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387	0120 0125	BA1478	1st Bde	CO 1st LH reports - Am in touch with Aus Div on left at Huzqueh + 10 LH on right - Aus Div Rep is 4 LH - enemy with patrol & arms approached post refusing to halt was fired on one man killed - Comm by cable not yet set - all available wire was laid owing to bombing of A. Rehlem/transport spare cable not available - will be completed at stand to a verbal message sent by signal line man all OK.	
388	0200 0139	GA42	53 Bde	53 Bde with camel Bde on its right advance at 0530 to-day with the objective line TOWAL ABU JERWAL - I of ARAB EL TEIAHA and in order to protect this movement you will advance at 0700 with a force equivalent to a brigade at least to occupy line BIR EL MAKRUNI - NW of KH EL LERITEH where touch will be established with Camel Bde and you will in addition advance at 0700 to occupy the spur at N of CHASIM EL BUTEIER as far as R of same word as this	

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✓ 389	0245	GR532	1st Bde Camel Bde	Attachment can withdraw as soon as it has made quite certain that satisfactory touch is established with troops at KH EL LERITEH and the Camel Bde and in addition to a force you will push out West reconnaissance as the condition of your horses admit in order to prepare to occupy the area & TOWAN KHUDEL - FEH AIN KHULEH and CHANE RIVER 3rd Bde remain at your disposal and will not move to rejoin AOS DIV. 53rd Bde & Camel Bde on right advance to-day to occupy line TOWAIL ABU JERWAL to I of ARAB EL TEIAHA and you will have at least one Bde to occupy BIR EL MAKRUNEH and NZMRL will push two parties of a reg each forward one up to Black Mountain running N from the BERSHEEN HERBON road at C.R. of	

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				<p>KADERAT to go as far as the spur overlooking KHEIRAA the other up black track which runs north through REJIM ABO JERNAN and occupy spur West of KH EL LEKIYEH when touch will be established with Camel Bde and the 1<sup>st</sup> Bde will send a detachment to occupy spur at KHOSAM. BUTEYIR as far as the R of the word BOTEIYER and. This detachment can withdraw as soon as it has made certain that satisfactory touch exists between regiments NZMR Bde at KH EL LEKIYEH and Camel Bde and in addition reconnaissance will be pushed out by NZMR Bde towards TEL KUMEILYEH and AIN KORLEH and by 2<sup>nd</sup> LHBde towards DHATHERIYEH with view to occupation of area and. Extent of reconnaissance depends</p>	

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390	0205	997	1 <sup>st</sup> Bde Cpt	<p>on condition of horse. 3<sup>rd</sup> LHBde remain with this division for the present 1<sup>st</sup> Regt in touch with 4<sup>th</sup> Regt at Mosque enemy party for four mounted and approached line refused to halt were fired on and one killed on</p>	
391	0215	BM105	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde	<p>Bde watered in pools in Halli SABA area afternoon</p>	
392	0530	91126	1 <sup>st</sup> Bde Cpt	<p>Prisoner states ASLUS road is mined at about 1/2 hour ride from BEERSHEBA</p>	
393	0650	598	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde	<p>Aus Dis 1<sup>st</sup> Bde at 04/00 when TEL EL MILEH road crosses Rly near BEERSHEBA</p>	
394	0610 0545	BM479	1 <sup>st</sup> Bde	<p>1<sup>st</sup> Regt. on line 970 Mosque reports no enemy in sight and it has completed area does 1<sup>st</sup> Regt they remain on the line as Aus Dis have arranged to take it over</p>	
395	0714	98130	1 <sup>st</sup> Bde	<p>Ref BM479. No</p>	

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396.	0730	9B131	to 3 Bds.	For replenishing an Ammunition Column situated 1/2 mile east of DHA TEL FL SABA.	
397	0720 0637	BM 2	from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde.	7 <sup>th</sup> Regt have occupied the high ground north of HEBRON road and when the enemy gun positions were yesterday a small force of enemy with 2 MGs are some distance to the N of them a 5 <sup>th</sup> Regt 12 machine guns proceeding on reconnaissance to BIR FL MARKUNEN.	
398.	0740	5132	to De. Cps.	repeat 397 and sufficient water has been found in wadi HORA to water brigade for about 3 days.	
399 400	0800 0800 0715	37 BM 482	from aeromanti. from 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde.	Machine guns BEERSHEBA aerodrome. 1 <sup>st</sup> Regt reports enemy have abandoned much material on road running along Rly line	

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401	0815	9133	to De. Cps.	Repeat 400.	
402	0800	9134	to De. Cps.	Enemy captured maps & documents	
403	1000 0835	M 32	from au. Bde.	Information from prisoners captured further 2000 31 <sup>st</sup> state motor pumps have had dynamite put inside them and no other dynamites done.	
404	1000	BM 130	from N7MR.	CMR report engaging enemy KHELRA and report to drive him off shortly as opponent not serious.	
405	1040	9136	to De. Cps.	Repeat 404	
406	0955	9135	to 4 Bds.	repeat 403	
407	1155	BM 131	from N2MR	R1JM ABU JERWAN patrol report 1050 and have reached R1JM ABU TERWAN enemy holding high ground 1 1/2 miles N + NW of this point. are pushing forward, enemy slowly. Returning estimated 100 with 2 MG's and cannot gain touch with anyone on left flank as further message	

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				received lined 1100 a.m. Cannot move further forward enemy holding TOWAL ABU TERWAL and high ground to NE of it.	
408	1220	G/138	to Ds Cps	repeat 407	
409	1225 1201	GA 54	to Ds Cps	Detail one Squadron to be placed under orders of 20 <sup>th</sup> Corps and to march as early as possible to KARM. C.O. will report in advance to HQ 20 <sup>th</sup> Corps EL BUGGAR a.m. This Squadron will escort the prisoners of the corps to roads TOWEIL HABARI where it will hand them over to 74 <sup>th</sup> Div obtaining a receipt. Prisoners will be packed up at present Corps HQ 800 yards south of viaduct and Squadron should be one of those that suffered most yesterday and ration for tomorrow will be drawn at KARM under arrangements to be made by HQ Corps and report from Squadron starts and acknowledge.	

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410	1340 1250	BM 10	to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde	5 <sup>th</sup> Regt report well containing water 69 ft deep irregularly sunk through limestone rock average dia. 6 ft. and 3 in. of water are left enemy cavalry on high ground 2 miles NW of BIR EL MAKROUEN and some sniping in flank.	
411	1210	BM 132	to 122 m.c.	CMR report in position at KH EL RAS and drove 150 Cavalry off high ground NW of RAS and enemy retired NW but we are still engaged with them.	
412	1214 1130	BM 81	to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde	5 <sup>th</sup> Regt reports arrived BIR EL MAKROUEN 6930 and there are five wells 4 are dry 1 contains water and the wells are under enemy artillery fire from N and enemy holding high ground N strength not yet ascertained and particulars about wells being ascertained.	

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413	1135	ST48	7 <sup>th</sup> Bde Cps	Groups will be moving at 0700 from line SAKOT to BEERSHEBA towards MAKRONEN to KH EL LEKIYEH and KHASAM EL BUTEYIR area contact patrol required area another machine should land not later than 0900 to receive instructions area.	
414	1105	MV3	an. Des	Warwick Yeo. 5 <sup>th</sup> M <sup>th</sup> Bde occupied line p. 910 NW of B of BARGHOT to 910 N of N in Wadi MUGHEIR thence south to FARA BEERSHEBA road with RQ <sup>th</sup> Jan E of Western-most point 910 area. Wadi MUGHEIR and country 3 miles in front above line reported clear enemy area. Furthest position seen 1 mile W of KH EL MAHEILEN but no movement of troops visible.	
415	1237 1210	SA56	7 <sup>th</sup> Bde Cps	7 <sup>th</sup> Bde will be prepared to move at dawn to morning to occupy area BIR KHORWEILFEN to BIR ABU KHUFFE to AIN KOLEH in which	

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416	1227 1035	C/257	an. Des	Case it will become under order of G.O.C. Amys. are Amys. will be prepared to push forward their left to connect with 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde. added an. Des. 5 <sup>th</sup> M <sup>th</sup> Bde are established on line BARGHOT to 910 in HAREIRA road area. 53 <sup>rd</sup> Div is moving northwards about BARGHOT area. When 53 <sup>rd</sup> Div passes 5 <sup>th</sup> M <sup>th</sup> Bde line orders will be issued withdrawing all 3 bdes. 4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> into Reserve with BEERSHEBA in Bde will forward their recommendation as to location of the Bde group camp which will then be further settled area. Advanced Brownie parties will be held ready area 7 <sup>th</sup> M <sup>th</sup> Bde Low level maintained complete responsibility of Furthest line from RAFA road to SAS GHAYYAM in com. a. p. 2016. in addn 4 <sup>th</sup> 5 <sup>th</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde.	

