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Title: 2nd Australian Light Horse
Brigade

May 1916

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1.5.16	ROMANI	<p>Patrol (1 troop) 6th LH. Rgt. left ROMANI 0800 to reconnoitre HILL 110 area. One mile N.E. of HILL 110 Bedouin Camp seen. 3 Bedouins 26 women flock of 50 goats and a few fowls. Patrol returned to HILL 110 at 1100 taking with it one Bedouin, other 2 being too old to travel. Left HILL 110 at 1115 reached ROMANI 1250. Nothing unusual seen on the way back.</p> <p>Patrol (1 troop) 6th LH Rgt. left ROMANI 0800 & marched HILL 114 at 0900. No enemy or natives seen. Patrol left</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1.5.16	ROMANI	HILL 117 at 1000 arrived ROMANI 1115. Patrol (one squadron) 6 th L.H.	
2.5.16	ROMANI	Patrol (10 off 20 men) 6 th LH left ROMANI at 0850 met 5 th LH patrol at BIR-EL-DHABA at 1000. Returned to Camp 1430. 20 women seen and taken by 5 th LH patrol. Otherwise nothing unusual seen. Patrol (1 troop 4 th LH) left ROMANI 1415 to reconnoitre MAHAMDIYA. Crossed lake (Square 3C) but found going ^{fairly} rough owing to presence of large pieces of quartz in said lake. Returned to camp 1430 reported "all clear".	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
2.5.16	ROMANI	<p>Patrol (1 troop) 4th LH Rgt. left ROMANI 0900 to reconnoitre HILL 110 - ER-RABAH area. Returned 1650. Reported "all clear".</p> <p>Small well seen at ER-RABAH. Not sufficient to water troop horses of 1 troop. Probably water is obtainable in fairly large quantity by digging wells.</p> <p>Patrol (2 troops) 4th LH Rgt. left ROMANI 1230 to reconnoitre QATIA, BIR-QATIA, BIR-EL-MAMLUK areas. Reached QATIA 1430, found machine gun parts MG belt boxes, etc. left by Yomanry.</p> <p>From QATIA proceeded to BIR-EL-MAMLUK</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
2.5.16.	ROMANI	<p>One well, found, timbered with palm logs, containing brackish water. Pump and trough (evidently belonging to Yemenis) at his well. 250 horses ^{per hour} could be watered at this well. Patrol then went on to BIR-EL-HAMISAH but found no more wells. From HAMISAH patrol moved towards ROMANI. Came across a telephone wire NW and SE through "B" of BIR EL MARAIEH. Wire is a red insulated wire in good order and is attached to main telegraph wire running almost E and W through QATIA.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
2.5.16	ROMANI	Between BIR-EL-MAMLUK and BIR-EL-HAMISAH the patrol saw what appeared to be fresh tracks of a four wheeled vehicle running N of E and S of W. There were no signs of it having been drawn by animals. Near same spot fresh tracks of donkeys seen, they appeared to have been ridden as their tracks were close together. Camp reached at <u>1830.</u>	
3.5.16	ROMANI	Patrol (10ff. 20 men) 4 th LH left ROMANI 0945 connected with 5 th LH patrol at HOD MARZUGIAT. Saw good well at HOD EL EMNA 5 ft. by 5 ft.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
3.5.16	ROMANI	<p>Contains 2 ft. good drinking water. 100 buckets drawn & depth of water not reduced. Returned reporting "all clear". Patrol in search missing airmen. Patrol (1 troop 7th LH) also R.M.O. left ROMANI, 2345 & proceeded to MAHAMDIYA which was reached at 0115 4th May 1916. Patrol then moved along beach to a point 1 mile W of doused buoy (square D3). At this point 3 lights were observed in S.E. direction at about HOD-KRUSH. Patrol returned to MAHAMDIYA which was reached 0445. Left for ROMANI</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
ROMANI	3/5/1916	<p>at 0515 arrived back 0630. No trace of airmen seen.</p> <p>Patrol (C Squadron) 6th L.H. left ROMANI 1030 and marched direct to QATIA which was reached at 1215. One troop sent to BIR ELHAMISAH. Remainder of patrol reached HOD-UMM-UGBA 1245. Went within 1/2 mile of HARATINA and saw no signs of enemy. Troop from BIR-EL-HAMISAH returned QATIA 1530 and Squadron left for ROMANI 1545, which was reached 1800. No sign of enemy.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
ROMANI	3/5/16.	<p>at UMM - UGBA good well 10 ft. deep was seen. Timbered with palm logs. About 1 ft. 6" water. Well cleaned out & deepened by patrol. Good water. If properly cleaned out, would water about 100 animals per hour. Further wells could be sunk with good results. It</p> <p>UMM - UGBA is a HOD about 1/2 mile long by 1/4 mile. Good observation posts about 1 mile from well. On western end, low ridge looking into QATIA. Samples of water from wells taken for analysis.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
ROMANI	3/5/16.	<p>Patrol (1 troop 6th L.H.) left QATIA 1230 to reconnoitre BIR-EL-HAMISAH where it arrived 1330. 3 dead Yeomanry horses seen, also their old camping ground. Close to camp, 3 good wells. Water slightly brackish. 3 ft. water in wells. 2 canvas troughs, 1 pump, 48 ft. rubber hoising found. These were left by Yeomanry when they evacuated retired. Horses drank water readily. About 200 could be watered per hour. Patrol left BIR ELHAMISAH 1400 arrived ROMANI reporting "all clear".</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
ROMANI	4/5/1918	<p>Patrol (1 off. 28 or.) left ROMANI 0530 to connect with 5th LH. patrol, which was met 2 miles past BIR EL DHABA. Returned reporting "all clear".</p> <p>Patrol (1 off. 24 or.) left ROMANI 0730 to reconnoitre MAHAMDIYA area, which was reached 0845. Lake S of MAHAMDIYA is impassable to mounted troops but dismounted men can cross. N. Zealand patrol met at muns, reported "all clear". Returned at 1100 reached camp 1215. No enemy seen. <u>All clear.</u></p>	

