one ^{pack} animal. If pack transport has to be resorted to, only a very limited amount of stores will naturally be able to be taken on the packs. In certain units these loads will be as follows. Units not mentioned will carry stores as considered necessary.

A.L.H. REGIMENT.

Maltese Cart.	2 Packs.	Medical stores.
Water Cart.	2 "	Fantasses from water cart.
"A" Echelon.	3 "	Pump, trough and Chursa Equipment.
" "	3 "	S.A.A. Hotchkiss.
" "	2 "	Signalling Equipment.

12 Packs.		
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The remaining 8 Packs from B.1 Echelon may be utilised as required if Pack Saddles become available.

M.G. SQUADRON.

Water Cart	2 Packs.	Fantasses from Water Cart.
"A" Echelon L.G.S.)		
With Unit L.G.S.)	28 "	S.A.A.
"B.1" Echelon.)		

30 Packs.		
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The remaining 2 Packs may be utilised as required if Pack Saddles become available.

BRIGADE OPERA-TION ORDER N o.8.

By

Lieutenant-Colonel M.W.J. POURCHIER, D.S.O.

Commanding

4th Australian Light Horse Brigade.

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Reference 1/40,000)
1/63,360) Maps.

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1. INFORMATION.

Enemy. The latest information regarding enemy dispositions has been issued.

Army Plan, Desert Mounted Corps Plan and Australian Mounted Divisional Plan were communicated to those concerned verbally and are not to be produced in writing.

2. INTENTION.

(a) On Z -1/2 night the 4th L.H. Bde. will march to J.31 area and bivouac for the night. Orders for the march will be issued later.

(b) From 0700 on Z day the Brigade will be prepared to move at $\frac{3}{4}$ hours notice to a position of readiness about X.22 watering en route North of the AUJA near HADRAH Bridges.

(c) On reaching the HADRAH Bridges the Brigade will form a mass formation to clear the roads at the rear of the Bde. to avoid checking and congestion. After clearing the bridges troops will trot and will be formed up in mass clear of the bridges and near the water troughs.

(d) After leaving X.22 the Bde. is to move as ordered by Div.Hqs.

(e) After crossing the NAHR FALIK troops will take special care not to interfere with the Infantry or become engaged with the enemy unless directly ordered to do so.

4. The 11th L.H. Regt. is detailed to form the Rearguard to the Aust. Mtd. Divn. for the march from X.22 to Wadi ISKANDERUNIEH F.30.b.

The 11th L.H. Regt. is to fulfill the following duties :-

(a) Protect the Divisional Transport and the Camel Convoy.

(b) Provide men for helping transport over bad places with the object of getting all transport up to W. ISKANDERUNIEH by dark.

(c) If the camels or any part of the transport falls behind escorts will be left to see them through.

The 11th L.H. Regt. Pioneer Troop will remain with its Regiment.

4. In the event of the Brigade operating in the forward line during the move up the coastal plain units will be prepared to display red and yellow troop flags as prominently as possible for the information of the Navy.

5. No maps other than the following will be used during operations :-

PALESTINE	1/40,000.
"	1/63,360.
HAIFA	1/250,000.

6. All Commanding Officers of Units will forward certificates at 0645 on Z day that no secret documents containing information required by the enemy, are carried on any Officer, N.C.O. or man, or his horse on Z day onwards.

7. Watches will be synchronised daily commencing from receipt of this order by the time received by wireless from G.H.Q. every day at 0815 and 1800.

The date of Z day will be communicated verbally to those concerned.

8. Administrative Instructions are attached.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

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Major,
Briga de Major,
4th A.L.H. Brigade.

17th September, 1918.

Issued at 2200.

Issued to :-

1. B.H.Q.
2. 4th Signal Troop.
3. 4th A.L.H. Regt.
4. 11th " "
5. 12th " "
6. 4th A.M.G. Sqdn.
7. 4th A.L.H. Fld. Amb.
8. 4th Field Troop.
9. 9th A.M.V.S.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

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1. BASIS O-F SUPPLIES.

Supplies during operations are to be based on the principle that the special emergency and iron rations are not to be consumed until all means of sending supplies by normal method to the troops fail, and only when nothing can be obtained by requisitioning the local resources.

After following this principle, should it be necessary to consume the special emergency ration the fact is to be immediately reported to B.H.Q.
2. M.V. SECTION.

Detachments of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men are to be detailed to act under instr action of B.V.O.

The Mobile Vet. Sections will move with their respective Brigades.

One or more Sections may subsequently be withdrawn to act as a General Receiving Station under arrangements to be made by the A.D.V.S.
3. HORSES, EVACUATION OF.

All horses evacuated will be sent away with their saddlery complete. This saddlery will finally be returned to Ordnance.
4. REMOUNTS.

Remounts will come forward with saddlery and picqueting gear complete.
5. SANITARY SECTIONS.

All natives on the strength of the Sanitary Sections are to be returned to the 8th Sanitary Section just South of Brigade Y.M.C.A. before marching out.
66. STRENGTH.

Units will render a return to this office by 0800 tomorrow 18th inst. showing :-

 - (a) Fighting strength of B.H.Q., Sig. Troop, Regiments, M.G. Squadron, but excluding rifles with "B" Echelons.
 - (b) Ration strength including Echelons and attached personnel.
 - (c) Numbers to be sent to Reinforcement Camp LUDD. Officers names to be stated.

Animals are to be shown under headings of Horses, Mules, Donkeys Camels. Vehicles are not to be shown.
7. PREVENTION OF MALARIA.

As far as tactical requirements permit Units will avoid camping in the immediate vicinity of marshes or even running streams.
8. CAMP SITE.

Particular care is to be taken that the present camp site is left clean and in a thoroughly sanitary state. Special parties are to be detailed for this purpose from those men who are being ~~sent~~ sent to Reinf. Camp LUDD. Units will be held responsible that their areas are left in a proper state of cleanliness.
9. TRANSPORT.

During the march on "Z" day the D.A.Q.M.G. will be at the lead of the Transport Column.

Transport (with the exception of "A" Echelon) when Divisionalised unless otherwise ordered will march in column of Echelons in the following order :-

 - "B.1"
 - Train.
 - Main Section B.A.C.
 - "B.2".

Brigade Transport in each Echelon marching in order of march as may be laid down in operation orders, otherwise in order of seniority of Brigades preceded by Divisional Troops.
10. BIVOUAC PARTIES.

Usual bivouac parties will parade on ground used by cinema at 1545. 4th L.H. Regt. will detail a Captain to be in charge and report to Staff Captain at above place of concentration.

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11. AREA STORES.

Tents will be left standing.
Meat safes will be returned to Advanced R.E. Park LUDD.
Sanitary Equipment, surplus to 3% to be carried, will be thoroughly cleaned and stacked in a Brigade dump at Descorps Reinf. Camp LUDD.

12. SURPLUS PERSONNEL FOR REINF. CAMP LUDD.

This personnel can remain in present bivouac site on night 18th/19th and will be held responsible that area is thoroughly cleaned.

Lieut. EASTERBROOK, 12th L.H. Regt., will be in charge of camp and will collect parties of Brigade on morning of 19th inst. and march them to Reinf. Camp LUDD, reporting on arrival to Major FERGUSON, O.C. of camp.

