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July 1916



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H.Q. 2nd. A.L.H. Brigade.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ET MALER	June	30th.	<p><u>RECONNAISSANCE TO BIR EL ABD.</u></p> <p>In accordance with ANZAC Mounted Division order No. 20 a reconnaissance of BIR EL ABD was carried out on July 1st. 1916. Troops engaged in reconnaissance were 6th. L.H. 7th. L.H. Wellington M.R. Regts. and also 1st. L.H. Regt. (1st. A.L.H. Bde.) Wellington M.R. Rgt. and 1 Squadron 6th. L.H. Regt. surrounded BIR EL ABD at daybreak on 1st. July 1916.</p> <p>(The original of above appears with entries for June 30 and is filed with volume for that month.)</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
July 12 <sup>th</sup> 1916	BIRELABD	<p>No signs of the enemy were seen in BIRELABD. Troops of W.M.R. Rgt. were then detailed to reconnoitre high ground towards SALMANA.</p> <p>A patrol of about 20 enemy camelmen was seen <del>at</del> a long distance away.</p> <p>At 0500 troops at BIRELABD withdrew to OSHRATINA where they arrived at 0830 and rested until 1530. They then returned to Camp at 1900.</p>	



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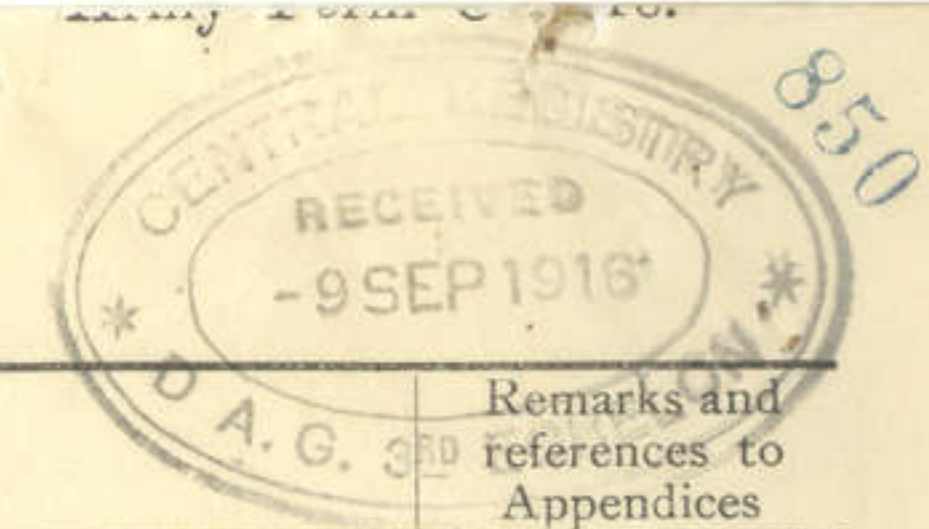
ET MALER



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WAR DIARY  
or  
INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY  
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July 1916  
Sheet No 1



Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ETMALER (SINAI PENINSULA)	2.7.16		Brigade in camp at BIR ETMALER. Daily reconnaissances carried out to Hill 110 and BIR ED DHABA. Country all clear.	
	7.7.16		Brigade left BIRETMALER at 0830 to make reconnaissance of BIR SALMANA and HOD SALMANA. (Circ report attached)	App I order App II
	8.7.16		In camp at BIRETMALER. Daily reconnaissances carried out to Hill 110 & BIRE ED DHABA. Country all clear.	
	9.7.16		Brigade left BIRETMALER at 1600 for purpose of making a reconnaissance of Hod area bounded on North by SABKHET EL BARDANIL and on South by road between Hod EL ATSHAN and BIR EL ABD. At 1700 our aeroplane dropped a message reporting the advance of the Turks towards OSHRATINA. Bde. arrived QATIA at 1950 and halted to bivouac there for the night.	
	10.7.16		At 0300 patrols were sent out in an easterly and southeasterly direction. At 0430 patrols came in touch with the enemy one mile W. of OSHRATINA at SAGIA and Hill 245. Resultant fire was maintained between the advanced lines throughout the day. At 1200 reconnaissance in force was made towards OSHRATINA. Enemy were found to be holding OSHRATINA, in force with entrenchments on western slopes of sandhills at OSHRATINA. Enemy's position was shelled and enemy returned fire from mountain guns. Troops were withdrawn at dusk to QATIA. At 1930 the Brigade withdrew from QATIA to Camp at Etmaler. Officers patrols were left out to keep touch with the enemy. 4 prisoners captured.	order App. III
	20.7.16		In camp at Etmaler. At 1930 the Brigade moved out to bivouac 1 1/2 miles S.E. of KATIB GANNIT.	
	21.7.16		Left bivouac at 0300 and marched to QATIA. Arrived QATIA at 0450. Officers patrols reported "All clear no movement of enemy during night". Touch was maintained with the enemy throughout the day and a desultory fire was kept up. At 1900 the Brigade withdrew to Camp at Etmaler. Officers patrols were left out to keep touch with the enemy during the night.	order App IV
	22.7.16		In camp at Etmaler.	
	23.7.16		The Brigade marched out at 0130 and arrived at QATIA at 0505. Officers patrols reported "All clear no forward movement of the enemy during the night. The enemy advanced at HOD EL DHAKAR. At 1245 they were attacked and they retired from HOD EL DHAKAR. Our casualties were one man killed and two wounded. The Brigade withdrew from QATIA at 1910 and returned to Camp. Officers patrols were left out to keep touch with the enemy during the night.	order App V
	24.7.16			



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# INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SINAI PENINSULA	25/7/16		In Camp at ETNALEH Left Etmales 0200 and arrived at QATIA at 0515. Officers patrols reported All clear and no forward movement of enemy during the night. Touch was maintained with the enemy throughout the day and the Brigade withdrew from QATIA at 1920 returned to Camp at ETNALEH. Officers patrols were left out to keep touch with the enemy during the night.	Order App VI
	27/7/16		In Camp at ETNALEH Left Etmales at 0200 and arrived at QATIA at 0500. Officers patrols reported Enemy advanced and occupied Hill 245 during the night. Also 400 YMMY USBA. At 1300 enemy were engaged at 400 YMMY USBA. After a sharp skirmish the enemy were forced to retire to a position one mile W. of OBHRATINA. Our casualties were 3 killed 5 wounded one missing. Enemy casualties 16 killed. Desultory fire was continued during the remainder of the day. At 1900 the Brigade withdrew and returned to Camp at ETNALEH. Officers patrols were left out to keep touch with the enemy during the night. Eight prisoners were captured.	Order App VII
	29/7/16		In Camp at ETNALEH. Capt. N.M. PEARCE killed while on officers night patrol	Order App VIII
	30/7/16		Left Camp at 0730 and arrived at QATIA at 0535. Officers patrols reported All clear and no forward movement of enemy during night. Touch was established with the enemy and a desultory fire maintained throughout the day. Our casualties were one wounded. One prisoner was taken. At 1900 the Brigade withdrew to Etmales. Officers patrols were left out to keep touch with the enemy during the night.	Order App IX
	31/7/16		In Camp at Etmales	



Reference Maps 1/100,000 QATIA and 1/250,000 SABKHET EL BARDAWIL

In accordance with Anzac Mounted Division Order No. 31 a reconnaissance of BIR SALMANA and HOD SALMANA was carried out on 9th July 1916.