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Date:	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
4.5.16	ROMANI	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SEARCH FOR MISSING AEROPLANE</u></p> <p>Patrol (2 troops) 7th L.H. left ROMANI 1210 proceeded direct to HOD KRUSH. Surrounding hills picked. 50 goats in charge Bedouins seen 1/2 mile S of HOD KRUSH. HOD ED DAEAB viewed through telescope appeared clear. Patrol tried to cross area "subject to inundation" but got bogged & had to return to South Bank. Dismounted troops could pick their way across. Patrol then moved along beach & reached a point 1/2 mile E of disused buoy. Returned to ROMANI arriving at 200</p>	
5/4/1916. No enemy or signs of missing airmen seen.			

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
4/5/16	ROMANI	<p>2 troops left ROMANI 0530 to reconnoitre HILL 110 area. Fresh tracks 2 camels 1 mative seen followed but nothing sighted. Left for camp 1130 reaching ROMANI 1315. Reported "all clear".</p> <p>1 Squadron left ROMANI 0530 to reconnoitre QATIA, BIR EL HAMISAH, ER-RABAH area. One troop sent to EL HAMISAH one to ER-RABAH and 2 remaining troops to QATIA. At QATIA fresh wheel tracks of a four wheeled and a 2 wheeled vehicle seen 200 yards E and W</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
2/5/16	ROMANI	of QATIA. Seemed to be proceeding S.E. Tracks followed for 2 miles but nothing seen. Squadron concentrated at QATIA at 1300 returned to ROMANI reporting "all clear". at HAMISAH three German maps of PALESTINE - and E + S portions of SINAI Peninsula. These were forwarded to ANZAC Mtd. Div.	
5.5.16	ROMANI	Patrol (10 off. 20 on.) 4 th LH. left ROMANI 0930 & connected with 5 th LH patrol at HODEL BINNA at 1100. Returned to ROMANI reporting "all clear".	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
ROMANI	5/5/16.	<p>Patrol (A Squadron) 6th LH Regt. left ROMANI 0645. One troop "B" Squad. accompanied patrol. Reached OSHRATINA which was seen 10.15. One troop sent to BIR EL HAMISAH. Patrol left for ROMANI 1400 returned 1710. -</p> <p>Nothing seen of enemy. Report "all clear"</p> <p>Patrol ("B" Squadron 6th LH Regt.) left for BIR-EL-HAMISAH which was reached 09.45. Left at 10.15 for QATIA. Arrived there 1100. Remained till 1530. At BIR-EL-HAMISAH remains of Yemanry camp seen.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
ROMANI	5.5.16	<p>No enemy seen. Report "all clear". Patrol to HILL 110, HILL 102 thence to OCHRATINA. 1 Troop 6th L.H. Rgt. left ROMANI to reconnoitre above areas. Arrived HILL 110 at 0815, then proceeded to HILL 102, thence to OCHRATINA. Nothing seen of enemy, report "all clear".</p>	
ROMANI	6.5.16	<p>Patrol (1 troop) 6th L.H. Rgt. left ROMANI</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
ROMANI	6.5.16	<p>Patrol (1 troop) 6th L.H. Rgt. left ROMANI 0800 connected with 5th L.H. patrol at BIR-ED-DHAMBA 1030. Returned 1300 reporting all clear.</p> <p>Patrol (1 troop) 4th L.H. left ROMANI 1230 proceeded to MAHAMDIYA and returned reporting all clear.</p> <p>Patrol 1 troop 7th L.H. Rgt. left ROMANI 1100 to HILL 110. Returned ROMANI 1530 reporting all clear.</p> <p>Patrol (2 troops) 7th L.H. Rgt. left ROMANI 1230 for QATIA. From QATIA one troop sent to BIR ELHAMISAH.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
6/5/16	ROMANI	Returned ROMANI 1800 reporting all clear.	
4/5/16 8/5/16	ROMANI	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>RECONNAISSANCE OF</u> <u>FROM BIR-EL-ABD.</u></p> <p>From orders received from ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION, the 2nd L.H Bde (less 5th L.H Rgt) moved by squadrons to QATIA. Concentration of the Brigade at QATIA was complete at 1830.</p> <p>Brigade resumed march to DEHRATINA at 2000 reached this place at 2220.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
<p>4th + 8th May 1916</p>	<p>OGHRATINA</p>	<p>Moved out from OGHRATINA at 0410 Patrol of advanced guard passed through BIR EL ABD at 0415. Main body arrived 0800. Camp at BIR EL ABD found deserted. Aeroplane reported country clear as far as SALMANA.. Our patrols about 3 miles E of ^{BIR EL ABD} SALMANA reported all clear. At 0800 our patrols reported 12 camels moving in a S.W. direction from BIR EL ABD, also five enemy horsemen moving rapidly in a NE direction. 2 Beduins captured. One (the younger)</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
