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			<p>Reference maps :-</p> <p>BEERSHEBA, 1/125,000.</p> <p>PALESTINE, 1" = 1 mile, Sheets XX, XVI, XVII, XIV.</p> <p>- * - * - * - * - * - * -</p>	
	November.			
BEERSHEBA.	1st	0030	D.H.Q. established Southern end of VIADUCT. 5th Mounted Brigade in Square J.12 with Headquarters under VIADUCT.	
		0120	Orders issued to 5th and 7th Mounted Brigades to reconnoitre outwards from 0500 the following sectors: (1) 5th Mounted Brigade from SABA - MILAH road to FARA - SABA road inclusive, (2) 7th Mounted Brigade from FARA - SABA road exclusive to SABA - MILAH road inclusive.	Appx 44.
		0700	One Regiment 5th Mounted Brigade made good line BARGHUT to 910 and ordered to reconnoitre and report on road to MUWEILEH.	
		1200	D.H.Q. moved from Southern end of VIADUCT to Northern end.	
		1315	7th Mounted Brigade ordered to withdraw to bivouac and rest personnel and horses preparatory to moving out at dawn on 2nd instant to occupy area TEL KHUWEILFEH - BIR KHUWEILFEH - BIR ABU KHUFF - AIN KOHLEH.	
		1400	Worcester Yeomanry holding line BARGHUT - 910 relieved by 229th Infantry Brigade.	
		1445	D.H.Q., having gained permission from Corps, established in house S.W. of town, presumably old Turkish Headquarters.	

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BEERSHEBA.	2nd	1200	Brigades collecting and carting in war material captured yesterday.	
			12th L.A.M. Battery reconnaissance returned and O.C. reported that track to MUWEILEH is not as marked on map, but lies one mile further East joining with road as marked 2 miles N.W. of 1510. Snipers situated along South side of Wadi KOHLEH.	
		1430	Full road report sent to Corps.	
		1600	Report on operations carried out by Australian Mounted Division from 1700 30th October - 1700 1st November forwarded to Corps.	
		1630	3rd A.L.H. Brigade, less 8th A.L.H. Regiment, rejoined Division from Anzac Mounted Division.	
		1800	Situation: (Information scanty) Turks hold TEL KHUWEILFEH in strength with 19th Division with 3rd Cavalry Division lying to the East as far as DHARERIYEH. 2nd A.L.H. Brigade patrols penetrated 2 miles N.E. of DHARERIYEH. Outpost line now runs EL NATTAH - DEIR EL HAWA - 1580 (held by Anzac Mounted Division) - AIN KOHLEH (I.C.C. Brigade) - L of ARAB EL TEIAHA (53rd Division) - 580 - BIR GIRHEIR - 630 (10th Division).	
			Notes: Water is becoming very short and, in consequence, Brigades can only water once a day. This does not even allow of a reserve supply to be conserved.	
			Casualties - Nil.	
		2030	5th Mounted Brigade ordered to send up two Regiments to RIJM ABU JERWAN to support N.Z.M.R. Brigade on their attack against KHUWEILFEH.	
		2115	Order issued for 5th Mounted Brigade to be at disposal of G.O.C. Anzac Mounted Division.	
3rd		0900	2 Regiments, 5th Mounted Brigade, proceeded to JERWAN to support 1st A.L.H. Brigade who relieved N.Z.M.R. Brigade at dawn.	

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BEERSHEBA.	November. 3rd	0945	Orders issued for remainder of 5th Mounted Brigade group to march JERWAN soon as possible. Whole Brigade to support 1st A.L.H. Brigade in their attack against KHUWEILFEH.	
		1130	5th Mounted Brigade cleared bivouac area. Brigadier-General W. GRANT, D.S.O., awarded and decorated with bar to his D.S.O. by Corps Commander for gallantry and the able and brilliant manner in which he handled his Brigade in the attack on BEERSHEBA.	
		1400	2 Troops from 3rd A.L.H. Brigade and 2 Troops from 4th A.L.H. Brigade detailed to escort prisoners to KARM under Corps arrangements.	
		1630	One Squadron 9th A.L.H. Regiment, which had been acting as escort to prisoners to KARM, rejoined its Brigade.	
		1830	8th A.L.H. Regiment, temporarily attached Anzac Mounted Division, rejoined 3rd A.L.H. Brigade. Both horses and men were worn out from lack of water. This Regiment has had an extremely hard and arduous time but gained good reputation as a fighting unit. Situation same as last night.	
			<u>Notes:</u> Prisoners - Prisoners captured by Australian Mounted Division total 71 Officers, 1252 Other ranks, while war material comprised vast quantity of S.A.A., 10 Field guns with limbers and ammunition wagons complete, 5 Machine guns, 7 G.S. wagons, 4 Field Cookers, saddlery, harness, and 90 ponies, 33 mules and donkeys. Water question has become exceedingly acute and men and horses are feeling the shortage.	
	4th	0730	The B.G.G.S. Desert Mounted Corps telephoned to G.S.O. 1 informing him that, owing to shortage of water, the Division would move to KARM that day.	

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BEERSHEBA.	4th	0800	G.S.O. 1 and Lieutenant-Colonel KELLY accompanied by 3rd A.L.H. Brigade Scout Officer, (Lieutenant RICKABY) set out with Light Car escort to AIN KOLEH to find out exact situation and examine country with a view to probable forthcoming operations.	
		1030	Units warned that if Division moves today, all 13-pdr. guns, wagons, and Ammunition Column wagons will be left in camp to be handed over to incoming Brigades of Yeomanry Mounted Division. Only baggage wagons and water-carts to be taken.	
		1210	Order from Desert Mounted Corps for Division to move to KARM soon as possible.	
		1225	Division, less 5th Mounted Brigade group but with 7th Mounted Brigade group attached, marches to KARM today. Divisional Troops group will march at 1315, 4th A.L.H. Brigade group 1330, 3rd A.L.H. Brigade group 1415 and 7th Mounted Brigade group 1445, Divisional Train 1515.	Appendix no. 46.
		1330	Divisional Troops moved off.	
KARM.		1815	D.H.Q. established $\frac{1}{2}$ mile North of Kilo. 35. Division watered at troughs at station, and all units were in bivouac areas by 2230.	
		2145	Outpost order issued: 4th A.L.H. Brigade to take over line to HANAFISH inclusive at BIR EL GIRHEIR to Point 550 inclusive from 22nd Mounted Brigade as well as take over that Brigade's bivouac area: 3rd A.L.H. Brigade from 550 exclusive to HISEIA inclusive from 6th Mounted Brigade and to occupy that Brigade's bivouac area. 7th Mounted Brigade in reserve camping one mile East of GOZ EL GELEIB. Watering order issued same time: 4th A.L.H. Brigade to water at HISEIA, 3rd A.L.H. Brigade FARA, 7th Mounted Brigade SHELLAL.	
	5th	0500	Division standing to arms ready to move out at once if required.	
		0630	By this hour Australian Mounted Division had taken over outpost line and bivouac areas from Yeomanry Mounted Division.	
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GOZ EL GELEIB.	5th	1030	D.H.Q. moved and established at new Headquarters $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S.W. of GOZ EL GELEIB.	Appendix No. 47.
		1250	12th L.A.M. Battery ordered to report to Headquarters Anzac Mounted Division 1000 on 6th inst.	
		1540	Divisional Order No. 19 issued: Role of Division is to fill gap between XXth and XXIst Corps and protect KARM - SHELLAL railway.	
		2030	Orders issued for all fighting troops of the Division to be saddled up and ready to move at 0500 6th instant.	
<div>Notes: A great deal of time taken up and wear in horses incurred in going to Wadi GHUZZE to water.</div>				
	6th	0500	Division saddled up and ready to move.	Appendix No. 48.
		0800	7th Mounted Brigade ordered to move at once to position South of Point 550 and 4th A.L.H. Brigade to have one Regiment prepared to move and push reconnaissance on to line HAREIRA - EL MAGAM.	
		0930	D.H.Q. established at Point 550. One Squadron 4th A.L.H. Brigade sent out to reconnoitre from 550 - HAREIRA - G of EL MAGAM and to report on condition of crossings over Wadis SHERIA and IMLEIH.	
		0945	One troop 3rd A.L.H. Brigade ordered to reconnoitre line G of EL MAGAM - KH. UM RIJL and also to locate and report on crossings over Wadi IMLEIH from 340 - 280.	
		1300	Orders issued to off-saddle 2 Regiments and B.H.Q. of 4th A.L.H. and 7th Mounted Brigades and one Regiment 3rd A.L.H. Brigade at a time but to be ready to move at $\frac{1}{2}$ hour notice.	
		1400	Brigadier-General WILSON, G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade, ordered to bring up one Regiment South of Point 550 and report personally to D.H.Q.	
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GOZ EL GELEIB.	6th	1440	Order to 3rd A.L.H. Brigade issued, to extend line North-Eastwards at once and to maintain line of outposts GAZA - SABA road - 630 - 550 - 510 - 300 - HISEIA.	
		1610	Australian Mounted Division less 3rd A.L.H. Brigade and "B" Echelon ordered to march at once to KH. IMLEIH and bivouac there, 3rd A.L.H. Brigade to maintain above line and come under orders G.H.Q.	Appendix No. 49.
		1700	XXth Corps Cavalry Regiment, attached 7th Mounted Brigade, ordered to O.33 North of Wadi IMLEIH to protect left flank of XXth Corps. On arrival to revert to command G.O.C. XXth Corps.	
KH. IMLEIH.		1730	D.H.Q. established KH. IMLEIH.	
		1915	One Squadron 7th Mounted Brigade ordered to report to XXth Corps Headquarters, R.18.d 6.6, to escort prisoners to KARM.	
			Order issued for 3rd A.L.H. Brigade to concentrate at SHELLAL, water, and be prepared to move at short notice.	
		1940	Division (less 3rd A.L.H. Brigade) warned to be prepared to move at 0200, 4th A.L.H. Brigade to be responsible for guiding Division to IRGEIG.	
	7th	0100	Orders issued to formations to move at 0200 for IRGEIG.	Appendix No. 51.
		0245	Division moved off from KH. IMLEIH.	
		0730	Division concentrated in valley 3 miles S.S.W. of TEL EL SHERIA. From this hour 5th Mounted Brigade rejoined and 7th Mounted Brigade reverted to command of G.O.C. Desert Mounted Corps.	
		1000	One Squadron 5th Mounted Brigade placed at disposal of G.O.C. 60th Division.	

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	7th	1015	Order from Desert Mounted Corps received to move with centre on KH. BUTEIHAIH via 23 central in order to clear the enemy from the front of 60th Division in order to enable them to concentrate.	
		1045	4th A.L.H. Brigade ordered verbally to move rapidly to valley N.E. of SHERIA. From there to attack rapidly through Squares G.23, 24, with centre on KH. BUTEIHAIH with object of clearing enemy from front of 60th Division to enable 60th Division to concentrate. G.O.C. also to gain touch with Anzac Mounted Division on right and informed that 5th Mounted Brigade would be moved up to Wadi N.E. of SHERIA to support him if it appeared necessary, in which case D.H.Q. would move to Point about U.6.b 9.9.	
		1150	Anzac Mounted Division informed that 4th A.L.H. Brigade has pushed through EL BARRATA with centre on KH. BUTEIHAIH. Ultimate objective ZUHEILIKAH - SHUTEIWY - EL OSSIBY until further orders. G.O.C. asked to support right flank.	
		1220	G.O.C. 5th Mounted Brigade ordered to push on and support the right of 4th A.L.H. Brigade, his objective being ZUHEILIKAH.	
		1300	D.H.Q. established U.6.b 9.9 one mile South of TEL EL SHERIA.	
		1600	3rd A.L.H. Brigade ordered to move quickly as possible to position on right of 5th Mounted Brigade who are to move on ZUHEILIKAH in N.W. direction. 4th A.L.H. Brigade are held up. Touch to be gained with Anzac Mounted Division on right at DILAKH.	
		1620	4th A.L.H. Brigade came into Corps reserve.	
		1630	D.H.Q. moved forward to a point at cross-roads 2 miles S.S.E. of KH. AMEIDAT.	
		1700	Brigades moving quickly into above positions.	
		1900	D.H.Q. established at Point K.33.d 3.7.	

