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

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4th H. L. H. Bde.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL TARRA 1st	JUNE	0830	Brigade stood to arms. 4 th L.H. Regt supplied Day Patrols	
		0500	Night standing Patrols reported all clear	Appen 96
		0700	Day Patrol report for 31 st May sent to D.H.Q.	
		1730	Patrols report all clear before withdrawing. orders issued to 11 th L.H. Regt for patrols for 2 nd .	
2nd		0330	stand to. Explosion at KH KHATSIIF	
		0500	all clear.	Appen 97
		0700	Day Patrol Report for 1 st June sent to D.H.Q.	Appen 98
			orders detailing Role of outpost Brigade issued to units.	
		1730	Day patrols report all clear	Appen 99
		2100	orders issued for reconnaissance to take place on the 3 rd June to locate the explosion which occurred on the morning	Appen 100
3rd		0330	Patrol report for the day sent to D.H.Q. 4 officers 6 other ranks proceeded to ZEITOUN. School of instruction stand to. 12 th L.H. Regt (less one Squadron) one Squadron 4 th L.H. Regt and 2 Sections M.G. Sqn moved out to locate explosion.	
		0545	advanced guard got in touch with a drop enemy cavalry near KARM in a thick fog. Enemy were pushed back to the line 730-810-820 which they held with 2 Squadrons cavalry, 200 infantry at 0930. The large crater at KH KHATSIIF had been blown up but no material damage was done. The Regiment withdrew except for the daily patrols orders renewed for 6 th Bde to take over the duties of outpost Bde from 4 th L.H. Bde at 1900 on the 4 th June. Brigade order issued	Appen 101
		1745	Day Patrols report all clear.	

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TEL EL FARA	JUNE			
	4 th	0330	Stand to. 11 th L H Regt supplied Day Patrols.	
		0500	Night Standing Patrols reported "all clear."	
		1800	Day Patrols report "all clear" before withdrawing.	
	5 th		Brigade in reserves.	
	6 th		Major MCKENZIE, K.M. Brigade Major proceeded on leave. Major ALEXANDER, L.S. ap Bde Major.	
	7 th		Orders received from D. H.Q. for reconnaissance on 9 th inst.	appen 102
	8 th		Orders issued for reconnaissance on 9 th inst.	appen 103.
	9 th	0830	Brigade occupied line of 700 contour. S. SE. E and NE of ESANI.	
			Advanced patrol drove out 12 enemy mounted from KARIM and 20 mounted men from RASHID. BEK who retired in an Easterly direction.	
		0945	70 mounted men and 10 camel men seen 2 miles S.E. of RASHID. BEK.	
		1145	Orders issued to withdraw.	
		1530	Brigade arrived FARA. enemy did not attempt to get in close touch. no casualties. 2 Bedouins (unarmed) were brought in. They had in their possession 17 detonators & fuses of British manufacture. 8 bags grain destroyed.	
	10 th		Orders received ^{given} Brigade in support to Outpost Brigade.	appen 104
	11 th		Gas demonstrations by Brigade Gas Officer to Regiments.	
			Orders received for reconnaissance on 13 th inst.	appen 104A
	12 th	0330	Stand to.	
		0435	"all clear" received from 3 rd ALH Bde.	

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TEL-EL-FARA	JUNE 12 th	1200	Orders for reconnaissance on 13 th issued	Appen 105
		1430	Order received altering date of reconnaissance to 14 th inst. after order issued to all units	Appen 106
			3 officers & 5 other ranks proceeded to School of Instruction	Appen 107
			4 th LH Regt carried out firing practice with Hotchkiss guns.	
	13 th	0330	Stand to.	
		0435	"all clear" received from 3 rd A. LH Bde	
			11 th LH Regt carried out Hotchkiss gun practice	
	14 th	0330	Stand to.	
		0600	all clear received from 3 rd A. LH Bde	
		1000	Brigade Major reported back to duty from leave	
			The Brigade moved out to cover the reconnaissance and made good	
			The line Hill 680 - EL BUGGAR - Hill 720. Very little opposition. Enemy	
			forces were disposed as a screen 1 1/2 miles to E of above line numbering	
			about 100-200 men. 2 Prisoners brought in.	
			Brigade completed the withdrawal to Wadi GHUZZE.	
	15 th	2000	Conference of Brigade Commanders at Divisional Headquarters.	
		1100	Subject minor operations. It was decided to operate against the	
			enemy's patrols with squadrons and smaller formations owing to	
			the heat and the fact that larger formations were too	
			visible and gained little result for the corresponding wastage	
			of horse flesh etc.	

Edw Kenzie Major

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL 043 FARRA	June			
	16		Nil	Appen 106
	17		Nil	Appen 107
	18		Brigade ceased "stand to". Orders issued for all units to be in readiness to march out at half an hour's notice.	
			List of Officers and other ranks submitted for special award and mention in Despatches for services rendered during the period 1 st March to 31 st May 1917.	Appen 108.
	20		Syllabus of Training commenced. 1 st week devoted to Troop Training in all branches of Musketry.	Appen 109
	22		New code of Vex signals issued	Appen 110
	23		Divisional order No 1 received. Brigade order No 20 issued	Appen 111
			Orders received to relieve the 5 th Bde on outpost duties by 1900 on the 24 th	
	24	1930	Night standing patrols in position as detailed in Brigade orders for outpost duties.	Appen 112
			6 patrols of 2 NCOs and 6 men posted under command of 2 Officers	
			6 th Bde order received with reference to a drive to be made against all Tanks west of the general line 720 - EL BUGGAR - RASID BEK.	
			Divisional instructions received for one Squadron 4 th LH Bde	

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TELE EL FARA	JUNE			
	24		<p>To occupy the line IFTEIS - KHIRBIT - BIR EL GIRHEIR by 0345 on the 25th to protect the left flank of 5th Bde as it swung round Point 630. After the drive reached N & S line through KARM this Squadron was to withdraw if all was clear.</p> <p>Brigade instructions issued to 4th LH Regt.</p> <p>Divisional order No 2 received</p>	<p>Appen 113</p> <p>Appen 114</p>
	25	0030	4 th LH Regt left Bivouac crossed Wadi GHUZZE and occupied the patrol line 602 MIZBRUK 602 EL BATIAL 510 by 0400	
		0330	1 section RHA escorted by 2 troops 4 th LH Regt left Wadi & proceeded to Point 510.	
		0445	Sqn 4 th LH Regt made good line 420 - KHIRBIT - BIR EL GIRHEIR with little opposition	
		1020	4 th LH report drive finished. One man killed & one seriously wounded at 510 by shell fire. One prisoner captured	
		1330	Yeomanry post on 300 threatened by about 100 cavalry. a support troop was sent to assist from 4 th LH Regt. Enemy retired to Wadi INLEIH.	
		1830	Day Patrols report all clear.	
		1930	Night standing patrols in position	

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TEL EL FARA	JUNE 26		<p>Instructions re escort to Battery and Operation for 3rd Bde issued on 25th cancelled</p> <p>Further instructions for outposts issued</p> <p>Instructions received to protect the left flank of 2nd A.L.H Bde at ESANI who were getting in 2 aeroplanes which made forced landings on 25.</p> <p>Bde instructions issued. 2 Sqn of 4th A.L.H Regt to make good the line Eastern 680 to the ^{left} of 3rd Bde near RASHID BEK</p> <p>Two extra troops put in reserve at 602 EL GELEIB to the outpost line</p> <p>1845 Patrols reported all clear.</p> <p>Patrol report for the 26th time</p> <p>Night standing patrols report all clear</p> <p>0440 0930 GOC visited outpost line.</p> <p>Divisional instructions for operation against enemy at KHIRBIT. ERH received.</p> <p>Bde instructions issued. 11th A.L.H Regt (less 2 troops) to carry out the operation</p> <p>1900 1930 Orders for outpost for 28th issued</p> <p>Night standing patrols report all clear</p>	<p>Appen 119 115</p> <p>Appen 120</p> <p>Appen 121</p> <p>Appen 122</p> <p>Appen 123</p> <p>Appen 124</p> <p>Appen 125</p>

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TEL EL FARA	28 June	0120	11 th LH Regt Notts Batt & 3 sections MG Sqn. left FARA and took up concealed position between NAGILI and Tibo Tree Hill by 0330. DLO Yeomanry Post occupied Hill 300. The enemy however made no counter move. Regt remained in position till 1400 & withdrew to camp.	
		0420	Patrol report for the 27 th . Very little movement. Two enemy droops demonstrated against left of 4 th LH Regt at Eastern 680. Two parties of 50 and 30 of enemy cavalry in vicinity of KHIRBIT.	Appen 126
		0445	Night standing patrols report all clear. Very little movement in the enemy's lines.	
		1930	Night standing patrols in position.	
	29.	0500	all clear.	
		0615	Patrol Report for the 28 th	Appen 127
		0600.	Enemy battery shelling BIR IFLEIS	
		0800	50 Enemy Cavalry took up position 2000 yards SE KARM and fired on KARM.	
		1215	Point 630 occupied by 100 enemy. Divisional Operation Order No 3 received for a reconnaissance of the BIR SITBA defences and a survey of FARA - SITBA district on 3rd July.	
		1850	Day Patrols report all clear	

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TEL EL FARA	June 29	1930	Night standing Patrols in Position.	
	30	0425	all clear. Day Patrol report for 29 th	Appen 128
		1145 1300	about 80 enemy occupied KHASIF.	
			Proposal for minor operation for 1 st July submitted to Divisional HQs and approved.	Appen 129.
			Instructions to units re operation to be carried out against the enemy at KHASIF, on the 1 st July	Appen 130
		1900	Brigade operation order No 21 and special instructions for the Reconnaissance on July 3 rd	Appen 131
			Parties for school 2 EITOWN left for KANTARA	
			Staff Captain & BVO. proceeded on leave.	
		2100	Patrol Report for 30 th June.	Appen 132

Edw Henry Major
Brigade Major
4th LH Bde

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— 4th A.L.H. Brigade —

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No 4. There was much Traffic along The bed of Wadi IMLEH and on The main road. Defences appeared to be 1st line along Wadi IMLEH. No extensive work could be seen.
2nd line. The main trenches appeared to extend from spur between 410 and 420 along The forward slopes of 520 - 540 - 550.
3rd line. Large redoubts could be seen along the crest of the ridge 420 520 - 540. No mine entanglements could be seen. The day was hazy.