4 th & 8 th May 1916	BIRELABD	<p>wearing khaki shirt & British soldier's jacket. He was armed with an old pattern rifle and had a bag of assorted ammunition. Ten native women seen.</p> <p>Brigade left BIRELABD 1030 arrived DEHRATINA 1330. March resumed 1500. arrived back at Camp at ROMANI at 1830. Description of locality of BIRELABD rendered to DHQ.</p>	
9 th May	ROMANI	<p>Patrols sent to BIREDDHABA, ABU HAMRA, MAHAMDIYA. All reported "all clear".</p>	
10 th May.		<p>Patrols sent to MAHAMDIYA, BIREDDHABA</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
10 th May	ROMANI	OGHRATINA. "All clear" reported by all patrols. The patrol to MAHAMDIYA worked on excavation started by N.Z.M.R. Brigade. This was an a canal being built from the sea at MAHAMDIYA with the object of flooding a strip of country, which would ^{reduce} save the patrolling in that locality. The scheme however was not successful.-	
11 th May	ROMANI	Patrols to BIR ED DHABA, MILLIHO, HODELAMOIA, HOD AVISH, HODESABIA, HODEL METIANA. were sent out and reported "all clear".-	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
ROMANI	12 th May..	Patrols to BIR EDDHABA, HILL 110, HILL 102, BIR ELHAMISAH, MAHAMDIYA. - went out and reported "all clear". -	
12 th May	ROMANI	Patrol sent to MAHAMDIYA and reported "all clear". -	
14 th May	ROMANI	Patrols to HILL 110 and QATIA reported "all clear". -	
15 th May	ROMANI	Patrol to HODEL ENNA reported "all clear". -	
16 th May	ROMANI	Patrol sent to BIR EDDHABA reported "all clear".	
16 th May	ROMANI	Reconnaissance to BIR BAYUD. - In accordance with instructions received from ANZAC Mounted Division,	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
16/5/1916	ROMANI	<p>6th LH Regt. were detailed to make a reconnaissance of BIR BAYUD.</p> <p>They left ROMANI at 1400 on Monday 15th May 1916, marched via QATIA to HOD ES SAGIA where they bivouaced for the night. - Left at 0330 and marched direct to HOD EL BAYUD arriving there at 1700. Between HOD ES SAGIA and HOD EL BAYUD the sand drifts were very steep and it was only possible to go at a very slow pace. Sub-section of Field Ambulance which was to accompany the Regt.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
16/5/16	HODEL BAYUD.	<p>to BIR BAYUD could not go further than HOD EL BAHEIR owing to the broken nature of the country and soft sand drifts.</p> <p>On arrival of advance patrols at HOD EL BAYUD they reported that they could see 6 camels and 10 dismounted men about 4 miles distant moving rapidly in a N.E. direction.</p> <p>Advance patrols pushed on as quickly as possible through BIR BAYUD at 0450 and reconnoitred country 2 miles East. Patrols reported that 2 horsemen</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
16.5.16	HOD EL BAYUD.	<p>were seen in direction of EL HAYUL also 3 camels tracks going in an Easterly direction. - At BIR BAYUD there were 20 wells, from 8 ft. to 12 ft. deep, 4 ft. by 4 ft. across, revetted with palm tree logs, water from 1 ft. to 2 ft. deep. 1 well fairly brackish, 15 very brackish, 4 foul. - 2 shelters destroyed, also 10 water troughs. 1 dead horse found in HOD; it was only a few hours dead.</p> <p>From BIR BAYUD there was a well defined road leading NW, apparently</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
16.5.16	HODEL BAYUD.	<p>to BIR EL ABDI-</p> <p>About 1000 the heat became almost unbearable, the men and horses showing signs of distress. Regiment withdrew at 1000 and marched to HODEL BAHIER where men & horses took shelter under the palms. Regiment then marched to HODEL SAGIA, where quite a number of men were reported unable to ride any further owing to heat exhaustion. A dressing station was formed and all cases treated by 2nd L.H.F. Ambulance. Regiment less sick men and 2 troops</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