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	7th	1940	Orders to 3rd A.L.H. and 5th Mounted Brigades to make certain the line Wadi JEMMAMEH - ZULEIKIKA. If not completely held now it is to be occupied by dawn. All troops will be saddled up at 0500 8th instant.	Appendix no. 50.
		1957	Line to which troops advance to be held as outpost line.	
		2015	4th A.L.H. Brigade ordered by Desert Mounted Corps to withdraw all troops not actually in front line to bivouac South of Wadi SHERIA and East of railway. In touch with 3rd A.L.H. Brigade at K.33.b 8.9 by visual and also with Anzac Mounted Division Headquarters at AMEIDAT. In cable communication with Corps since establishment of Divisional Headquarters. Not yet in touch with 5th Mounted Brigade.	
		2030	D.R. sent out on foot to try and locate 5th Mounted Brigade.	
		2140	Orders reference GO.5 paras. 1 and 2 amended to read - 3rd A.L.H. and 5th Mounted Brigades will make good unoccupied ground at dawn tomorrow but will refrain from serious fighting until further orders.	
		2230	Desert Mounted Corps order received. After taking KH. BUTEIHAN objective to be high ground about KH. ZUHEILKA in order to protect left flank 60th Division. <u>Notes:</u> Water question serious; horses having had no water at all since leaving KARM.	
	8th	0100	Desert Mounted Corps Operation Order No. 5 received: GAZA evacuated by enemy last night, but still holds ATAWINEH redoubt and BEIT HANUN. Australian Mounted Division objective HUI. 4th A.L.H. Brigade Corps reserve. Dividing line KH. EL KOFRAH to Australian Mounted Division, KH. EL HOMMUM to Anzac Mounted Division. All Divisions will push out reconnoitring patrols at 0400. If serious opposition is met with on present line Corps will co-ordinate arrangements for bombardment and attack. If serious resistance is met with Australian and Anzac Mounted Divisions' main bodies will advance 0700.	WP4 10

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	8th	0500	Orders to Brigades issued: Anzac Mounted Division advances 0700 on Wadi JEMMAMEH and then on BUREIR. Australian Mounted Division is to advance at 0700 on HUI allowing Anzac Mounted Division to keep in advance to outflank opposition. Right of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will be directed on KH. EL KOFKHAH with 5th Mounted Brigade to support 3rd A.L.H. Brigade left.	Appendix no. 52
		0640	3rd A.L.H. Brigade ordered to try and get patrol in touch with 60th Division right as 5th Mounted Brigade were withdrawn last night.	
		0930	D.H.Q. moved forward.	
		1130	D.H.Q. established D.14.b 7.1.	
		1150	2 Regiments 4th A.L.H. Brigade reached D.H.Q..	
		1220	3rd A.L.H. and 5th Mounted Brigades ordered to reconnoitre and water if possible, and then push on to North of HUI. 5th Mounted Brigade is to have its left resting on HUI and cover a frontage of 1 mile with 3rd A.L.H. Brigade moving on right of 5th Mounted Brigade in close co-operation and support.	
		1300	O.C. 12th A.L.H. Regiment (Lieutenant-Colonel CAMERON) ordered to move at once to gain touch with Imperial Service Cavalry Brigade at BEIT HANUN. O.C. authorised to order this Brigade to close gap between XXist Corps and Australian Mounted Division, but on no account to allow main body of Brigade to move East of SHERIA - HUI road unless the enemy is located. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade reported capture of two 5.9-inch howitzers.	
		1600	Report from 5th Mounted Brigade stated that at 1300 1½ Squadrons Worcesters and 2 Squadrons Warwick Yeomanry encountered enemy in force West of HUI at A.14. Main body of enemy were retreating N.E. and at request of G.O.C. 60th Infantry Division, Lieutenant-Colonel CHEAPE, D.S.O., at the head of these Squadrons charged the enemy in the face of galling rifle, machine gun, and point blank fire from mountain guns, capturing the position, 11 guns, 3 machine guns, 30 prisoners. Many enemy killed but our casualties heavy. Brigade halted on line N.W. of HUI with right resting on village.	W 84/11

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	8th	1745	D.H.Q. established A.14.a 7.9.	
		2025	<p>Orders issued: Field Squadron with one Squadron 4th A.L.H. Brigade as escort and working party, to march 2230 to Wadi JEMMAMEH, B.30 central, to develop water at pumping house. 4th A.L.H. Brigade to relieve outposts of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade at 0700 and outposts of 5th Mounted Brigade at 0730 replacing outpost line with line of observation. On relief 3rd A.L.H. and 5th Mounted Brigades will march to Wadi JEMMAMEH and water.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <p>Prisoners. - 30 Other ranks.</p> <p>Material. - 4 Mountain guns. 8 Field guns. 6 5.9-inch howitzers. 3 Machine guns. Large quantity of shells besides wagons and limbers.</p> <p>Watering - 3rd A.L.H. Brigade have not watered since 7th instant, 5th Mounted Brigade since evening of 6th instant as, owing to the necessity of having to push forward vigorously and connect laterally on a wide front throughout the day, no watering could be carried out. Unless these Brigades water tomorrow results will be most serious.</p>	Appendix No. 53.
	9th	0730	Relief of outposts of 3rd and 5th Brigades by 4th A.L.H. Brigade effected.	
		0900	Patrol of 12th A.L.H. Regiment pushed forward as far as NEJED. One small well found there. No enemy encountered.	
		1000	Patrol pushed forward to SIMSIM and in touch with 1st A.L.H. Brigade at BUREIR. No enemy encountered. Two wells found at SIMSIM but watering very slow as lifting appliances are primitive.	W/P 12
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	9th	1200	Watering at JEMMAMEH proceeding very slowly. Division will not be watered until 1800.	
		1600	Orders issued for Division to march at 2300 from HUI station as starting point on to line ARAK EL MENSHEYE - FALUJE via North side of KH. EL HUMMUM - KH. ZEIDAN - TEL EL HESY. Advance guard 3rd A.L.H. Brigade group. Order of march - Divisional Headquarters, 5th Mounted Brigade group and 4th A.L.H. Brigade group after passing TEL EL HESY. Each formation to provide its own flank protection. 12th A.L.H. Regiment to march from BUREIR to FALUJE and remainder 4th A.L.H. Brigade group independently to Wadi HESY joining rear of 5th Mounted Brigade group. 3rd A.L.H. and 5th Mounted Brigade groups will picket route every $\frac{1}{4}$ mile after dark and will flash a lamp back S.W. from every hill-top sending A.K. intermittently.	
		2300	Division moved off for TEL EL HESY.	
			Notes: Prisoners captured total 7 Officers, 205 other ranks.	
			Casualties - Nil.	
			Water - Great difficulty experienced watering horses at JEMMAMEH but after waiting many hours horses were enabled to get a fair drink.	
	10th	0430	TEL EL HESY reached and a halt ordered till daylight.	
		0600	Water found in pools in the Wadi and horses watered. Meanwhile 3rd and 4th A.L.H. Brigades were pushing on towards ARAK EL MENSHEYE and FALUJE respectively.	
		0730	5th Mounted Brigade ordered to move up in support of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade right rear flank. Brigade only 19 Troops strong.	
		0830	D.H.Q. moved forward to W.21.d.	

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	10th	1030	D.H.Q. established W.21.d. ARAK EL MENSHEIYE and FALUJE occupied by 3rd and 4th A.L.H. Brigades, with 5th Mounted Brigade about W.29. In communication with Yeomanry Mounted Division. Strong enemy forces about ZEITA, neighbourhood of railway station and road leading into ARAK EL MENSHEIYE being intermittently shelled by enemy guns from direction of ZEITA.	
			R.F.C. report considerable number of enemy infantry and cavalry to West and S.W. of ZEITA.	
		1040	Orders issued: 3rd and 4th A.L.H. Brigades are operating North of line ARAK EL MENSHEIYE - FALUJE with posts of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade established on line V.19, 20, 21 facing N.E. and opposed on that line and threatened by considerable force all arms from 2 miles South of ZEITA. As a preliminary operation in order to enable Divisional Commander to push on to line EL TINEH - EL KUSTINEH 4th A.L.H. Brigade will will advance at once on to Point 405 SUMMEIL with right on railway and facing N.E. in order to threaten enemy opposing 3rd A.L.H. Brigade. 5th Mounted Brigade will move at once to covered position South of ARAK EL MENSHEIYE, reconnoitring Eastwards as well as being prepared to meet enemy attack against 3rd A.L.H. Brigade right flank Eastwards. Yeomanry Mounted Division ordered to move to railway East of FALUJE.	Appendix No. 54.
		1130	D.H.Q. moved forward and established at W.4.b.	
		1300	Yeomanry Mounted Division informed that SUMMEIL and KH. ABU ARRAN are held be enemy and that 4th A.L.H. Brigade are developing an attack from the South-West. Yeomanry Mounted Division asked to relieve 5th Mounted Brigade South of ARAK EL MENSHEIYE in order that this Brigade. may be used offensively on left flank to enable the advance Northwards to be continued.	
		1520	Yeomanry Mounted Division informed of above and asked to assist in any way possible.	
		1600	5th Mounted Brigade relieved by Yeomanry Mounted Division and ordered to move rapidly as possible with right on railway and to threaten SUMMEIL from the West. 4th A.L.H. Brigade are attacking this village from North-West and 3rd A.L.H. Brigade from the South with centre on railway.	
		1700	Australian Mounted Division held up on its attack on SUMMEIL, enemy holding it with 2 Battalions and 2 guns.	

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	10th	1910	Orders issued - 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will endeavour to occupy SUMMEIL during the night. if not occupied already . If village is still occupied, at 0500, 11th instant, Divisional attack is to be organised and Yeomanry Mounted Division intends attacking ZEITA at dawn 11th instant. Battle night outposts to be held as follows: 3rd A.L.H. Brigade - Railway line ARAK EL MENSHIYE exclusive to railway bridge V.7.d. inclusive with a strong dismounted garrison in SUMMEIL if already taken. 4th A.L.H. Brigade outposts - Bridge V.7.d exclusive U.6 central - BEIT AFFEH exclusive. Touch on right and left to be maintained with Yeomanry Mounted Division at MENSHIYE and Anzac Mounted Division at BEIT AFFEH. 5th Mounted Brigade to come into Divisional reserve.	Appendix no. 55.
		1930	Yeomanry Mounted Division bivouacing in area X.8, 9, 14, 15 and 16. D.H.Q. X.15.d.	
		2030	Desert Mounted Corps order received: That Yeomanry Mounted Division is to withdraw from our right early on morning of 11th instant with a view to operating North of NEBY BURKAH. Dispositions of Australian Mounted Division to be made accordingly.	
			<u>Notes:</u> Water. Few wells in villages of MENSHIYE and FALUJE but water extremely scanty. On account of its having to be drawn by buckets a considerable amount of time was wasted and consequently only very few horses were able to get water. Water question was extremely serious and horses were falling away rapidly in strength and condition. Prisoners - 30 Other ranks.	
	11th	0300	Orders issued to Brigades that no attack will be made tomorrow 12th instant but that present outpost line will be maintained and reconnoitring patrols sent out to clear up situation at dawn. 5th Mounted Brigade will relieve Yeomanry Mounted Division outpost line by 0700 today.	W 10/11