Nominal rolls will be supplied by units, to senior Officer, N.C.O. or Trooper, as marching in states to Reinf. Camp LUDD.

17/9/18.

AM Lulam Capt.
Staff Capt.
4th A.L.H. Brigade

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BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER No. 9.

By

Lieutenant-Colonel M.W.J. BOURCHIERE D.S.O..

Commanding

4th Australian Light Horse Brigade.

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1. The Brigade will march from its present bivouac to J.31 today.

2. ROUTE:- Along track on South side of LUDD - JAFFA railway to bivouac site J.31 near Jewish Agricultural College.

STARTING POINT:- House on road near 4th Bde. Cinema.

TIME OF STARTING:- 1930.

<u>ORDER OF MARCH:-</u>	<u>Mounted troops</u>	<u>Transport.</u>
	B.H.Q.	"A" Echelon in order of
	4th Sig. Troop.	mounted troops.
	12th L.H. Regt.	Field Ambulance.
	4th L.H. Regt.	"B.1" Echelon) Each in
	4th A.M.G. Sqdn.	"B.2" ") order B.H.Q
	11th L.H. Regt.	Sig. Troop. 4th L.H., 11th
	9th M.V.S.	L.H. 12th L.H., M.G. Sqdn.,
		Ambulance & M.V.S.

3. Mounted troops will move from present bivouac via Southern entrance to Bde. Area.

4. (a) Transport will move to vicinity of present Field Ambulance Camp and will be formed up in mass by Lieut. MOODIE in the above order by 1930. The head of the transport will move parallel with the head of the Brigade and on reaching S.17.a (where 3rd Bde. formed up for Divisional turn-out) will form up in mass facing N.W. off and on the East side of the road.

After the mounted troops of the whole Division have passed, the transport is to follow Divisionalised in the following order:-

"A" Echelon of the Division.
Ambulances of the Division.
"B.1" Echelon of the Division.
"B.2" " " " "
Main Echelon B.A.C.

(b) Officers Commanding Brigade "A", "B.1" and "B.2" Echelons will detail one man to report to Lieut. BROWN at Bde. H.Q.'s. 1900 today. The party will report to D.A.C.M.G. at S.10.b at 1945 for detailed instructions regarding the move of Divisionalised Echelons from the point of concentration.

5. PACE:- (a). Mounted troops will march 5 miles an hour.
(b). "A" Echelon and Field Ambulances 3 miles an hour.
(c). Remainder of Transport 2½ miles an hour.

6. On arrival at bivouac area all mounted troops will get to sleep as soon as possible.

"A" Echelon and Field Ambulance will rejoin the Brigade.

"B.1" and "B.2" are to park Divisionalised.

7. During the night no fires are to be lit in the new bivouac.

8. Reveille on September 19th will be at 0500 until which hour there is to be no movement in the camp.

It is essential that all troops have as much sleep as possible.

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- 9. Brigade H.Q's will show a red lamp.
- 10. 4th Field Troop moves to HADRAH at 1300 today.
- 11. ACKNOWLEDGE.

18th September, 1918.

W. D. Kemp
 Major,
 Brigade Major,
 4th A.L.H. Brigade.

Issued at 1500

- Issued to :-
- 1. 4th Sig. Troop.
 - 2. 4th A.L.H. Regt.
 - 3. 11th " "
 - 4. 12th " "
 - 5. 4th A.M.G. Sqdn.
 - 6. 4th A.L.H. F.A.
 - 7. 9th M.V.S.
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ADDENDUM NO. 1 TO BRIGADE OPERATION ORDER No. 8.
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E.H.O.P.

1. The Fighting Troops of Australian Mounted Division will have precedence of road over the transport columns of the 4th and 5th Cavalry Divisions from X.22 over the NAHR FALIK or round the East end of the BIRKET RAMADAN.
2. The line of advance from X.22 will probably be :-
 - (a) Mounted Troops across NAHR FALIK.
 - (b) Divisional Transport round Eastern end of BIRKET RAMADAN.
3. During the advance from SARONA all troops and transport will take special care not to move along or across wire roads except at marked crossings.
4. (a) When the Brigade reaches X.22 the 12th L.H. Regt. will send forward an Officers patrol supported by Relay posts to keep touch with the rear of the 5th Cav. Division.

(b) In addition 12th L.H. Regt. will detail a liason group of 1 Field Officer and 3 orderlies to report to Div. H.Q's. J.25.c on Z day at 0700 for final instructions.

Duties of liason group are :-

 - (i) To join 5th Cav. Div. H.Q's.
 - (ii) Inform Aust. Mtd. Division H.Q's of all intended moves of the 5th Div. particularly as regards times of movement and routes finally decided upon over the trench systems for mounted troops, transport, motor cars, motor ambulances, and motor cyclists.

The best means of communication to Div. H.Q's will be through the Officers patrol and relay posts which are pushed out in touch with 5th Cav. Division.

Officers detailed will be notified to Bde. H.Q's.
5. (a) One Squadron of the 11th L.H. Regt. will be detailed to assist the Divisional Transport Column from J.31 to the second position of readiness about X.22.

(b) A representative of this Squadron will report to D.A.Q.M.G. at J.25.c.96 at 0600 on Z day for instructions.

18th September, 1918.

Edw Kemp
Major,
Brigade Major,
4th A.L.H. Brigade.

Issued at 1500

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| Issued to :- | 1 B.H.Q. | |
| | 2. 4th Signal Troop. | |
| | 3. 4th A.L.H. Regt. | |
| | 4. 11th " " | |
| | 5. 12th " " | |
| | 6. 4th A.M.G. Sqn. | |
| | 7. 4th A.L.H. F.A. | |
| | 8. 9th M.V.S. | 4 th Field Troop |

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR DIVISIONAL CONCENTRATION No. 1, WITH TROOPS.

Reference Map 1" to 1 mile.

1. The whole Division, in marching order, will form up in Double Echelon of Brigade masses, at deploying interval, facing N.W., 3rd Bde. leading, 4th Bde. right, 5th Bde. left:-

3rd Bde. at 0800 o'clock, about Square S.11.c.0.5. West of Railway.
 4th Bde. at 0820 " " " S.11.d. East " "
 5th Bde. at 0840 " " " S.17.a. West " "
 Div. Troops at 0900 " " " S.17.c. in garden of short trees (under O.C. R.H.A.).

Transport Echelons.

"A", "B.1", and "B.2" transport will parade in column of Transport Echelons, in line behind Brigades.

2. The Divisional Commander will inspect each Brigade and Divisional Troops in turn. After inspection -
 - (i) 3rd Bde. will immediately carry out the initial stages of the Divisional Tactical Scheme.
 - (ii) 4th and 5th Bdes. will stand fast.
 - (iii) Advanced Divisional Headquarters will move forward. Rear Headquarters and Divisional Troops not required will return to camp.
3. The transport of the Division will -
 - (i) be inspected by the A.A. & Q.M.G.
 - (ii) convert wheel transport to pack, and the pack will make a short march.
 - (iii) Wheel transport will be reformed, and all Divisional Transport will move off in column, divisionalised as follows:-

All Transport of Division -

In column of route, in 3 echelons, in order of march

"A" Echelon
 "B.1" "
 "B.2" "

each echelon being again sub-divided into order from front to rear as follows:-

3rd Bde.
 4th "
 5th "
 Div. Troops.

