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*Headquarters 3rd A.Z. Brigade  
Australian Mtd. Div.*

Place	Date 1917.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
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<i>SHELLAL.</i>	<i>1st October.</i>		<p>Units carried out training as follows :-</p> <p><i>8th L.H. Regt. 0700 - 0830. Musketry Instruction and Judging Distance.</i></p> <p><i>9th L.H. Regt. 0730 - 0830. Range Finding.</i></p> <p><i>0945 - 1045. Regimental Lecture on Patrols.</i></p> <p><i>10th L.H. Regt. 0645 - 0700. Gas Drill.</i></p> <p><i>0700 - 0800. Musketry Instruction, Care of Arms etc.</i></p> <p><i>3rd M. G. Squadron. Instruction on Vickers Gun.</i></p> <p><i>3rd L.H. Field Ambulance. 1345 - 1415. Lecture on First Aid.</i></p> <p><i>1420 - 1450. Instruction in Dismounted work.</i></p>	
	<i>2nd October.</i>		<p>The Brigade moved out of bivouac at 0700 and occupied the line as follows:-</p> <p><i>10th L.H. Regt. POINT 910 - POINT 940 - POINT 960 inclusive.</i></p> <p><i>8th L.H. Regt. POINT 960 exclusive - POINT 970 - POINT 840 inclusive.</i></p> <p><i>The line was occupied by 1400 and the withdrawal began at 2200.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OCT 1917</b></p> <p><i>WMA</i></p> <p><i>Fig 1</i></p>

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SHELLAL.	3 <sup>rd</sup> October.		By 0400 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> October all units of the Brigade had returned to bivouac at URGAN. Report on operations of 2 <sup>nd</sup> October forwarded to Headquarters Australian Mounted Division	Appendix I. 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.A. Bde. G. 202.  WMA
	4 <sup>th</sup> October		Report on the crossings of the KHALASA - BEERSHEBA road over the wadis MIRTABA and HALGON forwarded to Headquarters Australian Mounted Division. This report was compiled from information obtained by Lieut. W.M. LYALL, 10 <sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. on 2 <sup>nd</sup> October.  Units carried out training as follows:-  8 <sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. 0700-0830. Aiming and Firing Instruction. 9 <sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. 0945-1045. Regimental lecture - "Rear Guards and Withdrawal from positions" 10 <sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. 0645-0745. Musketry Instruction, Training of Emergency signallers, and Hotchkiss Gun Teams. 3 <sup>rd</sup> M. G. Squadron. 0730-0900. Instruction on the Vickers Gun. 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.A. Field Amb. 1345-1415. Lecture on First Aid. 1420-1430. Dismounted Training.	Appendix II. 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.A. Bde. G. 214.
			In accordance with Ausdiv. S.R. 403/1. Amendment to 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.A. Bde. order No 42 of 20.9.17, dealing with duties of Outpost Bde. was issued to units.	Appendix III. 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.A. Bde. G. 217.  WMA

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SHELLAL.	1917. 5 <sup>th</sup> October		<p>Units carried out training as follows:-</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> L.N. Regt. 0700-0830. Rifle Exercises - Training N.C.Os. in words of Command.</p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> L.N. Regt. 0730-0745. Gas Instruction. 0750-0830. "Military Terms" - meaning of F.S. Pocket Book, Prefix 8 and 9. Range Finding School.</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> L.N. Regt. 0645 - 0700. Gas Instruction. 0700 - 0745. Musketry Instruction. Care of Arms etc.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> M. G. Sqn. 0730 - 0900. Instruction on Belt Filling and Barr and Stroud Range Finder.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> L.N. Field Amb. 1345 - 1415. Lecture on First Aid. 1420 - 1450. Instruction in Dismounted Training.</p>	
	6 <sup>th</sup> October	0930.	<p>The Commander in Chief watched the 9<sup>th</sup> L.N. Regt. and 3<sup>rd</sup> Machine Gun Squadron carry out a dismounted attack scheme against a flag enemy in squares P4 and 5. - Ref. G.H.A.B. 140.000.</p>	

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SHELL Ad.	7 <sup>th</sup> October.	0700.	<p>Church Parade held near Y. M. C. A. tent.</p> <p>Chaplain KING officiated at the Church of England service.</p> <p>Chaplain LAPHORNE officiated at the Other Denomination service.</p> <p>Chaplain O'DONNELL officiated at the Roman Catholic service.</p>	l.w.m.a.
	8 <sup>th</sup> October.		<p>Units carried out training as follows:—</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. 0700 - 0830. Aiming and Trigger Pressing.</p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. 0730 - 0830. Training in Hotchkiss Rifle.</p> <p>0915 - 1015. Range-finding School for N.C. Co.</p> <p>0915 - 1015. Lecture to Officers, "Intercommunication with Aeroplanes Contact Patrols."</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. 0645 - 0700. Gas Drill.</p> <p>0700 - 0745. Musketry Instruction.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> M. G. Sqn. 0730 - 0800. Gas Drill.</p> <p>0800 - 0900. Instruction on Vickers Gun.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> L.A. Field Amb. 1345 - 1415. Lecture "First Aid".</p> <p>1420 - 1450. Instruction in Dismounted Training.</p>	l.w.m.a.

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SHELLAL.	9 <sup>th</sup> October		<p>Units carried out training as follows :-</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. 0700 - 0830. Rifle Exercises.</p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. 0730 - 0800. Gas Helmet Drill.</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. 0645 - 0700. Gas Helmet Drill.</p> <p>0700 - 0745. Signalling Instruction under Signalling Officer.</p> <p>Training of Hotchkiss Rifle Teams.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> M. G. Sqn. 0730 - 0800. Gas Helmet Drill.</p> <p>0800 - 0900. Instruction on Vickers Gun.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> L.A. Field Amb. 1345 - 1415. Lecture "First Aid".</p> <p>1420 - 1450. Instruction in Dismounted Training.</p>	loma
	10 <sup>th</sup> October.		<p>"A" Squadron 8<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment, commanded by CAPTAIN G. FAY, moved out of bivouac at 0800 and arrived at ESANI at 1200. The Squadron covered a reconnaissance of the op. 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Squadron in the neighbourhood of the WADI IMALAGA in Square C 8 C 9.2 and Square C 7 a 9.2. The Squadron returned to bivouac at 1740.</p> <p>All references ESANI 1:40,000.</p>	E 99/5 -OCT 1917

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SHELLAL.	10 <sup>th</sup> October.		<p>10<sup>th</sup> Light Horse Regiment carried out the following Application Practices on the KENT FORT 600 yards Rifle Range :-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">5 rounds at 400 yards. 10 rounds at 500 yards.</p> <p>210 men fired at both ranges and the result was a fair average score.</p> <p>Units carried out training as follows :-</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> L. H. Regt. 0700 - 0830. Rifle Exercises. 9<sup>th</sup> L. H. Regt. 0730 - 0830. Bayonet Fighting. Training of Hotchkiss Rifle Teams. Range Finding School for N. CO's.</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> L. H. Regt. 0645 - 0700. Gas Helmet Drill. 0700 - 0745. Musketry Instructions. 3<sup>rd</sup> L. H. Bn. 0730 - 0800. Gas Helmet Drill. 0800 - 0900. Selection of Positions and Concealment of guns.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> L. H. Field Amb 1345 - 1415. Lecture "First Aid". 1420 - 1450. Dismounted Training.</p>	

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SHELLAL.	11 <sup>th</sup> October.		<p>Units carried out training as follows :-</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. 0700 - 0830. Judging Distance and recognition of targets.</p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. 0730 - 0830. Training in Hotchkiss Rifle.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1015. Lecture to officers and N.C.Os. - "Reports".</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. 0645 - 0700. Gas Helmet Drill.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">0700 - 0745. Musketry and Bayonet Fighting.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Machine Gun Sqn. 0730 - 0900. Instruction in Beam and Stroud Range Finder.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> L.A. Amb. 1345 - 1415. Lecture "First Aid".</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1420 - 1450. Dismounted Training.</p>	
	12 <sup>th</sup> October.		<p>Units carried out training as follows :-</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. 0700 - 0830. Judging Distance and recognition of targets.</p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. 0730 - 0830. Hotchkiss Rifle Teams. - Mounted Parade.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1015. Lecture "March Discipline".</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. 0645 - 0700. Gas Helmet Drill.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">0700 - 0745. Musketry Instructions.</p>	<p>Wma</p> <p style="text-align: right;">E-29/7</p>

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SHELLAL.	1917. 12 <sup>th</sup> October		<p>Training (continued).</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> Machine Gun Squadron. 0730-0900. Instruction on Vickers Gun.</p> <p>3<sup>rd</sup> L.A. Field Ambulance. 1345-1415. Lecture "First Aid".</p> <p>1420-1450. Instruction in Dismounted Training.</p> <p>Notification of hour of dawn being 0500 and dusk 1730 despatched to units</p>	
	13 <sup>th</sup> October.		<p>A Divisional Exercise was carried out with following objects:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To practice the close co-operation of aeroplane contact patrols.</li> <li>To practice the rapid issue and transmission of messages in the field by means of visual signalling (Helio and Flag).</li> </ol> <p>This Brigade occupied the following line at 0845:-</p> <p>Second <u>Σ</u> in LOW SANDHILLS — U in ABUSHAH. (EL RUEIBIA).</p> <p>The above line was held by one Squadron 9<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt.</p> <p>Two troops 9<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. were located Hel. 9<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. at a point 1/4 miles North of the Second <u>Σ</u> in LOW SANDHILLS.</p>	<p>WMA Appendix IV. 3<sup>rd</sup> L.A. Bd. 4. 369.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- OCT 1917 F 39/8</p>