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	11th	0730	Situation: Enemy have retired from ridge 2 miles East of point 248 in Easterly direction and North of BERKUSIE. 3 rd 4th A.L.H. Brigade occupied SUMMEIL and in close touch with 3 rd A.L.H. Brigade.	
		0750	3rd and 4th A.L.H. and 5th Mounted Brigades informed that the Division is detached to watch the enemy's eastern force. To enable close touch to be maintained each Brigade will reconnoitre vigorously with smallest possible patrols and hold front line of observation posts. Dismounted men are to be held ready to reinforce line whenever required at shortest notice. (N.B. Dismounted men due to withdrawal of horses to water).	
		0800	Enemy found to be entrenched 3 miles E. and N.E. of SUMMEIL. Our patrols fired on $\frac{1}{2}$ mile further East of village by rifles and machine guns.	
		1000	Enemy's attention being attracted by all three Brigades from S.W. side of ZEITA to N.W. of SUMMEIL. Patrols have been pushed to one mile East of SUMMEIL but are held up. Arrangements being made to shell enemy East of SUMMEIL to distract attention from Anzac Mounted Division forward movement.	
		1220	Order to Brigades issued: 4th A.L.H. Brigade to watch carefully the right of Anzac and Yeomanry Mounted Divisions' attack making all patrolling work as conspicuous as possible in order to attract enemy's attention from above mentioned Divisions. 3rd and 4th A.L.H. Brigades' Batteries to move forward and shell intermittently enemy about BERKUSIE throughout the day.	Appendix no. 56.
		1610	Major operations postponed until 12th instant, night outpost line to be taken up approximately on day outpost line. 5th Mounted Brigade from W.31 - ARAK EL MENSHIYE exclusive; 3rd A.L.H. Brigade ARAK EL MENSHIYE inclusive - SUMMEIL inclusive; 4th A.L.H. Brigade SUMMEIL exclusive - 248 - 194. All formations to be responsible for their own further protection. Hostile cavalry believed to be on our Eastern flank.	Appendix no. 57. W 10/16

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	11th	1820	Warning order to three Brigades issued to make preparations to move as follows :- 5th Mounted Brigade group along railway, objective being BALIN and Wadi DHAHR: one Squadron 3rd A.L.H. Brigade to BERKUSIE and one Squadron 4th A.L.H. Brigade to TEL EL TURMUS. The remainder of the Division to commence watering 0600.	
		2015	Desert Mounted Corps order received: In order to assist attack further to the N.W. the Division will tomorrow 12th instant continue to watch the enemy on the line ZEITA - BERKUSIE and will press him strongly if holding line BERKUSIE - BALIN. Orders to Brigades issued: 5th Mounted Brigade group to march at 0530 following railway line and to occupy BALIN pushing vigorous reconnaissances out on to Wadi DHAHR from TEL ES SAFI to the railway. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade to push one Squadron at 0600 to reconnoitre BERKUSIE from the S.W., the remainder of the Brigade watering rapidly as possible and concentrating in a concealed position S.W. of SUMMEIL with small observation posts on all roads to the East and South-East: 4th A.L.H. Brigade to push one Squadron at 0600 to high ground about M of SHEMALIYE in order to ascertain position to the N. and N.W., remainder of Brigade watering but being prepared to march at ½ hour notice. D.H.Q. is to close at W.4.c at 1100 and open at same hour at 405 SUMMEIL.	Appendix no. 58.
	12th	0530	5th Mounted Brigade group marched on its objective BALIN.	
		0600	One Squadron of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade and one Squadron 4th A.L.H. Brigade pushed out to their objectives as previously mentioned.	
		1100	D.H.Q. closed at W.4.c and re-opened at 405 SUMMEIL.	
		1325	9th A.L.H. Regiment, 3rd A.L.H. Brigade, ordered to march quickly along railway to support 5th Mounted Brigade in direction of BALIN as enemy infantry are advancing from the direction of EL TINE and enemy cavalry Regiment moving S.W. towards West of BALIN.	11/11/17

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	12th	1335	3rd A.L.H. Brigade ordered to bring all troops quickly as possible to SUMMEIL. 5th Mounted Brigade reported enemy attacking BALIN strongly and determinedly.	
		1445	Enemy attacked very strongly and slowly forced 5th Mounted Brigade to give ground. 10th A.L.H. Regiment ordered up on right of 5th Mounted Brigade on high ground about BERKUSIE.	
		1500	Orders issued to withdraw slowly on to line SUMMEIL - 248 and if still forced to retire further line FALUJE - HATTE - cross-roads one mile South of Point 248 - 248 will be taken up and held.	
		1515	3rd A.L.H. Brigade holding BERKUSIE were heavily attacked.	
		1540	Portion of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade holding BERKUSIE were forced to retire. Enemy shelled SUMMEIL heavily and advanced North of BERKUSIE from TEL ES SAFI. 5th Mounted Brigade slowly withdrew on to line SUMMEIL - 248.	
		1600	D.H.Q. established cross-roads $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles South of Point 248.	
		1630	4th A.L.H. Brigade in position from left of 5th Mounted Brigade line West of BERKUSIE to Point 248.	
		1650	Attack slackened.	
		1700	Information received that 75th Division had their right on ES SUAFIR and would support on left at 248 if necessary.	
		1720	4th A.L.H. Brigade in touch with infantry on left. Enemy counter attack made by estimated force of 5,000 infantry with several batteries of guns.	

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	12th	1800	Attack died down and enemy apparently digging in. During the final stages of the attack enemy reached to within 500 yards of the left of our line but were repulsed by our heavy rifle and machine gun fire.	
		2030	Orders issued for the following battle line to be maintained during the night:- 3rd A.L.H. Brigade ARAK EL MENSHIYE to SUMMEIL inclusive: 5th Mounted Brigade SUMMEIL exclusive - road and Wadi junction one mile S.S.E. of Point 248: 4th A.L.H. Brigade through Point 248 to right of 233rd Brigade.	Appendix no. 59.
	13th	0400	Desert Mounted Corps Operation Order No. 7 received: Estimated that enemy has 13,000 men on line BEIT JIBRIN - EL KUSTINE - BURKAH. Desert Mounted and XXist Corps to attack with object of securing the railway junction N.N.E. of KEZAZEH. Australian Mounted Division to be responsible for protection to right of the infantry and to push forward on JUNCTION STATION.	
		0530	Divisional Commander telephoned Corps Commander asking if 7th Mounted Brigade could be sent up to relieve 5th Mounted Brigade whose horses were in a bad way for want of water. Application granted. 7th Mounted Brigade will be sent up. 2 cars, 12th L.A.M. Battery, reported to Australian Mounted Division for duty. O.C. - Captain SETON.	
		0600	4th A.L.H. Brigade reported no enemy in front of their left flank for one mile. 5th Mounted Brigade reported enemy at BERKUSIE in strength. Enemy shelled SUMMEIL and Point 248 intermittently.	
		0700	Dust clouds reported on a bearing of 160° from SUMMEIL. One Squadron 3rd A.L.H. Brigade sent to reconnoitre, later reported that dust was caused by native flocks and that no enemy were in sight.	1184 6/19

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	13th	0730	Enemy plane flew over SUMMEIL.	
		0800	75th Division on our left flank developed their attack towards MESMIYE. D.H.Q. moved from cross-roads to village with mosque $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S.W. Point 248.	
		0850	Front line patrols reported that enemy were holding roughly line running 500 yards West of BALIN.	
		0930	4th A.L.H. and 5th Mounted Brigades warned that 7th Mounted Brigade were approaching to relieve 5th Mounted Brigade on line SUMMEIL exclusive to road and Wadi junction one mile S.S.E. of Point 248.	
		1000	3rd A.L.H. Brigade reported finding one mountain gun at BALUJE and 4 (77 mm) Field guns at BEIT AFPEZ. 4th A.L.H. Brigade moved forward but were held up by enemy fire from high position covering EL TINEH.	
		1150	4th A.L.H. Brigade ordered to push forward to protect the right of the 233rd Brigade (75th Division) entering MESMIYE, their attack on that place having succeeded. To enable enable them to do this the 7th Mounted Brigade were ordered to relieve them rapidly in the line. Enemy intermittently shelled vicinity 248 to village S.E. of 248.	
		1200	Order issued: Infantry objective JUNCTION STATION N.N.E. of KEZAZEH, Australian Mounted Division's rôle being to protect the right of infantry. 4th A.L.H. Brigade to push forward quickly on the right of the infantry. 7th Mounted Brigade to extend Northwards to maintain touch, and 3rd A.L.H. Brigade to move Northwards making SUMMEIL the eventual right flank.	Appendix no. 60.
		1345	D.H.Q. moved and established at K.30 (Sheet XVI) 1,000 yards South of TURMUS.	11/24/20

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	13th	1500	5th Mounted Brigade relieved and proceeded to HATTEH for water.	
		1600	4th A.L.H. Brigade ordered to push for EL TINEH as infantry advance on our left was progressing.	
		1715	Night outpost line ordered to be held as follows:- 4th A.L.H. Brigade immediate right of forward infantry Brigade to road junction East of KUSTINEH. 7th Mounted Brigade from road crossing to road and Wadi junction $\frac{3}{4}$ mile N.N.E. of last <u>E</u> of SHERKIYE. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade. continuing line to Point 248. Corps advised that 2nd A.L.H. Brigade had been ordered to Point 248 as Corps reserve.	
		1800	5th Mounted Brigade ordered to complete watering at BEIT DURAS and then to concentrate 2 miles N.E. of SUAFIR ESH SHERKIYE.	
		2000	4th A.L.H. Brigade ordered to push forward reconnaissance to EL TINEH at dawn on 14th, remainder of Brigade to move up in readiness to attack TINEH, which it was necessary to occupy in order to water horses. 7th Mounted Brigade to move at dawn to position of readiness to support the right of the 4th A.L.H. Brigade. <u>Notes:</u> 5th Mounted Brigade temporarily out of action through low condition of horses caused by lack of water. Many horses not having watered for upwards of 48 hours. Prisoners - 32 Other ranks. Guns - 3rd A.L.H. Brigade reported having found one mountain gun at FALUJE and 4 Field guns at BEIT AFTEH.	

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	14th	0330	Order issued to 4th A.L.H. Brigade to move to attack TINEH at dawn. 7th Mounted Brigade to support closely the right of 4th A.L.H. Brigade. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade to leave line of observation on front TEL TURMUS until relieved by 2nd A.L.H. Brigade.	Appendix no. 61.
		0630	4th A.L.H. Brigade reported TINEH clear of enemy.	
		0700	Order issued: 4th A.L.H. Brigade to water at EL TINEH. 7th Mounted Brigade to push on, link up and support right of 75th Division (234th Brigade) advancing on JUNCTION STATION. 5th Mounted Brigade ordered to TURMUS on completion watering at HATTEH. Field Squadron engineers ordered forward in conjunction with 7th Mounted Brigade to endeavour destroy railway bridge West of JUNCTION STATION and to blow up rails along line to RAMLEH. 2 cars, 12th L.A.M. Battery, pushed on ahead of infantry into JUNCTION STATION. Captain SETON (O.C.) reported having machine-gunned large number of enemy at short range. They were apparently destroying stores, etc. Estimates he hit at least 100 and pursued remainder about 2 miles up JERUSALEM road.	
		0740	Desert Mounted Corps order received: XXist Corps advanced troops being heavily attacked one mile West of F.28.c. Australian Mounted Division to advance North and co-operate. 2nd A.L.H. Brigade ordered up to EL TINEH and to come under orders of G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division.	
		0800	Order issued: One Regiment 3rd A.L.H. Brigade to remain on line 248 - EL TURMUS, the remainder of Brigade to proceed to Wadi SUKEREIR North of ESDUD and water there.	
		0920	Situation: 4th A.L.H. Regiment operating against JILIA. 7th Mounted Brigade moving fast along railway towards JUNCTION STATION.	
		1015	D.H.Q. moved to 2 miles North of EL TINEH. (Square J.23.c). 5th Mounted Brigade reported that they were unable to water at BEIT DURAS. Many horses dropping from exhaustion.	

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	14th	1045	Brigadier-General RYRIE (G.O.C. 2nd A.L.H. Brigade) reported at D.H.Q. for orders.	
		1200	Situation: 4th A.L.H. Regiment hold KEZAZEH. 7th Mounted Brigade occupy ground $\frac{1}{2}$ mile S.E. JUNCTION STATION. Enemy holding line through F.16 - F.23.	
		1230	2nd A.L.H. Brigade ordered to move straight on JUNCTION STATION to support left of 7th Mounted Brigade, reporting location.	
		1520	7th Mounted Brigade reported enemy retiring E.N.E. from East of JUNCTION STATION. One Regiment pursuing.	
		1535	4th A.L.H. Brigade warned that it was reported that enemy might attempt strong counter attack towards MESMIYE from TEL ES SAFI or KUNINE, and ordered to maintain close observation of these approaches.	
		1430	7th Mounted Brigade report advance held up by Machine gun fire, enemy holding line through G.26 and 27.	
			Desert Mounted Corps order received: Australian Mounted Division is placed at disposal G.O.C. XXist Corps, force available being 2nd 3rd 4th A.L.H. Brigades, 5th and 7th Mounted Brigades, and 2 Armoured cars. One Brigade to be kept North of YEBNAH and West of Wadi SURAR as Corps reserve. One Regiment to be pushed towards AMWAS and to protect right of XXist Corps.	
		1630	2nd A.L.H. Brigade occupied strong line of outposts covering JUNCTION STATION and reported enemy retiring fast N.E.	
			O.C. Field Squadron reported having completed demolition of bridge - under a desultory enemy shell fire.	

