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	OCTOBER 1918.			
	1st	0600	Australian Mounted Division reported DAMASCUS - BEIRUT railway and road blocked on afternoon of 30th September. Approximately 4,000 prisoners including large number of cavalry taken attempting to escape by this road. Difficult country delayed 3rd A.L.H. Brigade blocking DAMASCUS - DUMA road about AMARA.	
		0600	DAMASCUS captured in conjunction with Col Lawrence's Arab Army. Desert Mounted Corps troops now surrounding the town and picqueting all roads.	
		0745	G.I. 147 from Australian Mounted Division reporting that yet unable to guarantee stopping retreat on N.E. road from DAMASCUS and suggesting that some of 5th Cavalry Division troops pursue along this road.	
		0810	14th Cavalry Brigade reported Poona Horse pushing on to DAMASCUS and in touch with Sherifian troops near ASERARIE. Also in touch with 4th Cavalry Division on right on main DERRA - DAMASCUS road.	
		1030	Australian Mounted Division reported over 200 dead and wounded Turks at village of DUMAR as result of 5th A.L.H. Brigade machine gun fire last night.	
		1130	Patrol from Hyderabad Lancers at JISR BENAT YAKUB reached EL MATULLA, and ascertained that 400 turks with 3 wagons left at 0900 retiring north.	
		1135	G.I. 154 from Australian Mounted Division giving report of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade N.E. of DAMASCUS on HOMS road.	APPX. 1
		1150	D.65 from Adv Descorps to New Adv Descorps giving report from AUSDIV regarding Arabs looting and setting fire to parts of DAMASCUS.	APPX. 2
		1150	Reconnaissance report received from R.A.F., Kunetra.	APPX. 3
		1215	Australian Mounted Division report at 0945 Turkish Column of 3,000 cavalry and infantry on DUMA road with rear at KHAN HUSSEIN. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade at ARDIN with leading regiment passing DUMA.	

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	1st	1220	G.A. 160 to G.H.Q. (O) in cipher reporting Divisions now bivouacking round town and picqueting all roads.	
		1245	Headquarters, L. of U. Kuneitra report one Squadron Gloucester Yeomanry arrived at 1200 from ACRE.	
		1300	C.G. 1 to G. H. Q. reporting situation at <del>//////</del> DAMASCUS.	APPX. 4
			G.A. 161 to Australian Mounted Division regarding reported looting in DAMASCUS.	APPX. 5
		1351	D.B. 10 from Adv Descorps to New Adv Descorps forwarding R.F.A. reconnaissance report.	APPX. 6
		1352	U.R. 2 from 4th Cavalry Division raising points regarding orders prohibiting entry of troops into DAMASCUS.	APPX. 7
		1405	Australian Mounted Division reported 3rd A.L.H. Brigade at 1200 one mile NE. of DUMA and pushing on. 4th and 12th A.L.H. Regiments under Col Bouchier have taken approximately 3,500 prisoners round western outskirts of town.	
		1420	Commander in Chief wired congratulations on brilliant achievement.	APPX. 8
		1435	G.A. 162 issued, giving orders for march through DAMASCUS.	APPX. 9
		1530	G.A. 163 issued, ordering moves to DAMASCUS - KUNEITRA road.	APPX. 10
		1600	Australian Mounted Division is to be responsible for DUMA road and country North of DAMASCUS and will also detail one Brigade to move to KARN MEIZELUN on BEIRUT road, bivouacking for the night.	
		1640	G.A. 165 to 4th Cavalry Division in reply to U.R. 2 regarding entry of troops into DAMASCUS.	APPX. 11
		1800	3rd A.L.H. Brigade held up by strong opposition in foothills opposite KHURDET ASAFIR. Captured about 800 prisoners including 100 Germans, and a number of machine guns.	