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SHELLAL.	13 <sup>th</sup> October.		<p>Two troops of L.H. Regt. were located at B.H.R. at a point on the EL ABREISA — GAMLI road two miles East of POINT 610.</p> <p>The Contact Patrol aeroplane flew over B.H.R. at 0940 and received eight messages, and conducted a short reconnaissance towards RASHID BEK. On completion of this reconnaissance the aeroplane dropped a message at B.H.R. at 1004.</p> <p>Red flares were called for by the aeroplane, and flares were displayed by the advanced troops.</p> <p>The troops taking part in the Exercise began to withdraw at 1155 and returned to bivouac at 1340.</p> <p>All references 1:125,000.</p>	<p>Appendix V. 3rd H. Bd. 4.379.</p>
	14 <sup>th</sup> October.		<p>Church services held at 0700.</p> <p>Donations amounting to £89.18.5. were given to the British Red Cross and Order of St. John by the units of this Brigade.</p>	<p>Wma E 29/9</p>

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SHELLAL.	14 <sup>th</sup> October.		<p>10<sup>th</sup> Lt. Regt. carried out the following Application Practices on the KENT FORT 600 yard Rifle Range :-</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">5 rounds at 400 yards. 10 rounds at 500 yards.</p> <p>124 men fired both the above mentioned practices and the result was a fair average score.</p> <p>The following Hotchkiss Rifle practices were also fired by 10<sup>th</sup> Lt. Regt:-</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">5 rounds Grouping Repetition at 400 yards.</td> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">5 inch bullseye.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">5 rounds Grouping Automatic at 400 yards.</td> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">10 inch bullseye.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">5 rounds Grouping Repetition at 500 yards.</td> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">8 inch bullseye.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">5 rounds Grouping Automatic at 500 yards.</td> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">12 inch bullseye.</td> </tr> </table> <p>39 men fired the above mentioned practices and the results were very satisfactory</p>	5 rounds Grouping Repetition at 400 yards.	5 inch bullseye.	5 rounds Grouping Automatic at 400 yards.	10 inch bullseye.	5 rounds Grouping Repetition at 500 yards.	8 inch bullseye.	5 rounds Grouping Automatic at 500 yards.	12 inch bullseye.	<p style="text-align: right;">W.M.A.</p>
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	15 <sup>th</sup> October.		<p>Units carried out training as follows :-</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">8<sup>th</sup> Lt. Regt. 0700-0830.</td> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Instruction in Packing Saddles.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">9<sup>th</sup> Lt. Regt. 0730-0830.</td> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Hotchkiss Rifle Parade.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">0800-0900.</td> <td style="padding-left: 40px;">Demonstration to Officers and NCOs. "Packing of Saddling."</td> </tr> </table>	8 <sup>th</sup> Lt. Regt. 0700-0830.	Instruction in Packing Saddles.	9 <sup>th</sup> Lt. Regt. 0730-0830.	Hotchkiss Rifle Parade.	0800-0900.	Demonstration to Officers and NCOs. "Packing of Saddling."	<p style="text-align: right;">- OCT 1917 E 39/10</p>		
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SHELLALD.	14 <sup>th</sup> October		<p>Units carried out the following training :-</p> <p>10<sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt. 0645 - 0700. Gas Helmet Drill.                      0700 - 0745. Musketry Instruction - Description of targets.                      3<sup>rd</sup> Machine Gun Sqn. 0730 - 0900. Selection of positions and concealment of guns.                      1630 - 1700. Gas Helmet Drill.                      3<sup>rd</sup> L.H. Field Ambulance. 0830 - 0900. Instruction in Dismounted Training.                      1345 - 1415. Lecture - "First Aid".</p>	wma
	15 <sup>th</sup> October.		<p>Units carried out following training :-</p> <p>8<sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt. 0700 - 0830. Rifle Exercises.                      9<sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt. 0800 - 0900. Demonstration to officers and N.C.Os. of Squadrons.                      Packing of Saddlery.                      10<sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt. 0645 - 0700. Gas Helmet Drill.                      0700 - 0745. Judging Distance, Bayonet Fighting.                      3<sup>rd</sup> M.G. Sqn. 0730 - 0900. Instruction on Gun, Use of Overhead Fire.                      1630 - 1700. Gas Helmet Drill.                      3<sup>rd</sup> L.H. Field Amb. 0830 - 0900. Instruction of Dismounted Training.                      1345 - 1415. Lecture First Aid.</p>	E 39/11

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SHELLAL.	15 <sup>th</sup> October.		Roster of Outpost Duty issued to units.	Appendix VI. 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H. Bde. G. 458. WMA
	16 <sup>th</sup> October	1730.	The Brigade relieved the 5 <sup>th</sup> Mounted Brigade as Outpost Brigade. 8 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt. provided the night standing Patrols night 16 <sup>th</sup> /17 <sup>th</sup> .	Appendix VII 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H. Bde. Order 45. WMA
		2000.	Orders issued for the reconnaissance of 18 <sup>th</sup> October.	Appendix VIII 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H. Bde. Order 45. WMA
	17 <sup>th</sup> October.	0625	Day Outposts from 10 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt. in position.	- OCT 1917 E 99/12
		1730.	Night Standing Patrols from 9 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt. in position. Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 0900 17.10.17. forwarded to Ausdiv. Instructions issued to units re Contact Aeroplane Patrol Practice to be carried out during the reconnaissance of 18 <sup>th</sup> October 1917.	Appendix VIII 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H. Bde G 471. Appendix IX. 3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H. Bde G 486. WMA

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SHELLAL.	18 <sup>th</sup> October		<p>Day Outposts were provided as follows:-</p> <p>Two squadrons 8<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. One squadron 10<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt.</p> <p>The Day Outposts were in position at 0630 and were relieved by troops of the 5<sup>th</sup> Mounted Brigade at 0900.</p> <p>The 9<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. moved from bivouac at 0700 and reported to C.O.C. 9<sup>th</sup> Mounted Brigade at POINT 860 at 1200.</p> <p>The remainder of the Brigade moved from the wire entanglement 3/4 mile East of UM URGAN at 0930 and arrived in reserve at POINT 680 KHOR EL AJRAM at 1200.</p> <p>The brigade less the 9<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. moved from KHOR EL AJRAM at 1800 and arrived in bivouac at UM URGAN at 2100.</p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regt. arrived in bivouac at UM URGAN at 2230.</p> <p>Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 0700 on 18<sup>th</sup> October</p>	<p>Appendix X. 3<sup>rd</sup> L.A. Bde. G 491. W.M.A.</p>

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SHELDON	1917. 19 <sup>th</sup> October	0830.	<p>Day Outposts detailed by 8<sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt were in position at 0630.</p> <p>Night Standing Patrols detailed by 9<sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt. were in position at 1730.</p> <p>Summary of Intelligence for 24 hours ending 0700, 19<sup>th</sup> October, forwarded to Australian Mounted Division.</p>	<p>Appendix XI 3<sup>rd</sup> L.H. Bde. G. 520. WMA</p>
	20 <sup>th</sup> October	0830.	<p>Day Outposts detailed by 10<sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt. were in position at 0630.</p> <p>Night Standing Patrols detailed by 9<sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt. were in position at 1730.</p> <p>Summary of Intelligence for 24 hours ending 0700, 20<sup>th</sup> October, forwarded to Australian Mounted Division.</p> <p>134 men of 8<sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt. carried out the following Rapid Firing Practice on the 600 yard KENT FORT Rifle Range:— 5 rounds at 200 yards, 10 rounds at 300 yards.</p> <p>The result was a fair average score.</p>	<p>Appendix XII 3<sup>rd</sup> L.H. Bde. G. 520. E 99/14 7 OCT 1917 WMA</p>

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SHELLAL.	21 <sup>st</sup> October.		<p>Day Outposts were provided by 8<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regiment.                      Night Standing Patrols were provided by 10<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regiment.                      In order to prevent any interference with the march of the 17<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde. 60<sup>th</sup> Division from PARA to ESANI during night 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> October, one squadron 10<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regiment supplied the following posts:—</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">RASHID BEK. Two Troops.                      GOZ LAKHLELAT. One Troop.                      GOZ EL BASAL. One Troop.                      KHARBIT EL FAR. One Troop.</p> <p>Instructions issued for protection of 17<sup>th</sup> Inf. Bde. issued to 10<sup>th</sup> L.A. Regiment.                      Summary of Intelligence for 24 hours ending 0700 21<sup>st</sup> October forwarded to Australian Mounted Division.</p>	<p>Appendix XIII.                      3<sup>rd</sup> L.A. Bde. G. 543.</p> <p>Appendix XIV.                      2<sup>nd</sup> L.A. Bde. G. 541.</p>
	22 <sup>nd</sup> October.	0530.	<p>Instructions issued re roster of Brigades of the Australian Mounted Division in carrying out the duties of Outpost Brigade.                      4<sup>th</sup> L.A. Brigade relieved 3<sup>rd</sup> L.A. Bde. as Outpost Brigade.                      Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending 0530 22<sup>nd</sup> October forwarded to Australian Mounted Division.</p>	<p>Appendix XV.                      G. 560. hma</p> <p>1917 OCT 1900 - hma</p> <p>EM 11/15</p>