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417	1320 1325	GA59	from OC Cpt	Corp HQ report Centre moving into BEERSHEBA close to Mosque 1500 and added 3 Bn	
418	1400	BM135	from N2MR	CMR report enemy cavalry strength about 1 Regt with 4 to 6 MGS in range S of 1580 KHUM EL RUMAMIM and our adv. troops holding ridge 1100 yards NW of KH EL RAS and could advance further but would be in danger from right flank which is exposed and have not sufficient troops to man it good as the rest of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde and 7 <sup>th</sup> MR are held up on CMR left and our adv. troops in action with enemy 2 Casualties and all wells & cisterns dry.	
419	1435	G135	to OC Cpt	7 <sup>th</sup> N2MR report repeat 118 added De ops 17 <sup>th</sup>	
✓ 420	1435	G136	to 3 Bdes	1 <sup>st</sup> 7 <sup>th</sup> N2MR Bdes will have 2 squad each prepared to move out on outpost duty at short notice from 1530 to day.	
421	1425 1400	BM 114	from 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde	recd G137	

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422	1510 1450	SC641	from 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde	unexploded bomb reported lying near drainage water wells opposite 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt Regt	
423	1555	BM138	from N2MR	CMR report 1 off 7 <sup>th</sup> R 41 MG captured and then are being sent in under escort	
424	1505	G131	to OC Cpt	repeat 423	
425	1505 1550	BM118	from 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde	Squadron left Beersheba 1500.	
426	1510	G133	to OC Cpt	repeat 425	
427	1500 1315	M 4	from am. av.	Withdrawn from Bde to Beersheba and report	
				Munit of reconnaissance are to be prepared move down to morning to occupy area BIR KHUWEILLEN BIR ABU KHUFF AMY KOHLER in what case you will speak under order SOC Amza. added 7 <sup>th</sup> MPRA	
428	1455 1407	GA63	from OC Cpt	No troops will march over the aerodrome NW of BEERSHEBA and limits of aerodrome are marked by flags	
429	1515	G139	to all units.	repeat 428	
430	1515	GB134	to 4 Bdes	Please state to the best of your knowledge Casualties caused yesterday both men & horses by bombs and state number of bombs dropped.	

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431	1614 1600	BM 111	From NZMA	1 man killed 1 wounded 2 horses killed 2 bombs	
432	1700 1645	BM 119	From 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde.	4 o/r killed and 6 off 22 o/r wounded and 46 horses killed + 16 wounded and 5 bombs dropped.	
433	1615 1600	BM 116	From 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde	No bombs dropped in this Bde yesterday.	
434	2123 2040	SC 647	From 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde	Killed 11 o/r wounded 2 off 27 o/r horses killed 57 wounded 9 and 5 bombs dropped in transport 4 of which exploded	
435	1450	BM 136	From NZMA	CMR report adv. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde reports convoys returning in road on TEL KUNWEILFEN to KAS EL NAGB strength 20 wagons 25 Cavalry 100 inf. and	
436	1500	GB 132	By Gp	report 435	
437	1500 1455	BM 113	From 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde	Full group off. State that water can be obtained by digging and this water is merely surface prevented from soaking away by its own silt and now established that our water supply is in Wadi HORD where there are frequent pools sufficient as far as we have reconnoitred to last back until tomorrow night. Wadi is being reconnoitred beyond KH EL DAWASH this afternoon and 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde	

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				reports there are shallow pools of surface water in Wadi KHALIL and bedouin state no other wells in vicinity of MAKRUENH but report water at DEIR SAIDEN which have instructed 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde to endeavour to reconnoitre also 2 enemy guns & at least 1 cadre enemy cavalry have been located in vicinity of 20 km N of MAKRUENH 1/4 mile NE of S in cave.	
438	1500 1440	GA 64	From Des Cps	Order Amzal reports to return immediately to ANZAC DHD at TEL EL SARH address AUSDIN	
439	1535	SB 135	From 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde	attention is again drawn to the importance of not interfering with bedouin unless they commit a hostile act as there are not to be arrested simply because they are armed.	
✓ 440	1550	SB 136	From 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde	report. Size of today. The reports mentioned will take up following line at once 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde black track inclusive returning through ARAB	



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				Well advanced posts as far as KH EL LEKIYEH connecting with infantry 1510 TOWAL ARO JERWAL and camel posts <del>to</del> S of 1510 are NZMR Bde black track inc. Reasoning through KH EL PAS with adv. post to that pt. can connect with 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde or left as 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde will be responsible for the HE 1100 N road connecting with PAS take for the N. Eastern perimeter of their camp are all clear reports to be forwarded as early as possible.	EL LEKIYEH ARO
441	1555	SB 137	to 3 Bdes	Groups at present on duty will return to camp on the outpost arriving in the allotted position	
442	1640	SB 138	for Cpt. 2nd Bde for Capt. 3rd Bde	Hostile aeroplane dropped 4 bombs about 1/2 mile W of TEL EL SABA	
443	1700	BM 145	to NZMR	NZMR report begins are have pushed back enemy to high ground 2 miles N of KH EL LEKIYEH are Extracted strength 300 Cavalry	

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				and 5 MGs. are country all clear 2 1/2 miles NW of KH EL LEKIYEH are 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde 966 have taken up line TOWAL ARO JERWAL to KH EL LEKIYEH.	
444	1715	9142	to De. Cps.	Repeat 443	
✓ 445		9140	to NZMR 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde De. Cps.	NZMR Bde will move to bivouac after first watering to a bivouac site to be chosen by the brigade 1 1/2 miles W of BIR IMSHASH EL MALAH are It will take on hand all the development of water to its fullest extent are It will have an outpost line by night and an observation post by day E of BIR IMSHASH EL MALAH to cover the wells and extend as far N but including the wadi HOKA about pt 1320 had S of the A of HOKA are 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt Bde will continue to be responsible for watering country to E of from the pt on the W side HOKA	

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✓ 446	1730	5141	10/ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde.	<p>but when the outpost line joins that of NZMARBde up to and inc. BEERSHEVA HEBRON road just N of R in KEDIRAT and NZMARBde will be responsible for keeping touch with 2<sup>nd</sup> Bde and add NZMARBde as 7<sup>th</sup> M<sup>th</sup> Bde to morning will take up a position by order of Cps in the area TEL KUWEILFEH BIRABO KHUFF AIN KOHLEH and remain bivouaced there developing the work in this area and the occupation of the area will be completed by noon. for the present the bde will be under order of C. auzar and 2<sup>nd</sup> Bde will push out a strong reconnaissance up the HEBRON road endeavouring to reach EL DHAHIRIYEH. Information required urgently above work and roads in &amp; close to DHAHIRIYEH and reconnaissance party must be as strong as possible and N<sup>o</sup> 1 L.C. patrol (N<sup>o</sup> 11) TAM Bde will accompany it</p>	

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✓ 447	1745	5143	10/ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde.	<p>reconnaissance + act. under order of the O.C reconnaissance party and hour of start should be so timed so that the advance of the 7<sup>th</sup> Bde into the area TEL KUWEILFEH BIRABO KHUFF AIN KOHLEH may be about the same time as the advance by the 2<sup>nd</sup> LHBde to EL DHAHIRIYEH. Reconnaissance should only remain sufficient long at EL DHAHIRIYEH to gain the information required. 1 report from each reg. furnishing the outpost line may return to camp a receipt of all che for the office use. The 2 squadrons on black track will return to camp in the adv. groups of the 7<sup>th</sup> M<sup>th</sup> Bde passing through it and the squadron on HEBRON road will remain in position until the leading groups of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bde reconnaissance party is</p>	

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448	1715	G144	10 <sup>th</sup> De. Capt. In addition to prisoners reported last night 87 were found direct from 1st LH Bde - also 8 men from 8th LH aca total to date including today 19 off 287 OTR
449	1704 1840	GA 65	1 <sup>st</sup> Div. Cpt. Lt. IMP Bde will move to-morrow 2 <sup>nd</sup> to bivouac near the junction of Wadi ARARA + EL MALAH watering at BIR IMSHASH EL MALAH aca
450	1910	G155	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde. Turkish officer prisoner captured to-day not very reliable but says he heard to-day there were 2 <sup>nd</sup> batt. inf. at DAHERIYEH.
451	1920	G146	1 <sup>st</sup> Div. Cpt. Turks captured to-day 1 off 7 OTR 8 <sup>th</sup> Bavarian regiment aca 8 <sup>th</sup> and composite Regt at SHERIA aca being forwarded now
452	1910 1750	GA 66	1 <sup>st</sup> Div. Cpt. Dividing line between yourself and 53 <sup>rd</sup> Div. to-night will be line from point 1510 to KH EL OMR; both mechanisms to 53 <sup>rd</sup> Div. aca 20 <sup>th</sup> Corp is ordering 53 <sup>rd</sup> Div. to place the detachment of camels facing east on the spur about R of RHASHIM EL BUTEYIR aca your detachment will not withdraw from that spur unless or until it is ascertained