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	1st	1900	Advanced Corps Headquarters 2 miles E. of DARAYA Station. Australian Mounted Divisional Headquarters just west of <u>M</u> of MEIDAN Station. 4th Cavalry Divisional Headquarters 2 miles S.E. of KADEM Station. 5th Cavalry Divisional Headquarters at first <u>S</u> of DAMASCUS.	
		1947	<i>DB. 22 from Adv Descorps to New Adv Descorps re looting by Arabs.</i>	APPX. 12
		2005	D.B. 21 from Adv Descorps to New Adv Descorps reporting 5th Cavalry Division dispositions.	APPX. 13
		2015	G.A. 167 to Australian Mounted Division regarding march of French detachment through DAMASCUS.	APPX. 14
		<del>2048</del>	<del>20170 from Australian Mounted Division reporting situation</del>	
		2050	G.O. 3 from Australian Mounted Division giving report of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.	APPX. 15
		2145	Australian Mounted Division reported 5th A.L.H. Brigade n. n. DUMAR. 14th Cavalry Brigade astride BEIRUT road overlooking WADI SABURA. French Regiment in support. 4th and 12th A.L.H. Regiments under Col Bouchier guarding about 11,000 prisoners evacuated to KEFR SUSIE from Western outskirts of DAMASCUS.	
		2310	O.A.M. 935 from G.H.Q. reference Pioneer Battalion to be sent AFULE by 20th Corps. Battn to come under Desert Mounted Corps on arrival, for work on roads.	APPX. 16
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Place.	Date.	Time.		
	2nd	0535	Situation quiet.	
		0915	G.A. 184 issued ordering 5th Cavalry Division to detail one Brigade to be attached to Australian Mounted Division, to assist in guards and keeping order.	
		1005	R.A.F. reports patrols of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade at KHAN MAZHE and many prisoners being escorted back to Brigade at KHAN AYASH. 80 Machine guns were captured in pursuit by 3rd A.L.H. Brigade yesterday.	
		1035	4th and 5th Cavalry Divisions moving to areas on EL KUNEITRA - DAMASCUS road for purposes of supplies and communications.  Corps Headquarters moving to building (Turkish G.H.Q.) immediately S.W. of SALAHIE.	
		1145	Australian Mounted Division reported 3rd A.L.H. Brigade cut off enemy column moving S.E. towards KHIRSET ASAFIR, taking about 1500 prisoners and 40 machine guns, 2 field guns, 1 mountain gun and number Automatic rifles.	
		1300	Representative detachments of Desert Mounted Corps marched through DAMASCUS. (GA. 162 (Appx 1) refers)	
		2000	5th Cavalry Division in bivouac in KATANA area with Divisional Headquarters at JUDEIDE. 4th Cavalry Division in DARAYA area with Divisional Headquarters at DARAYA Railway Station. Australian Mounted Division:- 3rd A.L.H. Brigade in bivouac about one mile N. of DUMA. 5th A.L.H. Brigade near KHAN MEIZELUN. 4th and 12th A.L.H. Regiments guarding prisoners with Headquarters ER RABUE. 4th A.L.H. Brigade less 4th and 12th A.L.H. Regts and plus Hyderabad Lancers and Gloucester Yeomanry on L. of C. with Headquarters at KUNEITRA. Australian Mounted Divisional Headquarters S.W. end of SALAHIE. Roads to DUMA and BEIRUT reported clear of enemy for 30 miles out of DAMASCUS.	
		2040	G.I. 170 from Australian Mounted Division reporting situation.	APPX. 17
		2220	G.A. 201 to Ausdiv, Fourcav and Fivecav regarding treatment of Arabs in event of any disorder.	APPX. 18



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No.	Date.	Time.	
	3rd	0840	G.A.214 issued ordering Australian Mounted Division, 4th and 5th Cavalry Divisions to place guards over all consulates other than neutral, and over all Christian institutions in DAMASCUS and Christian quarters. Situations of these institutions to be obtained from Military Governor, DAMASCUS.
		0910	5th A.L.H. Brigade arrived KHAN MEIZELUN and in observation of all routes to DAMASCUS from the N.W. Only opposition was a few snipers. Inhabitants KHAN MEIZELUN state only two regiments of Turks passed through on 1st inst., and with no guns. Water supply good at KHAN MEIZELUN and road from DAMASCUS in good repair.
		0912	G.A.152 from 20th Corps advising march of 2/155th Pioneers on night 2/3rd October to SILET ED DHAR 3/4th October to JENIN. 4/5th AFULEH coming under Orders of Desert Mounted Corps at AFULEH.  Corps Commander proceeded to KAUKAB to meet Commander in Chief and Staff, who visited Corps at DAMASCUS.
		1100	G.A.219 to Australian Mounted Division instructing 5th A.L.H. Brigade to reconnoitre railway towards DUMAR and ZEBDANI and to authenticate report that a train load of refugees, partly composed of women and children, is blocked on line by a derailed troop train.
		1200	Conference of Divisional Commanders at Corps Headquarters.
		1400	GA.237 to C.in C. in reply to his congratulatory message of the 1st inst Australian Mounted Division reported 3rd A.L.H. Brigade patrol reached KUTEIFE, encountered no enemy. Inhabitants state number of Turks and Germans passed north yesterday. 1 troop of 5th A.L.H. Brigade north side of BEIRUT road, about DEIR EL AASHAIR, one troop <del>seen</del> south of road about Pt.4125, One squadron on railway about KEFR EZ ZEITE. Patrol 2 miles along road towards BEIRUT reports no sign of enemy.
		2150	G.A.239 ordering Sherwood Rangers to rejoin 5th Cavalry Division, leaving KUNEITRA on 4th inst. 15th A.L.H. Regt will rejoin Australian Mounted Division moving from SARAS to SASA on 4th inst. KAUKAB 5th inst and rejoin Australian Mtd Division 6th inst.

