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9th LIGHT HORSE REGT. Army Form C. 2118.
3rd A.L.H. BDE.
IMP. MTD. DIV.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
EL KHUDRI	1/5/17.	0200	<p>May 1917.</p> <p>Saddled up at 0200 and at 0300 R.H.R. & A Sqdn moved to GAMLI. The Command Post being established on east bank of the WADI. By 0400 B and C Sqdns here in position in forward line of trenches - A Sqdn remaining in reserve in the WADI. At 0415 an Officer Patriot left for KH. EL. FAR and 1 SPT or for STANAG. At 0530 these Patriots reported all clear and at 0600 R.H.R. & A Squadron returned to KHUDRI. Digging has continued by the 3 Sqdns at 0800.</p>	<p>Ref Maps R.A.F. 1/125,000 BEERSHEBA 1/125,000</p>
KHAN YUNIS.	2/5/17.		<p>At 1730 A Sqdn took over Outpost line & C Sqdn returned to Camp. Rescued 0430. "All clear" received from Outpost Sqdn at 0445. A & C Sqdns continued work on forward line of trenches. At 0800 6 Officers & 4 Senior N.C.O. per Sqdn left on a Reconnaissance towards ESANI. TEL ETHEL was reached at 1030 & a few shots exchanged with enemy outpost holding the water at ESANI. At 1100 the 4th Regiment arrived and worked on Redoubts Nos 1 and 2 returning to ABBASIAN at 1600.</p>	
KHAN YUNIS.	3.5.17		<p>At 1730 B Sqdn took over Outpost line from A Sqdn. A & C Sqdns each forming 1 troop for Redoubts 1 and 2. Day light Patriots reported "all clear" at 0500. B Sqdn continued digging on Redoubts east of WADI. At 1030 10th Regiment arrived and took over the line. At 1200 the rest less 3 Sqdns returned to the Brigade Barracks at KHAN YUNIS. 3 Sqdns following on as the Patriots were relieved.</p>	<p>X 2 2/2</p>
KHAN YUNIS.	4.5.17.		<p>Ballet carried out on Federal Elections. At 1000 the Regiment proceeded to KHAN YUNIS for all kit to be despatched.</p>	

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9th L. H. Regt.
3rd A. L. H. Brigade
Imp. Mid. Division

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			May 1917	Page 153. Vol 1.
KHAN YUNIS. S. 7.	5-5-17.		Lieut. H. WILLIAMS and 2/lt. L. M. S. HARRAVE marched in from Training Sqdn. MOASCAR. The Regiment left left Birmae at 0700 and proceeded to the Beach for the day returning at 1800.	
KMG	6-5-17		Church parade 1000. At 1415 the Regt. moved out from Khan Yunis bivouac for an attack on EL-BUSSAR at 0400. on 7 th mt. as part of the Brigade. Brigade reached ESANI at 2300 & rested for one hour moving off at 2400 for the most western hill 680, arriving there 0300. 7 th mt where Brigade B/Ps were established. 9 th Regt. provided the Advance Guard (Major T. J. Daly Advance Guard Commander) from ESANI to Hill 680, the Brigade then deployed, 2 Squadrons 8 th forming line on the right, with 1 Squadron in reserve, A & B Squadrons in line forming the left of the Brigade line, C Squadron in reserve, advance was then continued on a bearing of 45° and EL-BUSSAR was reached as day was breaking. A heavy morning fog made observation extremely difficult. Numerous enemy patrols were seen & fired on, but no resistance was encountered, the enemy patrols falling back as we advanced. At 0800 the Regt. was ordered to hold a ridge about 1 mile N.W. EL-BUSSAR. to cover the withdrawal of the remainder of the Brigade.	Ref Map Rafa 1. 125000
KMG	7-5-17		EL GAMLI was reached at 1100 & horses watered & fed. (Brigade moved off at 1230 marching). ABASAN-EL-KEBIR at 1430 & went into bivouac. 3/4 mile south of water troughs. Party of 50 all ranks attended Gas demonstration. 150 all ranks attended Washing parade at water troughs. 13 Remounts were received from Brigade and are unallotted. A Squad moved out at 1630 to EL GAMLI, reporting to C.O. 10 th LH for digging. Gas Helmets of B & C Squadrons sent to BHP for spraying. 100 all ranks proceeded to Washing & Bathing Area to bathe & wash clothes. 13 Remounts allotted A 2 B 2 C 7 Hqs. 2. "A" Squad returned to Camp from EL GAMLI at 1830. 19 Reinforcements marched in from Moascar and were allotted as follows HQS 2. A 3 B 5 C 9	
ABASAN-EL-KEBIR. KMG	8-5-17			
KMG	9-5-17			