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SABLLAH.	23 <sup>rd</sup> October.		Orders were issued for the pushing forward of the outpost line in order to deny to the enemy any ground from which artillery fire could be brought to bear on the railway construction parties in the neighbourhood of GOZ. GELERIB.  Detailed instructions issued re the method to be observed in pushing forward the outpost line.	Appendix XVII. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lt. Bde. Order 1147.  Appendix XVIII. Wma
	24 <sup>th</sup> October.	1500	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lt. Bde. relieved 5 <sup>th</sup> Mounted Brigade as Outpost Brigade. — Situation normal.  During night 24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup> October Observation Posts, Cruciform Posts and Support trenches dug at POINTS 720, 630, 550, 310, as detailed in special instructions issued on 23 <sup>rd</sup> October. (Appendix XVIII).	Wma
	25 <sup>th</sup> October.	1700.	4 <sup>th</sup> Lt. Bde. relieved 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lt. Bde. as Outpost Bde. as Outpost Brigade.  Situation normal.	Wma 161 1917 E 29/16
	26 <sup>th</sup> October.		1854 Small Box Respirators issued to the Brigade. — Fitting of respirators began at once.	Wma

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SHELLAL.	27 <sup>th</sup> October	0830	3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H. Bde. ordered out to operate south of a line from GOX EL BASAL to POINT 720 in assisting the 8 <sup>th</sup> Mounted Brigade who were engaged by enemy infantry and cavalry at POINTS 720 630 and 550.	
		0930	10 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt. and one Subsection <sup>M.G. Sgd.</sup> (2 guns) were clear of the wire and were moving on EL BUGGAR - approaching it from the south.	
		0940	B.H.Q., Signal Tp. Bde Scouts M.G. Sgd. less one Subsection, 8 <sup>th</sup> L.H. 9 <sup>th</sup> L.H. and Notts Battery and one Section F. Ambulance moved from a pt. half mile E. of wire and followed in support of 10 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt.	
		1100	8 <sup>th</sup> Mtd. Brigade with Hdqts at BASAL reported one Squadron still holding Pt. 720. though heavily engaged.	
		1110	9 <sup>th</sup> L.H. and one Subsection M.G. Sgd. moved from a point 1/2 mile S.E. of KARM. in support of squadron 8 <sup>th</sup> Mtd. Brigade at Point 720.	
		1115	B.H.Q. established point 1/2 mile S.E. of KARM.	
		1200	9 <sup>th</sup> L.H. were pushing on towards point 720. - 10 <sup>th</sup> L.H. by this hour had established strong position from EL BUGGAR towards the South with observation posts pushed well out to the S.E. by	E 29/17 KARM
		1300	9 <sup>th</sup> L.H. had occupied a position about 1 Mile S.W. of 720. 10 <sup>th</sup> L.H. had linked up with 9 <sup>th</sup> L.H.	

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1 1/2 Miles S.E. KARM.	27/10/17	1300	The position held at 720 by 8th Mdn Bde. having been lost to the enemy the Notts Battery came into action from Point half mile N. of KHASIEF. against the enemy post which had occupied point 720.	
		1415	Column of our Infantry was observed advancing towards point 720 with their left on the M. in IM SIRI and right on KARM road half mile S. of the B. in BEIT ABU TAHA.	
		1420	Enemy holding the 720 position in strength and on a frontage of 1 mile.	
		1540	9th L.M. Regt. reported that they were holding high ground 1 mile W. + S.W. of 720.	
		1800 1930 2315	Situation unaltered. Patrol from 9th L.M. Regt. found 14 dead Germans on point 720. The 9th & 10th Regts having been relieved by the troops of the 53rd and 7th Divisions. withdrew to Bivouac.	
	28/10/17	0345	all units of Brigade returned to Bivouac. orders for the operations against BEERSHEBA were issued to units.	E 29/10 WMA 28/10/17 appdn 19. 3rd L.M. Regt Order. 48.

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Shellal.	28/10/17	1530	The Brigade moved from its bivouac at UM. Urgan. and passed the starting point 1/2 miles S.E. of the final A. in UM ATUA. at 1730. - Brigade followed in rear of 4 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Bde. towards ESANI	
ESANI	28/10/17	2215	Brigade arrived in No. 2 Bivouac Area ESANI.	Wma
ESANI.	29/10/17		Recommendation for Commission to bring Regiment up to establishment forwarded by wire by instructions from D.A.G. A.I.F. Egypt.	
		1700	Brigade crossed Wadi IMAALAQH at a point 1/2 miles S. of ESANI. enroute KHALASA.	Wma
		2015	Brigade arrived in No. 3 Bivouac Area at KHALASA.	
KHALASA	30/10/17	0130	3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H. Regt and one Subsection M. G. Sqd. moved from KHALASA. under instructions to report to Gen. Staff. a msg. MIA Division at 0500.	
			approval received from D.A.G. A.I.F. for commissions.	
	30/10/17	1710	Brigade moved off and joined <sup>the Column</sup> Aus. Mtd. DIV. in rear of the D.H. Co. group.	
			10 <sup>th</sup> L.H. Regt & 1 Subsection M. G. Sqd. were advance guard to the column.	
ASLUT.	30/10/17	2200	Brigade arrived ASLUT and had use of water trough for draught animals only. from 2300 - 2350.	
	31/10/17	2355	3 <sup>rd</sup> L.H. Bde Group moved from ASLUT.	Wma

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Pt. 2 Miles S.E. of ASLUS.	21/10/17	0030	Brigade halted clear of road - 0115. Brigade Moved off along the Southern Deviation of N. Road. - The rear of the D.H.Q.s group was met at 0210.	
* KHALASA	21/10/17	1400	Orders for forward move for the Brigade issued at 1500. - Conference C.O.s Adjutants and Q.M.s.	
Point 1180 1/2 M.S. of KHASIM ZANA.	21/10/17	1400	Brigade less 8th L.H. Regt. moved point 1180 1/2 Mile S. of KHASIM. ZANA to assist the attack of the A. Infy Mtd Division against the Tel el SABA position. The Brigade less 8th Regt was concentrated at point 1020 2 Miles E of Tel el SABA at <del>1500</del> <sup>1515</sup> , when information was received that the Tel el SABA position had been captured by the N.Z. M. R. Bde.	
		1600	On orders received from Anzac Mtd. Division the Brigade moved forward to occupy the line 1020 - 970 exclusive - 1st Light Horse Brigade were responsible for 970 inclusive to the M of MOSQUE. 3rd Brigade Sector of the Line was occupied at 1730. D.H.Q. was established at a point 2 Miles W. of Tel el SABA. at 1730.	Eag/20 20/17

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			During the night enemy were sniping from the Ridge N. of Tel el SABA. 25 prisoners were brought in during the night by 8 <sup>th</sup> Lt. and 10 <sup>th</sup> Lt. patrols.																																			
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To, Headquarters,  
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Report on Operations carried out on 3rd. Oct. 1917.

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1. Reference 1/125,000.

The 8th. and 10th. A.L.H. Regiments moved out of Bivouac at 0630 and 0600 respectively.  
The remainder of the Brigade with Notts Battery, R.H.A. attached moved from a point clear of the Wire Entanglements and due EAST of the UM URGAN Crossing at 0800.

2. By 1400 the Line from Point 910 GOZ SHEIHILI to Point 840 inclusive was occupied as follows :-

- 10th. A.L.H. Regiment. - Point 910 GOZ SHEIHILI - Point 940 IBM SAID - Point 960 inclusive.
- 8th. A.L.H. Regiment. - Point 960 exclusive - Point 970 - Point 840 inclusive.

3. Brigade Headquarters was established at Point 860 at 1315 and was in Helio Communication with the Regiments holding the line at 1330. Helio Communication was established with Ausdiv at 1320. Telephonic communication was established with the same station at 1355. The Regiments holding the line were in lateral communication by Helio by 1330. The 8th. A.L.H. Regiment was in Helio Communication with 12th. A.L.H. Regt. on its Left by 1410. Telephonic communication was established with Headquarters of the 8th. and 10th. A.L.H. Regiments by 1530.

4. Observation of Enemy movements.

- 1000. Post of ten Enemy Cavalry retired rapidly in an Easterly direction from RASHID BEK.
- 1400. Point 960 was occupied by 20 enemy but these withdrew on the approach of our party.
- 1500. Enemy shelled with Light Guns the party reconnoitring the Crossings of the WADIS MIRTABA and HALGON.
- 1725. Enemy shelled the neighbourhood of Point 960 with Light Guns.

In both the above cases the shelling was from the direction of Point 1070, Square 7 D  
The enemy appears to hold a line of works on the approximate line from the small R 1 Mile South of the second A in AZAZIMEN (Square D.8) to the R in RUWEIHI (Square D.8.) with small Posts of Infantry in advance. This line of works commands the crossing of the KHALASA - BEERSHEBA Road over the WADI HALGON. From these works the enemy opened with a heavy rifle and machine Gun fire on the party reconnoitring the crossing of the KHALASA - BEERSHEBA Road over the WADI HALGON. The bullets fell well within range.

5. At 1400 an Officers' Patrol was sent from Point 910 GOZ SHEIHILI to KHALASA. This Patrol reconnoitred the Roads leading into the village, the Wadi in the neighbourhood and the village, but found no enemy. Two small Wells are dry and the remainder are demolished. There are five wooden troughs intact near the Wells. The Patrol returned to Point 910 at 1700.

6. At 1810 the 8th. and 10th. A.L.H. Regiments reported that standing Patrols were in position on the tracks, valleys, etc. leading into their sectors of the line.

The Notts Battery, R.H.A. and Field Ambulance under an Escort of two troops moved from Point 860 at 2100 and arrived in Bivouac at 0245.