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Place.	OCTOBER 1918 Date.	Time.	
	4th	0700	Sherwood Rangers marched out from KUNEITRA to rejoin 5th Cavalry Division.
		0830	Worcester Yeomanry left TIBERIAS for ROSHPINA.
		1000	G.A. 253 ordering No. 11 L.A.M. Battery to come into Corps Reserve to-day and proceed to vicinity of Corps Headquarters, Damascus.
		1110	G.S. 262 issued by which one Squadron of 4th Cavalry Division at DERAA was ordered to rejoin Division forthwith, handing over railway material to Sherifian Forces.
		1145	Australian Mounted Division report 5th A.L.H. Brigade reconnaissance of railway line towards ZEBDANI reports empty train, of engine and 6 trucks 3 miles north of ET TEKKE. No sign of refugees.
		1335	<del>2535</del> G.A. 266 to L. of C. Kuneitra ordering Squadron of Gloucester Yeomanry at SASA to concentrate at KAUKAB P. of W. Compound.
		1600	Worcester Yeomanry arrived ROSHPINA and located at 109.L.34.b.
		1645	Hyderabad Lancers at JISR BENAT YAKUB reported receipt of advice from Arabic Governor of JUDEIDE that Arabic Government in BEIRUT report roads in RAYAK districts heavily mined by Turks.

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	5th	0555	Australian Mounted Division report 5th A.L.H. Brigade report landslides in two places on road to KHAN MEIZELUN have made passage for wheeled traffic difficult. Car from No. 7 Light Car Patrol was sent to investigate, and reported slides were loose earth off hillside, on hard metal road.
		0930	G.A. 252 to G.G.S., G.H.Q. (OAM 970 in reply to G.A. 252)
		1040	G.A. 294 to L. of C. Kuneitra ordering Worcester Yeomanry to march to reach KAUKAB on 9th inst and relieve squadron Gloucester Yeomanry, which on relief, will march to via KATANA and KHAN DIMEZ to rejoin its brigade.
		1320	G.A. 304 to 5th Wing R.A.F. and Aeronautics G.H.Q., asking for protection from hostile aircraft which have been bombing Damascus. Sherifian Forces applied for this protection in order to prevent panic amongst the population.
		1400	G.A. 305 to GHQ reference recruiting 2000 Arabs from amongst prisoners, for Sherif's Army. APPX. 21
		1415	G.A. 306 Two cars of No. 12 L.A.H.B. ordered to proceed at once to report to 5th Cavalry Division at KHAN MEIZELUN, coming under the orders of G.O.C. of that Division.
		1730	5th Cavalry Division reported the arrival of the Division at KHAN MEIZELUN.
		1750	Australian Mounted Division reported Divisional Headquarters located just south of railway line north of <u>K</u> of BARAMKIE Station.
		1945	L. of C. Kuneitra reported arrival of Worcester Yeomanry at JISR BENAT YAKUB. Headqrs and 2 Squadrons 2 miles E of Bridge, one sqdn at DEIR ES SARAS.
		2000	Australian Mounted Division reported all quiet at KHAN KUSSEIR where they have a Squadron on observation.

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		0625	Australian Mounted Division reported one Squadron of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade en route to relieve Squadron of 9th Hodson's Horse at KADEM Station.																																					
		0800	5th Cavalry Division Situation. 14th Cavalry Brigade less 1 Regt and 1 Battery RHA advancing on RAYAK. 13th Cavalry Brigade plus one Regt and 1 Battery RHA of 14th Brigade, following in support of 14th Brigade via Nahr Ez ZAAIR and TERBUL. 15th Cavalry Brigade plus 1 Battery RHA and 2 armoured cars advancing on ZAHLE. Divisional Headquarters with 13th Cavalry Brigade. 4th Cavalry Division en route EL HAMME, moving in support of 5th Cavalry Division. Worcester Yeomanry arrived JISR BENAT YAKUB and bivouacked. R.H.Q., and 2 Squadrons 2 miles East of Bridge. One Squadron at DEIR ES SARAS.																																					
		1000	R.A.F., report our advanced guard 5 miles North of ES SWEIRA. Main body moving north at point 4440. No enemy movement between advanced guard and ZAHLE.																																					
		1230	G.A.333 ordering Australian Mounted Division to detail one squadron to relieve Sqdn guarding Consulates, Hospitals and Jewish Quarters of DAMASCUS. The Squadron of Staffs Yeomanry is to rejoin its Brigade.																																					
		1400	4th Cavalry Division reported arrival of the Division in bivouac one mile West of EL HAMME.																																					







