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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Dress Belah	1.7 Apr 3		<p>Appointed Lieutenant-Colonel whilst Commanding Divisional A.S.C., (W.O. Telegram No 28590 S.D. dated 29/1/17), Appointment to date from 27-1-17</p> <p><u>Transport</u>. Instructions received from Headquarters (A) that the following convoys for the supplies of the Division when it moves out would be under the command of Lieut. Col. Herring Cooper, D.S.O. O.C. 54th Divisional Train:-</p> <p>(1) 50 G.S. Wagons or 500 Camels.</p> <p>(2) 68 Camels for Ambulances.</p> <p>(B) That a convoy of 160 Water Camels at 1/2 gallon per man will be under the charge of Lieut Walker, A.I.F. and work directly under the D.A. Q.M.G. of the Division</p> <p>Have been informed by Headquarters that no Depot Unit of Supply is available for the Division</p> <p>Have been informed by Headquarters that the Division is still on the Provisional Camel Establishment.</p> <p>Reference above Para. I propose using all surplus A.S.C. personnel for L.O.F. C. work in place of a Depot Unit of Supply which is not available.</p> <p>Have been notified by S.S.O. of the Division that two of the A.S.C. personnel of the 3rd. Af. H Bde have been transferred to Anzac Mounted Divisional A.S.C. by the Supply Officer of the 3rd Bde on instructions received from O.C. A.S.C. Anzac. Dtd D.W. Have taken this matter up with Headquarters.</p> <p><u>Transport</u> Conferred with D.A. Q.M.G. with regard to the question of Camel Transport for local delivery of supplies to Units, and pointed out that the present method of indenting by Units was unsatisfactory. Suggested that all indents for</p>	247
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	Apr 5	contd.	Camel Transport for this purpose should come through this Office. This was agreed to, and units notified accordingly by D.A.D. M.L.	248
	Apr 7		Have been instructed verbally by A.D.S.T. Desert Column that 4 days mobile rations for the Division and 4 days mobile rations for 1000 Camels and 50 natives are to be drawn from Khan Yunus Depot, and dumped there ready for issue to the Division if necessary.	
	Apr 8		Reference above, have accordingly sent an Officer to Khan Yunus to draw these supplies. Headquarters of the Division notified.	
	Apr 8		Reference W.D. Para 7.4.17 - Further instructions received from A.D.S.T. D.C. that camel rations should be increased to 2000.	
	Apr 8		Later instructions from A.D.S.T., D.C., received that camel rations and native rations be increased to 4000 and 2000 respectively.	
	Apr 9		<u>Supply arrangements for the Field</u> - Owing to L. of C. work having to be done by A.S.C. Personnel of the Division, recommend that the following general arrangements be made: - One supply Officer to remain at Base with sufficient personnel to act as Depot Officer, S.S.O. with remaining Supply Officers & Requisitioning Officers to move forward with the first convoy to Rendezvous, or refilling point. Requisitioning Officers would then join their Brigades, O.C. A.S.C. to remain at Base as he would then be in touch with the D.A.Q.M.G. and Supply Depot.	
			The above general arrangement approved of by Headquarters	

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	Apr 11.		Reference question of personnel of 3rd A.L.H. Bde referred to under W.D. 5-4-17 - have been notified by Headquarters that in future all change of personnel of the 3rd + 4th. A.L.H. Bdes will be notified to Headquarters of the Division. Have written Headquarters in reply that as these Brigades belong to this Division, A.S.C. personnel comes directly under me and I must have complete control of them. Have asked Headquarters for a definite ruling on the point	249
	Apr 11B		Reference question of Australian A.S.C. Personnel under W.D. 11-4-17. - Have been notified by Headquarters Division that all correspondence regarding administration of A.S.C. personnel will be forwarded by Headquarters of Anzac Division to Headquarters of this Division.	
	Apr 13		Interviewed A.A.S.T. D.C. and pointed out the necessity for a Depot Unit of Supply being attached to the Division. Was informed by him that application had been forwarded to G.H.Q. Instructions received from Headquarters that a Divisional Transport Park is to be formed and that O.C., A.S.C., would be responsible for the formation of it. Park to be composed of G.S. and L.G.S. wagons surplus to establishment laid down by Divisional Headquarters when the force moves out. Capt Costello 3rd A.L.H. Bde has been appointed to command this Park	