The remainder of the Brigade commenced withdrawing at 2200 and arrived in Bivouac at 0400.

The only Casualties in the Brigade were two horses of the 10th. A.L.H. Regiment killed.

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10. Seven hundred horses were watered at the pools at the Point T in the WADI MIRTABA 1 Mile East of Point 860. The water was very salty but the horses drank ~~fairly~~ fairly well.  
Several pools of water were found at the W in WADI MIRTABA, Square C.8. The horses drank this water readily.
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3rd October 1917.

*Liquid Lemaygar*  
Lieut. Col. .  
Commanding 3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.



From, 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.  
To, Headquarters,  
Australian Mounted Divn.  
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OCT 1917

With reference to Divisional Order No. 13 of 30th September 1917 the following report on the crossings of the KHALASA - BEERSHEBA Road over the wadis MIRTABA and HALGON is forwarded for your information :-

1. Crossing over WADI MIRTABA.

The width of the bed of the Wadi at the crossing is 15 to 20 feet, and the banks are 30 feet high.  
The bed of the Wadi is composed of a coarse type of gravel, some stones being as much as 6 inches in diameter. The crossing at present does not appear to have been prepared, the coarser type of gravel has been cleared away and a kind of a white mixture of sand and clay forms the road over the Wadi at present.  
The crossing is not solid, for when the Officer from the Caterpillars (M.T.) drove across in a motor the wheels sank into the road to a depth of 1 inch to 1½ inches. The road over the Wadi at the crossing is 30 feet wide.  
There are no watercourses running into the Wadi for a distance of 150 Yards North East and South West of the crossing.  
The Southern Bank is much higher than the Northern. The Northern bank slopes away gradually.  
The crossing at present is capable of taking all arms.  
The road has been broken away by rain at its exit on the Northern Bank and as a result several holes have been washed out. This crossing could be placed in a good state of repair by a troop working for one hour.

2. WADI HALGON. (Southern Crossing.)

At the crossing immediately South of the H in Wadi HALGON the road runs over a watercourse.  
The bed of this watercourse is 40 to 50 feet wide and the banks are 3 feet high.  
The bed of the watercourse consists of gravel. The road across the watercourse is similar in formation to that which crosses the Wadi MIRTABA which is described in Paragraph 1.  
The crossing will admit of the passage of all arms.

3. WADI HALGON. (Northern Crossing.)

At the crossing over the Wadi HALGON immediately South of the L in Wadi HALGON the bed of the Wadi is 30 feet wide and the banks are 7 feet high.  
On the Southern bank there is a cutting 40 feet in length and 4 feet in height at its highest point.  
The Northern Bank slopes away gradually.  
This crossing would admit of the passage of all arms.  
Continuing North from the crossing the road passes through a narrow valley about 1 mile in width. The hills on either side of the road in this neighbourhood are about 150 feet high.

4. Sketches by Lieut. W.M. LYALL, 10th A.L.H. Regiment, are attached.  
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4th. October 1917.

*Lieut. Col. Lyall*  
Lieut. Col.  
Commanding 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

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Amendments to 3rd L.H.Bde Order No.42  
of 20th.Sept.1917.

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1. At the end of Para.2 (a) ii. add :-

"In addition to the posts, the following supports and reserves will be found by the Outposts Brigade :-

- Supports.                    2 Troops at GOZ EL BASAL.
- 2 Troops at GOZ EL GELEIB.
  
- Reserve.                    1 Squadron.
- 2 Sub-sections M.G.Squadron.
- 1 Battery.

The Battery of the Reserve will be camped as at present on the East bank of the Wadi. The Squadron and 2 Sub-sections M.G.Squadron of the Reserve will move on to the East bank of the Wadi at the time when the Day Outposts take over from the night patrols and will remain there during the day. A position for these will be selected by G.O.C. 4th. A.L.H.Brigade. The whole of the reserve will be off-saddled; horses will be picketed, but the troops must be ready to turn out at a moment's notice. Not more than half the horses will be watered at once. Communication between the reserve and the report centre at GOZ EL BASAL will be by visual.

2. cancel Para.2. (b) ii and substitute :-

"The following posts will be found by the Outpost Brigade :-

1. A troop of not less than 16 N.C.O's and men at Point 280.
2. A troop of not less than 25 N.C.O's and men at Cross Roads between EL NAGILI and EL DAMMATH.
3. A troop of not less than 25 N.C.O's and men at Road  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile North of the U in CULTIVATION.
4. A troop of not less than 25 N.C.O's and men at S of ABU SOSSEIN.

Patrols of 1 N.C.O. and 2 men will be sent every two hours commencing at 1800 towards the next post and will meet the patrol from that point half way between. In addition ~~to~~ No.4 Post will send a patrol to the WADI GHUZZE opposite EL RUEIBIA.

O.C. Signal Squadron will lay telephone wires connecting these points with each other and No.3 Post with Divisional Headquarters. No.3 Post will be the report centre of the Night Outposts.

3. The above amendments will come into force forthwith.

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*Wm Anderson*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

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3rd. AUSTRALIAN LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE.  
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To/

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H.Q. Sqn.    Field Amb.    Sig. Troop.  
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W.Diary c.    Bde. Scouts.



Reference 3<sup>rd</sup> L.H. Bde Order No 42 of 20/9/17

1. On the 12th October the G.O.C., Imperial Camel Brigade is relieving the 4th Battalion by the 3rd Battalion in the GHABI WORKS. The 265th. Machine Gun Company is remaining in the works. The relief will be completed by 0900.
2. Until further orders dawn will be at 0500 and dusk at 1730. The Dayposts will move through the wire at 0600.

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Wm Anderson  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.

12-10-17.

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Sig. Troop. War Diary a. War Diary b.  
War Diary c.

Reference 1/125,000.

- (1) A Divisional exercise will be carried out on October 13th. General and Special Ideas attached.

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The objects of the scheme are to :-

- (a) Practice the close co-operation of aeroplane contact patrols.
- (b) Practice the rapid issue and transmission of messages in the Field by means of visual signalling (Helio and flag).

- (2) The following will attend:-

- (a) 3rd. Brigade.  
G.O.C.  
Bde. Major.  
A proportion of Sig. Troop.  
Adjutants of Regiments.  
Two Squadrons.  
*A proportion of Regimental Signallers.*
- (b) 4th. Brigade.  
As for 3rd. Bde. above.

- (3) DRESS.

Drill order, as light as possible (no feeds).

- (4) (a) The following positions will be taken up by 0845 October 13th.:

4th. Bde. Right Sector - 1st. E of ERGBIDIA-S of low sand hills (Inclusive).  
3rd. Bde. Left Sector. - 2nd. S of low sand hills - U of ABUSHAAN (KL RUEBIA).

- (b) *D.H.Q.* Each Brigade will have one Regiment as Advance Guard, represented by 6 troops. Four troops will represent position of Advance troops on general line indicated in Para.4(a) above. Regimental Headquarters of the advance guard Regiment will be represented by 2 troops.

Brigade Headquarters and Main Body will be represented by 2 troops.

- (c) The Officer Commanding 9th A.L.H. Regiment will detail the two Squadrons mentioned in Para.2 <sup>a</sup> above. Two troops from these two Squadrons will report at B.H.Q. at 0625 to-morrow, 13th. October.

- (5) The following will be carried :-

- (a) Report centre Signals and code calls.
- (b) Situation code letters.
- (c) Flares allotted for practice. Flares will always be lit in groups of three. Not more than ~~20~~ flares will be used altogether by 9th.A.L.H. Regiment. <sup>30</sup>

- (6) One Aeroplane will fly over the troops between 0900 and 1000; Units will take every opportunity to gain as much experience as possible. Imaginary situations will be dealt with.

- (7) If no orders to the contrary are received, retirement will be at 1000.

- (8) The Troops detailed in Para.4 c above will be in position in the Left Sector detailed in Para.4 a by 0845 to-morrow, 13th. October.

B.H.Q. will be established at a point on the KL ABREISA - GAMLI Road 2 miles East of Point 510 by 0830 to-morrow, 13th. October.

*Wm Anderson*  
Major,  
B.M. 3rd.A.L.H. Brigade.

PRACTICE SCHEME WITH AEROPLANE CONTACT PATROLS.

AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION. 13/10/17.

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GENERAL IDEA.

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After a successful battle fought near RAFA, the main British Forces were forced to halt and reorganize.

The defeated Turkish Army is retreating North and North East, its main force retiring towards GAZA via roads leading through TEL EL JEMMI and DEIR EL BELAH.

The pursuit has been taken up by DESERT MOUNTED CORPS, of which two Divisions are operating towards GAZA, and one (The Australian) towards KHALASA, with orders to seize the crossings of the WADI GHUZZE and in the vicinity of RASHID BEK to hold the high ground about GOZ LAKHLEILAT and RASHID BEK.

SPECIAL IDEA.

On the morning of October 13th. the Division reached the line U of ABUSHAAH - first E of ERGEIDIA, where they held up a strong force of enemy cavalry and artillery on the general line GOZ MABRUK - GERAIN - SHALLUF.

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8th A.L.H. Regt. 9th A.L.H. Regt.  
10th A.L.H. Regt. 3rd M.G. Sqn.  
3rd Field Amb. 3rd Sig. Troop.  
File.

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1. The 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will take over the duties of Outpost Brigade from the 5th Mounted Brigade at 1800 to-morrow, 16th October.

