

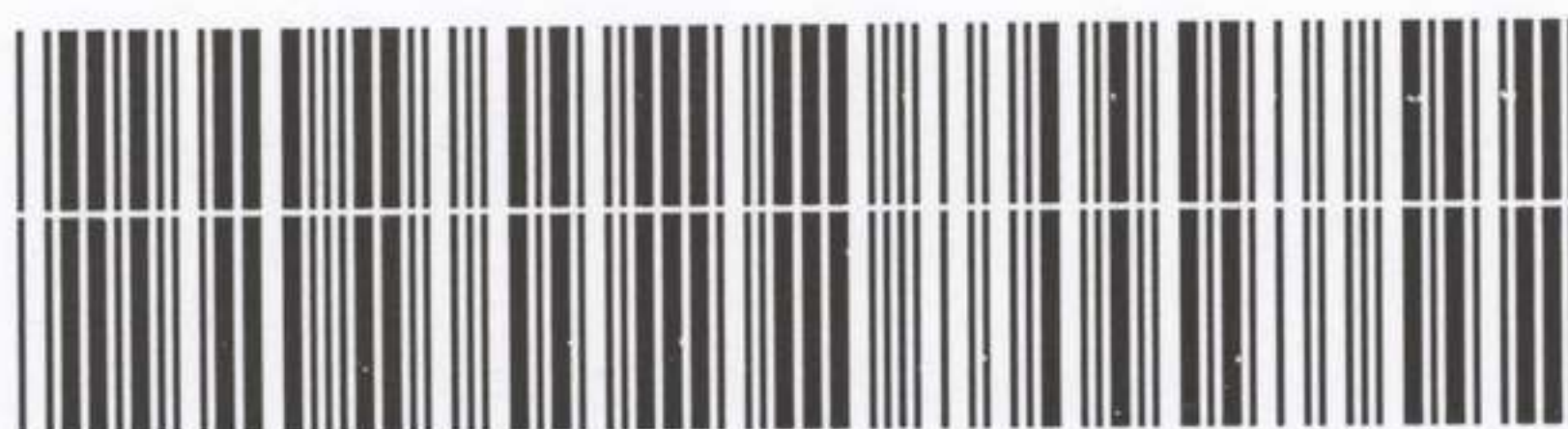
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Artillery

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Title: Headquarters, 19th Brigade, Royal
Horse Artillery, Australian and New
Zealand Army Corps Mounted
Division

September 1917



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19th Bde R.H.S.

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19th Bde R I & D.

Sept-17

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KILAX 1917
EL Sept. 1
FUKHARI 0230.

Reconnaissance party covered by Lincolnshire Yeomanry regiment moved from ABU GHALAYAN and by day-
~~light~~ light had reached the neighbourhood of the W. ISDEID at 0830. B.G.R.A. Desert Mtd. Corps (in
command of reconnaissance) left 2 squadrons at BIR IBN TURKIA and proceeded with remaining squadron
toward THAFFHA at 0930 detaching party consisting of O.C. 19th Bde. R.H.A. Adjutant, two horseholders
and 7 men from Yeomanry to reconnoitre road along W. EL IMHASH to extremity of WADI and then road
N.W. to THAFFNA, where squadron would be rejoined, a party being sent from latter to meet reconnais-
sance on the squadron reaching THAFFHA. Reconnoitred WADI for some seven miles (finding good going
for wheels all the way) being continually fired on by Bedouins from S. side of WADI. Party then
struck N.E. to meet squadrons left at TURKIA, that had orders to return at 1000. These orders had
not been communicated to party reconnoitring the Wadi. Party retired to Wadi and retired N. After
going 3 miles they were fired on by what appeared to be about 30 or 40 Turkish cavalry, from the N.
cliff of the Wadi. The party was pressed by these Turks for some 8 miles and fired on again at
close range. Eventually reached IBN SAID and the remainder of the 22nd Mtd. Bde. who were covering
retirement of reconnaissance, the horses being completely exhausted. Reached ESANI at 1830 and
stayed night there with 22nd Mtd. Bde.

TEL EL Sept.
FARA. 2nd.

Moved from ESANI at 0400 reaching TEL EL FARA at 0800. Returned to FUKHARI by 1200 leaving horses
at FARA to recover.

3rd.

Attended surprise turnout for A/H.A.C.

14th

Attended drill by A/H.A.C., B/H.A.C. & Notts. R.H.A.
Division moved into new bivouac area in battle line in neighbourhood of TEL EL FARA.

18th

(Impossible to read this entry.)

SECRET.

APPENDIX IX

EXTRACT FROM DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 12, by

Major General H.W. HODGSON, C.V.O., C.B.,
Commanding Australian Mounted Division.

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22nd September 1917.

Reference 1/185,000 Map.

1. The Division will cover and carry out the reconnaissances on September 24th.

2. The line JOZ EL GHEIRIS (4 miles S.E. of KHALASA) - IMH SAID - Point 970 - Point 840 - Point 720 - Point 550 - Point 510 will be made good by 1100 on that date.

The withdrawal will commence at 1330. Orders will be issued later.

3. MOVES

(a) September 23rd.

(1) 4th A.L.H. Brigade with A Battery R.A.C. will march at 1330 via NARA North crossing to a point 1 mile North of first A in KHALASA and bivouac in the vicinity for the night.

(2) 7th Mounted Brigade will march at 1400 via JOZ KASHUK crossing, to Point 690 RASHID BEK and bivouac there for the night.

(3) 19th Brigade R.E.A. Headquarters will march at 1420, follow the 7th Brigade to RASHID BEK, and bivouac there on ground to be allotted by S.O.C. 7th Mounted Brigade. Essex Battery R.E.A. less 2 B.A.C. will accompany 7th Brigade.