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453	2060 1900	GK 42	1 <sup>st</sup> Div. Cpt. That the camels are in position aca 7 <sup>th</sup> Mtd Bde will move at 0700 to-morrow to occupy TEL KHUFENEH aca Detailed orders later are added 7 <sup>th</sup> Mtd Bde
✓ 454	2005	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Div. 7 <sup>th</sup> Mtd Bde G139	G.O.B. will detail one regiment to support 7 <sup>th</sup> Mtd Bde during the establishment of the Bde in the TEL KHUFENEH BIR ABU KHUFF AIN KOHLEN aca The regiments will be under command for time being of BGS 7 <sup>th</sup> Mtd Bde as a/c.
455	2015	1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Div. G147	Officer prisoner captured by you belongs 1 <sup>st</sup> Regt TEL EL SHERIA aca State enemy casualties to-day 4 killed eleven wounded
456	2015 1710	BM 128	1 <sup>st</sup> Div. Cpt. Situation to-night as follows aca right battn. RIJM ABU JERWAN through TEKIYEH report they have been engaged with 200 turks all day on hills to the north of that place aca Added 53 <sup>rd</sup> Div
457	2025 2000	BM 128	1 <sup>st</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde Observate party at POINT 1020 at 1600 to-day

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				reports dust representing column 3 miles long moving eastward and head of column about 6 miles EAST of SHARIA	
458	2030	GB140	From 1st Bde 2nd Lt 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lt Bde report and observation party at point 1020 at 1600 to day reports dust representing column three miles long moving eastward and head of column about 6 miles E of SHARIA added	
459	2050 1815	GA70	From 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde	7 <sup>th</sup> Bde will move at 0700 to morning to occupy TEL KHUFEWFEN in accordance with GA56 and detailed orders later and added Am Div.	
460	2109	BM232	From 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde	Ref your 9141 clear wire position of your HQ also most suitable roads of approach to position indicated	
461	2120 2100	BM491	From 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde	DC Ldn patrol to KHASIM EL BOTEIYIR reports arrived in position at 1030 and advanced one mile to protect the N7 left flank and in this position was fired on by enemy who after called up a Helio reopened fire again when further advance was attempted and The Camel Corps got into position at 1300 and the position left this position at 1500 to return to camp and Camp was reached at 1700	

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				country very rough	
462	2133 2100	BM124	From 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde	recd and 8 <sup>th</sup> Lt kept detailed	
463	2153	BM24	From 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde	5 <sup>th</sup> Regt has returned to camp report nothing further	
464		GB141	From 3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde	Ref GB139 dated 1 <sup>st</sup> inst and The brigade detailed will meet 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde at point where black head comes into BEERSHEBA-HEBRON NE of 1040 at 0800	
465	2200	GB142	From C.C.M.	By instruction from 11 <sup>th</sup> Bde Corps you will be in readiness to place one battalion and 4 MG's at disposal of 9 <sup>th</sup> Bde and the battalion will be concentrated at your HQ by 1100. Please send an officer to report to AA & MG Det Cos at 1000 to morning to receive instruction re watering.	
466	2037 2015	BM491	From 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde	O/C outpost reports and Am in touch through 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde and all clear	
467	2135 2053	GA73	Des Ldn	DC Bde is transferred to command of Det Cos & is placed at your disposal 1 Bde is on line RIJM ABU JERWAL TOWAL ABU JERWAL - HQ between KH EL JUBBIEIN + W1040 - establish touch at once & report	

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467			his disposition - want him to be in readiness to place 1 Bde + 4 Mss at disposal of 7th Bde in order to close gap between AIN KOHLEH + right of 53 Bde - order him to concentrate 1 Bde at his HQ + to send an officer to report to a company Des Cps at 1000 to receive instructions about watching that Bde act.
468	0605	Ga 73	Des Cps Ga 73 act
469	0010 2345	Ga 74	Ansdr 7th Bde will march at 0700 tomorrow in order occupy area TEL KHUWEILFEH - BIR KHUWEILFEH - BIR ABU KHUFF - AIN THOLEN and on reaching HQ where back thro' R of ARAB leaves HEbron ROAD bde will come under orders of Lt Col Amzac who issues detailed instr. + places 2 arm cars at disposal of Bdes - Contact patrols have been arranged for 1100 1300 1500 and act
470	0555	Ga 75	Ansdr Gk 44 act
471	2410 1312	Ga 78	Des Cps 7th Bde leave tomorrow at 0700 tomorrow 2 in order to occupy area TEL KHUWEILFEH BIR KHUWEILFEH BIR ABU KHUFFAIN KOHLEH - on reaching HQ where

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471	2/11/17		back thro' R of ARAB leaves Hebron road bde will come under orders of Lt Col Amzac who will issue detailed instr. + place at least 2 arm cars at disposal of Bde. - special instr. are being issued to Lt Col Amzac on above subject - contact patrols have been arranged for 1100 1300 1500 -
472		Ga 79	Des Cps Ref order to 7th Bde to occupy Tel Khuweilfeh area - 53 Bde line runs at present from Towal Abu Jermal Kh el muwelekh - 53 Bde will advance this line about 1 mile N of tomorrow evening in order to bring support nearer 7th Bde - the Bde ICo now on line Rijn alu Jermal Towal Abu Jermal will be responsible for protection of right flank above line + will be instructed that it is to remain - will remain under 53 Bde till advance is completed - dispositions he orders to take up in order to protect his flank will not be altered by you except in consultation with him - 53 Bde is placed upon disposal + you will arrange for 1 Bde to be worked in Beerseba each day

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473	0155 0206	Bmigs	From 174 Bde	subject 174 Bde report through 172 Bde report	
				all clear at 0100.	
474	0545	GBM43	to 174 Bde	all clear	
475		GBM47	to 174 Bde	Sheremeth report by DADMS on action of enemy aeroplane yesterday which fired on our hospitals yesterday there was no excuse at all for this action as the hospital was well marked & a long distance from other troops	
476	0900	GBM48	to 174 Bde	Report immediately time sqdn on escort of prisoners returned.	
477	0806	GB1500	to 174 Bde	Sheremeth Turkish book picked up at Lil el Saba	
478	0900	GB151	to 174 Bde	Aerial rec report 1500 into Troops going N.E. one mile N.W. KHURMET GHUZALEH & 1000 going N at UM EL RUMAIN at 1050 and 2000 Infantry going ENE TOWAIL EL JERWAL 3000 Infantry about SHERIA Station 800 Infantry going N of	

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				AID KDHLEH at 0900 the garrison at DHAHERIYEH reported to be 300 infantry 25 Cavalry 2 mountain guns & 20 guns. Col Newcombe established N of DHAHERIYEH on the Hebron Road & has captured 20 prisoners. He reports good water in pools and fine Bde well occupied. KHUWELFEH BIR ABU KHUFFAIM KDHLEH today as soon as possible you will have one Regt on AID KDHLEH Road to block any advance from SHERIA all tracks between the infantry right & a line drawn from the N of MIKREH DEIR EL GHAWI must be carefully watched especially the KANAMEH SHERIA Road & the road reported to be a motor road running from KHUWELFEH to DHAHERIYEH and early report on water & roads urgently required and 2 Bde have been ordered to occupy DHAHERIYEH & have been ordered to get into touch	

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				with you as soon as this operation is completed	
				Orders have already been issued to fill the gap between	
				you left the infantry right. Addressed 7 <sup>th</sup> Mtd Bde	
H79	0910	Rm151	122 Bde	Post at RAS reports one light enemy	
				cavalry about 2 miles N of Ras. No sign of 2 <sup>nd</sup> L H	
				Bde	
H80		G152	7 <sup>th</sup> Mtd Bde	12 M R Bde report - report H79	
H81		R153	12 M R	7 <sup>th</sup> Mtd Bde are moving up black track	
				through RISM ABU JERWAN	
✓ H82	0930	G153	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde	As per H78 from "Aerial Rec" to "Water in	
				Pools area" 7 <sup>th</sup> Mtd Bde have started to occupy TEL KHUVNEH	
				BIREL KHUFFE AIN KOLEH moving thru by black	
				track to RISM ABU JERWAN area Col Lawrence command	
				is reported on Hebron Road, N of DHARIVIEH	
				but cannot remain after tonight if unsupported	
				you will occupy DHARIVIEH with you Bde and	
				you will then get into touch with Col Lawrence	