4. Prior to, and during the concentration, every care must be taken to avoid blocking traffic on the motor track or other roads.



P. Kawano
 Lieutenant-Colonel,
 General Staff,
 Australian Mounted Division.

3rd A.L.H. Brigade.
4th A.L.H. Brigade. ✓
5th A.L.H. Brigade.
19th Brigade R.H.A.
Signal Squadron.
Field Squadron.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR DIVISIONAL TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS, No. 1.

1. In the Divisional Tactical Scheme :-

- (i) The enemy are represented by flags (Yellow and Blue).
- (ii) Each flag represents one section of infantry.

With every group of 4 flags, one automatic rifle will be assumed.

2. After the Tactical Scheme is finished, troops, without officers, will return home, and the O.C. Field Squadron will -

- (i) Give a demonstration of the best methods to destroy the permanent way of a railway line, and explain the organisation and material which has been provided for this purpose.
- (ii) Explain the best methods to employ in providing crossings over a trench system, and the plans for dealing with this question within the Division.

3. (i) Communication with aircraft will be practised as follows:-

4th and 5th Brigades immediately after inspection.
3rd A.L.H. Bde. and Divisional Headquarters about 0900.

- (ii) Details will be issued later.

A Kavanagh, Major
for Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

12th September, 1918.

3rd A.L.H. Bde. Signal Sqdn. ✓
4th A.L.H. Bde. Field Sqdn. ✓
5th A.L.H. Bde. Major KAVANAGH.
19th Brigade R.H.A.

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DIVISIONAL TACTICAL EXERCISE WITH TROOPS, No. 1.

General Idea.

- 1. The Turks have been broken on the line JUNCTION STATION - LATRON, and Australian Mounted Division is in pursuit and has occupied LUDD - RAMLEH, and is concentrated at 0800 West of LUDD.
- 2. The enemy is reported by the R.A.F. to have brought up troops to hold strongly a rear line, MULEBBIS - KEFR ANA - SAFIRIYEH - RISHON LE ZION.
- 3. G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division has orders to force his way to JAFFA.

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3rd A.L.H. Brigade.
4th A.L.H. Brigade. ✓
5th A.L.H. Brigade.
19th Brigade R.H.A.
Signal Squadron.
Field Squadron.

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Special Idea (Aust. Mtd. Div.)

1. (i) At 0820, 3rd A.L.H. Bde., with 19th Bde. R.H.A. attached, ~~to~~ push on and reconnoitre the line KEFR ANA - EL MAKTALEH, with a view to it being broken by the whole weight of the Division, if strongly held.
- (ii) At 0900, information from G.O.C. 3rd Bde. is being awaited at Divisional Headquarters which is advancing along the railway line to S.10.b. - remainder of Division is concentrated behind Divisional Headquarters.

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3rd A.L.H. Brigade.
4th A.L.H. Brigade. ✓
5th A.L.H. Brigade.
19th Brigade R.H.A.
Signal Squadron.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNICATION WITH AIRCRAFT
ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14th.

The following procedure will be carried out:-

1. At about 0845, contact aeroplane will reconnoitre hostile position KEFR ANA - EL MAKTALEH, and location of troops of leading Brigade approaching that position, and will drop this information at Divisional Headquarters, moving along railway line about S.10.
2. At about 0900, 4th Bde. H.Q. from about S.11.d. will send two messages to aeroplane.
3. At about 0915, 5th Bde. H.Q. from about S.17.a. will send two messages to aeroplane.
4. (i) The messages from 4th Bde. and 5th Bde. will be dropped at Divisional Headquarters.
(ii) At about ~~0930~~ 0930, Div. H.Q. will -
 - (a) Send two messages to aeroplane.
 - (b) Ask aeroplane to pick up message by picking up apparatus, which will be dropped on 3rd Bde. H.Q.

Note:- 142nd Squadron R.A.F. are sending picking up apparatus to Div. H.Q. at S.10.b. at 0830.

P.H. Osborne

13th September, 1918.

Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

Copies to :-

142nd Sqdn. R.A.F.
5th Wing R.A.F.

B.H.Q. 12th A.L.H. Regt. 251
 4th Signal Troop. 4th A.M.G. Sqn.
 4th A.L.H. Regt. 4th A.L.H.F.A.
 11th " " 9th A.M.V.S.



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INSTRUCTION-S F-OR DIVISIONAL CONCENTRATION No.1, WITH TROOPS.

1. The Brigade in marching order will form up in Brigade mass at deploying interval facing N.W. at S.I.I.d., East of Railway at 0820 on Saturday, 14th inst.
2. The Divisional Commander is to inspect each Brigade in turn. After the inspection the Brigade will stand fast.
3. The transport of the Division will
 - (a) Be inspected by the A.A. & Q.M.G.
 - (b) Convert wheel transport to pack, and the pack will make a short march.
 - (c) Transport will be reformed and all Divisional transport will move off in column divisionalised into three echelons - "A", "B.1" and "B.2".

Each Echelon will be in order : -

 - 3rd Bde.
 - 4th Bde.
 - 5th Bde.
 - Div. Troops.
4. Brigade transport for Divisional Inspection will parade in rear of Brigades with echelons in line in following order :-
 - "A".
 - "B.1."
 - "B.2."
5. Officers in charge "A" and "B.1" echelons will hand over on parade to the A.A. & Q.M.G. (Inspecting Officer) a state showing by units number of vehicles in their respective echelons. Brigade N.C.O. i/c "B.2" echelon will hand over a similar state. Names of officers and N.C.O. selected are as follows :-

To command "A" Echelon :	Lieut. J.T. MOODIE, 4th A.L.H.
" " "B.1" " :	2/Lt. A.I. NUGENT, 4th "
" " "B.2" " :	N.497 Sgt. DAVIDSON, L, 11th A.L.H.
6. Order of march from Brigade Area to point of concentration :
 - (a) All transport, including 9th M.V.S., will parade on open ground opposite Chief Interrogators Camp at 0720 where Brigade transport will be formed up in "A", "B.1" and "B.2" Echelons by the Officers and N.C.O. detailed to command echelons.
 - (b) All transport of 4th, 11th, 12th, M.G.S., B.H.Q. & Sig. Troop will move from bivouacs via road on S. end of Bde. Camp.
 - (c) All horses will move from bivouacs via road which comes out at the cinema.
 - (d) Starting Point : House on road near cinema.
 Time of Starting : 0720.
 Order of March : B.H.Q., Sig. Troop.
 4th Regt.
 11th Regt.
 12th Regt.
 4th M.G.S.
 4th L.H.F.A.

9th M.V.S. troops will not parade.