The troops carrying out the reconnaissance left camp in two columns, the first column consisting of the 6th and 7th L.H. Rgts. and the 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance under Lieut. Col. G.M.M. Onslow left ET MALER at 0300 on July 8th and marched via QATIA to OGH RATINA where they bivouaced under the palms for the day. The second column consisting of 2nd. L.H. Brigade Headquarters, 2nd. Sig. Troop, Wellington Mounted Rifles Regt. and 3rd. L.H. Regt. left Camp at 0400 on July 8th and marched to QATIA where they bivouaced under the palms for the day. During the day an aeroplane dropped a message at OGH RATINA and shortly afterwards five shots were fired to the N.E. of the Camp. On troops being sent out to reconnoitre they found that this aeroplane had come down about 2 miles N.E. of OGH RATINA. The plane had to be dismantled and was subsequently sent back to ROMANI on sand carts and camels. At 2000 the 6th L.H. Rgt. left OGH RATINA and marching eastwards followed the telephone line to a point half a mile west of HOD ED DABABIS, from where they marched to EL BIRDISH thence marched on a bearing of 83°; they arrived 2 miles South of HOD SALMANA at 0215 on 9th July. A squadron and the scouts were then sent out and marching for 20 minutes on a bearing of 83° they took up a bearing of 50° and after marching for 50 minutes halted and took up a position on to high ground two and a half miles west of HOD SALMANA. The 7th L.H. Regt. was instructed to be in position at 0400 on the 9th July with 2 Squadrons 2 miles North of HOD SALMANA and one Squadron with the Regimental scouts was to junction with the 6th L.H. Regt. scouts at telegraph line 21/2 miles east of BIR SALMANA. With this object in view the Regiment left OGH RATINA at 2000 and marched to DABABIS, from there they marched on a bearing of 60° and at 0130 were at a point one mile North of HOD EL AISHA, from thence they marched on a bearing of 75° and at 0400 they were 3 miles N.W. of BIR SALMANA. At 1800 the column at QATIA marched eastwards and after resting an hour at OGH RATINA and one hour on high ground west of BIR EL ABD were in position on high ground two miles east of BIR EL ABD at 0330 on 9th July. From this force one troop of 3rd L.H. Regiment was left at DABABIS as escort to 2nd L.H.F. Amb. and dressing station and two troops were left on the high ground two miles west of BIR EL ABD as covering troops. At 0400 this force closed in on BIR SALMANA. When closing in one squadron of 6th L.H. Regt. came in contact with a party of the enemy on a ridge two miles east of BIR SALMANA. Shots were exchanged and the enemy retired to the north east, leaving one man badly wounded. One native camel man was taken prisoner. The 7th L.H. Regiment took one prisoner an armed Bedouin. he was wearing a British tunic. Had this regiment been in position as directed there is no doubt that the number of prisoners taken would have been much greater. When the troops closed in on SALMANA no trace of the enemy having occupied the place in any force was found. There were no ~~tents~~ signs of tents having been erected there and the only shelters found were 8 small ones made of palm branches. By 0615 the reconnaissance of BIR SALMANA was completed and troops returned by regiments to OGH RATINA and BIR ABU AFEIN to water their horses. Rations and water were drawn at OGH RATINA. Men and horses had their midday meal there and returned to camp by Regts. All troops had returned to camp by 2200. On the whole the horses stood the journey very well. Two from the W.M.R. Regt. died from exhaustion and two from the 7th L.H. were admitted to hospital suffering from exhaustion. There were a good many sore backs noticeable though most of these appeared to be recurrences of former injuries.



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2nd. Light Horse Brigade Order No. 14

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Appendix No. 11

BIR ET MALER 5th July '16

Reference Maps QATIA 1/100,000 SABKHET EL BARDAWIL 1/125,000.

1. INFORMATION

Recent reports tend to show that enemy patrols visit BIR SALMANA and HOD SALMANA, usually about dawn. They also seem to come to places visited by our troops as soon as they have left.

2. INTENTION

It is intended to make a reconnaissance of BIR SALMANA and HOD SALMANA with the following objects:

- (1) To surprise such of the enemy as may be at these places at dawn.
  - (2) To capture any hostile patrol approaching these places at dawn.
  - (3) To destroy all enemy stores in the vicinity.
- Any serious engagement with the enemy is to be avoided.

3. DATES

The reconnaissance will take place on Saturday July 8th, Sunday July 9th and Monday July 10th.

4. TROOPS

The forces will comprise 2nd. L.H. Brigade and attached Regt. Wellington Mtd. Rifles (less 5th and 18th Regts.) and 3rd. L.H. Brigade.

They will be divided as follows:

For the reconnaissance

2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th and 18th Regts) and attached Regt.

Covering troops

3rd. L.H. Regt. 1st L.H. Brigade.