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				+ 7 <sup>th</sup> Mtd Bde area Water is reported at DHARIVIEH	
				in pools report on roads urgently required	
				development of water must be taken in hand	
				at once area Cable is being laid to you	
				from your HQ area addressed 2 <sup>nd</sup> L H Bde	
H83	0140	G151	122 Bde	Aerial rec. yesterday report about 1500 Mtd	
				troops going NE 1 mile NW of KHURMET GHUZALEH	
				area 1000 diff. going N at UM RI RUMANIN at 1050	
				2000 infantry going E & in 134 NE of ABU JERWAN	
				area 3000 inf about SHERIA Str. 800 inf moving	
				N at pt 1250 N of AIN KOLEH	
H84	0937	G157	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cav	50/12 HQ 3 <sup>rd</sup> Cav Div captured LEKITH area	
				3 <sup>rd</sup> Cavalry Div HQ on hills two hours walk	
				March east of SHERIA only troops of them are	
				2 <sup>nd</sup> Cavalry kept	
H85	0150 0955	G145	122 Bde	122 Bde will proceed to back on	
				HEBRON road 1 mile N of TEL EL SABA	

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				Immediately to act under orders of anyone our team we Ob. will soon as possible HQ ordered to be ready on completion of duty. But our return to present position.	
486	0455 0920	GA 88	1st Des Cp	RAC report Column moving Eastward from KAREIRA through SHERIA and continuing East toward KHUNWILFEH and from KA EL RIM East toward Nly. via 7th Bde to watch left flank carefully and move on Bell. Comd. in support of them are Contact parties will watch the movement and report at 2000 hrs till a further order.	
487	1070	S155		1st Bde repeats 486	
488	1070	S156		"	
489	1105	S158		1st Bde ICCA. Extract Des Cp GA 73 GA 78 and GA 79 a/c ICC is transferred to command of Des Cp and placed at disposal of GOC against 1 Bde in right of 53rd Div under whose orders it will remain until 7th Bde is established in TEL EL KHUNWILFEH area and further line will be established move above	

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				no info of this evening to bring support nearby 7th Bde can upon 1 Bde continuing the line will act in conformity and be responsible for 53rd Div right flank.	
490	1105	S159		Des Cp. Ref your GA 73 am in touch by cable with ICCA. 1st Bde situated in Wadi directly under TOWAIL ARO JERNAH and 1 Bde extended the right 53rd Div area of the remaining one + 1/2 Bde. 1st MG Company. 1 Bde + 4 guns have moved in support of 7th Bde vide GA 65. Remaining 1/2 Bde by guns waterway.	
491	1030 1745	PM 3		7th Bde are led up by guns in small trench about 2000 yards N of BIR EL MARRONI and have silenced their guns and are trying to get round them.	
492	1130	S160		7th Bde repeats 491	
493	1130 115	GA 88		Des Cp. Ref GA 74 of yesterday. 1st Corps report parties have not arrived at TOWAIL EL HARBARE Ob. this	



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494	1305 1730	5A89		Morning and can you explain, report what squadra was detailed.	
				1st Bde Cps Aeroplane reports as follows <del>APPROXIMATE</del> signs of recent occupation 3 hours time but now apparently deserted and our troops at pt thought to be TOP EL SABARD 145 was 1200 no movement in SHERIA DIV KOUCEH road. considerable movement NNE from SHERIA	
495 496	1255 1250	5C7 9B149		1st Bde Cps balance bde moving on 1st Bde Cps 1 Cdn of 1st Regt under Major BLEACHMORE took prisoners and merchandise with telephone connected. He reported to DPM man A BEERSHEVA.	
497	1300	9B51		1st Bde Cps at 1100 position of 2nd Bde as follows was night about 1400 KH SALAVTA and pushing on and thence less than to about word HAKSA in road thence forward to ridge N of KHORNET GHUZALEH where left in pushing forward as enemy on retreat	

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				along ridges in front and have two groups which were in action N of KH TAT REIT but were withdrawn after being killed by APPROXIMATE 3 batts and replaced further back Brigades. think progress will be slow owing to bad country but is pushing forward as quick as can be to endeavouring to get communication with 7th Mtd Bde.	
498	1305	5B150		1st Bde Cps 1st CC Bde reports verbally 53rd Div has not moved very much forward yet. the night bde 53rd Div reports as typical attack in TERNAN and requests support from 1st CC Bde as 50c Anzac suggests 1st CC Bde to be ready to TERNAN and now <del>behind</del> behind the line under 53rd Div until move is completed being pushed fwd to contact with between 1510 and the batts supporting 7th Mtd Bde and 50c 1st CC Bde has recd no orders re being under 50c Anzac	

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499	1255	BM235	7 <sup>th</sup> Bde	Med area Touch ground 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt (S156)	
500	1305	S159	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde Cps	repeat 499	
501	1315	GB153	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde Cps	Ref. 500 as contact patrol's report at 1430 over 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde and DHAMIRIYEH.	
502	1345	GB151	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde	Contact patrol's asked for over DHAMIRIYEH at 1430 + 1630.	
503	1240 1340	BM182	3 <sup>rd</sup> Bde	CHQ established at a pt on assumed Rly at a point 1/2 mile S of Uradim.	
504		BM236	7 <sup>th</sup> Bde	Enemy holding pt 1580 UH EL RUMANNIN 1910 - 1860 as are shelling their own works round left flank by AIN KOHLEH as have got footing on southern end of DEIR EL GHAWI with a	
505	1356	GB157	7 <sup>th</sup> Bde	What battery will you	
506	1317	GA91	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde Cps	Situation 1200 as 12 <sup>th</sup> Bde in junction of HADI EL MALAH HADI ARAKA with post E of BIR IMSHASH EL MALAH as for both a	

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				1320 Just S of A of Wadi HORA as 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt (S156) moving on DHAMIRIYEH as I could find RISM	
				ABU JERWAN to TOMAIL ABU JERWAN as 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde moving in area of TEL KHUWEILFEN -	
				ABU KHUFF AIN KOHLEH	
507	1425	GB153	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde Cps	Situation about 1300 in 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde of A as AIN KOHLEH through Cave then SE to lower slope of DEIR EL GHAWI as in touch with camel on left and by hills with 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde as night as Turk's hold line 1250 N of AIN KOHLEH - 1580 - KH UM EL RUMANNIN as pt 1910 + 1860 DEIR EL GHAWI as 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde in working round see AIN KOHLEH as not yet able to report on AIN KOHLEH water as both the roads through RISM ABU JERWAN and that through KH EL BAS by route for wheel traffic	

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508	1420 1345	GA92	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lt Bde	3 <sup>rd</sup> Lt Bde less one Reg is returned to AUS DIV from 1700 to day and will bivouac in area lately occupied by 7 <sup>th</sup> Mt Bde as SOC orders will arrange as soon as it can conveniently be done for the remaining Reg of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Lt Bde to be relieved by a Reg of his own Division	
509	1400 1435	SA95	Des Cpt. Alford	report Armoured Car fired on at pt on road about 1 1/2 miles NW ISID TOWAL ABU JOWAL by a small enemy post about 1 mile South AIN KOHLEH as there appear to be two small enemy posts S of AIN KOHLEH	
510	1345	SA95	Des Cpt. Alford	hourly reports when cable reaches you	
511	1340	SA95	7 <sup>th</sup> Mt Bde	hourly reports in your front as per hourly reports	
512	1510	SA93	7 <sup>th</sup> Mt Bde	53 <sup>rd</sup> Div will not now advance their line 1 mile N Eastwards as previously ordered as J.C.C. Bde will dig in on their front line frequently commencing with 53 <sup>rd</sup> Div. on their left and 7 <sup>th</sup> Mt. Bde on their right.	
513	1415 1345	SA93	Des Cpt. Alford	Ref the office SA79 of previous - repeat 512	

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514	1505 1427	BM11	7 <sup>th</sup> Mt Bde	They are held by considerable force with at least two guns and some machine guns which are in position on commanding ridge about 2 miles NE of BIR EL MAKROH as have worked well round on their left flank but fear they may escape to the North as have asked 7 <sup>th</sup> Mt Bde to intercept	
515	1512 1423	BM11	7 <sup>th</sup> Mt Bde	enemy as holding a position well from of about three miles opposite to the remainder of the Bde now coming up as they are trying to find their left flank rear & 7 <sup>th</sup> Mt Bde are operating again.	
516	1514 1455	BM19	7 <sup>th</sup> Mt Bde	Cpt. THOMPSON 6 <sup>th</sup> Lt has been killed 7 <sup>th</sup> Lt 5 <sup>th</sup> Reg has now arrived & are moving west to enemy's flank rear and 7 <sup>th</sup> Mt Bde state they will try & help in vicinity of BIR EL GHAWI	
517	1520	SA93	Des Cpt. Alford	Repeat 514 515 516	
518	1522 1450	BM158	Des Cpt. Alford	Following from G.S. 53 <sup>rd</sup> Div began as a little understood that your Bde is coming under order SOC 53 <sup>rd</sup> Div as will you come & see him now on C 133 Map 1 with. info.	