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ABASAN-EL-KEBIR	9/5/17		Lieut PASCOE, W. E. H. reached in from Hospital. (Wounded. April 1917).	
KMG	10/5/17		Horses grazed. after watering parade, morning and afternoon. Routine Work. Inspection by G.O.C. General Royston DSO. of all Pickets who have joined the Regt since April 25/17.	
KMG	10/5/17		B Squadron moved out ^{at 1600} to relieve A Squad at EL GAMLI. + continue digging under orders of C.O. 10 th L.H. Detail Camp + dump. at DIER. EL-BELAH cleared up, the dump removed to RAFA, and all fit horses + men sent to the Regiment.	
KMG	11/5/17		Routine Work. C Squad moved out at 1600 to relieve B Squad at EL GAMLI + continue work. B Squad returned to Camp. at 1830. Lieut W. E. H. PASCOE transferred to Training Squadron MOASCAR.	
KMG	12/5/17		The G.O.C. 3 rd Bde (Gen Royston) inspected the Camp at 1030. A Squad moved out at 1500 to relieve C Squadron at EL GAMLI. to continue digging, + report to C.O. 8 th L.H. for orders, at 1830 R.H.Q. and B Squadron moved out to EL GAMLI reporting to C.O. 8 th L.H. at 2230	
KMG	13/5/17		on arrival at 0800 the Regiment continued digging on the trenches until 1700, when R.H.Q. A Squad + B Squad returned to Bivouac at ABASAN-EL-KEBIR leaving C Squad at GAMLI to continue digging under orders C.O. 8 th L.H.	
KMG	14/5/17		Special parades from 0800 to 1000 + 1400 to 1600 to polish Bits, Stump Iron + Spurs.	
KMG	15/5/17		100 all Ranks were sent to Ablution area near watering troughs at 1100 for bathing and to wash clothes. At 1400 the Regt less C Squad. attended a demonstration of Gas, when the Divisional Gas officer explained the different methods of use, and then gave a practical test of all Gas helmets, the Regt wearing their helmets being marched through Gas allowed to escape from a Cylinder. This demonstration was held 1/2 mile S. of B.H.O. ABASAN-EL-KEBIR.	
KMG	16/5/17		C Squadron marched in from EL GAMLI ^{at 1200} being relieved by a Squadron from 10 th L.H. At 1400, Major Gen Chandel KCM.G. CB (Column Commander) + Major Gen H.H. Hodgson C.Y.O. CB (Divisional Commander)	

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P^{te} Light Horse Regt
3rd ALH Brigade
Imp. Med Serv.
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			May 1917.	
ABASAN-EL-KEBIR. 16/5/17	16/5/17		inspected the Brigade. (Column Commander) Major Gen Chauvel K.C.M.G. C.B. expressed his appreciation of the work done by the Regt in polishing up Bits, Spurs, Stirrup leathers, & cleanliness of the camp.	
EL FUKHARI 17.5.17	17.5.17		Routine work. Hotchkiss Rifle teams paraded from 0800 to 1030 & 1400 to 1530 for instruction under Lt Garner. & Signallers during same hours. Daily parade for Junior N.C.O.s commenced from 1400 to 1500.	
EL FUKHARI 18.5.17	18.5.17		The Regiment paraded dismounted at 1400 for Gas instruction, under the Divisional Gas Officer. & has marched through a Gas cloud with helmets on.	
" 19.5.17	19.5.17		Routine work. 5 horses (3 sides and two light draught for Maltose Cart) received. Weather exceptionally bad. Khamsin blowing from the South - with clouds of dust. Commenced early in the morning and continued right through the night. The watering at ABASAN broke down and horses could not be watered in the afternoon.	
" 20.5.17	20.5.17		The Regiment moved out of bivouac at 0500 and with the remainder of the Brigade moved from FUKHARI to the beach S.W. of MARAKEB - & bivouaced. All the men and horses swam; the water doing the horses a lot of good after the bad weather & constant dust of the last camp. During the month the number of evacuations to Field Ambulance, mainly through septic sores, sore throats etc. has been very heavy. The septic sores are mainly due to the lack of washing water - the dust & the lack of good cooked food. It having been impossible to do Squadron cooking while on the march & digging at Gamel.	
" 21.5.17	21.5.17		During the period 20.4.17 to date - 120 O.R. marched in from MOASCAR and	