No 5. Reached the second line in CULTIVATION in The direction 410. advanced patrol got within 300 yards of Wadi and were fired on. Country very open. Enemy patrol of 15 protecting Bedouins harvesting were moving on South side of Wadi.

No 6. Reached Hill 300. Little activity. a few Bedouins harvesting on South side of Wadi.

0500
1st JUNE

Leah George May
Brigade Major
4th L.A. Bde

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Day Patrol Report for 31st May

No 1. GOZ MABRUK. Very little activity. about 20 enemy between 680 SW of EL BUCCAR and RASHID BEK were seen throughout The day.

No 2. GOZ EL BASAL. Enemy post on Hill 630 worked forward towards 550 to cover working party of about 80 Bedouins. Strength of post 30 cavalry.

No 3. GOZ EL GELIB. Patrols pushed forward to 550 to prevent enemy post on 630 from working round No 2 Patrol.

No 4. Reached Hill 510 at 0530. Patrol pushed forward reached IFTAIS from where the bridge over branch wadi could be seen. When haze cleared the bridge appeared to be of recent construction. No traffic passed over during the day. This post fired on from 630. At 1100 20 cavalry moved towards Hill 550 to cover working party seen by No 2 Patrol.

From IFTAIS a good view can be obtained of the HADREIRA - SABRA road. Large bivouacs are scattered about from The Wadi to The Hills 520 540 - 550.

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2nd JUNE

Patrol Report for 1st JUNE.

No 1. GOZ MABRUK. ESANI and Hill 680. No enemy seen.

No 2. GOZ EL BASAL. KH KHASIF and 550. No enemy seen.

No 3. GOZ EL GELEIB. Patrol pushed out through 550 towards 630 from which point they were fired on.

No 4. Hill 510. 100 Bedouins covered by 30 cavalry gathering crops on S side of Wadi IMLEIH. Patrols fired on them and drove them back on to the N side. Gun from direction HAREIRA fired 5 rounds. No casualties.

At 0810 2 Sqds cavalry seen near new viaduct.

No 5. 200 Bedouins and 2 Troops cavalry working in crops west of Point 440.

No 6. Patrol towards 340 fired on from KHIRBIT ERK. about 200 natives protected by 60 cavalry gathering crops on South side of Wadi.

Robertson
Brigade Major
4th LHBde

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G. O. C.

4th Australian L.H. Brigade *Reqd*
11th Australian L.H. Brigade "
12th Australian L.H. Brigade "
Machine Gun Squadron.
"A" Batt., H.A.C.



REFERENCE NIGHT STANDING PATROLS & DAY PATROLS

29th May 1917

1. Para 1 (b) from "Should the enemy advance" down to "falling back through the gaps in the wire." should be deleted and the following substituted.

" 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. "

2. The duty of the other Brigade which stands ~~at some~~ to arms is as follows:--

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~~ Brigade in reconnoitring the enemy's advances, and locating his left flank, and will remain in action against it.

MAJOR

Brigade Major

4th Australian L. H. Brigade.

4th Light Horse Regiment
12th Light Horse Regiment
Machine Gun Squadron

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1. An explosion occurred at 0420 this morning, 2nd June, in the direction of KH KASIF or EL BUGGAR. It is probable that the enemy has blown up a well or cistern in the neighbourhood.
2. It is intended to clear the situation up tomorrow the 3rd.
3. 12th Light Horse Regiment (less one squadron) and one squadron 4th Light Horse Regiment, and one ~~squadron~~ Machine Gun Squadron will leave the WADI GHUZZE by 0330 and will make the following dispositions.
(a) The 12th L.H. Regt will supply, (1) the patrol to ⁰⁰² MABRUK with forward patrols pushed forward to ESANI and 680 GOZ LAKHLEILAT.
(2) The patrol to Hill 300.
(3) The patrol towards 410
(4) The patrol to Hill 510.
The squadron of 4th L.H. Regt will supply a troop to the junctions of roads $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles S.W. of 630 EL GIRHEIR.
(b) One squadron 12th L.H. Regiment will make good the line 720 to the cross roads at 1st i in cultivation both inclusive. A patrol should make good Hill 680 S.W. of EL BUGGAR.
(c) Three troops 4th L.H. Regiment and one section Machine Gun Squadron will remain in support at KH KHASIF.
4. The squadron 4th L.H. Regiment ^{and Sect MG Sqn} will be attached to 12th. Light Horse Regiment.
5. After the location of the explosion has been discovered the 12th Light Horse Regiment will relieve the troop of 4th. L.H. Regiment at cross roads and this post will be withdrawn to 550 N of IM SIRI.
The squadron 4th L.H. Regiment and one section Machine Gun squadron will then be withdrawn to FARA if all is clear and the 12th L.H. Regiment will occupy the usual day patrols.
6. 4th L.H. Squadron and Machine Gun Section will report to C.O. 12th L.H. Regiment on west bank of WADDI GHUZZE at the crossing near the water troughs 4th L.H. Brigade. ^{at 0330}

Issued at 2100

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

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PATROL REPORT FOR 2nd JUNE 1917

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No 1
GOZ MAERUK

Small enemy patrol at RASHID BEK. Enemy observation post on TEL ITWEIL.

No 2
GOZ EL BASAL

Two squadrons enemy located in vicinity of 720 with advanced patrols of 50 men pushed forward towards IN SIRI and KH KASIF forcing our patrols back from IN SIRI and 550.

No 3
GOZ EL GELEIB

Held in support for GOZ EL BASAL Patrol.

No 4
HILL 510

Enemy post six men seen on Hill 630 ELGIRHEIR
Enemy aeroplane landed near HILL 540 North of BIR IFLEIS.

No 5
HILL 410

Small working parties covered by small patrols were working on South side of WADI IMLEIH. They withdrew at 0930 and recommenced at 1400.

No 6
HILL 300

Working parties on South side of WADI 1500 yards North of 300 were forced back into the WADI. Working parties 100 cavalry and 100 infantry observed digging at EL MABAM and PAIKET EL SANA.

At 0420 an explosion was heard and seen in the direction of KH KASIF. The GOZ EL BASAL patrol states this explosion occurred further E somewhere in direction of EL BUGGAR. A column of dust was seen on the SABA - FARA road in vicinity of TAWEL EL HABARI.

David Kemp
MAJOR
Brigade Major

2/6/17.

4th A.L.H. Brigade.

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G.O.C.,

3rd Australian L.M. Brigade.

4th Australian L.M. Brigade.

5th Mounted Brigade.

6th Mounted Brigade.

H.Q., Desert Column.

G.O.C., 53rd Division.

A. & Q.



Reference G.S.Z/215, /220.

1. On June 4th at 1900 the 6th Brigade will take over the duties of Outpost Brigade as detailed in G.S.Z/215, from the 4th Brigade. G.O.C. 4th Brigade will hand over detail of duties to be undertaken to the relieving Brigade.

2. The 3rd Brigade will "Stand to" as detailed in G.S.Z/215 para. 1 (d) - vice 6th Mounted Brigade.

H. S. Ward

2nd June 1917.

Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Imperial Mounted Division.

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

C.R.A.

O.C., Signals.

O.C., Survey Section.

A. & C.

OC No 1 Light Car patrol.

1. The G.O.C. intends to carry out a reconnaissance of BIR EL ESANI and the vicinity on 9th June 1917.
2. The 4th A.L.H. Brigade with one gun R.H.A. (to be detailed by C.R.A.) will cover the reconnaissance and will make good the country in the vicinity up to the line of the 700 contour S., S.E., E., and N.E. of BIR EL ESANI by 0900 on 9th.
3. No. 1 Light Car Patrol will act as escort to the Divisional Commander and will rendezvous at Divisional Headquarters at 0800.
4. G.O.C. Outpost Brigade will omit the GOZ MABRUK patrol on this date, but will be prepared to support the left flank of the 4th Brigade should the enemy show any threat in force from the direction of EL BUGGAR.
5. A proportion of Mobile Field Ambulance will accompany the Brigade.
6. The 4th Brigade will be prepared to remain absent for 12 hours.
7. The Brigade will arrange to water at BIR EL ESANI on 9th.
8. The Divisional Signal Squadron will open a visual station at FARA and also at Hill 620 BIR EL ESANI by 0800 on June 9th.

H. J. Ward

Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Imperial Mounted Division.

7th June 1917.



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

Reference G.S.Z/213, ./220.

1. On June 11th. at 1900, 3rd Australian L.H. Brigade will take over the Duties of Outpost Brigade from the 6th Mounted Brigade. G.O.C. 6th Brigade will hand over detail of duties to be undertaken to the relieving Brigade.
2. The 4th Australian L.H. Brigade will "Stand to" as detailed in G.S.Z/213 para. 1 (d) - vice 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

10th June, 1917. A. KAVANAGH Capt. G.S.
for Lieutenant-Colonel, G.S.,
Imperial Mounted Division.