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519		G165	ADCCP	20 <sup>th</sup> Corps are instructing 53 <sup>rd</sup> Div that camel Bds to not cross unless then.	
520	1600 1439	G167	2 <sup>nd</sup> Descont	See this office G167 which dealt with situation as far as LCC are concerned.	
521	1510 1510	G167	2 <sup>nd</sup> Descont	Following from native sources via Col Newcombe large supply depot at DHAHERIYEH + 500 rifles and German LCC + 5000 men at HEBRON and 100 trucks at SEMUA collecting trib and. Col. H says SEMUA well disposed to us 100-200 Cavalry could support horses there and Cattle of wheat + barley in country + people will sell willingly and natives warned to have information ready for British also guides.	
522	1555	G165	7 <sup>th</sup> Brigade	Repeat 521.	
523	1600	G167	7 <sup>th</sup> Brigade	How estimate of enemy strength on your front.	

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524	1540	G167	7 <sup>th</sup> Brigade	Situation 500 and Essex RMA shelling Pt 1530 + Sherwood range also supported by 8 <sup>th</sup> Lst are attacking and 2 boys of Camels connecting up from RID KOLLEH South to I.C.C. Bde and our right regiment is pushing enemy back towards Pt 1910 and very slow process hills are very rocky and armoured cars were in action at UMEL RUMANNIN one is returning radiator punctured.	
525	1603	G166	7 <sup>th</sup> Brigade	7 <sup>th</sup> Bde repeat 524.	
526	1615	G166	3 Bds Descont	In the event of further change in situation outpost line will be taken by night as follows A. ZMR Bde to have one regt about pt 1326 B. 4 <sup>th</sup> Bde HORA to have an outpost line facing East getting into touch with 2 <sup>nd</sup> LCC in their left and 2 <sup>nd</sup> LCC + 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde will have a strong outpost line Aug in if possible or strengthen with stone sappers if the line already held in	

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				<p>touch will be got and maintained from right to left and a dividing line between 7<sup>th</sup> M<sup>th</sup> Bde and 7<sup>th</sup> L<sup>th</sup> Bde will be a line drawn through the K of MIRREH and the D of DEIREL GHAWI</p> <p>7<sup>th</sup> M<sup>th</sup> Bde will be responsible for their line including 7<sup>th</sup> M<sup>th</sup> Bde will keep in touch with I C Bde on their left, who will hold the line ordered to be dug in on G 153 and will keep in touch with the 53<sup>rd</sup> Div on their left and 7<sup>th</sup> L<sup>th</sup> Bde will be in reserve in their own bivouacs. all 2<sup>nd</sup> L<sup>th</sup> Bde &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> M<sup>th</sup> Bde will send early reports how they stand with regard to watering horses as they will be relieved by other brigade if unable to water.</p>	
527	1620 1630	BMM 21	7 <sup>th</sup> Regt	<p>7<sup>th</sup> Regt report enemy's left flank turning back towards DHAMIRIYEH and possibly further impossible 5<sup>th</sup> Regt to get there by daylight</p>	

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528	1620	BMM 21	7 <sup>th</sup> Regt	<p>Intelligence bedouin states that they are 3 batts of Turks in TEL EL KUWEILFEH they have M guns but no artillery and on our arrival some Cavalry and a few infantry retired towards KHS EL NAGB and he says there is enough water for all horses in the Bde at KUWEILFEH and both armoured cars are out of action and have been driven from 1550 but still holding TEL EL KUWEILFEH.</p>	
529	1633	9167	7 <sup>th</sup> Regt	<p>repeat 527, 528.</p>	
530	1605 1617	BMM 21	7 <sup>th</sup> Bde	<p>Situation is as follows: enemy's position in front of the Bde from 1660 DEIREL HAWA are thrown back then towards MOGHELA EL MAR EWEH and we are in touch with 7<sup>th</sup> M<sup>th</sup> Bde who are attacking 1660 from the West while our troops are being to move forward against it from the SE and 7<sup>th</sup> Regt to the vicinity of BIREL NATTHE but are held up and 5<sup>th</sup> Regt are</p>	

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				moving A by black track running through BIR EL NATTAE trying to get towards KHOR EL SADAN and as for HEBRON road as intend if cannot get the rest in position before dark to hold the line to which we have pinned the enemy and attack his positions in the morning. Country is most difficult and take great time to move any distance away from HEBRON road as are trying to get all horse watered due to no pools in the Ladi here	
531	1700	9168	10 <sup>th</sup> Coy	7 <sup>th</sup> Coy	repeat 530
532	1730	9169	10 <sup>th</sup> Coy	7 <sup>th</sup> Coy	Is there sufficient water for another bed in pools mentioned.
533		BMM205	10 <sup>th</sup> Coy	7 <sup>th</sup> Coy	1200 to 1500 hrs 14 MGun (Reply 9167)
534	1715	9170	10 <sup>th</sup> Coy	7 <sup>th</sup> Coy	7 <sup>th</sup> Coy - repeat 533
535	1730	BMM205	10 <sup>th</sup> Coy	7 <sup>th</sup> Coy	Detachment has left this side & up by 3 Coy & MGun are Centre 8 <sup>th</sup> Coy

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				still attacked, TEL KUHWEILFEH has taken RAS EL NAGB enemy in retreat, north east have captured 8 prisoners 2 guns & ammunition wagon and an ambulance has no water supply yet available		
536	1735	9169	10 <sup>th</sup> Coy	7 <sup>th</sup> Coy	repeat 535	
537		9170	10 <sup>th</sup> Coy	7 <sup>th</sup> Coy	congratulation on success	
✓ 538	1930	9172	10 <sup>th</sup> Coy	7 <sup>th</sup> Coy	Ref 9166 the 7 <sup>th</sup> Coy held the night on which they now are receiving from point on black track through ANKHEEN 2 miles from the W of Cave after through 1580. Hence due east to pt 1910. The mt will be led by a line of strong posts ground being in a state of danger & a strong reserve possible. 7 <sup>th</sup> Coy will get into touch with night of 7 <sup>th</sup> Coy on BGC 7 <sup>th</sup> Coy will occupy the high ground at RAS EL NAGB at dawn. 1 <sup>st</sup> Coy will move at midnight and will march by black track through R17M. HQ JERWAN will be in position to support 7 <sup>th</sup> Coy by 0230. A representative will be sent to report to Gen W. at high ground N of road position 2 miles W of R13M. HQ JERWAN to have captured explained was 1 <sup>st</sup> Coy will relieve 7 <sup>th</sup> Coy and will relief in	

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539	1545 1608	107	From WARRMULE	Am in positions 1000 NW. Tell 1140	
				Enemy airplane dropped two bombs on troops	
540	-	9173	From WARRMULE	Repeat 539.	
541	2005	9174	From WARRMULE	Report from watering is proceeding	
542	2005 2008	9174	From WARRMULE	Situation 1800. Enemy holding us up with 2 Coy on bank on ridge just S of AIN KUDHEH	
				Enemy line runs NE to TEL KUDHEIFA we hold 1500	
				and Right Regt has taken Ras el Nagh and 22 H Side right flank is 3 miles S. of this point	
				Am withdrawing Regt from RAS EL NAGH as they are too isolated.	

