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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ABASIN-EL-KEBIR.	April 30		Orders received for reconnaissance from GOZ LAKLEILAIT to Point 680 on 1st May.	Appen 49
-	-	2330	Brigade Order No 16 issued.	Appendix 50
-	May 1st	0200	Brigade stood to arms.	
-		0630	Brigade (less 4 <sup>th</sup> LH) moved to GOZ MABRUK. Two officers patrols were sent out from this point, by 11 <sup>th</sup> ALH, with orders to push <sup>boldly</sup> forward E of WADI SHANAG through EL GAHA and SHANAG. Small patrols of the enemy were met with on contour 600, but they offered no opposition. By touch was maintained with ANZAC Mtd Division on the left and 6 <sup>th</sup> Mounted Brigade on the right. By 1200 the two patrols had reached a line extending from contour 700 West of K in KHABEIRA through the EL in KHOR EL AJRAM towards E on BEERSHEBA-FARA road. They enemy patrols occupied observation positions along contour 800. There were no signs of any large force having occupied any part of the area reconnoitred. The country is undulating and suitable for manoeuvring mounted troops. No signs of water. After crossing the WADI there are no serious obstacles in the way for wheeled vehicles. Both patrols retired at 1500. No casualties.	Appendix 51
		1945	Brigade arrived in bivouac area.	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	0700	4 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt preparing defences in front line	Appendix 52
		0935	Received orders to relieve 5 <sup>th</sup> Brigade in front line.	Appendix 53
		1000	G.O.C. went over front positions and arranged for relieving 5 <sup>th</sup> Mtd Brigade.	Appendix 54
		1005	Instructions re water stored in trenches received.	
		2100	Brigade orders for the relief issued	
EL SHA'UTH	3 <sup>rd</sup>	0800	Brigade arrived at EL SHA'UTH.	
		0930	Relief completed.	

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EL. SHA'UTH	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	1000	G.O.C. Imperial Mounted Div <sup>n</sup> inspected positions. Orders received to commence a redoubt on 515	Appendix 54(a)
		1430	Instructions issued to 10 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt	Appendix 55
		1630	Instructions for patrols and working parties issued	" 56
"	4 <sup>th</sup>	0600	Patrols reported all clear.	
		0700	One Sqdn 11 <sup>th</sup> LH commenced redoubt on Point 515. one Battalion 23 <sup>rd</sup> SIKH PIONEERS commenced works 2 and 2A east of EL. SHA'UTH.	
		0930	G.O.C. Desert Column visited outpost line at Point 515 and 510. Instructions received re works to be carried out. G.O.C. 4 <sup>th</sup> Bde inspected forward positions and left flank joining with the ANZAC Mtd DIVISION.	Appendix 57
		1530	Instructions for working parties and patrols issued Instructions issued for outposts in case of attack.	Appendix 58. Appendix 59
		1700	Patrol from BERT GHAZALI area reported all clear. 3 hostile Bedouins captured.	
"	5 <sup>th</sup>	0600	Patrols reported, all clear.	
		0700	one Squadron 12 <sup>th</sup> ALH continued work on redoubt at Point 515 one Squadron 4 <sup>th</sup> ALH commenced work on redoubt at 510. 23 <sup>rd</sup> SIKH PIONEER Battalion continued works 2 and 2A.	
		0915	G.O.C. Imperial Mounted Div <sup>n</sup> inspected works on 515 and 510, also 2 & 2A	
		1300	12 of ranks left for School of Instruction ZEITUN for courses in Hotchkiss. Machine Gun and Bombing.	app 60 LH

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL SHA'UTH	5 <sup>th</sup> May	1400	Party of 43 Bedouins without passes intercepted near Point 515 and sent to KHAY YUNIS.	
		1800	Instructions for outposts, patrols and working parties issued	appen. 61
			Patrol from GERAM and 530 reported all clear. 7 hostile Bedouins brought in.	
		1900	12 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt (less one Squadron) on outpost line 510 - BUEIBIA - WADI.	
	6 <sup>th</sup>	0600	Patrols reported all clear.	
		0700	23 <sup>rd</sup> SIKH PIONEER Battalion continued works 515. 2 A and 2.	
		1545	Operation Order. GSZ 141 received.	Appen. 62
		1630	Brigade orders issued	Appen. 63.
			17. Bedouins brought in by patrol from BEIT GHAZALI area. + sent to A.P.M. Imp M <sup>td</sup> Div <sup>n</sup>	
		1900	Brigade (less 1 Regt) moved to GAMLI. 12 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt on outpost line 510 - WADI.	
			2 Sqdns 4 <sup>th</sup> ALH relieved 10 <sup>th</sup> ALH at GAMLI.	Ref map. BEERSHEBA 1/125,000
			Brigade arrived at KH. el FAR.	
	7 <sup>th</sup>	2200	C/o 11 <sup>th</sup> ALH moved towards KH. KHASIF.	
		0230	Arrived KH KHASIF no sign of enemy. obtained touch with NZ M <sup>td</sup> Brigade on the left and 3 <sup>rd</sup> ALHBde on the right. (heavy fog). 3 <sup>rd</sup> ALHBde in touch with small patrols of enemy.	
		0400	Withdrew to GAMLI. Brigade moved to bivouac at EL SHA'UTH.	
		0800	Outpost orders and orders for working parties issued	Appen. 64
		1700	2 Sqdns 4 <sup>th</sup> LH at GAMLI relieved by 10 <sup>th</sup> ALH Regt	
		1800	12 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt (less 1 Squadron) on outpost line.	
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL. SHA'UTH	May 8 <sup>th</sup>	0600	Patrols reported all clear.	
		0700	7 officers and 143 ranks left to attend a GAS demonstration at ABASIN. EL KEBIR.	
		1145	87 Remounts <sup>23 mules</sup> received for Brigade from Remount. BILBEIS.	
			Order received from Imperial Intd Division to send one Regt to BIR. ESANI to surround camp there, reported by R.F.C.	
		1330	2 Sqdns 12 <sup>th</sup> ALH and one Sqdn 4 <sup>th</sup> ALH under C/o 12 <sup>th</sup> ALH moved out towards BIR. ESANI. One Squadron moved along E bank of WADI. All clear to 630.	
			Two miles SE of BIR. ESANI a party of about 300 Bedouins protected by about 150 Turkish Cavalry <sup>were seen</sup> . The whole party moved SE. on the approach of our party but were not pursued owing to the darkness coming on & the hilly nature of the country. Large heaps of corn gathered by the Bedouins and dark blue shelters were seen. Two Bedouins were taken prisoner. From their statements it was gathered that the harvested grain was taken to BEERSHEBA. Ghatine tribes from MARLAGA also gathered grain at ESANI. Also that a Turkish patrol visited ESANI nightly.	
		2200	Reconnoitring party returned to EL. SHA'UTH.	
		1500	Orders for outpost, patrols & working parties issued.	
		1830	One Bedouin from 480 brought in by day patrol to GERAIN.	
"	9 <sup>th</sup>	0530	Patrols reported all clear.	
		0700	1 Sqdn 11 <sup>th</sup> ALH digging trenches (cable) to battle line.	
			1 Sqdn 4 <sup>th</sup> ALH at work on KNOLL 465 (1/40.000).	
		0815	10 <sup>th</sup> ALH at GAMLI Commenced new work on W bank of WADI.	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL SHA'UTH	May 9 <sup>th</sup>	1800	Orders for outposts, patrols & working parties issued.	Appen 66
		1815	Two enemy aircraft flying E dropped bombs in this section. No damage or casualties.	
		2230.	Orders received from Imperial Mounted Division to send one Regt to reconnoitre Sand SE of BIR ESANI. on morning of 10 <sup>th</sup> and to withdraw at 1500 11 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt detailed for reconnaissance to BIR ESANI.	Appen 67.
	10 <sup>th</sup>	0530	Patrols reported all clear.	
		0630	11 <sup>th</sup> ALH Regt moved out to reconnoitre Sand SE of BIR ESANI.	
		0700	1 Sqn 12 <sup>th</sup> LH and 1 Sqn 4 <sup>th</sup> LH working parties at 510 and 515. 23 <sup>rd</sup> SIKH Pioneers commenced new work on KNOLE 465. Sof Trig Point	
		0930	1 Sqn 4 <sup>th</sup> LH continued work commenced in 11 <sup>th</sup> LH Sector. 11 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt reached BIR ESANI and pushed patrols as far as MAODAGA to the south and RASID BEK to the East. Enemy about 150 strong in mounted troops were holding a line of observation posts along the high ground on the road from Point 720 to ABU GHALYUN.	
		1800	11 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt withdrew.	
		1900	12 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt less one Sqn occupied the night outpost line	
	11 <sup>th</sup>	0900	One Sqn 4 <sup>th</sup> LH continued work on KNOLE 465 One Sqn 12 <sup>th</sup> LH continued wiring of works 3 A & B. 11 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt continued wiring of works 3 A & B.	Appen 68

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL SHAUTH	11 <sup>th</sup> May	0950	Orders for relief of 4 <sup>th</sup> LH Bde by 6 <sup>th</sup> MTD Bde received	Appen 69
			Instructions issued for handing over sectors.	Appen 69
		1900	4 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt less one Squadron occupied outpost line.	70
	12 <sup>th</sup>	0700	CO's 6 <sup>th</sup> MTD Bde arrived and took over sectors.	
		0830	6 <sup>th</sup> MTD Bde arrived	
		0900	4 <sup>th</sup> LH Bde moved off to ABASAN EL KEBIR arriving 1100	
			Following more orders were received. On the 15 <sup>th</sup> May 4 <sup>th</sup> LH Bde to move to TEL EL MARAKEB to rest camp.	Appen 70
	13 <sup>th</sup>		all 1 <sup>st</sup> issue gas helmets resprayed.	
	14 <sup>th</sup>		Camp at MARAKEB inspected and arrangements made to take over from the 5 <sup>th</sup> MTD Bde who were in occupation.	
TEL EL MARAKEB.	15 <sup>th</sup>	0900	The 4 <sup>th</sup> LH Bde moved from ABASAN in 4 groups to MARAKEB arriving 1100	
		1830	GOC left for CAIRO. Lieut. Col W. GRANT DSO assumed command during temporary absence of GOC.	
	16 <sup>th</sup>		Machine and Hotchkiss gun practice and gas instruction carried on. Men and horses bathed and rested as much as possible	
	17 <sup>th</sup>	0900	Conference of G.O's C Brigades + Brigade Majors at Divisional Head Q <sup>r</sup> .	
			Orders for operations received. D.R.O. No 21.	
		1700	Brigade Order No 18 issued	

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL. EL MARAKEB.	18 <sup>th</sup> May	1400	Orders for rations and forage during period of operations received 74 <sup>th</sup> DIVISION Order No 24 received.	appen 74 appen 75
	20 <sup>th</sup>	1500	Message received X. day will be tomorrow 21 <sup>st</sup> .	
	21 <sup>st</sup>	1400	"C" Squadron 11 <sup>th</sup> A.L.H. left MARAKEB for RAFA, where they were to bivouac for the night then to proceed to EL HABU on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> to report to I.C.C. Brigade G.O.C. Brigade returned from CAIRO.	
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	1100	"A" Squadron 11 <sup>th</sup> A.L.H. left MARAKEB to report to G.O.C. 74 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Division at 1600 to carry out <sup>by day</sup> patrols to Point 410 on WADI IMLEIH and Point 510 ABU SHAWISH, and by night standing patrols from 300 contour S.W. of EL DAMMATH (exclusive) to intersection of 400 contour with GOZ MABRUK - GAMLI track. "B" Squadron 11 <sup>th</sup> A.L.H. left MARAKEB to take over the GHABI - GAMLI outpost line from the A & N Z DIVISION by 1600.	
		1700	Brigade (less 3 squadrons 11 <sup>th</sup> L.H.) proceeded to ABASAN EL KEBIR arriving 1830.	
		1900	Brigade proceeded to GAMLI by via EL SHA'UTH arriving GAMLI 2330.	
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	0030	4 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt crossed WADI. GHUZZEE and made its dispositions as advanced Guard	
		0130	Brigade marched via KH. EL FAR. - KH. KHASIF in order to occupy a line. BEIT. ABU TAHA (exclusive) - EL BUGGAR - 680 (exclusive). by 0400. Owing to a severe dust-storm this line was not occupied till 0500.	
		0500	Bde was in close touch with 6 <sup>th</sup> Mounted Brigade on the left and in touch by patrols with 3 <sup>rd</sup> A.L.H. Bde on the right.	

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	May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	0500	The morning was thick and dusty and the Brigade co-operating with the 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Brigades halted on the above line as per O.F. 295 Reference DIVISIONAL Order No 21.	
		0515.	15 enemy cavalry fired on our patrol at EL BUGGAR and retired in the direction of BEERSHEBA.	
		0600	Orders received from DIVISION to advance against 2 <sup>nd</sup> objective.	
		0645	4 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt reported "all clear" and linked up with A + N Z DIVISION on the right 1 1/2 miles SE of EL BUGGAR	Appendix 76.
		0745	4 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt received HAYAFISH WADI	
		0815	4 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt established on HILL 820 and were attacking <del>820</del> under cover from machine gun fire Hill 810, which was held by 150 enemy cavalry (approx).	
		0820	In touch with 3 <sup>rd</sup> A.L.H. Brigade on the right.	
		0915	4 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt occupied the line 810 - 820 to SABA-FARA road driving off about 250 enemy who retired in the direction BIR ABU IRGEIS. Few enemy shells fired but no casualties. Our patrols sent out in direction of KH. EL. SUFI.	
		1305	Point 820 shelled with shrapnel - no casualties.	
		1535	Message received from DIVISION to withdraw and take up line as detailed in para 6. DIVISIONAL Order 21. 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> Bdes notified that this Brigade was withdrawing.	
		1625.	During the withdrawal orders were received to withdraw to EL GAMLI.	Appendix 77.