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3rd A.L.H. Brigade.
 4th A.L.H. Brigade.
 5th Mounted Brigade.
 6th Mounted Brigade.
 C.R.A.
 H.Q. Desert Column.
 O.C. Survey Sec. Q. Post c/o 53rd Divn.
 H.Q. 53rd Division.
 O.C. NO, 1 L.C. Patrol

1. A reconnaissance will be carried out on Wednesday June 13th with a view to carrying out a minor operation against the enemy's mounted troops East of BIR SABA on Thursday June 14th.
2. This operation is intended to take the following form :-
 One Brigade to occupy the EL BUGGAR - GIRHEIR Ridge early on Thursday a.m.
 One Regiment of a Second Brigade will operate from GOZ MABRUK directly towards Hill 680 (near KHOR EL AJRAM) and will then move due N.East across the right flank and front of the first Brigade. The object being to drive the enemy across the front of the first Brigade or to destroy any detachments endeavouring to turn the right flank of the first Brigade.
 An extra squadron of the second Brigade will protect the flank and rear of the Regiment carrying out the flanking movement.
 Once the flanking Regiment commences its drive, the original Brigade will co-operate as actively as possible.
3. The following Officers will accompany the G.O.C. the Division on this reconnaissance.
 G.O.C. 5th Brigade and Officers detailed by him.
 " 6th Brigade and Officers detailed by him.
 Rendezvous cross tracks near O of OPEN at 1400.
4. No 1 L.C. Patrol will escort the Divisional Commander.

11th June 1917.

H.S.S. WARD Lieut.-Colonel,
 General Staff,
 Imperial Mounted Division.

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1. In order to cover a reconnaissance of the HILL 680 (near KHOR EL AJRAM) - EL BUGGAR - HILL 720 area troops will move as follows:-

(a) 4th A.L.H. Brigade will make good the above mentioned area by 1400 on June 13th. C.R.A. will detail one Battery to accompany this Brigade.

(b) 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will push forward one Squadron towards 550 and EL GIHEIR to cover the left flank of the 4th Brigade.

The Brigade will cross at the FARA crossing at 1000 on June 13th inst.

Order of march :-

4th L.H. Regt. & 1 Section of M.G. Section
12th " " " " " " "
B.H.Qrs. and Signal Troop.
M.G. Sqn less 2 Troops
11th L.H. Regt.
Battery.
Transport.
Field Ambulance.

3. The 12th L.H. Regt. and 1 Section M.G. Squadron will make good the line ESANI - 680 (near KHOR EL AJRAM) - to junction of track with FARA-SABA road East of EL BUGGAR Exclusive by 1330.

4th L.H. Regt. and 1 Section of M.G. Squadron will make good the line from junction of track with FARA-SABA road - 720 to K in KH IMIEIH inclusive connecting with 3rd L.H. Brigade towards 550 and EL GIHEIR.

11th L.H. Regt. & M.G. Squadron less 2 Sections will be in support

Brigade Headquarters will be established at P in OPEN S.E. of KHASIF.

4. 1 Limber S.A.A. per Regt. and 4 Limbers S.A.A. M.G. Squadron will move with the Brigade.

5. The unconsumed portion of the days ration and horse feed will be taken.

6. A proportion of Mobile Field Ambulance will move with the Brigade.

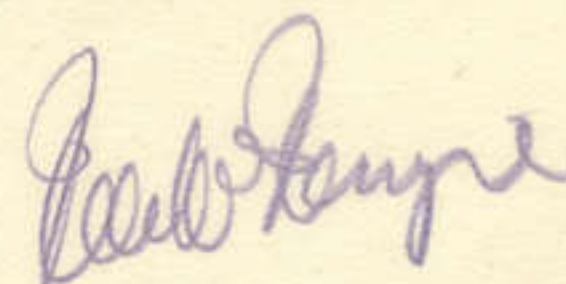
O.C. Field Ambulance will arrange.

7. 2 Orderlies per Regt. to report to B.H.Q. at 0930.

Issued at 1200.

Copies to:-

4th L.H. Regt.	B.H.Qtrs.
11th " "	Signal Troop.
12th " "	Battery.
M.G. Squadron.	Field Ambulance
3rd L.H. Brigade.	



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



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APPENDIX 105.

Reference Para. 1(a) of Operation Order signed to-day
- delete and substitute the following:-
1 (a) 4th A.L.H. Brigade will make good the above line by
1400 on June 14th..

Para 22 should read:-
The Brigade will cross the Wadi at the FARA crossing at
1000 on June 14th.

12/6/17.

Issued at 1520.

L.S.ALEXANDER Major,
for Brigade Major,
4th Aust.L.H. Brigade.

Copies to:- 4th A.L.H. Regt.
11th " " " "
12th " " " "
M.G.Squadron.
Field Ambulance.
Brigade Hdqtrs.
Signal Troop.

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APPENDIX 104(a)

G.O.C., 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.
4th A.L.H. Brigade.
C.R.A.
H.Q., 53rd Division.
H.Q., Desert Column.
O.C., Survey Section, Q Post c/o 53rd Divn.

1. In order to cover a reconnaissance of the Hill 680'
(near KHOR EL AJRAM) - EL BUGGAR $\frac{1}{2}$ Hill 720 area,, troops
will move as follows :-

(a) 4th A.L.H. Brigade will make good the above mention-
ed area by 1400 on June 13th.

C.R.A. will detail one Battery to accompany this
Brigade.

(b) 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will push forward one Squadron
towards 550 and EL GIRHEIR to cover the left flank of the
4th A.L.H. Brigade.

2. The Brigade will withdraw at the conclusion of the
reconnaissance.

The instructions for which are attached.

11th June 1917.

H.C.S. WARD Lieut.Col.
General Staff,
Imperial Mounted Division.

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G.O.C., 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.
4th A.L.H. Brigade.
5th Mtd Brigade.
6th Mtd Brigade.

C.R.A.

H.Q., Desert Column.

O.C., Survey Sec., Q Post, c/o 53rd Bivn.

H.Q., 53rd Division.

O.C., No. 1 Light Car Patrol.

O.C., Signal Squadron.

With reference to G.S.Z/278 of 11th June.

1. Delete para. 1, and substitute the following -
"A reconnaissance will be carried out on Thursday 14th instant with a view to carrying out a minor operation against the enemy's mounted troops East of BIR SABA on Saturday 16th instant."
2. Orders for the above reconnaissance already issued to 3rd and 4th Brigades will be altered accordingly.

*Recd 1430 11A
17/6/17*

12th June 1917.

A. Kavanagh Capt 11
for Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Imperial Mounted Division.

APPENDIX 107.

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

<u>COURSE.</u>	<u>OFFICERS & O/R.</u>	<u>UNIT.</u>	<u>DATE COMMENCING</u>	<u>DURATION.</u>
<u>OFFICERS.</u>	2/Lt. W.J.Murray	12th L.H.Regd.	4/6/17	3 weeks.
<u>GENERAL.</u>				
<u>MAXIM GUN.</u>	Lt. J.H.Patterson	4th M.G.Sqdn.	4/6/17	3 weeks.
<u>VICKERS.</u>				
<u>HOTCHKISS.</u>	Lt. C.P.STUMM	11th L.H.Regd.	4/6/17	10 days.
<u>GUN "A"</u>	917 Tpr Barton V.	" " "	" " "	" "
	1084 " Baxter J.W.	" " "	" " "	" "
	187 " Stanford C.H.	12th L.H.Regd.	" " "	" "
	906 " Dickson T.	4th L.H.Regd.	" " "	" "
	2018 " Gillies H.	" " "	" " "	" "
<u>HOTCHKISS</u>	2/Lt. Coy F.W.	12th L.H.Regd.	14/6/17	10 days.
<u>GUN "B"</u>	366 L/Cpl. Pabst F	" " "	" " "	" "
	1420 Tpr. McCarthy R	" " "	" " "	" "
	1520 " Rogers C.F	11th L.H.Regd.	" " "	" "
	1621 L/Cpl McIntyre J	4th L.H.Regd.	" " "	" "
<u>VICKERS.</u>	Lt. Gilmour K.W.	4th M.G.Sqdn.	4/6/17	3 weeks.
<u>TATICAL.</u>	608 Cpl McDonald	" " "	" " "	" "
<u>BOMBING</u>	470 L/Sgt. Norman J.	4th L.H.Regd.	14/6/17	10 days.
<u>"B"</u>				
<u>NIGHT</u>	Major Lawson	4th L.H.Regd	4/6/17	
<u>MARCHING.</u>	Captain Munro	11th L.H.Regd	14/6/17	
	Captain Brown	12th L.H.Regd.	" " "	

Lieut. B.Lowing 12th L.H. vice Lieut F.W.Coy evacuated wounded.

Beaumont Murray

SECRET.

The code of signals for Very Lights to be used when necessary, issued under this Office No. G.S.Z /96 dated 16th. April 1917, is cancelled..

The following code will come into operation forthwith :-

(a) Red Lights fired in pairs at half minutes intervals till answered from Brigade Headquarters by similar signal will denote :-

"ENEMY ATTACKING".

This signal will not be made by anyone below the rank of Squadron or Company Commander.

(b) Red and Green Lights fired alternately and continuously first Red and then Green, until answered from Brigade Headquarters by a similar signal will denote :-

"Call for Artillery fire on prearranged Night Lines ~~no longer required.~~"

This signal will not be made by anyone below the rank of Regimental or Battalion Commander and will not be used if telephone lines are in working order..

(c) Green Lights fired in threes one after the other, a pause of half a minute, and then three more, until answered from Brigade Headquarters by a similar signal will denote :-

"Call for Artillery fire on prearranged ~~no longer~~ Night Lines no longer required."

This signal will not be made by anyone below the rank of Regimental or Battalion Commander and will not be used if telephone lines are in working order.

(d) White Lights will be used for illumination..

In the event of any of the codes in (a), (b) or (c) being used a report will be rendered to this Headquarters. A new combination will be ordered in two or three weeks time or when there may be reason to believe that the enemy might have learned our signals..