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- 7. If received, the small 8 gallon fan tasses will be lashed to the water-carts as laid down in A/614 of 10/9/18.
- 8. All L.G.S. waggons will be paraded with "ride and drive" harness (ride near side horse and lead off side horse).
- 9. Off side horses will carry the pack saddles as far as the issue will permit.
- 10. The special emergency ration carried on the man and horse will not be issued.
- 11. "A" Echelon waggons will be loaded.
"B.1" Echelon waggons will carry the one days special emergency rations.
"B.2" Echelon waggons will not be loaded.
- 12. Bivouac sheets will not be carried.
Jackets will be strapped on front of saddle.
Iron Ration will be carried.
Two nose bags will be carried empty.
- 13. Motor cyclist will report to O.C., "B.1" Echelon on Divisional Parade Ground.
- 14. Each vehicle in "B.1" Echelon will be accompanied by one man for loading purposes.
- 15. All units of the Brigade will have a practice turn-out ^{this} tomorrow afternoon under unit arrangements. Times will be notified by units to B.H.Q.

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J.M. Sauter
 for Major,
 Brigade Major,
 4th A.L.H. Brigade.

ATTACK ON SEM-AKH - 25/9/18.

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Brigade less 4th L.H. Regt. and 5 troops 12th Regt., marched from JISR EL MEJAMIE at 0230 on 25th and moved up East side of Jordan across bridge over the River YARMUK.

11th L.H. Regt. with 4 machine guns attacked moved out as advanced guard followed by B.H.Q., M.G. Sqn. (less 1 section), 12th Regt. less 5 troops. Remainder of M.G. Sqn. i.e. 2 sections were ordered to support the 11th L.H. Regt. in its attack on SEMAKH.

The plan of C.O., 11th L.H. Regt. was to attack enemy's flank from direction of Q.23 central.

At 0425 intense hostile M.G. and rifle fire was opened along the whole line from Q.24 - Q.20. It was not yet dawn and C.O., 11th Regt. decided to go straight in, the enemy's fire having been unexpected.

The enemy's position covered the open plain several hundred yards South of SEMAKH. His flanks touched the mountains on either flank.

The C.O., 11th Regt. sent two squadrons in from the East supported by the M.G. Sqn. from the South of the town.

One squadron charged along the railway into the village, the other squadron charged on the North side of railway through the left flank of the enemy thence on into the village.

The support squadron occupied Pt. 377 on the East flank in readiness watching the railway from DERAA.

One squadron 12th L.H. Regt. was sent in on the West flank to the West of the town.

B.H.Q. and 12th L.H., less 2 squadrons, were in position on the plain South of the town and East of the railway. The enemy's fire went high over the attacking troops, owing probably to the growth of prickly scrub, and into B.H.Q. and Bde. Reserve which were then moved Eastwards through barrage of M.G. fire to cover at Pt. South of Pt. 377.

The M.G. Sqn. was quickly into action giving good covering fire for attacking troops with all 12 guns; 2 guns came into action on the right flank near the sea. The light was bad and the enemy could be located only by the flash of his machine guns.

The squadron 11th L.H. which went along the railway through the town found it strongly held especially at the station buildings, where a very stubborn fight took place and hand to hand fighting was carried on through the buildings. Over twenty Turks and Germans were killed here.

The squadron 11th L.H. on the right galloped to the town and charged dismounted.

The machine guns closed in and surrounded the town.

The enemy fought with determined resistance using bombs and automatic rifles, and it was only after severe fighting that they were overcome.

The machine guns successfully neutralised enemy guns and demoralised the enemy but direct targets were scarce owing to the buildings and enclosed surroundings of the town.

The enemy showed several white flags at the station buildings and as our men collected round them to disarm them were fired on and we suffered most of our casualties owing to this treacherous action. Capt. WHITFIELD lost his life in this way whilst leading a bayonet charge.

Support squadron 11th L.H. now left Pt. 377 and moved mounted into the town.

It took one hour's hard fighting from the time of the charge before the town was finally captured. The station building was the last place to surrender and here over twenty Turks and Germans were killed.

One motor boat escaped. Another had pushed out but was set on fire by Hotchkiss gunfire and fired by on by captured Turkish field gun. The boat was completely burnt, the occupants swam ashore and were captured.

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It was learnt later from prisoners that the attack was expected and the garrison asked their HQs. if it could withdraw but was given orders to hold SEMAKH at all costs.

		Officers.	O/Rs.	
<u>Prisoners</u> :	Unwounded.	Germans	6	126
		Turks	15	184
	Wounded.	Germans	1	17
		Turks.	1	14
<u>Killed.</u>	Germans	-	3	
	Turks.	-	25	
<u>Our Casualties</u> :	Killed	3	14	
	Wounded	7	53	
	Missing	-	1	

<u>Horses</u> :	Rides, Killed	77
	Wounded	17
	Missing	7
	Pack, Wounded	1

Captures :

- 10 Cookers.
 - 1 Field gun, 77 mm.
 - 200 rounds Do.
 - 7 Heavy Machine Guns.
 - 3 Automatic rifles.
 - 2 Locomotives with tenders (1 damaged by M.G. fire)
 - 8 Carriages.
 - 12 Goods waggons.
 - 1 Aeroplane, damaged.
 - 1 Wireless set on wheels, damaged.
- Dump: 5000 Rifles burnt.
 3000 Bayonets "
 2000 Automatic Pistols burnt.
 2 Million rounds, pistol, burnt.
 1 Mechanical water filter on wheels.

W. Grant Brig. Gen.
Commanding 4th ALK Bde.

25.9.18.

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The road coming from the North down West side of BAHEIRET EL HULE will be carefully watched and patrols pushed well North along it. In case of necessity 80 Hyderabad Lancers will call on 15th L.A. Regt. for support.

(c) "B" Sector 15th L.A. Regt. HQ. at DEIR ES SARAS, will be responsible for the line JSR BENAT YAKUB (incl.) to TEL ABU ENHEDA (excl.) watching all roads leading from the North to this line and any villages on either side of main road.

(d) "C" Sector 11th L.A. Regt. HQ 800 yds N. of EL KUNEITRA will be responsible for the line TEL ABU ENHEDA (incl.) to HARFA (inclusive).

One troop will be posted on night outposts South of KUNEITRA to watch the approaches towards KUNEITRA from the South and to prevent Arabs coming in from direction of SURRAMAN. This may be reduced to a patrol by day.

4. Each unit allotted a sector will be responsible for defence of and

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Brigadier-General W. GRANT, DSO

Commanding

L of C. SAFED (inc) to DAMASCUS (exc.)

Reference SYRIA, BEIRUT 1/250000

1. The composition of the force under the command of GOC, L of C. SAFED (inclusive) to DAMASCUS (exclusive) is as follows:-

4th L.A. Bde. (less 4th & 12th Regts.)

15th L.A. Regt.

Hyderabad Lancers

Worcester Yeo. Sherwood Forresters

Gloucester Yeo.

Details of AUSDIV and FIVECAV.

2. The above force is to protect and organise the administrations of the L of C.

3. Dispositions.

The L of C. is divided into the following sectors:-

(a) HQ, GOC, L of C. EL KUNEITRA

(b) "A" Sector Hyderabad Lancers, HQ. at JSR BENAT YAKUB will be responsible for protection of line SAFED (incl.) to JSR BENAT YAKUB (inclusive).