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	May.			
	23		During the day. crops collected by the enemy in the above vicinity were burnt. A reconnaissance of the water in this vicinity was made and the whole Brigade was watered between 1400 and 1600. Brigade bivouacked about 1 1/2 miles W of G AMLI.	
	24 <sup>th</sup>	2100		
		0430	Brigade moved to MARAKEB arriving 0900.	
		0900	Orders received for the Brigade to move to ABA SAN EL. KEBIR on the 26 <sup>th</sup> . Brigade orders issued	Appen 78. Appen 79
		1500	"A" and "B" Squadrons 11 <sup>th</sup> ALH. reported back to Brigade. Report on operations 23 <sup>rd</sup> forward to DIVISIONAL HQ.	Appen 80
	25 <sup>th</sup>	0230	"C" Squadron 11 <sup>th</sup> ALH returned to RAFA.	
		1300	Brigade moved to EL FUKHARI. During the past week at MARAKEB both men and horses benefited by the rest and the evacuations both amongst men and horses showed a considerable decrease.	
	26 <sup>th</sup>		Bde Staff Officer visited HQ A+NZ Div and NZMR Bde with a view to taking over the day patrols from GOZ MABRUK to KHIRBIT ERK both inclusive.	
		1500	Imperial Mtd Divisional Order No 22 received	Appen 81
	27 <sup>th</sup>	1100	Brigade order No 19 issued with instructions to 12 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt as to relieving the patrols on the line GOZ MABRUK to KHIRBIT ERK supplied by the NZMR Bde	Appen 82

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FUKHARI	27 May		Nominal Roll of allotment of officers and other ranks for courses at School of Instruction ZEITOUN issued submitted to Div. HQs	Appen 83
TEL. EL FARA	28 <sup>th</sup>	0730	Brigade left FUKHARI and arrived in bivouac TEL. EL FARA 0945.	
		1240	New Zealand M. R. Patrols relieved on line GOZ. MABRUK. - GOZ. EL. BAFAL - GOZ. EL. GELIEB - 510 - 410 - KHIRBIT ERK.	
		1430	Orders for day - Patrols (29 <sup>th</sup> ) issued to 4 <sup>th</sup> ALH Regt.	Appen 84.
		1800	Orders for night Standing Patrols issued for the night 28/29 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> ALH Regt day patrols reported all clear before withdrawing.	Appen 85.
	29 <sup>th</sup>	0345	Brigade stood to arms.	
		0500	Night Standing patrols reported "all clear".	
		0700	Patrol report for 28 <sup>th</sup> forwarded to DIVISIONAL Head Qs.	Appen 86.
		0800	5 <sup>th</sup> MTA Brigade made good line. 550 W of BIR. GIRHEIR - HILL 630 to cover an artillery reconnaissance in vicinity of HILL 630. all units were warned to be ready to move out in support if required.	
		0940	5 <sup>th</sup> MTA Brigade withdrew through outpost line.	
		0830	Patrol reports on reaching their objectives sent to D. H. Q.	Appen 87.
			Orders for night, Standing Patrols and Day patrols issued	Appen 88.
			Orders received from D. H. Q. detailing the duties for the Outpost Brigade.	Appen 89.
			4 <sup>th</sup> ALH Bde detailed to carry out duties of Outpost Brigade.	
			Orders received for operations by 3 <sup>rd</sup> ALH Bde against EL MAGAM on	Appen 90



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TEL. EL FARA	May 29 <sup>th</sup>		Notification of reconnaissance by Army & Column Commanders to ESANI and GOZ. LAKHLEILAT. on 1 <sup>st</sup> June. received 11 <sup>th</sup> ALH Regt detailed to supply Night Standing Patrols on night 29 <sup>th</sup> /30 <sup>th</sup> and day patrols on 30 <sup>th</sup> . Day patrols report "all clear".	Appen 91.
	30 <sup>th</sup>	0330	Brigade stood to arms.	
		0500	Night standing patrols reported "all clear"; nine deserters came in from direction WADI IMLEIH.	
		0700	Patrol Reports for 29 <sup>th</sup> May. sent to D.H.Q.	Appen 92
		0725	Patrol Reports on reaching their objectives forwarded to D.H.Q.	Appen 93.
		1400	12 <sup>th</sup> ALH Regt detailed for Night Standing Patrols night 30 <sup>th</sup> /31 <sup>st</sup> . and day Patrols for 31 <sup>st</sup> . All patrols notified re operations of 3 <sup>rd</sup> ALHBde.	
		1850	Day patrols report "all clear".	
		2000	Patrol reports for 30 <sup>th</sup> forwarded to D.H.Q.	Appen 94.
	31 <sup>st</sup>	0330	Brigade stood to arms.	
		0500	Night standing patrols reported "all clear".	
			Nominal roll of officers to attend Course Night marching & Compass work at ZEITOUN. forwarded to D.H.Q.	Appen 95.
		1445	Column Commander inspected "A" Batty. H.A.C attached 4 <sup>th</sup> ALHBde.	Appen 89A.
		1745	Amendment to GS 2/213. Appending 89 received. Day patrols report "all clear".	Appen 89A.

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Reference 1/125,000 Map.

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by  
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commanding  
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1. Enemy forces of all arms are reported to be entrenching along the 6000 ft. Contour from GOZ LAKHLEILAT - Point 680 - KH. KHASIF - IM SIRI.
2. Desert Column is to reconnoitre this line tomorrow May 1st 1917.  
(a) 1 Bde A. & N.Z. Mounted Division is to make good GOZ EL BASAL and the KARM area at 0800.
3. The Imperial Mounted Division will reconnoitre the line GOZ LAKHLEILAT to Point 680.
4. 6th Bde will leave ABASAN EL KEBIR at 0430 and will move via UM AJUA - Point 530 - Point 630 TEL ITWEIIL on BIR EL ESANI and from thence will reconnoitre the GOZ LAKHLEILAT Point 680 position.  
(a) I.E.S. Cav. Bde. will move in support of the right of 6th Bde. and will make good the line Point 530 GERALIN - BEIT GHAZALI - TEL ETWEIIL by 0830.  
(b) 4th A.L.H. Bde less 4th A.L.H. Regt. will move in support of the 6th Bde and will be at GOZ MABRUK at 0830. This Bde will push patrols East of Wadi SHANAG through EL GA'A and SHANAG.
5. This operation is a reconnaissance and Bdes. will not become seriously involved with strong enemy forces. Should enemy mounted troops be encountered they should be dealt with as boldly as possible.
6. Plentiful water supply is known to exist at BIR EL ESANI.
7. On conclusion of reconnaissance 6th Bde. will withdraw to GOZ MABRUK when orders will be issued for the return to bivouac.
8. R.H.A. Batteries and F.A. sand carts will accompany Bdes. Field Troops and Mob. Vet. Sects. will remain in bivouac.
9. Bdes will move as light as possible. Mobile Scale of rations and S.A.A. limbered wagons will not to be taken.
10. 3rd Bde. and 4th A.L.H. Regt. will remain saddled up until further orders.
11. Having made good its area I.S.Cav. Bde. will water by Squadrons at the pool  $\frac{1}{2}$  N. of GOZ MABRUK. 4th Bde. will water at GAMLI.
12. Divisional Headquarters will be established at EL SHAUTH at 0700. Advanced H.Q. will move to GOZ MABRUK at 0830 at which hour a visual station will be established there.
13. Acknowledge.

(Sgd) H.C.S. WARD, Lt. Col.,  
General Staff,

IMPERIAL MOUNTED DIVISION.

Issued at 2115.

Copy No.1 to G.O.C. 3rd Bde.

Copy No.12 to Desert Column.

2	"	"	4th	"
3	"	"	5th	"
4	"	"	6th	"
5	"	C.R.A.		
6	"	I.S.Cav. Bde.		
7	"	O.C. Field Squadron.		
8	"	" Signal	"	
9	"	A.D.M.S.		
10	"	A.D.V.S.		
11	"	A.Q.		

13	"	A.N.Z. Div.
14	"	74th Div.
15	"	War Diary.
16	"	" "
17	"	File.



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Reference 1/125,000

BRIGADE ORDER NO. 16.

COPY NO. 1.

by

Brigadier-General J.B. MEREDITH, D.S.O.  
Commanding 4th A.L.H. Bde.

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1. Enemy forces of all arms are reported to be entrenching along the 600' Contour from GOZ LAKHLEILAT-Point 680 - KH KHASIF - IM SIRI.
2. Desert Column is to reconnoitre this line tomorrow 1st May 1917.  
(a) 1 Bde A. & N.Z. Div. is to make good GOZ EL BASAL and the KARM area at 0800.
3. The Imperial Mounted Division will reconnoitre the line GOZ LAKHLEILAT to Point 680.
4. The 6th Bde will leave ABASAN EL KEBIR and will reconnoitre GOZ LAKHLEILAT - Point 680.  
(a) I.S. Cavalry Bde will move in support of the right of the 6th Mtd Bde.  
(b) 4th L.H. Bde less 4th L.H. Regt will move in support of 6th Mtd Bde.  
The 4th L.H. Bde (less 4th L.H. Regt, Field Troop, and Mob. Vet Sect.) will be formed up ready to move on the Brigade Assembly Post by 0430 tomorrow.  
On arrival at GOZ MABRUK the 11th L.H. Regt will push patrols East of the Wadi SHANAG through EL GA'A and SHANAG.  
Should enemy mounted troops be encountered they should be dealt with as boldly as possible.  
"A" Batt. H.A.C. and Field Ambulance will accompany the Brigade.  
Units will move as light as possible. Mobile scale of rations and S.A.A. limbered wagons will not be taken.  
4th L.H. Regt will remain saddled up until further orders.  
4th L.H. Brigade will water at GAMLI.  
One large feed for horse and man will be carried.

*W. J. Stamp*

Major,  
Brigade Major,  
4th Aust. Light Horse Brigade.

Issued at 2330.  
Copy No. 1st File.

- 30/4/17
- 2 4th L.H.
  - 3 11th L.H.
  - 4 12th L.H.
  - 5 M.G. Squadron.
  - 6 "A" Battery H.A.C.
  - 7 Field Ambulance.
  - 8 B.H.Q.
  - 9 Signal Troop.
  - 10 File



RECONNAISSANCE REPORT.

1st May, 1917.

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On the morning 1st May the 4th A.L.H. Brigade moved to GOZ MABRUK.

From this Point two Officer's Patrols were sent due E. with orders to reconnoitre country along Contour 600 and get in touch with the ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION on the left and the 6th Mounted Brigade on the right.

These two patrols got in touch with the troops on the right and left and by 1200 had reached a line extending from Contour 700 West of K in KHAREIRA through the EL in KHOR EL AJRAM towards e on BEERSHEBA - FARA road. 6th Mounted Brigade occupied 690 RASHID BECK.

Small enemy patrols were encountered from Contour 600. Enemy kept falling back and occupied positions along Contour 800 which seemed to be their main observation line.

At 1300 the patrol on the right fell back to Point 680.

No signs of trenches were seen in the area covered and there were no indications of large forces having occupied the country.

The country is undulating and passable for wheeled traffic and offers good cover for Mounted Troops. The depressions are cultivated, the hills in places being bare and stony. No signs of water in this area. All tracks lead to BIR ESANA.

The two patrols retired at 1500 being sniped at by the enemy. There were no casualties.

8/5/17.



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G.O.C.,  
— 4th Australian L.H. Brigade.  
3rd Australian L.H. Brigade.  
5th Mounted Brigade.  
C. R. A.  
O.C., Field Squadron,  
O.C., Signal Squadron.  
A.D.M.S.  
A.D.V.S.  
A. & Q.  
G.O.C., A. & N.Z. Mtd Divn.  
74th Division.  
H.Q., Desert Column.  
O.C., A.S.C.  
S.S.O.  
O.C., No. 12 L.A.M. Battery.  
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1. The following moves will take place on May 3rd 1917.
  - (a) 4th A.L.H. Brigade with Battery will relieve 5th Mounted Brigade with Battery in the line.
  - (b) G.O.C., 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will relieve his Regiment, section M.G. Squadron and Section Field Troop now under G.O.C. 5th Brigade, and will send another Regiment with a Section M.G. Squadron and Section Field Troop to be under the orders of G.O.C., 4th A.L.H. Brigade
  - (c) 5th Mounted Brigade with Battery will move, on relief, to ABASAN EL KEBIR and will occupy its old bivouac area.
2. The 4th Brigade will move so as to water at EL GAMLI in the morning and will not water at KHAN YUNUS.  
5th Brigade will return to ABASAN after the morning water and will water at KHAN YUNUS in the evening.
3. Details of taking over the line will be arranged between G.O.'s C. direct.
4. No. 12 L.A.M. Battery will remain at EL SHAUTH and will come under the orders of G.O.C., 4th A.L.H. Brigade.
5. 4th A.L.H. Brigade rations will be delivered at the re-filling point at WELI SHEIKH NURAN on May 3rd. 5th Brigade rations will be delivered at ABASAN EL KEBIR. Ration parties will be at WELI SHEIKH NURAN and 5th Brigade bivouac at ABASAN at 1200.
6. G.O.C., 5th Brigade will hand over on receipt, all gun and S.A.A. ammunition, grenades, Very lights and reserve rations which have been issued to him as trench stores. He will also hand over the water tanks, and any R. E. Stores.
7. In future all working parties from reserve Brigades will only work on that part of the line held by the Division.
8. G.O.C., 4th Brigade will report to Divisional Headquarters as soon as he has taken over.

H. E. Ford

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Imperial Mounted Division.

May  
2nd April 1917.



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"C" Form (Original).

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Service Instructions.			By <i>1st</i>	To	
			By	By	

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TO

Sender's Number	Day of Month	In reply to Number	AAA
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<i>8th</i>	<i>4th</i>	<i>Brigade</i>	<i>Believe</i>
<i>5th</i>	<i>Brigade</i>	<i>on</i>	<i>the battle</i>
<i>line</i>	<i>at</i>	<i>0830</i>	<i>tomorrow</i>
<i>23rd</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>'17</i>	<i>addressed</i>
<i>14th</i>	<i>and</i>	<i>5th</i>	<i>Brigade</i>

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*14/11/17* *MSM*

FROM	<i>Major</i>
PLACE & TIME	<i>21.25</i>

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TO

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number

AAA

Young Brigade will be relieved  
15th Brigade on the EL SHAUTH  
border tomorrow and you will  
arrange to visit 5th Brigade  
this afternoon in order to  
become familiar with all  
details of this portion of  
the defence and to take over  
all plans of new work etc.  
addressed 4th Brigade 5th Brigade

FROM

PLACE & TIME

1000

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Prefix Code Words Received Sent, or sent out Office Stamp.

Charges to collect

Service Instructions.

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TO

Sender's Number Day of Month In reply to Number

AAA

Following from desert column begins  
aaa water stores in trenches  
is not to be used  
without orders from Desert Column  
and units concerned will be  
held responsible that the tanks  
are always kept full and  
any decrease due to evaporation  
made good by using 1st  
Line transport ends

FROM

PLACE & TIME

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B.H.Q.  
Signal Troop  
4th L.H. Regt.  
11th L.H. Regt.  
12th L.H. Regt.  
M.C. Squadron.  
"A" Battery H.A.C.  
Field Troop, Field Ambulance.  
Mobile Vet. Section.

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The 4th L.H. Brigade will relieve the 5th Mtd. Bde. tomorrow.

Starting Point will be the Southern end of the trench which crosses the road 600 yds SE. of AMMAN EL KEBIR. B.H.Q. will pass the starting point at 0600 and the Brigade will follow in the order:

Signal Troop.  
11th L.H. Regt.  
4th L.H. Regt.  
12th L.H. Regt.  
M.C. Sqdn.  
"A" Battery H.A.C.  
Field Ambulance.  
10th L.H. Regt.

Units will move in column of line of troop columns with wide intervals.

Lt. HUMMINS will take charge of 4th L.H. Bde details and dump.

Dismounted men will be sent back to the Dump KHAN YUNUS and will come under the orders of O.C. Details Lt. HUMMINS. A nominal roll will be handed to O.C. Details before leaving bivouac.

All bivouacs will be left thoroughly clean and foul areas clearly marked.

11th L.H. Regiment will detail 1 Sgt. 12 men to report to O.C. Field Troop as it passes the N. end of H.Q. 11th L.H. Regt. at about 0700 to fill troughs between FARA and GAKLI where the Brigade will water.

O.Cs. will take over all ammunition, grenades, Very lights, reserve rations and water tanks and B.E. Stores and trench maps in their respective sectors, and will ensure that the bivouacs are left clean before taking over. Units will report to B.H.Q. as soon as they have taken over.

TRANSPORT. The wheeled transport of the 4th L.H. Regt. less one limber will come under direct orders of B.H.Q. and will be used as a Brigade Train.

All wheeled transport of the Brigade will rendezvous at the present Machine Gun Squadron Camp at 1000 and will proceed to SHAUF under orders of Transport Sergt. 4th L.H. Regt.

RATIONS. Quartermasters with fatigue parties will meet Brigade Supply Officer at Refilling Point WELI SHRIKH KURAN at 1200 to draw rations. Distribution will be done by Brigade Train.

WATER. Water carts will move with units. In future drinking water will be drawn from 4th Field Troop at GAKLI.

AMMUNITION. S.A.A. Hotchkiss reserve S.A.A. will be handed over to Machine Gun Squadron at 0600 and receipt obtained.

The limbers being used to convey sanitary buckets dixies etc., to new bivouacs.

Marching out starts to be at B.H.Q. at 0700.

*Paul Dwyer*

2nd May, 1917.

Major,  
Brigade Major,  
4th Aust. Light Horse Bde.

Field Officer. Capt M.A. Brown 12th L.H. Regt



SECRET

G. O. C.,

4th Australian L.H. Brigade.