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544	2100 2150	9174	From WARRMULE	Situation 1800. Enemy has been driven from line KHUNDET GHUZALEH KH. NMEL RUMAMIN to line MUGHDIR EL MAKENEN TEL KUDHEIFA	
				2 Prisoners & two small guns taken and our line at dusk ran BIR EL METTAR 5 miles S of DHAREIYE DIER EL HAWA at 1500 S of TENEILFEH AIN KUDHEH whence i.e. Side is in touch with 55 Div & agreed continuing operations tomorrow x Add 539 & 541. G.H.C.	
545	2115 2100	9174	From WARRMULE	Situation at 1930. Enemy holding us up with 2 guns which we have released for the most part some to Gen & considerable number of Infantry & a few mt'd troops x From Pt 1800 with flank thrown back KHOREH SADDAN towards DHAREIYA x 7 Regt estimates enemy left flank held by about 1000 men. Whole Brigade should have withdrawn by 2030. 7 Regt report good position Wadi KUDHEIFA which might possibly make another Brigade	

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546		9175	7	Bedouin repeating 545	
547	2222	9176	7	7th Bde Report any information you can obtain from prisoners	
548	1850	9176	2	7th Bde (Is there sufficient water for another Bde in pool mentioned by you) No	
549	2225	9177	7	Bedouin. Inf. Kammal DHO evacuated sick can you supply substitute reading & speaking Turkish	
550	2220	9177	7	Bedouin. Ref this office of today's date, the 5th Bde will not be required to move tonight unless unforeseen circumstances occur. They will hold themselves in readiness to move at 1 1/2 hrs notice & will come under orders of GOC any orders from midnight 2/3 November.	
551	2210	9177	7	Bedouin. 5th Bde is joining you tomorrow with the rationed up to midnight 4/5 inst on man & horse	

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552	2205	9177	7	Bedouin. All quiet area Right night is unchanging from RAS EL WAGB x They will re-occupy this pt at 0530 tomorrow x	
553	2225	9179	7	Occup Report 552	
554	2250	9178	7	Bedouin. Following water report from intelligence Ref 1/25000 area N of KHUWEILFEH BIR EL BESTAR good supply x ELEARRAS E2 good VM KUSH ROM EI good x MULEIHA DI very good METALFA Spring water x TELEL HESY Springs.	
555	1100	9179	7	Bedouin. Under instructions & in conference with GOC 53 Dwn I have taken up following line & left connecting with 15th Bde at pt in Hade 1/2 mile N of L in JERWAL thence to caves & with right thrown back overlooking KHUWEILFEH Road x Ref map 1/25000 x Am I to understand that I am under orders GOC 53 Dwn or direct.	



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556	2005	GA107	from Despatch		
				Over line at dusk saw BIR EL NETAR 5 miles S of DHANARIVEN - BIER EL HAWA pt 1880 S of TEL KHUWEILFEH x 53 Dm advance tomorrow with the object of seizing ABU KAUFF & AIN KOLEH. Opns Dm will continue this operations tomorrow with the object of seizing the line EL DHANARIVEN - RAS EL TAGB - BIR KHUWEILFEH Bde of IC Bde now at region of RISM ABU JERWAN will be employed by GOC Amcs to protect the right of 53 Dm x 2 Coyd IC Bde will water x GOC Gustain will place 5 Bde at disposal of GOC Awards from 2400 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> inst should be required it but time must be allowed for this bde to water before starting x Acknowledg.	
557	2340	B179	Despatch	GA107 Recd.	

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558	2415 2310	AK57	from ambdun.		
				5 Mtd Bde placed at your disposal from 2400 tonight x I have given them priority watering this eve tomorrow. In view possibility of long day work suggest their watering 0700.	
559	2348	Bm 142	from Camble Repyma		
				G/153 advised present position of left of 7 <sup>th</sup> Mtd Bde. x Have no communication with troops on our right	
560	2335	GS134	from Despatch		
				Recommence of KHUWEILFEH reports 1830 AIN KOLEH about 200 men being top of ridge facing N x TEL KHUWEILFEH 70 sheltered in scattered groups x ASIELEH see HT Wagons with party of 20 Cav going along track in direction DHANARIVEN. No movement appeared from 3 miles South of DHANARIVEN x Party of Camels with horses in Wadi behind BIER EL HAWA - DEIR EL SHAWY estimated 2000 in all	

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561	2357 19103	Bm144	From C Bde	Amac informed re your GA73 x 78 x 79 x 1 C Bde transfer to command Descript x 53 <sup>rd</sup> Dm a form we are under his command no orders received regarding transfer Descript from xx <sup>th</sup> xret transfer to GOC 53 <sup>rd</sup> Dm x Am acting on latest instrs x Inform me of present position of 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde x our rights covering KHUNEILFEH Road KHEH LEK IYEH Caves x repeated Descript	
562	0015	GA108	From Descript	53 <sup>rd</sup> Dm wire request a/c owing to difficulties of supply my advanced troops will not pass ABU JERWAL before 0700 tomorrow I just addressed 1 C Bde.	

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563	0005	2180	To Descript 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde	Rec Bde report 1800 x In conference with GOC 53 <sup>rd</sup> Dm I have taken up following line x left connecting with 158 <sup>th</sup> Bde at pt. in Wadi 1/2 mile N of L in JERWAL thence to caves with right thrown back overlooking KHUNEILFEH Road.	
564	0005	2181	To Bde of GOC	In reply to C153 you are under orders Tula Dm.	
565	0015	2185	To 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde Descript	Ref G172 of 2 <sup>nd</sup> x 53 <sup>rd</sup> Dm are advancing tomorrow with object of seizing BIR ABU KHUFF + AIN KUHLEH these places will not therefore be included in objectives of 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde at 2400 hrs who will now be directed on the line BIR KHUNEILFEH + RAS EL NAGG x GOC 1 C Bde will supply a Camel Bn. now at RIJM ABU JERWAL to protect the right of 53 <sup>rd</sup> Dm x 2 Companies 1 C Bde will water	
566	0020	2184	To amtdm.	Please arrange 5 Tula Bde to water 0700 today	

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567	0050	G186	702 Bde 702 Bde	Recommence of KHUWEILFEH yesterday 1530. Reports AITI KUHLEH about 300 men lining top of ridge facing N X TEL KHUWEILFEH in shelters in scattered groups X ASIELEH six H.T. Wagons with 20 cavalry going towards DHAHIERIYA X no movement appeared for 2 miles S. in DHAHIERIYA parties of enemy with horses in Hadis behind DEIR EL HAWA & DEIR EGAWY estimated at 2000 in all.	
568	0130	G187	707 Bde 707 Bde	Repeat 562	
569	0545 0535	Pm 1	224 Bde	All quiet x Our patrols pushing forward to find out whether enemy still holding ground Report has not yet arrived	
570	0550 0600	Pm 405	7 Bde	Situation x Am holding same line Regts going forward to occupy RAS EL MAGB x Enemy appear to be in same positions x Reports of reconnoitering patrols not yet in x 124 Bde arrived 0415 x Are now in support	

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571	0600 0610	Pm 57	702 Bde	Bde arrived 7th Bde area 0415.	
572	0610	Pm 2	224 Bde	Enemy located apparently same position as yesterday supply convoy just arrived, will commence to move against DHAHARIYEH as soon as regts are rationed, but this will not be for at least 2 hrs owing to difficult country & the distance forward of 5 <sup>1/2</sup> + 7 <sup>1/2</sup> Regts.	
573	0620	G171	Descript	Repeat 572	
(2) 574	0630 0630	Let	702 Bde	Am arranging to water half camel of Brigade tomorrow at SABA x 2 Coyd H Pstr + 2 sections mls Coy with 7th Bde can water at 1130 if you can spare them x 2 Coyd H Pstr can water following day x Tanket up to 400 should be taken for drinking water x	
575	0630	G172	702 Bde	In reply to Let. agreed to x 14th Bde + 124 Bde notified x	
576	0655	G173	702 Bde	Owing to delay in arrival 2 Bde convoy	

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				attack delayed until 0800, 1 Bde will relieve 7 Bde at once, 7 Bde will withdraw & 8 24 Regt will rejoin its Bde when infantry attack which is timed at 0730 on AIN KOHLEH + ABUKUFF begins 1 Bde will attack in conjunction with infantry from TEL KHUWEILFEH + RAS EL NAGB x	
				5 Bde will send 2 Regts to RIM ABU JERWAN to support 12 Bde if required. Commander to report arrival to Gen Bose who will call on them if wanted & remainder of Bde to be ready to move off if required & 7 Bde on receipt will bivouac in camp of 12 Bde.	
577	0657	Bms 08	7 Bde	7 Bde holding same positions. Regt has reoccupied RAS EL NAGB x. Enemy appear to have reinforced TEL KHUWEILFEH x. 12 Bde are going to attack this still at 0700 right. Regt can see 2 24 Bde but not yet in communication.	

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578	0650 0703	Bms 08	7 Bde	7 Bde have occupied RAS EL NAGB. Am developing an attack on TEL KHUWEILFEH with 1 24 Regt + 4 M. Gms supported by 88mm & 4.2 inch Batts.	
579	0745	G173	7 Bde	Order 44 + 2 Coy/44 Bde + 2 sections M. G. Coy 1 C Bde supporting you to proceed to SABA to water.	
580	0905	Bms 16	7 Bde	Force of one Regt infantry & 1 Bde Cavalry reported advancing from SHERIA towards KHUWEILFEH.	
581	0915	G174	7 Bde	Repeat 580. (Priority to Descrip).	
582	0932 0905	Bms 8	7 Bde	Patrol from 5 Regt got to within 1300 yards of DHAHER VEHI saw wireless station there & reports that by working wide possible for regt to get to same position but as Turks are lining ridges all along road this would only mean a threat to their flank & not a serious effort to dislodge them & otherwise would then be nearly eight miles in length & expect regts to be rationed off in an hour & mix no difficulty watering the Bde & 7 now state sufficient water for another Bde.	

