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War Diary Appendix 20
To. 1st L.H.Bde. Signal Sqdn.
2nd L.H.Bde. 142nd Sqdn R.A.F. JERUSALEM.

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Practice with Popham Panel 12th September AAA Begin 0530
aeroplane fly over 7th L.H.Regt pick up message for 2nd
L.H.Bde AA Fly to 2nd L.H.Bde deliver message and pick up
one for Division AAA Deliver message to Division and pick
up one for 1st L.H.Bde AA Deliver message 1st L.H.Bde and
pick up one for Division AAA Deliver message to Division AAA
Practice complete AAA 142nd Sqdn R.A.F. will wire if
convenient AAA Addressed 1st L.H.Bde, 2nd L.H.Bde, Signal
Sqdn, Adv. 142nd Sqdn R.A.F.

From. ANZACS. 1015.

War Diary Appendix 21
To. 2nd L.H.Bde.
N.Z.M.R.Bde.
C.R.A. JORDAN VALLEY.

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In order have proportion personnel of each Bde trained in the
working of 75 m.m. gun so that in event such guns being
captured they may be employed against the enemy following
classes will be held daily commencing tomorrow AAA 2nd L.H.Bde
1 Off. 20 O.Rs to be GHORANIYEH Bridge at 1500 tomorrow AAA
N.Z.M.R.Bde 1 Off. 10 O.Rs to be Inverness Battery Z.28.c.cent
at 1600 tomorrow aaa Bdes may send one additional officer in
each above parties if desired AAA Duration of class one hour
AAA Different personnel will be sent each day AAA After
tomorrow C's.R.A. RIGHT and LEFT Sectors will arrange direct
with 2nd L.H.Bde and N.Z.M.R.Bde respectively as to time of
class etc AAA Addressed 2nd L.H.Bde repeated C.R.A. JORDAN
VALLEY

From. ANZACS. 2110.

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No. 20

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION
Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 0700 12/9/18.

LEFT SECTOR.

1. OPERATIONS.

- (a) 1 Off. 6 c.rs., to reconnoitre Sqs. F.1.a & c. Patrol moved from Safe Post and reached Z.6.a.1.1. at 0200.
Information. No enemy defences were seen but voices were heard in Z.6.a.
- (b) 1 Off. 6 c.rs., to reconnoitre enemy post reported in X.35.b.
Patrol moved from TIGR POST through X.35.a & b and reached X.35.b.cent. at 2100.
Information. Barbed wire obstruction across Wadi at X.35.b.cent.
- (c) Day patrol of 1 off. 32 c.rs., to reconnoitre S. of JORDAN as far as F.29.a, 23, 16.b. to F.14.b.
Information. Patrol drew fire from F.8.b. and saw traces of enemy patrol having camped previous night at F.14.b.
- (d) 1 off. 1 c.r. special day patrol to reconnoitre marsh in X.25/26.
Patrol left TURTLE POST at 0300 and moved through X.25 & X.26 and reached X.26.cent.
Information. Patrol drew rifle fire from X.15.d. Marsh in X.25.b., 26.a & b is impassable for all arms.
- (e) Patrol to TEL EL HIRY encountered no opposition.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. Normal.

3. ENEMY MOVEMENT. 40 Mounted men moved N. from Y. 15.10.d., 0900 100 horses grazing all day at C.4.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. 20 men observed repairing wire in F.3.B. Party observed digging in Y.10.c.

5. P/W and DESERTERS.

Deserters	Unit.	Taken by	Taken at.
2 Turks 1 Serbian	2nd Regt, 20th Div.	38th I.C.F.	X.35.b.

6. CASUALTIES.

NIL.

NIGHT SECTOR.

1. OPERATIONS. Usual patrols encountered no enemy opposition.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. Normal.

3. ENEMY MOVEMENT. Normal.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. No new work or wiring observed.

5. P/W

Deserters	Unit.	Taken by	Taken at.
1 Turk 2 Turks	1/66th Regt. 2/66th Regt.	10th Cav. Bde. 6th L.H. Regt.	M.J.L. CHORANTY.H.

6. CASUALTIES.

NIL.

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ABILLIEY - JORDAN VALLEY.

Time.	No. Rds.	Cal.	Nature.	Area shelled	Fired from
0900	7	77	H.M.	MELLANAH	330° from T.10.d.o.7.
0930	11	77	H.B.	AHU TILLUL & VIEW	do
0930	-	77	H.B.	MUHALLAH	do
0630-0700	-	A.A.	-	-	-

Time.	No. Rds.	Cal.	Nature.	Area or Target shelled.
-	-	-	-	CHANG BLOCH
-	-	-	-	Targets as notified.
-	-	-	-	DECOAF HOUSE
-	11	75 mm R.F.	-	0.18., 25, 31., X.2., 30, 36.
-	100	52nd H.B.	-	0.30., 18., 0.19., 25., 51.
2000-0200	100	75 mm L.F.	-	Harassing fire.
2000-0400	100	75 mm L.F.	-	Doohills 7° left of DECOAF HOUSE
0600-0700	-	60-pdr	-	from 0.27.b.9.1.

Jan M. Donald
 for Lieut. Colonel,
 Genar. Staff,
 AUSTRALIAN INFANTRY DIVISION.

12th September 1918.

USUAL ADDRESSES.

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LOCATION OF TROOPS, JORDAN VALLEY DISTRICTS
as at 0900 13th September 1918.

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UNIT.	CO-ORDINATE.
A. & N.Z. Mtd Divn. H.Q.	H.34.b.
G.B.A. Artillery.	H.34.b.
<u>RIGHT SECTOR.</u>	
2nd L.H.Bde H.Q.	N.10.a.
5th L.H.Regt.	N.5.a.
6th L.H.Regt.	Q.3.a.central.
7th L.H.Regt.	Q.25.d.
20th Indian Inf. Bde. H.Q.	O.32.d.8.6.
10th Mahrattas	O.26.d.5.9.
Gwalior Inf.	O.32.d.
Alwar Inf.	J.12.d.6.5.
Patiala Inf.	S.2.D.7.3.
11th L.A.M. Battery.	Q.5.a.
No. 1 L.C. Patrol.	V.11.
<u>Artillery.</u>	
H.Q. R.A. RIGHT SECTOR.	Q.7.c.1.1.
Ayrshire Bty R.H.A.	L.6.a.2.4.
Somerset Bty R.H.A.	Q.7.c.1.8.
52nd Indian Mtn. Bty.	J.11.b.7.4.
75 mm. 1 Section	Q.5.a.9.6.
A/263 1 Section.	S.7.c.central.
Corps Artillery.	
195 Hvy. Batty R.C.A. (Right Section).	L.6.d.4.2.
<u>LEFT SECTOR.</u>	
N.Z.M.R. Bde H.Q.	Y.29.a.7.4.
Auckland Mtd Rifles.	Y.29.c.6.3.
Canterbury Mtd Rifles.	J.5.b.8.2.
Wellington Mtd Rifles.	Y.27.d.6.4.
1st N.Z.M.C. Sqdn.	H.4.d.5.0.
1st Btn. B.V.I.	Y.25.a.4.9.
2nd Btn. B.V.I.	Y.22.c.5.5.
36th Btn. Royal Fusiliers.	Z.18.c.7.7.
1st L.H. Bde H.Q.	K.8.b.6.8.
1st L.H. Regt.	H.23.d.5.9.
2nd L.H. Regt.	H.35.a.4.2.
3rd L.H. Regt.	K.4.b.2.7.
12th L.A.M. Batty.	H.29.c.
No. 7 L.C. Patrol.	H.55.a.
<u>Artillery.</u>	
H.Q. R.A. Left Sector.	Y.29.a.8.2.
29th Indian Mtn Bty.	Y.17.c.19.
Inverness R.H.A. & 2 - 75 mm.	Z.28.c.central.
No. 6 T.M. Battery 1 Section.	3.5.a.5.5.
- do - 1 Section.	X.34.a.3.2.
5.9 Howitzer.	Y.28.d.5.5.
A/263 (less 1 Section).	Z.25.a.0.5.
Corps Artillery.	
195 Hvy Batty R.C.A. Left Section.	Z.27.b.4.0.

M. [Signature]
Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,
AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

13th September 1918.

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AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION
Intelligence Summary for 24 Hours ending 0700 15/9/18.

WESTERN FRONT SECTOR.

- OPERATIONS. Usual patrols report all clear.
- ENEMY ACTIVITY. Day patrol from No. 3 subsector fired on from about B.6/2.3.b. and M.C. from about B.6/P.14. Snipers active off and on throughout the day. On remainder of Sector quiet.
- ENEMY MOVEMENT. Parties of horsemen from W. MUELLER moving N.
 - 0510-0540 80 bullocks grazing 20° from B.6/C.7.a.10.8.
 - 0550 30 men in B.7/G.22.
 - 0715 35 men seen running about in C.7/G.26 during firing of 32 mm Batty.
 - 0815 20 men blasting in B.7/G.29.c.
 - 1730 Several small watering parties in B.7/P.17. Usual movement vicinity of LONDON and D. COLE HOUSE.
- ENEMY DEFENCES. 150 yards of trenches observed at B.7/1.24.c. unoccupied at 0530 12th September.
- P/W.

Deserters.	Unit.	Taken at	Taken by.
1 Bulgarian)	1st Bn. 25th Divn.	B.7/O.29.a.	6th L.H. Regt.
1 Turk)	needs confirming.		

WEST SECTOR.

- OPERATIONS. (a) 6 cars., reconnoitred B.6/2.6.b & d. via B.6/2.11.b. through 2.6.d. Working party heard in B.6/P.1.a. and sentry seen about 3.1.3.5. apparently over working party. (b) 1 Offr., 6 cars., reconnoitred G.6/1.28.3. & d. Working party heard about K.25.b.9.2. Usual patrols report all clear.
- ENEMY ACTIVITY. Snipers active in No. 1 subsector. These were engaged by our own snipers.
- ENEMY MOVEMENT. 100 horses grazing all day in C.7/C.4.
 - 0500 200 Inftry moved N. to V. EL WAR.
 - 50 horses grazing all the morning in C.6/1.16.c.
 - Usual movement elsewhere.
- ENEMY DEFENCES. Fresh earth about G.6/1.19.c.0.2. 5 men repairing wire in G.6/1.16.c.3.7. Party of men appeared to be laying wire at foot of CHIEF RIDGE.
- P/W.