5. MOVES

(a) The 6th and 7th L.H. Regts. will leave ET MALER at 0300 on Saturday July 8th and march to OGH RATINA where they will bivouac for the day.

(b) The 2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th, 6th, 7th and 18th L.H. Regts.) with attached Regt. and 3rd. L.H. Regt. 1st L.H. Brigade (less two troops) will leave ET MALER at 0400 on Saturday July 8th and march to QATIA where they will bivouac for the day.

(c) The 6th and 7th L.H. Regts. will leave OGH RATINA at 2000 on 8th July and carry out the reconnaissance of BIR SALMANA and HOD SALMANA respectively at dawn on 9th July.

(d) The 2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th, 6th, 7th and 18th L.H. Regts.) and Wellington Mounted Rifles Regt. will leave QATIA at 1800 on 8th July and be in position East of BIR EL ABD at dawn on 9th July to support troops carrying out reconnaissance of BIR SALMANA and HOD SALMANA.

(e) The 3rd. L.H. Regt. (less 2 troops) will leave QATIA at 1805 and be in position on high ground North and South of road 1 1/2 miles West of BIR EL ABD, to cover force carrying out reconnaissance.

6. AMMUNITION

140 rounds S.A.A. per man and 3500 rounds S.A.A. per machine gun will be carried.



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7. SUPPLIES AND WATER

One full day's ration and one iron ration will be carried on each man. Two feeds will be carried in nosebags on each horse.

Camels carrying 1 1/3rd. full days rations for the man and 1 2/3rds. rations for the horse for the Regiments who bivouac at OGHRAATINA and 1/3rd. ration for the man and two feeds for the horse for the two Regiments bivouacing at QATIA will leave ROMANI at 0300 on 8th July. Camels carrying one full day's ration for the man and ~~two feeds for the horse~~ three feeds for the horse for the troops bivouacing at QATIA will leave ROMANI at 0400 on 8th July.

## 8. ESCORTS

The 3rd. L.H. Regt. will detail the following escorts:

1 troop to escort the camel transport from ROMANI to OGHRAATINA on 8th July.

1 troop to escort the camel transport from ROMANI to ~~OGHRAATINA~~ QATIA on 8th July.

On arrival at DABABIS the 3rd. Regt. will detail a small escort to the dressing station formed there by the 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance.

## 9. TRANSPORT

No transport other than camels for rations, water and forage, and sand carts and sledges with the medical personnel will be taken.

## 10. MEDICAL

On arrival at DABABIS the 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance will establish a dressing station.

## 11. REPORTS

Reports and messages to head of Main body.

J.H. WHYTE Major

Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

Issued at 1300 6/7/1916.

Copy No.	Issued to
1	ANZAC Mounted Division
2	File
3	Diary
4	6th L.H. Rgt.
5	7th L.H. Rgt.
6	Wellington M.R. Rgt.
7	2nd. L.H.F. Amb.
8	2nd. Sig. Trp.
9	Supply Officer 2nd. L.H. Bde.
10	1st L.H. Bde.
11	3rd. L.H. Rgt.



2nd LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE ORDER NO 16 Copy No....

by  
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BIR ETMALER 17/7/16

## INFORMATION

Recent reports tend to show that there are a number of wandering Bedouins in the area bounded on the north by the SABKHET EL BARDAWIL and on the south by the road between HOD EL ATSHAN and BIR EL ABD.

## INTENTION

It is intended to make a reconnaissance of this area with the following objects:-

- (a) To systematically gather in such natives or flocks as may be in the area.
- (b) To report on all wells visited and on the nature of the country generally.

## DATES

The reconnaissance will take place on Wednesday 19th July and Thursday 20th July.

## TROOPS

For the reconnaissance, 2nd L.H. Brigade and attached Regiment (less 5th & 12th L.H. Regts)

## MOVES

(a) The Brigade (less 5th & 12th L.H. Regts.) ~~xxxxxxx~~ with attached Regiment will leave ETMALER at 1600 on Wednesday 19th July and march to QATIA, leaving QATIA for OGHRAATINA at 2000.