16.5.16	<p>HODEL BAYUD. left as rearguard then pushed on to QATIA where water was obtained for the horses. Between 1630 and 2000 all sick men were removed from HODEL SAGIA to QATIA where tent subdivision of 2nd LHAmb. had formed a dressing station.</p> <p>Work done by Captain J. BEITH, R.M.O. 6th LHA. Rgt. and the Field Ambulance under command of Major Fraser deserves mention. Result of extreme heat during operations was as follows: 4 off. 32 or. to hospital, 1 off. 5 or.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
16.5.16	ROMANI	treated by R.M.O. Also 2 horses destroyed. V.O. reported that 500 horses were unfit for immediate use but number would be reduced to 50 after 3 days spell.	
17.5.16	ROMANI	Patrols to QATIA and HILL 110 reported "all clear" --	
18.5.16	ROMANI	Patrols to BIRED DHABA and BIR EN NUSS reported "all clear".	
20.5.16		Patrols to QATIA and HILL 110 reported "all clear".	
23.5.16	ROMANI	Report on reconnaissance to HOD EL BEDAIDIA.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
ROMANI	22/23 May	<p>In accordance with Anzac Mtd. Division order N° 19, 2nd LH Bde (less 1 Regt.) left ROMANI at 0700 on 22nd May & marched to QATIA where they rested for the day.</p> <p>At 2000 the Brigade left QATIA and arrived OSHRATINA at 2145. Rested until midnight.</p>	
23 rd May	OSHRATINA	<p>Then resumed the march and arrived at a point 1½ miles W of BIRELABD at 0315 on 23rd May. 4th LH Regt. ordered to proceed in a NE direction and envelop BIRELABD from the N.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
23 rd May	BIRELABD	<p>6th LH in reserve at a point 1½ miles W of BIRELABD. 7th LH Regt. rather slow in enveloping BIRELABD. At daylight 8 men on camels seen to leave BIRELABD proceeding in an E direction. They were chased and 1 prisoner taken. Remainder, on fast trotting camels, soon outdistanced our men and horses. Shots fired at enemy and 1 man seen to fall from his camel but was picked up and carried off. 7th LH then proceeded to reconnoitre HODELGEDAIDIA.</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
23 rd May	BIREL ABD	<p>While reconnaissance was being carried out, enemy's patrol (estimated strength 40 men on camels) were active. They closed in and harassed our outpost. Shots were exchanged and troops were sent after them. They quickly retired in direction of BIR EL SALMANA and again opened fire from a ridge on our troops. As camels could easily outdistance our men, it was considered useless to press them further. - at BIR EL GEDAIDIA, a systematic</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
23 rd May	GEDAIDIA	<p>search was made for stores but none were discovered. All native huts burned. HOD EL MUSHELFAT and HOD UMWEITH EL HILU were also searched and native huts destroyed. Reconnaissance completed at 0830 and Brigade marched Westward along the telegraph line. OGHRAATINA reached at 1130 where Brigade remained for lunch. At 1315 Brigade left left OGHRAATINA and arrived ROMANI at 1610.</p> <p>While Brigade was on reconnaissance</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
23/5/1916	ROMANI	<p>1 Regt and 1 Squadron NZMARBde. acted as covering troops, protecting flanks of 2nd LH Bde. -</p> <p>At HOD UMMUGBA 2 cases Turkish SAA were dug up. They were buried beneath a mound shaped like a grave, with a cross above it.</p> <p>At QATIA, 2 cases Turkish SAA were also dug up.</p>	
24/5/16	ROMANI	Patrol to HILL 110 reported "all clear".	
25/5/16	ROMANI	Patrols to HILL 110 and QATIA reported "all clear".	
26/6/16.	ROMANI	From orders received from ANZAC	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
26/5/16	ROMANI	Mounted Division, 6 th LH Regt. moved out of ROMANI at 0300 and proceeded to HILL 40. They arrived at 1030.	
27/5/16	ROMANI	Brigade Headquarters and 4 th LH Regt moved out of ROMANI at 0300 and proceeded to HILL 40, where they arrived at 1100. 5 th LH Regt. still detached from 2 nd LH Brigade on duty at DUEIDAR POST. The idea of Brigade dropping back to ROMANI is to give horses and men a spell after the rather	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
27/5/16	HILL 70	strenuous time at ROMANI.	
27/6 31 st May 1916	HILL 70	Two patrols daily to MOD EL ARAS and CANTERBURY HILL respectively	
		were furnished and all reported "all clear". -	