Deserters.	Unit.	Taken at.	Taken by.
2 Turks.	8th Coy. 2nd Bn. 13th F.A. Regt.	B.6/1.24.a.	2nd Bn. 3.7.1.

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RECEIVED SECTION OFFICER'S OFFICE
ARTILLERY & ENGINEERS
HEADQUARTERS
13th September 1918.

JORDAN V. LEVY ARTILLERY.

Usual reports report all details.

Time	No. Rds.	Pl.	Material	Area shelled.	Fired from.
0700	7	77		BLUMF	
	5	77		MUSALLABEH	
	28	77		In front of V. Hill	
	10	77		V. Hill	
1335-1430	-	77		B.7/C.28. & 34.	H. H. U.D.

Time	No. Rds.	Pl.	Material	Area shelled.	Fired from.
0800	100	32	H.M.B. 337	Massing fire on B.6/C.25., 19. & X.56., 55.b. and C.1. (on 30.26.)	
				DASHIAR trenches and dispersed convoy on CH. II RIDGE.	
				29th H.B. HQ post.	
				5.9 H.M.B. HQ post.	
1600	21	32nd H.M.B. Bty.		Massing fire (not reported)	
2000-2400	94	Inverness 7th H.M.B. Bty.		Massing on B.6/C.1 & 25. & 26.	
				Massing fire.	

M. E. Levy
Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,
Artillery Division.

13th September 1918.

USUAL ADDRESSES.

Usual reports report all details.

(b) I Office & other concerned units should be kept advised of any changes in the above details.

Artillery reports should be sent to the usual addresses.

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ARTILLERY & ENGINEERS
HEADQUARTERS
13th September 1918.

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To 39th Btn. R.F.

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On arrival in the Valley you will be met by an officer who will hand you these instructions AAA In conjunction with the reconnaissance at present going on it is intended to give the enemy the idea that more Infantry is being moved into the Valley and therefore it is necessary that you be seen AAA Therefore you will march straight on through JERICHO and after passing through the town you will form into four parallel columns and move due East from JERICHO for $\frac{1}{2}$ mile after which your Btn will move to the bivouac in Square K.11 AAA Your transport will move direct to bivouac

From ANZACS.

2100

S E C R E T.

DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

SUBJECT; - REPORT ON RECONNAISSANCE ON SEPT. 14th 1918.

1. TROOPS. 5th L.H. Regiment and 4 Machine Guns.
2. ROUTE & ACTION. Left MAKHADAT HAJLA at 0200 on September 14th and established line North and South from R.26.central., R.32.central to T.2.c. and observation post at T.7.d. at 0430 Regimental H.Q., at T.1.a.2.7.

0430

0500

0515

At 0500 all clear reported.

PATROL TO T.22. No.1 Patrol.
Strength ; - One troop with one Troop in support.

ROUTE. Patrol reached foothills in T.22. without opposition. 6 dismounted men seen in high ground T.29 and same number in T.24.a. Two Troops in Y.7.b., these moved South through T.18.b.

INFORMATION. Patrol fired on heavily in T.22.a. from T.23.b. and d. chiefly rifle fire and a few bursts automatic rifle. Fresh Cavalry tracks leading North seen in T.22.a. Signs of enemy post having been on 1040 (T.14.b.). About 20 rifle pits and M.G. emplacements had been dug here. Crossings over WADI EL JORFE and WADI EL ADEIME suitable for wheeled traffic. WADIS easily crossed by Mounted Troops for $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile on both sides of road.

0715

This patrol back.

0900

No. 2 Patrol. 1 N.C.O. and 14 o.rs.

ROUTE. From KABR FENDI EL FAIZ in East direction along South bank of WADY ER RAMEH through T.6.central., T.6.d., Y.1.c., and back to R.36.d.

INFORMATION. TEL ER RAMEH has a traversed trench running round the base of the hill, and trench running up the hill on the Southern side; also some sangars on top of the hill. One sentry seen in trench.

No wire seen. (This has since been seen to be ^{wire} as already reported).

No movement anywhere in foothills.

No rifle fire encountered.

4 shells (believed to be 77 m.ms) fired from Northerly direction.

1100

Patrol back at 1100.

0900

No. 3 Patrol. 1 N.C.O. and 14 o.rs.

ROUTE. North bank of WADY JORFE ABU ZIGHAN to KHURBET EL KEFREIN (R.23.central).

INFORMATION. No opposition. Two unoccupied trenches found at KHURBET KEFREIN, one 70 yards long on Western side of the mound, was partly filled in, the other on the Eastern side in good repair. No signs of recent occupation.

Tracks of Mounted men seen along the road. Post of 6 men seen on KABR MUJAHID, and another about the same number on a hill North of KABR MUJAHID.

1130

Patrol returned at 1130.

1300

Regiment withdrew leaving 2 troops in observation.

TOPOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION. Shrine at KABR FENDI EL FAIZ is a good observation post and any movement in direction of KABR SAID is easily seen.

11700 Army

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2. *26 Sept. 1918*

CONCLUSIONS.

As the enemy made no attempt to interfere with our patrols, and, as very little was seen it appeared as if there was very little in front.

On the other hand they have for sometime had their Cavalry chased, and in many cases badly handled by the Indian Cavalry, it is quite likely that they are most unwilling to show themselves in any place they can be got at. This is borne out by our patrols today which report that the enemy do not appear to come very far forward from the foothills.

J. H. G. ...

Major-General,
Commanding,

15th Sept. 1918. AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

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G.O.C. RIGHT SECTOR
1st L.H. Bde.
C.R.A. JORDAN VALLEY.

Original

SUBJECT:- RECONNAISSANCE.

1. On September 16th you will carry out the following reconnaissances with a view to creating the impression that our advance is intended westward via KABR MUJAHID on the morning of 17th September.
2. At 1730 on 16th September one Regiment will be pushed forward in the direction of KABR MUJAHID through BUREH HAJUL.
3. Detachments will also push forward up the WADE NEMRAN and from MAKHADAT HAJLA to KABR WARDI EL BAK. These reconnaissances will remain out during the night but will return before it is light.
4. Bivouac fires will be lighted in WADE NEMRAN and BUREH HAJUL. These should be placed where they are seen from certain points but must not be obviously meant to be seen.
5. At 1730 one Regiment 1st L.H. Bde will march from its bivouac in the direction of GHORANIYAH covering as wide a front as possible and will continue its march until it is too dark for the enemy across the river to see their movement. That is about 1830. It will then return to bivouac.
6. The C.R.A. JORDAN VALLEY will arrange for the co-operation of all the Artillery in the Valley; and, will submit his plan to this office as soon as possible.

J. Pitt-Rivers

Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

14th September 1918.

Copy to - Desert Mounted Corps.
G.O.C., Left Sector.
Signal Sqn.
'A' Branch.
A.D.M.S.

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AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION
Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 0700 14/9/18.

LEFT SECTOR.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) 1 Off. 6 c.rs., to reconnoitre Sqd C.6/P.1.a & c. Patrol moved from SAME POST N. through C.6/Z.6.d. and reached C.6/P.1.c. at 2100. Information. Enemy trench located in C.6/P.1.a.2.7. No movement seen or heard.

(b) 1 Off. 6 c.rs., to reconnoitre C.6/X.27.b., 28.b., 22.d. Patrol moved from THE POST N. through C.6/X.28.b. and reached C.6/X.22.d. at 2300. Information. No enemy seen or heard in ground is very broken in C.6/X.28.d and b. but passage can be made under cover by Infantry in fours.

(c) Day patrol to reconnoitre B.7/P.29., 23., 17 & 14.b. Patrol left AUJAH Bridgehead at 0400 and returned at 1830. Information. Enemy snipers at B.7/P.8.b. fired on patrol but were driven back to redoubt in C.6/S.2.b.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. Normal.

3. ENEMY MOVEMENT. 100 horses grazing all day in C.7/C.5. 0830 16 men & 80 horses moved from MADE EL WAR to grazing in C.6/U.25.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. Apparently new earthworks in Y.20.d. & I.15.central.

5. P/W Deserters. Unit. Taken by Taken at.
1 Turk 24th Divn. H.S.L.P. 300. P.15.d.

6. CASUALTIES. NIL.

RIGHT SECTOR.

1. OPERATIONS.

(a) Day patrol to reconnoitre country EAST of HAJLA. Patrol proceeded through night O.P. line to Ford in B.7/S.6.a. and thence to KABA BADI EL FALL. Patrols were sent to B.7/Y.5., R.26., & Q.30. where they met 6th Regt. patrols. Information. Patrols met with no opposition. About 0800 1 Sdn enemy Cavalry appeared on road between B.7/Y.5.b. & Y.2.b. appeared to be going to water and disappeared in B.7/Y.2.b.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. Quiet.

3. ENEMY MOVEMENT. Normal.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. Small working party in B.7/C.29. defences. 1730-1800 Blasting heard in same s wrc.

5. P/W & DESERTERS. NIL.

6. CASUALTIES. NIL.

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ARTILLERY BATTALION JORDAN VALLEY.

TABLE

Time.	No. Rds.	Cal.	Target.	Area Shelled.	Fire from.
0930-1000	-	77	H.E.	B.7/0.10.b.	WADI KHAIKHA (?) Sound
"	20	"	"	B.7/7.27	barrier 770 from S.13.d.
"	9	"	"	MUSALIABEH	"
"	3	"	"	MASKERAH	"
1445	20	"	"	G.6/2.6.6.11.	Sound 160 from G.6/W.13.d.
					S.S. 5.0 from area
					G.6/1.25.p.3.d.

1550-1830

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Between AJJAH & MELLAHAN.

OURS.