The following work will be carried out by the troops of the Imperial Mounted Division under your orders. In addition one Battalion 23rd Sikh Pioneers will be detailed to assist in carrying out Works ~~a~~, b, and d, below:

(a) The inner line at EL GAMLI will be thoroughly dug in and wired as soon as possible.

(b) Five mutually supporting posts will be dug in and wired from the West bank of the Wadi, South of GAMLI to join up with the BENCH Mark work No. 3, EL SHAUTH.

(c) A post for one Squadron will be dug in and wired at point 515, EL ~~GAMLI~~. GHABI.

(d) The wire entanglement round No. 3 work is to be continued along the West front of the works to Post B inclusive

Work will be commenced as early as possible.

Protection from the South is as essential as from the East.

You will therefore establish an outpost line in front of the line GAMLI to No. 3 Post. By day this line will be occupied by working parties and protected by your patrols.

By night the works should be occupied and standing patrols pushed well forward.

*H. C. S. Ard*

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,

3rd May 1917.

Imperial Mounted Division.

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Appendix 5



ALL UNITS.

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*saddled up*  
One Regiment will stand to arms mounted at 0400.

The following night standing patrols will be supplied by the 4th L.H. Regiment tonight, 3rd/4th May.

One troop will find standing patrols towards UM AJUA and EL RUEIBIA leaving camp at dusk and returning at daylight after all is clear, reporting direct to B.H.Q.

4th L.H. Regiment will also supply the following day patrols and observation posts for 4th May.

One troop with visual communication to reconnoitre in the area 530 GERALIN BEIT GAZALI and on the W. bank of Wadi SHANAG, leaving camp 0430 and returning 1830. Communication will be established from 530 with 510 and with station on Trig. Point 11th L.H. Regiment. This troop must water in pools N. and S. of GOZ MABRUK.

10th L.H. Regiment has an observation station by day on GOZ MABRUK and patrols in the direction of EL GAA and KH. EL FAR. ~~A day observation station~~

4th L.H. Regiment will also supply a day observation station of one officer, two signallers and two other rahks on 510.

The Regiment finding the night standing patrols will stand to arms the following morning.

The above patrols and posts will hold good till further orders. The day patrols should alter their direction and destinations daily. Reconnaissances as far as BIR ESANI will only take place when ordered.

11th L.H. Regiment will detail one Squadron to proceed to 515 tomorrow to commence work on a redoubt at 0700. Hours 0700 - 1000, 1400 - 1700. One meal will be taken. Site of Work will be selected by Brigade Staff Officer.

C.Os. will continue the work on the defenses in their respective sectors tomorrow, commencing from the front line fire trenches and wiring. Accurate trench maps 100 yards to 1 inch will be made at once shewing all particulars. Working hours 0700 - 1000, 1400 - 1700.

*Issued at 1630*

3rd May 1917.

*Edw. Tenye*

Major,  
Brigade Major,  
4th Aust. Light Horse Brigade.



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G. O. C.,

4th Australian L.H. Brigade.  
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(a) At his inspection of the works facing South on your right flank this morning, the Column Commander decided that the following additional work should be put in hand at once:-

A work for one squadron on the small knoll E.S.E. of EL GHABI, in square P 6 & 7 1/40.000 map attached.

89. (b) A work will probably be required on the 465 knoll P 2 - 3, but this will not be commenced until EL GHABI and the works mentioned in para (a) are completed.

(c) The observation post on hill 510 should be more concealed, some form of small trench to give cover from view should be dug, horses should be on the lower slopes of the hill, and the helio placed not exactly on the sky-line.

(d) Kindly locate and inform this office of the exact positions on the 1/40.000 map of works 2 and 2A, on which the 23rd Pioneers were working this morning.

(e) Work 2b should be commenced as soon as labour becomes available.

(f) EL GHABI and 465 knoll should be held as part of the Outpost line at night.

H.C. Searle

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,

Imperial Mounted Division.

4th May 1917.



4th A.L.H. Brigade

Nominal Roll of Personnel for School of Instruction ZEITOUN.

Bombing "A" Commencing 7.5.17.

4th L.H.Reg. 1393 Trooper DRAKE, H.E.  
11th L.H.Reg. 332 L/Cpl. PHILP, E.G.

Bombing "B" Commencing 17.5.17.

12th L.H.Reg. 2752 Trooper BEAZLEY, J.S.

Hotchkiss Gun "A" Commencing 7.5.17.

4th L.H.Reg. 1677 Trooper MORGAN, H.G.  
" 1799 " CHRISTIAN, S.  
" 2874 " McLEAN, L.E.N.  
11th L.H.Reg. 486 " COATS, A.L.  
" 1087 " DICKSON, R.G.  
" 1208 " O'NEILL, T.J.  
12th L.H.Reg. 923 " COLEY, R.G.  
" 1604 " MURRAY, J.G.

Hotchkiss Gun "B" Commencing 17.5.17.

4th L.H.Reg. Lieut. HORAN, H.M.  
" 2354 Trooper MISKEN, H.  
" 2394 " WOODS, W.J.  
11th L.H.Reg. 891 " GREEN, E.A.  
" 966 " LONE, C.A.  
12th L.H.Reg. 767 " HODGES, S.R.  
" 138 " GODFREY, F.  
" 398 " WOODS, E.O.

Signalling Course. (26.2.17 not completed).

12th L.H.Reg. 414 Trooper ENGLAND, V.T.

Machine Gun (Vickers) Course, commencing 7.5.17.

4th A.M.G. Squadron 57 Sergt. McKAY, C.J.



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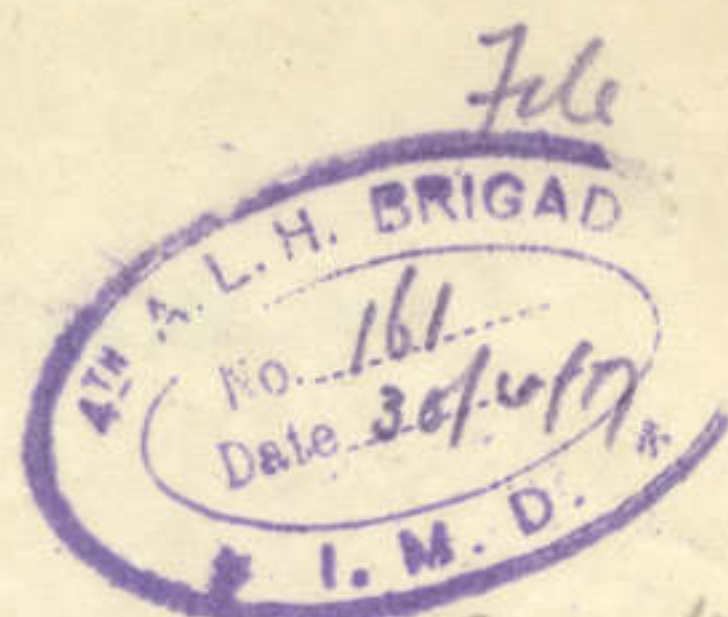
*Leah Kenzie*

2nd May, 1917.

Major,  
Brigade Major,  
4th Aust. Light Horse Brigade.



4th L.H. Regiment.  
11th L.H. Regiment.  
12th L.H. Regiment.  
Machine Gun Squadron.  
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The following vacancies for courses at the School of Instruction ZEITOUN are allotted -

<u>Course.</u>		<u>Date commencing.</u>		<u>Duration.</u>
M.G. Vickers.	M.G. Sqn. 1 OR.	7.5.17		3 weeks.
Hotchkiss )	4th L.H. Regt. 3 OR.	7.5.17		10 days.
Gun "A" )	11th L.H. Regt. 3 OR.	7.5.17		"
	12th L.H. Regt. 2 OR.	7.5.17		"
Hotchkiss )	4th L.H. 1 Off. 2 OR.	17.5.17		10 days.
Gun "B" )	11th L.H. 2 OR.	"		"
	12th L.H. 3 OR.	"		"
Bombing "A"	4th L.H. 1 OR.	7.5.17		10 days.
	11th L.H. 1 OR.	"		"
Bombing "B"	12th L.H. 1 OR.	17.5.17		10 days.

Total for Brigade 1 Off. 19 OR.

1. Nominal Rolls must reach this office by 0800 May 1st 1917.
2. Candidates who attended the Signalling course which commenced on 26/2/17 but which was not completed will go to the School to finish their course on May 7th. Their names will be added to the nominal rolls.
3. Train arrangements will be notified later.
4. N.C.Os. and men will go fully equipped, with blankets, BUT WITHOUT AMMUNITION.
5. All ranks will return to their units on completion of their course under train arrangements to be made by the Commandant of the School. No leave will be granted after the course.

30th April 1917.

*Leadbetter*

Major,  
Brigade Major,  
4th Aust. Light Horse Brigade.



URGENT

G.O.C., 3rd Australian L.H. Brigade.  
4th Australian L.H. Brigade.  
5th Mounted Brigade.  
6th Mounted Brigade.

G. R. A.

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MAY 1917

The following vacancies for courses at the School of Instruction, ZEITOUN, are allotted.

Course.	Officers.	O.R.	Date commencing.	Duration.
Officers General.	-	-	7 - 5 - 17.	3 weeks.
Machine Gun, Vickers.	-	1	7 - 5 - 17.	3 weeks.
Hotchkiss Gun A.	-	8	7 - 5 - 17.	10 days.
Hotchkiss Gun B.	1	7	17 - 5 - 17.	10 days.
Bombing A.	-	2	7 - 5 - 17.	10 days.
Bombing B.	-	1	17 - 5 - 17.	10 days.
Advanced Telephone.	-	-	7 - 5 - 17.	3 weeks.

1. Nominal rolls must reach this office by 1200 May 1st 1917.
2. Candidates who attended the Signalling course which commenced on 26/2/17, but which was not completed will go to the School to finish their course on May 7th. Their names will be added to the nominal roll.
3. All ranks attending will travel under the command of the Senior Officer or N.C.O. from each Brigade, who will report the arrival of his party at the Orderly Room of the School before 1700 on the day previous to the commencement of the course.
4. N.C.O's and men will be paid up to date before leaving their units, and will go fully equipped with blankets, BUT WITHOUT AMMUNITION.
5. All ranks will return to their units on completion of their course, under train arrangements to be made by the Commandant of the School. No leave will be granted after the course.

P. Ravanagh

Captain,  
General Staff,  
Imperial Mounted Division.

30th April 1917.



SECRET.

C.O. 4th L.H. Regt.  
11th "  
12th "  
10th "  
M.G. Squadron.  
"A" Battery H.A.C.  
~~XXXXXX~~  
L.A.M.B.

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12th A.L.H. Regiment will supply the following :-  
H.Q.s and two Squadrons holding an outpost line from the  
Wadi GHUZZE (exclusive) just east of A in EL RUEIBIA through  
EL RUEIBIA - UM AJUA - 515. The outpost line will be  
taken up after dusk.

Standing patrols should be pushed well forward especially  
to 515.

In case of an attack the enemy will be delayed as long as  
possible on the outpost line, and every opportunity made  
of mobility.

The remaining Squadron of the 12th L.H. Regt. will be in  
reserve on its present bivouac and will be prepared to  
move out mounted to assist the outposts at short notice.  
If the outpost line is forced to withdraw, the line of works  
2000 yds ESE. of No. 3 (Trig. Point) Work - work 1000 yds SE.  
of JEZARIYE - work N. of 510 and Work 515 will be held. If  
the line is obliged to withdraw further the outposts will  
occupy its battle position on the present main line.

The L.A.M.B. will be prepared to operate on the West  
flank of the outpost line in the area of EL GHABI.

Headquarters outpost line will be at redoubt 1500 yds  
SE. of Trig. Point Work 3., and will be in telephonic commun-  
ication with Brigade Headquarters.

The 12th L.H. Regt. will stand to arms at 0330 tomorrow  
6th May and report "All clear" as soon as possible.

At 0400 one troop 12th L.H. Regt. will reconnoitre in  
the area ERGEIDIA - GERAIIN keeping in visual communication with  
Trig. Point Station returning to bivouac after dusk. A visual  
station will also be established on 510 by 0500 tomorrow coming  
in at 1900.

10th A.L.H. Regiment. This Regiment will stand to  
arms at 0330. In case of an attack, and the ANZAC MOUNTED DIV.  
are forced to withdraw in rear of the 500' Contour the 10th L.H.  
Regt. will conform with the withdrawal and will concentrate  
W. of 4th L.H. Bde Headquarters.

WORKING PARTY. 4th L.H. Regt. will continue work  
with one Squadron on the redoubt 1000 yds N. of 510. Same hours.  
Two Companies 23rd SIKH Pioneers will continue work  
on 515.

11th A.L.H. Regt. will detail one Squadron dismounted  
to report to B.H.Q. at 0700 for digging cable trenches tomorrow.

COMMUNICATIONS. All forward posts and patrols when  
communicating reports will address them to 4th L.H. Bde and  
from the O.C. patrol or post. These messages will be transmitted  
through Signal Station Trig. Point and 11th L.H. Regt.

All Bedouins will be captured and brought in.

Trench reserve ammunition and grenades will be sub-  
divided into suitable dumps in Regimental Posts.

Range cards should now be established on all posts.

All iron standards in possession of the 4th and 12th  
L.H. Regts. will be handed over to O.C. Field Troop without delay.

5th May 1917.

*Leab Tump*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
4th Aust. Light Horse Brigade.



8-5-17  
2 MAY 1917

8-5-17.

IMPERIAL MOUNTED DIVISION

10. As soon as the locality IM SIRI- KH.KHASIF-EL BUGGAR has been swept Brigades will withdraw to EL GAMLI and TEL EL FARA through the day outpost line.
11. G.O.C. 4th. A.L.H. Brigade will detail 2 squadrons to take over the outpost line from the 10th. L.H. Regiment now attached to 4th. A.L.H. Brigade from 1800 on 6th. to 1800 on 7th..  
The regiment 3rd. A.L.H. Brigade will take over the outpost line again when day outposts are withdrawn on 7th. and the 2 squadrons 4th. A.L.H. Brigade will rejoin their Brigade.
12. G.O.C. Brigades will meet G.O.C. IMPERIAL MOUNTED DIVISION at EL GAMLI on West bank of WADI GUZZEE at 1830 on 6th.
13. Only rations and forage for 24 hours will be taken.
14. G.O.C. 4th. Brigade will detail an officer to act as guide to 3rd. Brigade to BIR EL ESANI. G.O.C. 6th. Brigade will detail an officer to act as guide to 3rd. Brigade from BIR EL ESANI to EL BUGGAR. Guides will report to G.O.C. 3rd. Brigade by 1500 on 6th. at ABASAN and should be prepared for operations of 24 hours duration.
15. Gallopers from 3rd. and 4th. Brigades and Brigade of A. & N.Z. Divn. will report to Divisional Headquarters at 1830 at EL GAMLI to-day.
16. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H. C. Ward

Lieutenant Colonel,  
General Staff.  
IMPERIAL MOUNTED DIVISION.

6-5-17



SECRET

G.O.C. 3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.  
G.O.C. 4th. A.L.H. Brigade.  
G. R. A.  
A. D. M. S.  
A. D. V. S.  
A Q.  
O.C. Signal Squadron.  
O.C. Field Squadron.  
G.O.C. A. & N.Z. Mtd. Divn.  
Headquarters Desert Column.  
G.O.C. 74th. Division.



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Ref. 1/125,000 map.