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583	0935 0910	BMS14	1 <sup>st</sup> Bde	SR Yeo reports advanced post report force of one reg of Inf 1 Bde Cavalry advanced from JHERIA toward KHUWEILFEN about 4 miles off.	
584	0940 0945	9175	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde	Repeat 583.	
585		9177	1 <sup>st</sup> Bde	TXPCX CWVWM BHFEA XQKQD KADTE KCGEF DHAVE HWUCW INWQX TOLUCN RIDZM WTWEF CCFKB ZXYCI KQWDE XASNR.	
586	0950	9178	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde	Book one Regt to road at J of KADEIRAT to be under 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt Bde remainder of 12 <sup>th</sup> Bde ready to move at short notice	
587	0950	9179	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde	Bde less two regiments already out to turn out a post a possible march to fort in road where back <del>at</del> ANY KOHLEN leaves the black track running through ridge in RIJIM PRO JERWAN and representative to be sent in to report to Gen Clayton at W. D. J. L. H. A. which is just N of that point.	

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588	1000	9180	1 <sup>st</sup> Bde	1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Bde report and have occupied PAS EL NAGB with the 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Bde remainder of 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde ready to attack KHUWEILFEN but awaiting infantry attack and enemy have been & no being reinforced.	
589	1010 0930	9135	1 <sup>st</sup> Bde	Tactical reconnaissance from 0700 to 0800 and enemy front line moving S over N slope of TEL KHUWEILFEN and from K of KH BOREIDAH to 2 <sup>nd</sup> B in BIR EL BESTAIN and a thin column stretching from W of W of W MIKHAR to U of BIR KHUWEILFEN and total above force not more than 2000. All mounted troops and no movement of enemy troops observed E of above. DHAHIRIYEN from 1000 ft appears empty and line of troops stationary extended about a mile on lower NW slope of TONAIL PRO TERNAL roughly parallel to MON EILEH - KOHLEN road thought to be enemy.	

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590	1040	S182	10 <sup>th</sup> Bde	10 <sup>th</sup> Bde (2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde) repeat 589	
591	1019	S183	10 <sup>th</sup> Bde	10 <sup>th</sup> Bde. Please let the trucks come enemy loaded bombs on the 10 <sup>th</sup> Bde will you please have them collected & disposed of.	
592	1017 1017	GA 113	10 <sup>th</sup> Bde	10 <sup>th</sup> Bde. Instruct 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde to make all preparations for attack on KHUWEILFEH including establishment of truck 15 <sup>th</sup> Bde are not to go in until orders are received from the area command, for rapid transmission of its orders & furnish estimate of time required to reach W/O of leading regt.	
593	1030	S184	10 <sup>th</sup> Bde	10 <sup>th</sup> Bde. repeat 592.	
594	1015	BM15	10 <sup>th</sup> Bde	10 <sup>th</sup> Bde. BGH decided to push 5 <sup>th</sup> Regt at DHANIRIYEH supported by 7 <sup>th</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Regts RHA as 6 <sup>th</sup> Regt remains containing enemy in vicinity of MUSKATAT AHYA but there will be considerable gap in our line, as enemy does not appear to have many mounted troops this may not matter much	

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595	1055	S185	10 <sup>th</sup> Bde	10 <sup>th</sup> Bde. repeat 594	
596	1030	S186	10 <sup>th</sup> Bde	10 <sup>th</sup> Bde. ref your bombs and Corp. Commander has been advised of your position and instruct as follows: as no troops other than your Bde are to be put in against DHANIRIYEH as present objective taking DHANIRIYEH was waterless as you have found water short of that place you will if you consider you cannot take DHANIRIYEH maintain yourself in present line hold on water you have found your line should be used should to resist attack and information at present points to enemy reinforcements about KHUWEILFEH, and any troops required to reinforce will be taken for that area	
597	1050	S187	10 <sup>th</sup> Bde	10 <sup>th</sup> Bde. It is probable that your Bde will be moved up to a position on HEBRON road ready to take part in action in case enemy attacks and in the case you must leave a sufficient force to guard your present camp and water development and detachment for day	

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				night line of observation and confirmation	S 177
				Cipher 1 Regt will move to Com as ready to	HEBRON
				road on D of KADEIRAT when it will be at disposal	
				of BGC 2nd Lt Bde	
598	1102	S 188		5th Lt Bde 1 Regt 5th Lt Bde will relieve 8th Lt Bde	
				at once.	
599	0755 1112	B 186		Position fairly accurately now fixed and BGC on high hill about 1 mile E of 1410 square FA and 7th Lt Bde in vicinity MUGHAIR EL MAKAWEN F 3 and enemy main position opposite road is on high ridge MUSKATAT AHWA which is a most formidable position and enemy's flank thrown back toward DHAHIRIYEH is reported by 5th Lt Bde to be posted on steep hill. Dominating country with little or no cover at 2500 yards & they give little prospect of much further advance for your present force BGC is taking a personal rec. of the whole line.	

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600	1130	S 189		Here with walls contains Turkish papers found 1/2 mile SE of TEL EL SABA	
601	1150	S 190		Gen Clayton has got <sup>must</sup> in touch with 15th Bde 1/2 mile S of AIN KONEFH and 15th Bde are moving on KHUMEILFEH another Bde is marching along the road behind it and there is a great deal of movement towards SHERIA and some parties of enemy seen moving vicinity of Rly from BIRABO KHUFFE on KARIAM EL SERU road and between the road and the road below it they seem to be going back towards Rly.	
602	1020 1200	CL 2 <sup>A</sup>		Camel Bde situation unchanged and	
603	1200	S 191		repeat 602	
604	1115 1210	B 187		Situation and our left regt relieved by camel 10th and 2nd regt regt relieved by 1st Bde 1100 and captured gins cannot be brought in owing to exhaustion of horses, have pointed them out to relieving troops and 8th Regt still in line.	

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605	1215	G192	19 <sup>th</sup> Do. Co.	thirsty. have been under 1 <sup>st</sup> Bde since 0830 repeat 604	
606	1230	G197	19 <sup>th</sup> Do. Co.	req 12 <sup>th</sup> MR Bde on KEBRON road at D of KADEIRAT will not now be used by BGC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lt. Bde	
607	1055 1315	BM19	19 <sup>th</sup> Do. Co.	13 <sup>th</sup> Bde now being used moved forward to vicinity of MOGHABIR EL MAKAWEN acc 5 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> Regt. moving on DHANIRIYEH.	
608	1336 1345	G1178	19 <sup>th</sup> Do. Co.	All bedouin are to be directed on to KHALASA and as they are coming in that direction are not to be molested and they will not be permitted to pass through BEERSHEBA en route or to remain E or W of the old Turkish defence line and should be warned that they will not get water in BEERSHEBA in any circumstances acc SHEIKHI Collectors their tribes now in the area prior to moving south to be given every facility there are provided under Rules.	

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609	1400	G195	19 <sup>th</sup> Do. Co.	repeat 608	
610	1340 1358	GA 115	19 <sup>th</sup> Do. Co.	If when it appears probable that the water at KAUWEILFEH will not be secured today acc SOC Amal will withdraw 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Bde relieving them by the whole of 5 <sup>th</sup> MR Bde. 5 <sup>th</sup> MR Bde will be relieved tomorrow morning relieving Bde moving out after watering. SOC all Div will for the purpose place a bde at the disposal of SOC Amal should be required it acc arrangements detail between divisions concerned acc 1 <sup>st</sup> Lt Bde include batteries etc.	
611	1438	G196	19 <sup>th</sup> Do. Co.	Gen Clayton repeat 610.	
612	1410 1350	GB155	19 <sup>th</sup> Do. Co.	SOC retina having seen Soc 5 <sup>th</sup> Div who is pushing forward 160 <sup>th</sup> Bde on to KAUWEILFEH 12 <sup>th</sup> prepared to co-operate x 2 Coy's of Infantry are reported advancing on HAGB it is held by	



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	2 Agnt	5 Bde	Remainder of Bde moving to cooperate against KHUWEILFEH from N.E. & Langh movement in the Arab el Area S.E. of SHARIA.		
613	1505	9197	Descript Repeat 612 - Gve 5 <sup>th</sup> Div bushes to remain KHUWEILFEH to have water for his own use & that his troops be withdrawn & returned to Bevanay. He suggests loading 1000 B with Camel Bnd if this not possible would like a mha Bde on his right. If agreed that mha Bde remain can arrangements be made with 5 <sup>th</sup> Div that it water at KHUWEILFEH.		
614	1455	9198	Pop of W captured yesterday by 7 <sup>th</sup> Bde & 27 <sup>th</sup> Div. Old Amb 2 81 <sup>st</sup> Regt 1 <sup>st</sup> H <sup>3</sup> & A Regt. attacked 24 <sup>th</sup> Div 8 <sup>th</sup> State Garrison of BeerSheba retired on Sheria but left there at 2100 1 <sup>st</sup> mt. are now distributed from Sheria inclusive to DHARAYK.		