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No.	Date.	Time.	
	7th.	0730	Enemy aeroplane over Damascus dropped small bombs.
		0815	G.A.349 to G.H.Q., asking whether detachment should be sent to Beirut; size of detachment to be guided by number we can maintain there. O.A.M.980 from GHQ.replies.
		1030	R.A.F. reported our cavalry, patrols (5th Cavalry Division) to HOSH EL GHANIN and RUMSIDE.
		1045	5th Cavalry Division reported no water between KHAN MEIZELUN and NARR EL ZAIR.Latter is a good flowing stream.
		1105	G.A.354 ordering remainder of 12th L.A.M.Battery to move to ZABLE to-day reporting to 5th Cavalry Division on arrival.
		1200	G.A.177 and B.M.67 dated 6th received from 5th Cavalry Division.Reports on RAYAK and district.
		1259	R.A.F. reports at HOMS there are 80 railway rolling stock, 5 - 2 seater aeroplanes and 3 scout aeroplanes, and 1 hangar. No rolling stock between HOMS and RAYAK. Railway appears intact throughout. No movement of any hostile force RAYAK to HOMS. A/A fire experienced at HOMS. Aerodrome at RAYAK in good condition. 30 machines abandoned, destroyed on aerodrome.
		1300	A.P.M. reported P.of W. previous 24 hours ending 1900 on 6th inst. 17 Turkish Other ranks.  5th Cavalry Divisional Headquarters closed at RAYAK and opened at ZABLE.
		1400	4th Cavalry Division arrived in bivouac at KHAN MEIZELUN.  5th Cavalry Division report:- 5th Cavalry Division in ZABLE - RAYAK area with Divnl Headquarters at ZABLE. Remains of 30 machines on RAYAK Aerodrome. 20 locomotives narrow gauge, of which only 2 are serviceable, 57 rolling stock. Broad gauge 50 rolling stock, partially damaged. Bridge east of RAYAK Station destroyed. Inhabitants report no Turks S.of HOMS which is reported evacuated.

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No.	Date.	Time.	
	7th	1442	O.A.M.980 timed 1205 received from G.H.Q. ordering reconnaissance of roads ZABLE-BEIRUT and ZABLE towards BAALBEK and of railways.
		1528	R.A.F. report BEIRUT - HAMMANA - ZABLE road appears <del>to be</del> steep and looks passable for H.T. BHARDUN - HAMMANA road appears passable for H.T. Our ships in BEIRUT Harbour; crowds in BEIRUT waving enthusiastically. 21st Corps Cavalry at BENIYE at 1100.
		1600	Y.O.134 from 4th Cavalry Division giving report on Railway and roads between DAMASCUS and ZEBDANI.
		1615	R.A.F. reports ZABLE - BAALBEK road clear as far as BREITAN.
		1730	5th Cavalry Division report that at least 22 aeroplanes burnt on RAYAK aerodrome. Inhabitants state majority of these were burnt on account of lack of Pilots to fly them away. Railway bridge at DEIR EL BEIDAR on ZABLE - BEIRUT line is stated to be mined and partly destroyed.
		1825	G.A.362 to 5th Cavalry Division instructing them to take <del>any</del> necessary action laid down in G.H.Q. wire O.A.M.980.
		1950	O.A.89 from G.H.Q. in reply to our G.A.305 reference Sherif recruiting 2000 Arab prisoners.
		2115	5th Cavalry Division reported return to ZABLE of Armoured car reconnaissance to BEIRUT, which was found evacuated by Turks and under Government of Shukri Pasha Ayubi. One French destroyer and 5 French steamers were in the port. Population was quiet and orderly.

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	8th.	0640	Chaytors Force Headquarters 400 yards east of Amman Railway Station.
		0700	Enemy aeroplane dropped bombs (3) on RAYAK, but did no damage.
		0740	4th Cavalry Division less 12th Cavalry Brigade moving to-day to ZEBDANI. 12th Cavalry Brigade to BAR ELIAS.
		0815	4th Cavalry Division reported Divnl H.Q. moving to ZEBDANI.
		1100	A.P.M. Reports P. of W. for 24 hours ending 1900 on 7th inst:-  1 Officer. 117 Other ranks. Turks. taken by 4th Cavalry Division.  Chaytors Force for 8th. 369 Other ranks.
		1200	4th Cavalry Division less 12th Cavalry Brigade arrived ZEBDANI. Divisional Headquarters located in building 100 yards from Railway Station.
		1445	G.A.370 to G.E.Q. asking for HOMS to be bombed by Army Wing in order to deter enemy aeroplane bombing our troops.
		1645	4th Cavalry Division reported railway line clear between DAMASCUS and ZEBDANI.
		1700	R.A.F. reported that at 1435 N.E. road from DAMASCUS to HOMS was clear as far as KHAN ARUS. At 1530 road from MOALLAKA to BAALBEK clear. No rolling stock in BAALBEK Station or on railway. No unusual movement in the town. Small trenches S.E. of town appear unoccupied. 150 - 200 cattle grazing near by.
		1730	4th Cavalry Division reported 12th Cavalry Brigade camped at French Colony 1½ miles N.W. of BAR ELIAS.
		1745	4th Cavalry Division wire G.A.371 reporting on Railway and roads DAMASCUS to ZEBDANI.
		1855	5th Cavalry Division advised that Brig-General G.A. WEIR, D.S.O. assumed command of 13th Cavalry Brigade on 7th inst.