1. Information from patrols shows that the enemy occupies EL BUGGAR, KH KHASIF and IM SIRI by night but falls back from these places before our patrols in the early morning.
2. It is intended to capture the garrisons of these posts before dawn on May 7th.
3. For this purpose 3rd. A.L.H. Brigade less Battery with 1 Brigade A. & N.Z. Mtd. Divn. will concentrate this evening at 2000 at BIR EL ESANI and TEL EL FARA respectively and will operate under orders of G.O.C. IMPERIAL MOUNTED DIVISION. 4th. A.L.H. Brigade less 1 regiment will concentrate at EL GAMLI at 2000. "A" Battery HAC will accompany this Brigade.
- ① 4. The attack on the EL BUGGAR - KHASIF posts will be made at 0400 on May 7th.
  - (a) Divisional Headquarters will be established at EL GAMLI at 1830 on 6th. and will be at KH. EL FAR at 0415 on 7th.
  - (b) The Brigade A. & N.Z. Mtd. Divn. will secure GOZ EL BASAL by 2200 and will attack the IM SIRI - KH. KHASIF posts from the direction of Hill 550 (N.W. of IM SIRI) and KARM at 0400.
  - (c) 3rd. A.L.H. Brigade will secure the two hills 680 by 0200 and will attack the post of EL BUGGAR from the most Eastern Hill 680 (near U of CULTIVATION) at 0400.
  - (d) 4th. A.L.H. Brigade will secure KH. EL FAR at 2200 and will detail 2 squadrons to attack the trenches located at the trees S. of KH. KHASIF at 0400.
  - (e) Batteries of Brigade of A. & N.Z. MTD. DIVN. and 4th. A.L.H. Brigade will be in readiness at TEL EL FARA and EL GAMLI to push forward to support their Brigades as soon as it is light enough to operate.
5. Arrangements for the watering of 3rd. and 4th. A.L.H. Brigade will be made at EL GAMLI.
6. S.A.A. wagons of 3rd. and 4th. Brigades will be parked near EL GAMLI and of the Brigade A. & N.Z. Divn. at TEL EL FARA but will not proceed beyond the Wadi until required by Brigades. This also applies to Field Troops, Mob. Vet. Sects. and such portions of Field Ambulances as G.O.C. Brigades do not require with them.
7. Dressing stations will be established at EL GAMLI and TEL EL FARA.
8. Cable communication will be maintained with the Brigade of A. & N.Z. Mtd. Divn. and visual communication with 3rd. A.L.H. Bde. and Divisional Headquarters.

Visual communication will be established between Brigade of A. & N.Z. Divn. and 3rd. A.L.H. Brigade from GOZ EL BASAL and Hill 680 (near T of GOZ EL LAKHLEILAT)
9. Brigades will report as soon as their various objectives have been reached.

/As soon as



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12th A.L.H. Regt will remain on its present position and will take over the Signal Station on Trig. Point before the Brigade moves and will establish standing patrols by night and day on 510 with Signal communication.

Headquarters and two Squadrons 4th A.L.H. Regt. will relieve the 10th A.L.H. Regt. on the GAMLI defences at 1800 tonight until 1800 on 7th.

The remainder of the Brigade will move to GAMLI under orders of C.O. 11th A.L.H. Regt. Starting Point Trig. Point No. 3 Work. Hour of starting 1830. Order of march :-

B.H.Q. and Signal Troop.  
 11th A.L.H. Regt.  
 1 Section M.G. Squadron.  
 2 Sand Carts.  
 M.G. Sqdn. (less 1 section).  
 1 Squadron 4th A.L.H. Regt.  
 "A" Battery H.A.C.  
 Field Ambulance (less 2 sand carts).

At 2030 the Brigade (less "A" Battery H.A.C., Field Ambulance (less 2 sand carts), M.G. Sqdn. ammunition limbers and Regimental ammunition limbers) will move to KH EL FAR. 1 Section M.G. Sqdn. will be attached to 11th A.L.H. Regt. Advanced guard 1 Sqdn. 4th A.L.H. Regt. On arrival at KH EL FAR the Squadron on advanced guard will remain out and occupy a line of outposts covering KH EL FAR.

11th A.L.H. Regt. (less 1 Sqdn.) with 1 Section M.G. Sqdn. and 2 sand carts will leave KH EL FAR passing through the outposts and will attack the trenches located at the trees S. of KHASIF at 0400.

Until daylight 11th L.H. Regt. will communicate with B.H.Q. at KH EL FAR by gallopers.

Divisional Dressing Stations will be established at TEL EL FARA and EL GAMLI.

11th L.H. Regt. will report as soon as objective has been reached. 10th L.H. Regt. after being relieved will report to its own Brigade and will take over the GAMLI defences again when the day posts are withdrawn on the 7th.

Water bottles will be taken full, horses will water at GAMLI, complete for the 7th and iron rations will be carried. Pack horse ration and pioneer equipment will not be carried. Quartermasters will remain to draw rations as usual, One limber each from 4th and 11th L.H. Regts. with Hotchkiss reserve S.A.A. will travel with the M.G. Sqdn. Amm. limbers. All these limbers will remain parked at EL GAMLI under Transport Sgt. M.G. Sqdn. until ordered forward.

6th May 1917.

*Leah Tenzi*

Major,  
 Brigade Major,  
 4th Aust. Light Horse Bde.



SECRET.

4th L.H. Regt.

B.H.Q.

11th "

Signal Troop.

12th "

Field Troop.

10th "

Field Ambulance

M.G. Squadron

"A" Battery H.A.C.



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12th L.H. Regt (less one Squadron) will occupy the outpost line tonight.

H.Q.'s will be at Work 2.A. 1500 yards S.E. of Trig Point.

12th L.H. Regt will find the following patrols and posts.

One Troop to reconnoitre in the area 530-- ERGEIDIA-KHIBU leaving Camp 0400, returning after dusk.

One day observation post on KE 510.

11th L.H. Regt will continue the wiring from Work 33 to Work B.

4th L.H. Regt and 11th L.H. Regt will each detail one Squadron for work on redoubt just N. of 510 commencing 0700.

L.H. 10th Regt will continue work on GAMLI defences. The wiring must be completed as soon as possible.

The following will parade West of B.H.Q. at 0645 tomorrow, under Major Alexander, 11th L.H. Regt, to attend a Cass Demonstration at trench just S.E. of ABASAN EL KEBIR.

Gas helmets will be carried.

4th L.H. Regt	1. Officer.	28. 0/Ranks.
11th " "	1. " "	28. " "
12th " "	1. " "	28. " "
10th " "	1. " "	28. " "
M.G. Squadron.	1. " "	20. " "
Field Ambulance.		2. N.C.O's.
B.H.Q.		1. " "
Signal Troop.		1. " "
Field Troop.		1. " "
"A" Battery H.A.C.	1. " "	8. 0/Ranks.

Horse holders, one to four, will be additional.

Major.

Brigade Major.

7/5/17.

4th Australian Light Horse Brigade.



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COPY NO.

To 4th A.L.H. Regt.  
11th " "  
12th " "  
10th " "  
4th M.G. Sqn.  
4th Field Troop.  
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Stand to arms will now be at 0330.

11th A.L.H. Regt. (less one Squadron) will occupy the night outpost line Wadi GHUZZE (exclusive) - EL RUEIBIA - UM AJUA - EL GHABI after dusk tonight.

Headquarters Outpost Line will be at Work 1500 SE. of Trig. Point where a cable has been laid.

At 0400 one troop 11th A.L.H. Regt. will reconnoitre the area 530 - GERAIIN with visual communication with Trig. Point Station returning to camp after dusk.

11th A.L.H. Regt. will supply the day observation post on Point 510 tomorrow.

WORKING PARTIES. One Squadron 11th A.L.H. will report to B.H.Q. for digging cable trenches at 0700 tomorrow.

4th A.L.H. Regt. One Squadron will continue the digging on Work Knoll 465 (1/40,000) 1000 yards N. of 510 at 0700.

12th A.L.H. Regt. One Squadron will continue the wiring on Work Knoll 465 (1/40,000) 1000 yards N. of 510 at 0700.

A representative of the Field Troop is always present to advise as to the work required.

10th A.L.H. Regt. A new work has been sited on the West bank of the Wadi near 10th A.L.H. Headquarters, and the Brigade Major will be at 10th A.L.H. Headquarters at 0800 to advise locality of work. This work will be commenced at 0815 tomorrow by 10th A.L.H. Regiment.

*Hubert Tenry*

8th May 1917.

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





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✓ To 4th A.L.H. Regt.  
✓ 12th " "  
✓ Field Troop.  
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The Squadron 4th A.L.H. Regt. will continue digging and wiring on Knoll 465 (1/40,000) 1000 yards N. of 510.

The Squadron 12th A.L.H. Regt. will continue digging and wiring on EL GHABI.

8th May, 1917.

*Leab Tenzie*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
4th A.L.H. Brigade.



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B.287.  
COPY NO.

✓ To 4th L.H. Regt.  
✓ 11th " "  
✓ 12th " "  
✓ M.G. Sqn.  
✓ 10th L.H. Regt.  
✓ "A" Battery H.A.C.  
✓ Field Troop.  
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OUTPOSTS. The 4th L.H. Regiment (less one Squadron) will occupy the night outpost line Wadi GHUZZE (exclusive) - EL RUEIBIA - UM AUJA - 515 (inclusive). EL GHABI and 510 Work should be held with strong piquets.

At 0400 one troop will reconnoitre the area Wadi GHUZZE - GERAIIN - ERGEIDIA with visual communication to Trig. Point coming in after dusk.

4th L.H. Regt. will supply ~~every~~ observation station on 510.

COMMUNICATIONS. A Brigade Signalling Station is established on Trig. Point No. 3 Work. All forward posts and patrols when communicating reports with address to 4th L.H. Bde. from OC. Patrol or Post. All posts and Patrol Leaders will be notified.

The G.O.C. directs that Commanding Officers will as soon as possible see that all officers and patrol leaders are instructed in the correct use of AFC2121, Field messages, despatches and reports. Information received from units on recent reconnaissances has been so useless and indefinite that Divisional Headquarters could not be notified as to the situation.

A report such as "Nothing to Report" is of no value when a reconnaissance is made with a definite objective. It must be realised that there is always something to report; either negative or positive information.

Officers commanding patrols or reconnaissances should state clearly where they are, the exact location of enemy patrols or positions, what the O.C. is doing and what he intends to do, to enable <sup>someone</sup> in rear to follow his and the enemy's movements and to sum up the situation from the map.

WORKING PARTIES. Special digging parties will be notified later.

*9<sup>th</sup> May 1917*

*Edw. Sturges Major  
Brigade Major  
4th L.H. Bde*



SECRET.

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OUTPOSTS. 12th A.L.H. Regiment less one Squadron will occupy the outpost line tonight GHUZZE WADI (exclusive) - EL RUEIBIA - UM AJUA - 515 (inclusive).

At 0400 one troop will reconnoitre the area ERGEIDIA - GERAIIN with visual communication to Trig. Point coming in after dusk.

12th A.L.H. Regiment will supply the day observation station on 510.

WORKING PARTIES. Special working parties will be notified later.

All troops should be ~~warn~~ warned not to fire at hostile aeroplanes at night except under orders of senior officer, not under the rank of Regimental Commander or 2nd in Command.

Hostile aeroplanes try to draw fire at night to locate positions of troops more exactly by the flashes of rifles or machine guns, in order to bomb them.

During the daytime indiscriminate firing at aeroplanes must be discontinued. Certain machine guns should be definitely detailed from each unit to engage enemy aircraft when flying overhead. Such fire should cease as soon as the machine has passed out of bombing distance, as excessive fire is only waste of ammunition.

In addition, squads will be told off by units to engage enemy aeroplanes with rifle fire. This fire will consist of "Volley" and not "Independent" firing at the command of the O.C. Squad, who will give the actual words of command for loading, range sight, and fire, at so many lengths ahead.

10th May 1917.

*W. Stender* Capt  
for Major,  
Brigade Major,  
4th A.L.H. Brigade.

To 4th A.L.H. Regt.

11th " "

12th " "

10th " "

M.G. Squadron.

Field Troop.

"A" Batt. H.A.C.

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# SECRET

G.O.C.,  
6th Mounted Brigade.  
4th Australian L.H. Brigade.  
C.R.A.  
A.D.M.S.  
A.D.V.S.  
O.C. Signal Sqdn.  
O.C. Field Squadron.  
A. & Q.  
O.C.A.S.O.  
S.S.O.

G.S.Z./154

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**MAY 1917**  
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1. The 6th Mounted Brigade and 1 Regiment, 1 Section M.G. Squadron, and 1 Section Field Troop R.E., 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will relieve the 4th A.L.H. Brigade and 1 Regiment & attached troops 3rd A.L.H. Brigade on the Outpost Line.  
Batteries will accompany Brigades on relief.
2. 6th Mounted Brigade will take over outposts on Saturday May 12th by 0900.
3. No. 12 L.A.M. Battery will remain at EL SHAUTH and will come under orders of the G.O.C. 6th Brigade.
4. The 6th Brigade and attached troops will be responsible for:-
  - (a) By day. Protection and work on GAMLI Bridgehead.
  - (b) Protection of the Southern flank from the WADI GHUZZE to the West.
  - (c) Continuation of work on the following defensive works. GAMLI Bridgehead, works 1-7, A to F, and the EL GHABI redoubt.
  - (d) By Night. Protection of the right of the line from EL GAMLI to EL GHABI both inclusive, linking up with the A. & N.Z. Mounted Division just North of GAMLI on the left.
  - (e) The Regiment, 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will furnish 1 Squadron daily for Outpost duties East of the WADI GHUZZE, to be supported if necessary by a 2nd Squadron.
  - 1 Squadron will carry on the works at GAMLI Bridgehead.
  - (f) Reconnaissances will be made of the Country South of the GAMLI - EL GHABI outpost line, these will include BIR EL ESANI and the country South of that place which should be visited at least every 3rd day unless otherwise ordered.
  - (g) A report, all clear or otherwise, will be submitted daily as soon as the day observation line is taken up in the morning, and every evening after night outposts are in position.
5. All reserve ammunition, Gun and S.A.A., Grenades, Very Lights, Trench Stores and Water Tanks, will be handed over by G.O.C. 4th Brigade, on relief, to G.O.C. 6th Brigade, who will furnish a receipt for the same, and will forward a statement showing stores taken over to Divisional Headquarters.
6. All the above troops will water at EL GAMLI on the morning of the 12th. 4th Brigade and relieved regiment of 3rd Brigade will water at ABASAN EL KEBIR on the evening of the 12th.
7. Supplies for 6th Brigade will be delivered tomorrow at WELI SHEIKH NURAN and for 4th Brigade at ABASAN EL KEBIR at 1100. Brigades will arrange for ration parties to be at those places accordingly at the hour named.
8. A report will be submitted by 6th Brigade as soon as the relief has been completed.
9. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*H. C. Board*

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Imperial Mounted Division.

*//*  
10th May, 1917.



SECRET.

ALL UNITS.

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The 6th Mounted Brigade and 1 Regiment, 1 Section M.G. Squadron and 1 Section Field Troop R.E. 3rd A.L.H. Bde. will relieve the 4th A.L.H. Brigade and 1 Regiment and attached troops 3rd A.L.H. Brigade on the outpost line at 0900 tomorrow, the 12th inst.

No. 12 L.A.M. Battery will remain at EL SHAUTH and will come under orders of G.O.C. 6th Bde.

Units will water in the same order on the morning 12th May commencing at 0600 at the troughs. C.Os. Regiments and M.G. Squadron will be at B.H.Q. at 0700 on 12th to accompany and hand over Sectors to C.Os: incoming units. All reserve ammunition gun and S.A.A., grenades, Very lights, trench stores, water tanks and R.E. Stores will be handed over and receipts obtained.

By 0900 all units will be ready to move, each unit being moved off its present bivouac to some distance in rear well clear of the position and keeping in open formation. Units will report to B.H.Q. when their sectors have been handed over.

Starting Point Ruined House W. of B.H.Q. 1/40,000.

Order of march :- B.H.Q. and Signal Troop.

12th L.H. Regt.

4th " "

11th " "

Field Troop.

"A" Battery H.A.C.

Field Ambulance.

Wireless Section.

M.G. Squadron

All bivouacs will be thoroughly cleaned this afternoon.

10th L.H. Regiment and attached troops after being relieved will move independently and report to their Brigade at ABASAN EL KEBIR.