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9th Light Horse Regt
3rd A.L.H. Brigade.
Imp. Mt. Div.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MARAKEB	20.5.17		110 OR were evacuated to Field Ambulance of whom 25 returned to the Regiment within one week from date of evacuation	Reg. Maps
Rm	21.5.17		Routin work - System of Medical Inspections commenced - to endeavour to check the spread of Septic Sores.	Rafa Beersheva
Rm	22.5.17		Brigade Operation Order No 29 received. Intention of the Operations being to destroy the Turkish Railway between ASLUT and AUSA. The role of the Imp. Mt. Div. being to attract the attention of the enemy at BIR SABA from the land on the Railway line Lieut S.H. Oyliffe in charge of 25 OR from the 8th Regt 9th Div reported to the Brigade The Field Sloop for duty with Demolition Party. Regimental Operation Order No. issued. (Copy attached) The Regiment (Strength R of 325 OR 358 horses)	Syria, Jerusalem 1/250 000
Rm	23.5.17		moved out at 1630 & proceeded with the 10th Regt to ABASAN where horses were watered & the rest of the Brigade joined - The Brigade moved off at 1900 to GOZ MABRUK where the HADDI has crossed. Point 680 near U of Cultivation (Sq D 10 Jerusalem) has reached at 0400 & the Brigade then moved on TAMIA the 8th Regt as Advance Guard. Touch has gained with enemy patrols in vicinity of "840" but on our advance they withdrew. The Regiment remained in reserve throughout the day - in vicinity of "840" one Squadron moving forward about a mile in support of the 8th Regiment. (At 1600 the Order was received to withdraw to the ridge covering EL BUGGER. To cover the withdrawal of the remainder of the Brigade.	Appendix 56

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9th Light Anzac Regt
13th A.L.H. Brigade
Imp. Mtd Dirn.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
			May 1917	
	23.5.17		This has completed by 1700 - & the Column moved back to GAMILI the 9 th Regt finding the Rearguard. Ammunition train trained in the HADI and the Brigade formed on the west bank. Lt. Col. H.H. Scott D.S.O. rejoined the Regiment from hospital.	Ref Maps. Gata. BeerSheva
	24.5.17		The Regt. moved with the Brigade at 0500 and reached the terminus on security of MARAKEB at 0900.	1/25000
	22.5.17		15 th & 25 th OR. marched in from Training Sqdn Mesopotamia.	1/25000
	25.5.17		Routine work.	
	26.5.17		The G.O.C. (Genl. Probyn) inspected the Regiment & expressed pleasure at the manner in which all the saddlery had been cleaned.	* For a/c of operation see Bde form for 22/23
	27.5.17		Church Parade. Brigade Under received for move to SHELLAL to relieve ANZAC Mtd. Dirn. Lieut E. THELAN (Signalling Officer) rejoined the Regiment from hospital.	
	27.5.17		Moved out of Birmae at 0830 - joined the Brigade just east of 10 th L.H. line and arrived SHELLAL at 1300. Birmae on the western bank of the HADI about 2 miles N.H. of FARRAR. At about 1700 an enemy plane flew overhead and bombed the HADI. Machine Gun fire was opened on it by the 4 th L.H. Bde. and a number of their shots fell on our camp. one wounding Lt. Col. Scott. In the left arm, a C. Sqdn horse has also been wounded.	
	29.5.17		Lt. Col. H.H. Scott D.S.O. has transferred to Ambulance - Gun shot wound. Enemy plane flew overhead - & bombed camp west of the Bde.	

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SHELLAL	29.5.17.		A Portion of the Regimental Transport (4 S.S. trucks - 2 S.S. limbed trucks + trailer cart) rejoined Regiment - having been detached since the Regt crossed the Canal (March 1916)	Ref. maps KAFB BEERSHEBA 1/25,000
"	30.5.17.		Majr T. J. DALY - Acting C.O. during absence of R.M. SCOTT. Operation Order received from B.H.Q. for a raid to be made on small parties of enemy troops known to be in vicinity of EL MASAM and KH. ERK. Operation Order issued (Copy attached herewith)	SYRIA (JERUSALEM) 1/250,000. Appendix 51.
"	31.5.17.	0300	The Regiment (strength 1804 and 316 O.R.) with 1 Section Demts and 1 Troop M.G. and 2 Sections Field Ambulance, moved off at 0300 (Genl. Royston and Col. T.M. Amott accompanying the column) and crossed the HADI GHUZZE just N. of SHELLAL DAM. On clearing the Infantry line A Squadron pushed out as Advance Guard (V.C. Lieut. Lummoore) and C Squadron less 1 Troop as right flank Guard. The Column advanced on a bearing of 5° and on reaching the vicinity of the <u>V</u> of CULTIVATION (Sq. BEERSHEBA) the 8 th Regt was seen advancing towards KHIRBET ERK from the direction of EL MASAM. The Column then swung to the right and pushed towards ERK to junction with the 8 th Regt. On the Advance Guard reaching the HADI SHERIA the enemy opened up with H.E. on the crossings. A Squadron pushed across the HADI - B Squadron took cover in the HADI and C Squadron was left to protect the right flank	1/250,000