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	9th	0720	4th Cavalry Division report railway line now clear between DAMASCUS and ZEBDANI.
		0800	R.A.F. reported HOMS road clear to 6 miles N.E. of KHAN ARUS. At this point 10 horsemen and 20 Infantry scattered., going N.E.
		0840	BAALBEK Station clear. No sign of enemy Occupation. 20 camels on road going north otherwise road and railway clear for 10 miles beyond BAALBEK.
		1000 to 1255	R.A.F. reconnaissance reports at HOMS 100 Rolling stock, 35 bell tents, 52 shelters 1 hangar, 4 machines on ground. 200 Cavalry and 300 Infantry East of Station. RIBLE bridge and rails intact. To south 4 small parties cavalry 80 in all, going North in scattered formation, also 150 infantry.
		1020	O.A.M.988 from G.H.Q. reference advance to HOMS - TRIPOLI line. O.A.M.991 from G.H.Q. reference Sherifian forces. G.A.380 to G.H.Q. (c) setting forth plans, in accordance with O.A.M.988.
		1520	G.A.381 ordering two gun cars of No.1 Light Car Patrol to report to 5th Cavalry Division forthwith.
		1530	G.A.382 ordering Australian Mounted Division to detail Composite Squadron of 100 men as escort for P/W working parties.
		1555	G.A.383 ordering Worcester Yeomanry to march from KAUKAB to EL MEZZE to relieve Squadron of Australian Mounted Division as guard on P/W Labour Battalion at that place.
		1600	G.A.388 ordering composite Squadron of 4th Cavalry Division from DERAA to remain in present bivouac at Damascus until receipt of further orders.
		1720	G.A.389 to 5th Cavalry Division ordering them to be prepared to move one Brigade from TEL ES SHERIF to BAALBEK and concentrate remainder of Division at TEL ES SHERIF.

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		1930	G.A.393 to Aeronautics G.H.Q., requesting HOMS reconnaissance be done by Army Wing tomorrow and suggesting move of flight of 142 Squadron to RAYAK.	APPX. 29									
		2320	O.294 from Aeronautics G.H.Q. stating reconnaissance of HOMS arranged. Impossible to move flight of 142 Squadron to RAYAK at present.	APPX. 30									

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	10th	0712	5th Cavalry Division reported situation normal. 2 Gun cars No. 10 L.C. Patrol reported for duty. Cipher wire to G.H.Q. (c) stating Sherifian Army unable to reach NEEK till 12th inst., and therefore intend pushing forward on 13th.	APPX. 31
		0725	G.A. 397 to G.O.C., L. of C., Kuneitra ordering INGLIS Bridge at JISR BENAT YAKUB to be sent to AFULE by returning supply lorries at once.	APPX. 32
		0900	B.M. 378 from G.O.C., L. of C. Kuneitra in reply to G.A. 397 stating all returning lorries loaded with sick from DAMASCUS. Suggest P/W be held back until bridge despatched.	APPX. 33
		0930	5th Cavalry Division reported BAALBEK surrendered to L.A.M.B. reconnaissance yesterday. Local Government has been set up. Situation is quiet. 500 Turks were taken prisoner by the inhabitants. Road between MOALLAKA and BAALBEK is good metalled road. It requires metalling repairs in places. Very little metal near road suitable for use. Water plentiful at TEL ES SHERIF and BAALBEK.	
		0900 1115	R.A.F. report strategical reconnaissance:- BEIRUT-TRIPOLI road appears fit for all transport. All bridges intact, and abundant water supply along route. 21st Corps advanced Cavalry 5 miles N.E. of BEIRUT.	
		0950	G.A. 400 to CGS., GHQ reference handing over captured artillery to Sherifian Forces.	APPX. 34
		1000	OAM. 995 from GHQ ordering that all telegraph lines are to be controlled by Military Authority.	APPX. 35
		1250	OAM. 2 from GHQ in reply to our GA. 400 reference handing over Artillery to Sherifian Forces.	APPX. 36
		1420	L. of C. Kuneitra advised that 2/155th Sikh Pioneers arrived JISR BENAT YAKUB 0700 and 'D' Section, 7th Survey Coy arrived KUNEITRA 1300.	
		1630	B.G.G.S., wire No. 1 to Sherifian Forces reference advance on HOMS.	APPX. 37
		1500	Worcester Yeomanry reported arrival at EL MEZZE to take over P. of W. Compound relieving Australian Mounted Divn Squadron at 1500. Worcester Yeo Regtl H.Q. in gardens E. of P/W Camp.	
		1520	GA. 405 to Maj Cornwallis in reply to Feisala request for captured artillery.	APPX. 38
		1750	<u>Situation.</u> 13th Cavalry Brigade (less 1 Sqdn) and 14th Cavalry Brigade astride BAALBEK road about TEL ES SHERIF. 1 Squadron of 13th Cavalry Brigade RAYAK Station.	