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	14th	1640	Order issued: 7th Mounted Brigade to maintain touch with right of 75th Division and push one Regiment to gain touch with Yeomanry Mounted Division's Brigade moving towards AMWAS. 2nd A.L.H. Brigade to move to high ground about J.34.b and come into Divisional reserve. 4th A.L.H. Brigade to take up outposts TEL EL TURMUS - EL TINEH - KEZAZEH - STATION S.E. of JUNCTION STATION, one Regiment bivouacking near EL KUSTINEH. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade to move North of YEBNAH and West of Wadi SURAR as Corps reserve. D.H.Q. to YASUR.	Appendix no. 62.
		1930	XXIst Corps order received: Divisions to consolidate on 15th instant on line now held, taking advantage of tactical positions within 3 miles of present position.	
		1945	D.H.Q. moved to high ground $\frac{1}{2}$ mile N.E. of YASUR.	
			Notes: Prisoners captured 14th instant - 2 Officers, 80 Other ranks. A very large quantity of war material found in TINEH including engineering stores valued by Brigadier-General GRANT at £2,000. The Germans intended evidently to use TINEH as a large base.	
	15th	0600	Situation: Turks reported to be in strength astride the road at AMWAS.	
		0720	10th A.L.H. Regiment ordered to rejoin 3rd A.L.H. Brigade North of YEBNAH.	
		0900	Yeomanry Mounted Division reported to be advancing on to high ground KH. UM KELKAS. 7th Mounted Brigade co-operating on their right endeavouring to work towards AMWAS but held up by strong enemy rearguard.	

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	15th	1200	Order issued: Enemy appear to be retreating Eastwards towards line G.23 - G.10 - D.27. 4th A.L.H. Brigade to maintain outpost line TURMUS - KEZAZEH with one Regiment at KUSTINEH. 7th Mounted Brigade to protect right of forward infantry from G.28 forwards pushing one Regiment towards AMWAS to co-operate with Yeomanry Mounted Division. 2nd A.L.H. Brigade to place observation line KEZAZEH to G.28 central keeping lateral touch with 4th A.L.H. and 7th Mounted Brigades. 2 Regiments 2nd A.L.H. Brigade to concentrate at JUNCTION STATION as Divisional reserve.	
		1630	5th Mounted Brigade arrived T.27.a. ABU SHUSHEH reported to have been taken by Yeomanry Mounted Division.	
		1930	<i>Message sent to Desert Mtd Corps:-</i> Order issued: Enemy hold line 085 G.18 KH. URIER through U.25 - U.26. Dispositions for night - 4th A.L.H. Brigade TURMUS to KEZAZEH exclusive; 2nd A.L.H. Brigade KEZAZEH inclusive to O.6 central joining infantry right; remainder Brigade Divisional reserve at KEZAZEH; 7th Mounted Brigade withdrawn from outpost to O.5, keeping touch with 22nd Mounted Brigade (Yeomanry Mounted Division) about SIDUN and pushing one Regiment to co-operate with 22nd Mounted Brigade on their advance towards AMWAS.	Appendix No. 63.
		2400	Order received from Desert Mounted Corps: 2nd A.L.H. Brigade to be sent to V.33.d on 16th instant by 0800 as Corps reserve. 7th Mounted Brigade to co-operate and support Yeomanry Mounted Division in their advance towards AMWAS if country possible for mounted action. Enemy known to be in strength at AMWAS.	
			<u>Notes:</u> Prisoners taken on 15th instant - 10 Other ranks.	
	16th	0200	Order issued: 2nd A.L.H. Brigade, less troops on outpost, to proceed to Square Y.33.d (by 0800) reporting to Corps Headquarters Y.35.c. 2nd A.L.H. Brigade troops on outpost line to be relieved by 4th A.L.H. Brigade standing patrols after "all clear" is ascertained at 0600 when they will follow remainder of their Brigade. 7th Mounted Brigade to support action of and co-operate with 22nd Mounted Brigade and endeavour to reach AMWAS.	W 18/12/17

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	16th	0800	2 cars, 12th L.A.M. Battery, ordered to support 7th Mounted Brigade.	
			22nd Mounted Brigade reported advancing on AMWAS from direction of EL KUBAB.	
		1030	D.H.Q. established $\frac{3}{4}$ mile South of JUNCTION STATION.	
		1330	7th Mounted Brigade reported 22nd Mounted Brigade withdrawing towards RAMLEH.	
		1345	Order issued: 4th A.L.H. Brigade dispositions to be slightly altered :- Brigade to maintain line of observation TURMUS - TEL ES SAFI - KEZAZEH, the Brigade being based on EL TINEH - TEL ES SAFI, one Squadron being posted permanently at KEZAZEH.	
		1525	Enemy still holding line astride LATRON - JERUSALEM road. 7th Mounted Brigade ordered to withdraw to Divisional reserve at JUNCTION STATION.	(x)
		1550	<i>Situation report forwarded to Desert Mtd Corps (x)</i>	Appendix No. 6H.
		1600	7th Mounted Brigade withdrew to position of reserve about 9.11.	
		1730	D.H.Q. opened at 0.10 central.	
		1900	Reported by 5th Mounted Brigade that 3 Regiments, average strength 230 Other ranks, again fit for duty.	
			Desert Mounted Corps order received: Australian and Yeomanry Mounted Divisions will reconnoitre to the line N. - L. - J. - Z. central (Sheet XVII). Yeomanry Mounted Division to establish one Regiment at ANNABEH with one Squadron pushed forward to BERFILYA.	
			7th Mounted Brigade to establish Regiment EL KUBAB (K.19) and reconnoitre enemy dispositions and water as far as Squares N. - L. central in zone bounded on South by LATRON - JERUSALEM road, on North by EL BURJ - Wadi EL JAAR. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade to move up to Z.23 - 29 preparatory to relieving 7th Mounted Brigade. 5th Mounted Brigade to move to EL TINEH to relieve 4th A.L.H. Brigade who will proceed Square T.27.a to rest.	

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	November.			
	17th	0530	Order with above details issued to Brigades. (x)	(x) Appendix No. 65.
		0800	Aeroplane reconnaissance reported general movement of small bodies enemy towards JERUSALEM. Small bodies cavalry and infantry vicinity LATRON.	
		0900	Divisional Commander and G.S.O. 1 left to meet Corps Commander at ABU SHUSHEH.	
		1500	5th Mounted Brigade ordered to carry out relief of 4th A.L.H. Brigade who will remain in area and not proceed to SUKEREIR, as previously ordered.	
		1510	Order issued: 7th Mounted Brigade less Regiment at KUBAB to march early on 18th to KH. DEIRAN, V.35. Regiment at KUBAB to be relieved at 0800 by one Regiment 3rd A.L.H. Brigade and to follow 7th Mounted Brigade to DEIRAN. Remainder 3rd A.L.H. Brigade to water at GARDEN WELL and be ready to move at short notice. 4th A.L.H. Brigade to water in Wadi MENAKH and come into Divisional reserve near GARDEN WELL.	
			Desert Mounted Corps order received detailing next phase: To place the Army astride JERUSALEM - NABLUS road at BIREH so as to XXXXXX isolate JERUSALEM.	
		2130	Order issued detailing operations for next phase: Australian Mounted Division less one Regiment 5th Mounted Brigade to advance on right, Yeomanry Mounted Division on left, the objective being to get astride the JERUSALEM - NABLUS road at BIREH. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade to make an encircling movement towards BIR MAIN - BEIT SIRRA from which to bring reverse fire on AMWAS. 4th A.L.H. Brigade to reconnoitre the enemy position AMWAS - LATRON with view of attacking on the 19th instant. 5th Mounted Brigade to reconnoitre a line of approach via SURAR valley - ARTUF - ESHUA with view of making a rapid advance.	Appendix No. 66.
			75th Division asked particulars re Artillery co-operation for Australian Mounted Division attack on enemy position M.3.a - M.3.d - <u>N</u> of LATRON to road South of <u>N</u> of LATRON thence S.E., to take place on 19th instant.	

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	November.			
	18th	0100	Desert Mounted Corps order received: Enemy evacuating JERUSALEM, it is therefore essential to reach BIREH as early as possible. Yeomanry Mounted Division has been ordered push towards BIREH. Australian Mounted Division to attack LATRON before noon.	
		0345	3rd A.L.H. Brigade ordered to water and have 2 Regiments in readiness about KUEAB. 4th A.L.H. Brigade to move up into position about Point 800, Square 085 G.5, preparatory to attack on LATRON - AMWAS position in conjunction with 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.	Appendix No. 67.
		0800	Arrangements made with B.G.R.A. 75th Division for Artillery co-operation during attack.	
		0940	Permission obtained from Desert Mounted Corps for attack to be delayed until 1600 if arrangements incomplete (owing to nature of country extremely difficult to manoeuvre mounted troops out of a slow walk).	
		0950	Orders issued: Australian Mounted Division to operate at once to drive enemy from LATRON - AMWAS position and later advance towards BIREH. To be a preliminary bombardment from 1330 to 1400 during which hour the 4th A.L.H. Brigade will attack. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade to move on to line K.29 - BEIT SIRA with 2 Regiments on Southern flank. One Regiment to be pushed towards EL KUSR and the other towards DEIR EYUH N.8.c. 4th A.L.H. Brigade to move to position to attack on line M.14 - AMWAS, final assault to be between 1330 and 1400. 5th Mounted Brigade to demonstrate against ARTUF and ESHUA.	Appendix No. 68.
		1340	75th Division Artillery notified that 4th A.L.H. Brigade unable deliver attack until 1530. Artillery co-operation postponed to 1530 to 1630 to cover final assault.	
		1200	Divisional Battle Headquarters established Point 800 G.5.	
		1340	Desert Mounted Corps order received: "You will not now attack". 75th Division are to carry out attack tomorrow 19th instant.	
		1525	Brigades ordered to cease attack and withdraw to GARDEN WELL.	
		1700	D.H.Q. established North of road F.24.	

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	November.			
	18th	2100	4th A.L.H. Brigade and 3rd A.L.H. Brigade (less 1 Squadron 9th A.L.H. Regiment) reached bivouacs near GARDEN WELL, C Squadron 9th A.L.H. Regiment being on left flank of encircling movement round AMWAS, and not having received withdrawal orders, had not returned.	
		1900	Desert Mounted Corps Operation Order No. 8 received: 75th Division is to attack LATRON and 75th and 52nd Divisions are then to advance to BIREH. One Brigade Australian Mounted Division and 12th L.A.M. Battery to be at disposal of XXIst Corps.	
		2200	Order issued: 5th Mounted Brigade group are placed at disposal XXIst Corps and will be ready for operations at 0700 on 19th instant. 4th A.L.H. Brigade will march at 0630 to DEIRAN and 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will concentrate at GARDEN WELL and rest.	
			<p><u>Notes:</u></p> <p>Notts Battery report having shelled with good results enemy battery situated at AMWAS at 1500, causing enemy to abandon guns. (These guns were found by 75th Division on AMWAS being occupied by them on 19th instant).</p> <p>During these operations the 3rd A.L.H. Brigade carried their encircling as far as YALO - BEIT SIRA before orders of recall could reach them. This threatening movement undoubtedly caused the enemy to withdraw as next morning (19th instant) on attack by 75th Division the position (AMWAS - LATRON) was found to be unoccupied.</p> <p>C Squadron 9th A.L.H. Regiment reported to have joined Yeomanry Mounted Division in vicinity of BERFILYA. Desert Mounted Corps asked to issue orders to Yeomanry Mounted Division to send this Squadron back to rejoin 3rd A.L.H. Brigade at MEJDEL.</p>	
	19th	0500	12th L.A.M. Battery placed at disposal 75th Division.	
		0645	4th A.L.H. Brigade proceeded to DEIRAN.	