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9th L. H. Regiment
3rd A. L. H. BRIGADE
Imp. MID. DIVN.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SHELLAL	31.5.17		<p>May 1917</p> <p>Visual Communication has obtained with P.L.H. & IMD at FARA. At about 0600 a message was received from the P. Regt "that they were withdrawing" & the 9th Regt. also withdrew to conform to their movement. Forces were halted in KADI GHUZZE on the way to Tumaac being reached by 0900.</p> <p>The were no signs of recent enemy occupation in vicinity of KH. ERK but mounds - both mounted & dismounted could be seen along the skyline - roughly on a line 470 - 420 & 410 - (59 B 3734) Pt. KH. ERK the RADIS SHERIA and IMLEIT are very steep and ^{the crossing} can only be crossed by a few mounted men at a time.</p> <p>No casualties were sustained by the shell fire.</p> <p>1430 Inspecting of men by P.M.O. for septic sores - held at 1430. men parading in shorts only.</p>	<p>Page 159 Vol 1.</p> <p>Ref Map. FARA. BEERSHEBA 1/25' 000</p> <p>X 2/22</p>

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Appendix 51.

OPERATION ORDER No.

By MAJOR T.J. DALY Act. O.C. 9th. Light Horse Regiment.

21st. May 1917

Ref. Maps. RAFA. 1:125,000
BEERSHEBA. 1:125,000

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1. INTENTION. The Turkish Railway between ASLUJ and AUJA is to be destroyed. The role of the Imperial Mounted Division is to attract the attention of the enemy at BIR SABA from the raid on Railway line.

2. INFORMATION. So far as is known at present there are no enemy troops South of BIR SABA. The enemy holds the Line IMLIEH, 730, 770, 810, 820 as a line of observation.

MOVES.

(a) The destruction of the Railway line is being carried out by

1. The Camel Brigade escorted by one squadron Imperial Mounted Division from AUJA to 6 miles North of that place.

2. The Field Squadrons of both Mounted Divisions from ASLUJ up to 12 miles South of that place.

(b) The A. & N.Z. Division with both Squadrons Field Squadrons move as follows:-

1 Brigade and Demolition Squadrons to ASLUJ by 0400 on Z day, the rest of the Division via ESANI on KHALASA by 0400 on Z day, whence it will throw out a protective line GOZ-SHEIHILI-UM AUJA to watch the approaches from BIR SABA.

(c) 3rd. Fld. Troop and attached detailes from 8th., 9th., and 10th. L.H. Regts. will move out at 1800 on X day and report to O.C. Field Squadron, Imp. Mtd. Divn. They will be prepared to be absent for 3 days.

(d) The Division less one Regt. 4th. Brigade will advance against BIR SABA and will move at 1900 on Y day as follows:-

1. Divn. Headquarters will be established at Hill 680 GOZ LAKHLEILAT at 0400 on Z day.

2. 6th. Bde. via TEL EL FARA to make good the line 550' 2 Miles East of GOZ EL BASAL, through IMSIRI to BEIT ABU TAHA East of KH. KHASIF by 0400 on Z day.

3. 4th. Bde Less one Regt. via GAMLI to make good the line BEIT ABU TAHA exclusive -- EL BUGGA-Hill 680' near "u" cultivation exclusive by 0400 on Z day.

4. 3rd. Bde. via GOZ MABRUK to make good the line Hill 680' (above) to RASHID BEK both inclusive by 0400 on Z day.

5. 5th. Bde. will move via EL GAMLI to the @ of OPEN one mile South of KH. KHASIF reaching that point at 0430 on Z day and will remain in reserve.

Batteries will accompany their Brigades.