TRANSPORT. All wheeled transport will assemble at point West of Ambulance Bivouac by 0900 and will march independently under orders of Lieut. TREWIN. A representative from each unit will report to Staff Captain at 0830 to proceed to new bivouac.

Quartermasters will arrange to draw rations at ABASAN at 1130. Usual fatigue parties will be required.

LATRINES. All latrine equipment must be cleaned early and taken with units.

11th May 1917.

Leab Tenzi

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



SECRET

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G.O.C.,  
5th Mounted Brigade.  
4th A.L.H. Brigade.  
C. R.A.  
A.D.M.S.  
A.D.V.S.  
S.S.O.  
O.C., A.S.C.  
O.C., Signal Squadron.  
O.C., Field Squadron.  
A. & Q.



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(1) On May 15th the following moves will take place.

(a) 4th Brigade less Battery from ABASAN EL KEBIR to TEL EL MARAKEB.

(b) 5th Brigade less Battery from TEL EL MARAKEB to ABASAN EL KEBIR to take over bivouac area of 4th Brigade.

(c) "A" Battery H.A.C. from ABASAN EL KEBIR to KHAN YUNUS to a bivouac site to be decided on by A.A. & Q.M.G. Imperial Mounted Division.

(2) The move will take place after the morning watering.

(3) "B" Battery H.A.C. will remain in their present bivouac.

(4) All transport animals and drivers will accompany 4th Brigade to MARAKEB.

S.A.A. will be off-loaded and will be dumped together with such vehicles as G.O.C. 4th Brigade does not desire to take at Divisional Headquarters under a small guard.

(5) Rations for 4th Brigade will be delivered at MARAKEB, for 5th Brigade at ABASAN, and for "A" Battery at KHAN YUNUS.

Ration parties will be at bivouacs on May 15th to take over rations by 0930.

*H. C. Sward*

12th May 1917.

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Imperial Mounted Division.



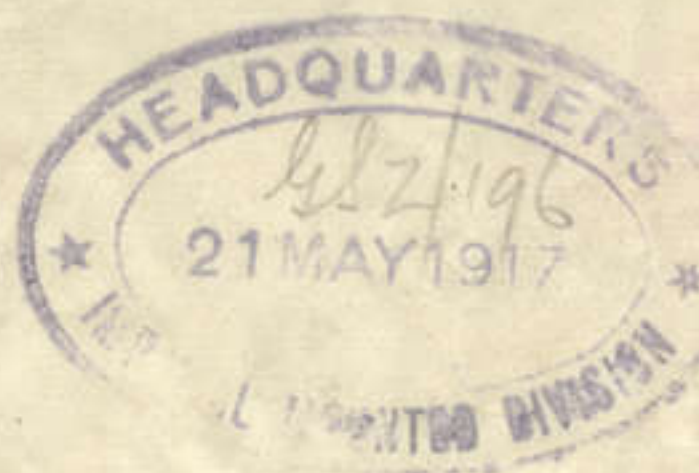
SECRET

G.O.C.,

6th Mounted Brigade.

— 4th Australian L.H. Brigade.

3rd Australian L.H. Brigade.



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MAY 1917

Reference 1/125,000 map.

Reference para. 7 of Divisional Order No. 21.

The limits of the objectives of Brigades will be as follows :-

(a) 6th Brigade Right on a line through the H inclusive midway between Hills 770 and 810.

(b) 4th Brigade Left on Right of 6th Brigade right on Hill 820 inclusive.

(c) 3rd Brigade Left on BEERSHEBA - FARA road inclusive.

H. C. Seward

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,

Imperial Mounted Division.

21st May 1917.

"A" Form.  
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SECRET

G.O.C.,

4th Australian L.H. Brigade.  
5th Mounted Brigade.



1. With reference to Divisional Order No. 21 para. 6, the 5th Brigade will not cross the Wadi at CAMLI and will ensure that all approaches to the crossings over the Wadi are unimpeded until 0130 on Z day.

The 4th Brigade will arrange to have completed their crossing of the Wadi and have cleared all the approaches thereto by the above mentioned hour.

2. The 5th Brigade will detail one Squadron less 2 troops, as escort to the 60 pdr. Battery. Escort will join the Battery at TEL EL FARA on the East bank of the Wadi at 0430 on Z day.

H. C. S. Ward

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,

Imperial Mounted Division.

21st May 1917.

SECRET

G.O.C.,

3rd Australian L.H. Brigade.  
4th Australian L.H. Brigade.  
5th Mounted Brigade.  
6th Mounted Brigade.



It has been decided by General Headquarters that all crops beyond the Egyptian Frontier which cannot be harvested by the inhabitants under our protection, or which cannot be brought in for our use, shall be destroyed.

A report will be forwarded to this office in all cases where this action is taken.

The forthcoming Railway raid should be taken advantage of and all crops East of the Wadi GHUZZE should be destroyed - likewise any collections of grain which may be found.

H. C. S. Ward

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,

Imperial Mounted Division.

20th May 1917.



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*after which hour it will*  
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*Indy*

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Major-General H.V. Hodgson, C.V.O., C.E.,  
 Commanding Imperial Mounted Division.  
 The enemy holds the line ELIEH, 730, 770, 810, 830 as a line of observation.  
 The Turkish Railway between ASLUJ and AUJA is to be destroyed. It is known that there are no enemy troops, South of EIR SABA and will be further advanced.

2. The destruction of the Railway line is being carried out by:-  
 (a) The Camel Brigade escorted by one Squadron Imp. Mtd. Div. from AUJA to 6 miles North of that place.  
 (b) The Field Squadron of both Divisions mounted from ASLUJ up to 12 miles South of that place.  
 The 1st C. Brigade with an escort of one Squadron Imperial Mounted Division move via RAFA on AUJA, to arrive at that place on 12 day.  
 The A. & N. Z. Division with both Field Squadrons move as follows.  
 The 1st Brigade and demolition squadrons to ASLUJ by 0400 on Z day.  
 The rest of the Division via ESANI on KEALASA by 0400 on Z day.  
 The 1st Brigade will throw out a protective line GAZ SHEHILI - UJAJUA and watch the approaches from EIR SABA.  
 The role of the Imperial Mounted Division is to attract the attention of the enemy at EIR SABA from the raid on the railway line.

(a) One Squadron 4th A.L.H. Brigade will proceed to RAFA on X day and will join the 1st C. Brigade at a point called EL HABU, on the Turkey-Egyptian boundary, 2 miles South of EL DEBEA on Y day, in time to act as escort.  
 (b) One Squadron 4th A.L.H. Brigade will move to EL GAMLI on Y day and will take over the SHARI-GAMLI Outpost line from A. & N. Z. Division by 1600 on Y day.  
 (c) One Squadron 4th A.L.H. Brigade will report to C.O.C. Infantry Division at 1600 on X day and will carry out the usual patrolling in conjunction with the Divisional Squadron from point 510 ABU SHAWISH to SAUSAGE RIDGE on Z day.  
 (d) The Field Squadron will report to C.O.C. A. & N. Z. Division at 1600 on X day and will be prepared to accompany that Division and to be absent for 3 days.  
 The Divisionless one regiment 4th Brigade will advance against EIR SABA and will move at 1900 on Y day as follows:-  
 (a) Divisional Headquarters will be established at Hill 680 GOZ LAKHILAT at 0400 on Z day.  
 (b) 6th Brigade via TEL EL FARA to make good the line 550', 2 miles East of GOZ EL BASAL, through INSIRI to BEIT ABU TAHA, East of KEALASA by 0400 on Z day.  
 (c) 4th Brigade less one regiment via GAMLI to make good the line BEIT ABU TAHA exclusive - EL BUGGAR - Hill 680' near "u" of cultivation exclusive by 0400 on Z day.  
 (d) 3rd Brigade via GOZ HADRU to make good the line Hill 680' (above) to RASHID BEK both inclusive by 0400 on Z day.  
 (e) 5th Brigade will move via EL GAMLI to the O. of OPEN one mile South of KE. KHASIF reaching that point at 0250 on Z day and will remain in reserve.  
 Batteries will accompany their Brigades.  
 A. C. O. pdr. Battery will be attached to the Division and will proceed via the TEL EL FARA - KARU Road to FARA at 0430 from FARA on Z day, and will act under instructions from the C.R.A. Imp. Mounted Division.







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Reference: Brigade Order No. 12.

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Para 2. (and sub-para a, b, and c) is cancelled.

Para 3. is cancelled, and the following will be carried out.

Para 4. The 4th L.B. Brigade (less 3 Squadrons 12th L.B. Regt.,) will move from MARAKH to GAKLI leaving MARAKH 1700 on Y day in the following order: Starting point Machine Gun trench. Order of March.

- 1. 1st L.B. Regt.,
- 2. 2nd L.B. Regt.,
- 3. 3rd L.B. Regt.,
- 4. 4th L.B. Regt.,
- 5. 5th L.B. Regt.,
- 6. 6th L.B. Regt.,
- 7. 7th L.B. Regt.,
- 8. 8th L.B. Regt.,
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- 13. 13th L.B. Regt.,
- 14. 14th L.B. Regt.,
- 15. 15th L.B. Regt.,
- 16. 16th L.B. Regt.,
- 17. 17th L.B. Regt.,
- 18. 18th L.B. Regt.,
- 19. 19th L.B. Regt.,
- 20. 20th L.B. Regt.,
- 21. 21st L.B. Regt.,
- 22. 22nd L.B. Regt.,
- 23. 23rd L.B. Regt.,
- 24. 24th L.B. Regt.,
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- 98. 98th L.B. Regt.,
- 99. 99th L.B. Regt.,
- 100. 100th L.B. Regt.,

"A" Squadron 12th L.B. Regt. will join the column just south of the Railway crossing near the Brigade camp.

The Squadron 12th L.B. Regt., taking over the GAKLI - GAKLI out-post line will leave MARAKH at 1700 on Y day and will water at GAKLI in the afternoon.

The Squadron 12th L.B. Regt., reporting to A.C.C., 74th Division will leave MARAKH at 1700 on Y day.

On arrival at GAKLI the Brigade will halt on the west bank and off saddle on receipt of orders from R.H.C., The Brigade will be ready to move from GAKLI at 0100 on Z day at which time the 4th L.B. Regt., will cross the Wadi CHAZZI and make its dispositions on the East bank as advanced guard. At 0100 the Brigade will move via KH EL BAR-KH KHASIF in order to make good the line KHIT ABU TAIN (exclusive) - EL KHOSAR-Hill 610 near E. of CULTIVATION (exclusive) by 0400 on Z-day. This line will be made good by 4th L.B. Regt., connecting up with the 12th L.B. Brigade on the right and with the 6th Brigade on the left.

14. Transport. One limber per Regiment and nine limbers per R.C. Squadron and water carts will parade at MARAKH west of 12th L.B. Regt's lines at 1500 on Y day whence they will move under orders of Lieut. Trevis to ARABAH to pick up the R.A.A. thence direct to GAKLI remaining on the west bank. Water carts will be filled on arrival at GAKLI.

Before moving from MARAKH all surplus stores and kit will be left in the present bivouacs in Unit dumps with the remainder of the Transport under Regimental Guards.

12th L.B. Regt., will be in charge of the Brigade details and area at MARAKH.

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BRIGADE ORDER No:-

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By

Brigadier General J.B.Meredith D.S.O.,  
Commanding 4th.L.H.Brigade.

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Reference 1/I25000

1. The Turkish Railway between ASLUJ and AUJA is to be destroyed. So far as is known at present there are no enemy troops South of BIR SABA. The enemy holds the line IMLIEH, 730, 770, 810, 820 as a line of observation. MAY 1917
2. The destruction of the Railway line is being carried out by:-  
(a) The Camel Brigade escorted by one Squadron Imp.Mtd.Div. from AUJA to 6 miles North of that place.  
(b) The Field Squadrons of both Mounted Divisions from ASLUJ up to 12 miles south of that place.
3. The I.C.C. Brigade with an escort of one Squadron Imperial Mtd. Div. move via RAFA on AUJA, to arrive at the latter place on Z day. The A & N.Z. Division with both Field Squadrons move as follows I Brigade and demolition squadrons to ASLUJ by 0400 on Z day. The rest of the Divisions via ESANI on KHALASA by 0400 on Z day whence it will throw out a protective line GOZ SHEIHILI - UM AJUA to watch the approaches from BIR SABA.
4. The role of the Imp.Mtd.Div. is to attract the attention of the enemy at BIR SABA from the raid on the Railway line.
5. The 4th.L.H.Brigade (less one Squadron IIth.Regt., and Field Troop) will water on the morning of Y day at MARAKEB and will move to bivouac at ABASAN EL KEBIR at 0900 in the following order,  
IIth.L.H.Regt., (less one Squadron) 0900  
B.H.Q., Signal Troop )  
Field Ambulance ) 0930  
Machine Gun Sqdn. )  
4th.L.H.Regt., 1000  
12th.L.H.Regt., 1030
- A Battery H.A.C., will move independently and will clear the crossing by 0930.
- (a) One Squadron IIth.Regt., will proceed to RAFA leaving MARAKEB at 1400 on X day, will water at RAFA and will bivouac there the night of X/Y day. This Squadron will move on Y day to a point called EL HABU on the TURCO-EGYPTIAN boundary 2 miles South of EL DEBBA where it will report to G.O.C., I.C.C., Brigade as escort and will arrive at the above point in time to leave there at 1800 on Y day with the I.C.C. Brigade.
- (b) One Squadron IIth.L.H.Regt., will leave ABASAN at 1300 on Y day and will move to EL GAMLI to take over the GHABI - GAMLI outpost line from A & N.Z. Division by 1600 on Y day.
- (c) One Squadron IIth.L.H.Regt., will leave ABASAN at 1300 on Y day and will report to G.O.C., -- Infantry Division at -- at 1600 on Y day and will carry out the usual patrolling in conjunction with the Divisional Squadron from point 510 ABU SHAWISH to SAUSAGE RIDGE on Z day.
6. To carry out its mission, the Division less one Regiment 4th. Brigade will advance against BIR SABA and will move at 1900 on Y day as follows:-  
(a) Divisional Headquarters will be established at Hill 680 GOZ LAKHLEILAT at 0400 on Z day.  
(b) 6th. Brigade via TEL EL FARA to make good the line 550', 2 miles East of GOZ EL BASAL, through IMSARI to BEIT ABU TAHA, East of KH. KHASIF by 0400 on Z day.  
(c) 4th. Brigade less IIth.L.H.Regt., via GAMLI to make good the line BEIT ABU TAHA exclusive - EL BUGGAR - Hill 680' near "u" of cultivation exclusive by 0400 on Z day.  
(d) 3rd. Brigade via GOZ MABRUK to make good the line Hill 680' (above) to RASHID BEK both inclusive by 0400 on Z day.  
(e) 5th. Brigade will move via EL GAMLI to the Q of OPEN one mile South of KH. KHASIF reaching that point at 0430 on Z day and will remain in reserve.  
Batteries will accompany their Brigades.  
A 60 pdr., Battery will be attached to the Division and will proceed



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via the TEL EL FARA - KARN road to FARA at 0430 from FARA on Z day, and will act under instructions from the C.R.A. Imp.Mounted Division.

7. The 4th.L.H.Brigade less IIth.L.H.Reg., will move from ABASAN EL KEBIR at 1900 on Y day to ELGAMLI in the following order:-

B.H.Q., Signal Troop.  
4th.L.H.Reg.,  
I2th.L.H.Reg.,  
M.G.Squadron.  
A Batt: H.A.C.,  
Field Ambulance (Mobile portion)

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The Brigade will move in close order line of Troop columns. The Brigade will be ready to move from GAMLI at 0100 on Z day at which time the 4th.L.H.Reg., will cross the Wadi CHUZZE and make its dispositions on the East bank as advanced guard. At 0130 the Brigade will move via KHEL FAR - KH KHASIF in order to make good the line BEIT ABU TAHA (exclusive) - EL BUGGAR -- Hill 680 near U. of CULTIVATION (Exclusive) by 0400 on Z day. This line will be made good by 4th.L.H.Reg., connecting up with the 3rd.L.H.Brigade on the right and with the 6th.Brigade on the left.