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	1950	C.A.M.4 from G.H.Q. ordering copy of C.A.M.995 to be sent at once to Maj Cornwallis and Col Dawney and to instruct Arab Army that telegraph lines must not be interfered with.
10th.	2115	G.A.416 to ARWING advising following positions of Divisional Report Centre Signs:-
		Ref map 1/125,000.
		Australian Mounted Division. M.12.d.3.4. just north of I of BARAMIE.
		4th Cavalry Division on railway platform ZEBDANI Station.
		5th Cavalry Division half mile N.E. of MOALLAKA Station just North of main BAALBEK road.
	2250	G.A.418 to Adv 21st Corps advising them of our plans.

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	11th	0535 to 0735	R.A.F. reconnaissance reports KUTRIFE normal. KUFTUL 150 camel corps proceeding N.E. to 50 men halted near water hole one mile S. of KUFTUL on road. Road NEBK, KARA clear.	
		0615 to 0915	R.A.F. reconnaissance reports branch railway runs from KUSSEIN - SETA to HAIT (only observed up to HAIT).	
		1000	AG/16 from A.D.C., to C.G.S., requesting us to arrange accommodation at Hotel on 16th inst for C.in C., 5 Officers and 16 O.Rs.	
		1030	G.A.421 issued referring to telegraph poles being interfered with and in some places cut down, and ordering steps be taken to prevent this practice.	
		1120	O.A.M.9 from G.H.Q. advising that C.in C. would visit DAMASCUS on 16/17th insts.	APPX. 40
		1530	G.A.424 issued to Australian Mounted Division, 4th and 5th Cavalry Divisions.	APPX. 41
		1630	5th Cavalry Division reported 13th Cavalry Brigade marched to bivouac north of BAALBEK. 15th Brigade to bivouac at TEL ES SHERIF.	
		1730	G.A.425 to C.G.S., G.H.Q. reference £10,000 for local resources.	APPX. 42
		1800	Y.O.1148 from 4th Cavalry Division advising that the Division (less 12th Cavalry Brigade group) moves to ET TEKKIE on 12th inst and ZABLE on 13th inst. Division less 1 Brigade moves to BAALBEK on 14th inst; 1 Brigade to TEL ES SHERIF.	
			G.A.427 to Composite Squadron of 4th Cavalry Division ordering this squadron to proceed tomorrow 12th inst to KHAN BEIZELUN, coming under orders of 4th Cavalry Division on arrival; reporting to 10th Cavalry Brigade at ET TEKKIE for further orders.	
		1815	Ref 1/325-000. Australian Mounted Division advise location of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade (less 1 Squadron) J.15.c. 1 1/2 miles South of KAUKAB. 1 Squadron on BOMS road 1 1/2 miles N. of DUMA.	



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	11th	1900	<p>P.of W. for previous 24 hours:-</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Officers.</th> <th style="text-align: left; border-bottom: 1px solid black;">Other ranks.</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>AUSDIV... .. ---</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FIVECAV.. ... 1</td> <td style="text-align: center;">21 (Turk) 14 (Armenian)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Chaytors Force. _____</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>Total.</b></td> <td style="text-align: center;"><b><u>1</u>                      <u>37</u></b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Officers.	Other ranks.	AUSDIV... .. ---	1	FIVECAV.. ... 1	21 (Turk) 14 (Armenian)	Chaytors Force. _____	1	<b>Total.</b>	<b><u>1</u>                      <u>37</u></b>	
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	1945		O.A.M. 12 from G.H.Q. reference operations against HOMS.	APPX. 43										
	2000		G.A.430 issued to 4th and 5th Cavalry Divisions.	APPX. 44										
	2024		QKT.9211 in reply to G.A.425 stating that Field Cashier left LUDD this morning with the required amount. <i>of money.</i>											
	1940		G.A.429 to Armwing HAIFA asking for reconnaissance of BAALBEK-HOMS road as far N.of HOMS as possible - portion of HOMS-TRIPOLI road and back along HOMS-DAMASCUS road.											