A 60 pdr. Battery will be attached to the Divn. and will proceed via the TEL EL FARA --KARM road to KARM at 0430 under instructions from the C.R.A., Imp. Mtd. Division.

(e) At 0415 the Divn. will advance against the line IMLIEH, 750, 770, 810, EL HATHIRA, ABU YAHIA. 6th. and 4th. Bdes. North of FARA - SABA road, 3rd. Bde. South of that Road.

(f) As soon as the demolition of the railway has been completed the Division will cover the withdrawal of the raiding parties and the A. & N.Z. Division. Should the operation be successful, the Division may be able to withdraw about the evening of Z day on GAMLI.

On receipt of orders to withdraw the Bde. will retire to GAMLI where it will remain for the night Z/Z1.

ORDER OF MARCH From ABASSAN to GAMLI:-

B.H.Q. & Details.
8th. A.L.H.
M.G. Sqdn.
9th. A.L.H.
Notts. Battery.
10th. A.L.H.
Fld. Ambulance.
S.A.A. Limbers.

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(b) On leaving GAMLI the 8th. L.H. will move out and form the Advance Guard and Right Flank Guard. Strength of Van Guard and Right Flank Guard will be each one Squadron.
(c) 10th. L.H. will detail one squadron as Left Flank Guard and one troop as rear guard. 10th. L.H. will also detail One squadron to hold themselves in readiness to act as escort to the guns.

3. SUPPLIES.

SUPPLIES. One days rations for man and horse and emergency ration.

b. Water will be arranged for at GAMLI for Brigade on Z day. But full use must be made of any water discovered during operations.

In the area in which the Brigade will be operating it is doubtful whether any will be found, and all ranks must be prepared to make the water they will be carrying last through the day. Water carts (full) will accompany Units, with 6 horse teams.

4. AMMUNITION.

A 230 rounds per man will be carried.

5. BAGGAGE.

Wallets and overcoats will not be taken. One sleeping blanket will be carried under the saddle. Cardigan jackets will be taken.

6. MEDICAL.

Mobile Portion of the Fld. Amb. will accompany the Column. A dressing station will be established at GAMLI at 0300 on Z day.

7. GENERAL.

a. Units will be prepared to be absent from bivouac for 48 hours.

b. Units will operate as wholly responsible boldly as possible and all targets for 60 pdr. battery, as well as for the Brigade Battery will be communicated at once to B.H.Q.

8. COMMUNICATION.

Visual communication will be established between Sqdns and R.H.Q. when possible.

9. PERSONNEL AND HORSES IN CAMP.

Only spare horses will be left in camp -- One man remaining for every 4 horses. "B" Sqdn will detail a Sgt. to remain in charge of the camp. One spare riding horse per troop will be taken, and all horses going are to be carefully selected, the latest remounts and any poor in condition being left behind.

10.

Further orders referring to time of move. etc. will be issued later.

Lieut.,

Adjutant, 9th. L.H. Regt.

- Copies to:-
- No. 1 -- War Diary.
 - 2 C.O.
 - 3 "A" Sqdn.
 - 4 "B" "
 - 5 "C" Sqdn.
 - 6 C.M.
 - 7 Reference.

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OPERATION ORDER No. 22

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Major T.J. DALY, A/C.O., 9th. LIGHT HORSE REGIMENT.
30/5/17.

Ref. Maps BEERSHEBA 1/125,000
RAFA 1/125,000

1. INFORMATION.

Patrols report presence of 100-150 enemy troops about White Tomb at EL MAGAM every day and also small hostile parties at KH. ERK.

MOVE. (a) 8th. L.H. Regiment with one troop Machine Gun Sqn., Scouts less one section, 2 Sections Fld. Ambulance and half Signal Troop will move via JEMMI to junction of the WADI SIHAN and WADI MUNKUEILEH on the night 30/31st. inst., leaving present Bivouac at 1000 and will occupy EL MUNKUEILEH at 0230. One troop M.G. Sqn., Scouts less 1 Section, 2 Sections Fld. Ambulance and half Signal Troop will report to C.O. 8th. L.H. Regiment at 1845 on 30th. inst. At 0400 on 31st. inst. Regiment will advance via WADI EL BAHA against EL MAGAM.

(b) 9th. L.H. Regiment, One troop M.G. Sqn., 2 sections Fld. Amb. and 1 Section Scouts will move from present bivouac at 0300 on 31st. inst. and will advance via EL NAGILI on KHIRBET ERK and Hill 310 on the WADI SHARIA.