(b) The Brigade less escorts for camels and dressing station (Two troops from 6th L.H. Regt.) will leave OGHRAATINA at such an hour on the night of 19/20th July so as to arrive in the vicinity of BIR EL ABD at dawn 0430. The 7th L.H. and the W.M.R. Regts. will form a driving line to move westward. The 7th L.H. will move with their left flank on the road and take in the ground half a mile north of HOD EL HISHA (Sq. 3F). The W.M.R. will connect with the 7th L.H. and take in the country half a mile north of RAHAMA. The two regiments will then drive towards and finally concentrate at OGHRAATINA. They will subsequently withdraw to camp under Brigade orders.

The 6th L.H. Regt. less two troops will act as covering troops on the BIR EL ABD road and will drop sections at intervals on the outward march so as to prevent any one making south. The regiment will leave BIR EL ABD at 0630 and act as rearguard.

## AMMUNITION

140 rounds per man and 3,500 rounds per machine gun will be carried.

## SUPPLIES

One full days ration and one iron ration will be carried on each man. Two feeds per horse will be carried. Camels conveying water and 2/3 ration for men and one days fodder for horses will leave ROMANI STATION at 1300 on 19th July and proceed to OGHRAATINA.

## ESCORTS

The 6th L.H. Regt. will detail one troop to report to O.C., A.S.C. ROMANI STATION at 1300 on 19th July and accompany camels direct to OGHRAATINA.

One troop to report to B.H.Q. at 1300 to escort camels carrying troughs and pumps to QATIA. This troop will erect troughs and endeavour to have them filled by the time the Brigade arrives.

One troop to remain as escort to dressing station at OGHRAATINA.



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## TRANSPORT

No transport other than the camels for rations, water and forage and the sandcarts and sledges with medical personnel will be taken

## MEDICAL

The 2nd L.H.F. Ambulance will establish a dressing station at OGHRAATINA.

## COMMUNICATION

The O.C. W.M.R. will arrange for a signal station on the high ground at RAHAMA to keep in touch with the 6th L.H. Regt at BIR EL ABD.

## WATERING OF HORSES

The Brigade will water at QATIA on the outward journey. On the return journey the 6th L.H. Regt. and one squadron 7th L.H. will water at BIR ABU EL AFEIN AND W.M.R. and two squadrons 7th L.H. at HOD EL KHIRBA.

## REPORTS

Reports and messages to right flank 7th L.H. Regiment.

J.H. WHYTE Major  
Brigade Major 2nd Light Horse Brigade

Issued at 1700 17th July 1916

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	2	File
	3	Diary
	4	6th L.H. Regt.
	5	7th L.H. Regt.
	6	W.M.R. Regt.
	7	2nd L.H.F. Ambulance
	8	2nd Signal Troop
	9	Supply Officer 2nd L.H. Brigade
	10	1st L.H. Brigade
	11	Lt. Donkin Sig. Sqdn.
	12	157th Brigade



1. INFORMATION  
The enemy are reported to be holding OGH RATINA in strength also MAGEIBRA and BIR EL ABD.
2. INTENTION  
To get in close touch with the enemy and remain in close touch until ordered to return.
3. DATES  
July 21st and July 22nd. 1916.
4. TROOPS  
2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th and 12th L.H. Regt.) and WELLINGTON M.R. Regt.
5. MOVES  
  - (a) The 2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th and 12th L.H. Regts.) with attached Regt. will leave ET MALER at 1930 on 21st July and march to bivouac 1 1/2 miles E.S.E. of KATIB GANNIT.
  - (b) The Brigade will leave bivouac at 0200 on 22nd. July and march to QATIA; from there patrols will be pushed out to gain touch with the enemy.
  - (c) The 6th L.H. Regt. will send 2 troops to patrol towards OGH RATINA.  
 The WELLINGTON M.R. Regt. will send patrols of 2 troops each to HOD EL SAGIA and HILL 245.  
 The 7th L.H. Regt. will send a patrol of 2 troops to BIR EL HAMISAH.
6. AMMUNITION  
140 rounds per man and 3500 rounds per machine gun will be carried.
7. SUPPLIES  
 Each man will carry remainder of day's ration and one iron ration. 2/3rd ration will be drawn at bivouac.  
 One feed per horse will be carried. 2 feeds will be drawn at bivouac.
8. TRANSPORT  
No transport other than sandcarts and sledges with medical personnel will be taken.
9. MEDICAL  
2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance will establish dressing station at QATIA.
10. REPORTS  
To head of Main body.