S/d

Robert Temple

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



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4th. A.L.H. BRIGADE ORDER No. 21
BY
Brigadier-General J.B. Meredith, D.S.O.

1. By eastern Force Order No. 53, with effect from the 20th. June 1917 the Mounted Troops have been re-organized as under:-
(a) Aust. & N. Zealand Mtd. Division. (b) Aust. Mtd. Division.

3rd. A.L.H. Brigade	4th. A.L.H. Brigade	5th. Mounted Brigade
Headquarters	Headquarters	Headquarters
8th. A.L.H. Regt.	4th Regt. A.L.H.	1/1st. Sth. Midland
9th. Regt. A.L.H.	11th Regt. A.L.H.	1/1st. Warick Yeomy.
10th. Regt. A.L.H.	12th. Regt. A.L.H.	1/1st. Gloucester Yeo.
3rd. A.L.H. Sig Troop.	4th. A.L.H. Sig Troop.	1/1st. Worcester Yeomy.
3rd. Aust. M.G. Sqdn	4th. M.G. Sqdn.	5th. Mtd. Bde. Sig. Troop.
		16th. M.G. Squadron.

Divisional Troops

Headquarters, Australian Mounted Division.
19th. R.H.A. Brigade:-
1/1st Notts Battery R.H.A. (4 18 pdrs.) & Mtd. Bde. Amm. Column.
"A" Battery H.A.C. (4-18 pdrs.) & Mtd. Bde. Amm. Column.
"B" Battery H.A.C. (4-18 pdrs.) & Mtd. Bde. Amm. Column.
Aust. Mtd. Division Field Squadron (Headquarters and 3 Troops.)
Australian Mounted Division ~~and~~ Signal Squadron.
3rd Australian Light Horse Field Ambulance.
4th Australian Light Horse Field Ambulance..
1/1st. South Midland Mounted Brigade Field Ambulance.
8th & 6th. Australian Mobile Veterinary Section
3/1st South Midland Veterinary Section.
Sanitary Section.

(c) Yeomanry Mounted Division.

6th. Mounted Brigade.	8th. Mounted Brigade.	22nd. Mounted Brigade.
(1/2nd. South Midland)	(1/1st. London)	(1/1st. North Midland.)
Headquarters	Headquarters	Headquarters.
1/1st. Bucks. Yeomanry.	1/1st. City of London Yeo.	1/1st. Lincs. Yeomanry.
1/1st. Breks. Yeomanry.	1/1st. Co. of London Yeom.	1/1st. Staffs. Yeomanry.
1/1st. Dorset Yeomanry.	1/3rd. Co. of London Yeo.	1/1st. E. Riding Yeomy.
6th Mounted Bde. Sig. Trp.	1/1st. London Mtd. Bde. Sig. Troop.	22nd. Mtd. Bde. Sig. Troop.
17th. M.G. Squadron.		18th. M.G. Squadron.

Divisional Troops.

Headquarters, Yeomanry Mounted Division.
20th. R.H.A. Brigade:-
1/1st. Berks. R.H.A. (4-13 pdrs) & Mtd. Bde. Amm. Column.
Hants. Battery R.H.A. (4-13 pdrs.) & Mtd. Bde. Amm. Column.
Leicester Battery R.H.A. (4-13 pdrs.) & Mtd. Bde. Amm. Column.
Yeomanry Mounted Division Field Squadron (Headquarters & 3 Troops.)
Yeomanry Mounted Division Signal Squadron..
1/2nd. South Midland Mtd. Bde. Field Ambulance.
1/1st. North Midland Mtd. Bde. Field Ambulance.
1/1st London Mtd. Bde. Field Ambulance.
4/1st. South Midland Mobile Veterinary Section.
3/1st. Highland Bde. Mobile Veterinary Section.
3/1st. North Midland Mobile Veterinary Section.
No. 31 Sanitary Section.

2. Artillery. R.H.A. Brigade Headquarters for each Division will be as in War Establishments, part VII, No. 429 as amended by War Establishments, part VII, No. 492.

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3. Field Squadrons. The Field Squadrons for each Mounted Division will consist of Headquarters and three Troops, the establishment being that of a Field Squadron, dated 5th. June 1917. The Field Squadrons will be re-organized as follows:-
- Australian and New Zealand Field Squadron.
 - Headquarters former 1st. Aust. Field Squadron.
 - "A" Field Troop.
 - "B" Field Troop.
 - "D" Field Troop.
 - Australian Field Squadron.
 - Headquarters former 1 Imperial Mounted Division Field Squadron.
 - 3rd. Field Troop.
 - 4th. Field Troop.
 - Field Troop.
 - Yeomanry Divisional Field Squadron.
 - Headquarters Yeomanry Divisional Field Squadron.
 - 6th. Field Troop.
 - 7th. Field Troop.
 - 9th. Field Troop.
4. Signal Squadrons. "C" Troops of the A. & N. Z. and Australian Mounted Divisions, will be held at the disposal of the General Officer Commanding Desert Column, for allotment as circumstances arise.
5. A schedule showing the Establishments in force for all Units of Mounted Divisions will shortly be issued to all concerned.
6. The two special Mobile Veterinary Sections, hitherto known as Nos. 54 and 55 Mobile Veterinary Sections, will, in future, be designated Nos. 1 and 2 Field Veterinary Detachments. (Authority. War Office telegram 35453 Cipher S.D.2 dated 1/6/17).

Lab Dwyer

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

ALL UNITS.

1. The 4th A.L.H. Brigade will take over the duties of Outpost Brigade from 1900 on 24th June.
2. The following duties will be carried out.
- (a) The Brigade will "stand to" ready saddled up at 0330 until "all clear" is received from Brigade Headquarters. An orderly from each unit will report to B.H.Q. at 0330.
- (b) Day patrols.
- No.1. One Troop to GOZ MAHRUK with forward patrols towards ESANI and 680 GOZ LAKHLEILAT.
- No.2. One Troop to GOZ EL BASAL with forward patrols to KASIF and 550.
- No.3. One Troop on 500 Contour half way between KARN and 510 with patrols to the ABU SHAWISH road.
- No.4. One Troop to Point 510 with patrols to Mud Hut 1 1/2 miles E.N.E. and to Two Tree Hill NW. of Point 510.
- No.5. ~~2~~ Troops in support near GOZ EL BASAL. The above troops will be in position by 0400 and will commence their withdrawal at 1830 if all is clear.
- (c) Night Standing Patrols.
- No.1. At cross tracks East of GANLI.
- No.2. Where 400 Contour cuts FARA-SARA road.
- No.3. Junction of roads E. of URGAN.
- No.4. EL 'IHARA.
- No.5. EL DAMHATH.
- No.6. Junction tracks between HAKILI and DAMHATH.
- Each post will consist of 2 N.C.Os. and 6 men. Two officers will accompany the night standing patrols. These posts will be in position by 1930 and will withdraw when "all clear" has been sent and when the day patrols have passed through.
3. REPORTS. "All clear" or otherwise reports will be sent to Brigade Headquarters by O.C. Night Standing Patrols without delay in the morning. Night standing patrols will report when they are in position at night.
- Day patrols will report on reaching their objectives and before withdrawing, any information gained during the day will be at once forwarded.
- A telephone will be installed today at Garden in M.11. GAZA-SHEJIAL 1/40,000.
4. Every endeavour must be made to keep up the fighting spirit and no opportunities should be lost in taking the offensive against enemy's patrols. C.Os. will submit any schemes for minor operations to Brigade Headquarters.
5. Attention is drawn to the manner on which information of military interest should be reported.

A Bde Signal Station will be at FARA, 0330.

24/6/17.

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

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To : 4th A.L.H. Regt.
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The 4th A.L.H. Regiment will supply the night standing patrols tonight 24/25 and the day patrols tomorrow the 25th.

The 5th Mtd. Bde. are making a drive operation on the 25th against all Turks West of the general line Point 720 - EL HUGGAR - RASHID BEK and endeavour to drive them into the PARA plain.

The perimeter of the drive will be KH KILMIL - Point 720 - cross roads West of TAWHIL - HAWARI - N of KHANWIPA - RASHID BEK - BSAHI.

One regiment 5th Brigade will concentrate at Point 510 and will leave that point at about 0830 to make good the line KH KILMIL - 720 - cross roads west of TAWHIL by 1000 moving via N of Point 630.

The remainder of the 5th Brigade will bivouac near Point 750 IMALASA on night 24/25 to cooperate in the drive which will commence westwards at 1010.

The 4th A.L.H. Regiment will make good with one Squadron the contour line from 520 through KILMILIT to a mud hut near W east of 630 by 0800, in order to support the flank of the 5th Brigade. This Squadron should move out with the day patrols and be kept under cover until the line is to be taken up. Hill 630 should be made good with a support troop on taking up the patrol line in order that it may support the advance of the above Squadron.

630 should notify the above Squadron when the drive westwards has commenced, when this Squadron will withdraw conforming to the movements of the 5th Brigade.

CO2 MAIRUE will not send out forward patrols until the 5th Bde. have withdrawn. By 0800 this patrol will move forward to SHANAG to observe and intercept any enemy which may break through between BSAHI and SHANAG.

CO2 EL BASAL will not be occupied until 1000.

At 1000 the 510 troop will move to 550 thus forming a line of posts to intercept any enemy breaking northwards.

After the withdrawal of the 5th Brigade the usual day patrols will be taken over.

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

The 4th A.L.H. Regt. will make good the line 520 - KILMILIT - to a mud hut near the W east of 630 with one Squadron by 0345. The two support troops should move up in support behind 630. Every endeavour will be made to capture any enemy post if found to be occupying 630. This line will be held until the drive reaches a north and south line through KARI when the Squadron may withdraw to the usual patrol line if found necessary.

Leab Tenye

Major.