Time.	Batty.	No. Rds.	Area Shelled.
-	52 I.M.B.	100	THE 13 BIRDS.
-	75 mm (L.X)	-	CHAMBER ROAD & TRENCHES.
1530	75 mm (R.Y)	19	DROGAN HOUSE.
1615	75 mm (R.Y)	10	LONDON HOUSE.
"	29 I.M.B.	4	CAV. IN S.7/P.16.
"	"	20	G.6/1.20.c., 1.25.p.8.c.
"	75 mm (L.X)	96	KERASSING FIRE.
"	75 mm (R.Y)	99	- do -
0400	29 I.M.B.	6	G.6/1.20.d.
2000	"	4	G.6/1.20/c.
2030	"	4	G.6/1.25.b.
2100	"	4	G.6/1.25.b.

Jan Donald

14th September 1918.

USUAL ADDRESSES.

- 1. HEAD QUARTERS.
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To. LEFT Sector. 39th Btn. R.F., C.R.A. JORDAN VALLEY.

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39th Btn. R.F. will leave present camp K.11 at 1730 tomorrow 15th Sept. and marched to site to be selected by G.O.C.m LEFT SECTOR AAA G.O.C., LEFT SECTOR will arrange for guides to direct Btms to camp site AAA If still light when approaching the AUJAH Btn should march in Artillery formation AAA Btn comes under orders of G.O.C., LEFT SECTOR on moving from K.11 AAA Addsd G.O.C., LEFT SECTOR, 39th Btn. R.F.m reptd C.R.A. JORDAN VALLEY. Copy to 'A', A.D.M.S., A.D.V.S., A.P.M., Flt. Sqdn., Sig. Sqdn. Div. Train%

From. ANZACS. 1005.

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SUBJECT:- INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL FUTURE OPERATIONS.

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The following instructions with regard to all future operations are issued and are to be circulated to all concerned.

1. FOOD AND FORAGE.

(a) It is of the greatest importance that all food and forage which is discovered is made the fullest use of.

A report will be sent at once of any supplies so found, giving place, and approximate amount.

Guards will be placed on supplies found.

Troops who are in advance of the force, and discover supplies may replenish when time is of importance, but must report what they have done. No one must help themselves indiscriminately.

(b) All requisitioning must be made on authorised forms, pro-forms of which will be issued.

2. TUNNELS AND IMPORTANT BRIDGES.

Tunnels and important bridges will not be destroyed without special instructions. Destruction on a railway will be limited to what will take only a short time to repair.

3. REPORTS ON TELEGRAPH LINES.

(a) Early reports are required on enemy telegraph lines, giving their condition and direction they run in. A specimen form is attached, showing the manner in which such information should be forwarded.

(b) On no account will telegraph poles be interfered with.

(c) Advanced units who may have availed themselves temporarily of portions of such lines must vacate them immediately they are required for H.Q. use.

4. EVENING REPORTS.

Each evening, Brigades and Units will report the following :-

- (a) Line held.
- (b) Casualties.
- (c) Any detachments which are away.
- (d) How they stand for supplies, water and ammunition.
- (e) Any factors affecting the situation.

5. STRENGTH.

Units will only take strength of war establishments into action. No surplus officers or men will be taken.

6. HOSTILE LANDING GROUNDS.

All hostile landing grounds will be especially preserved. Troops or transport will not move on to them and small guards will be placed by troops arriving first at such landing grounds to obscure this.

This point is of the greatest importance as only one or two are known to be in the area.

7. AEROPLANE CO-OPERATION.

As soon as one of our aeroplanes appear over any body of our troops, those must make their presence known to the aeroplane by the usual signals without waiting for a call from the aeroplane.

8. DUMPS.

Brigades will dump all surplus stores and equipment in one dump in their present camp areas under a small guard.



at night

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STAFF ELEMENTS. Staff of units will be left at brigade dump.

10. SUPPLIES.

Staff Captains will keep in touch with Div. HQ and be prepared to supply guides when necessary.

11. CLOTHING.

Greatcoats and a change of shirt and socks will be carried.

12. DRINKING WATER.

All ranks must be careful as to what water they drink without chlorination or boiling.

13. DELIVERY OF WIRES AND MESSAGES.

During the advance northwards from the NEPESHIM - TAZA line, difficulty was experienced in delivering wires and messages to small units in the Palestine L. of C. area owing to their failing to report their presence. Units moving in the Palestine L. of C. area should therefore be instructed to report their arrival and departure to a Signal Office, provided there is one within reasonable distance.

W. Anderson
Major

Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTAIN DIVISION.

15th September 1918.

- To - G.O.C., RIGHT SECTION (9)
- G.O.C., LEFT SECTION (8)
- 1st L.E. Bde. (4)
- G.R.A. Jordan Valley (3)
- G.R.E. (1)
- 'A' Branch (1)
- Signal Sqn (1)
- Divn. Train. (1)
- A.D.C. (1)
- A.D.V.S. (1)
- A.P.C. (1)
- Camp Condt. (1)

Each evening, guides and units will report the following:-

- (a) Any troops entering the position.
- (b) How they stand for supplies, water and ammunition.
- (c) Any detachments which are away.
- (d) Casualties.
- (e) The total.

Units will only take strength of any detachments into column. Machine guns or mortars will be taken.

All hostile machine guns will be especially prominent. Troops or machine guns will not move on to them and well guards will be kept by troops entering first at each friendly position to observe this. This point is at the present position as only one or two are known to be in the zone.

As soon as the end of our operations appear over the body of our troops, those that make their presence known to the company by the usual night signals will be called for a call from the company.

Units will keep all supplies stored and a night in their present camp area under a well guard.

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PRO-FORMA.

REPORTS ON TELEGRAPH LINES.

LOCALITY & DIRECTION OF LINE	REMARKS.
BIRISHERA, towards HEBRON	Iron poles undamaged; 3 wires broken N. of town.
DAHARAYIH, towards HEBRON	Wooden poles, 2 wires cut near village, few poles removed, remainder intact but wires slack.
HUI, towards ARAK.	Wooden poles, 6 wires undamaged.
JUIS, towards Junction alongside railway.	Wooden poles, 3 wires much damaged for 2 miles.

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No. 25.

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AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTAIN DIVISION
Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 0700 15/9/10.

LEFT SECTOR.

Original

1. OPERATIONS.

- (a) Special Patrol to reconnoitre Sqs. B.6/Z.6.b & report working party were heard in C.6/X.3.b etc.
- (b) Special Patrols to C.6/X.29.c.5.5. and Sqs C.6/W.28, 27.b & d., 23.c. and 21.d. report no movement seen or heard.
- (c) Usual day patrols to TEL EL JORJE and Sqs. B.7/P.29., 23., 17 to B.6/P.14.a & b. report all clear.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. Quiet.

3. ENEMY MOVEMENT. 100 horses grazing all day in C.7/C.4.
0645 About 40 men in full marching order with mess tin or some shining article on their back moved from C.6/U.27 - C.6/U.13.
Usual movement in remainder of front.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES.

- 0830-1000) 25 men working in C.6/O.32.d.2.8.
 - 1330-1530)
 - 0620 6 men working on wire in C.6/X.15.c.
 - 1400 6 men digging C.6/X.9.a.
- fresh earth outside a hole on side of a hill in B.6/W.2.b.9.8.
fresh earthworks reported yesterday in C.6/X.20.b. is incorrect, but found to be communication trench from C.6/X.16.c.0.5. to top of hill C.6/X.16.c.2.6.

P/W.	Deserter	Unit.	Taken at	Taken by.
1	Turk	3/2/24th Divn.	B.7/P.22.a.	C.M.R.

RIGHT SECTOR.

1. OPERATIONS. 5th L.H. Regt (less one troop) plus 4 M.Gs. crossed the JORJE at MAKHADAT HAJLA and established a line approx N and S. from B.7/R.25.cent., R.32.cent to B.7/T.2.c. and an O.P. in B.7/P.7.d.
0500. Reported all clear.
(a) 0515. A patrol of 2 troops was sent along the road to B.7/P.22.a. Information. Patrol fired on by about 2 troops Cavalry from B.7/P.22.b. & 12.c. A good deal of movement seen in vicinity of B.7/Y.7. Fresh tracks were seen in B.7/T.22.a. leading N. apparently there was an outpost the previous night on hill 1040 (P.14.b) About 20 rifle pits and M.G. positions had been here. Topographical. The crossings over W. EL JORJE and W. EL ADJER are suitable for wheeled traffic and are easily crossed by mounted troops for 1/2 mile on either side of road.
(b) 0900. Patrol proceeded along S. bank of W. EL RAH H through B.7/P.6.c.c.1., T.6.a & Y.1.c., then back to R.3-5 & d. Information. Enemy Defences:- TEL EL RAH H has a traversed trench around round base of hill also one up S. side of hill. Sappers observed on top of hill. 1 geetry observed in trench. Remarks. 4 shells fired on patrol from N. direction, probably 77 mm.
(c) 0900. Patrol proceeded along N. bank of JORJE ABU EL NIGHM to IN. EL KEMELIN/ Information. Enemy Defences :- One trench about 70 yards long was found on W. side of KEMELIN and was partly filled in, but in good repair. No signs of recent occupation. Tracks of Cavalry seen along Road. A post of 6 men observed on KAHF MUJAHID and another of about same number on hill N. of MUJAHID. Topographical. The shrine at KAHF ELDI EL IN EL is a good observation post and any movement in direction of KAHF SAID can easily be seen.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. 0540 Sept 15th. Dawn patrol fired on in P.14.

P/W	Deserters.	Unit.	Taken at	Taken by.
2	Turks (Cadets)	1/66/Comp.Divn.	B.7/O.34.c.	Gwalior Infy.

4. CASUALTY S. 1 o/r missing.
1 horse wounded.

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UNITED STATES ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
HEADQUARTERS, 1000 AVENUE OF THE STARS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20334

REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

(a) Special patrol to ...
on 26 August 1959 ...
at 0800 hours ...
1715 5 77

1400-1500 75 m.m. ...
1500-1600 5.9 ...
1600-1700 75 m.m. ...
1700-1800 5.9 ...
1800-1900 75 m.m. ...
1900-2000 5.9 ...