J.H. WHYTE Major  
 Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

Issued at 1800

- Copy No. 1 ANZAM Mounted Division  
 2 6th L.H. Regt.  
 3 7th L.H. Regt.  
 4 W.M.R. Regt.  
 5 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance  
 6 2nd. Sig. Troop  
 7 File  
 8 Diary  
 9 Supply Officer



1. INFORMATION      The enemy are reported to be holding OGHRAATINA in strength also MAGEIBRA and BIR EL ABD.
2. INTENTION      To get in close touch with the enemy and remain in close touch until ordered to return.
3. DATE      July 24th 1916.
4. TROOPS      2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th and 12th L.H. Rgts.) and WELLINGTON M.R. Regt.
5. MOVES      (a) The 2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th and 12th L.H. Rgts.) with attached Regt. will leave ET MALER at 0130 on 24th July 1916 and march to QATIA. From there patrols will be pushed out to keep touch with the enemy.  
                  (b) The 7th L.H. Regt. will send out two patrols of two troops each towards OGHRAATINA and HOD ES SAGIA. The 6th L.H. Regt. will send out a patrol of two troops to HILL 245.  
                  The W.M.R. Regt. will send out a patrol of two troops to BIR EL HAMIAH.  
                  Signal communication must be established between patrols and Brigade Headquarters. Reports will be furnished to Brigade Hqs. hourly.
6. SUPPLIES      Each man will carry one day's rations and one extra ration. Two feeds per horse will be carried.
7. AMMUNITION      140 rounds per man and 3500 rounds per machine gun will be carried.
8. TRANSPORT      No transport other than sandcarts and sledges will be taken. with medical personnel.
9. MEDICAL      2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance will establish a dressing station at QATIA.
10. REPORTS      To head of Main body.

J.H. WHYTE Major  
 Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

Issued at 1300.

- Copy No. 1 ANZAC Mounted Division.  
 2 6th L.H. Regt.  
 3 7th L.H. Regt.  
 4 W.M.R. Rgt.  
 5 2nd L.H.F. Amb.  
 6 2nd. Sig. Trp.  
 7 1st A.L.H. Bde.  
 8. File  
 9 Diary  
 10 Supply Officer



2nd. Light Horse Brigade Order No. 19

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by  
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Appendix No. VI

ET MALER 25/7/1916

## 1. INFORMATION

The enemy is reported to be strongly entrenched at OGHRAATINA and MAGEIBRA.

## 2. INTENTION

To get in close touch with the enemy and remain in close touch until ordered to return.

## 3. DATE

26th July 1916.

## 4. TROOPS

2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th and 12th L.H. Regts.) and Wellington M.R. Regt.

## 5. MOVES

(a) The 2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th and 12th L.H. Regts.) with attached Regt. will leave ET MALER at 0200 on 26th July 1916 and march to QATIA. From there patrols will be pushed out to keep touch with the enemy.

(b) The 6th L.H. Regt. will send out two patrols of two troops each towards OGHRAATINA and HOD ES SAGIA.

The Wellington M.R. Regt. will send out a patrol of two troops to HILL 345.

The 7th L.H. Regt. will send out a patrol of two troops to BIR EL HAMISAH.

Signal communication must be established between patrols and Brigade Headquarters.

Reports will be furnished to Brigade Headquarters hourly.

## 6. SUPPLIES

Each man will carry one day's rations and one extra ration. Two feeds per horse will be carried in nosebags.

## 7. AMMUNITION

140 rounds per man and 3500 rounds per machine gun will be carried.

## 8. TRANSPORT

No transport other than sand carts and sledges with medical personnel will be taken.

## 9. MEDICAL

2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance will establish a dressing station at QATIA.

## 10. REPORTS

To Head of Main body.