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	12th.	0100	G.A.434 issued comprising orders for advance on HOMS.	APPX. 45													
		0730 to 1030	R.A.F. reconnaissance reports HOMS barracks empty. Approx 450 people scattered on road round barracks. No movement seen in other portions of the town., nor movements of a military nature on roads in HOMS area. At ERRASTON approximately 400 infantry and 150 cavalry about 4 miles N. of ERRASTON about 475 troops all arms, all moving N. At HAMMA 1 scout aeroplane on landing ground south of town. Two trains in station with no steam up. About 400 people scattered at and near the station.														
		0800	4th Cavalry Division reported that their report centre will remain at ZEBDANI until 0600 on 13th inst and will then move direct to ZARLE.														
		1630	5th Cavalry Division reported their Divisional Headquarters established in Hotel at BAALBEK.														
		1800	OAM. 14 from GHQ stating that question of getting coats and blankets to troops by sea has been taken in hand. P/W for previous 24 hours :-	APPX. 46													
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	13th	0615	4th Cavalry Division less 12th Cavalry Brigade moving to ZAHLE.	
		1035	G.A.452 to Maj Cornwallis requesting him to hold up wires for FEISAL until a through line to BEIRUT can be established.	APPX. 47
		1315	O.A.M. 17 from G.H.Q. regarding protective arrangements for C.in C. from Beirut to Damascus.	APPX. 48
		1336	O.A. <sup>M</sup> 19 from G.H.Q. advising that Nos.3 and 4 L.C.Patrols have been allotted to Desert Mounted Corps.	APPX. 49
		1400	4th Cavalry Division advised their Division concentrated MOALLAKA area. Divisional Headquarters at junction of roads 1 mile W. of TALABEYA.	
		1445	G.A.212 from 5th Cavalry Division giving their plans for move on HOMS.	APPX. 50
		1520	G.A.455 to Nos 1 and 7 L.C.Patrols and No.11 L.A.M.B. reference escorting C.in C. from BEIRUT on 16th inst.	APPX. 51
		1530	Y.O.153 from 4th Cavalry Division giving plans for move on HOMS.	APPX. 52
		1815	G.A.458 to Australian Mounted Division <del>regarding protective arrangements</del> to instruct Squadron clearing BEIRUT Pass to proceed towards EL HAME where there are still a considerable number of dead animals lying along roadside.	
		2000	O.A.M.28 from G.H.Q. reference selecting camp sites in salubrious places.	APPX. 53
		2030	5th Cavalry Division reported their Headquarters are north of LEBWE. 13th Cavalry Brigade LEBWE. other 2 Brigades BAALBEK.	
		2257	O.A.M.28 from G.H.Q. asking who is acting as B.G.G.S.	
		2332	LGMT.281 from Communications asking for itinerary for move of Nos3 and 4 L.C.Patrols.	



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	14th.	0615	G.A.468 to GHQ in reply to OAM.28 stating that Gen GODWIN supervised work during last few days and will be quite fit for duty in a couple of days time. Australian Mounted Division reported N.W. and N.E. roads from DAMASCUS all clear.	
		1020	G.A.470 sent to Comms giving itinerary for Nos 3 and 4 Light Car Patrols. Ludd to Tulkeram 16th to Nazareth 17th to Kuneitra 18th to Damascus 19th. Further itinerary will be notified on arrival at DAMASCUS.	
		1507	G.A.453 to G.H.Q. giving details of arrangements made for protection of C.in C. en route from BEIRUT, stating road from DAMASCUS to BEIRUT patrolled by L.C. Patrols and an escort of 2 gun cars of No. 11 L. A. M. B.	
		1537	5th Cavalry Division reported Divisional Headquarters reached EL KAA, 13th Cavalry Brigade EL KAA. 14th and 15th Cavalry Brigades LEBWE.	
		1600	12th Cavalry Brigade arrived BAALBEK. Remainder of 4th Cavalry Division in MOALLAKA area.	
		1855	No. 11 L.A.M.B. reported their arrival at BEIRUT where they had been sent to escort C.in C. to DAMASCUS.	
		2033	A.C.17 from A.D.C. to C.in C. reference C.In Cs visit.	APPX. 54
		2040	G.A.484 to C.C.S., G.H.Q., asking for ambulance convoy to evacuate Descorps patients. This is urgently required. (Reply A.A.25134 from G.H.Q. at 1910 on 15th)	APPX. 55
		2350	G.A.482 to A.D.C. to C.in C. in reply to A.C.17.	APPX. 56