2. The following will be the Roster of Outpost Duty :-

<u>Date.</u>	<u>Day Posts.</u>	<u>Night Posts.</u>
16-10-17.	<del>XXXX</del> X.K.M. <del>XXXX</del> .	8th A.L.H.
17-10-17.	10th A.L.H.	9th A.L.H.
18-10-17.	8th A.L.H.	10th A.L.H.
19-10-17.	9th A.L.H.	8th A.L.H.
20-10-17.	10th A.L.H.	9th A.L.H.
21-10-17.	8th A.L.H.	10th A.L.H.
22-10-17.	9th A.L.H.	8th A.L.H.
23-10-17.	10th A.L.H.	9th A.L.H.
24-10-17.	8th A.L.H.	10th A.L.H.

3. A Battery 19th. Brigade R.H.A. is bivouaced on the Eastern bank of the WADI GHUZZE in Square K 27 d (GAZA - SHELLAL 1/40,000). This Battery will act as Outpost Brigade Battery and will come under the orders of O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade from 1800 to-morrow, 16th Oct. and remain in this capacity during the tour of duty of the Brigade as Outpost Brigade.

4. The position selected for the reserve mentioned in this Office G/217 of 4-10-17 is Square K.27 d (GAZA - SHELLAL, 1/40,000.)

5. The following reports are required from the Regiment on Outpost Duty :-

To be rendered by.	Nature of report.	To be sent by.	Time due B.H.Q.	Remarks.
O.C. Night Outposts.	All clear or otherwise.	Priority Wire.	0530	
O.C. Day Outposts.	Situation report.	Wire.	0600 & 1600.	To report situation and to include any information of enemy movements or other <u>important</u> intelligence.
O.C. Regt. supplying Outposts on previous day.	Intelligence Summary.	D.R.L.S.	0700.	A summary of all Intelligence for Day & Night Outposts supplied from Regiment.

6. At present dusk is at 1730 and dawn at 0500.

7. Beginning on 17th October all Units will have completed saddling up and will be "Standing to arms" at 0500 daily.

8. Beginning on 17th. October representatives from Unit ~~(xxxxxx)~~ will report to B.H.Q. by 0500 daily.

9. Attention is directed to 3rd A.L.H. Bde. Order No.42 of 20-9-17, this Office G/217 of 4-10-17 and G/369 of 12-10-17.

*Wm Anderson*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.

15th October 1917.

By

LIEUT-COLONEL L.C.MAYGAR, V.C., D.S.O., V.D., Cmdg. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

Reference 1/125,000.

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16.10.17.

1. The Australian Mounted Division, with 7th Mounted Brigade attached, will cover a reconnaissance by Officers of the XIth Corps. on Thursday, October 18th.
2. The following line will be made good by 1200 :-  
 Point 670 E. of KHALASA - IBN SAIID - Points 960 - 970 - 840 - 620 - 792 - 776 - 720 - GOZ EL GELEIB - 650 - 510 - 300.  
 The Northern slopes of Point 630 EL GIRHEIR will be cleared as far as the  
 (2)  
 The withdrawal will commence at 1730, orders for which will be issued later.
3. MOVES.
  - (a) October 17th.  
 The 7th. Mounted Brigade will move so as to arrive at ESANI at 1600, and will bivouac there for the night October 17/18th, finding its own protection.  
October 18th.
  - (b) 7th Mounted Brigade will move from ESANI so as to make good the line Point 670 E. of KHALASA - Point 910 - IBN SAIID - Points 960 - 970 to 840 exclusive by 1200.  
 Brigade Headquarters will be at Point 860.
  - (c) 4th A.L.H. Brigade will move by the TAGA North Crossing, pass the wire at 0800 and make good the line Points 840 (inclusive) - 970 - 730 - 770 (inclusive) by 1200.  
 Brigade Headquarters will be half-mile E. of V in CULTIVATION.
  - (d) 5th Mounted Brigade will move by the GAMLI Crossing, pass the wire at 0900 and make good the line Point 770 (exclusive) - 730 - 630 EL GIRHEIR - 650 - 300 (inclusive) by 1200, and will ensure that the Northern slopes of Point 650 are cleared as far as the WADI ( )  
 Brigade Headquarters will be at Point 550, 1 mile N.W. of LE ( )
  - (e) 1. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will move by the ( ) Crossing, pass the wire at ( ) and reach Point 550 KHOR EL AJRAM by 1200, where it will be in reserve.  
 2. G.O.C., 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will detail 1 Regiment to report to G.O.C. 7th Mounted Brigade at Point ( ) at 1200 on 18th October, and will be placed at the disposal of G.O.C. 7th Mounted Brigade for operations.
  - (f) O.C. Field Squadron will detail one Troop to accompany 3rd, 4th, & 5th Brigades.
4. 7th Mounted Brigade will relieve the Day Outposts of 3rd A.L.H. Brigade by 0900 on 18th October.  
 On relief by 7th Mounted Brigade with two Squadrons of A.L.H. Regiment and 2 Sub-sections Machine Gun Squadron will rejoin their Units: and the Squadron 10th A.L.H. Regiment will return to Camp and provide the Night Posts on October 18/19th.
5. O.C. Signal Squadron will arrange Cable communication between Divisional Headquarters and Brigade Headquarters on 18th October.
6. Dressing Station will be established at Point 650 KHOR EL AJRAM.
7. (a) The 9th L.H. Regiment will move independently from Camp at such an hour as will admit of reporting to G.O.C. 7th Mounted Brigade at Point 860 at 1200, on 18th October.  
 (b) The 9th L.H. Regiment will take rations and forage up to and including the morning of the 19th October.

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- 8. The remainder of the Brigade will be ready to move from a Point 300 yards EAST of the wire entanglement and due EAST of UM UNGAN at 0930 on 18th October.

ORDER OF MARCH.

- Brigade Scouts.
- B.H.Q.
- 3rd Sig. Troop.
- 3rd M.Gun Squadron. (Less 2 Sub-sects.)
- 10th A.L.H. (Less one Squadron.)
- 8th A.L.H. (Less two Squadrons.)
- 3rd A.L.H. Field Amb.

Units will join the column in the above order.

- 9. (a) Units other than 9th A.L.H. will take rations and forage for Oct. 18th.  
(b) "B" Echelon will remain in Camp.
- 10. The Post at GOZ LAKELEILAT found by the 3rd Battalion, I.G. Brigade will be withdrawn from 1600 on October 17th, to 0700 October 19th.
- 11. Divisional Headquarters will be established at Point 680 KHOR EL AJRAM at 1200 on October 18th.
- 12. ACKNOWLEDGE.

(Sgd). W.M. Anderson.  
Major.  
Brigade Major.  
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

ISSUED AT 2000.

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| 1. W.Diary a.   | 2. W.Diary b.     |
| 3. W.Diary c.   | 4. 8th A.L.H.     |
| 5. 9th A.L.H.   | 6. 10th A.L.H.    |
| 7. M.Gun Sqdn.  | 8. Field Amb.     |
| 9. Sig.Troop.   | 10. Aust.Mtd.Div. |
| 11. Staff Capt. | 12. File.         |





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From, 3rd . A.L.H.Brigade .

To, Headquarters,  
Australian Mounted Division .  
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Intelligence Summary for 24 hours ending  
0700 on 17th .October 1917.

1. Night Standing Patrols found by 8th.A L.H.Regiment were in position at 1730 . Nothing occurred during the night .
2. Day Outposts found by 10th .A.L.H.Regiment were in position at 0625 .

Situation normal .

*Liquid.* *L.Chaygar.*  
Lieut .Colonel .

17-10-17 .

Commanding 3rd . A.L.H. Brigade .

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G.O.C., 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

SR/454.  
17-10-17.

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1. The Division is covering a reconnaissance on October 18th. The line Point 870 E of KHALASA - IDN SAIID - Points 960 - 970 - 870 - 820 - 790 - 770 - 730 - 630 EL GIRHEIR - 550 - 510 - 300 is being made good from 1200 until 1730.3

One Brigade bivouacs at ESANI on the night of October 17/18th. and thence takes up the Southern portion of the line by 1200 on October 18th.

The remainder of the Division passes the wire E. of the WADI GHUZZE at the crossings URGAN, FARA - GAMLI between 0800 and 0930 and moves so as to take up the remainder of the line by 1200.

2. If convenient to the R.F.C., the contact patrol aeroplane should fly over the troops during the following hours :-

{a}	1000	-	1100.
{b}	1300	-	1400.
{c}	1530	→	1630.

During the first flight the troops will be on the move, during the latter two on the line.

3. The whole of this contact patrol work is PRACTICE and no messages dealing with the actual situation will be sent.
4. To carry out this practice all units will carry their ground signs, situation code letters, and practice flares. Flares issued for operations will not be carried.
5. If the patrol flies over the troops during the time they are moving, units will report their identity with the code signs and be prepared to answer the patrol if called on to do so.
6. If, when flying over the line, the contact patrol is attacked by a hostile machine, it will probably descend to 1,000 feet, and all available troops in the vicinity will be prepared to protect it with Rifle and Machine Gun Fire.
7. Divisional Headquarters will be established at Point 680 KHOR EL AJRAM by 1200.

(Sgd) A. KAVANAGH, Capt.G.S.  
for Lieutenant Colonel.  
Australian Mounted Division.

17th. October 1917.

Officer Commanding,  
8th.A.L.H. 9th.A.L.H.  
10th.A.L.H. Sig.Troop.



For information and necessary action.

*Wm Anderson*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

17-10-17.

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G/491.  
18-10-17.

From, 3rd . A.L.H. Brigade .

To, Headquarters,  
Australian Mounted Division .