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DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 2.

by
Major-General H.W. HODGSON, C.V.O., C.R.,
Commanding Australian Mounted Division.

In the Field.
24th June 1917.

1. In accordance with instructions from Desert Column No L.T.B.55 dated 23rd June, the 6th Mounted Brigade will move to TEL EL HARAKEB on Tuesday 26th June to a camp site to be selected by the A.A. & Q.M.G. Desert Column.
2. The following units will accompany the 6th Mounted Brigade:
 - 6th Mounted Brigade Signal Troop.
 - 6th Field Troop R.E.
 - 17th Machine Gun Squadron.
 - 6th Mounted Brigade (1/2nd S. Midland) Field Ambulance.
 - 4/1st S. Midland Brigade Mobile Vet. Section.
 The Brigade together with the abovementioned units will come under the orders of the Yeomanry Division from 1200 on the 26th.
3. The 5th Mounted Brigade will take over the works X, Y, and Z, from the 6th Brigade, with all trench stores, reserve ammunition, water tanks, etc. Handing and taking over receipts will be furnished to the Division by Brigadiers concerned.
The relief to take place by 0300.
4. Transport. All transport at present belonging to the Brigade now with the D.A.C. will be returned before the departure of the Brigade.
5. Rations. Forage and rations for the current day only will be taken.

Issued at:-

H.C.S. WARD Lieut.-Col.
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division

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| 1. 3rd A.L.H.Bde. | 10. O.C., A.S.C. | 19. H.Q. 53rd. Divn. |
| 2. 4th A.L.H.Bde. | 11. S.S.O. | 20. A. & NZ Mtd. Divn. |
| 3. 5th Mtd. Bde. | 12. A. | 21. H.Q. Yeom. Divn. |
| 4. 6th Mtd. Bde. | 13. Q. | 22. Colonel Kelly. |
| 5. O.C. 19th R.H.A.Bde | 14. G.O.C. | 23. F.P.O., M.D.2. |
| 6. O.C. Fd Sqdn. | 15. War Diary. | 24. A.D.P.S., Eastforce |
| 7. O.C. Signal Sqdn | 16. " " | 25. D.A.D.O.S. |
| 8. A.D.M.S. | 17. File. | |
| 9. A.D.V.S. | 18. H.Q., Desert Column. | |

SECRET.

To : Headquarters,

AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

OFFICERS' PATROLS.

It is proposed to send out two Officers Patrols tonight. Strength 1 Officer 12 O.R. each. Patrols will leave the night outpost line after the standing patrols are in position.

One patrol is proceeding to a point $\frac{3}{4}$ mile S. of KASIF. The other to Point 550 N. of KASIF and will endeavour to locate any enemy posts or patrols and strength thereof in that area with a view to capture them if possible.

If not in themselves strong enough these Officers Patrols will meet the day patrols and in conjunction with these patrols act on the information gained during the night, and try to capture the enemy posts before they withdraw.

25/6/17.

Leab Tenye

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

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H.Q., Desert Column.
H.Q., 53rd Division.
G.O.C., 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.
— 4th A.L.H. Brigade.
5th Mtd Brigade.
6th Mtd Brigade.
C.R.A.
A. & Q.

RECONNAISSANCE of ENEMY'S LINES along the
WADIS IMLEIH and SHARIA.

On the 18th, 20th, and 22nd, advantage has been taken of the afternoon light to reconnoitre the whole of the enemy's line along the Wadis IMLEIH and SHARIA between Hill 520 and Hill 310.

The Wadi IMLEIH is, so far as can be seen, not entrenched at all. It can only be entered at certain points owing to steepness of banks and the enemy have up to date used it as a covered line for their day outposts and patrols.

The ground on both banks is, however, commanded by a line of trenches now clearly visible about 1000 - 1200 yards N.E. of the Wadi, running roughly from the direction of 420 to a point about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile E. of Point 410, where it seems to connect with the former line of works running from 520 on the GAZA - SABA road down to 410.

No trenches round ERK, 310, or 380, so far as could be seen.

No trenches except some small rifle pits and some remains of our old outpost trenches round, or near, MAGAN.

In continuation, however, of the line of trenches from 410 - 420, there is apparently a complete forward defensive system running from 420 through BAIKET EL SANA.

Commencing from Hill 470 at ABU HARRIRA which is heavily entrenched and easily distinguished by the reddish soil of which it is composed, the line runs along the skyline to KH. UM ADRAH.

Between this line and the Wadi SHARIA, the ground slopes down gradually to the line of the Wadi.

Just S.W. of Hill 470 are what appear to be three parallel lines of trenches in echelon from the North of Hill 470!

North of the Wadi SHARIA, at the end of the black track running from BAIKET EL SANA towards 420, is broken ground. In this broken ground two communication trenches are clearly visible, and also newly turned earth.

From this broken ground to the SANA redoubt a great deal of movement was going on and from the lines on the ground it appeared as if this line was in progress of being entrenched.

Very few men were seen actually at BAIKET EL SANA, but between it and 470 there was much movement, both of mounted and dismounted men.

The reverse of the SAUSAGE RIDGE redoubt is very visible, and men could be seen passing along the communication trenches over the ridge.

The works on the skyline between KH. UM ADRAH and SAUSAGE Ridge are visible, but it was impossible to tell whether the BAIKET EL SANA work was linked up with the works to the North or not.

By these reconnaissances and by reports from patrols sent out both by day and night during the week the following points have been established:-

1. The enemy hold a line of observation with mounted troops during the day running from TEL EL ITWEIL - 680 GOZ LAKH-LEILAT - 680' KHOR EL AJRAM - EL BUGGAR - 720' - 630' - BER IFTEIS - W. IMLEIH - 580' - BAIKET EL SANA - SAUSAGE RIDGE.
2. This line is replaced at night only at the Northern end by Infantry posts, vide No. I/1/43 dated 23rd, the mounted

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troops withdrawing after dark and returning about 0430 - 0500.

3. Mounted patrols are sometimes sent either by day or night South of the Wadi INLEIN, but they are not sent out regularly, nor do they always come to the same place.

4. The line of the Wadi INLEIN - Wadi SHARIA is not entrenched.

5. There is no wire to be seen between BAIKET EL SANA and 410'.

6. The enemy apparently intend to make a forward system of defences running from SAUSAGE RIDGE to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile East of 410' and thence back towards 520'. The left flank of this line will be protected by the redoubts near 520', KH. KAUSHAN and Hill 550'. (East of BIR LFTSIS) as the right is protected by ATAWINEN and SIHAN.

7. So long as our mounted troops continue to hold their present line of observation the enemy cavalry show no intention of coming further East.

8. Enemy's artillery becomes active when our outposts use Artillery against their line of observation.

Enemy Artillery have registered the line of the INLEIN with Field Artillery, also Hills 550 and 550 EL GIENKIR.

Hill 510' is sometimes shelled by heavy guns from HARKIRA.

On the 22nd a small calibre gun registered the Southern bank of the Wadi SHARIA between 380 and 420 with H.E., firing from the North of BAIKET EL SANA.

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G. Karamagh Capt
for

Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

23rd June 1917.

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Nominal Roll of vacancies for 4th A.L.H. Brigade for courses
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Course	No	Rank	Name	Unit	Date Commencing.	Duration.
General		2/Lieut.	Wilson G.H.	11th A.L.H. Regt.	2/7/17	3 weeks.
Machine Gun.	167	Cpl.	Kelosque F. A.	M.G. Sqdn.	2/7/17	3 weeks.
Hotchkiss. "A"	1418	Lieut Tpr.	Barr J.P.	12th L.H. Regt		
	2871	"	Swain R.J.	4th L.H. Regt.	2/7/17	10 days.
	1943A	"	Clarke S.O.	" " "	" " "	" "
	1243	"	Brix W.H.	" " "	" " "	" "
	1215	"	Chippendale H.	11th L.H. "	" " "	" "
		"	Robinson F.W.	" " "	" " "	" "
	109	Sgt.	Collex C.B.	12th L.H. "	" " "	" "
	523	Tpr.	Johnson A.W.	" " "	" " "	" "
Hotchkiss. "B"	1244	Lieut Tpr.	Barr J.P.	12th L.H. Regt	12/7/17	10 days.
	1630	"	Gulliver C.	4th L.H. Regt.	" " "	" "
	870	"	Raines F.	" " "	" " "	" "
	1300	"	Smoothy L.	11th L.H. Regt.	" " "	" "
		"	Mitchell W.J.S.	" " "	" " "	" "
	874	"	Nicholls H.	12th L.H. Regt.	" " "	" "
	300	"	Edwards T.C.	" " "	" " "	" "
Signalling.	407	Sig.	Findlay W.S.	4th L.H. Regt.	2/7/17	6 weeks.
	24	"	Edwards E.	11th L.H. Regt.	" " "	" "
	777	Cpl.	Lee H.T.	12th L.H. Regt.	" " "	" "
	2059	Tpr.	Dyson F.C.	M.G. Sqdn.	" " "	" "
Topography.		Lieut.	Phillips F.H.	4th L.H. REGT.	2/7/17	5 weeks.
		Lieut.	Clifford C.J.	11th " "	" " "	3 "

25/6/17.

Lea B. Lunge

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

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Nominal Roll of men to attend A.I.F Signalling School at ZEITOUN commencing 2nd July.

1392	Tpr.	Dunwell, F.	4th L.H. Regt.
2390	"	Walsh, C.E.	" "
2663	"	Gregson, R.W.	" "
1076	"	Anderson, A.	" "
1663	"	Quinn, P.	" "
2037	"	Wright, T.S.	11th L.H. Regt.
270	"	Falconer, J.	11th " "
1171	"	Donovan, W.H.	" "
1928	"	Affleck, C.O.	" "
1560	"	Laurie, A.T.	12th L.H. Regt.
368	"	Quinn, E.	" "

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

Headquarters,

AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

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Patrol Report for 25th June 1917.