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	November.			
	19th	0730	75th Division reported AMWAS and LATRON occupied without opposition.	
			Message received from 75th Division stating 2 Batteries Australian Mounted Division R.H.A. not now required to co-operate.	
		0900	Above Batteries ordered to rejoin their Brigades (having been standing by at water troughs awaiting orders).	
		1600	C Squadron 9th A.L.H. Regiment rejoined 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.	
	20th	0600	Under instructions Desert Mounted Corps, ^{order issued that} 10th A.L.H. Regiment is temporarily detached from 3rd A.L.H. Brigade and attached to 5th Mounted Brigade (who are detached from Australian Mounted Division, and attached temporarily to XXIst Corps) in place of Gloucester Yeomanry to be attached to 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.	Appendix No. 69.
			Warning order received from Desert Mounted Corps: "In order to provide transport for Yeomanry Mounted Division, Australian Mounted Division less one Brigade may have to return to ESDUD"	
			Desert Mounted Corps order received: Australian Mounted Division less one Brigade will move tomorrow 21st instant after watering to neighbourhood of HAMMAMEH and MEJDEL.	
			<u>Notes:</u> Weather. Heavy rain set in about 1700 and continued intermittently until midnight.	
	21st		Order issued: 4th A.L.H. Brigade and 3rd A.L.H. Brigade (less Gloucester Yeomanry) will march to HAMMAMEH and MEJDEL respectively. 2 Troops 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will remain at EL TINEH. Headquarters Gloucester Yeomanry to bivouac near GARDEN WELL, one Squadron JUNCTION STATION under Lieutenant-Colonel R.E., one Squadron DEIRAN, Corps escort; and one Squadron prisoners escort XXIst Corps.	W 845

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	November.			
	21st	1000	D.H.Q. and Divisional Troops moved from vicinity F.23.c and proceeded via MESMIYE - JULIS to MEJDEL.	
		1700	D.H.Q. opened at 062 Z.30.b.	
		1900	Brigades established in new bivouacs in MEJDEL-HAMMAMEH area.	
	22nd		The Division less 5th Mounted Brigade group resting in MEJDEL-HAMMAMEH area.	
			Tibbin requisitioned from villages to supplement horse ration.	
		0900	5th Mounted Brigade ordered to relieve Squadron Gloucester Yeomanry (attached XX1st Corps on escort duty) by a Squadron of another Regiment.	
		1100	Headquarters Gloucester Yeomanry and this Squadron together with Squadron on R.E. work to concentrate at GARDEN WELL, JUNCTION STATION.	
		1600	Order issued: Gloucester Yeomanry (less Squadron on Corps escort, DEIRAN) will move to rejoin 3rd A.L.H. Brigade at MEJDEL.	
	23rd	0915	75th Division reported advanced troops occupied NEBY SAMWILL and encountering heavy opposition.	
			Desert Mounted Corps order: 5th Mounted Brigade group less 10th A.L.H. Regiment is to be relieved by Yeomanry Mounted Division and 5th Brigade will, on completion of relief, rejoin Australian Mounted Division.	
		1500	Headquarters and one Squadron Gloucester Yeomanry rejoined 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.	

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	November. 23rd		<p><u>Notes:</u></p> <p>Mukhtars of villages warned that they will be held personally responsible for any damage done to telephone wires or war material.</p> <p>Market established outside villages.</p> <p>One prisoner handed over by Mukhtar of MEJDEL.</p>	
	24th		<p>Detail received from Desert Mounted Corps for defence of LUDD - JAFFA sector: The general line of defence to be held by Desert Mounted Corps being KH. MIDIEH - KH. HARMUSH - HADITHEH - EL YEHUDIEH - Point 265 - BIRKET EL JAMUS - Z.28.a - SHEIKH ABD EN NEBY. The line is divided into two sectors, right and left, dividing line being BEIT DEJAN - EL YEHUDIEH - NEBY TARA - Railway line. Principles of defence also outlined.</p>	
	25th	1100	<p>Desert Mounted Corps order received: Superior hostile attack forced Anzac Mounted Division to fall back from North bank of the NAHR EL AUJA. 2 Batteries Australian Mounted Division may be required to march North.</p>	
		1300	<p>3rd and 4th A.L.H. Brigade Batteries warned to be in readiness to move North.</p> <p>Desert Mounted Corps order received: Australian Mounted Division will probably relieve Yeomanry Mounted Division by one Brigade each day commencing 28th instant. G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division will report to Yeomanry Mounted Division Headquarters on 27th instant.</p> <p><u>Notes:</u></p> <p>First instalment of winter clothes received by Brigades. Men's clothing - particularly boots and breeches - in very bad state.</p>	

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	November.			
	26th	0700	Brigades advised of probable move North in order to relieve Yeomanry Mounted Division. 4th A.L.H. Brigade to be prepared to move to ZERNUKA on 27th instant.	
		0715	Desert Mounted Corps order received: One Brigade Australian Mounted Division will march from HAMMAMEH to KATRAH with view to relief one Brigade Yeomanry Mounted Division on 29th instant.	
		0900	Divisional Commander and G.S.O. 1 left by motor for Desert Mounted Corps and Yeomanry Mounted Division Headquarters.	
			4th A.L.H. Brigade ordered to march at 0600 27th instant to KATRAH, halting at mid-day to water and feed at Wadi SUKEREIR.	
		1700	Destination of 4th Brigade altered from KATRAH to DEIRAN.	
			<u>Notes:</u> One officer and 6 Other ranks handed over by Mukhtars of villages as enemy deserters or suspected spies.	
	27th	0600	4th A.L.H. Brigade group marched from HAMMAMEH.	
		1000	Desert Mounted Corps Operation Order No. 9 received: XXth Corps with 60th and 74th Divisions is relieving 52nd and 75th Divisions of XXIst Corps. Australian Mounted Division will relieve Yeomanry Mounted Division and come under orders G.O.C. XXth Corps.	
		1115	Order issued: The Division less 4th A.L.H. Brigade and 5th Mounted Brigade groups will march to DEIRAN.	
		1755	Order issued: D.H.Q. and Divisional Troops will not now march till 29th instant.	
		1735	Desert Mounted Corps reported: Yeomanry Mounted Division being heavily shelled and that 7th Mounted Brigade have been ordered to leave ZERNUKA at 2200 and march via ANNABEH and BERFILYA to relieve one Brigade Yeomanry Mounted Division.	

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	November.			
	27th	1830	Desert Mounted Corps order received: Australian Mounted Division less 4th A.L.H. and 5th Mounted Brigades will move at once to DEIRAN.	
		2130	Divisional Troops and 3rd A.L.H. Brigade group moved out of MEJDEL area marking marching via ESDUD and YEBNAH to DEIRAN.	
		2245	Desert Mounted Corps wire received: C.-in-C. directs that the present line is to be held, reserves being used to make good any breakages that occur in the line.	
	28th	0500	Divisional Commander left MEJDEL and arrived DEIRAN at 0700.	
		0730	3rd A.L.H. Brigade and Divisional Troops arrived at DEIRAN.	
		0800	4th A.L.H. Brigade group moved to BERFILYA coming, on arrival, under orders of Yeomanry Mounted Division.	
			Reported enemy have occupied SUFFA and Square J.36. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade warned of possibility of having to move tonight at one hour's notice. The Brigade will go up mounted, led horses being sent back with one man to four horses. Every rifle and machine gun will be required in the line, but only 12 Officers per Regiment will remain in the hills. Only necessary horses for "galloping" and pack purposes to be kept in the hills.	
		1800	Notts Battery ordered to move at 0600 29th instant and report to G.O.C. 54th Division at RAMLEH.	
			Australian Mounted Divisional Order No. 20 issued for relief of Yeomanry Mounted Division in TAHTA - SUFFA - BURJ area by Australian Mounted Division.	
		2240	Desert Mounted Corps reported 54th Division driven from SHILTA. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade ordered to move at once to BERFILYA and to come under orders G.O.C. 52nd Division, to take up a line roughly about Squares J.19 - H.24.	
		2400	3rd A.L.H. Brigade moved out to BERFILYA.	

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	November.			
	29th	0850	Desert Mounted Corps warning order received: G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division to be in readiness to take over command from Yeomanry Mounted Division in TAHTA area.	
		1330	D.H.Q. and Divisional Troops moved from DEIRAN and travelling via LATRON and AMWAS arrived at BIR MAIN at 0100.	
	30th	0500	D.H.Q. established near well in L.9 central (S.E. of BIR MAIN).	
			3rd A.L.H. Brigade reported having reached BERFILYA and moved thence to BEIT NUBA reporting to 52nd Division, and having been ordered by them to take over line J.13 - KH. FAAUSH - J.34.b from 155th Infantry Brigade, relief to be completed by 2200.	
		0800	3rd A.L.H. Brigade horses sent back to DEIRAN.	
			Situation: Enemy attacks quietened down to intermittent sniping and bursts of machine gun fire.	
			<u>Note:</u> Australian Mounted Division now under G.O.C. XXth Corps.	
		0600	7th Mounted Brigade arrived at BEIT SIRA from about TAHTA where they had repelled heavy enemy attacks against Yeomanry Mounted Division sector.	
		1115	Order issued: On arrival 7th Mounted and 4th A.L.H. Brigades at BEIT SIRA, Australian Mounted Division will at once take over the line J.34.b inclusive to J.13.central. 7th Mounted Brigade in Divisional reserve at EL BURJ.	
			Wire from Desert Mounted Corps received ordering up 5th Mounted Brigade who had returned from ENAB to neighbourhood of ZERNUKAH to replace 7th Mounted Brigade. 7th Mounted Brigade on relief to march to bivouac area 071 X.27.d and X.33.b.	

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	November.			
	30th	1400	7th Mounted Brigade moved up into J.32.a 0.0 as Divisional reserve.	
			5th Mounted Brigade ordered to march to 085 J.32.a after watering on 1st proximo.	
		1855	4th A.L.H. Brigade reported having relieved 4th K.O.S.Bs. by 12th Regiment and 8th Regiment (3rd A.L.H. Brigade) by 4th A.L.H. Regiment. 8 machine guns placed in line.	
		2030	G.O.C. Australian Mounted Division assumed command of sector defined above. In touch with 52nd Division on right and 54th Division on left. Maximum number of rifles of the Division (dismounted) in the hills is 1488.	

			<u>Captures for month.</u>	
			PRISONERS. 82 Officers. 1722 Other ranks. <u>TOTAL.</u> 1804.	
			GUNS. 35.	
			MACHINE GUNS. 8.	
			<u>Watering etc.</u> Throughout the first portion of the advance (November 1st to 15th) water for the horses was a considerable problem and in many instances certain units were without water for up to 48 hours and even 60 hours. The horses of "B" Battery H.A.C. are reported to have had only three waterings in 9 days. At times rations too were very short, in some cases horses getting one small feed of grain only for the 24 hours. In spite of this and also the fact that saddles were frequently on continuously for many hours, the horses have stood up to the work wonderfully well, and with rest and good feeding will very quickly be fit for further hard work.	

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			Killed.	Wounded.	Missing.	Killed.	Wounded.	Missing.	
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.			1	6	-	9	46	7	
4th A.L.H. Brigade.			1	3	-	32	61	-	
5th Mounted Brigade.			2	11	-	34	134	3	
Divisional Troops.			-	1	-	-	11	-	
			4	21	-	75	252	10	

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Order issued at 0120, 1/11/17 to

4th A.L.H. Brigade. 5th Mounted Brigade,
7th Mounted Brigade & 19th Brigade R.H.A.