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APPENDIX.

2ND. LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE ORDER NO. 6

COPY No. 2 36

by

Brig.General G. de L. Ryrie C.M.G.
Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

Brigade Hqrs.

ROMANI 6/5/1916

REFERENCE

Map 1 QATIA

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The G.O.C. No. 3 Section Canal Defences wish a reconnaissance of the BIR EL ABD to be carried out.

The ANZAC Mounted Division will carry out the reconnaissance.

2nd. L.H. Brigade (less one Regt.) will carry out the immediate reconnaissance of BIR EL ABD.

Opportunity will be taken to destroy enemy stores and break up any small hostile parties that are encountered, but the primary object is information.

Any serious engagement with the enemy will be avoided.

DATE

The reconnaissance will be carried out on Sunday 7th May 1916 and Monday 8th May 1916.

TROOPS

(a) For the reconnaissance 2nd. L.H. Brigade less one Regiment.

(b) Covering troops N.Z.M.R.Bde. less 1 Regt. and 1 Squadron.

5th L.H. Regt. less 1 Squadron.

DETAIL OF MOVES FOR 7TH MAY.

The 2nd. L.H.Bde. less 5th L.H. Regt. will move to BIR EL ABD via QATIA and OGH RATINA as follows: 6th L.H. Regt. and camels will move by squadrons from ROMANI between the hours of 1300 and 1430 and bivouac at QATIA putting out outpost lines and taking particular care to capture all natives in the vicinity and keep them until reconnaissance is made.

2nd. L.H.Bde.Hqrs. and 7th L.H. Regt. will move by squadrons from ROMANI commencing at 1500 to the same bivouac.

The Brigade with one Squadron of 7th L.H. Regt. as advanced guard, will leave QATIA at 1900 for OGH RATINA and on arrival there will rest until 0300 May 8th.

Orders regarding the flanking Squadrons will be issued at OGH RATINA. The march to BIR EL ABD will be resumed at 0300 on the 8th May.

COVERING TROOPS

The N.Z.M.R.Bde less 1 Squadron will arrive at BIR EL HAMISAH at 0730 on the 8th May and will watch country in direction of BIR EL MAGEIBRA.

All covering troops are remaining in position until 2nd. Light Horse Brigade has cleared QATIA on its return.

AMMUNITION

140 rounds per man will be carried.

SUPPLIES

Each man will carry one days rations and one iron ration.

Two feeds per horse will be carried in each nosebag.

An extra feed for horse will be carried on camels to OGH RATINA.

MEDICAL

The 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance will accompany the Brigade as far as OGHRAATINA, where they will remain ready to move forward to BIR EL ABD if required.

WATER

Material (buckets and ropes) will be taken to water horses.

Drinking water for men will be taken to OGHRAATINA.

CAMELS

50 camels will accompany the Brigade as far as OGHRAATINA. 35 will carry 2 fantasses of water each for men, and 15 will carry forage.

These camels will leave OGHRAATINA at dawn on morning of the 8th May for RAILHEAD under escort of 1 N.C.O. and 12 men to be detailed by C.O. 6th L.H. Regt.

COMMUNICATION

O.C. 2nd. Signal Troop will arrange for communication by visual or despatch rider between all parties taking part in the reconnaissance.

REPORTS

During the march QAFIA to OGHRAATINA night 7/8th reports will be sent to head of Main body.

W.M. ANDERSON Major

a/Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

Issued at 2000

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2	Diary
3	6th L.H.
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8	N.Z.M.R. Bde.
9	5th L.H.