The 4th A.L.H. Regiment (less two Troops) left TEL EL FARA at 0130. The usual patrol line was occupied and one Squadron pushed forward supported by the two support troops and occupied Point 630 by 0340. Here five mounted Turks were surprised but owing to their better knowledge of the crossing at the junction of the Wadis SUFI and HANNAFISH they escaped. The Squadron then made good the line Point 520 - KHIRBIT - BIR EL GIRHEIR before 0400.

Two troops 4th A.L.H. crossed the WADI IMLEIH at 0415 near the T of KHIRBIT. One troop patrolled north of C in CULTIVATION in vicinity of GAZA - SABA road. Advanced patrols got within 300 yards of this road when they came under fire from the redoubts and trenches.

These positions were held until the drive of the 5th Bde. was completed to KARM. Officers patrols were sent out and the following information gained.

1. REDOUBTS.

(a) Small redoubt close to but just N.W. of Point 550 E. of KHIRBIT held by about 30 infantry and 25 mounted men. Horses were hidden in crater on east side of redoubt. A machine gun fired from here on a retiring patrol.

(b) Redoubt on spur at V of CULTIVATION. This is apparently a block house and has two feet of sandbag parapets with loop holes. Held by 50 men.

Trenches observed well concealed and have low command. Redoubts on high ground in rear. Trenches overlook the railway, appear to be sited along 540 - 550 ridge.

2. COVER.

Good cover from view exists in WADI HANNAFISH but from numerous shell craters it is certain that the enemy has carefully ranged on to the WADI between BIR IMLEIH and BIR GIRHEIR.

3. GUNS.

No flashes or dust could be seen but observation posts estimate the position to be in or near the WADI N. of BIR IFLEIS midway between viaduct and Point 520. Guns were 10 pounders firing H.E. and shrapnel. Appeared to have two bursting charges.

4. CROSSINGS.

At T of KHIRBIT easy grade fit for guns.

For artillery at points about 200 yards and 1400 yards respectively down WADI HANNAFISH from KHIRBIT.

There are numerous crossings over SUFI WADI but could not be reconnoitred in detail owing to fire from (b) redoubt.

5. WATER.

(a) In HANNAFISH WADI near BIR GIRHEIR two wells 3 feet of water 10 feet from surface, 5 feet square. Wooden trough for twelve horses at each well.

(b) About 500 yards east of WADI HANNAFISH bearing 110° from 630 there are two large cisterns similar to the KASIF cistern, 10 feet to the surface of water. Signs of them being frequently used. Measurements could not be taken owing to fire from (b) redoubt.

6. WIRE.

There was no sign of wire on Point 630. None could be seen on redoubts or trenches.

At about 0430 a Regiment of cavalry were seen scattered over the slopes of 720 to 730. 300 Camelry were seen near Point 720. The whole gradually retired towards 810 and 820 at 0530.

Shell fire searched the ground between Point 510 and 630 during the concentration. When the drive turned round 630 and

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proceeded parallel to WADI HANNAFISH two guns heavily shelled the troops.

CASUALTIES. 1 Other Rank killed.
 1 " " seriously wounded.

DAILY PATROLS.

Yeomanry Post on ³⁰⁰~~630~~ reported being attacked by 100 cavalry at 1330 from direction of KHIRBIT ERK. Two support troops from GOZ EL BASAL sent to assist but found enemy had retired.

Otherwise no movement seen on the posts.

Leab Tenye

26th June 1917.

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

STATE OF ROADS.

Main GAZA-SABA road appears to be a beaten track. Camels seen passing four abreast. All other roads beaten tracks.

RAILWAY.

Runs practically parallel to the WADI from ABU IRGEIG as far as crossing of small Wadi running into WADI IMLEIH at Point 520 thence behind 540.

VIADUCT.

Position is at crossing of GAZA-SABA over small wadi above.

OBSERVATION POST.

Old church south of track and near junction of HANNAFISH and SUFI wadis on west side. Entrance can be gained through windows in west end and a stairway leads to roof.

Leab Tenye

26th June 1917.

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

OFFICERS NIGHT PATROLS.

Officers Patrols to vicinity KHASIF report no sign of any enemy posts or patrols.

At 2200 three white flares were seen in direction of KH. IMLEIH.

A Bedouin fire signal was sent up at 2300 in the direction of EL GA'A.

Leab Tenye

26th June 1917.

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

SECRET.

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To : 4th A.L.H. Regt.
11th " "
12th " "

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DAY OUTPOSTS.

In addition to the outposts detailed in RM.13. two extra troops will act as a reserve at GOZ EL GELEIB.

O.C. Outposts will keep communication with GOZ EL GELEIB and with D.L.O. Yeomanry Post on 300.

In order to water the outpost horses during the day the GOZ EL BASAL post should be pushed forward to secure the water at KHASIP. This will probably induce the enemy to make some counter move which will be taken advantage of. The two support troops will be moved up in closer support.

The reserve troops at GOZ EL GELEIB will water during the day in small reliefs at FARA.

Water is obtainable at Well at Point 550. This will be reported on.

It is still found that valuable information which has been gained during the day, ^{and which} may be of use for immediate action by the Brigade, has not been communicated to Brigade Headquarters until the daily report has been submitted.

O.C. Posts must see that all information gained is communicated at once to Brigade Headquarters.

Lea B. Kemp

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

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SECRET.

G.O.C., 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.
4th A.L.H. Brigade.
5th Mtd Brigade.

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1. Three of our aeroplanes are reported to have made forced landings in the vicinity of NAGA EL ASEISI, S.W. of BIR EL ESANI.

2. One Regiment of the 5th Mounted Brigade is guarding these machines during the night 26th/27th June.
On 27th June the following measures will be taken for their protection.

5. One Regiment 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will proceed to NAGA EL ASEISI to relieve the Regiment 5th Mounted Brigade, leaving bivouac at 0330.

4. One Regiment 3rd A.L.H. Brigade and 2 sections Machine Gun Squadron will proceed to BIR EL ESANI and will make good the watering place there, and water.

This Regiment will relieve the first Regiment on guard over the aeroplanes by Squadrons in order to allow all horses to be watered.

5. The 4th A.L.H. Brigade will detail 2 Squadrons to secure the left flank of the 3rd A.L.H. Brigade at ESANI.

6. Regiments will be ready to remain absent for 24 hours.

7. Divisional Signal Stations will be established at TEL EL FARA and Hill 510 South of Y work.

8. Certain Officers and personnel of R.F.C. will report to 3rd A.L.H. Brigade tonight. They will accompany the Regiment going to relieve the Regiment of 5th Brigade tomorrow. 3rd Brigade will provide horses if necessary.

26th June 1917.

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

Repeating information through
well as
5-510
day

SECRET.

To : 4th A.L.H. Regt.
11th " "
12th " "



1. Three of our aeroplanes are reported to have made forced landings in the vicinity of NAGA EL ASEISI S.W. of BIR EL ESANI.
 2. One Regiment 5th Bde is guarding these machines during the night 26/27 June.
 3. One Regiment 3rd Bde will proceed to NAGA EL ASEISI to relieve the regiment 5th Bde leaving bivouac at 0330.
 4. One Regiment 3rd Bde and 2 Sections M.G. Squadron will proceed to ESANI leaving bivouac 0330. Their left will rest on Northern cross tracks N.W. of 690 RASHID BEK.
 5. 2 Squadrons 4th A.L.H. Regiment will leave bivouac 0330 and proceed via E. bank of WADI GHUZZE to 680 GOZ LAKHLEILAT and make good the line, Eastern 680 to left of 3rd Bde NW. of 690 to protect the left flank of 3rd Bde.
 6. 4th A.L.H. will be prepared to be absent 24 hours. Horses will be watered in small reliefs at ESANI.
- Hour of withdrawal will be notified. Withdrawal will be made in conjunction with 3rd Bde at ESANI.

DAY PATROLS.

An extra two troops of 12th A.L.H. Regiment will be placed in reserve at GOZ EL GELEIB to replace the two support troops if the latter are called on to reinforce any part of the line.

26/6/17.

Leab Tenye

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

Day Patrols

The GOZ EL BASAL troops

will make good in future the well at
KITASIF. The two support troops will be
moved up in closer support.
oc outposts will keep in touch with the
two reserve troops at GOZ EL GELEIB
and with ^{Yeo} post on 300
There is water at W at point 550
Reserve troops will water during the day in
small reliefs at FARIA

Leab Tenye Major

Appen 122

Patrol Report for 26th June

No 1 602 MABRUK. Usual enemy patrol seen at RASHID BEK. all horses of this post watered at ESHAYI

No 2 602 EL BASAL. Forward patrol to secured the water at KHASIF where the bulk of the outposts were watered.

0700 about 60 camelmen approaching KHASIF from EL BUDGAR but finding it occupied moved S. 1630. Troop cavalry moved towards KHASIF but moved off on finding it occupied

No 3 Point 550. Forward Post on 630 and Forward patrol to Wadi IMLEIN.

0730. 300 camels and horses seen watering in wadi near GIR IFLEIS

No 4. Point 510. 6 HE shells fired at this post from bearing 210. 20 seconds between report & explosion. Otherwise all clear.

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MOUNTED DIVISION

SECRET.

4th Australian L.H. Brigade. ✓
O.C. 19th Brigade R.H.A.
Headquarters 53rd Division (2 copies)
Headquarters Desert Column.

1. (a) The enemy have endeavoured during the past week to rush the Divisional Yeomanry Post at Hill 300 with superior forces from the WADIS IMLEIH and SHARIA about ERK.

(b) 3rd Australian L.H. Brigade night patrols report parties of enemy cavalry and infantry to the number of about 200-400 North and South of the WADI near ERK in the early mornings.