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615	1423 1455	Bm 22	From 21 <sup>st</sup> Bde	Our advanced troops reached within about 1500 yds of Subron Rd. 2 miles N of DHARAYK. Enemy garrison at this place reinforced by 3 columns of troops. Now seems inadvisable to push further forward as serious counter attack might be expected & troops have been ordered to return & will consolidate on last night's line. BTHO is 4000 yards from DHARAYK which it dominates. It fairly well & country to the N & NW very difficult & very steep hills. The ancient road is fairly good tracks with fair grades. It exists at MAHTIBN SALEH about 12 ft in diameter & about 4 ft of water in each.		
616	1410 1505	Bm 20	From 21 <sup>st</sup> Bde	BTHO moved to 2 of WADY EL GHORIAM. Ft. very good observation post & 5 <sup>th</sup> Regt moving to NE of DHARAYK & 5 <sup>th</sup> Regt about 2500 yards from that place which was strongly held but our guns have silenced their rifles for the present. 30th Regt & 2 M Gms left in our former position near MAKRUH.		

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617	1510	Q199	<sup>to Descript</sup> 145 Bde	Repeat 616	
618	1510	Q200	3 Bde	It has been heard from prisoners that reinforcements have reached JERUSALEM & may be expected to move down HEROD Road x	
619	<sup>1520</sup> 1610	R1	<sup>to Gen Clayton</sup> Descript	Please inform Descript x AIN KOLLEH well reported dry area 58 Dm will be vacant at KHUNEILFEH x and require all water for gun horses x when KHUNEILFEH taken will leave 5 Bde out to protect right of infantry remainder returning to BEERSHEBA x	
620	1535	Q201	Descript	Repeat 619.	
621	1525	Q202	<sup>to Gen Clayton</sup> Descript	Pop'n report well at KHUNEILFEH contains 15 feet good water x many pools in Wadi Khuneilfeh yesterday morning x	
622	1525	Q203	<sup>to Descript</sup>	8 2nd Regt left front line for Beersheba at 1430,	

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623		QB16	<sup>to Gen Clayton</sup> 5th Bde	Your transport has started, & send a guide on to Hebron Rd to guide it to your St. Q.	
624	1600	QB17	<sup>to Gen Clayton</sup> 5th Bde	58 Dm expects to be vacant at KHUNEILFEH tonight x 5th Bde will occupy a line from the infantry right to RAHEL YAGB to 1910 EL JABRY where you should gain touch with 2 2nd Bde x you will be returned early tomorrow morning by Bde from Amstow x Can extend cable 3 miles from Gen Leo's Sigs x state position you wish to make your Sigs.	
625	1610	Q204	2nd Bde	Can you water 1200 R Bde in your area x Reply urgent.	
626	1575	Q205	Descript.	Ref. conversation to report as soon as possible to RTO Karm & advise any probab. pm. of arrival and intelligence. G.H.C.	

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627	1530	GA119	From Desercopts.	58 Dm. has been <sup>ordered to</sup> attack KHVWEILFEH as soon as they reach AIN KÖHLEHY order 12th Bde to cooperate x The hills of KHVWEILFEH will be taken over & held by troops of Desercopts. for whom the water there is reserved & make very careful arrangements to relieve 12th Bde at earliest possible moment after attack unless there is sufficient water at KHVWEILFEH for both Bdes. Acknowledged	
628	1625	G205	McCoy	Your GA119 det.	
629	1705	G207	2nd Bde	Distribution for to-mights will be as follows aaa. 1. 7th MK Bde will have a line of posts watching country to the East covering his own bivouac up to and including point 1320 on the Wadi HORAAaa. He will keep communication with 2nd LFBde by means of patrol aaa. 2nd LFBde will hold the ground they present occupy with a line of strong posts which must be put in a state of defence the particular care must be given to the guarding of both flanks aaa They will endeavour to get in touch with	

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630	1532 1510	PM162	5th Bde	5th Bde on their left aaa det. 2nd MK Bde says the troop from camp at present on duty at DFB be relieved by troop from 4th MK please reply at once.	
631	1720	G211	42 MK	Troop may be relieved to-morrow aaa 4th MK how relief will arrive.	
632	1555 1520	PM166	42 MK	Troop to relieve duty troop will report at DFB at 1200 to-morrow.	
633	1500	PM164	GI 139	Reliable prisoner professing violent anti-Tank sentiments states that 12th Depot Regt at Jerusalem was moved to Hebron some days ago that he had been prepared near DHAMERIEH but was of opinion that no serious opposition would be met between Beerseba & Jerusalem.	
634	1420	GA117	42 MK	Estimate urgently required of number of troops which could be watered on one night & one morning in or bed of area now occupied by 2nd Bde aaa order brigade to reconnoitre carefully tracks for move NW	

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635	1745	G214	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde.	Dis Cps with tanks for move N.W. from your area to be carefully reconnoitred to-morrow	
636	1610	6L18	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde.	Camel Bde. Camel Bde situation report has 2 Coy less one section & half MG Coy in position on KH EL LEKIYEH and 10 <sup>th</sup> BATT. on S slope of 1510 TOWAL EL JERNAL and 10 <sup>th</sup> BATT. on S slope of 1510 TOWAL EL EL LEKIYEH.	
637	1750	G210	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde.	repeats 636.	
638	1638 1615	CM24	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde.	Situation to 1600 was our troops advanced to about 4 miles NE of DHAMIRIYEH and were circling round when place was strongly reinforced and two long range mountain guns commenced firing and your unit was then received directing us not to attack if serious opposition was met and as there seemed likelihood of more reinforcements arriving from HEBRON the Bde decided to pull all troops back to last night's outpost line which we intend to	

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				hold and Disposition affords good view of the HEBRON road which can be shelled from here at from 2000 to 5000 yards and will be able to work whole bde again to night	
639	1750	G212	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde.	Situation report 1600 was our troops advanced to about 4 miles NE of DHAMIRIYEH cf repeat 638	
640	1656 1635	PM25	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde.	Only sufficient water now for our bde for two days at most. Possibly only one well more discovered and will search carefully to-morrow and pools drying rapidly.	
641	1850	G213	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde.	repeats 640	
642	1600	GI141	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde.	1220 Reconnaissance KHUWEILFEN area report group of 60-100 men circling house S of DHAMIRIYEH and Body of enemy infantry moving eastwards from TEL EL SHAFIA branching off road to Nakh alay Hadid ZOBALA estimated at 1 Bde	
643	1810	G214	2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde.	repeats 642	

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644	1750 1700			BM163) high outpost red in position and all clear and nothing to report an shortage of water for horses and will make further report if water later	
645	1815	S215		repeats 644	
646	2045	S217		reconnnaissance of all roads leading N JANW urgently required and you will report on them road in your area	
647	2000 1945	BM28		2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde. Bde has taken up same outpost line as last night but Bde is in vicinity of MOGHAIR. EC MAKAWAIN and chain of outposts run from L of WADI GHORIAN via MAKAWAIN to just SW of DEIR EL AHWA and also posts in rear of line with standing patrol on tracks	
648	2055	S218		repeats 647	
649	2040	S219		doe. any report you Bde require arabic interpreter as not available at DFO	

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650	1925 1919	BM27		2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde. Well operations permitted on easy day to-morrow and then horses are very exhausted after the last fortnight almost continuous operations	
651	0020 2245	BM22		Cancelled 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde at disposal of 53 <sup>rd</sup> Bde. Should water & draw ration & forage before noon to-morrow 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov. and can you issue instructions to 53 <sup>rd</sup> Bde to then withdrawal to-morrow morning advise the Bde when action taken	
652	2317	5K536		2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde You hold present line remain in observation only and reconnoitre report on tracks leading NW but take no aggressive action.	
✓ 653	2315	5K535		5 <sup>th</sup> Bde (2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde) our S216 of 3 <sup>rd</sup> is cancelled and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Bde will water as early as possible and then march by the black track which leave the HEBRON road runs north through RITH ABU JERWAN and 5 <sup>th</sup> Bde will have a guide at this point to take the Bde up to the new line and	