8. At 0415 the Brigade will advance. The 4th.L.H.Reg., will advance against the line 810-820 with its right flank on the SABA-TEL EL FARA road.

The Machine Gun Squadron will support this advance.

The I2th.L.H.Reg., will be in reserve. All units will act as boldly as possible and every opportunity will be taken to utilise the battery.

When this line has been made good the 4th.L.H.Reg., will halt and report its position at once, special attention will be paid to the maintenance of touch with Brigades on either flank.

Orders for further advance will be issued by Brigade Headquarters.

9. The Brigade will be prepared to be absent from bivouac for 48 hours.

10. The D.A.C. will move to FARA by 0500 on Z day and from thence, if necessary, will move to KARM under orders of C.R.A.,

11. Visual communication will be established as early as possible.

12. A Dressing station will be established at GAMLI at 0500 on Z day. Mobile portions of Field Ambulance will accompany their Brigades.

13. The 4th.L.H.Regiment will report its position at 0500 and thereafter hourly throughout the day.

14. Rations for Y day will be issued at ABASAN, for Z day at GAMLI.

All water carts will be filled at ABASAN and will proceed with transport.

All transport will parade at MARAKEB west of I2th.Regiment's bivouac on Y day at 0800 and, under orders of Lieut. Trewin will proceed to ABASAN. On leaving ABASAN only the following transport will be taken. One limber per Reg., and nine limbers per M.G.Squadron. Remainder will be left packed at ABASAN under a Brigade guard. All supplies surplus Kit and stores will be left under same Brigade guard as on transport.

On arrival of transport at ABASAN on Y day units will pick up the S.A.A. left at D.H.Q., by 1500. This S.A.A., will be carried.

15. Units will make full use of any water discovered for watering horses.

16. On receipt of orders to withdraw the 4th.L.H.Reg., will cover the withdrawal to GAMLI where the Brigade will bivouac for the night Z/ZI.

17. All ranks to travel as light as possible.

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

Date

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3. 4th.A.L.H.Reg.,

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5. I2th.A.L.H.Reg.,

6. 4th. Australian M.G. Sqn.,

7. "A" Batt: H.A.C.,

8. 4th.A.L.H. Field Ambulance.

9. 4th. Signal Troop and Brigade Headquarters.



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Headquarters

3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.  
4th. " "  
5th. Mounted Brigade.  
6th. " "  
C. R. A.  
General Staff.

O.C. Signal Squadron  
O.C. Field Squadron  
Camp Commandant  
O.C. A.S.C.  
S.S.O.  
O.C. 54th. Divisional Train.

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Reference Operation Order No. 21 of 15th. inst.,

1. On Y day rations and forage will be delivered under existing arrangements. The supplies will be on full scale except that preserved meat will be issued instead of fresh meat.

Supplies for 4th. A.L.H. Brigade will on above day be delivered at their new bivouacs at ABASAN at 0830.

2. Out of the above rations troops except:-

- (a) The Squadron 4th. A.L.H. Bde. proceeding to RAFA on X day
- (b) Field Squadron.
- (c) The 60pdr. Battery.

will carry on horse and man sufficient rations and forage for consumption on Z day.

The portion of the full ration (see para 1) that cannot be carried will remain in Brigade bivouacs and will be consumed on Z.1. day on return to ABASAN.

3. On Z day supplies will be on mobile scale and will remain on wheels at GAMLI until required. Brigades etc. will send on representatives in advance to draw rations.

4. The transport taking out supplies on Z day will carry two days supplies for itself.

5. Supplies for consumption on Z.2. day will be taken to ABASAN bivouacs on Z.1. day on full scale.

6. Reference para. 2:-

- (a) This Squadron will leave with current days supplies. The I.C.C. Brigade will carry Y and Z days.
- (b) Will carry 3 days supplies on Regimental transport.
- (c) Is independent of Divisional arrangements.

7. Hours of watering at ABASAN on Y day will be issued later.

18-5-17.

*A. A. & Q.M.G. Imperial Mounted Division*  
Lieut. Colonel.



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74th. DIVISION OPERATION ORDER No. 24.

by,  
Major-General E.S. Girdwood,  
Commanding 74th. Division.

Headquarters,  
74th. Division.  
18th. May 1917.

1.(a) The 158th. Infantry Brigade (less 2 Bns) will arrive at EL IZRAAIN on night 18/19th. May and will replace the Imperial Camel Brigade in the left Sector Desert Column Line on 19th. May.

(b) The line will be taken over, under arrangements to be made by B.G.C. concerned so as to ensure that the taking over is completed by 1730.

(c) The Hong Kong & Singapore Battery (less 1 Section) will remain covering the front of the 158th. Brigade.

(d) The Imperial Camel Brigade with 1 Section Hong Kong & Singapore Battery will march to RAFA at 1900 on 19th. inst.

2.(a) The Battalion on of Sikh Pioneers holding redoubts 7-8-9 & GOOCHBURY will be relieved by one Battalion of 101st. Grenadiers on 20th. inst. Hour to be arranged by B.G.C., 49th. Indian Infantry Brigade.

(b) One Battalion 101st. Grenadiers will take over the EL SH'AUTH works from 2nd. Light Horse Brigade at 1400 on 21st. inst under arrangements to be made by B.G.C. concerned.

(c) Two Battalions Sikh Pioneers will hold themselves in readiness to return to Railway construction after 1900 on 20th. inst.

3. On withdrawal of the Imperial Mtd. Division on 21st. inst, one squadron of that Division will occupy from 1600 that day, EL GHABI and the works joining that place with EL GAILI.

From 1600 21st. inst the patrolling in the Desert Column front will be carried out by 74th. Divisional Squadron, and one squadron to be detailed by Imperial Mounted Division. These two squadrons will carry out the duties of patrolling as follows:-

74th. Divnl. Squadron. By day.- Towards SAUSAGE RIDGE and KHIRBIT ERK.

By night - Standing patrols from Pt. 280 to the 300 contour S.W. of EL DAMATH inclusive.

Squadron Imp. Mtd. Div. By day - To Pt. 410 on W. THLEIH and to Pt. 510 ABU SHAWISH.

By night.- Standing patrols from 300 contour S.W. of EL DAMATH exclusive to the intersection of the 400 contour with the GOZ HABRUK - GAILI track.

*R. L. Allen*

Lieut-Colonel,  
General Staff.

7th. Division. E.E.F.

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Headquarters  
74th Division  
18th May 1917



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Here the capture of the Division  
General Brigade in the left Sector Desert Column Line on 18th May.  
The 18th Infantry Brigade (1st & 2nd) will arrive at EL GHALI on night 18/19th May and will replace the Imperial

(b) The line will be taken over, under arrangements to be made by B.G.C. concerned so as to ensure that the taking over is completed by 1730.

(c) The Hong Kong & Singapore Battery (1st & 2nd) will remain covering the front of the Brigade.

(d) The Imperial Camel Brigade with 1 Section Hong Kong & Singapore Battery will march to RABA at 1900 on 18th May.

(e) The Battalion on of Sikh Pioneers holding positions 7-8-9-10 GOCCHURRY will be relieved by one Battalion of 10th Indian Infantry on 20th May. How to be arranged by B.G.C., 4th Indian Infantry Brigade.

(f) One Battalion 10th Indian Infantry will take over the EL GHALI works from 2nd Light Horse Brigade at 1400 on 18th May under arrangements to be made by B.G.C. concerned.

(g) Two Battalions Sikh Pioneers will hold themselves in readiness to return to Railway construction after 1900 on 20th May.

3. On withdrawal of the Imperial Camel Division on 21st May, one Squadron of that Division will occupy from 1800 that day, EL GHALI and the works joining that place with EL GHALI.

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74th Div. Squadron. By day. - Towards SAUJAH RIDGE and KHIRBAT MUK. By night - Standing patrols from Pt. 280 to the 300 contour S.W. of EL DALATH inclusive.

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7. The DAC will remain at TEL EL FARA for the night
8. As Bdes pass KHASIF they will inform GOC 5th Bde.

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- 1) The Division will immediately withdraw to EL GAMLI, water there and bivouac on the West Bank of the wadi for the night. Units will return to their camp independently tomorrow morning.
2. Units will water at GAMLI in the following order  
~~3rd Bde~~ Signal Squadron  
 3rd Bde.  
 6th Bde  
 4th Bde.
3. Until the preceding unit has finished watering Bdes will remain on the East side of the wadi in entanglement.
4. 5th Bde will remain at KHASIF until the remainder of the Division has passed to the West of that place. It will then withdraw and water after 4th Bde.
5. Bivouac areas have been allotted by AADQM, to Staff Captains.
6. The 60 pr. Battery will return to TEL EL FARA

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Append 78.

G.O.C.,  
6th Mounted Brigade.  
4th A.L.H. Brigade.  
C.R.A.  
A.D.M.S.  
A.D.V.S.  
S.S.O.  
O.C., A.S.G.  
O.C., Signals.  
O.C., Field Squadron.  
A. & Q.



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1. On May 25th the following moves will take place :-
    - (a) 6th Mounted Brigade, less Battery, from ABASAN EL KEBIR to TEL EL MARAKES.
    - (b) The 4th A.L.H. Brigade, less Battery, from TEL EL MARAKES to ABASAN EL KEBIR to take over bivouac area of 6th Mounted Brigade.
  2. The move will take place after the morning watering.
  3. "A" Battery H.A.C. will remain in their present bivouac.
  4. All transport animals and drivers will accompany 6th Mounted Brigade to TEL EL MARAKES.
- S.A.A. will be off-loaded and will be dumped together with such vehicles as G.O.C. 6th Brigade does not desire to take, at Divisional Headquarters, under a small guard.
5. Rations for 6th Mounted Brigade will be delivered at TEL EL MARAKES, for 4th A.L.H. Brigade at ABASAN EL KEBIR.

Ration parties will be at bivouacs on May 25th to take over rations at a time to be notified later, ~~by tele~~

H. C. Shurel

23rd May 1917.

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Imperial Mounted Division.



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24th. May 1917.

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On the 25th. May the following move will take place. MAY 1917

1. ABASAN EL KEBIR and take over the bivouac area now occupied by the 6th. Brigade.
2. The Brigade will move in the following groups at the time stated:-

B.H.Q.,	Signal Troop,	}	1300.
Machine Gun Squadron,			
4th. L.H. Regt.,			1320.
11th. L.H. Regt.,			1340.
12th. L.H. Regt.,		}	1400.
Field Ambulance.			
3. Rations. Q.M's and parties will be at Supply dump 6th. M.T.D. Brigade ABASAN at 1200 to draw rations and will meet Staff Captain at same point at 1300, when bivouac areas will be allotted.
4. Guard. The 12th. L.H. Regt., will detail a party 1 Sgt., and 15 men to report to 4th. L.H. Brigade Supply Officer at 0630 at above supply dump to unload Brigade rations and guard them till issued.
5. Transport. All wheeled transport will parade between B.H.Q., and 11th. L.H. lines ready to move under orders of Lieut. Trewin at 1200.
6. Fanatis. Fanatis will be handed to N.C.O., i/c Water at drinking water reservoir by 1000 tomorrow.
7. All bivouacs will be left thoroughly clean.

NOTE.

No B.R.O's will be issued tonight.

FIELD OFFICER. CAPTAIN M.A. BROWN 12th. L.H. Regt.,

*Leadbetter*

Major,

Brigade Major,  
4th. Australian Light Horse Brigade.



Report on Operations of the 23<sup>rd</sup> May

MAY 1917

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The country in the vicinity of 810 & 820 and BEIT ABU TAHA is very undulating and of a stoney nature although the stones do not impede operations by mounted troops, old ruins are scattered widely in the area about the junction of SABA-FARA road and the black track through U in BEIT ABU TAHA owing to the stoney nature of the ground the Wadis have not made deep "cut aways" and all are passable for wheels. The country affords good approaches and cover for horses and men. Concealed Gun positions could be selected almost anywhere in this area.

The HANA FISH Wadi in its upper branches affords few obstacles as good crossings exist in many places.

The spur just East of V in CULTIVATION is a good observation point from which the camps at ABU IRGEIG and two miles W of BIR SABA can be seen. No direct observation could be obtained on the railway W of BIR SABA owing to the intervening ridge 910-790-650.

Points 810 and 820 are excellent observation posts which cover the approaches from the valley of the Wadi ELI SUFI.

Roads. The SABA-FARA road is well defined having about twelve deep ruts about 9 inches deep probably made by heavy guns during wet weather. The black track through ABU TAHA and the ABU SHAWISH road are well defined and are quite hard.

These roads could be strengthened by using the abundance of stone in the vicinity.

Enemy movements.

Small patrols were pushed back from EL BUGGAR to 810 and 820 where they were reinforced by about 150 mounted men. These were forced back from point 820 to 810 whence they were later driven off retiring to ridge 910-790.

Small parties of dismounted men numbering up to 200 were seen on this latter line. During the early part of the morning their mounted troops adopted a weak tactic in order to cover the dismounted retirement to the above line. Horsemen in pairs and even single horsemen would gallop forward but on the approach of our patrols within rifle range they would turn and gallop back. After occupying the 910-790 line the enemy did nothing in the way of counter moves and kept out of sight.

Crops. The crops were too thin to burn but 20 heaps about 2 waggon loads were burnt.

Watering Horses.

The Brigade was watered at 1600 on the 22nd. at MARAKEB also between 1400 and 1600 at cisterns about EL BUGGAR on 23rd. and at 0900 at MARAKEB on 24th.

Enemy Casualties.

4 killed.

1 wounded (handed to 3rd.L.H.Brigrade and afterwards died.)

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3rd Australian L.H. Brigade.  
4th Australian L.H. Brigade.  
6th Mounted Brigade.



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Forward report on operations of 23rd instant, by 1200 tomorrow without fail. Include:-

- report on country from GEHEIR, 730, 770, 810, 820, TAWELL EL HABARI, and any country reconnoitred further East.
- water found East of KHASIF;
- Details of crops destroyed;
- times your horses watered from leaving camp on 22nd to return to camp on 24th.
- Estimate of enemy casualties if any.

24th May, 1917.

*Amf. 4.5. 10.*  
Lieut. Col., G.S.,  
Imperial Mounted Division.

To/  
Headquarters,  
Imperial Mounted Division,

Secret.

A total of 7 cisterns as below were found by 4th.  
A.L.H. Brigade on 23rd instant.

Locality.	Description.	Actual water contained estimated approx:
1. At junction of track & Wadi just under T in Beit Abulaha.	Stone cistern.	8,000 galls.
2. East branch of WADI HANA FISH, 1/2 mile south of A in CULTIVATION.	Stone cistern.	200 "
3. " " "	" "	1,700 "
4. " " "	" "	650 "
5. " " "	" "	2,100 "
6. " " "	" "	2,400 "
7. 400 yards E of above group.	" "	2,060 "

Measurements are approximate only.

Ref. Map 1/125,000. REERSHEBA.

*for*  
Capt.,  
Staff Captain.  
for G.O.C., 4th. Australian Light Horse Brigade.



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DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 357

by  
Major-General H.V. Hodgson, C.V.O., C.B.  
Commanding Imperial Mounted Division.

Reference 1/125,000 map.

1/40,000 EL SHELLAL Sheet.

1. The Division will relieve the A. & N.Z. Mounted Division on the outpost line on May 28th.

The A. & N.Z. Mounted Division are moving to ABASAM EL KEBIR and TEL EL FARAH to take over the bivouac areas of this Division on that date.