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Intelligence Summary for 24 hours  
Ending 0700, 18th. October 1917 .

Reference . 1/125,000 .

1. Day Outposts on 17th. October found by 10th A.L.H. Regiment, report:-
  0730. Patrol leaving KHASIF were fired at by enemy cavalry from the neighbourhood of EL BUGGAR. Enemy party retired when our patrol was 2000 yards from them.
  0800. One enemy H.E. Shell burst on Point 720.
  0800. One enemy shrapnel shell burst on Point 550 (2 miles WEST of Point 630 EL GIRHEIR).
  0815. Post from No. 3 Battalion I.C. Brigade at GOZ LALHLEILAT reported "All Clear" by Helio.
  0820. Point 720 occupied by a Post from the troop at KHASIF. Twelve enemy cavalry retired before the advance of our patrol.
  0830. Point 630 occupied by a post from the troop at Point 510. No enemy patrols were encountered.
  1020. Freight train of engine and 11 trucks crossed over the Bridge NORTH of BIR IFTEIS. Train was proceeding towards the NORTH and was heavily loaded.
  1045. One Squadron of enemy Cavalry moved from KH. EL SUFI South West towards Point 840.
  1130. 15 shots fired at our post on Point 630 by snipers to the EAST of BIR EL GIRHEIR.
  1530. Two Hostile Aircraft passed over GOZ EL BASAL flying NORTH - WEST.
  1530. Posts on Point 720 and 630 withdrew to KHASIF and Point 550. (1 mile N.W. of IM SIRI) respectively.
  1615. Enemy fired 40 shells with H.E. and Shrapnel at Point & 510. Shrapnel burst very low.
  1645. Gun was observed from TOW TREE FARM to be on a bearing of 97 degrees. Approximate location of gun Point 550, Square c.5. No casualties. Day Outposts began withdrawal.
2. Night Standing Patrol 17th/18th. October found by 9th. A.L.H. Regiment were in position at 1730. Nothing occurred during the night.
3. Day Outposts 18th October were in position at 0630. Situation normal.

(Sgd) L.C. MAYGAR, Lt. Colonel .

18th October 1917 .

Commanding 3rd . A.L.H. Brigade .

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From, 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.

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To, Headquarters,  
Australian Mounted Division.  
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Intelligence Summary for 24  
hours ending 0700, 19th October.

1. Day Outposts 18th October, detailed by 8th. and 10th. A.L.H. Regts.  
report :-  
0900. Posts relieved by 5th Mounted Brigade.  
Situation normal.
  
2. Night Standing Patrols 18/19th October, detailed by 10th. A.L.H.  
Regiment, were in position at 1730.  
Nothing occurred during the night.
  
3. Day Outposts detailed by 8th. A.L.H. Regiment report :-  
0630. Situation normal.

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*Liquid Schuygan*  
Lieut Colonel.

19th October 1917.

Commanding 3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.

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From, 3rd .A.L.H. Brigade.  
To, Headquarters,  
Australian Mounted Division.  
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20/10/17.

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Intelligence Summary for 24  
hours ending 20th. October 1917.

1. Day Outposts, 19th. October, found by 8th. A.L.H. Regiment report:-  
1200. Two enemy aeroplanes flew over Point 510 and followed five of our machines towards our lines.  
1200. Camel Brigade Post at GOZ LAKHLEILAT reported that 16 enemy cavalry had reconnoitred RASHID BEK.  
1225. Patrols visited Points 630 and 720.  
Two mounted men were seen on Point 630, but retired on the approach of our patrol.  
From Point 720 small enemy patrols were seen in the neighbourhood of Points 810 and 820.  
1545. Patrols withdrew from Points 630 and 720.  
1730. Day Outposts began withdrawal.
2. Night Standing Patrols 19/20th. October found by 9th. A.L.H. Regt. were in position at 1730.  
Nothing unusual during the night.
3. Day Outposts 20th. October found by 10th. A.L.H. Regiment were in position 0625.  
Situation normal.

*R. Mayfar* Lieut. Colonel.

20th. October 1917.

Commanding 3rd. A.L.H. Edge.

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To/  
Officer Commanding,  
10th A.L.H. Regiment.  
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Reference . 1/125,000 .

1. The 179th. Infantry Brigade of 60th. Division will march from FARA to ESANI tonight 21st/22nd. October 1917.
2. The Outpost Brigade will maintain from 1900 to-day 21st. October to 0500 to-morrow 22nd. October Posts located as follows :-

<u>POST .</u>	<u>STRENGTH .</u>
(i) . RASHID BEK .	Two troops .
(ii) . GOZ LAKHLEILAT .	One troop .
(iii) . KH. EL FAR .	One troop .
(iv) . GOZ EL BASAL .	One troop .

These posts will communicate with one another every two hours by means of communication patrols .

3. Please detail the necessary troops for the posts enumerated in Para. 2 above .
4. The present Night Posts at the first S of ABU SOSSEIN is cancelled for tonight 21st/22nd. October .

COPIES TO:-

- (1) . War Diary a .
- (2) . War Diary b .
- (3) . War Diary c .
- (4) . 10th .A .L .H . Regt .

*Wm Anderson*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
3rd .A .L .H . Brigade .

BRIGADE ORDER No. 46.

Lieut. Colonel L. C. MAYBARR V.C., D.S.O., V.D., Commanding 3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.  
In the Field. 31st October 1917.

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Reference 1/125,000.

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1. The Roster for the duties of Outpost Brigade will be :-  
BRIGADE. TIME. DATE ON WHICH DUTIES WILL BE TAKEN OVER.

4th. A.L.H. Brigade.	0830.	October 22nd. from 3rd. A.L.H. Bde.
5th. Mtd. Brigade.	0830.	October 23rd. from 4th. A.L.H. Bde.
3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.	0830.	October 24th. from 5th. Mtd. Bde.
4th. A.L.H. Brigade.	1700.	October 25th. from 3rd. A.L.H. Bde.
Bde. of Yeomanry. Mtd. Division.	1700.	October 26th from 4th. A.L.H. Bde.

2. Details as to distribution of duties etc. in accordance with Para. 1 will be issued later.

3. (a). From 0830 on 22nd. October it is important to deny to the enemy, positions from which he might bring Field Artillery fire to bear in the neighbourhood of EL-IMARA.

If therefore the enemy shows signs of occupying the line EL HUGGAR - Points 720 - 630 - 550 he will be driven back. To ensure this from 0830 on 22nd. October the whole of the Outpost Brigade with one Battery will be on the EAST side of the wire with strong posts pushed out on to the above line during the day. By night the usual night outpost line will be established and the remainder of the Brigade will return to bivouac.

(b). The occupation of the above line by night at a later date is under consideration. If authorised further orders will be issued.

4. ACKNOWLEDGE.

*L. Anderson*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.

ISSUED AT 1115.

COPIES TO :-

- (1). War Diary a.
- (2). War Diary b.
- (3). War Diary c. ✓
- (4). 8th. A.L.H. Regt.
- (5). 9th. A.L.H. Regt.
- (6). 10th. A.L.H. Regt.
- (7). 3rd. M. Gun Sqn.
- (8). 3rd. Field Amb.
- (9). 3rd. Sig. Troop.
- (10). Hotts Battery.
- (11). Brigade Scouts.
- (12). File.

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War Diary .

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G/560 .  
22-10-17 .

From, 3rd A.L.H. Brigade .

To, Headquarters,  
Australian Mounted Division .

- OCT 1917

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Intelligence Summary for 24 hours  
ending at 0700 22nd October 1917 .

1. Day Outposts 21st October found by 8th A.L.H. Regiment report :-
0830. No.4 Post plus two troops of supports and one Sub-section Machine Gun moved forward and took up a line EL BUGGAR - Point 720 - Pt.630 .
1100. Patrols reported 1 Squadron of enemy cavalry distributed on line between Point 820 and E of KHABEIRA .
- 1000 Enemy Field Artillery carried out ranging practices on WADI IMLIEH to
1200. Crossing between Point 520, firing from direction of HAREIRA .
1500. Three unarmed Turkish Infantrymen came in to one of our Posts between Points 510 and 550 and surrendered .
1730. Day Outposts withdrew .

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2. Night Standing Patrols 21st/22nd October provided by 10th A.L.H. Regiment were in position at 1730 .
- Nothing unusual during the night .
- Night Outpost withdrew to Camp on 4th A.L.H. Brigade passing through them at 0600 .
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22nd October 1917 .

(Sgd) W.M Lyall, Lieut .  
for Lieut. Colonel .  
Commanding 3rd . A L H .Brigade .



BY  
LIEUT. COLONEL, L. G. HAYMAN V.C., D.S.O., V.D., COMMANDING 3rd A.L.H. BRIGADE.

Reference 1/125,000.

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23. 10. 17.

1. (i) In order to deny to the enemy from 1700 on 24th. October onwards positions, from which he might bring field artillery fire to bear on Railway Construction Parties near IMARA, permanent outposts will be maintained by day and by night on the line EL BUGHAN - Point 750 - Point 650 - Point 550.
  - (ii) This line will be the line of resistance.
2. To the NORTH WEST and SOUTH EAST ends of the above mentioned outpost line, the day and night outpost lines will be held solely as lines of observation.
3. (i) The principles upon which the above-mentioned Outpost line will be held are laid down in para. 11 of this letter.
  - (ii) The detailed method of holding the Outpost line is forwarded under a separate number.
4. (i) The following troops have been detailed daily to the G.O.C. Outpost Brigade :-
  - (a) Outpost Brigade.
  - (b) 3 Batteries R.M.A.
  - (ii) One Battery R.M.A. will remain in bivouacs WEST of the wire and will only be called out when urgently required.
  - (iii) The L.A.M. Battery may be applied for for special purposes.
5. From 2000 on 24th. October the Brigade next in waiting as Outpost Brigade will be ready to march to the support of the Outpost Brigade at 4 hours notice.
6. (i) In case of attack the line EL BUGHAN - Point 750 - Point 650 - Point 550 will form the pivot of our operations.
  - (ii) About dawn appears the most likely hour for attack.
7. If the enemy succeeds in occupying the O.P.'s of above line, he is to be driven off them.
 