2nd. L.H. Brigade order No. 7
by
Brig.Gen. G. de L. Ryrie C.M.G.
Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade

REFERENCE	Map QATIA ^{xx1} 100,000	Brigade Hqrs. QATIA 7"5"1916
MOVE	The Brigade will resume march to OGH RATINA at 2000.	
ADVANCED GUARD	O.C. 7th L.H. will detail 1 Squadron as advanced guard.	
ORDER OF MARCH	7th L.H. Regt. (less 1 squadron) 6th L.H. Regt. 2nd. L.H. F. Amb. Camel party.	
STARTING POINT	Old chimney (pointed out).	
NOISE	All ranks are warned that absolute silence must be maintained throughout march.	
	The column must be kept closed up.	
LIGHTS	No lights are permitted during march.	
OUTPOST	The advanced guard will form outpost line when OGH RATINA is reached.	

W.M. ANDERSON Major
a/Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Bde.

1645.

Dictated to O.Cs Units.

2nd.L.H.Brigade order No. 8
by
Brig.Gen.G. de L. Ryrie C.M.G.
Commanding 2nd. L.H. Bde. A.I.F.

Bde.Hqrs.
OGHRATINA 8/5/1916

REFERENCE

Map ¹ 100,000 QATIA

MOVE

The Brigade will be ready to resume march at 0330 on the 8th May.

ADVANCED GUARD

O.C. 6th L.H. Regt. will detail one Squadron as advanced guard.

FLANKING SQUADRONS

O.C. 6th L.H. Regt. will detail one Squadron to move to N of telephone wire. O/C 7th L.H. Regt. will detail 1 Squadron to move to S of telegraph line. These squadrons will make flank secure and will remain in position until reconnaissance has been completed.

SUPPORT

1 Squadron per Regiment will be detailed to form supports.

RESERVE

1 Squadron 7th L.H. will form reserve.

CAMELS

All camels will move to ROMANI under escort, at dawn.

W.M. ANDERSON Major
a/Brigade Major 2nd.L.H.Bde.

Dictated to O/Cs
units at 2300.

2nd.L.H.F.Amb.will follow in rear of Brigade

by
 Brig. General G. de L. Ryrle C.M.G.
 Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

APPENDIX.

ROMANI 14/5/1916.

1. REFERENCE Map 1 QATIA Map 1 SABKHET EL BARDAWIL
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2. INTENTION C.O.C. No. 3 Section wishes to carry out a reconnaissance of BIR EL JEFFEIR, BIR EL MAGEIBRA and BIR BAYUD, with the object of obtaining information on the following points:
 a. Whether occupied by the enemy or not, or recent traces of occupation.
 b. Number of wells.
 c. Condition of water.
 d. Destroying enemy stores.
3. DATE Reconnaissance will take place on Monday 15th May 1916 and Tuesday 16th May 1916.
4. TROOPS Troops employed for reconnaissance will be:
 at BIR BAYUD, 6th L.H. Regt.
 at MAGEIBRA, 1 Squadron N.Z.M.R. Bde.
 at BIR EL JEFFEIR 1 Squadron 5th L.H. Regt.
 at HOD EL DABABIS 1 Regt. (less 1 Squadron) N.Z.M.R. Bde.
5. MOVES
 May 15th 1916 The 6th L.H. Regt. ~~xxxxxxx~~ and one Squadron N.Z.M.R. Bde. will leave ROMANI at 1400 and move to HOD ES SAGIA, watering horses at QATIA en route. They will bivouac at HOD ES SAGIA for the night. The N.Z.M.R. Regt. (less 1 Squadron) will bivouac in the neighbourhood of OGH RATINA for the night.
6. MOVES
 May 16th 1916 The 6th L.H. Regt. will leave HOD ES SAGIA at such time as to arrive at BIR BAYUD at 0800.
 The Squadron N.Z.M.R. Bde. will leave HOD ES SAGIA at such time as to arrive at BIR EL MAGEIBRA at 0800.
 The Squadron 5th L.H. Regt. will leave DUEIDAR at such time as to arrive at BIR EL JEFFEIR at 0800.
 The N.Z.M.R. Regt. (less 1 Squadron) will leave OGH RATINA at such time as to arrive at HOD ED DABABIS at 0600, to take up a position to protect the troops proceeding to BIR BAYUD.
 Reconnaissance of the different points should be completed and troops should begin withdrawing at 1000.
 O.C. 6th L.H. Regt. will communicate with N.Z.M.R. REGT. at HOD ED DABABIS as soon as his rearguard is clear of a N and S line through HOD ED DABABIS.
7. AMMUNITION 140 rounds per man will be carried.
8. SUPPLIES 1 day's ration and 1 iron ration will be carried by each man. 2 feeds for horses will be carried in nosebags. 1 extra feed per horse will be carried on camels to neighbourhood of HOD ES SAGIA.
9. WATER Fantasses of water for men will be carried on camels to neighbourhood of HOD ES SAGIA and all troops will take necessary material for watering horses at wells.
10. TRANSPORT With the exception of camels for water and ~~fodder~~ fodder, no transport will be taken.
 Camels will be allotted as follows:
 For 6th L.H. Regt. at HOD ES SAGIA 32 camels
 For Squadron N.Z.M.R. at HOD ES SAGIA 8 camels
 All camels will return to ROMANI at 0430 on 16th May.
 O.C. 7th L.H. Regt. will detail 1 Sergt. and 12 men to leave Camp at 1300 on 15th May to escort camels to HOD ES SAGIA and return with same, leaving HOD ES SAGIA at 0430 on 16th May.