2. To carry out the above relief the Division will move as follows:-

(a) The 4th A.L.F. Brigade will move to TEL EL FARA, so as to reach that place at 1000 and will take over the duty of patrolling in front of the Infantry line and to the South, from the M.Z.M.R. Brigade, by 1500 on the 28th day.

(b) One Regiment 5th Brigade will take over the EL CHABI work and works W, X, and Y, by 0900 from the 2nd L.H. Brigade.

(c) The 5th Brigade, less 1 Regiment, will move to the vicinity of TEL EL FARA so as to arrive there at 1130.

(d) The 3rd and 6th Brigades will move to the vicinity of SHELLAL so as to arrive at 1500 and 1500 respectively.

(e) Divisional Headquarters and Headquarters units will move to the vicinity of TEL EL FARA so as to arrive by 1200.

Batteries will accompany their Brigades.

3. Bivouac areas at the above mentioned places will be shown to representatives of Brigades on 27th day. The time and rendezvous will be notified direct to Brigades by the A.A. & Q.M.G.

4. The hours mentioned in para. 2 will be strictly adhered to.

5. Watering.

Divisional Headquarters, 4th, and 5th Brigades (less 1 Regiment 5th Brigade) will water at FARA.

The Regiment 5th Brigade, on the defence works, will water at GALLI. 3rd and 6th Brigades will water at SHELLAL.

6. Supplies on May 28th will be delivered to the new bivouac areas.

7. Present bivouac sites will be left clean and ready for immediate re-occupation. G.O's.C. Brigades will pay personal attention to this matter.

8. Divisional Headquarters will close at ABASAM EL KEBIR at 1000 and will re-open near TEL EL FARA at the same hour.

*H. C. Seward*  
Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Imperial Mounted Division.

Issued at 1500.  
26th May 1917.

Copies to:-

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| 1. 3rd Brigade.     | 9. A.D.V.S.      | 17. File.                |
| 2. 4th Brigade.     | 10. O.C., A.S.C. | 18. H.Q., Desert Column, |
| 3. 5th Brigade.     | 11. S.S.C.       | 19. 53rd Division.       |
| 4. 6th Brigade.     | 12. "A"          | 20. A. & N.Z. Ltd Divn.  |
| 5. G.R.A.           | 13. "Q"          | 21. Liaison Officer.     |
| 6. C.O., Ed. Sqdn.  | 14. C.O.C.       | 22. F.P.O., M.D.2.       |
| 7. C.O., S.M. Sqdn. | 15. War Diary.   | 23. I.C.C. Brigade.      |
| 8. A.D.V.S.         | 16. V.C. & M.    |                          |



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BRIGADE ORDER NO:-19

COPY NO:-

BY  
BRIGADIER GENERAL J.B.MEREDITH D.S.O.,  
Commanding  
4th.Australian Light Horse Brigade.

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Reference I/125,000 and I/40,000 EL SHELLAL Sheet.

- I. The Imperial Mounted Division will relieve the A.& N.Z. Mounted Division on the outpost line on May 28th.  
The A & N.Z.Mounted Division are moving to ABASAN EL KEBIR and TEL EL MARAKEB to take over the bivouac areas of this Division on that date.
2. To carry out the above relief the Division will move as follows
  - (a) The 4th.A.L.H.Brigade will move to TEL EL FARA, so as to reach that place at 1000 and will take over the duty of patrolling in front of the Infantry line and to the South, from the N.Z.M.R., Brigade, by 1300 on the 28th.May.
  - (b) One Regiment 5th.Brigade will take over the EL GHABI work and works W, X, and Y, by 0900 from the 2nd.L.H.Brigade.
  - (c) The 5th.Brigade, less one Regiment, will move to the vicinity of TEL EL FARA so as to arrive there at 1130.
  - (d) The 3rd. and 6th.Brigades will move to the vicinity of SHELLAL so as to arrive at 1300 and 1500 respectively.
  - (e) Divisional Headquarters and Headquarters Units will move to the vicinity of TEL EL FARA so as to arrive at 1200.  
Batteries will accompany their Brigades.
3. The 4th.L.H.Brigade will move to UM.URGAN via WELI SHEIKH NURAN as follows:-  
Starting point garden South of 12th.L.H.Reg., Time of starting 0730,  
Order of March:-
  - B.H.Q. & Signal Troop.
  - M.G.Squadron.
  - 4th.L.H.Reg.,
  - One Squadron 12th.L.H.Reg.,
  - 11th.L.H.Reg.,
  - "A"Batt: H.A.C.,
  - Field Ambulance.
  - Field Troop Engrs.,
4. 12th.L.H.Reg., (less one Squadron) will leave FUKHARI at 0700 and will take over the duty of patrolling in front of the Infantry line and to the South from the N.Z.M.R., Brigade by 1300 on the 28th.May.  
The 4th.L.H.Brigade will water at FARA.
5. Divisional Headquarters will close at ABASAN EL KEBIR at 1000 and will reopen near FARA at the same time.
6. Supplies. Supplies on the 28th.inst., will be drawn at FARA.  
Fanatis. All Fanatis in possession of Units will be handed over to B.H.Q., by 0600 28th.inst., to be passed to A & N.Z. Division.  
Drinking water will be drawn in water carts from the Wadi at new bivouac.  
Transport. All Transport will parade East of 12th.L.H.Reg., lines at 0730 and proceed to FARA under Lieut.Trewin.  
Bivouac parties. Bivouac parties will report to Staff Captain at B.H.Q., by 0630.  
Latrines. All Sanitary equipment will be taken.

Major,  
Brigade Major,  
4th.Australian Light Horse Brigade.

Issued at 1100.

Date 27th.May 1917.

Copies to:-

B.H.Q and Signal Troop.

4th.L.H.Reg.,

11th.L.H.Reg.,

12th.L.H.Reg.,

4th.L.H.Field Ambulance.

4th.M.G.Squadron.

9th.Mobile Vet:Section.

"A"Batt: H.A.C.,

4th.Field Troop Engrs.



G.O.C.,  
 3rd Australian L.H. Brigade.  
 — 4th Australian L.H. Brigade.  
 5th Mounted Brigade.  
 6th Mounted Brigade.  
 C.R.A.  
 Q.  
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The following vacancies for courses at the School of Instruction, ZEITOUN, are allotted.

Courses.	Officers.	O.R.	Date commencing.	Duration.
Officers General.	1.	-	4 - 6 - 17.	3 weeks.
Machine Gun, Vickers.	1.	-	4 - 6 - 17.	3 weeks.
Hotchkiss Gun, A.	1.	5.	4 - 6 - 17.	<sup>10 days</sup> <del>3 weeks</del> .
Hotchkiss Gun, B.	1.	4.	14 - 6 - 17.	10 days.
Vickers Tactical.	1.	1.	4 - 6 - 17.	3 weeks.
Bombing, B.	-	1.	14 - 6 - 17.	10 days.
Advanced Telephone.	-	-	4 - 6 - 17.	3 weeks.

1. Nominal rolls must reach this office by 1200 May 29th 1917.

2. All ranks attending will travel under the command of the Senior Officer or N.C.O. from each Brigade, who will report the arrival of his party at the orderly room of the school before 1700 on the day previous to the commencement of the course.

3. N.C.O's and men will be paid up-to-date before leaving their units and will go fully equipped with blankets, BUT WITHOUT AMMUNITION.

4. All ranks will return to their units on completion of their course, under train arrangements to be made by the Commandant of the school. No leave will be granted after the course.

*A Kawano*

Captain,  
 General Staff,  
 Imperial Mounted Division.

24th May 1917.



To/  
Headquarters,  
Imperial Mounted Division.

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Herewith Nominal Roll of Officers and other Ranks attending  
Schools ZEITOUN on the 4th. and 14th. June 1917.

*Leab Kempie* Major,  
Brigade Major,  
4th. Australian Light Horse Brigade.

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27th. May 1917.

Nominal Roll of Officers & other Ranks 4th. A.L.H. Brigade  
attending Schools ZEITOUN as follows:-

COURSE.	OFFICER & O/R.	UNIT.	Date COMMENCING.	DURATION.
Officers General.	2/Lt. W. J. Murray	12th. L.H. Regt.	4-6-17.	3 weeks.
Maxim Gun	Lt. J. H. Paterson	4th. M.G. Sqn.	4-6-17.	3 weeks.
Vickers.				
Hotchkiss	Lt. C. P. Stumm	11th. L.H. Regt.,	4-6-17.	10 days.
Gun A.				
" " " 917	Tpr. Barton V.	" " "	" " "	" "
" " " 1084	" Baxter J. W.	" " "	" " "	" "
" " " 187	" Stanford C. H.	12th. L.H. Regt.,	" " "	" "
" " " 906	" Dickson, T.	4th. L.H. Regt.,	" " "	" "
" " " 2018	" Gillies H.	" " "	" " "	" "
Hotchkiss	2/Lt. Coy F. W.	12th. L.H. Regt.,	14-6-17	10 days.
Gun B.				
" " " 366	L. Cpl. Pabst F. W.	" " "	" " "	" "
" " " 1420	Tpr. M'Carthy R. J.	" " "	" " "	" "
" " " 1520	" Rogers C. F.	11th. L.H. Regt.,	" " "	" "
" " " 1621	L/Cpl. McIntyre J. A.	4th. L.H. Regt.	" " "	" "
Vickers.	Lt. Gilmour K. W.	4th. M.G. Sqn.,	4-6-17	3 weeks.
Tactical.	680 Cpl. McDonald	" " "	" " "	" "
Bombing	470 L/Sgt. Norman J.	4th. L.H. Regt.,	14-6-17	10 days.
E.				

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The withdrawal will commence  
at 1730.

The Headquarters of the patrol line  
will be GOZ EL GELEIB.

All patrols will report all clear  
on 6th Avenue on reaching their  
objectives and before withdrawing.  
Patrols will send back information  
without delay.

An artillery Reconnaissance  
of the country NE & SE from 630  
EL GIRHEIR will be carried out  
tomorrow May 29<sup>th</sup>

One Regt 5<sup>th</sup> Bde is to make good  
the area Hill 550 West of EL GIRHEIR  
Hill 630 EL GIRHEIR as far South  
as KH KHASIF by 0800 on May 29<sup>th</sup>  
Covering troops are not to withdraw  
until orders are received by 65  
Division accompanying the reconnaissance

CO 4<sup>th</sup> LIT Regt will warn the outposts  
patrols

1430

Leahy, J. J.  
Brigade Major  
1430



Appen 84  
28<sup>th</sup> May

CO 4<sup>th</sup> LH Regt

The 4<sup>th</sup> LH Regt will supply the following patrols on the 29<sup>th</sup> May

- No 1. One Troop to GOZ MABRUK with forward patrols pushed in the direction of ESANI and GBO near T of LAKHEILAT
- No 2. One Troop to ~~GOZ~~ GOZ EL BASAL with patrols in the direction of KH KHATIF and point 570 East of BASAL
- No 3. One Troop to GOZ EL GELEIB
- No 4. One Troop in direction of 510 on ABU SHAWISH Road
- No 5. One Troop in direction of 410 on Wadi IMLEIH
- No 6. One Troop in direction of 300 and 340 KH IRBIT ERK

All patrols will have radio communication with 4<sup>th</sup> LH Bde at FARA

Patrols must complete the crossing of the road GHUZZE by 2600 and

will report all clear as quickly as possible to B HQ. ~~so~~ Brigade who are standing to with them be able to off saddle.

1800

Leah Morgan Major  
Brigade Major  
4<sup>th</sup> LH Bde

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Append 8-5

28<sup>th</sup> May

CO H<sup>th</sup> LIT Regt

The H<sup>th</sup> LIT Regt will find the following Night standing Patrols tonight 28/29 will be in position by 1930.  
Total Strength  
~~2 Officers 10 Ncos 30 men~~

2 Officers 10 Ncos 30 men

The Banding Patrols will be posted on all main Tracks about one mile East of wire of Infantry outer line. ~~every night~~ as follows.

Reference GAZA - SHELLAL 1/40000

- No 1. M H DC
- No 2. K 35 C
- No 3. K 17 BD
- No 4. K 10
- No 5. K 4

These Patrols will withdraw at daylight when they have completed and reported all clear. The Senior Officer

Enemy snipers concealed in crops exchanged shots with our patrol.  
Enemy movements on E bank of W IMLEIH at 1530 appeared to be a screen pushed forward on West Bank to cover the watering of probably a Regiment in the Wadi.

No 5 KIRBIT ERK

Mounted Posts pushed forward to cover harvesting on West Bank opposite point 340 to point opposite 310. These posts & parties withdrew at 1630

support  
No 6. Patrol to 550 from Troop stationed at 602 EL CELEIB

3 Lats camels about 50 each proceeded in S direction across the front about 4 miles distant accompanied by about 60 enemy mounted troops about 60 enemy mounted were seen near Point 630 who followed our patrol in during withdrawal for a distance of 2 miles.

During withdrawal enemy aeroplane opened fire on support troops at 602 EL CELEIB. One Horse Killed.

Left Gaza 29/5

28 MAY 1917

6/10/60



Appen 86

HQ Imperial Force Division 29<sup>th</sup> May

Patrol Report for 28<sup>th</sup> May.

No.1. GOZ MABRUK. Enemy posts pushed forward apparently covering harvesting parties (a few laden camels were seen) about 3 miles SE of GOZ MABRUK. At 1400 eight enemy cavalry moved over 3 miles SE of MABRUK one of them left the party and surrendered 1/2 hours later.

No.2. GOZ EL BASAL. At 1200 two bodies of cavalry about 50 each seen near EL BOGGAR moved E out of sight. Our patrol at KARM sighted 2 troop cavalry and Bedouins near ABU THAH. Shots were exchanged & they occupied KARM when our patrol withdrew.

No.3. Point 510 ABU SHAWISH. Enemy movements on E Bank of Wadi IMLEIH at point about 410 included troops apparently watering and considerable wheel draughts along the SABAH - GAZA road.

No.4. Pom 410. Enemy posts pushed forward covering harvesting parties at point on west bank of W IMLEIH opposite 410.

# MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.

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TO

MOUJ DIV

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Sender's Number.

Day of Month.

In reply to Number.

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\*BM 297

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GOZ	MABRUK	clear	aaa	510
410	and	KHIRBIT	ERK	patrols
all	in	touch	with	enemy
aaa	Advanced	patrols	reached	within
100	yards	of	Wadi	IMLEIH
and	retired	under	heavy	MG
fire	aaa	enemy	guns	shelled
patrols	aaa	Railway	viaduct	and
Train	visible	aaa	about	600
infantry	and	Regiment	cavalry	are
unhacking	down	to	Wadi	IMLEIH
Armed	0735	aaa	510	patrol
in	touch	with	5"	Bde

From

Place

Time

The above may be forwarded as now corrected.

(Z)

Censor.

Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

\* This line should be erased if not required.

750,000. W 2186-M509. H. W. & V., Ltd. 6/16.

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MAY 1917

Secret

23rd May 1917.

Reference Night Standing Patrols & Day Patrols.

1. IN DAY. (a) Brigade will stand to arms 0350. Horses to be saddled up and all units ready to move at a moments notice.  
(b) The Regiment supplying the Patrols will be ready to move out to support the outpost troops in the event of any local attack. Should the enemy advance in force the outpost Brigade will be prepared to move out and delay his advance as long as possible and if forced to withdraw will do so to the South so as to clear the front of the Infantry Battle Line. Only such troops as are actually forced to do so falling back through the gaps in the wire.  
(c) Day Patrols will leave the WAREHOUSE by 0600 and pass through the night standing patrols.
2. IN NIGHT. Another standing patrol will be posted on the junction of trench East of IN GULL.  
At 0500 the Night standing patrols will push forward 2 miles to ascertain if all is clear, when a report will be sent at once in the quickest manner to Brigade Headquarters. If all is clear the Night standing patrols will withdraw.

*Leab Tenzie*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
4th Australian Light Horse Brigade.