The defensive system will be so arranged in depth so that :-

  - (i) As large a proportion of the Outpost troops as possible will be held as a mobile force.
  - (ii) Immediate counter-attack will be carried out by the troops in support, pivoting on the troops driven into the cruciform posts, and supported by such artillery and Machine gun fire as is available at the moment the S.O.S. is fired. Position of supports and previous reconnaissance and other arrangements should be such as to ensure that arrival of the counter-attack on the O.P. line being practically simultaneous with the arrival of the enemy at the same spot.
  - (iii) (a) Should an immediate counter-attack fail to regain the O.P. line, a deliberate and carefully arranged attack will be undertaken and supported by all available resources.
    - (b) It will take the form of a mounted attack pivoting on the line of cruciform posts, which must hold on at all costs.
    - (c) Plans will be drawn up before hand for all eventualities, so that the only delay required will be to put prepared plans in working order.
    - (d) It will not be undertaken without such artillery and infantry assistance as is available at EL IMARA and ESANI.
8. Water.
  - (i) G.O.C. Field Squadron in consultation with the G.O.C. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade will at once take steps to provide watering facilities for as many troops as possible EAST of the WADI GHUZZE.
  - (ii) He will place one trough for drinking water near GOZ EL BASAL as required.
  - (iii) This trough will be supplied with water daily from 24th. October inclusive.
9. Outpost troops will not carry fighting rations.

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Paragraphs 1, 4a and b, 6, and 8 of this office G/586 of to-day are hereby cancelled.

Para. 5b is cancelled and the following substituted :-  
Units will arrange for haystuffs to be taken out on 25th October

The 9th. A.L.H. Regiment will move from Rivung at such an hour to allow of its relieving the Day Outposts of 8th. Mounted Brigade by 1200 to-morrow 24th. October. On the Night Outposts taking up their positions the 9th. A.L.H. Regiment will withdraw to BASAL, where it will be in Reserve.

The remainder of the Brigade will be ready to move from a point 300 Yards EAST of the wire and due EAST of THE URGAN Crossing at 1230 to-morrow 24th. October.

Order of March.

- Dis. Scouts.
- Bde. M/Co.
- Sig. Troop.
- 8th A.L.H.
- M. Gun Sqdn.

10th A.L.H. Regt.

One Section Field Ambulance.

Units will join the column in the above order.

Units will water on way to starting point as under :-  
Time of Watering.

<u>Unit.</u>	1130.
8th. A.L.H.	1145.
M. G. Sqdn.	1200.
10th. A.L.H.	1215.
B.H.Q., Sigs. & Scouts, Field Amb.	

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS.

ISSUED AT 2230.

*Wm Anderson*  
Major,  
Brigade Major,  
3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.

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| (3) War Diary c.   | (4) 8th. A.L.H.      |
| (5) 9th. A.L.H.    | (6) 10th. A.L.H.     |
| (7) M. Gun Sqdn.   | (8) Field Ambulance. |
| (9) sig. Troop.    | (10) Dis. Scouts.    |
| (11) Notts. R.H.A. | (12) 8th. M.V. Sect. |
| (13) Spare.        |                      |

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By Lieut. Colonel L.C. HAYMAN V.C., D.S.O., V.D., C.M.G., 3rd. A.L.H. Brigade, 27th Oct 1917.

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Reference 1/122,000 and 1<sup>st</sup> Map.

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RELIEF. 1. On Sunday October 28th., the Yomanry Mounted Division relieves the Australian Mounted Division in the FARA Area and takes over the duties of protection in that area. The relief will be complete by 1700.

MOVE. 2.(a). After relief Australian Mounted Division (less 5th Mtd. Bde. group) will march to KHALASA. (b). The 5th. Mounted Brigade will move independently on the night of October 27th/28th. to KHALASA.

ORGANIZATION. 3. Until further orders the Division will be organized into groups as follows :-

- Divisional Troops Group. D.M.G., H.Q., R.H.A. & B.A.C., H.Q., Field Sqdn., Signal Squadron, 5th. San. Section, 12th. L.A.M. Battery.

- 3x Brigade Groups of One Brigade, One Battery, R.H.A., One Field Troop R.H.A., One Field Ambulance, One Mobile Vet. Sect.

ROUTES. 4. No.1 Route via Roads G1. D. D. N. No.2 Route via Roads B. B1. Q. O.

COLUMNS. 5. (a) No.1 Column consisting of escort, all wheels, and donkeys by No.1 Route. No.2 Column consisting of the remainder of the Division by No.2 Route. (b) No.1 Column will be clear of GAMLY by 1900, of GOZ MABRUK by 2130 and will not reach cross roads E2/B before 2200. No.2 Column will be clear of GOZ MABRUK by 2130.

STARTING POINTS. 6. (a). No.1 Column. A point 1/4 mile W. of EL FARA South Crossing (b). No.2 Column. A point 1/4 mile S.E. of "A" Verk. Both these points will be marked by the Signal Squadron with a flag and lamp.

TIMES OF STARTING. 7. (a) No.1 Column will pass the starting point at 1700. (b) No.2 Column will pass the starting point at 1730.

ORDER OF MARCH. 8. (a) i. No.1 Column, Commander Major McLAURIN, C.M.G., 5th. A.L.H. Regiment, Escort 8th. A.L.H. Regiment, Advance 3rd. Machine Gun Sqdn., Guard. As detailed by C.C. Column, Main Body. Vehicles and "A" Echelon of 3rd. (In order of March) Brigade Group, Vehicles and "A" Echelon of Divisional Troops Group in following Order :- 19th. Bde R.H.A., D.M.G., H.Q., Field Sqdn., Sig. Sqdn., 5th. San. Section, Vehicles and "A" Echelon of 4th. Bde. Group, "B 1" Echelon of Bde. Groups in above order, "B 2" Echelons of Bde. Groups in above order, Vehicles of Field Amb in above order.

From ESANI

Divl. Train and Camel Convoy.

ii. Each of the above Echelons and each separate detachment of Transport of any single Unit is to have a definite commander detailed to it, who will report to G.C. No.1 Column at the starting point with details as to number of vehicles etc. and length of Column.

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iii. No.1 Column will march in column of route.

(b). No.2 Column. Commander- G.C. Australian Mounted Divn.

Advance Guard. 1 Squadron, 4th A.L.H. Brigade.

Main Body. D.H.Q.  
(In order of March) 4th A.L.H. Brigade Group.  
3rd A.L.H. Brigade Group. (Less 1 Regt. + M. Gun Sqn.)

Rearguard. 1 Sqn. 4th A.L.H. Brigade Group.

March Formation. Column of Squadrons in line of troop Column at 50 yards distance.

**HALTS.** 9. All troops and transport will halt each hour for the last 10 minutes of the hour automatically.

**BIVOUACS** 10. Bivouac parties and guides to camps will meet all Units, and Echelons of transport on arrival at KHALABA, as detailed in this Office A/632 of 26th. October 1917.

**SUPPLIES** 11. All Units will carry fighting rations, plus breakfast and morning feed.

**PROTECT-ION.** 12. In order to protect the march of the Division, G.C. 6th. Mt. Bde. will maintain from 1700 October 26th. to 0530 October 29th. a line of posts of a strength of one troop each at the following points :-  
1. 670.  
2. 910.  
3. Spur 1/2 mile W. of N. of W. KHALALI.  
4. 780.

**BIVOUAC AREAS.** 13. The Division will bivouac at KHALABA as follows :-  
(a). Divisional Troops Group. No.5 Area.  
(b). 3rd. Brigade Group. No.3 Area.  
(c). 4th. Brigade Group. No.1 Area.  
(d). 5th. Brigade Group. No.2 Area.  
(e). No.6 Area is allotted for Hospitals.  
(f). Native area is allotted for camels.

14. Divisional Headquarters will close at FARA at 1630 on October 28th and will be established at KHALABA at 0200 October 29th. Staff Officers will be there from 1630. Reports during the march to head of No.2 Column.

15. In accordance with Para.8 (a) i the G.C. 3rd Machine Gun Sqn. will receive instructions from G.C. No.1 Column as to distributive hour of march etc.

16. The Brigade less the troops mentioned in Para. 8 (a) i above will move from a point 200 Yards South of level crossing between 8th. A.L.H. Regiment and 3rd. M. Gun Squadron bivouac at on 28th. October.

Order of March. Brigade Scouts.  
D.H.Q.  
Signal Troop.  
9th. A.L.H. Regt.  
10th. A.L.H. Regt.  
3rd. Field Troop.  
3rd. Field Ambulance.

Units will join the column in the above order.

17. The vehicles constituting the main body will be formed up and ready to move from a point 200 Yards South of the Railway crossing between 8th. A.L.H. Regt. and 3rd M. Gun Sqn. at 1500 on 28th October., in the following order :-

(a). "A" Echelon and vehicles of the following Units :-  
B.M.Q., Scouts, Sig. & Field Troop.