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9. All arms and military stores will be collected into suitable dumps and sent back by returning lorries as opportunity offers.
10. A water reconnaissance will be made and units passing through will be informed of facilities for watering.
11. Assistance will be given in passing prisoners to the rear and guards will be supplied whenever necessary.
Roads will be repaired where required and labour may be requisitioned for this purpose.
12. Report Centres of Units on L. of C. will be near the main road and notice boards erected.
13. Reports. Units on L. of C. will forward situation reports to these H.Q.s. by 0600 and 1800 daily. Arrivals and departures of units passing along the line will be wired to these H.Q.s.

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communications in their sectors.

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5. All roads leading from the North will be carefully watched to guard against enemy troops. It has been reported that Circassian Cavalry are present to the North of our line East of the Jordan and it is essential that these forces should be watched and prevented from interfering with L. of C. or of looting villages on L. of C.
6. All looting by natives must be stopped and severe measures taken against any caught in the act.
7. Circassians are Turks and there is a feud between them and the Arabs, but once the former have surrendered in their villages they should be protected against the Arabs from looting.
8. It is essential that roads should be kept clear at all times and Officers Commanding Units on L. of C. will take steps to ensure that roads in their sectors are cleared of all obstacles.

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14. Worcester Yeo and Gloucester Yeo
are moving up the L. of C. to
KUNEITRA where they will come
under the orders of GOC, L. of C.

15. Supply arrangements will be
issued later. Requisitioning
should be made full use of.
It is probable that supplies
will be dropped at KUNEITRA
and returning lorries will
deliver to units on the return
journey.

16. Acknowledge G. Brown
M. Major

30/9/18 Brigade Major
Issued at 0830. L. of C.

Copies to :

1.	Descorps
2.	11 th L.A. Regt.
3.	15 th " "
4.	Hyderabad Lancers
5.	Worcester Yeo.
6.	4 th M.S. Bn.
7.	4 th Field Troop.
8.	4 th L.A. Field Ambulance
9.	Gloucester Yeo.

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- 19th. "A" Echelon moved with 3rd Bde. at 0930 via SA-RONA, Jewish Bridge over AUJA, arriving at NAHR ISKANDERUNEH at 2030 and bivouaced with Brigade.
"B.1" and "B.2" being Divisionalised moved under Div. orders with 11th Regt. as escort to Divisional transport.
- 20th. "A" Echelon moved with Brigade at 0200 to LIKTERA arriving at 0430.
"B.1" & "B.2" arrived at NAHR ISKANDERUNEH at 1230 after considerable difficulty in crossing sandhills South of ED DUSUKIYEH. Teams had to be double and treble banked, and bivouac sheets dumped from B.2 Echelon before this difficult sandy country could be crossed.
"A" Echelon moved with Brigade from LIKTERA at 1400 and halted at KERKER moving on with Brigade at 1630. The transport horses of this Echelon being knocked up, Echelon bivouaced with 4th L.H. Regt. at MUSMUS for the night.
"B.1" & "B.2" received orders at 1600 to move to LEJJUN.
- 21st. "A" Echelon moved to LEJJUN arriving at 0700 on 21st inst. remaining under Div. control.
"B.1" Echelon arrived at JENIN with one day's S.E.R. for Bde. (less 4th L.H. Regt. at MUSMUS) and distributed to units, afterwards concentrating on Main Road awaiting orders from A.A. & Q.M.G., Aust. Mtd. Div. Orders received at 1500 that M.T. would arrive at JENIN with rations, and "B.1" Echelon would take over and deliver straight to units. Rations distributed at 2200, bringing rations to breakfast 23rd.
- 22nd. M.T. brought 2 days mobile rations to JENIN making the rations of Bde. up to and including breakfast on 25th.
"B.1" Echelon bivouaced concentrated.
"A" Echelon was ordered to rejoin Bde. from LEJJUN and bivouaced with units at 1600.
- 23rd. "A" Echelon and "B.1" Echelon (unloaded) moved with the Bde. to EL AFULEH at 0830 arriving at 1400.
- 24th. "B.1" was loaded with one day's S.E.R. from M.T. at 0700.
"A" Echelon and "B.1" loaded, moved with Bde. to SEMAKH via BEISAN at 0900. All wheels were in bivouac at JISR MEJAMIE.
- 25th. Brigade moved at 0230 with 6 waggons S.A.A. of M.G. Sqn., remainder of "A" Echelon and "B.1" to follow to SEMAKH at dawn.
"A" & "B.1" Echelons arrived at SEMAKH at 1400 and the rations on "B.1" were distributed to units making the ration up to breakfast 27th inst.
Orders received that one day's rations would arrive by Div. Train on 26th inst. and one day's rations by Turkish Railway from AFULEH.
- 26th. Div. Train arrived at 0800 and loaded rations on to "B.1" Echelon. Div. Train to pick up rations from train from AFULEH. Owing to railway being blown up and train not being able to get through, Div. Train received orders to move to TIBERIAS at 1500.
- 27th. "A" Echelon and "B.1" loaded moved with Bde. to TIBERIAS at 0600. "B.1" off-loaded on to horses and men and one day's rations were obtained from Dump to be carried on horses and men making rations of Bde. up to breakfast 29th inst.
"B.1" remained at TIBERIAS to fill up with requisitioned grain under Div. orders.
"A" Echelon moved with Bde. from TIBERIAS to JISR BENAT YAKUB and came under Div. control at 1700.
- 28th. All wheels left under Divisional control at JISR BENAT YAKUB.

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29th. "A" & "B.1" Echelons arrived at MANSOURA at 0900. "B.1" delivered requisitioned grain from TIBERIAS to units. Fresh meat requisitioned as food for personnel as rations had all been consumed. Clover hay requisitioned, to supplement animal rations. "B.1" Echelon ordered to concentrate at D.H.Q. to meet Div. Train arriving with rations.

"A" and "B.1" Echelons of 4th and 12th Regts. moved out with Divisional transport en route to DAMASCUS. Remainder of Brigade "A" & "B.1" Echelons stayed at KUNEITRA with Bde. on L. of C. Descorps.

30th. "B.1" Echelon (less 4th and 12th) was used for vigorous requisitioning to supply horses and men of units of AUSDIV and FIVECAV who had remained at KUNEITRA with tired and sick horses as all supply convoys proceeded direct to Divisions at DAMASCUS. Very little grain was obtainable but a plentiful supply of good clover hay and fresh meat. 400 prisoners had also to be fed.

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1st. "B.1" Echelon and 37th Coy. Div. Train used for requisitioning. Orders were received from A.A. & Q.M.G., Descorps to stop convoys of AUSDIV and FIVECAV and draw supplies for Hyderabad Lancers at JISR BENAT YAKUB, 15th L.H. Regt. at SARAS, 4th Bde. (less 4th & 12th Regts.) and details of AUSDIV and FIVECAV at KUNEITRA. Returning lorries delivered rations to Hyderabad Lancers and 15th Regt.

2nd. Same procedure as above for rationing except that convoys had no horse rations and "B.1" Echelon, and 37th Coy. Div. Train were used for requisitioning clover hay.

A flour mill was discovered in KUNEITRA and the 4th Field Troop A.E. started to grind flour from a small stock of wheat in the mill. This flour was given to Field Ambulance for wounded and sick. Efforts being made to secure a supply of grain for this mill, but it is difficult to locate as the natives do not wish to part with their grain.