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11. MEDICAL

One bearer subdivision 2nd. L.H. Bde. with its sand carts and sledges will accompany the Regt. to BIR BAYUD. 1 bearer subdivision will accompany the N.Z.M.R. Regt.

12. COMMUNICATIONS

The O.C. 2nd. ~~Inf.~~ Sig. Troop will arrange for communications.

13. REPORTS

To B.H.Q. 2nd. L.H. Brigade, ROMANI.

J. J. [Signature] Major,
Brigade Major, 2nd L.H. Brigade, A.I.F.
~~Brig. General~~

~~Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.~~

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APPENDIX

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SND. LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE ORDER NO. 10 COPY NO. 2

Secret

by
 Brig. General G. de L. Rylie C.M.G.
 Commanding Snd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

ROMANI 16/5/1916

1. REFERENCE Map 1 QATIA Map 1 SAMKHET EL BARDAWIL
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2. INTENTION It is intended to carry out a reconnaissance of HOD EL GEDAIDIA with the following objects:
1. Obtaining information regarding wells and any signs of recent occupation by the enemy.
 2. Making a thorough and systematic search for any stores and supplies which may be hidden or buried in the vicinity, as, from information received, it is probable that stores may be found at this point.
3. DATE The reconnaissance will take place on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th May.
4. TROOPS
- For reconnaissance
 The troops to be employed will be the N.Z.M.R. Bde (less 1 Regiment).
- Covering troops
 7th L.H. Regt. from ROMANI
 1 Squadron 5th L.H. Regt. from DUEIDAR.
5. MOVES
 May 18th
 1916
- The 7th L.H. Regt. will leave ROMANI at such an hour that they will reach OGHRAATINA at 0600. On arrival at OGHRAATINA a sufficient force will be pushed out to the vicinity of HOD ES SAGIA to watch the country in the direction of BIR EL MAGHIBRA and HOD EL BAYID.
- Parties will also be sent to occupy HILL 102 and HILL 110 and the South shore of the SAMKHET EL BARDAWIL lake will be carefully patrolled. They will get into touch with the North flank Squadron of the N.Z.M.R. Bde.
- 7th L.H. Regiment will withdraw to Camp at ROMANI as soon as N.Z.M.R. Bde. reach OGHRAATINA.
- The Squadron 5th L.H. Regt. will leave DUEIDAR at such an hour as to reach BIR EL HAMISAH at 0600. They will watch the country in the direction of MAGHIBRA and get in touch with the troops at HOD ES SAGIA. They will not withdraw until N.Z.M.R. Bde. pass OGHRAATINA.
6. MOVES
 other troops
 May 17th and
 May 18th.
- May 17th The N.Z.M.R. Bde. (less 1 Regt.) will move as follows:
- 1 Regt. will leave BIR ET MALER at 1400 and march to the vicinity of OGHRAATINA where they will bivouac, putting out an outpost line and taking care to capture all natives in the vicinity and keep them in safe custody, sending them in with camel escort in the morning.
- H/Quarters Brigade and remaining Regt. will leave BIR ET MALER at 1600 and march to the same bivouac.
- As far as possible all troops should move in bodies no larger than a Squadron at a time, taking advantage of all cover with a view to keeping the move as secret as possible.
- May 18th The N.Z.M.R. Bde (less 1 Regt.) will leave their bivouac in the vicinity of OGHRAATINA at such an hour that they will reach HOD EL GEDAIDA at 0600. The reconnaissance should be completed by 1000 and withdrawal begun at that hour.
- Care will be taken to make both North and South flanks secure by sending out strong parties which should not be less than 1 Squadron each. They will remain in position until the party carrying out the reconnaissance has completed its work.
- It is quite possible that the enemy may have reoccupied BIR EL ABD, so steps should be taken to make

--make good this place while the reconnaissance of HOD EL GEDAIDIA is being carried out.