Troop M.G. Sqn., 2 Sections Fld. Amb., one section Scouts will report to C.O., 9th. L.H. Regiment at 0245 on 31st. inst.

(c) As soon as EL MAGAM has been cleared of enemy, 8th. L.H. Regt. will co-operate in advance against KH. ERK.

(d) The Divisional Sqn., 74th. Division is co-operating on left of 8th. L.H. Regiment acting against EL MAGAM.

(e) G.O.C. 74th. Division is placing a Guide at Disposal of the C.O., 8th. L.H. Regiment who will lead the Regiment through the infantry line at MUNKUEILEH.

(f) The remainder of the Brigade will remain in readiness in present bivouac to move out at a moments notice.

(g) Battle Headquarters will be established on 300 foot contour due North of UM in KHIRBET UM - RIL, (Sq. A.3) BEERSHEBA 1/125,000.

(h) On conclusion of operations Regiments will withdraw as soon as possible through the Outposts and return to Bivouac, watering at Brigade Area on way in.

COMMAND. Lieut. Col. L.C. MAYGAR, V.C. will command the whole raiding party.

2. INTENTION.

The Brigade will raid these troops on 31st. May!

3. MOVE.

The Regiment will form up in Mass, North of the Camp and will be in readiness to move at 0245.

The Troop M.G. Sqn, 2 Sections Fld. Amb. and 1 Section Scouts will rendezvous at above spot.

4. ORDER OF MARCH.

- C.O.,
- "A" Sqn.
- "B" "
- H.Qrs.
- MG Troop.
- "C" Sqn. (less 1 troop)
- Fld. Amb.
- REARGUARD 1 Troop "C" Sqn.

5. PROTECTION.

After clearing the Infantry Outpost line, "A" Sqn will find the Advance Guard. "C" Sqn will find 1 troop (Lt. Linacre O.C.) for right flank Guard and a Sgt. and one Section as left flank Guard.

On the Column approaching Point 300 (Sq. A4 BEERSHEBA 1/125,000) providing no enemy are encountered, the right flank troop will push towards the W of WADI IMLEIH, and will establish Observation mainly to the N.E. and E. from that point.

P.T.O.

6. AMMUNITION. 230 Rounds per man.
1200 " " Hotchkiss Rifle.
Pack saddle Ammunition will not be required.

7. SUPPLIES. 24 hours ration will be carried for man and horse, and emergency ration.
Water bottles and bags filled.

8. GENERAL. ~~Reveille will be at 0100~~
Troops will on no account become seriously engaged or drawn on to enemy's stronghold. Men and horses will travel as light as possible.
Troops will take opportunity of destroying crops by fire on withdrawal.

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One Pioneer Pack (Pick and shovels) per sqdn, only will be taken.

DETAILS IN CAMP.

Capt. T.H. Darley will remain in charge of the camp. Sqdns. will each leave a Sergt. (or Senior Cpl.) and one man to four horses in camp.
Marching out states to be at this office by 1800.

9. REVEILLE. 0100.

10 COMMUNICATIONS. Visual communications will be obtained by 9th. H.Qrs. with 8th. L.H. and TEL EL FARA.
Sqdns. will keep in touch with R.H.Q., Right flank Troop "C" Sqdn. will keep touch (by Helio.)

11. REPORTS. To Head of Column until Infantry Outpost Line is cleared, and then to head of main body.

R. Millward

Lieut.,

Adjutant, 9th. L.H. Regt.

Copy:-

1. War Diary.
2. File.
3. B.H.Q.
4. "A" Sqdn.
5. "B" "
6. "C" "
7. M.G. Sqdn.

The Regiment will form up in lines, north of the Gap and will be in readiness to move at 0630.
The troop M.G. Sqdn. 2 sections 1st. and 2 sections Scouts will rendezvous at above spot.

On the Column approaching Total 300 (2nd. AA BATTALION) providing no enemy are encountered, the right flank troop will push towards the H of WADI EL KHAYM and will establish observation mainly to the N.E. and E. from that point.
After clearing the Infantry Outpost line, "A" Sqdn will find the Advance Guard, "C" Sqdn will find 1 troop (Lt. Finlay O.G.) for right flank guard and a Sgt. and one section as left flank guard.
On the Column approaching Total 300 (2nd. AA BATTALION) providing no enemy are encountered, the right flank troop will push towards the H of WADI EL KHAYM and will establish observation mainly to the N.E. and E. from that point.