G.M. Brown
Staff Capt
Comd 4th A. L.H. Bde Bde.

OPERATIONS BY THE 4th. A.L.H. BRIGADE

A T S BIAKH, on 25/9/18.

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Reference Map. Sheet VI, 55360¹ & attached Sketch.

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On the 24th. September 1918, the 4th. Cavalry Division were at BEISAN with one Regiment (Central Indian Horse) holding JISR EL MEJAMIE. A patrol of Indian Cavalry had been fired on and driven back near SEMAKH on the 23rd., and a squadron of the C.I.H. which made a reconnaissance towards the village on the 24th. Sept. had met with Machine Gun fire and had also been shelled by a Field gun and forced to retire.

The 4th. A.L.H. Brigade (less 4th. A.L.H. Regt. and two squadrons of the 12th. L.H. Regt.) left AMULE at 0830 for the purpose of relieving part of the 3rd. A.L.H. Brigade which was holding an outpost line between AMULE and BEISAN. Before completing the relief instructions were received from the Australian Mounted Division to continue the march to BEISAN, which was reached by the Brigade at 1345. Information was received here that it was reported that the Turks were holding SEMAKH for the purpose of covering the removal of the large dump of stores and supplies which had been accumulated there. The 4th. A.L.H. Brigade (less 4th. A.L.H. Regt., and two squadrons 12th. A.L.H. Regt.) was ordered to capture SEMAKH at dawn on the 25th., and then push up the YAMUK valley and protect the railway bridges between there and DE RAA.

The Brigade (less detachments) bivouaced at BEISAN till 1630 and then proceeded to JISR EL MEJAMIE where it arrived at 2100. One Squadron (less one troop) of the 12th. Regt. which had marched from LEGS UN rejoined at midnight. The Central Indian Horse supplied the information that the place was held and that the village and station buildings were on a plain about 2½ miles wide and extending for three miles South of the village. It was stated that there was no cover of any sort on approaching the place, except that there were some undulations in the ground about 3000 yards to the South East. A resident of the Jewish village situated a mile away from SEMAKH who had just come in gave the information that the place was held by about 120 Turks and Germans - the latter not in uniform, and also that there were not more than 4 Machine guns. It was also known that the enemy had one field gun as it had been used against the squadron of the Central Indian Horse that afternoon.

A message was received here from the Australian Mounted Division at AMULE that the 15th. A.L.H. Regt. was marching from JEMIN to reinforce the Brigade, but that they would not arrive before daylight. It was also left to the discretion of the G.O.C. whether he attacked at dawn or waited until reinforced by the 15th. A.L.H. Regt..

In view of the information received the G.O.C. decided that he had sufficient force to capture the place, and that there would be less casualties if the place were rushed just before dawn, than if the attack were delivered in daylight. The question of time was of particular importance as the principal role assigned to the Brigade was the protection of the YAMUK valley, bridges, and tunnels.

Orders were issued that the 11th. L.H. Regt. were to attack mounted from the South East just before dawn, under the covering fire of the Machine guns; and the 12th. L.H. Regt. (less 5 troops) would be held as a reserve.

JISR EL MEJAMIE is six miles South of SEMAKH and there were two bridges to cross at the Jordan and Yamuk rivers respectively, so two hours was allowed for the march. Dawn being expected at 0450 the Brigade marched from JISR EL MEJAMIE at 0230. A British Officer and three Indians were provided by the Central Indian Horse as guides. A squadron was also sent by that Regiment along the road on the West bank of the Jordan, to act as a flank guard.

After crossing the bridge over the YAMUK river the Brigade deployed into a column of squadrons each in line of troop columns

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and moved parallel to the road East of the Railway line. The 11th A.L.H. Regiment with one section of the Machine Guns attached were leading with one squadron ("C") as advanced guard, followed by Brigade Headquarters, Signal Troop, Machine Gun Squadron and 12th A.L.H. Regiment. (less 5 troops).

On approaching SEMAKH the Machine Gun Squadron was ordered to support the 11th A.L.H. Regiment.

At 0425 when still quite dark, intense hostile Machine Gun and Rifle fire was opened along the whole front from 124, Q.24 to Q.20. The four advanced Machine Guns immediately came into action in Q.33, C., whilst the 11th A.L.H. Regiment, swung off to the right so as to charge from the South Easterly direction. As soon as the 11th A.L.H. Regiment had cleared their front, the 8 reserve Machine Guns also came into action in line with the advanced guns. The squadron had then 6 guns in action on each side of the Railway line and distributed intense scathing fire on the enemy's line.

"A" & "B" Squadrons of the 11th A.L.H. Regiment charged mounted with drawn swords, in two lines of half squadrons with about 200 yards distance between lines. As they charged they yelled which enabled the Machine gunners to know their whereabouts and when to cease their fire, as it was still dark. These two squadrons broke right through the enemy's line and rode on to the East side of the Railway buildings; two troops swung round the West of the Railway buildings and entered the village. The Railway buildings and the village were found to be strongly held so the two squadrons dismounted, left their horses in a Wadi near the Pump House and attacked on foot. In the meantime "C" Squadron of the 11th A.L.H. Regiment which had formed the advance guard detached one troop to act as escort to the Machine Guns, and the remainder moved to protect the right rear of the two charging squadrons, and took up a position on Hill 377 watching the Railway to DERAA, and the road to SUMRA.

At 0510 they were sent to support the other squadrons in the village. "C" Squadron of the 12th A.L.H. Regiment was sent in on the left flank to the West of the village and took part in clearing the latter and the attack on the Railway buildings.

It was apparent to our Machine Gun Squadron that the most effective enemy fire was coming from Machine Guns and Automatic rifles firing south along the railway towards JISR EL MEJAMIE.

Six guns on the left were detailed to keep down the enemy's fire on their immediate and left fronts, and the six guns on the right to search the road, railway line, and railway station.

When the 11th regiment reached the latter our Machine Gun fire was concentrated on two enemy machine guns and one automatic rifle on the railway line and they were soon put out of action. The machine guns were then advanced, one detachment covering the advance of the other and eight guns took up a position on the West of the village and covering Lake TIBERIAS and the beach front. The other four machine guns were then galloped through the village to the support of "B" Squadron of the 11th Regiment, who were engaged with an enemy Field gun and machine guns about 500 yards to the East of the engine shed. These were then silenced. When dawn appeared about 0450 the enemy had taken up a stand in the village and the station buildings. He was fighting in a most determined manner with automatic rifles, and bombs, besides rifles, and here most of our casualties occurred. The fighting ceased at 0530, when all the garrison of the railway buildings had been killed.

When enemy's fire first started it passed over the heads of the advancing troops, and fell amongst the remainder of the Brigade, which then moved Eastwards to a point of cover just South of Hill 377.

Several of our casualties, including one officer, were caused through the treacherous use of the white flag. In one case a man walked up to and was shot within 2 yards of the white flag by an enemy standing just behind the man who held the flag.

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Of the two motor boats at SEMAKH, one escaped and the other was fired on by a Hotchkiss rifle and burst into flames and eventually sank. A Turkish officer swam ashore from the burning boat and was captured.