M. S. [Signature]
Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,
Divisional Headquarters

15th August 1959
The following report was received from ...
(a) A patrol of 2 troops was sent along the road to ...
A good deal of movement was observed in the vicinity of ...
on this date (7.15.59) about 20 miles from the positions held ...
for several hours and was mainly caused by mounted troops ...
elsewhere on the road.
(b) A patrol proceeded along the bank of the river ...
at 0800 hours. The patrol was accompanied by ...
at 0900 hours. The patrol was accompanied by ...
at 1000 hours. The patrol was accompanied by ...
at 1100 hours. The patrol was accompanied by ...
at 1200 hours. The patrol was accompanied by ...
at 1300 hours. The patrol was accompanied by ...
at 1400 hours. The patrol was accompanied by ...
at 1500 hours. The patrol was accompanied by ...
at 1600 hours. The patrol was accompanied by ...
at 1700 hours. The patrol was accompanied by ...
at 1800 hours. The patrol was accompanied by ...
at 1900 hours. The patrol was accompanied by ...
at 2000 hours. The patrol was accompanied by ...

1715 5 77
1800 5 77
1900 5 77
2000 5 77

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AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION
Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 0700 13.9.13.

LEFT SECTOR.

1. OPERATIONS.

A. Day patrol EAST of JORDAN reconnoitred B.7/T.29, 25, 17 & M. to F.9.c. Patrol left AUJAH Bridgehead at 0400 and returned at 1900. Patrol drew rifle fire from B.7/T.1.d. & T.2.d.

B. 2 Offrs. 6 c.rs., reconnoitred Sqs C.6/F.1.a. & c. Patrol left C.6/T.12.d. & moved N. to F.1.a.1.5.

Information. Working party was heard in trenches in U.3/F.1.a. and sound of stakes being driven in about C.6/F.1.a.917.

C. 1 Offr. 10 c.rs., to reconnoitre from C.6/X.34.a. to X.29.a. X.22.a. & B. to X.34.a.

Information. Patrol had nothing to report.

D. Patrol to TEL EL TRUNY reported all clear.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. Quiet.

3. ENEMY MOVEMENT.

0530 6 enemy 2 of which were pale blue uniforms and red bands (cap) moved W. along WADI MURREIN from C.6/W.34.d. to WADI BAKR (C.6/W.31.b.)

100 horses grazing all day in C.7/C.4.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. New wire observed running N & S in B.7/F.5. & 11.

5. P/W Deserters. Unit. Taken by Taken at.
2 Turks. 3/1/74 Regt 25th Div. 1st Bn.B.W.I. C.6/W.30.b.

RIGHT SECTOR.

1. OPERATIONS.

A Day Outpost Report.

Six troops of 7th L.H.Regt made B.7/T.1.a. good at 0500.

1 Offr. 40 c.rs., proceeded to KH. MURREIN making it good by 0550.

1 Offr. 17 c.rs., proceeded to TEL ER RAMEH occupying it by 0600.

1 Offr. 23 c.rs., moved towards B.7/T.22, 23. Patrol held up by 12 infantry in B.7/T.17 and 30 cavalry in B.7/T.22, 23.

Remaining two troops based in B.7/R.22.b. until 0700 then withdrew to T.1.a.

Enemy do not appear to operate far from their positions in foothills. These appear to be held in most cases by Cavalry.

B 1 ofr. 4 c.rs., to occupy KH. KERREIN. Patrol left B.7/T.1.a. and reached objective at 0550 and advanced to trenches in B.7/R.24.c.

Information. Trenches unoccupied, consisted of three lines about 3 ft deep and 70 yards long capable of holding 2 Coys. No wire.

Patrol proceeded towards KARR MUJAHID advanced to B.7/R.24.d. and was fired on from MUJAHID by M.G.

Wire entanglements observed round bottom of MUJAHID and across to the right in direction of MASHRA JODA. Considerable dust cloud along road between MUJAHID and JODA. Enemy post of six men near B.7/R.18. Enemy gun firing on TEL ER RAME bearing 125° from B.7/R.24.c.

C 1 ofr. 17 c.rs., to patrol to TEL ER RAME and reconnoitre that area. Patrol left B.7/T.1.a. and proceeded by S. bank of WADI RAME to TEL ER RAME.

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Information. Trenches were unoccupied and were 4 feet deep and almost surrounded the TEL. Position is wired completely round with a four wire barbed fence. On top of TEL shelters showed signs of recent occupation. 15 dismounted men were observed on TEL TEL SHACHUR. Slight cavalry movement in B.7/W.27. Enemy post of 4 men in B.7/W.20. central. Patrol was shelled while withdrawing 12 shells being fired. (See para. 5).

D. 1 off. 20 s.r.s., reached B.7/T.29. cent about 1700 without opposition.

- (1) Early morning patrol 16.9.19. Patrol towards KAIR MUJAHID reached B.7/R.29. b. and fired on by 2 M.G. and 10 rifles. 40 infantry observed marching towards MUJAHID from B.7/W.13. c.
- (2) Patrol to TEL ER RABE reached within 400 yards of TEL and were fired at by about 10 rifles 700 yards SOUTH of TEL. Only 3 men observed in trenches. 2 troops of Cav. in B.7/T.6. d.
- (3) Patrol to foothills in B.7/T.22 fired on by 10 rifles & 1 M.G. from B.7/T.34. c.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. Quiet.

3. ENEMY MOVEMENT. Usual movement along SHUMET MARIN road. 0600 40 horsemen at foot of RED HILL.

4. ENEMY DEFENCES. Considerable blasting between BECCAN HOUSE and EL HAUD.

5. P/W Deserters Unit. Taken by Taken at.
2 Turks. 1/55th Regt. 6th L.N. Regt. B.7/Q.24. c.
9 armed Arabs were arrested in front of HAJLA BRIDGEHEAD and sent to Intelligence Officer, JERICHO.

6. CASUALTIES. 1 o.r. missing.

ARTILLERY JORDAN VALLEY.

ENEMY.	Time.	No. Rds.	Cal.	Area.	Area shelled.	Fired from.
	0755	8	A.A.		Our plane	1000 from B.6/Q.7. b.
	0845	100	A.A.			
	1035-1115		77	B.7/T.5, 11 & 12.	In front of enemy	720 from B.6/O.4.
	1000-1300		77		wire B.7/F.8 & 17	EL HAUD.
			4.2			RED HILL.
	1125-1430	40	77	MUSALLAHEH	B.7/F.12, 18, 22, 27	400 from B.6/O.7. b.
	0600	5	77		B.7/F.2. a.	500 "

OURS.	Time.	Cal.	No. Rds.	Area or target shelled.
	0145-0245	60 para (RX)	-	CAVE RIDGE.
		32 I. M. B.	114	UMM ESH SHERT (casualties observed)
		29 I. M. B.	7	C.6/W.25.
		"	11	C.6/W.26.
		"	8	C.6/W.25. d.
		5.9	-	Various targets.
	1455	A/263	-	Registered NORTH Barrage.

Gen. McDermott
for Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,

16th Sept. 1918.
Usual addresses.

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Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 0700 17.9.16.

LEFT SECTOR.

1. OPERATIONS.

A. 2 Offrs. 6 o.rs., to proceed to U.6/V.22. and explode bombs on trip wire reported to be on W. side of GRANT HILL. Patrol left BUSAILAHEN and proceeded through G.6/W.54.b., 28.d., 22.c. to W.22.a.

Information: Large generators were seen on N. end of GRANT HILL no movement seen or heard. No trip wire was seen but 12 grenades discovered and heap as if for removal.

B. 1 Offr. 6 o.rs., proceeded from ENW POST to C.6/W.29.a. Patrol had nothing to report.

C. 1 Offr. 6 o.rs., to E.6/W.3.b. had nothing to report.

D. Day patrol E. of JORDAN to reconnoitre Sqs. P.7/O.5., F.29., 23 and 17. Patrol left AUJAM Bridgehead and proceeded to E.6/W.15 and were fired on by about 15 rifles from F.9.

The enemy were driven back to F.3.a. Enemy fired 10 rds H.E. on patrols day O.P. in F.15.c.

E. TEL TEL TRUZY patrol report all clear.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. Quiet.

3. ENEMY MOVEMENT. None.

4. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. NIL.

5. ENEMY DEFENCES. No new work observed.

6. P/W & DESERTERS. NIL.

7. CASUALTIES. NIL.

RIGHT SECTOR.

1. OPERATIONS.

A. Day O.P. Patrols. 2 Troops, 5th L.H. Regt moved to E.7/T.1.a. and established a post there. Patrol was sent towards KAER MUJABID E.7/W.19.b. and reached E.7/W.19.b. where it was fired on by 2 M.G.s and about 10 rifles.

Information: 40 infantry were seen to move from E.7/W.15.c. to KAER MUJABID and a party of Cavalry at point 850 in E.7/W.15.c. Patrol to TEL ER RAMEH E.7/W.15.b. reached within 400 yards of TEL and were fired on by about 10 rifles from a point about 700 yards S. of TEL ER RAMEH.

Information: 2 M.G.s were seen in trenches in E.7/T.6.d. small party of Cavalry in E.7/W.7. moving S. Patrol proceeded to E.7/W.22. and were fired on by 1 M.G. and 10 rifles from E.7/W.24.c.

Officer of the post states that they could plainly see large clouds of dust raised by the movement of troops and it might have been equally plain to the enemy.

B. General Operation.

Information: To carry out a reconnaissance with a view to creating the impression that our advance is intended Eastward via KAER MUJABID on morning 17.9.16.

Plan: Two troops of 6th L.H. Regt to move up the W. MURAI and two troops of 5th L.H. Regt to move on KAER FUND. EL FAIZ.

Information: Main body reached R.15.c. by dark and forward patrols reached E.7/W.17.a & c. No enemy seen. Fires were lighted at P.31, R.17, and Q.1.d. Patrols reported all clear throughout the night.