7. AMMUNITION 140 rounds per man will be carried.
8. SUPPLIES 1 day's ration and 1 iron ration will be carried by each man, and 2 feeds ~~perman~~ for horses will be carried in nose bags.
9. WATER Each man will carry a full water bottle. All troops will take material for watering horses at wells.
10. MEDICAL One bearer subdivision 2nd.L.H.F.Amb. and the H.Z.Amb.Transport will accompany the H.Z.M.R.Bde. One bearer subdivision 2nd.L.H.F.Amb. with sand carts and sledges will accompany 7th L.H. Regt. to OGHRAFINA. The tent subdivision, 2nd.L.H.F.Amb. will form a dressing station at QATIA, leaving ROMANI at 0400 on Thursday 18th May. C.O. 6th L.H. Regt. will detail 1 troop as escort to report to C.C. 2nd.L.H.F.Amb. at 0345 on Thursday 18th May.
11. REPORTS To 2nd. L.H. Brigade Headquarters, ROMANI.

M. Whyte Major
a/Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

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2ND. LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE ORDER NO. 11
 by
 Brig. General G. de L. Ryrie C.M.G.
 Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

ROMANI 21/5/1913

1. REFERENCE Map $\frac{1}{100,000}$ QATIA Map $\frac{1}{125,000}$ SABKHET EL BARDAWIL.
2. INTENTION It is intended to carry out a reconnaissance of HOD EL GEDAIDIA with the following objects:
 - a. Obtaining information regarding wells and any signs of recent occupation by the enemy.
 - b. Making a thorough and systematic search for any stores and supplies which may be hidden or buried in the vicinity, as, from information received, it is probable that stores will be found at this point.
3. DATE ~~22nd~~ The reconnaissance will take place on Monday May 22nd. and Tuesday May 23rd.
4. TROOPS For reconnaissance
 The troops to be employed will be the 2nd. Light Horse Brigade (less 1 Regt.).
Covering troops
 1 Regt. and 1 Squadron N.Z.M.R.Bde. ETMALER.
5. COMMAND Brigadier General G. de L. Ryrie C.M.G.
 Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade will command the Force.
6. MOVES a. The 2nd. Light Horse Brigade (less 1 Regt.) will leave Camp at 0700 on Monday 22nd. May and march to QATIA where they will remain until 2000. At 2000 the 2nd. L.H. Brigade will leave QATIA and carry out the reconnaissance of HOD EL GEDAIDIA as soon as possible after daylight on Tuesday 23rd. May.
 b. Covering troops The AUCKLAND Mtd. Rifles Regt. N.Z.M.R.Bde. will leave ETMALER at 1800 on Monday 22nd. May and march via QATIA to HOD ED DABABIS. They will be in ~~position~~ ^{position} by 0400 on Tuesday 23rd. May to cover the reconnaissance and prevent any move by the enemy towards QATIA from the South. 1 Squadron CANTERBURY Mtd. Rifles Regt. N.Z.M.R.Bde. will leave ETMALER at 1800 and by 0400 on Tuesday 23rd. May will have troops disposed as follows:
 3 troops at QATIA, 1 troop at HILL 245 S.E. of QATIA and 1 troop at BIR EL HAMISAH to cover the reconnaissance and prevent any move of the enemy from the South.
 c. The O.C. DUEIDAR will get into communication by patrols with the troops covering QATIA from the South.
7. AMMUNITION 140 rounds S.A.A. per man will be carried.
8. SUPPLIES & WATER 1 day's ration and 1 iron ration will be carried by each man. 2 feeds for each horse to be carried in nosebags. 1 $\frac{1}{3}$ full day's rations water and forage will be taken on camels with Force to QATIA. All camels will remain at QATIA until they receive orders from the G.O.C. Force.
9. TRANSPORT No transport other than camels for rations and the sand carts and sledges with the Medical personnel will be taken.
10. MEDICAL 1 bearer subsection 2nd. L.H.F.Amb. and transport division N.Z. Medical F.Amb. will accompany Brigade Headquarters to QATIA. From there they will move forward with the AUCKLAND Mtd. Rifles Regt. N.Z.M.R.Bde. to HOD ED DABABIS. N.Z. Medical F.Amb. will establish a dressing station at QATIA leaving Camp with the Force at 0700 on Monday 22nd. May.

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11. COMMUNICATIONS

O.C. 2nd. Signal Troop will have communications established between the Force carrying out the reconnaissance, the covering troops and Divisional Headquarters at ROMANI.

12. REPORTS

Messages and reports to G.O.C. Force with Main body of troops carrying out the reconnaissance.

13. RETURN TO CAMP

Orders for return will be issued when reconnaissance is completed. J.H. WHYTE Major

a/Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

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