J.H. WHYTE Major  
Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

Issued at 1300

Copy No. 1	ANZAC Mtd. Division
2	6th L.H. Regt.
3	7th L.H. Regt.
4	W.M.R. Regt.
5	2nd. L.H.F. Amb.
6	2nd. Sig. Trp.
7	1st A.L.H. Bde.
8	M.G. Squadron
9	File
10	Diary
11	Supply Officer



by  
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Appendix No. VII

ET MALER 27/7/1916

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1. INFORMATION      The enemy is reported to be strongly entrenched at OGHRAATINA and MAGEIBRA.
2. INTENTION      To get in close touch with the enemy and remain in close touch until ordered to return.
3. DATE      28th July 1916.
4. TROOPS      2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th and 12th L.H. Regts.) and Wellington M.R. Regt.
5. MOVES      (a) The 2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th and 12th L.H. Regts.) with attached Regt. will leave ET MALER at 0800 on 28th July 1916 and march to QATIA. From there patrols will be pushed out to keep touch with the enemy.  
(b) The W.M.R. Regt. will send out two patrols of two troops each towards OGHRAATINA and HOD ES SAGIA. The 7th L.H. Regt. will send out a patrol of two troops to HILL 245. The 3th L.H. Regt. will send out a patrol of one troop to BIR EL HAMISAN.  
(c) The following patrols will leave bivouac at 0340 and take up their positions as under:  
HILL 110    2 troops 7th L.H. Regt.  
BIR ED DHABA 1 troop 6th L.H. Regt.  
+ Signal communication must be established between patrols and Brigade Headquarters.  
+ Reports will be furnished to Brigade Headquarters QATIA, hourly.
6. AMMUNITION      140 rounds per man and 3500 rounds per machine gun will be carried.
7. SUPPLIES      Each man will carry one day's rations and one extra ration. Two feeds per horse will be carried in nosebags.
8. TRANSPORT      No transport other than sand carts and sledges with medical personnel will be taken.
9. MEDICAL      2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance will establish a dressing station at QATIA.
10. REPORTS      To Head of Main body.

J.H. WHYTE Major

Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

Issued at 1300

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by  
Colonel J.R. Royston C.M.G. D.S.O. Appendix No. VIII  
Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

ET MALER 29/7/1916

## 1. INFORMATION

The enemy is reported to be strongly entrenched at OGH RATINA and MAGEIBRA, with advanced trenches on hills 1,000 yards West of HOD UMM UGBA - on high ground one mile West of HOD ES SAGIA - and on HILL 245 and low hills to East and West of it.

## 2. INTENTION

To get in close touch with the enemy and remain so until ordered to return.

## 3. DATE

30th July 1916.

## 4. TROOPS

2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th and 12th L.H. Regt.) and Wellington M.R. Regt.

## 5. MOVES

(a) The 2nd. L.H. Brigade (less 5th and 12th L.H. Rgts.) and Wellington M.R. Regt. will leave ET MALER at 0230 on 30th July and march to QATIA. From there the following patrols will be sent out to keep touch with the enemy.

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The Wellington M.R. Regt. will send out a patrol of 1 troop to BIR EL HAMISAH.

(c) The following patrols will leave the bivouac at South of KATIB GANNIT at 0410 on 30th July and take up positions as under:

HILL 110 2 troops 6th L.H. Regt.

BIR ED DHABA 1 troop Wellington M.R. Regt.

Signal communication must be established between patrols and Brigade Headquarters.

Reports will be furnished to Brigade Headquarters hourly.

## 6. AMMUNITION

140 rounds per man and 3500 rounds per machine gun will be carried.

## 7. SUPPLIES

Each man will carry one day's rations and one extra ration. Two feeds per horse will be carried in nosebags.

The Wellington M.R. Regt. will detail 1 N.C.O. and 7 o.r. to report to Supply Depot, ROMANI Station at 0800 on 30th July 1916 to escort camels to Brigade at QATIA, and return with same.

## 8. TRANSPORT

No transport other than sand carts and sledges with medical personnel will be taken.

## 9. MEDICAL

The 2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance will establish a dressing station at QATIA.

## 10. REPORTS

To Head of Main body.

J.H. WHYTE Major

Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

Issued at 1500

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