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- (c) Early morning patrols 17.9.18.
- (1) Patrol to THE BRAMBLE B.7/T.5.b. fired on at about 0900 by 20 rifles and 3 M. Guns.
 - (2) Patrol to B.7/T.23. pushed on advanced patrol to T.26, enemy opened fire on it from T.16.
 - (3) Patrol to THE BRAMBLE B.7/R.23.c. engaged by rifle fire.

2. ENEMY ACTIVITY. See para. 1 RIGHT SECTOR.

3. ENEMY WEAPONS. Normal.

4. ENEMY MORTARS. Sounds of blasting again heard in C.7/D.7.

5. HOSTILE AIRCRAFT. NIL.

6. P/W. Descriptions. Unit. Taken by. Taken at.

1. 5/152. 6th L.H. Regt. B.7/P.19.c.

2. " " 20th Ind. I. Bde. B.7/O.34.

1077. CASUALTIES. 1 O/R wounded. 1 O/R died of wounds.

ARTILLERY - FORDON VALLEY.

Time	No. Rds.	Cal.	Nature	Area shelled	Fired from
1100-1115	20	4.2	Harassing	B.7/P.20.-5.27.	
1120	16	4.2	Harassing	B.7/O.30, 35.	EL HAUD.
1100-1200	-	77	Registered in front of TICK.	JAGONS HOUSE	P.17.d.7.5. (?)
0620	4	77	Registered in front of TICK.	B.7/P.16.a.	TICK POST. 84° from B.7/O.7.b.7.1.

OURS.

Time	Batt.	No. Rds.	Area shelled
-	32 I.M.B.	100	Harassing fire.
0925	75 mm (122) Registration.		LONDON HOUSE.
0945	" (122) Registration.		CAVE RIDGE.
1150	60 pdre.	22	LONDON HOUSE.
(INVERNESS) 1510	75 mm (122) Registration.		UNDESH SHIRT.
	29 I.M.B.	8	B.7/W.19.d.
		8	B.7/W.32.a.
		8	B.7/W.26.b.
		8	B.7/W.25.b.
		8	B.7/R.30.c.
			Harassing fire.
	32 I.M.B.	100	
	29 I.M.B.	4	B.7/P.30.c.
	"	2	B.7/W.21b & c.
		10 minutes rapid.	BACHALAT.
0415	Ayrshire	48	
	"	116	
	75 mm (122)	92	Targets as detailed.
	Ayrshire	34	CAVE RIDGE.
	"	20	LONDON HOUSE.
	A/283	50	B.7/P.20.

M. Cunningham

Major, Colonel, General Staff.

17.9.18. AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED DIVISION.

Usual addresses.

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G.O.C., RIGHT SECTOR.	38th Btn. R.F.	G.R.A. JORDAN VALLEY DEFENCES
G.O.C., LEFT SECTOR.	39th Btn. R.F.	G.R.E. JORDAN VALLEY DEFENCES
1st L.N. Bde.	1st Btn. B.W.I.	Signal Squadron.
20th Indian Inf. Bde.	2nd Btn. B.W.I.	

The G.O.C., wishes to draw the attention of all Commanding Officers to the following points and directs that they are made known to all Officers in each Brigade and Unit in this FORCE.

1. The greatest success which this FORCE may gain will depend on its mobility. Everything should give way therefor to bringing a Unit, as mobile as possible without taking away from its fighting efficiency into action.

Ammunition Supply is one of the greatest difficulties we are faced with. Units can help in this by strict fire discipline so that men do not fire a large number of rounds at useless targets and so get short. Firing at night to be done as little as possible, and the bayonet used instead on all possible occasions. Ammunition to be collected from Dead and Wounded and to be distributed among the remainder.

2. Care of men is most essential. The essence of good leading and command is to bring men into action in the fittest state to fight. Strict march discipline is essential to effect this. Drinking from water bottles should be controlled especially at the start of a march. Marching in the heat of the day, especially for Infantry should be done as little as possible, and frequent halts made if it is necessary to be done.

3. Indiscriminate drinking of water must be prevented. Every chance to replenish at known good supplies always taken. Medical Officers will arrange for supplies of chlorinated water at every opportunity.

4. Success in all operations will depend on co-operation. To secure this early information of action in any part of area where the FORCE is working is essential.

Thus an enterprise may be carried out by a few men, which, if reported at once, can be followed up and may be most far-reaching in its effects; whereas a great chance may be lost by slowness in reporting.

5. Reports to be of value must be clear and should be as short as possible consistent with clearness. Clear writing is essential. A report must be so written that it can be read in a bad light. A most valuable report may be entirely lost to use by being illegibly written, and as it often is, on operations with a very light pencil on a number of small sheets of paper. Also, although rain is unlikely, on no account should a message be written with an indelible pencil, when it is wet, as the message is then totally illegible.

A small sketch accompanying a report is of greater value than a great deal of writing. Before sending a report it should be read over to another person, who should if possible not know all the sender does, to see if it is quite understandable, and expresses what it is intended to convey to the recipients, and cannot be read differently.

[Handwritten Signature]
Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,
CHAYTOR'S FORCE.

17th Sept. 1918.
Copy to 'A' Branch.

Append. 35 War Plans

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CHAYTOR'S FORCE ORDER No. 1.

September 17th 1918.

1. INFORMATION: Information as to enemy dispositions will be issued as late as possible, prior to operations.

(a) Information as to enemy dispositions will be issued as late as possible, prior to operations.

(b) The objective of the Operations will be to inflict a decisive defeat on the enemy, and, drive him from the line

The Army is to direct on its right in the JORDAN VALLEY, and, to attack with XXth Corps astride the HAMELUS ROAD, and XXIst

Corps against the enemy's right. Desert Mounted Corps (less 2nd Mounted Division) are being held in rear of the XXIst Corps ready to move on AMULU and

MUSIBAH under special instructions. The attack is to ^{begin} on a day to be known as 'E' day, the actual date will be communicated later.

(c) From 1200 on September 15th, Major-General E.W.C. CHAYTOR, C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., commands the JORDAN VALLEY DEFENDERS.

(d) The force in the JORDAN VALLEY will be known as CHAYTOR'S FORCE, and will consist of:-

- 102 A.A. Section.
- 3 " " "
- 103 " " "
- Det. 35 A.S. Coy., R.E.
- 20th Indian Infantry Bde.
- 1st Bn. B.V.I. Regiment.
- 2nd " " "
- 3rd " " "
- 1st Bn. Royal Fusiliers.
- 2 " 5.9 Howitzers.
- No. 6 T.M. Battery.

2. INFORMATION: This force will in the first place be responsible for the defence of the front NORTH end of DEAD SEA - GORAMAYEH

bridgehead - AULAM bridgehead - MUSALLAH - HAWASH bridgehead (exclusive).

(b) It will use every means to prevent the enemy withdrawing troops to reinforce other parts of the line, or concentrate against the XXth Corps.

(c) When the advance of the XXth Corps begins every endeavour will be made to protect the right flank of that Corps.

(d) If the enemy reduces his strength in the JORDAN VALLEY the Force may be called on to advance northwards as far as JISR-ED DANIEL.

(e) The Force may be required to send a detachment to join hands with an Arab force from the south.

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5. INSTRUCTIONS.

D.C.S., SECTIONS will ensure therefore :-

(a) That the closest watch is kept on the enemy from now onwards by patrols both day and night and that patrolling is bold and energetic.

(b) That early information of any movement is sent to Force Headquarters without delay.

(c) That objectives for harassing the enemy, by minor enterprises are chosen, and schemes made for carrying them out at short notice.

Brigades and Units will also have plans ready for a move in case of the action described in Para. 2 (d) and (e) being put into operation; and for leaving nucleus garrisons in posts to guard stores, immobile Machine Guns etc.,

4. AEROPLANE CO-OPERATION.

One flight 142nd Squadron is remaining at JERUSALEM, and is operating independently with CHAYTOR'S FORCE in the JORDAN VALLEY. In order to communicate to our troops the position and approximate numbers of hostile troops in country where it may be impossible or undesirable to drop messages, the following method may be used :-

An Aeroplane after spotting enemy will draw attention of any of our troops that he can see by circling over them and will then fly directly over the heads of the hostile troops, releasing Verrey's Lights when vertically above them.

This will indicate the presence of the enemy. Whenever possible a message giving fuller details will be dropped in addition.

5. HANDING IN OF ALL CAPTURED MATERIAL.

All captured enemy material will be handed into A. & N.Z. Divisional Ordnance through the usual channels, bagged up and labelled by the Unit capturing. This can be done on wagons going to the refilling points and returning supply convoys. D.A.D.O.S. of Division will issue necessary instructions to Ordnance personnel and arrange for collecting and storing.

6. MOSQUITO NETS.

Mosquito nets will be carried.

7. GREAT COATS.

Great Coats, or blankets, will be taken by all.

8. STEEL HELMETS.

Steel helmets will be left in Unit Dumps in the case of Mounted men, and, carried by all Artillery and Infantry.

9. REPORTS.

Reports will be furnished during the forthcoming operations to this office by Brigades and Units at 0700 - 1100 and 1600 daily from 'Z' day inclusive.

Reports at intermediate hours will be rendered whenever changes in the situation occur.

These reports are additional to the evening report mentioned in our G/66/142 of 15/9/18 which will also be furnished.

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10. RATIONS.

All units are being issued with one Iron Ration for men, and two Field rations for men and horse. Arrangements will be made to have these loaded at short notice. These rations are to be used only when the daily supply cannot be issued; the Iron Ration to be retained until authority for consumption is given by G.O.C. Personnel remaining in present posts will be issued with these rations ready to move at short notice if required.

11. WATER.

There will be a reserve of water in fanatics just South of HUSALLAH. This will not be touched without reference to Force Headquarters.

12. RESERVE WIRE.

The C.R.E., will arrange that a reserve supply of 300 coils of barbed wire, with iron standards and plain wire will be placed just South of HUSALLAH. This will not be used without reference to Force Headquarters.