(4) Field Squadron will march at 1350, follow the 4th A.L.H. Brigade, and will make arrangements to water the 4th A.L.H. Brigade in the WADI IM'ALASA and other units in the Wadi EL SARA, S.E. of SIR EL ESANI.

(5) On arrival 4th and 7th Brigades will put out an outpost line on the line Point 750 ABU EL RIGAL - Point 780 W. EL ISSAD - W of UM AJUA - a point 1 mile North of RASHID BEK to about a point 1 mile North of SIR EL ESANI.

4th Brigade will take from 750 to 780 inclusive, 7th Brigade 780 exclusive to SIR EL ESANI.

(6) S.O.C. Signal Squadron will arrange cable communication between Brigades and D.R.Q. via the permanent wire from NARA to ESANI.

(7) The above troops will take one day's special rations and forage on the man and horse.

* B* Echelon will not accompany units

(b) September 24th.

(1) 3rd A.L.H. Brigade with Westminster Dragoons attached and Kotts Battery R.E.A. will move so as to make good the line Point 510 ABU SHAWISH - 650 EL GHEIRIS - 720 - 840 - 970 inclusive by 1100.

(2) 4th A.L.H. Brigade will make good the line Point 970 EL GHEIRIS - IMH SAID to JOZ EL GHEIRIS by 1100.

(3) 7th Mounted Brigade, 19th Brigade R.E.A. Headquarters will remain about RASHID BEK where D.R.Q. will be established at 0800.

(4) No. 1 Light Car Patrol and No. 12 Battery L.A.H. Brigade less cars employed on their reconnaissances will report to D.R.Q. by 0800.

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19th Bde R.H.S.

Sept '17

SECRET.

EXTRACT FROM DIVISIONAL ORDER NO. 12, by

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

22nd September, 1917.

Reference 1/125,000 map.

1. The Division will cover and carry out the reconnaissance on September 24th.

2. The line GOZ EL GELRIS (4 miles S.E. of KHALASA) - IBN ~~SAID~~ ^{SAID} - Point 970 - Point 840 - Point 720 - Point 630 - Point 510 will be made good by 1100 on that date.

The withdrawal will commence at 1330. Orders will be issued later.

3. MOVES.

(a) September 23rd.

(1) 4th A.L.H. Brigade with a Battery H.A.C. will march at 1350 via FARA North crossing to a point 1 mile North of first A in MAALAGA and bivouac in the vicinity for the night.

(2) 7th Mounted Brigade will march at 1400 via GOZ MABRUK crossing, to Point 690 RASHID BEK and bivouac there for the night.

(3) 19th Brigade R.H.A. Headquarters will march at 1420, follow the 7th Brigade to RASHID BEK, and bivouac there on ground to be allotted by G.O.C. 7th Mounted Brigade, Essex Battery R.H.A., less H.A.C. will accompany 7th Brigade.

(4) Field Squadron will march at 1350, follow the 4th A.L.H. Brigade, and will make arrangements to water the 4th A.L.H. Brigade in the WADI IMALAGA and other units in the WADI EL SABA, S.E. of BIR EL ESANI.

(5) On arrival 4th and 7th Brigades will put out an Outpost line on the line Point 750 ABU EL RIGAL - Point 780 W. EL SAID - M of UM AJUA - a point 1 mile North of RASHID BEK to about a point 1 mile North of BIR EL ESANI.

4th Brigade will take from 730 to 750 inclusive, 7th Brigade 750 exclusive to BIR EL ESANI.

(6) O.C. Signal Squadron will arrange cable communication between Brigades and D.H.Q. via the permanent wire from FARA TO ESANI.

(7) The above troops will take one day's special rations and forage on the man and horse.

"B" Echelon will not accompany units.

(b) September 24th.

(1) 3rd A.L.H. Brigade with Westminster Dragoons attached and Notts Battery R.H.A. will move so as to make good the line Point 310 ABU SHAWISH - 630 EL GIRHEIR - 720 - 840 - 970 inclusive by 1100.

(2) 4th A.L.H. Brigade will make good the line Point 970 exclusive - IBN SAID to GOZ EL GELRIS by 1100.

(3) 7th Mounted Brigade, 10th Brigade R.H.A. Headquarters will remain about RASHID BEK where D.H.Q. will be established at 0800.

(4) No. 1 Light Car Patrol and No. 12 Battery L.A.M. Brigade less cars employed on their reconnaissance will report to D.H.Q. by 0800.

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(5) When taking up the line, communication will be at first by visual, later by cable.
Responsibility for lateral communication will be from right to left.

(6) Dressing stations will be established at RASHID BEK by 1800 on 23rd and at KARM by 1100 on 24th.

(7) A Battery of 18-pdrs of the 60th Division will accompany the 19th Brigade R.H.A. on 23rd and carry out a special mission.
O.C. 19th Brigade R.H.A. will arrange direct with C.R.A. 60th Division the time and place this Battery should join him.
This Battery will come into action somewhere near the brown track running North and South just East of the A of KHEBEIRA and will fire towards EL HATHIRA.

(8) B.A.Gs will not accompany Batteries.

(9) Aeroplane protection over the watering area at RASHID BEK and MAALAGA will be provided from 1600 -1700 on 23rd and 0700-0830 and 1600-1700 on 24th.

(10) The Post at GOZ LAKHLEILAT found by the 3rd Battalion I.C. Brigade will be withdrawn from 1530 on 23rd until 0700 on 25th.

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Adjutant,

19th Brigade R.H.A.

22/9/17