(Copy)

Reference GAZA-SHELLAL 1/40,000

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MAY 1917

Night Standing Patrols and Day Patrols

Until further orders the following are the night standing Patrols and Day Patrols supplied by the 4th A.L.H. Brigade.

1. Night Standing Patrols Total strength 2 Officers, 10 N.C.Os and 50 men, forming 5 posts which must be in position by 1930. These patrols will be posted on all main Tracks about 1 mile East of the wire of Infantry outer line as follows:

- No. 1. M 11 D C
- 2. K 35 C
- 3. K 17 B D
- 4. K 10
- 5. K 4

These patrols will report to the Infantry as they pass through the line. They will withdraw at daylight when they have ascertained that all is clear. The Senior Officer will collect all clear reports from Patrols in the quickest manner and will then report all clear to Brigade Headquarters as soon as possible so as this report can be sent to Brigades which are standing to.

Reference BEERSHEEBA 1/125,000

2. Day Patrols

- No:-1. One troop to GOZ MABRUK with forward patrols pushed forward in the direction of ESANI and 680 near T of LAKHLEILAT.  
No:-2. One troop to GOZ EL ~~XXXXXXXX~~ BASAL with patrols in the direction of KH KHASIF and point 550 East of BASAL.

No:-3. One troop to GOZ EL GELEIB.

4. One troop in direction of ~~XX~~ 510 on ABU SHAWISH Road.

5. One troop in direction of 410 on WADI IMLEIH.

6. One troop in direction of 300 and 340 KHIRBIT ERK.

All patrols will have Helio communication with 4th L.H. Brigade on FARA. Patrols must complete the crossing of the Wadi GHUZZE by and the withdrawal will commence at 1730.

All patrols will report all clear or otherwise on reaching their objectives and before withdrawing. Information will be sent back without delay.

The squadron leader accompanying the patrols will visit all patrols during the day (except) GOZ MABRUK in order to be conversant with all reports sent back to 4th L.H. Brigade. He will see that the withdrawal is made simultaneously, that lateral communication is maintained and that patrols are working in their correct areas. He will submit a report by 2000 to B.H.Q. giving patrol reports separately and a general report.

The remainder of the Regiment supplying the patrols will be ready to support the patrol line throughout the day if ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ necessity arises.

(Signed) K.A. McKenzie Major

Brigade Major

4th Australian Light Horse Brigade.

29 May 1917.

Time Patrols cross Wadi GHUZZE will be notified later.



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3rd Australian L.H. Brigade.  
— 4th Australian L.H. Brigade.  
5th Mounted Brigade.  
6th Mounted Brigade.  
H.Q., Desert Column.  
G.O.C., 53rd Division.

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G.S.Z/220.



With reference to para. 1 (c) of G.S.Z/213 dated 29th May 1917, the second sub-para. should be deleted commencing "Should the enemy advance in force" down to "falling back through the gaps in the wire".

*Substitute:-*

The action of the Outpost Brigade in event of an enemy attack in force will be, to concentrate as far as possible on the line IM SIRI - EL BUGGAR, from which line they will co-operate with the Brigade from ESANI in order to ascertain the strength of the enemy, determine his real line of attack, and locate his left flank.

Once the real line of advance of the enemy has been ascertained, the front of the Infantry will be cleared, and the Mounted Troops will continue operations against the enemy's left flank.

" Para. 1 (d) second sub-para. "The duty of this Brigade" to "flank of outpost Brigade" should be deleted.

*Substitute -*

In event of an attack in force by the enemy this Brigade will proceed to BIR EL ESANI and will co-operate with the outpost Brigade in reconnoitring the enemy's advance, *and* locating his left flank, and will remain in action against it.

*H. C. S. D. and*

31st May 1917.

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Imperial Mounted Division.

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Reference 1/125,000 map.

The outpost Brigade will carry out the following duties.

1. By day.

(a) 0330.

Brigade stands to arms. Horses to be saddled up and Brigade will be in readiness to move at a moment's notice. As soon as all clear report is received from night standing patrols Brigade will fall out.

(b) On receipt of all clear or at 0400 day outposts will proceed to relieve night standing patrols, and will take up a line of observation through KH. UM RIJL, Hill 280' on WADI SHARIA, Hill 300' on ABU SHAWISH Road, GOZ EL GELEIB, GOZ EL BASAL, GOZ MABRUK.

Patrols being pushed well forward towards the Wadis SHARIA and IMLEIH, Point 510 ABU SHAWISH Road, Hill 550 and KH. KHASIF, and Hill 680 GOZ LAKHEILAT.

(c) A proportion of the Brigade will be held in readiness to move out to support the outposts troops in event of any local attack.

Should the enemy advance in force, the Outpost Brigade will be prepared to move out and delay his advance as long as possible, and if forced to withdraw will do so to the South so as to clear the front of the Infantry Battle line. Only such troops as are actually forced to do so falling back through the gaps in the wire.

(d) A second Brigade will also stand to at 0330 daily and will await the "all clear" report from the night standing patrols before falling out. This report will be communicated direct to this Brigade by the Outpost Brigade and by the Brigade holding the X, Y, and Z works, in addition to informing the Division.

The duty of this Brigade in event of attack is to proceed to BIR EL ESANI and from there to locate the enemy's left flank, keeping in touch with it and also if necessary supporting the right flank of the outpost Brigade.

If forced back from ESANI this Brigade will withdraw to the N.W. so as to clear Z work. (EL GHABI)

2. By night.

The outpost Brigade will find standing patrols (strength not less than 1 N.C.O. and 6 troopers) to proceed about 1 mile East of the barbed wire in front of the Infantry line on the tracks leading East near EL HADILI.

EL DAMMATH.

EL IMARA.

Junction of tracks E. of UM URGAN.

400 contour East of TEL EL FARA.

The junction of tracks East of GAMLI.

The Brigade supplying the Regiment holding works X, Y, and Z, will push forward standing patrols S. & S.E. 1 mile in front of the line of works GHABI - GAMLI and will also patrol the WADI SHANAG.

Night patrols will be posted after dusk; at 1 hour before dawn they will push forward 2 miles and on their return will report all clear or otherwise to their Brigades.

H. C. S. Barol

Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff

Imperial Mounted Division.

29th May 1917.



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3rd Australian L.H. Brigade,  
4th Australian L.H. Brigade.  
74th Division.  
53rd Division.  
Desert Column.  
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1. Patrols report the presence of 100-150 enemy troops about the White Tomb at EL MAGAM EVERY day, and also small hostile parties at KH.ERK.
2. These troops will be rounded up on May 31st.
3. One Regiment and one section M.G. Squadron, 3rd Australian L.H. Brigade will move via JEMMI to the junction of the W. SIHAN and W. MUNKHEILEH on the night of 30th/31st leaving their bivouac at 1900, and will occupy EL MUNKHEILEH at 0230. 31  
31 At 0400 the regiment will advance via the W. EL BAHA against ~~XXXXXXXX~~ EL MAGAM.  
One regiment 3rd Australian L.H. Brigade will move from SHELLAL at 0300 and will advance via EL NAGILI on KH ERK and Hill 310' on the WADI SHARIA.  
As soon as EL MAGAM has been cleared of the enemy the regiment operating against that point will co-operate in the advance against KH.ERK.
4. G.O.C. 74th Division is placing a guide at the disposal of G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade, who will lead the regiment through the Infantry line near MUNKHEILEH.  
The Divisional Squadron 74th Division is co-operating on the left of the Regiment acting against EL MAGAM.
5. On conclusion of the operations the regiments of the 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will withdraw through the outposts to their bivouacs.  
A Divisional Signal Station will be established on TEL EL FARA from 0330 on 31st.

H. C. Sward

Lieut-Colonel, G.S.,  
Imperial Mounted Division.

29th May, 1917.

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G.O.C.,  
5th Mounted Brigade.  
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.  
4th A.L.H. Brigade.  
H.Q., Desert Column.  
G.O.C., 53rd Division.  
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Appen 91

1. On June 1st the Army and Column Commanders will ride from ESANI to GOZ LAKHLEILAT.
2. The Division will make good the line GOZ EL BASAL - IM SIRI - BEIT ABU TAHA - EL BUGGAR - RASHID BEK - TEL ITWEIL by 0800 on that day.
3. (a) The 5th Mounted Brigade, less 1 Regiment, will make good the line TEL ITWEIL - RASHID BEK to KHOR EL AJRAM inclusive by that hour.  
(b) The 6th Mounted Brigade, less Battery, will make good the line KHOR EL AJRAM(exclusive) - EL BUGGAR - BEIT ABU TAHA - IM SIRI to GOZ EL BASAL by that hour.
4. The reconnaissance will probably be completed by 1200.
5. Divisional Headquarters will be established at ESANI by 0815.

M. C. Swarth  
Lieutenant-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
Imperial Mounted Division.

29th May 1917.

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REPORT OF PATROLS

29th May 1917.

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Patrol No: 1. Patrolled to GOZ HADRIK with forward patrols in the direction of KRAH and 680 near Y of LAKHILAT. No enemy seen.  
Patrol No: 2. Patrolled to GOZ BASAL with patrols in the direction of KH KHASIF and point 550 E of BASAL.

Enemy patrol of 8 mounted men seen on the sky line but did not come in contact.

Patrol No: 3. Patrolled to GOZ EL GHILIB. About 500 Bedouins and Turks seen moving from about A of ABU SHAWISH road to point 410. These people had about 500 camels and donkeys, and I think had been harvesting.

Patrol No: 4. This patrol reached a point 510 ABU SHAWISH road and an advance patrol to a point between 520 and the I in IFEIS. This patrol reports a redoubt (small) in WADI IMLEIN north of Q in 520. Barbed wire and trenches running along Northern bank same WADI from HIR IFEIS to 410 (North of H in IMLEIN.) A viaduct visible across small branch of WADI IMLEIN North of E in HIR IFEIS. A train was seen moving at ABU HAREIRA.

About a Regiment of Cavalry and 500 Infantry moved from 520 on telegraph line to WADI at point 520 North of IFEIS.

Troops and transport moving E. East along WADI EL SHARIA. Estimated strength 1500 to 2000.

Enemy artillery opened up from about point 520 on telegraph line.

Patrol No: 5. Reached a point about the Q in CULTIVATION between WADI IMLEIN and ABU SHAWISH road with advanced patrol to within 400 yds. of WADI but could get no further for rifle and Machine Gun fire from about H in WADI IMLEIN.

Patrol No: 6. Reached a point about Y in CULTIVATION between Wadi IMLEIN and ABU SHAWISH road. Met 8 mounted Turks here who left a note on post. Advanced patrols towards 510 reached within 200 yds., of WADI and met heavy rifle fire and could go no further.

About 200 Turks on horses and camels came from out the WADI in several places and after about half an hours rifle fire, retired back to WADI. No water or roads crossing WADI seen.

During the day two horses wounded.

*Leah Denry*

Major.

Brigade Major.

4th. Australian Light Horse Brigade.

Ref Patrol No 4. The officer of PATROL appears quite clear in his report of the viaduct but states that the train which ran SE from direction of HAREIRA did not appear to pass over the viaduct. From his description it would appear that the loop line ran from SHARIF in direction of HAREIRA thence SE towards ABU IRGEIG as is shown in the old position of the railway on JERUSALEM 1/250,000 map.

*LSD*

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all	clear	0610	aaa	Enemy	
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NO:-1 GOZ HARRUK All clear at 0630 at ESANI and 680. During the day a few shots were exchanged with small patrols near RASITID HEK and snipers prevented our patrols from watering at ESANI. E 40/69  
No:-2. GOZ EL BASAL. Patrol to 550 N of IM SIRI and in direction of KH KHASIF At 1430 enemy strength ~~approximately 120~~ approached from KH IMLEIH. About 60 enemy cavalry and camelry were grazing on slope of 630 EL GIRHEIR. Enemy attempted to work round our post on 550 and one ~~troop~~ enemy troop galloped against our post of 8 men on 550. A volley of 5 rounds rifle fire were fired and our post was then forced to retire to GOZ EL BASAL. Enemy did not advance further but concentrated on slopes of Hill 630 with a forward post of about 50 on Hill 550 W of 630. About 50 enemy cavalry and camelry moved from TAHA in BEIT ABU TAHA to junction of tracks S W of 630 EL GIRHEIR. Our two patrols at GOZ EL GELEIB was sent up to reinforce the line between GOZ EL BASAL and point 510 on ABU SHAWISH road. Hotchkiss Gun fire was opened on enemy who galloped off. Enemy then became less active and a proportion retired. MAY 1917  
No:-3. GOZ EL GELEIB. Reinforced No:-2 patrol between GOZ EL BASAL and 510.

No:-4 patrol. Fired at by small party just before reaching 510 Enemy observation post on Hill 630 strength 8 men. A railway bridge 6 spans was seen on a bearing 65° from point 510 which crossed branch Wadi N of BIR IFLEIS. a train of 7 trucks passed over at 1430.

No:-5 Patrol. Reached A in ABU SHAWISH Working parties protected by small parties of cavalry and camelry were seen S of WADI IMLEIH. A forward patrol towards 410 reports a strong redoubt at 410. Patrol was driven back by rifle fire. Heavy M.G. Fire probably practice was heard throughout the morning. A train was seen moving S E from direction of HAREIRA.

No:-6 Patrol. Reached Hill 300 and pursued two enemy patrols to within about 500 of WADI SHERIA where our patrol was driven off by enemy strength 70 cavalry and camelry who were covering harvesting parties S of WADI. In vicinity of KH ERK and between ERK and BAIKET EL SANA about 12 tents were seen.

The unusual activity in the area 630 EL GIRHEIR and W IM SIRI was apparently made in order to clear the western slopes of 630 and 720 for working parties to collect the crops and to gain the water in the vicinity of BEIT ABU TAHA.

*H. Alexander* Major,  
for. Brigade Major,  
4th. Australian Light Horse Brigade.

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- 3rd Australian L.H. Brigade.
- 4th Australian L.H. Brigade.
- 5th Mounted Brigade.
- 6th Mounted Brigade.

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Two 10 day Officers Courses in Night Marching and Compass Work will be held at ZEITOUN commencing June 4th and 14th respectively.

The following vacancies are allotted:-

3rd Brigade	1st Course	2	2nd Course	1
4th Brigade	1st Course	1	2nd Course	2
5th Brigade	1st Course	1	2nd Course	2
6th Brigade	1st Course	2	2nd Course	1

Nominal rolls will reach this Office by 1200 June 1st and 11th.

Officers will report to the School by 1800 the day previous to the commencement of the Course and will return to their Unit on the completion. No leave will be granted after the Course.

A Kavanagh

29th May, 1917.

Captain, G.S,  
Imperial Mounted Division.



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The following vacancies are allotted.

4th.L.H.Reg.	Ist.course	I	Officer.
11th.L.H.Reg.	2nd.	"	I "
12th.L.H.Reg.	2nd.	"	I "

Officers to be Squadron Leaders.

Nominal rolls will reach this Office by 1200 tomorrow

30th.May.

Officers will report to the School by 1800 the day previous to the commencement of the course and will return to their Units on the completion. No leave will be granted after the course.

Major,

Brigade Major,

4th.Australian Light Horse Brigade.

29th.May 1917.

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Major,

Brigade Major,

4th.Australian Light Horse Brigade.

29th.May 1917.

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Append 95

Headquarters - Imperial Mounted Division.

The following Officers have been selected to attend courses in Night Marching and Compass work, at ZEITOUN.

1st Course. Commencing 4/6/17.  
Major J. LAWSON. 4th A.L.H. Regiment.

2nd Course. Commencing 14/6/17.  
Captain M.A. BROWN. 12th A.L.H. Regiment.  
Captain C.A.R. MUNRO. 11th " "

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C. A. R. Munro . . . . . Major.

Brigade Major.

31st May. 1917.

4th Aust: Light Horse Brigade.

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C. A. R. Munro . . . . . Major.

Brigade Major.

31st May. 1917.

4th Aust: Light Horse Brigade.