13. SYNCHRONIZATION OF WATCHES.

From September 17th onwards, watches will be synchronized by telephone with Force Headquarters at 0900 and 1700 daily.

14. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Gilbert Browne
Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,
SHAYTOR'S FORCE.

Issued at 2000.

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INTERCOMMUNICATION.
DEFENCE SCHEME, JORDAN VALLEY
DEFENCES.

1. Main telegraph lines run from Divn. H.Qrs., to G.H.Q., XXth Corps and Headquarters of Right and Left Sectors, from where cable is laid to the various Units and Posts in the Sectors.
2. Metallic circuits exist at GHORANIYEH Bridgehead and system of Posts North of the AUJAH. These are so laid out that alternative routes exist in all cases.
3. The GHORANIYEH and AUJAH Bridgeheads are linked up with lines both East and West of the Jordan and both Bridgeheads are in direct touch with H.Qrs., of G.O.C., Right Sector.
4. All posts in the Valley are able to get into touch with the central Visual Station at H.29.b. whence a telephone runs to D.H.Q. Exchange.
5. This Central Visual Station is also in touch with 53rd Division together with a Station at the H.Qrs., of N.Z.M.R. Brigade.
6. The post at the DEAD SEA is in Telephonic and Visual Communication with H.Qrs., of G.O.C., Right Sector and direct Visual Communication with D.H.Q.
7. Wireless Stations are erected at D.H.Q., H.Qrs., Right and Left Sectors and at the AUJAH Bridgehead. A Continuous watch is kept at each of these Stations.
8. A Pigeon Service is established and flights from various front line Posts take place daily. A second loft has now been erected and as soon as these birds become settled the supply of pigeons should be sufficient for all requirements.
9. The Artillery System of Communications is separate from the Main. Although the C.R.A. is directly connected to the Artillery Exchanges in each Sector he is also connected to the D.H.Q., Exchange through which any part of the Valley can be got. The various Batteries and Sections of Artillery in either Sector are to be reached through their various Exchanges and these Exchanges are also linked up with the H.Qrs., of the G.O.C., of their respective Sectors.

17th Sept. 1918.

(Sgd) J. McCoy, Major,
O.C., Signal Squadron.

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Disability Summary for 24 hours ending 0700 10/9/18.

1. OPEN AREAS.

- A. 1 off. 5 c.s., to find if any on CRANE HILL 0.6/7.0. No occupied. Patrol left 0.5.0. and followed DMZ. DAD H. 0.6/7.0. about 0.6/7.0. changed to 0.6/7.0. & 7.22.0. control.
- Information. All sangars were found unoccupied and had been dismantled. Sandbags had been applied and taken away.
- B. Patrol to 0.6/7.22.0. & 7.54. had nothing to report.
- C. Patrol to 0.6/7.1.0. heard enemy machine gun in 0.1.0.5.0.
- D. Patrol to 0.6/7.0.0. recommissioned 0.7/0.0. 0.39. 0.35. 0.17. 0.14 and had nothing to report.
- E. Patrol to 7.1.0. 0.39. 0.35. 0.17. 0.14. time from 7.1.0. 0.39. at 1630.

2. MIXED AREAS.

3. REINFORCEMENTS. 0600-1600 much movement of mortar parties was observed in 0.6/7.0.0. to 0.10.0. Movement otherwise normal.

4. ARMY WORK AREAS. No new work observed but work being carried out in present defended areas (see above para 5).

5. P./A. Deserters.

Unit.	Taken by.	Taken at.
3/1/74th Regt (10. 58th Regt 24th Divn).	B. 7.1.0.0.	0.6/7.36.0.

6. CASUALTIES. 1 C.S. wounded.

1. OPEN AREAS.

- 1. 1 S. moved out to KABA FISH 0.7/7.0.0. and occupied it at 0530.
- 1 off. 20 c.s., proceeded to 0.7/7.0.0. enemy machine gun patrol engaged in 0.11.0. and driven in. Post on 0.7/7.0.0. of 1.0.0. and 10 rifles opened fire on patrol causing several casualties (1 officer & 1 c.s. wounded 1 c.s. wounded missing & horses wounded).
- 1 off. 14 c.s., proceeded along KABA DAD to point 1640 in 0.7/7.14.0. changed to 0.32. Patrol was fired on by about 15 rifles from 0.7/7.10.0.
- Information. 100 Av. moving in in 0.7/7.22.0. 12 men seen in 0.32 & 0.7. 1.0.0. clouds due to movement also seen.

- 2. MIXED AREAS. quiet.
- 3. REINFORCEMENTS. Normal.
- 4. ARMY WORK AREAS. Nothing new observed.

5. P./A. Deserters.

Unit.	Taken by.	Taken at.
2 c.s.	1/66th Regt. 2nd L.H. Bde.	-

- 6. CASUALTIES. 1 O.R. killed, 1 O.R. missing.
- 7. REINFORCEMENTS. Reconnaissance 0710-0840 tactical areas WADI FUSAIL - UMM BISH SHEIKH - SH. M. N. M. H. - EL AD. H. H. All occupied and movement normal. KABA MUJAHID 0.7/7.0.0. 0.19.0. is encircled by wire. T. E. M. H. 0.7/7.6.0. is wired 3/4 way round.

HOBEL AIRBORNE FT. 1 enemy reconnaissance machine approached from NORTH turned EAST and departed N.E. Height 12000 ft. Time 0645.

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Time	No. of	Pl.	Amount	Appt. shells	From
0935-1015	10			B.7/P. 2. 33	
1030	7			B.7/P. 2. 36	
1055	8	77		MUSKATAP	
1065-1500	30	77		MUSKATAP	
1430	13	77		MUSKATAP	
0430-0615	13	4.2 or 5.9		B.7/P. 2. 36	
"	6	"		B.7/P. 2. 36	

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Time	No. of	Pl.	Amount	Appt. shells	From
1430	33	1. 3.	100	B.7/P. 2. 36	
"	A/26			B.7/P. 2. 36	
1430	75	1. 3.	12	B.7/P. 2. 36	
"	25	1. 3.	12	B.7/P. 2. 36	
"	Investment			B.7/P. 2. 36	
1030	75	1. 3.	6	B.7/P. 2. 36	
0600	39	1. 3.	6	B.7/P. 2. 36	
0550-0640	60	1. 3.	8	B.7/P. 2. 36	
"	"		2	B.7/P. 2. 36	
0630	73	1. 3.	30	B.7/P. 2. 36	

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Lieut. Colonel,
General Staff,
WAR OFFICE

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Herewith account of operations of CHAYTOR'S FORCE
from September 16th to September 30th.

The principle operations during this period are
the following :-

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| September 16th - 22nd. | Close touch kept with enemy
in JORDAN VALLEY and gradual
advance to JISR ED DAMIEH. |
| September 23rd. | Capture of ES SALT and advance
up the hills EAST of JORDAN. |
| September 25th. | Action at and capture of AMMAN. |
| September 29th. | Surrender of Turkish Force at
ZIZIA Station and KASTAL. |

E. W. C. Chaytor Major-General,
Commanding,
CHAYTOR'S FORCE.
6th October 1918.

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NARRATIVE OF CHAYTOR'S FORCE.

Sept. 16th. The Force consisted of the following units :-

A NZAC Mtd Division (less 1 Sqn with Descorps)
A/263 Battery R.F.A.
10th Indian Mtn Bde.
98 }
109 } Sections A.A. Guns.
103 }
108 Heavy Battery.
3 Sections captured Turk 75 m.m.
1 Section captured Turk 81.9
1st Batta. B.W.I.
2nd Batta. B.W.I.
38th Batta. Royal Fusiliers.
39th Batta. Royal Fusiliers.
20th Indian Infantry Bde.
86th Machine Gun Squadron.
35th A.T. Coy., R.E.

It was first necessary to organize the Infantry so that a mobile force might be ready to accompany the Mounted Troops in the event of a move forward, and, garrisons be left in the Defences.

In accordance with instructions from G.H.Q., no forward move was to be made for the present by this FORCE; but, a careful watch to be kept on the enemy and active patrolling all along the line by day and night, and, if the enemy dropped back from any forward position this was to be occupied at once.

The position the enemy occupied was as follows :-

His Southern or Left Flank, bodies of Cavalry watched the tracks leading to NADEBA, the line of the foothills running to and North of NIMRIN were strongly entrenched, and, advanced posts on KARR SAID, TEL ER RAME and KARR MUJAHID which were entrenched and wired, and difficult to approach through the scrub which gave opportunity for enemy ambushes. From a point 2000 yards North of SHIBET NIMRIN a line of redoubts and trenches ran across to the JORDAN facing South, and meeting the river 1000 yards South of UMM RSH SHERT FORD. This line was being hurriedly wired. In rear of this line was RED HILL which was entrenched, and, which was the chief Artillery observation point against our line. The entrenched line continued in a N.W. direction on the Northern side of the MANKATTAT EL MELLANA and consisted of a series of single redoubts which were all wired in and had a field of fire over absolutely open ground. The line then ran in a series of trenches and redoubts towards BARR RIDGE which was entrenched but not wired. A strong advanced position of well built sangars and wired in was held at BACHALAT, with a small advanced post on GRANT HILL. Posts in advance of the BARR RIDGE were held at TEL EL MUBETTERAH, TEL ER RISHEN and usually at TEL EL TRUNK.

The enemy as a rule were very unenterprising. No trench raids were made, and, it was rarely that he had parties beyond his entrenched positions. For this reason it was difficult to keep a close watch and make sure that he was not reducing his numbers without incurring some loss, but owing to the large number of deserters, information of his movements was gained.