"All troops Ausdiv and 7th Mtd Bde will saddle up by 0500. By that hour troops will be out reconnoitring as follows. 5th Mtd Bde will reconnoitre outwards from SABA MILAH road to FARA SABA road inclusive. 7th Mtd Bde FARA SABA road exclusive to SABA MILAH road inclusive. Enemy infantry trenches will be thoroughly reconnoitred. From 0500 to-day until further orders are issued 4th L.H. Bde will be in Div reserve. All horses not on reconnaissance will be carefully hidden and dispersed. Sectors of perimeter of defence to be same as sector of reconnaissance ordered above and protection will be provided night and day by same Brigades until further orders. Positions for 2 Batteries will be selected and occupied by O.C. R.H.A. Div H.Q. will be 200 yards West of Viaduct."

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Order issued at 2115, 2/11/17 to

5th Mounted Brigade.

"Our line at dusk ran BIR EL NATTA 3 miles S. of DHARERIYEH - DEIR EL HAWA Point 1580 S. of TEL KHUWEILFEH. 53rd Div advances to-morrow with the object of securing BIR ABU KHUFF and AIN KOHLEH. Anzac Div will continue operation to-morrow with the object of seizing the line EL DHARERIYEH - RAS EL NAGE - BIR KHUWEILFEH. One Battn I.C.C. will protect right flank 53rd Div. 5th Mtd Bde is placed at disposal of Anzac Div from 2400 tonight should he require it. Instructions have been issued that 5th Mtd Bde must be given time water before moving. Special arrangements watering are being made by A.A. & Q.M.G."

Appendix. No. 46.

Order issued at 1225, 4/11/17 to

3rd L.H. Bde. 4th L.H. Bde. 7th Mtd Bde. 19th Bde.RHA
Fd. Sqdn. Sig. Sqdn. & Divl Train.

"Division less 5th Mtd Bde group, 1 Coy. Train and Fd Sqdn, plus 7th Mtd Bde group will move to KARM today. 13-pdr guns and ammunition wagons will be left ^{in bivouacs under guard} in accordance with G.292. On arrival KARM 18-pdr. equipment will be taken over from YEODIV. Groups will leave bivouacs as follows and move to starting point on FARA - SABA road N. of B of BEERSHEBA. Div Troops group 1315, 4th L.H. Bde group 1330, 3rd L.H. Bde group 1415, 7th Mtd Bde group 1445, Div Train 1515 and march in above order. Formation Column of squadrons. 7th Mtd Bde Fd Troop will march to KARM at once under orders of A.A. & Q.M.G. and arrange water at KARM. Usual bivouac parties with Staff Captains report D.A.Q.M.G. at R.T.O's office KARM 1530. Reports from 1315 to head of Div Troops group."

Australian Mounted Divisional Order No 19.

5/11/17

Ref. 1" and 1/125000 maps1. Situation.

- (a) The XX Corps is holding a line from about KHUWEILFEH to the BEERSHEBA-HAREIRA Road West of Pt 550 with the Desert Mtd Corps less Australian Mtd Divn covering their right flank.
- (b) XXI Corps right is at HISEIA, with the Imp. Service Cav. Bde at TEL EL JEMMI finding day and night observation posts at and East of KENT FORT.

2. ROLE.

The role of the Australian Mtd Divn to day and to night is to fill the gap between the 20th and 21st Corps, and to protect the SHELLAL-KARM Railway.

3. Line

- (a) Right Sector Bde 4th A L H Bde Group
From R 7c 6.3 (East of BIR IFTEIS) incl. to Pt 550 inclusive.
- (b) Left Sector Bde 3rd A L H Bde Group.
From Pt 550 exclusive to HISEIA.
- (c) Divisional Reserve Bde 7th Mtd Bde Group.
1 mile EAST of GOZ EL GELEIB

4. Plan in case of attack by infantry.

- (a) 4th LHBde will hold their line.
- (b) (I) 3rd ALH Bde will support observation line gradually retiring, and will occupy support

line from Point $\frac{3}{4}$ mile N of B of GOZ EL GELEIB
- North West to black track and along it to cross
roads in K6.

(II) Remainder of Bde. to be held in Bde mobile reserve
either to manoeuvre or, if necessary, to reinforce
support line.

(C)(I) 7th Intd Bde. will occupy line from high ground
at a Pt. 2 miles N of M of KARM to join 3rd
ALH Bde ~~at~~ ^{at} Pt. $\frac{3}{4}$ mile N of B of GOZ EL GELEIB.

(II) Remainder of Bde. to be held in Divisional Reserve.

5. Plan in case of attack by cavalry

(a) 4th ALH Bde. will hold their line

(b) 3rd LH and 7th Intd Bdes. will keep close
touch with Div HQ. on GOZ EL GELEIB and be
prepared to attack mounted immediately on
receipt of orders.

6. With plan detailed in Para. 4 in view,

(a) 7th Intd Bde. will at once dig defended
posts at supporting intervals on the approximate
line mentioned in Para. 4(c)

(b) 3rd LH Bde. will at once dig defended posts
on the approximate line mentioned in Para. 4(b)(I)

7. With plan detailed in Para. 5 in view;

(a) GOC 3rd ALH Bde will arrange for all
Commanders to thoroughly know the ground
from IMARA - DAMMATH N.E. and E wards.

(b) GOC 7th Intd Bde. will arrange likewise on
the line Pt 2 miles N of KARM - 510, thence
N. Westwards.

(c) Goc. 7th Mtd Bde will detail 1 officer at each of Pts. 510 and 300. They will report at DHQ at once for instructions.

8. (a) O.C. R.H.A. will draw up a scheme to meet the requirements of above plans.

(b) In case of the plan in Para 4 protection to Batteries will be found by coming into action behind prepared lines.

9(a) From receipt of this order until 0500 to-morrow:

(I) 4th LH Bde will remain dismounted.

(II) 3rd LH Bde will be ready to move mounted with 2 Regts. at $\frac{1}{2}$ hour notice and 7th Mtd Bde at $\frac{3}{4}$ hr notice.

(b) At and onwards from 0500 to-morrow:

(I) 4th LH Bde will remain dismounted.

(II) 3rd LH and 7th Mtd Bdes will be saddled up and ready to move at a moment's notice.

10. (a) By day and night units will be responsible for their own protection, for which every armed man will be detailed to his place.

(b) In case of an infantry attack every armed man is to be employed in the fight.

11. Div HQ. 200^x S. of 402 EL GELEIB.
Div. Battle HQ on 402 EL GELEIB.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Copies to:-

3rd ALH Bde.
4th - do -
7th Mtd Bde.
19th Bde R.H.A.
Signal Sqn.
G. HQ
XX Corps!
XXI " File.

A. Kavanagh Capt. S.S.
for Lieutenant Colonel
General Staff
Australian Mtd. Divn

SECRET.

Appendix no. 47

AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISIONAL ORDER No. 19.

WP4
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Reference: 1" & 1/125,000 map.

November 5th 1917.

1. SITUATION.

- (a) The XXth Corps is holding a line from about KHUWEILFEH to the BEERSHEBA - HAREIRA road W. of Pt. 550 with the Desert Mounted Corps less Australian Mounted Division covering their right flank.
- (b) XXst Corps right is at HISEIA with the Imp. Service Cavalry Brigade at TEL EL JEMMI finding day and night observation posts at and E. of KENT FORT.

2. ROLE.

The role of the Australian Mounted Division, today and tonight is to fill the gap between the XXth and XXst Corps and to protect the SHELLAL - KARM railway.

3. LINE.

- (a) Right sector Brigade - 4th A.L.H. Brigade group from R.7.c 6.3 (East of BIR IFTEIS) inclusive to Pt. 550 inclusive.
- (b) Left sector Brigade - 3rd A.L.H. Brigade group from Pt. 550 exclusive to HISEIA.
- (c) Divisional Reserve Brigade - 7th Mounted Brigade group one mile East of GOZ EL GELEIB.

4. PLAN IN CASE OF ATTACK BY INFANTRY.

- (a) 4th L.H. Brigade will hold their line.
- (b) (i) 3rd Brigade will support observation line gradually retiring and will occupy support line from point $\frac{3}{4}$ mile N. of B of GOZ EL GELEIB - N.W. to black track and along it to cross-roads in K.6.
(ii) Remainder of Brigade to be held in Brigade Mobile reserve either to manoeuvre or, if necessary, reinforce support line.
- (c) (i) 7th Mounted Brigade will occupy line from high ground at a point 2 miles N. of M of KARM to join 3rd L.H. Brigade at a point $\frac{3}{4}$ mile N. of B of GOZ EL GELEIB.
(ii) Remainder of Brigade to be held in Divisional reserve.

5. PLAN IN CASE OF ATTACK BY CAVALRY.

- (a) 4th L.H. Brigade will hold their line.
- (b) 3rd L.H. and 7th Mounted Brigades will keep close touch with D.H.Q. on GOZ EL GELEIB and be prepared to attack mounted immediately on receipt of orders.

6. WITH PLAN DETAILED IN PARA. 4 IN VIEW.

- (a) 7th Mounted Brigade will at once dig defended posts at supporting intervals on the approximate line mentioned in para. 4. (c).

-/ (b)

- (b) 3rd L.H. Brigade will at once dig defended posts on the approximate line mentioned in para. 4.(b)(i).

7. WITH PLAN DETAILED IN PARA. 5 IN VIEW.

- (a) G.O.C. 3rd L.H. Brigade will arrange for all commanders to thoroughly know the ground from IMARA - DAMMATH N.E. and Eastwards.
- (b) G.O.C. 7th Mounted Brigade will arrange likewise on the line Pt. 2 miles N. of KARM - 510 thence Northwestwards.
- (c) G.O.C. 7th Mounted Brigade will detail one Officer at each of Pts. 510 and 300; they will report to D.H.Q. at once for instructions.

8.

- (a) O.C. R.H.A. will draw up a scheme to meet the requirements of above plans.
- (b) In case of the plan in para. 4 protection to Batteries will be found by coming into action behind prepared lines.

9.

- (a) From receipt of this order until 0500 tomorrow:-
- (i) 4th L.H. Brigade will remain dismounted.
- (ii) 3rd L.H. Brigade will be ready to move mounted with 2 Regiments at half hour notice and 7th Mounted Brigade at $\frac{3}{4}$ hour notice.
- (b) At and onwards from 0500 tomorrow :-
- (i) 4th L.H. Brigade will remain dismounted.
- (ii) 3rd L.H. and 7th Mounted Brigades will be saddled up and ready to move at a moment's notice.

10.

- (a) By day and night all units will be responsible for their own protection for which every armed man will be detailed to his place.
- (b) In case of an infantry attack every armed man is to be employed in the fight.

11. Divisional H.Q. 200 yards S. of GOZ EL GELEIB.
Divisional Battle H.Q. on GOZ EL BELEIB.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(sd) A. KAVANAGH, Captain, GS,
for Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

Issued at 1540.

Copies to :-

3rd L.H. Brigade.
4th L.H. Brigade.
7th Mtd Brigade.
19th Bde. R.H.A.
Signal Sqdn.
G.H.Q.
XXth Corps.
XXIst Corps.
10th Division.
Composite Brigade.
File.

Appendix No. 48.

Order issued 0800, 6/11/17 to

3rd A.L.H. Bde. 4th A.L.H. Bde. 7th Mtd Bde.
and 19th Bde. R.H.A.

"3 L.H. Bde group will hold line 510 to HISEIA moving well forward to command exits from Wadi IMEEIH. 4 L.H. Bde group will water whole Bde at once at KARM. 2 Regts will continue hold line from left 10th Div to 550 with 1 Regt mounted in position readiness behind 550 prepared to push reconnaissance on to line HAREIRA - EL MAGAM on receipt further orders. 7th Mtd Bde group will move at once to position readiness behind 550 and reconnoitre so as to be prepared relieve 4 L.H. Bde in line. 3rd and 7th Bdes will water as yesterday not more than $\frac{1}{3}$ to be absent at any one time. Echelon A to remain with groups but not cross Wadi IMLEIH without direct order from D.H.Q.. Echelon B to 500 yards S. of Depot KARM at once to await further orders there. D.H.Q. opens Hill 550 one mile W. of Hill 630 at 0830."

Appendix No. 49.

Order issued 1610, 6/11/17 to

3rd A.L.H. Bde. 4th A.L.H. Bde. 7th Mtd Bde.