At 0530 the 12th A.L.H. Regiment (less 2 Squadrons) was ordered to advance Eastwards along the Railway line up the river YARMUK. At 0640 this Regiment reported that 12 enemy cavalry and 25 infantry were halted South of KEER HARIB, and also that 60 Germans were holding a redoubt covering the approach to EL HAMME station where there was an engine and tender.

At 0730 the 15th A.L.H. Regiment and "A" Squadron of the 12th A.L.H. Regiment arrived, the latter having marched 50 miles in 24 hours. The squadron Central Indian Horse reported that they had moved to KINNERETH without meeting opposition.

The 12th A.L.H. Regiment had secured the first bridge over the YARMUK river East of SEMAKH and the high ground about R.20, R.25, and R.33, when orders were received from the Australian Mounted Division that the brigade was not to advance up the YARMUK and only protect the bridges we then held, as the whole Division was to move up the West side of Lake TIBERIAS. In compliance of these orders "C" Squadron, 12th A.L.H. Regiment, was sent to reconnoitre towards TIBERIAS, and to co-operate with a squadron of the 8th A.L.H. Regiment, which was reconnoitring in the same direction. These two squadrons gained touch at 1230.

As it could be seen that TIBERIAS was being evacuated, both squadrons pushed on and the town was occupied by "C" Squadron 12th A.L.H. Regiment at 1600. 15 Germans, 80 Turks, & 13 Machine guns were captured here.

The bearer division of the Field Ambulance with camel caicolets followed the brigade from JISR EL MEJAMIE. The ambulance wagons and all other wheels, except machine gun limbers were left at JISR EL MEJAMIE till daylight, and then moved to SEMAKH.

The enemy had about 100 killed; in addition the captures included:-

7 Officers,	143 Other Ranks	-	Germans
16 "	198 "	-	TURKS TOTAL-364.
1 Field gun (77) with 200 rounds ammunition.			
7 Machine guns & 3 Automatic rifles.			
2 locomotives with tenders.			
8 carriages, & 12 goods wagons.			
1 Aeroplane (damaged)			

Our casualties were:-

<u>KILLED.</u>	3 Officers	<u>WOUNDED</u>	7 Officers
	14 Other Ranks		54 Other Ranks.
<u>TOTAL 78</u>			

Our casualties most occurred in the fighting on foot in the village and at the station buildings, where we were at a disadvantage owing to the lack of bombs.

It is considered that if the attack had been delivered in daylight the casualties would have been much heavier. As it was most of the fire went over the heads of the attacking troops.

This may have been due to the fact that the plain was covered with a dense growth of thistles three feet high, but the darkness was a predominant factor.

The element of surprise which was hoped for was absent, as the enemy anticipated our attack and were fully prepared for it.

From information supplied by prisoners, it was learnt that the Commandant reasoned that as there had been a patrol near SEMAKH on the 23rd and a squadron had been driven back on the 24th, that we would probably attack at dawn on the 25th.

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The surmise was correct although the attack came from a different Division.

The prisoners also gave the information that LINAM VON SANDERS had been there two days previously and had ordered them to defend the place to the last and threatened to shoot anyone who bolted. This in addition to a very liberal supply of Arak accounted for the stiff fight put up by the enemy.

A telegraph line ran along the railway from REISAN to SEMAKH and the G.O.C. 4th Cavalry Division sent a cable detachment to repair this line north of JISR EL MEJAMIE.

Communications were established with the Australian Mounted Division at AFULE at 0600.

W. Grant Brigadier-General,
Commanding 4th A.L.H. Brigade.

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The 4th A.L.H. Brigade under Lieut-Col. M.W.J. FOURCHIER, D.S.O. marched at 1930 on 18/9/18 from Ramleh Area to S. of SARONA arriving there at 2230 and bivouaced for the night.

At 0930 on 19th inst. the Bde. (less wheels) marched via SOLEIMEH to HADRAH Bridges over the River AUJA, where the Bde. crossed and watered. The 11th L.H. Regt. here took over the duties of Escort to Divisional transport under divisional orders.

The Bde. (less 11th Regt.) then proceeded to JENKIN'S HILL where orders were received at 1330 to follow the 3rd L.H. Bde. at once via TABSOE - EL MU_GHAIR road to KH ESH SH MUHAMMED where it arrived (less wheels) at 1930.

The Bde. then crossed and watered at the NAHR ISKANDERUNESH where it bivouaced. At 2020 one squadron was placed on night outpost as a protection to the Bde. and Div. HQs.

At 0145 on 20th Bde. (less 11th Regt. and the 4th Re-gt., which had been ordered to remain as escort to Descorps Advanced HQs.) moved to LIKTERA to locate and escort all the 5th Cav. Div. and A USDIV. transport across the coastal plain to LEGGUNE.

All the transport experienced considerable difficulty over that stretch of country.

At 1400 Bde. (less 4th and 11th Regts.) marched to KERRKUR where the remaining regiment was posted in observation of the country to the N. and E.

At 1600 the Bde. (less 4th and 11th Regts.) marched from KERRKUR to LEJJUN, where the 4th Regiment had already taken up a position on a line UMM FAHM - DEIR EL HAWA, arriving there at 2100.

At 0445 on morning of 21st. the 4th L.H. Bde. composed of HQs., 12th L.H. Regt. (less one sqdn on outpost), 2 troops of 11th L.H. Regt. (this regiment was being relieved from escort duty) and the M.G. Sqdn. moved at a rapid pace to support the 3rd L.H. Bde. at JENIN, where it arrived at 0600.

On arrival at JENIN one troop was sent to take up a position at BURKIN, one troop to KEFR ADAN and a patrol was sent to SILY. The remainder of the Brigade was held on the plain in readiness to attack any enemy who might attempt to break through Northwards.

At 1630 Brig-Gen. W. GRANT, D.S.O. resumed command of the Brigade.

At 1200 on 22nd inst. the 11th Regt. having rejoined the previous afternoon, was despatched with 6 M.G.'s. to take over a line covering JENIN, and commanding the NAHLOUS Road and the railway to the South from the 10th L.H. Regt. The relief of the 3rd L.H. Bde. by the 4th L.H. Bde. was completed at 1415.

At 0900 on 23rd the 5th L.H. Bde. relieved 4th L.H. Bde. which then marched to EL AFULEH.

At 1900 the 11th Regt. took over 4,000 prisoners. These had arrived from BEISAN and at 0600 the following morning "A" Sqdn. of 12th L.H. Regt. escorted them to LEGGUN.

The Bde. at 0830 on 24th inst. (less 4th Regt. and two sqdns. 12th Regt.) marched to BEISAN, arriving there at 1345, bivouaced till 1630 and then proceeded to JISR EL MEJAMIE where it arrived at 2100.

The sqdn. of 12th Regt. which had been on outpost at LEGGUN rejoined here.

The Bde. (less 4th Regt and 5 troops 12th Regt.) marched from JISR EL MEJAMIE at 0230 on 25th inst, under orders to attack and capture SEMAKH.