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- Sept. 17th. During the night of Sept. 17th and 18th close patrolling of the enemy's position was carried out, and at nightfall on the 17th a demonstration was made from the bridgeheads by a Regiment of the 2nd L.H. Brigade, and by the 1st L.H. Brigade from their Camp at TEL ES SULTAN towards JORDAN.
- Sept. 18th. On the morning of September 18th the enemy opened fire with a long range heavy gun and shelled D.H.Q. Later they turned on to JERICHO.
During the night Sept. 18/19th patrols kept touch with the enemy, closely reconnoitring GRANT HILL, BAGHALAT and the trenches facing the WADY MELJANA. Heavy rifle and Machine Gun fire was encountered, and, the enemy put down an Artillery barrage S.E. of BAGHALAT, on the ROMAN ROAD East of GRANT HILL, and opened on the ground immediately South of their trenches along the MANKADAT EL MELJANA.
- Sept. 19th.
- 0545 At 0545 the long range gun from SHUNET NYRIN again shelled JERICHO and 2nd L.H. Brigade patrols encountered enemy Cavalry near TEL ER RAME moving East.
- 0610 At 0610 the 2nd B.W.I. Regt found BAKR RIDGE held, but TEL ER RISHCH and TEL EL MISHETTERAH were found to be clear. Transport and men could be seen on the N. slopes of RED HILL.
- 0830 At 0830 the 2nd L.H. Brigade found TEL ER RAME occupied and the enemy also in position on the WADY EL ADEIME covering the track to MAAYN. The enemy also held KAHR MUJAHID and TEL EL KEFFUNIN and some movement was going on East of TEL EL SHAGHIR.
- 1140 Movement was also reported about SHUNET NYRIN. At 1140 enemy guns from RED HILL shelled the MELJANA trenches.
- 1330 At 1330 the 100th Brigade who had made progress along the hills asked if they could help by bringing fire from a Mountain Batty. Reply was sent giving BAKR and CHALK RIDGE and trenches N.W. of BAGHALAT.
- 1525 At 1525 the 2nd B.W.I. Regt took the ridge South of BAKR RIDGE. They were heavily shelled here; but dug in and held the position, while our guns shelled BAKR RIDGE.
- 1710 At 1710 2 Regts, 2nd L.H. Brigade pushed out towards KAHR MUJAHID and SHUNET NYRIN. About midnight bursts of rifle and Machine Gun fire were heard North up the JORDAN VALLEY and Red and White lights were seen.
- Sept. 20th.
- 0450 At 0450 the 2nd B.W.I. occupied BAKR RIDGE and began pushing on to take CHALK RIDGE which the enemy could be seen leaving in small parties. Hospital in KH. FUSAIL had gone.
- 0610 Patrols to BAGHALAT during the night were fired on; but, about 0610 the 1st B.W.I. pushed out and occupied GRANT HILL and BAGHALAT and consolidated them. They were heavily shelled from RED HILL during the day. The 3rd Btn. R.F. found the enemy still holding strongly the trenches North of the MELJANA and were met by Machine Gun and Rifle fire. The enemy also put up lights and an Artillery barrage was put down. The 2nd L.H. Bde found enemy still on KAHR MUJAHID and in NYRIN: patrols towards NYRIN and DERBASI were heavily shelled especially by guns from about EL HAUD. The enemy also held positions in the foothills N. and E. of KAHR MUJAHID from which they fired on parties attempting to get round that place. They continued to hold this position all day.
- 0915 At 0915 the 2nd B.W.I. captured CHALK RIDGE. N.Z. Patrols pushing out N. and N.W. from BAGHALAT came under shell fire and found enemy holding KH. FUSAIL.

Sept. 30th.

- 1130 The enemy began to concentrate just South of KH, FUSAIL, possibly with a view to counter attack.
- 1610 At 1610 the long range gun from W. NIMRYN again shelled JERICHO.
- 1900 At 1900 orders were sent to N.Z.M.R. Brigade to push out towards TEL SH EDH DHYB and endeavour occupy it.

Sept. 31st.

- 0615 The 36th R.F. found enemy still holding the trenches opposite the MELJANA. Patrols from AUJAH Bridgehead found enemy also holding the line South of RED HILL. The Auckland Mtd Rifles occupied KH, FUSAIL and TEL SH EDH DHYB and pushed patrols up the road running N. West and in the direction of JISR ED DAMYH, MAFID JOZELEH. TAJAAT AMRAH was occupied at 0605. Enemy still held on in the broken ground along the JORDAN and were located finally holding a strong position along the line MENTILED DHYB - ER MERMEL blocking a further advance on JISR ED DAMYH. TEL ER RAME was found still occupied by the enemy, and considerable movement about KAER MUJAHYD and the foothills strongly held. The enemy also continued to hold the trenches along the MANKATTAT EL MELJANA. There appeared to be no guns West of JORDAN, and a great deal of movement Eastwards from behind RED HILLS. During the day the enemy shelled MADDEH area and JERICHO with the long range gun from NIMRYN and with 77 m.m. GHORANYKH Bridgehead, and parties of 3rd L.N. Brigade moving towards NIMRYN or KAER MUJAHYD.
- 1615 At 1615 the enemy opened fire on EL MASHKRAH. A report came from the Auckland Mtd Rifles that they seemed to be leaving MAFID JOZELEH and patrols were investigating.
- 1825 At 1825 orders were issued for N.Z.M.R. Bde to move on KH, FUSAIL at once with mobile portion of 1st and 2nd B.W.I., 36th Indian Mtn Batty and Ayrshire Batty all to be under Genl. MELIRUM. The line EL MASHKRAH, EL MUBALLABEH, GRANT HILL and BACHALAT to be held. The G.R.A. to push guns forward into the MELJANA to deal with enemy guns on RED HILL. The 36th R.F. to continue pressure on tracks along the MANKATTAT EL MELJANA especially those covering UEM ESH SHERT FORD. The 1st L.N. Brigade were ordered to MADDEH in place of the N.Z.M.R. Brigade. As soon as Genl. MELIRUM had concentrated his force at KH, FUSAIL he was to attack JISR ED DAMYH.

Sept. 22nd

- 0300 At 0300 the 36th R.F. found enemy weakening in the trenches on the MANKATTAT EL MELJANA, and pushed in and occupied the trenches overlooking UEM ESH SHERT FORD. 2 Coys., 36th R.F. were brought up into the MELJANA Posts vacated by the 36th R.F. The 36th pushed on and took UEM ESH SHERT at 0536, and continued their advance up the MANKATTAT EL MELJANA. At the same hour the 2nd L.N. Brigade occupied TEL ER RAME, and pushed on to KAER MUJAHYD where they encountered enemy.
- 0700 By 0700 the N.Z.M.R. Bde took EL MASHRUK and ABD EL KADYR with 600 prisoners and the Commander of the 53rd Division. JISR ED DAMYH was still strongly held and the enemy began to concentrate about MAFID JOZELEH and threaten the flank of Genl. MELIRUM'S force. Therefore 1st L.N. Bde with Inverness Bty were ordered to KH, FUSAIL to deal with any attack on Genl. MELIRUM, and, to clear the West bank of the JORDAN, One Regiment 2nd L.N. Bde was ordered up to MADDEH.
- 1050 At 1050 the N.Z.M.R. Bde and 1st B.W.I. captured the bridgehead at JISR ED DAMYH. Both N.Z.M.R. and B.W.I. charged the party holding the bridge under cover of Machine Gun fire and some hand to hand fighting occurred. A bridgehead was gradually established but the enemy covered the exits on the Eastern bank with Machine Guns.

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Sept. 22nd.

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From 1500 on this day the 30th and 30th Bns. R.F. were put together under Lt. Col. PATTERSON, DSO., and called 'PATTERSONS COLUMN'. The 1st L.H. Bde and 2nd B.W.I. continued to press the enemy back on MAFID JOZELEH encountering considerable resistance in the MELJAHET UMM AFFIN - For this operation the 2nd B.W.I. were placed under General COX'S Orders.

1810

At 1810 the enemy held the following line - TEL EL SHAGHUR - KAER MELJAHID - SHUBET NIMRIN - RED HILL - position on West bank covering MAFID JOZELEH - position on East Bank facing JISR ED DAMYEH.

2 Officers and 77 O/Rs. had been captured by the 2nd B.W.I. and the total captures for the day were 33 Officers, 620 O/Rs., 4 Machine Guns, 4 Automatic Rifles and many waggons, horses and stores.

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By 2335 it was known that the enemy was retiring and orders were issued to press him and inflict as much damage as possible next day. 2nd L.H. Bde on KAER MELJAHID and TEL ER RANJ sending one Squadron on NIMRIN, mobile part of 30th Ind. Inf. Bde to be directed on SHUBET NIMRIN. PATTERSONS COLUMN to concentrate in AUJAH Bridgehead, and follow 30th Ind. Inf. Bde. 1st L.H. Bde to press enemy across JORDAN opposite MAFID JOZELEH and back into the foothills. Genl. MELDUM to have one Batta. B.W.I. and 1 Squadron to hold JISR ED DAMYEH, and, followed by the other Batta, to press the enemy back into the foothills and follow him moving on ES SALT by the JISR ED DAMYEH track. C.R.A. to have all heavy artillery ready to open on NIMRIN if held. All wheels to move by the NIMRIN Road.

Sept. 23rd.

0445

At 0445 the 2nd L.H. Bde secured KAER MELJAHID and pushed on at once up the tracks leading to AIN ES STR. The 3rd L.H. Regt

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and 2nd B.W.I. took MAFID JOZELEH at 0550 and found the bridge destroyed. All ground West of JORDAN was cleared of enemy. The N.Z.M.R. Bde pushed over JISR ED DAMYEH and advanced into the foothills, pushing patrols E. and N. The

0910

1st L.H. Bde crossed JORDAN by UMM ESH SHERT FORD and moved up the ARSENIYAT Track. D.H.Q. moved to GHORANIYEH at 1425.

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1815

At 1815 the 30th Ind. Inf. Bde were in SHUBET NIMRIN with a Squadron 2nd L.H. Bde in front. The 2nd L.H. Bde were in visual communication with D.H.Q. from the hills to the South of the NIMRIN Road having encountered slight resistance. No communication was got with 1st L.H. Bde owing to their Wireless pack falling over a precipice. At 1900 the N.Z.M.R. Bde

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took ES SALT. The only opposition was from a body of enemy holding a wired in position with Machine Guns across the JISR ED DAMYEH Track. The Canterbury Mtd Rifles outflanked, and then rushed this post. From the time they left JISR ED DAMYEH the captures of the Brigade up to and including the taking of ES SALT were 312 prisoners, 2 Machine Guns, 2 - 4.2 guns and 1 - MM 77 M.M. PATTERSONS COLUMN (less 30th R.F. who were completely exhausted by their heavy work in the JORDAN among the clay hills) were on the march to NIMRIN. The Squadron 2nd L.H. Bde pushed on up the NIMRIN - SALT road to locate any damage done to it.