"Ausdiv less 3 L.H. Bde and all Echelon B will march at once to KH. IMLEIH to bivouac. 3 L.H. Bde will maintain observation line SABA - GAZA road - 630 - 550 - 510 to HISEIA and will come under direct orders G.H.Q.. Echelon B remains at KARM until further orders. Div H.Q. marches at 1630 to bivouac KH. IMLEIH. 3rd L.H. Bde waters KARM twice daily."

Appendix No. 50.

Order issued 1940, 7/11/17. to

3rd A.L.H. Bde and 5th Mtd Bde.

"Make sure the line Wadi JEMMAMEH - ZUHEIKIKA is held by 3rd and 5th Bdes. If not completely held now it is to be occupied by dawn. 3rd Bde will connect with Anzac left and 5th Bde with 60 Div right. Drinking water may be obtained $\frac{1}{2}$ mile South of SHARIA station. 3rd and 5th Bdes will report dispositions at once. All troops will be saddled up by 0500. D.H.Q. is on railway about G 2 d."

Appendix No. 51.

Order issued 0125, 7/11/17 to

4th A.L.H. Bde 7th Mtd Bde & Divl Troops (less Fd Sqdn).

"The Div will march at 0200 via IRGEIG. Destination South bank of Wadi SHARIA on Western side railway. Advance guard one Regt 4th L.H. Bde. Left flank guard one Sqdn 4th L.H. Bde. Rearguard one Sqdn 7th Mtd Bde. Immediate escort to transport one Sqdn 7th Mtd Bde. Order of march Div H.Q. group 4th Bde group 7th Bde group. A and B1 echelons to march DIVISIONALIZED rear of 7th Bde in order of units as above. B1 echelon to halt at ABU IRGEIG. Starting point a point $\frac{1}{2}$ mile East of Wadi crossing at IMLEIH to be marked by lamps by 4th Bde. Reports to head of main body."

Appendix No. 52.

Order issued 0500, 8/11/17. to

3rd A.L.H. Bde and 5th Mtd Bde.

W 84
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"ANZAC advances 0700 on Wadi JEMMAMEH then BUREIR. AUSDIV will advance at 0700 on HUI allowing ANZAC to keep in advance to outflank opposition. Right of 3rd Bde to be directed on KH. EL KOFKHAH, 5th Bde to support left of 3rd Bde, 60th Div are to advance on line JEMMAMEH - HUI. Report situation quickly. Div H.Q. on railway about G.2.d. 4th Bde is Corps reserve."

Appendix No. 53.

Message sent 2025, 8/11/17 to Desert Mounted Corps.

"3rd Bde have not watered since 0700 7th instant. 5th Mtd Bde since evening 6th instant. Owing necessity push vigorously today and connect laterally on wide front was unable send horses back to SHERIA as suggested. Consider 3rd 5th Bdes must water before 1000 tomorrow or result serious. My Divisional Troops almost as bad. Water for men of these formations equally urgent."

Appendix No. 54.

Order issued 1040, 10/11/17. to

3rd A.L.H. Bde. 4th A.L.H. Bde and 5th Mtd Bde.

"3rd and 4th Bdes are operating North of the line ARAK EL MENSHEIYEH - FALUJE. 3rd Bde have established posts on line V.19 20 and 21 facing N.E. and opposed on that line and threatened by considerable force all arms from 2 miles South of ZEITA. Divn Commander intends to push on to the line EL TIME - EL KUSTINE. As preliminary operation 4th Bde will advance at once on to point 405 with right on railway and fronting N.E. to threaten enemy opposing 3rd Bde. 5th Bde will move at once to covered position of readiness South of ARAK EL MENSHEIYEH and reconnoitre Eastwards and be prepared meet attack against 3rd Bde right rear from Eastwards. Yeodiv is ordered move to railway East of EL FALUJE. Div H.Q. is at W.23 and moves at 1100 to about W.11.b."

Appendix No. 55.

Order issued 1910, 10/11/17 to

3rd A.L.H. Bde. 4th A.L.H. Bde. 5th Mtd Bde.

"Situation at SUMMEIL obscured. 3rd L.H. Bde will endeavour occupy it during night if not occupied already. If occupied by enemy at 0500 tomorrow Divisional attack will be organised. Yeodiv intends attacking enemy ZEITA dawn tomorrow. Battle night outposts will be held as follows. 3rd Bde railway line ARAK EL MENSHEIYEH exclusive to railway bridge V.7.d inclusive with strong dismounted garrison in SUMMEIL if already taken. 4th Bde outposts bridge V.7.d exclusive U.6 central to HATTEH - BEIT AFFEH exclusive. Touch on right and left to be maintained with Yeodiv at MENSHEIYEH and Anzac at BEIT AFFEH. 5th Mtd Bde will withdraw into Div reserve reporting bivouac selected. All horses of outposts to be withdrawn on to forage dumps, rations to be pushed up to outposts troops. 3rd Bde will report situation about SUMMEIL soonest possible. D.H.Q. W.4.b."

Appendix No. 56.

Order issued 1220, 11/11/17 to

3rd A.L.H. Bde 4th A.L.H. Bde. 5th Mtd Bde.
and 19th Bde R.H.A.

W 14
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"1st role of Division is to attract attention to itself on line S.W. of ZEITA - N.W. of SUMMEIL enable Anzac on right, Yeodiv on left attack from S.W. to drive in right flank ~~in~~ enemy's rearguard and gain objective EL MESMIYEH - KATRAH. 4th Bde will watch carefully right of this attack reporting progress rapidly to Div H.Q.. Consequently all work should be as conspicuous as possible on this line and 3rd and 4th Bde Batteries will move forward and shell the enemy intermittently about BERKUSIE throughout the day. Subject to compliance with orders issued rest and watering is essential. 2nd role of Division will probably be to disengage secretly from present front and march to EL TIME along W. side of railway. This move not likely till after 1500. Order of march will be 5th 3rd 4th Bde groups Div H.Q. at head of 3rd Bde. 4th Bde has been ordered reconnoitre on line SUMMEIL - TEL EL TURMUS and will report Div H.Q. repeating 5th Bde. All Bdes will reconnoitre ground immediately enable withdrawal from this line to be secret as possible."

Appendix No. 57.

Order issued at 1610, 11/11/17 to

3rd A.L.H. Bde 4th A.L.H. Bde. 5th Mtd Bde.

"Major operations postponed till tomorrow. Ausdiv will take up night outpost line approximately on today's line of observation. 5th Bde from W.31 - ARAK EL MENSHIYEH exclusive. 3rd Bde ARAK EL MENSHIYEH inclusive - SUMMEIL inclu. 4th Bde SUMMEIL excl. - 248 - 194. Situation right and left obscure. All formations responsible own further protection. Hostile car believed on Eastern flank. D.H.Q., W.4.c."

Appendix No. 58.

Order issued 2015, 11/11/17 to

3rd A.L.H. Bde 4th A.L.H. Bde 5th Mtd Bde.

"To assist attack further N.W. the Div will tomorrow continue watch enemy on line ZEITA - BERKUSIE and will press him strongly if holding line BERKUSIE - BALIN. 5th Mtd Bde group will march 0530 direction railway line and occupy BALIN pushing vigorous reconnais- sance on to Wadi DHARR from TEL ES SAFI to railway. 3rd Bde will push one Squadron at 0600 to reconnoitre BERKUSIE from S.W. Remainder Bde to water rapidly as possible and concentrate concealed S.W. of SUMMEIL with light observation on all roads E. and S.E. 4th Bde will push one Sqdn at 0600 to high ground about M of SHEMALIYEH to ascertain situation towards N. and W. Remainder Bde to water but be prepared march at $\frac{1}{2}$ hours notice. All watering in Div except Div Troops will be local no return to HESY. Div H.Q. will close at W.4.c at 1100 and open at same hour at 405 SUMMEIL."

Appendix No. 59.

Order issued 2030, 12/11/17 to

3rd A.L.H. Bde 4th A.L.H. Bde. 5th Mtd Bde. *W 84 248*

"Division resisted heavy infantry attack on line BERKUSIE - S of SHERKIYE till dusk when right was ordered withdraw to SUMMEIL. Battle line will be maintained during night as follows. 3rd Bde ARAK EL MENSHIYEH - SUMMEIL incl. 5th Bde SUMMEIL excl - road and Wadi junction 1 mile S.S.E. of Pt. 248. 4th Bde from above road and Wadi junction through 248 to right of 233rd Bde who are ordering up one Battn tonight to support 4th Bde left. Line will be strongly held with listening posts out but Brigadiers should hold one Regt in reserve. Attack may be expected at dawn and will be strongly resisted. Any withdrawal ordered by Div Commander will be carried out on plan set out in my GK/136. All horses to be saddled up by 0430 tomorrow. No withdrawal to water till authorised by Div Commander. H.Q. are as follows. 3rd Bde FALUJE 5th Bde IJSEIR 4th Bde near 248 Wadi crossing. Div H.Q. at cross-roads one mile S. of 248."

Appendix No. 60.

Order issued 1200, 13/11/17. to

3rd A.L.H. Bde. 4th A.L.H. Bde. 5th Mtd Bde.
7th Mtd Bde.

"75th Div with 233rd Bde on right are pushing on 1st objective EL MESMIYEH - KATRAH 2nd objective JUNCTION STATION N.N.E. of KEZAZE. Ausdiv role is to protect right flank of infantry and as soon as enemy shows signs weakening to push on with the objective KEZAZE and JUNCTION STATION. Dividing line between us and 75th Div is the EL KUSTINE - AMWAS road inclusive to 75th Div. 4th Bde less 1 Regt in Div reserve will continue closely protect right of inf. at present at MESMIYEH. 7th Bde will extend North quickly to maintain touch with 4th Bde. 3rd Bde will withdraw detachments and hold SUMMEIL with right Regt gradually relieving 7th Bde N.W. of SUMMEIL allowing latter take ground Northwards towards TEL TURMUS. All 3 Bdes to keep touch on flanks."

Appendix No. 61.

Order issued 0330, 14/11/17 to

2nd A.L.H. Bde 3rd A.L.H. Bde 4th A.L.H. Bde.
5th Mtd Bde 7th Mtd Bde and Signal Sqdn.

"Ref new map 1 inch 1 mile. Infantry have reached line J.35 - E. side of KATRAH. Whole 21st Corps resumes attack 0700 conjunction with Austdiv. All night outposts will be maintained till it is seen that front is clear. 4th Bde will continue keep close touch infantry right and will reconnoitre EL TINE at dawn moving remainder Bde to L.4 preparatory to attacking EL TINE. 7th Bde at dawn will move to Position readiness at Wadi L.10 preparatory to supporting closely right of 4th Bde. 3rd Bde will leave observation line on front TEL TURMUS until relieved by 2nd Bde at 0800 and march whole Bde group to Wadi SUKEREIR North of ESDUD. 5th Bde group will march to TURMUS immediately watering is completed. O.C. Signals will arrange telephone communication to Brigade at ESDUD. 2 Troops and one limber Sherwood Rangers will march at dawn from remainder Squadron Descorps H.Q. S.W. of SUAFIR GHARBIYEH watering on route at new BEIT DURAS D.16."

Appendix No. 62.

Order issued 1640, 14/11/17 to

2nd A.L.H. Bde 3rd A.L.H. Bde 4th A.L.H. Bde
5th Mtd Bde and 7th Mtd Bde.

"7th Bde will maintain touch 75th Div right and water about JUNCTION STN. and push one Regt soon as watered to gain touch with Yeodiv Bde moving to road junction AMWAS. 2nd Bde will water if required at once in Wadi O.33.a and will then move to high ground in covered position about J.34.b in Div reserve. 4th Bde will take up line outposts for protection right flank 21st Corps at once on line TEL EL TURMUS - EL TINE - KEZAZEH - Station S.E. of JUNCTION STN to which point 7th Bde will maintain touch. ~~xxx~~ Of 4th Bde one Regt will bivouac near EL KUSTINE. 3rd Bde will move to North of YEBNAH and West of Wadi SURAR as Corps reserve. 5th Bde will rest and water moving to Wadi SUKEREIR North of ESDUD if desired reporting location. Div H.Q. moves at once high ground YASUR. Location of Bde H.Q. beside roads and lamp stations high ground essential."