Having crossed the bridge over the river YARMUK the 11th Regt. with 4 M.G.'s. attacked and moved forward as advanced guard followed by B.H.Q., M.G. Sqdn. (less 1 section) and 12th Regt. (less 5 troops). On approaching SEMAKH the remainder of the M.G. Sqdn. was ordered forward to support the 11th Regt. and at 0425 intense hostile M.G. and rifle fire was opened along the whole line from 1240.24 - 020. It was not then dawn and the C.O., 11th Regt. decided to charge the enemy position covering the plain, as his line

extended to the hills on either flank. Two sqdns. were pushed in from the East supported by the M.G. Sqn. from the South of the town. One sqdn. charged along the railway line, into the village, the other sqdn. charged N. of the line, through the enemy's left flank and entered the village, where it dismounted and attacked on foot. The sqdn. in support occupied Pt. 377 in readiness watching the railway from DERAA. One sqdn. 12th L.H. Regt. was sent in on the West left flank to the West of the town. The remainder of the Bde. was in position on the plain S. of the town and E. of the railway until coming under the M.G. barrage it moved Eastward to a point under cover just S. of Pt. 377.

Our machine guns afforded excellent covering fire to the attacking troops until the latter became engaged in a hand to hand fight right at the railway station, when it closed in and surrounded the town.

Stubborn fighting took place from house to house, culminating after an hours hard work at the railway station where over twenty Germans and Turks were killed. Most of the casualties were caused through treacherous use of the white flag.

Of the two motor boats at SEMAKH, one escaped while the other was set on fire by Hotchkiss fire and sank, a Turkish officer swimming ashore later.

At 0530 the 12th Regt. (less two sqdns.) was ordered to push Eastwards along the railway line up the river YARMOUK. At 0640 this Regt. reported 12 enemy cav. and 25 inf. halted S. of KAHR HARB and 60 Germans in a redoubt holding an engine and tender on the railway near EL HAMME. This Regt. was then ordered not to push any further forward as orders had been received that the Bde. would move on TIBERIAS.

At SEMAKH the captures included-

- 7 Offs. 143 O/Rs. Germans.
- 16 " 198 " Turks.
- 1 Field gun with 200 rounds ammunition.
- 7 M. Guns. 3 Auto Rifles.
- 2 Locomotives with tenders.
- 8 Carriages. 12 goods waggons.
- 1 Aeroplane damaged.

As soon as SEMAKH was captured one sqdn. of 12th Regt. was sent to reconnoitre towards TIBERIAS with orders to get in touch with a sqdn. of the 8th L.H. Regt. reconnoitring in the same direction. This sqdn. gained touch with 8th sqdn. at 1230. As it could be seen that TIBERIAS was being evacuated both sqdns. pushed on and the town was occupied by the sqdn. 12th Regt. at 1600. 15 Germans and 36 Turks being taken prisoners.

15th Regt. and one sqdn. 12th Regt. (which had escorted prisoners from AFULEH to LEGGUN) arrived at SEMAKH about 0730.

During the night 25/26th the 12th Regt. with 2 troops 15th Regt. held an outpost line covering the DERAA railway and routes from the East.

On morning of 26th enemy were reported on the plateau about JEBEL AIN EN NIMR and 12th Regt. were ordered to occupy commanding points to prevent the enemy shelling SEMAKH.

The 15th Regt. at 0815 moved to Pt. 377 in support of the 12th Regt., later the captured gun was manned and quite effectively shelled the enemy.

About 1030 a captured engine and truck was despatched with plate-layers to repair the line from JISR EL MEJAMIE to BEISAN with a view to meeting the break-down train from AFULEH so that our wounded and prisoners might be evacuated. A considerable amount of work was done on the railway by this party.

Hqs. moved at 1300 to DAGANYA.

The 15th Regt. relieved the 12th Regt. on outpost at dusk, the 12th Regt. remaining in support.

At 0500 27th inst. the 15th Regt. took over the prisoners and all guards from the 11th Regt. and at 0600 the Bde. (less 15th Regt.) marched to TIBERIAS where it arrived at 0800, picked up two days rations and proceeded N. under orders to reach KEFR NA-FFAKH before dark.

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At 1600 the Bde. (less 15th Regt.) arrived about one mile W. of the bridge at JISR BENAT YAKUB where the leading Bdes. were being held up by an enemy detachment holding the E slopes commanding the bridge.

The 12th Regt. and 4 machine guns were despatched at 1700 to cross the JORDAN to form a bridgehead at EL MIN. The remainder of M.G. Sqn. went into action on a line held by the French Regt. near the village of KUSR-ATA A.

The French Regt. came under command of G.O.C. 4th Bde. at 1840 and was ordered to push patrols across the river near the bridge in order to ensure the possibility of crossing the river at or before daybreak. At 2020 orders were received that 4th L.H. Bde. would not attack across the river until definite orders were received.

At 0215 on 28th the 12th Regt. had crossed the river but owing to the difficulty of crossing was forced to leave the M.G. Section and all packs on the W. bank. This Regt. reported the river at the bridge was clear of the enemy and the French Regt. then commenced to cross.

The remainder of the Bde. watered and crossed about 0600; the Bde. Scouts pushing on captured 22 prisoners, most of them drunk with rum. Three field guns and a machine gun were found abandoned about 1 mile from the river.

About 0700 2 enemy planes bombed the column wounding one man and killing three horses.

The Bde. continued the march to DEIR SARAS being in close touch with the 3rd and 5th L.H. Bdes. On arrival the 4th Regt. and the French Regt. reverted to their respective Bdes.

One sqdn 12th L.H. Regt. was detailed at DEIR SARAS to escort Divisional transport from the JORDAN and Bde. moved forward at 1045 with flank guards well out.

On arrival at KUNEITRA at 1530 the Bde. fed up and then moved to MANSURA where it watered and bivouaced. The 4th L.H. Regt. took up an outpost line covering MANSURA and all routes leading to it and KUNEITRA from the N.W.

At 0800 on 29th the 11th L.H. Regt. relieved the 4th Regt. on outpost.

The G.O.C. received orders at 1120 to remain at KUNEITRA and organise the L. of C. from SAFFED FORWARD, the 15th Regt, the Hyderabad Lancers and the Sherwood Rangers coming under his command. These three units were then marching from TIBERIAS.

The 4th and 12th Regts. under Lieut-Col. M.W.J. BOURCHIER, D.S.O., marched out at 1630 as "BOURCHIER'S FORCE" under Aust. Mtd. Div.

The L. of C. was then divided into A, B and C Sectors, the dispositions being as follows:-

- "A" Sector. Hyderabad Lancers. Hqs. at JISR BENAT YAKUB holding the line SAFFED to JISR BENAT YAKUB (incl).
- "B" Sector. 15th Regt. Hqs. at DEIR SARAS holding line JISR BENAT YAKUB (excl.) to TEL ABU ENHEDA (incl.).
- "C" Sector. 11th Regt. Hqs. 1/2 mile N. of KUNEITRA holding line TEL ABU ENHEDA forwards towards DAMASCUS.
- "D" Sector. One Sqn Gloucestershire - Hd Qrs and 2 troops at SASA, with 2 troops at KAUKAB.

4.10.18.

W. Grant Brig. Gen.
Commanding 4th A.L.H. Bde.