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	15th	0730	12th Cavalry Brigade moving to LEBWE, remainder of Division to BAALBEK.	
		0830	G.A.489 to Australian Mounted Division ordering squadron on DUMA road to be recalled.	APPX. 57
		0850	G.A.490 issued reference DAMASCUS - BEIRUT road on occasion of visit of C.in C.	APPX. 58
		0940	G.A.492 to 21st Corps reference placing guards at railway stations between ZAHLE and BEIRUT.	APPX. 59
		1000	*****repeats* C.A.M.36 from G.H.Q. asking strength of detachment at DERAA. Reply was sent (GA.510) that there was no detachment of Desert Mounted Corps there. Hedjaz Army took this over, the strength of their detachment not being known.	APPX. 60
		1400	Y.A.51 received from 4th Cavalry Division reporting on railway bridge at DEIR EL BEIDAR.	APPX. 61
		1440	21st Corps replied (GA.88) to our G.A.492 reference guards at railway stations on Beirut line.	APPX. 62
		1500	A.C.12 from A.D.C., to C.in C., advising that the C.in C. would arrive at DAMASCUS at 1400 tomorrow 16th inst.	
		1525	5th Cavalry Division reported Divisional Headquarters in bivouac just North of KUSSEIR. 13th Brigade at KUSSEIR, other two brigades at EL KAA.	
		1630	A.C.17 from A.D.C., to C.in C. reference guard of 1 H.C.O. and 12 D/R for C.in C. at Hotel Victoria.	
		1645	Chaytors Force wire their dispositions.	APPX. 63
		1650	G.A.219 from 5th Cavalry Division reporting their advanced troops entered HOMS.	APPX. 64
		1700	G.A.218 from 5th Cavalry Division giving their order of march on HOMS.	APPX. 65
		1910	A.A.25134 from D.A.G., G.H.Q. reference Ambulance Convoy, in reply to our GA.494 of 14th. <del>APPX.</del>	



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	15th.	1945	4th Cavalry Division reported Divisional Headquarters and 10th and 11th Cavalry Brigades at BAALBEK. 12th Cavalry Brigade at LEBWE.	
		2006	A.257 from Army Wing R.A.F. giving reconnaissance 0930 - 1200	APPX. 66
		2115	G.T. 918 from 4th Cavalry Division giving report from 5th Cav Divn on HOMS road.	
		2120	Squadron of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade Australian Mounted Division returned from detachment at DUMA.	
		2130	G.A.501 to Aeronautics G.H.Q., Army Wing and 142 Sqn RAF asking for HOMS to be bombed.	APPX. 67
		2140	G.A. 502 to Headquarters, Sherifian Forces advising them that C.in C. will arrive DAMASCUS tomorrow 15th inst at 1400.	
		2145	4th Cavalry Division reported 12th Cavalry Brigade remains LEBWE 15th inst; Division (less 12th Cavalry Brigade) remains at BAALBEK.	
		2250	G.A.504 to 4th Cavalry Division and 5th Cavalry Division reference relief of Squadron left at BAALBEK by 5th Cavalry Division.	APPX. 68

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	0740	G.A. 508 to ADC. to C. in C. stating that FEISAL wishes to meet C. in C. and present HEDJAZ notables and asking if 3 or 4 o'clock this afternoon will suit.	
16th.	0750	R.A.F. reconnaissance reported at ER RASIAN one car and 20 Cavalry entering the town from the South, and about 200 scattered troops north of the town. Centre arch of bridge north of the town blown up. In HAMA Station about 30 rolling stock and 10 Rolling Stock burnt. 8 M.T. entering the town from the South. 40 horses picqueted south of town. 200 Infantry, 70 cavalry scattered south of the town. This movement and these troops are apparently the force left in HAMA to get away as much of the grain as possible.	
	1055		
	0845	G.A. 509 to 5th Cavalry Division reference reconnoitring HOMS-TRIPOLI road.	APPX. 69
	0910	G.A. 510 to G.H.Q. advising, in answer to their O.A.M. 36, that no detachment of Desert Mounted Corps at DERAA. Hedjaz Army have a detachment there, strength not known.	
	1000	G.A. 512 to 5th Cavalry Division and Armwing reference landing ground at HOMS.	APPX. 70
	1110	TC. 109 in reply to GA. 508 stating C. in C. will meet FEISAL and HEDJAZ Notables at 1600 today.	
	1545	Cipher message from 5th Cavalry Division stating that Divisional Headquarters was bivouacked one mile N.W. of HOMS, 13th Cavalry Brigade just north of Divnl H.Q. 14th and 15th Cavalry Brigades at KUSSIR.	
	1700	A.A.W. 124 from Admincom Tiberias, stating that the troop from the Escort Squadron of 2nd A.L.S. Regiment was still in strict quarantine.	
	1720	G.A. 514 Orders for 4th Cavalry Division to remain in BAALBEK-LEBWE area.	APPX. 71
	1730	4th Cavalry Division advised that Division (less 12th Cavalry Bde) at BAALBEK, 12th Cavalry Brigade at LEBWE.	
	1800	A.T. 754 from Commanding RAMLER, stating that Nos 3 and 4 Light Car Patrols would leave LUDD at 0800 tomorrow 17th inst., arriving at DAMASCUS on 20th inst.	APPX. 72

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G.A.518 to 11th L.A.M.B. reference patrolling <sup>in</sup> front of C.in C. to Kuneitra.

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5th Cavalry Division reported situation of Landing ground at HOMS.

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