Appendix No. 63.

Message sent at 1930 15/11/17 to

Desert Mtd Corps and 21st Corps.

"Turks are holding line from 085 G.18 - KH. KEFR URIER and thence following the high ground through U.25 - 26. The ground is very rocky and most difficult for mounted troops. Enemy has a few field guns and his defence consists mainly of machine guns and snipers. My dispositions for tonight as follows. 4th Bde outposts TURMUS - KEZAZEH exclu. 2nd Bde KEZAZEH inclu to 0.6 central joining infantry right there with remainder Bde in Div reserve West of KEZAZEH. 7th Bde withdrawn from outpost line to about 0.5 with orders remain in touch with 22nd Bde who are about SIDUN and KH. EL MEISIYEH. 7th Bde has orders push one Regt to co-operate with 22nd Bde when latter moves forward towards AMWAS. 2nd 4th 7th Bdes have watered well yesterday and today and are capable of much. 3rd Bde have watered well except 10th Regt not so well off. 5th Bde marched 1300 today to T.27.a Wadi SUKEREIR. Their horses much improved but strongly advise them taken quietly few days. They evacuated 50 horses today. If you require any Bdes left flank suggest sending firstly 7th Bde secondly 2nd Bde. My H.Q. for tonight YASUR moves up early tomorrow to neighbourhood of JUNCTION STATION."

Appendix. No. 64.

Message sent at 1550, 16/11/17 to Desert Mtd Corps.

"In accordance with your GA.473 of 15th I directed 7th Mtd Bde to support and co-operate with 22nd Mtd Bde in the direction of AMWAS. 7th Bde was bivouaced in O.11 and was in communication with 22nd Bde. 7th Bde moved early this morning to fulfill its role and at 1250 reported that LATRON was held by the enemy with M. guns and infantry and that there was no movement on the part of 22nd Bde whose advanced posts were about 3 miles N. of AMWAS. 1350 7th Bde reported that 22nd Bde seemed to be withdrawing from in front of AMWAS towards RAMLEH. 1409 7th Bde reported that 22nd Mtd Bde had reported that they were withdrawing IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDERS towards RAMLEH. Having no orders or information about this withdrawal I continued to maintain the 7th Bde in their position but ordered G.O.C. to water $\frac{1}{3}$ of his Bde at a time if operations allowed and after ascertaining the intentions of G.O.C. 22nd Bde. 1445 7th Bde reported that 22nd Bde were withdrawing. 1510 having no further information on the subject I ordered 7th Bde to withdraw if G.O.C. was certain that the 22nd Bde was not being relieved. My situation now as follows 4th Bde protecting right of inf. from KEZAZEH to TURMUS in close touch inf right front at KEZAZEH. This Bde well watered and fairly rested. 7th Bde well watered but fairly tired in its reserve JUNCTION STN. 3rd and 5th Bdes well rested and watered at T19 and T21 respectively (mouth of Wadi SUKEREIR). My Div HQ at O.10.a near road marked on map."

Appendix No. 65.

Order issued 0530, 17/11/17 to

3rd A.L.H. Bde 4th A.L.H. Bde 5th Mtd Bde & 7th Mtd Bde.

"Ausdiv and Yeodiv are ordered to reconnoitre Eastwards to the line sheet 085 rectangles N - L - J - Z central. Yeodiv are to establish one Regiment ANNABEH with Sqdn pushed forward to BER FILYA. 5th Mtd Bde will water and establish permanently one Regiment at K.19 EL KUBAH by 12 noon today and immediately on receipt this order will send forward reconnaissances to obtain information as to hostile dispositions water and tracks as far East as N - L central in the zone bounded LATRON - JERUSALEM road on South bounded EL BURJ - WADI EL JAAR on North. First reports to reach D.H.Q. by 1200. 3rd Bde will water once and march immediately receipt this order to Wadi Z.23 29 preparatory relieving 7th Mtd Bde early tomorrow after which 7th Bde will probably become Corps reserve at KH. DEIRAN. 5th Mtd Bde will water once and march immediately receipt this order to TINEH relieve 4th Bde of duty of protecting right of infantry on line TEL TURMUS - KEZAZEH. Relief to be carried out between Brigadiers direct at TINEH 5th Bde taking over dispositions of 4th Bde as ordered in my GK.38 of 16th addt 4th Bde. On relief 4th Bde will march to cross roads T.27.a to rest."

Appendix No. 66.

Order issued 2130, 17/11/17 to

3rd A.L.H. Bde 4th A.L.H. Bde 5th Mtd Bde.

- " (1) Desert Corps followed by XX Corps are to get astride JERUSALEM - NABLUS road at BIREH and so isolate JERUSALEM.
- (2) Desert Corps is to advance at once, to prevent enemy re-organising.
- (3)(a) Ausdiv less 1 Regt 5th Bde is to advance on right, Yeodiv on left; Anzac Div is in reserve.
- (b) From midnight 17th/18th only one Regt 5th Bde will be disposed on line TURMUS - KEZAZEH to protect right of 75 Div.
- (4) Boundaries.
- South:- AMWAS - JERUSALEM road as far as KURYET EL ENAB, thence a line to the JERUSALEM - NABLUS road near KULUNDIA.
- North:- (in touch with Yeodiv) BARRIYEH - WADI KUREIKA - WADI JAAR - EL BURJ - SUFFA - WADI AIN ARIK - AIN ARIK - all inclusive - BIREH exclusive.
- (5) First stage of operations will be carried out tomorrow 18th as follows -
- (a) Yeodiv is to seize the line EL BURJ - KH. MIDIEN - KH. HARMASH.
- (b) 3rd Bde in touch with Yeodiv will occupy BIR MAIN strongly and will gain and consolidate footing on ridge running approximately K.29 - BEIT SIRA, pushing out patrols towards DEIR EYUH - KH. EL KUSR with a view to a determined and rapid advance on to the main JERUSALEM road early on 19th. Positions from which to bring reverse shell fire on 19th on to AMWAS will also be reconnoitred for.
- (c) 4th Bde will reconnoitre with patrols the front and flanks of hostile position reported about M.3.a - M.3.d - through N of LATRON - road due South of N of LATRON and thence S.E. with a view to attacking it early on 19th supported by Artillery of XXist Corps.
- (d) 5th Bde will reconnoitre a line of approach via SURAR valley - ARTUF - ESHUA with a view to a rapid and determined advance on to the main JERUSALEM road on 19th. 5th Bde less 1 Regt will concentrate for bivouac by dusk 18th about the water in Wadi in Wadi MENAKH.
- (6) Special administrative instructions dealing with coming operations will be issued early tomorrow."

Appendix No. 67.

Order issued at 0345, 18/11/17 to

3rd A.L.H. Bde 4th A.L.H. Bde and 5th Mtd Bde. W/14
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"Turks are evacuating JERUSALEM and Yeodiv is being moved to BIREH. Armoured cars with Staff Officer will move at earliest dawn and reconnoitre LATRON to ascertain whether enemy still hold that position. 3rd Bde will water as early as possible and carry out its programme for the day leaving 2 Regts about KUBAB until result of reconnaissance is known. 4th Bde will water as early as possible pushing out reconnaissance quickly on to AMWAS - LATRON front, remainder of Bde moving up to covered position about Point 800 Sheet 085 G.5, from whence it will be prepared attack LATRON - AMWAS position in co-operation with 3rd Bde if still held. This attack will not be undertaken until Artillery support has been arranged. 5th Bde will reconnoitre lines of approach as ordered."

Appendix No. 68.

Order issued at 0950, 18/11/17. to

3rd A.L.H. Bde 4th A.L.H. Bde 5th Mtd Bde.

"Line M.14 - LATRON - AMWAS - K.36.b is reported still held this morning. Ausdiv will operate at once to drive the enemy from this position and later advance to BIREH. There will be an Artillery bombardment of the above position from 1330 to 1400 during which half hour the 4th Bde will attack the position. 3rd Bde will move at once on to the line K.29 - BEIT SIRA with 2 Regts on Southern flank and the Battery if possible in position to shell AMWAS from the N.E.. From that line at least one Regt will be pushed on quickly towards KH. EL KUSR the other Regt to DEIR EYUH. 4th Bde will move quickly at once to a position from which to attack line M.14 - LATRON - AMWAS. The weight of attack should if possible in the time come from the N.W. rather than from the W. It is essential that ~~xxxxx~~ final stages of approach to position should take place during half hour 1330 to 1400 with the final charge or assault just before 1400. 4th Bde will arrange protect field art. which will move out at 1100 towards G.28 and P.4. 5th Bde will move at once and demonstrate energetically against ARTUF and ESHUA. Their threat should be felt by 1130 or as soon after as possible. D.H.Q. opens at Point 800 G.5 at 1200. After the AMWAS - LATRON position has been taken movement will be directed on BIREH. 4th Bde on right, 3rd Bde on left. Dividing line between Bdes BEIT NUBA - BEIT DUKHA - RAFAT - ATTARA all inclu to 3rd Bde who will maintain touch with Yeodiv."

Appendix No. 69.

Order issued 0600, 20/11/17 to

3rd A.L.H. Bde and 4th A.L.H. Bde.

"Immediately on receipt this order fittest Regt 3rd Bde will replace most exhausted Regt in 5th Bde and will come under orders of G.O.C. 5th Bde. On relief one Squadron of Regt 5th Bde will march to DEIRAN and will report to H.Q. Desert Corps for escort duty. Remainder Regt 5th Bde will join 3rd Bde. Completion of reliefs to be wired priority to D.H.Q."

Appendix No. 70.

Order issued 1115, 27/11/17 to

3rd A.L.H. Bde and Divisional Troops.

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- "(1) The Division (less 4th Bde group and 5th Bde group detached) will march tomorrow to KH. DEIRAN.
(2)(a) 3rd Bde group will march at 0600 to Wadi SUKEREIR halting there for 2 hours to water and feed.
(b) Div H.Q. and Div Troops under command of O.C. R.H.A. will march at 0730 to Wadi SUKEREIR halting there for one hour to water and feed.
(3) O.C. Field Squadron will send on details in advance of 3rd Bde to Wadi SUKEREIR to make watering arrangements for 3rd Bde and Div Troops.
(4) Bivouac parties of 3rd Bde and Div Troops will leave Wadi SUKEREIR after one hour's halt and proceed to KH. DEIRAN and meet Staff Officer there."
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Appendix No. 71.

Order issued at 1115, 30/11/17 to

3rd A.L.H. Bde 4th A.L.H. Bde 7th Mtd Bde
and 19th Bde R.H.A.

"3rd L.H. Bde is reported on line 085 J.34.d 0.5 - J.19 central. 4th L.H. Bde 7th Mtd Bde and a composite Bde artillery are to march from about TAHTA to BEIT SIRA. Immediately above troops reach BEIT SIRA preparations will commence for Ausdiv relieve 52nd Div on line KH. FAAUSH J.34.b inclu - J.13 central exclusive. Line will be held in 2 Bde sectors. 4th L.H. Bde KH. FAAUSH inclusive - J.27.a 5.5 inclusive. 3rd L.H. Bde J.27.a 5.5 exclusive - J.13 central exclusive. 7th Mtd Bde will be Div reserve about J.32.a 0.0. Immediately on arrival BEIT SIRA G.O.C. 4th L.H. Bde will reconnoitre his sector and arrange with 156 Bde at J.36 central and 3rd L.H. Bde at EL BURJ for relief of portions of 156 Bde and 3rd L.H. Bde now holding that sector. Those portions which can be relieved by day should be relieved as soon as possible. Those portions which cannot be relieved by day will be thoroughly reconnoitred in daylight and relieved soon as possible after dusk. O.C. R.H.A. is reconnoitring. Composite Bde Artillery will take up position under his orders to cover the line as soon as possible. When relief completed 4th Bde and 3rd Bde will make every effort keep touch respectively with 52nd Div on right and 54th Div on left. Bdes in line will arrange hold every rifle available and all Vickers and Hotchkiss will be employed distributed in depth cover whole front. Also minimum of one Regt in each sector will be held as Brigade reserve. Special administrative arrangements issued later. Ausdiv H.Q. remains at L.9.a 5.3."

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