Instructions were received from G.H.Q. during the night to harass the enemy, and cut off his retreat North from AMMAN. The JISR ED DAMYEH Detachment was to remain. The force was to gain touch with the Arab Army.

Sept. 24th.

0245

At 0245 Squadron 2nd L.H. Bde reported road blown up about 6 miles ahead. 30th Ind. Inf. Bde were ordered at once to send working party with picks and shovels up the road to repair. Orders were left to PATTERSONS COLUMN for 30th R.F. to hold NIMRIN while 39th followed as rearguard to the Force.

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Sept. 24th. N.Z.M.R. Bde pushed reconnaissances out E. and N. of ES SAIT and met opposition about 0700 at SUWEILEH. The 2nd L.H. Bde met opposition KAMK at AYN ES SIR being fired on by 77 M.M. guns.

0700

0850 By 0850 the road was repaired, and, the 30th Ind. Inf. Bde continued their march taking over ES SAIT from N.Z.M.R. Bde who marched to SUWEILEH followed by the 1st L.H. Bde. The 2nd L.H. Bde reached AYN HEMAR later in the day. By the evening the force (less 30th R.F. at NIWRIN and the JISR ED DAHREN detachment) was concentrated about ES SAIT with Mounted Troops about SUWEILEH.

Orders were issued for the N.Z.M.R. and 2nd L.H. Bdes to move on AMMAN at 0600 next day, the 1st L.H. Bde following at 0830. The 1st B.W.T. to march to SUWEILEH and be there by 0700. If the enemy were found holding AMMAN lightly, attack to be pressed in, but, if strongly the troops holding outlying trenches were to be driven in and the place shelled and retreat Northwards was to be cut off: but, assault deferred until the Infantry should arrive. A request was sent for AMMAN to be bombed.

Sept. 25th.

0600 During the night the railway was cut near KALAAZ EZ ZENKA Station by a party of Auckland Mtd Rifles.

0745 The Mounted troops advanced on AMMAN at 0600, N.Z.M.R. Bde from N.W. with their right on the main ES SAIT - AMMAN Road, the 2nd L.H. Bde from the West. The 1st L.H. Bde followed keeping a watch on the Country to the North. D.R.Q. were established on Hill 3040 at 0745.

0830 At 0830 N.Z.M.R. Bde found enemy holding ridge N.W. of AMMAN about 300 strong. There was also some movement on Hill 3039. The enemy opened fire with two batteries of small guns and there was a considerable amount of Machine Gun fire. On the right 2nd L.H. Bde captured 106 prisoners with 4 Machine Guns.

1000 At 1000 one Regiment 1st L.H. Bde was sent to the Northern flank of N.Z.M.R. Bde and to be under Genl. MELIKUM.

1110 At 1110 N.Z.M.R. Bde reported that Canterbury Mtd Rifles were ready to gallop part of the defences opposite to them, but they were brought up by a steep cliff, the only other way being between two hills held by Machine Guns. The G.O.C., now ordered the attack to be pressed in, Mountain Guns with each Brigade being ordered well up to assist.

1430 At 1430 another Regiment 1st L.H. Bde was ordered to Genl. MELIKUM'S left.

1517 By 1517 the enemy's resistance was collapsing, the Canterbury Mtd. Rifles captured the Citadel, 2nd L.H. Bde the hill East of it. AMMAN Town was found clear, and the 2nd L.H. Bde crossed the WADY AMMAN and pushed up on to 3039. On the Northern flank the 1st L.H. Regt caught several enemy guns trying to get away and by 1630 the place was taken.

1630 The 30th Indian Infantry Bde were ordered to leave a Battalion at SUWEILEH and march to AMMAN, ^{handing} over ES SAIT to the 30th R.F. 18th R.H.A. Bde and 1st B.W.T. were also ordered to AMMAN. The 1st L.H. Bde took up a position near the Station with the N.Z.M.R. Bde just South of it. The 2nd L.H. Bde bivouacked on the Western slope of 3039.

Owing to the report of the advance of the Southern Force of Turks, the 2nd L.H. Bde were ordered to push down South and blow up the railway line as far South as possible. The reason of this was as follows :- The Turkish Force unless it chose to try and get to the JORDAN VALLEY which was improbable would have to take the DARB EL HAJ and pass East of AMMAN or attack that place. Whichever course the Turkish Commander took it was to our advantage to make his march as long as possible and increase his water difficulties.

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Sept. 25th. /difficulties. 6.
If he chose the DARB EL HAJ the nearest water from KASTAL, excluding ALBIAN was at the WADI EL HANMAN. Orders were sent to the 1st L.H. Bde to push out towards WADI EL HANMAN and KALAAZ EZ ZERKA to clear up the situation there. In case the enemy should attempt to move by the JORDAN VALLEY the troops at SHUNET NIMRIN, ES SAJE and SUWEILIH were ordered to strongly entrench these places, and the 2nd L.H. Bde to closely watch the country between the railway inclusive to HAAUR, keeping a strong detachment at AIN ES SYR.

Sept. 26th. The 1st L.H. Bde reconnoitred WADI EL HANMAN and after a short action captured 105 prisoners and 1 gun at KALAAZ EZ ZERKA. Enemy both Cavalry and Infantry were seen and reported to be moving South.

1210 A report was also received of Turks and Germans with guns at ER RUSMAN, the N.Z.M.R. Bde sent a detachment to investigate. The 2nd L.H. Bde reconnoitring South encountered advanced troops of enemy Southern Force near KASTAL. The line was cut just North of ZIZA Station. The total captures at ALBIAN up to date were 2563 prisoners (excluding 300 sick) 10 guns of which 3 were heavy, and many Machine Guns.

Sept. 27th. 0730 The 1st L.H. Bde moved to WADY EL HANMAN at 0700. The 3rd L.H. Regt were already at that place and engaged the enemy North of the WADY with Aeroplanes Co-Operation. The troops were directed by the Aeroplane to where the enemy were, the Aeroplane then came down and Machine Gunned the Turks as the troops attacked with the result that 300 prisoners and 2 Machine Guns were captured. A Reconnoitring party was sent through KH. ES SAMRA to MAFRAK.

0830 At 0830 the 2nd L.H. Bde met Turks South of LEBAN Station. From a prisoner taken here, it was known that the MAAN garrison were with the force moving on KASTAL and they were put by the prisoner at about 0600. The patrol to ER RUSMAN found no enemy there. By this evening the 1st L.H. Bde held the water at WADY EL HANMAN, with a Regiment at KALAAZ EZ ZERKA. The N.Z.M.R. Bde were also ordered to have a detachment East of ALBIAN, keeping watch on the DARB EL HAJ. The reconnaissance to MAFRAK found no water there and native reports gave none between that place and DERAA, except 2 small springs.

Sept. 28th. 0655 At 0655 the Southern Turkish Force was located at KASTAL with 3 trains in the Station. At 1515 a message was dropped on the force by Aeroplane calling on the Commander to surrender, pointing out that all possible water he could reach North of KASTAL was held by us, and, promising that unless he did surrender our Aeroplanes would be over next day to bomb his force. 1st L.H. Bde found 10 Officers and 70 O/Rs sick in KH. ES SAMRA. These were sent in. PATTERSONS COLUMN ceased to exist from 1315 today.

Sept. 29th. 1350 No answer was returned to the message calling on the Turks to surrender by 0845, and arrangements were made to bomb them in the afternoon. At 1145 however negotiations were opened with the 5th L.H. Regiment who were across the railway South of LEBAN. The situation was very difficult owing to large numbers of Arabs who surrounded the Turkish position intent on looting. Any sign of a White Flag was likely to precipitate matters, and, the 2nd L.H. Bde were despatched to KASTAL leaving at 1350. By dark two small collisions occurred owing to the Arabs pressing in on the Turks.

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Turks. 7.

Sept. 29th. On the arrival of the Brigade a cordon was put round the Turks, and the Arabs were told that any attempt to rush in on the Turks would be met by force. Even after our troops were out the Arabs attempted to get at the Hospital and had to be driven off. The Turkish Commander KAAYMAKAN ALI BEY WHANABY was brought by car to D.H.Q.

Sept. 30th. The N.Z.M.F. Bde relieved the 2nd L.H. Bde at KASTAL and took up a line of posts round the Turkish force. The Arabs gradually drew off, and the Turks who were able to march were marched into ANMAN. Large numbers of sick had to be left for the time being and were brought in later. The number of captures at KASTAL were as follows :-

Prisoners.	-	4068 (excluding 503 sick)
Guns.	-	13
Machins Guns.	-	35
Automatic Rifles-		2

The total captures of GHAYTOR'S FORCE from the beginning of operations to September 30th were as follows :-

Prisoners. - 10,322 (including sick)
A large number of Arabs and local inhabitants who were serving with the Turks deserted and are now in this district having returned to their homes.

<u>GUNS.</u>			
5.9 gun	1.	77 m.m.	32
5.9 How	3.	75 m.m.	6
A.A.	1	5"	2
10 c.m.	10	13-pdr H.A.C.	2

TOTAL -	57
Machins Guns.	132
Automatic Rifles	13
Hotchkiss Rifles	1
Lewis Gun	1

	147

Wireless Sets.	2
Railway engines.	11
Railway Trucks and carriages.	108
Vehicles.	142
Immense quantities of shell, S.A.A., and other Material.	

A large number of motor lorries were abandoned by the enemy after being rendered useless.

OUR CASUALTIES.

	Offs.	O/Rs.
Killed.	3	24
Wounded.	10	95
Missing.		7
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TOTAL.	13	126

Of the wounded officers two subsequently died of wounds.