2. To check any attempts against the Post at Hill 300 and to drive away the enemy in the neighbourhood :-

(a) The 4th A.L.H. Brigade will detail one Regiment, less 1 Squadron, and 2 Sections M.G. Squadron to proceed to the neighbourhood of EL DAMMATH and to take up a concealed position there before daylight (0345) tomorrow June 28th.

Horses will be kept concealed and every endeavour will be made to keep this concentration really hidden.

(b) O.C. 19th Brigade R.H.A. will detail one Battery to proceed to a position, to be previously reconnoitred, on the Southern flank of Hill 300, and to be "in action" by daylight on June 28th.

(c) 1 Squadron and 1 Section M.G. Squadron from the 4th A.L.H. Brigade will be detailed as escort to the Battery.

The Battery, Escort and Machine Guns will remain as much concealed as possible, horses should be taken well away, and only a small look-out post should be kept. These preparations should all be completed before 0345.

(d) The Divisional Yeomanry Squadron is to occupy Hill 300, at the normal strength and at the usual time.

If attacked the Yeomanry should retire slowly from the post directly towards the HISSEIA crossing in order to make the enemy expose his flank to our attack, should he follow up the withdrawal. The retirement should not commence before the enemy is really committed on the South bank of the WADI.

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3. Should no attack develop the Regiment and Battery will remain in position till 1400, and when the light is unfavourable to the enemy, the withdrawal can be carried out.

As soon as the "ALL CLEAR" is reported, however, Horses can be watered and fed by Squadrons or by Sections of the R.H.A.

4. Should the enemy attack and follow up the withdrawal of the Hill 300' Post, the Regiment will Counter-attack as rapidly and energetically as possible as soon as a favourable opportunity is offered.

Their position of readiness should be so selected as to avoid masking the fire of the Battery as long as possible.

once the counter attack is launched,

H. C. Sard

Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff.

Australian Mounted Division.

27th June, 1917.

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To : 4th A.L.H. Regt.
11th " "
12th " "
H.C. Sqn.
Field Ambulance.

1. (a) The enemy have endeavoured during the past week to rush the Divisional Yemaury Post at Hill 300 with superior forces from the WAYS HIRIN and SHIRIA about 25K.
(b) 3rd A.L.H. Regt. night patrols report parties of enemy cavalry and infantry to the number of about 200-400 North and South of the WAYS near 25K in the early mornings.
2. To check any attempts against the Post at Hill 300 and to drive away the enemy in the neighbourhood -
(a) The 11th A.L.H. Regt. less (1/4 Sqn) and 2 Sections H.C. Sqn will proceed to the neighbourhood of EL DABHATH and will take up a concealed position there before daylight (0330) tomorrow June 28th. Horses will be kept concealed and every endeavour will be made to keep this concentration really hidden.
(b) One Battery is proceeding to a position on the Southern flank of Hill 300 and will be ready for action by daylight on 28th.
(c) 1/4 Squadron 11th A.L.H. Regiment and one Section H.C. Sqn. will escort this battery. The time and place to meet the Battery will be notified later.
The escort and machine guns will remain as much concealed as possible, horses should be taken well away and only a small lookout post should be kept. These preparations will all be completed before 0345.
(d) The Divisional Yemaury Squadron, 55th Div., is to occupy Hill 300, at the normal strength and at the usual time.
If attacked the Yemaury should retire slowly from the post directly towards the HIRIA crossing in order to make the enemy expose his flank to our attack, should he follow up the withdrawal. The retirement should not commence before the enemy is really committed on the South bank of the WAYS.
3. Should no attack develop the Regiment and Battery will remain in position till 1400, and when the light is unfavourable to the enemy, the withdrawal can be carried out.
As soon as the "ALL CLEAR" is reported, however, horses can be entered and fed by Squadrons or by Sections of the R.A.A.
4. Should the enemy attack and follow up the withdrawal of the Hill 300 Post, the 11th A.L.H. Regiment will counter-attack as rapidly and energetically as possible as soon as a favourable opportunity is offered.
Their position of readiness should be as selected as to avoid making the fire of the Battery as long as possible once the counter-attack is launched.
5. No night standing patrols will be posted by 3rd Light Horse Bde. tonight.
6. Two sand carts will be in readiness at HIRIA crossing at 0400 tomorrow and will keep concealed. C.O. 11th A.L.H. Regiment will notify the C.O. Ambulance when to withdraw.

Leah Kewy

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

27/6/17.

~~SECRET.~~
To : 4th L.H.
11th L.H.
12th L.H.

REFERENCE HM.101 of today's issue.

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With a view to making a drive in the KHASIF Area at the end of the week it is proposed to leave the area of KHASIF open to allow the enemy to send regular patrols into that area.

The post detailed to push forward to KHASIF will therefore take up its old position on COZ EL BASAL.

Point 550 W. of EL GURHEIR and Point 630 will be occupied if possible in order to allow the enemy to get used to the presence of our patrols in that area. Care must be taken however that patrols to 630 is not turned from the South flank.

If the C.C. Outposts finds that the presence of our post on 630 prevents the enemy coming into the KHASIF area he should withdraw to 550.

Going to the operations to be carried out by 11th A.L.H. Regiment tomorrow No.5 Post will go to COZ EL GURHEIR but will occupy No.5 Post on the withdrawal of the 11th A.L.H. Regiment.

Leeds Temple

27/6/37.

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

SECRET.

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B.H. 101.

To : 4th A.L.H. Regiment.
11th A.L.H. Regiment.
12th A.L.H. Regiment.

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OUTPOST ORDERS.

1. Night Standing Patrols. The 12th L.H. Regiment will find the Night Standing Patrol to-night 27/28th.

The 247247 cable mentioned in previous outpost orders to GOZ EL GHEIB and will be used by Night Standing Patrols. runs A

2. DAY OUTPOSTS.

2.(a) Day posts are amended as follows:-

One Troop will hold each of the following posts:-

No. 1 GOZ HARRUK

No. 2 Vicinity of KHASIF.

No. 3 On 500 contour midway between GOZ EL BASAL and Point 510.

No. 4 Point 510.

No. 5 At the two trees 2 miles N. of GOZ EL GHEIB. This is a bare yellow hill with two very small trees and several bushes on it. O.C. outposts must make certain that No. 5 post occupies this particular point which will keep in touch with D.L.O. Yeomanry post on 300.

2 troops will be in support on the KHASIF sector.

1 troop will be in reserve at GOZ EL GHEIB and will take a telephone to keep in direct communication with B.H.Q.

All posts will have helio communication.

(b) 4th L.H. Regiment will supply 1 Squadron and will supply Post No. 2, 3, 4 and 5.

12th A.L.H. Regiment will supply one Squadron and will find Post No. 1 the two support troops and the reserve troop at GOZ ~~HARRUK~~ EL CELEIB. O.C. 4th L.H. Squadron will be in command of whole of outposts troops. Squadron 12th L.H. will report to H.Q. 4th L.H. Regiment at 0200

Frank Lenz

27/6/17.

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

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Headquarters
Australian Inf. Division

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Patrol Report for 29th June.

- No 1. all clear at 602 MADRUN until 0900 when two troops and 50 camels advanced from EL BUAGAR to RASHID BEK but withdrew on our approach.
- No 2. Enemy displayed more activity in the KHASIF area.
0730 a screen 50 strong advanced to within 2000 yards of MARM to cover the walling of other parties at KHASIF. on approach of patrols this screen retired south to the 680 Ridge.
- No 3. at 0400 enemy 100 strong were in possession of Point 630.
- No 4. at 0800 enemy Battery registered Wadi IMLEIM at BIR IFLEIS and BIR EL GIRHEIR.
20 rounds fired. Patrol leader states battery very visible and locates it on ¹⁵⁰⁰ contour of and on ridge 3/4 mile^N of B in BIR IFLEIS 0945. Small train passed over Viaduct from SHABA.

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(2)

NO 5. 0415 Patrols reconnoitred the flat
between TWO TREE HILL and the
wadi. As within a mile of the
wadi and on returning were fired
on by enemy who were in small
groups of 15 to 20 about 50 yards
apart on E side of Wadi HIRBIL
between KHIRBIT ERK and HTO.

Nine groups were seen.

at 0530 Small parties of Bedouins
came out of the Wadi.

at 0600 200 Bedouins with 50
camels were harvesting ~~the~~ S
of wadi escorted by 20 cavalry.
at 0900 whole party retired to
wadi.

30/6/17

Leab Kempre Major
Brigade Major
4th LHBde

for GOC

SECRET.

To Headquarters,
Australian Mounted Division.

PROPOSED MINOR OPERATION FOR 1st. JULY.

During the last few days the GOZ EL BASAL Post have left the KHASIF area open with the result that the enemy's cavalry have come well forward, in some cases as far as 2000^x E. of KARM.

Before the enemy attempt to approach this area their patrols are sent to Eastern 630 and W. along the high ground in order to try and locate and estimate our strength behind GOZ EL BASAL, 550 and 510. If the usual patrols are seen only, he then sends forward his patrols to KHASIF.

Our posts have lately held a line GOZ EL BASAL with a small post in KARM - Support troops in two trees E. of BASAL - 550 forming a front facing KHASIF.

It is proposed to double the posts at BASAL and 550 making in all Six Troops on the above line, and to conceal the extra Troops before daylight from 680 and 630. Before daylight two troops will be sent mounted to KARM, there dismounted, led horses sent back, and men sent up as quietly as possible to the Hut at KHASIF where they will remain concealed. The broken ground in and about this Hut affords good cover and is easily defended.

These two troops will remain concealed. All other posts will carry on their usual patrolling with the hope that the enemy's cavalry will enter the KHASIF area, when a favourable opportunity will be seized to open fire from the hut. At the same time a mounted action could co-operate.