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Deir El Belah	Apr 15		<p><u>Requisitioning Money.</u> - Reference W.D Para 24.3.17. - Have written H.Q. pointing out that Requisitioning Officers when on the move will have no facilities for carrying money and have asked Divl Headquarters for instructions to be sent to Bdes. that this money should be held by H.Q. Bdes on behalf of R.O's, otherwise R.O's cannot be held responsible.</p>	250
	Apr 16		<p>Reference W.D Para 15.4.17 - Instructions have been issued by H.Q. that Camp Commandant H.Q. H.Q. Bdes should hold money above referred to.</p>	
	Apr 16		<p>Division moved out to TEL EL JEMMI, H.Q. A.S.C remaining at Deir El Belah</p>	
	Apr 19		<p>Proceeded to Tel El Jemmi and interviewed S.S.O. and found everything satisfactory</p>	
	Apr 20		<p><u>Reference Requisitioning Money</u> referred to under W.D. Para 16.4.17 - Have received note from Camp Comdt. to whom requisitioning money belonging to R.O. Divl Troops had been handed over, that he could not see his way to give a receipt for it.</p>	
	Apr 20		<p>Received instructions from A.D. ST. SC. that the Dump at Khan Yunus should be handed over to Auzac Mtd Divn. as it is no longer required by S.M.D. This was complied with on the 21st inst.</p>	
	Apr 22		<p>Headquarters of the Division moved to ABASAN ELKEBIR Under instructions from H.Q. S.M.D. Headquarters A.S.C. moved to KHAN JUNUS Officer i/c Advanced Railhead Detachment for the Division moved to KHAN JUNUS on this date.</p>	
	Apr 24		<p>Supply Officer with necessary personnel left behind at DEIR EL BELAH to feed details</p>	
	Apr 24		<p><u>Requisitioning Money.</u> - Reference Para. WD under date 19.4.17 - Have written to Camp Commandant and pointed out that as money was taken over by him under instructions from H.Q. that a receipt should be given, and asked that the matter be referred to A.A.Q.M.G. of the Division.</p>	
	Apr 27		<p>Instructions received from A.A.Q.M.G. that 2 days mobile rations for 2000 men will be taken to TEL EL FARA tomorrow and handed over to</p>	

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	Apr 27	(Cont ^d)	The G.O.C. 5 th Brigade. These rations to be held in reserve, and handed over to any other Troops taking over the position from the G.O.C. 5 th Bde.	251
	Apr 28		Instructions received from Desert Column that the Requisitioning money referred to under W.D. Para 24.4.17 should be returned to Field Cashier. This has been complied with.	

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- Apl. 13 Interviewed A.M.S.T. D.C. and pointed out the necessity for a Depot Unit of Supply being attached to the Division. Was informed by him that application had been forwarded to G.H.Q. Instructions received from Headquarters that a Divisional Transport Park is to be formed and that O.C., A.S.C., would be responsible for the formation of it. Park to be composed of G.S. and L.G.S. wagons surplus to establishment laid down by Divisional Headquarters when the force moves out. Capt. Costello, 5th A.L.H. Bde. has been appointed to command this Park.
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- Apl. 16 Reference W.D. para. 15.4.17 - Instructions have been issued by H.Q. that Camp Commandants H.Q. and H.Q. Bdes. should hold money above referred to. Division moved out to TEL EL JEMMI, H.Q. A.S.C. remaining at Deir El Belah.
- Apl. 19 Proceeded to Tel El Jemmi and interviewed S.S.O. and found everything satisfactory. Reference Requisitioning Money referred to under W.D. para. 16.4.17 - Have received note from Camp Comdt. to whom requisitioning money belonging to R.O., Divl. Troops, had been handed over, that he could not see his way to give a receipt for it.
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