- 8th A.L.H. Regt.
- 9th A.L.H. Regt.
- 10th A.L.H. Regt.
- 3rd M. Gun Sqn.
- 3rd Field Amb.
- Netts Battery.

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**A** ECHELON WILL BE COMMANDED BY LIEUT. E. ROSE. 10ALH.

(b). "B.1" Echelon will be formed up 50 Yards in rear of "A" Echelon.

Officer Commanding 3rd Signal Troop will detail One Motor Despatch Rider to report to C.C. "B.1" Echelon at Starting Point.

Lieut. H.M. FIELD, A.A.S.C., Brigade Transport Officer will command "B.1" Echelon.

Quartermasters of Units and one man per Mule Vehicle will accompany this Echelon.

(c). "B.2" Echelon will be formed up 50 Yards in rear of "B.1" Echelon. Donkeys will march in rear of "B.2" Echelon.

The Brigade Transport Officer will take charge of Transport of the Brigade until arrival at the starting point when he will report to C.C. No.1 Column with necessary information detailed in Para. 8 (a) ii above.

**DETAILS 18.** All Details left behind will be sent to Details Camp SHELLAL before 1830, they will parade under the senior man of each Unit and will have 48 hours rations. Personal Belts will be handed to C.C. Details SHELLAL by senior man of each Party.

**CAMP 19.** Units will take necessary steps to ensure that all Bivouac SITES. Areas left scrupulously clean.

*Wm Anderson*

Major,  
Brigade Major,  
3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.

ISSUED AT 0230.

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| (9) Sig. Troop.   | (10) Netts Battery.  |
| (11) Field Troop. | (12) Lieut. Field.   |

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Circular Memorandum.

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Ref. 3rd L.L.H. Order No. 45 of 21st Oct. 1917.

Ref. 1/125,200.

1. The 9th A.L.H. Regiment will provide the following Day Outpost Line on 24th October :-

<u>LOCATION.</u>	<u>- OCT 1917</u>	<u>STRENGTH.</u>
EL BOGGAR.		One Troop.
Point 720.		One Troop.
Point 630.		One Troop.
Point 510.		One Troop.
TWO TREE FARM.		One Troop.
Point 300.		One Troop.

LINE

30 L.L.H. BRIGADE  
No. 1/586  
Date 23/10/17

The remainder of the 9th A.L.H. Regiment will be located at Point 550, one mile NORTH-WEST of IM SIRI.

The Troops providing the Day Outposts will move through the wire at 0800 on 24th October, and at 1730 will withdraw to BASAL, where they will be in reserve to the Night Outposts night 24th/25th October.

2. The Night Outpost Line mentioned in para. 3.b. of 3rd. Brigade Order No. 45 of 21-10-17 will be occupied by 8th. and 10th L.L.H. Regiments.

On night 24th/25th October troops will be in position at 1730 and will withdraw to bivouac EAST of the wire when relieved by the Day Outposts on 25th October.

Details as to exact location of Night Outposts, etc. will be notified later.

3. All Units of the Outpost Brigade will "stand to arms" from 0500 on 25th October until the receipt of the "All Clear" from B.H.Q.

4. (a). The following Units will cross the WADI at URGAN and will be outside the wire at 0530.

Eds. H/qrs.  
5th L.L.H.  
H. Gun Bn.  
One Sect. Field Amb.

(b). The 10th A.L.H. Regiment will cross the WADI at SHALLAL and will be clear of the wire at 0630.

5. (a). Officers Commanding Units will take such portion of "A" Ration as they think fit.

(b). Units will arrange for the hay stuffs to be taken out on 24th. and 25th. October.

(c). Twenty four hours rations will be carried. Any additional rations required will be arranged for by Officers Commanding Units.

6. One Section of the Field Ambulance will accompany the Brigade.

7. Duties for 24th. and 25th October :-  
The ordinary Brigade duties will be supplied to-morrow as usual with the exception that duties will extend over 48 hours; these details will of course remain in camp.

(a). Field Officer supplied by 9th A.L.H. Regt.

(b). Water Guard strength as usual will be supplied by 9th A.L.H. mounting at 1700 to-day 23rd inst. and be relieved same hour on 25th. instant by 10th A.L.H. Regt.

(c). Drinking Water Reservoir Pumping Party. Same strength, starting work same hour, 24th and 25th instant supplied by 9th A.L.H.

(d). Supply Party same strength reporting same hour 24th. & 25th. instant supplied by 10th A.L.H. Regt.

(e). Pumping Party (Troughs) reduced to 1 H.C.C. & 10 men reporting same hour on 24th. & 25th inst. supplied by 8th A.L.H. Regt.

8. Brigade H/qrs. will be established at BASAL at 0830.

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Wm Anderson  
Major,  
Eds. Major.

With reference to 3rd. L.H. Bde. Order No. 47 of 23/10/17, Para. 3 (ii).

The following is the detailed methods of holding the Outpost Line.

1. (i). The Outpost line is 15 miles long.
  - (ii). Eight miles of this length is to be held as a line of resistance.
  - (iii). About 7 miles on the N.W. flank is to be held only as a line of observation.
  - (iv). Patrols towards and communication with ESANI are essential.
2. (i). It is preferable to hold the outpost line with 2 Regiments, in order to have at all times one complete Regiment available for manoeuvre.
  - (ii). As many Squadrons as possible of the 2 Outpost Regiments will be kept available for manoeuvre under the hand of the C.O.C. Outposts.

### 3. By Night.

- (1). After careful reconnaissance of the ground it is considered that by night in order to assure the retention of the line EL BUGGAR - 510 as a pivot of manoeuvre, the following troops (as a minimum number) must be lucked up on it and will not be available for manoeuvre.

(a) Right Regimental Sector. EL BUGGAR - 630 (inclusive).

Standing Patrol on high ground on road

1 mile EAST of EL BUGGAR. } 1 Troop.

Hill 725. 2 Troops dug in close behind O.P.'s. } 1 Sqn.  
1 Troop close support. } 3 Troops.

Hills  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile S.E. of 630. }  
1 Troop dug in behind O.P.'s. } 1 Troop.

Hill 630. 1 Troop dug in behind O.P.'s. } 2nd Sqn.  
1 Troop in close support. } 2 Troops.

Squadron Reserve. } 1 Troop. }

(b) Left Regimental Sector.

550 - 1 Troop dug in behind O.P.'s. }  
1 Troop in close support. } 2 Troops. }  
510 - 1 Troop dug in behind O.P.'s. } 1st Sqn.  
1 Troop in close support. }

Standing Patrol from 510 (exclusive) to 580 found  
from 1 Squadron. } 2nd Sqn.

(c) This arrangement will leave one Sqn. as mobile reserve in each Regimental sector.

4. (1) It is considered that standing Patrols will be necessary by night between the posts held. These could be found from the reserve squadron in each regimental sector and be withdrawn after dawn to some central point in case the squadron is required to operate.

(ii) Just before dawn patrols will move out through the outpost line for a short distance.

5. (1) On each of the positions, two or three observation posts will be dug with, if possible, communication trenches (4 feet deep) back from each post. These O.P.'s. will be about 100 yards apart if possible and a different one occupied each day.

(ii) About 100 yards behind crest (to escape artillery fire aimed at the O.P.'s.) a cruciform post will be dug to hold double the number of the garrison. These cruciform posts will be traversed and 6 feet deep with a fire step.

(iii) During the night the garrison will occupy the point. If the garrison is driven into the cruciform post by an attack by superior force the supporting troops will counter-attack at once.

(iv) The remainder of the troops in each regimental sector will be distributed in depth ready to reinforce the line or deliver a counter-attack.

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6. (i). By day it will be possible to hold the line much lighter than by night, and refuge from artillery fire can be found in the cruciform post.  
 (ii) Every effort must be taken to keep the position secret and the same point not be occupied by day and by night.

7. The selection of the posts should be completed by day on 24th October and the whole of the O.P.'s, and cruciform posts pegged out by day and completed well before dawn on October 25th.

8. (i). It is suggested that S.O.S. signals will be arranged as follows:-  
 Red lights at Hill 720.  
 White lights at the Hills  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile S.E. of 630.  
 Green lights at Hill 630.  
 (ii) These lights will only be fired in the dark to actually indicate a strong attack to the supporting artillery and machine guns as well as to the remainder of the outposts.  
 (iii) Any plan for the use of these lights must be thoroughly well known to all concerned.

9. The Battery R.H.A. and the Heavy Battery at KARM should be in position before dawn to cover the front of Hills 720 and Hill  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile S.W. of 630 and Hill 630.

10. (i). Vickers machine guns will be emplaced by night to cover by long range fire the fronts of the above hills.  
 (ii) These guns should be carefully registered beforehand by day, and should be left during the night on their night lines, firmly anchored, or preferable lightly dug in to prevent any movement when firing.

11. As the actual garrisons at night are to hold on, there appears no reason for keeping the horses up near them.

12. A careful system of gallopers should be organised from each garrison and support to the forward cable head in each regimental sector, in addition to visual signalling.

13. The 8th A.L.H. Regiment will be responsible for the Right Regimental Sector and the 10th A.L.H. Regiment will be responsible for the Left Regimental Sector.

14. Telephonic communication will be established between Sector H.Q. and B.H.Q.

15. B.H.Q. will be established at GOZ EL BASAL at 1300.

16. ACKNOWLEDGE.

Wm Anderson  
 Major,  
 Brigade Major,  
 3rd. A.L.H. Brigade.

ISSUED AT 2300.

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