A Regiment will be kept in readiness on E. bank of WADI MUZZEE to support if any difficulties arise. A signal for support will be arranged between outpost H.Q. and supporting Regiment.

30/6/17.

(Sgd).

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

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To 4th A.L.H. Regiment.
11th A.L.H. Regiment.
12th A.L.H. Regiment.
4th Machine Gun Squadron.
4th Field Ambulance.

1. The 4th L.H. Regiment will carry out a minor operation to-morrow.

2. During the past three days the KHASIF area has been left open with the result that the enemy have come forward, in some cases as far as 2000 yards East of KAHIL. Point 630 has been occupied by the enemy each day in strength up to 100 men. The 680 ridge has been patrolled by the enemy as usual in order to locate and estimate the strengths of our posts at GOZ EL BASAL, 550 and 510 before his patrols enter the KHASIF area.

3. Before daylight to-morrow the 1st July, 2 troops 4th A.L.H. Regiment dismounted, will be concealed in hut at KHASIF. The posts BASAL - Trees East of BASAL - 550 E. of trees will be doubled, the extra troops being well concealed from 680 and 630. On the above posts 6 troops will be ready to co-operate with the dismounted post at KHASIF in the event of the enemy coming into that area. The usual patrolling will be carried out with the hope that the enemy will work forward during the morning.

4. At 0600 the 12th L.H. Regiment will be in readiness on the East bank of the GHUZZER at FARA to support the 4th L.H. Regiment in the event of a counter move by the enemy. If called up to support, this Regiment will at once send two troops to the Eastern 680; and one troop to point 550 East of BASAL as a protection against a hostile move from 630. Direct communication will be kept by 12th L.H. Regiment with 4th L.H. Regiment.

5. In the event of the 12th L.H. Regiment moving out to support, Brigade Headquarters will move to GOZ EL BASAL and the 11th L.H. Regt. will "Stand To" in readiness to move out if required.

The Brigade Signal Station will be left on FARA.

6. If no opportunities present themselves by 1500 the dismounted post will be withdrawn. The 12th L.H. Regiment will assist the withdrawal if required.

After the withdrawal the whole of the day posts will be taken over by the 4th L.H. Regiment.

On receipt of all clear from 4th L.H. Regiment the 12th L.H. Regiment will return to bivouac.

7. Day outposts will be found as follows:-

No. 1	GOZ HANNUK	4th A.L.H. Regt.
No. 2	GOZ EL BASAL	" "
No. 3	500 OCHTOUR	" "
No. 4	510	" "
No. 5	TWO TREE HILL	11th " "
No. 6	POINT 500 formerly held by D.L.O. Yeary.	" "

2 Support Troops

4th A.L.H. Regt.

1 Reserve Troop

11th " "

At GOZ EL
CELEIB.

8. During the morning the 12th L.H. Regiment will water by Squadrons at FARA

9. Messages received by 12th L.H. Regiment from the outpost line will be forwarded at once to Brigade Headquarters.

10. 12th L.H. Regiment will travel as light as possible.

11. C.O. Field Ambulance will detail 3 sandcarts to be in readiness and under cover on E. side of WADI GHUZZER at FARA to move out with 12th L.H. Regiment or if required by 4th L.H. Regiment.

Lea Dwyer

30/6/17.

(Sgt).

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

SECRET.

BRIGADE ORDER NO. 21.

COPY NO. 2.

by
Brigadier-General J.H. MEREDITH, D.S.O.
Commanding
4th Australian Light Horse Brigade.

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1. On July 3rd, a reconnaissance of the BIR SABA defences is to be carried out and the survey of the area FARA to BIR SABA is to be completed.
2. The Division with one Brigade of the ANZAC Division attached will cover this reconnaissance.
3. The area included in the line Hill 630 (EL GIRHEIR) - Hill 730 - Hill 770 - Hill 790 - Hill 960 East of ABU YAHIA will be made good by 0630 on July 3rd.
4. The Division will be disposed as follows:-
 - (a) Divisional Headquarters will be established at the cross roads 2 miles E. of EL BUGGAR at 0615 on July 3rd.
 - (b) Anzac Brigade will make good the line 630 (EL GIRHEIR) to 1 mile S.E. of Hill 770 all inclusive.
 - (c) 3rd A.L.H. Brigade less one Squadron holding the works X, Y, and Z- will make good the line 1 mile N.W. of 790 - HILL 790 - a point 1 mile N. of the last A of EL HATHIRA all inclusive.
 - (d) 5th Mounted Division Brigade less 1½ Squadrons on Outpost Duty will make good the line from 1 mile N. of the last A in HATHIRA exclusive to Hill 960 inclusive.
This Brigade will pay particular attention to the protection of its right flank.
The GOZ MARRUK patrol will be strengthened to 8½ Squadron and will push forward to 620 BIR EL ESANI.
 - (e) 4th A.L.H. Brigade will be in reserve astride the SABA - FARA road West of the T of TAWAIL EL HABARI.
 - (f) O.C., R.H.A. will detail one R.H.A. Battery to accompany each Brigade.
 - (g) O.C., No. 1 Light Car Patrol will report with his patrol at Divisional Headquarters at 0530 on July 3rd.
 - (h) Troops will be prepared to remain out for 18 hours.
5. C.O.'s Regiments will detail one Officers patrol each to carry out reconnaissances, special instructions for which are attached.
6. (a) Order of March:-

Advance Guard	1 Squadron 12th A.L.H. Regt.
B.H.Q.	
Signal Troop.	
Detachment Field Troop.	
12th A.L.H. Regt. (less 1 Squadron)	
Machine Gun Squadron	
4th A.L.H. Regt.	
11th " "	
Battery R.H.A.	
Field Ambulance (notified portion).	

(b) Starting Point:-
Garden Square M 11 GAZA - SHELLAL 1/40,000.

(c) Hour of Starting, 0300. By this time the will have made its dispositions.

(d) Route:- Direct to KARM thence along FARA - SABA road to the T in TAWAIL EL HABARI.
7. On arrival at this point units will at once take advantage of depressions and contours to conceal troops.
8. The Brigade will water at KHASIF.
9. A Divisional Dressing Station will be established at KHASIF.
10. Cable and visual communication will be established between the Brigade and Divisional Headquarters.
11. 11th A.L.H. Regiment will detail one Officer to act as Brigade galloper to report to Divisional Headquarters at 0615.
12. During concentration at Starting Point, the Machine Gun Squadron and 11th A.L.H. Regiment will use crossing just N. of B.H.Q., the other Units crossing just N. of FARA.

Issued at

1900

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

SECRET.

Special Instructions issued with Brigade Order No. 21.

A close reconnaissance of the country between the BIR SABA - ASLUT and BIR SABA - FARA roads up to the line G. EL NA' AM-EL HATHIRA is required.

Full information is required on the following points:-

- (a) The character of the country from the point of view of a force of all arms moving towards BIR SABA from ESAMH or its neighbourhood.
- (b) The practicability for movement of horses, camels and wheels.
- (c) Particulars as to the approaches to the enemy's defences from W., S.W., and S. of BIR SABA.
- (d) Gun positions for a force moving against BIR SABA and facilities for observation.

Such reports on Observation Positions must define clearly, and in detail, what can be seen from each;

- (e) Possible lines for enemy counter attack;
- (f) Enemy Gun and Observation Positions;
- (g) Water supply.

C.O.'s Regiments will detail one Officers patrol of an Officer and 12 other ranks each.

Officers in charge of Patrols will report to Divisional Headquarters at 1730 on the 2nd July to receive orders as to the carrying out of the above reconnaissances.

C.O. 12th L.H. Regiment will detail two squadrons to act as contact squadrons in support of these patrols.

Areas are allotted to Brigades as follows:-

5th Brigade - Line HATHIRA - EL' NA'AM to line Hill 970 - BIR IBN TURKIA.

4th Brigade - From above line to line GOZ SHEIHILI - HAYATHIYA.

3rd Brigade - GOZ SHEIHILI - HAYATHIYA to the S.

Patrols will commence their withdrawal not later than 1300.

Reports will be made direct to Divisional Headquarters.

Patrols and contact Squadrons will concentrate at cross roads E. of EL BUGGAR at 0630.

~~Patrols will commence their withdrawal not later than 1300.~~

30/6/17.

Leab Tengri

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

KHIRBIT.

No 5. At 0445 150 Bedouins with small escort moved from BAIKET EL SANNA to KHIRBIT ERM, crossed the wadi and moved in direction of 300.

our patrols drove a party of 12 Bedouins from a position 1500 N of Two Tree Hill.

At 0800 20 camels and 6 cavalry moved up to hut 2500 yards N of Two Tree Hill but retired on being fired on.

At 1015 another party of 50 Bedouins with camels and donkeys came across the wadi from BAIKET EL SANNA but retired on being fired on.

30/6/17.

Leahy Lewis Major
Brigade Major
4th LITBde

Headquarters

Australian Intd Division

Appendix 132

Patrol Report for 30th June.

No 1. 1130. about 100 cavalry in vicinity of RASHID BEK. one unarmed Bedouin with camel brought in from ESANI. Post sniped at morning at ESANI whilst waiting but were not interfered ^{with} during the afternoon.

No 2. At 0700 an enemy screen advanced from EL BUGGAR through KHASIF to within 500 yards of HARM and by 0900 about 80 cavalry and camelry were in vicinity of KHASIF. By 1200 they had withdrawn except for small posts on ridges E and S of KHASIF.

No 3. Small post of 3 men seen on 630. increased to 12 during morning.

No 4. at 0450 Train with 3 coaches crossed viaduct going S. At 0835 Train crossed viaduct going NE.

4 camels with Bedouins travelled along track from direction of EL'NARRA through 510 thence to

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