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H/qrs,  
Anzac Mounted Division.

Two natives (Bedouins) were captured at BIR EL ABD yesterday. One (the younger) was wearing a British soldiers jacket. He was also wearing a khaki flannel shirt. He had in his possession a rifle and a bag of ammunition. The rifle and ammunition will be sent to you by the escort which leaves here at 1200 with camels for RAILHEAD.

(sgd) W.M. Anderson, A/Bde. Major,  
2nd L.H. Brigade.

ROMANI.  
9/5/16.

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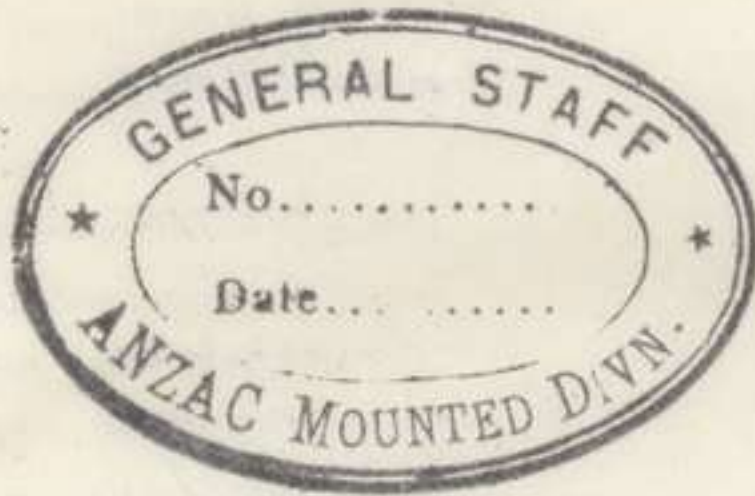
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ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION. ORDER No. 6.

- by -

Major-General H. G. CHAUVEL, U.S., C.M.G.  
Commanding, ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.



Divisional Headquarters,  
HILL 40,  
9th May 1916.

MOVE 1.

In accordance with Orders issued by G.O.C., No 3 Section, the following move of ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION will take place :-

- MAY 13th. The N.Z.M.R. Brigade will move by route march from HILL 70 to MT MALHER.  
The move will be completed by 1200.  
Site of bivouacs will be selected by the N.Z.M.R. Brigade.
- 2. Arrangements will be made under orders of G.O.C., N.Z.M.R. Bde for such extra wells as are required to be dug at the new camp. This work should be got in hand without delay.  
Material for the revetting of wells should be drawn from the 2nd L.H. Brigade at ROMANI.
- 3. All material, - tents, etc., will be taken.
- 4. Camels should be indented for without delay.  
Not less than 48 hours notice is required by sectional Headquarters before each move takes place, in order to have the camels ready.
- 5. G.O.C., N.Z.M.R. Brigade will arrange, in consultation with 2nd L.H. Brigade for the local defense of their respective camps.
- 6. Anzac Mounted Divisional Headquarters, and 5th L.H. Regiment will remain where they are for the present.

*J. G. Pitt Rivers*  
Lieut.-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

Copy No.	Issued to.
1.	N.Z.M.R. Brigade,
2.	2nd L.H. Brigade.
3.	5th L.H. Regiment.
4.	C.M.R. Regiment.
5.	H/Q, No 3 Section.
6.	War Diary,
7.	File.

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ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION ORDER No 8.

- by -

Major-General H. G. GRAUVEL, C.B., C.M.C.  
Commanding, ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.



Divisional Headquarters,  
HILL 40,  
12th May 1916.

COMMAND. 1. On arrival at HILL 70, on 12th instant, the 5th Mounted Brigade, (less 1 Squadron), will come under orders of G.O.C., Anzac Mounted Division, to whom G.O.C. should report to HILL 40.

PATROLS. 2. The 5th Mounted Brigade will carry out the following patrols on the following dates :-

On and after Saturday, May 13th, a patrol will move East of Railway in the direction of HILL 32 to a point about West of HILL ABU DIYUK; when there to communicate with Post at HILL 32 by signal.

On and after Sunday, May 14th, a patrol to HOD EL ARAB to communicate with patrol sent in that direction by 11th Division.

The times of these patrols will vary daily.

In the case of patrol to HOD EL ARAB, the Commanders of the two patrols will fix the time for meeting and the hour at which the patrols will communicate next day.

3. The 5th L.H. Regiment will cease to carry out the patrol to HOD EL ARAB after Saturday, May 13th, but they will inform Headquarters, 5th Mounted Brigade, of the hour at which their patrol should communicate with that of the 11th Division on Sunday, May 14th.

J. G. BROWNIE, Lieut.-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

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1.	1st L.H. Brigade.
2.	2nd L.H. Brigade.
3.	W.A.M.B. Brigade.
4.	5th L.H. Regiment.
5.	no 3 section.
6.	Signal Troop.
7.	Field Squadron.
8.	A.D.M.S.
9.	'A' Sch.
10.	war Diary.
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12.	11th Division.
13.	5th Mounted Brigade.

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ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION. ORDER No 10.

- by -

Major-General H. G. CHAUVEL, C.B., C.M.G.,  
Commanding ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,  
H I L L 40,  
13th May 1916.

MOVE.

1. In accordance with orders issued by Headquarters, No 3 Section, the 12th Light Horse Regiment will move from their present camp at SWING BRIDGE at such time as to arrive at HILL 70 at 1700 on Saturday, 13th May 1916.
2. On arrival at HILL 70 they will come under orders of G.O.C., 5th Mounted Brigade.
3. G.O.C., 5th Mounted Brigade will select camping site for the Regiment.
4. All arrangements for the move will be made by Anzac Mounted Division.

J. G. BROWNE, Lieut.-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

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1.	1st L.H. Brigade.
2.	2nd L.H. Brigade.
3.	N.Z. M.R. Brigade.
4.	12th L.H. Regiment.
5.	Signal Squadron.
6.	Field Squadron.
7.	H/Q A.S.C.
8.	A.D.M.S.
9.	'A' Bch.
10.	War Diary.
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ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION . ORDER No 11.

- by -

Major-General H. G. CHAUVEL, C.B., C.M.G.,  
Commanding ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,  
H I L L 40,  
13th May 1916.

- MOVE
1. The 12th Light Horse Regiment, on arrival at KANTARA, will move to HILL 70, and camp there on the site to be chosen by G.O.C., 5th Mounted Brigade.
  2. They will report to G.O.C., 5th Mounted Brigade on arrival and be under his orders.  
for transport,
  3. All arrangements from KANTARA STATION to camp at HILL 70 will be made by ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

J. G. BROWNE, Lieut.-Colonel  
General Staff,  
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

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| 1.              | 1st L.H. Brigade.   |
| 2.              | 2nd L.H. Brigade.   |
| 3.              | N.Z.M.R. Brigade    |
| 4.              | 12th L.H. Regiment. |
| 5.              | Signal Squadron.    |
| 6.              | H/Q, A.S.C.         |
| 7.              | A.D.M.S.            |
| 8.              | 'A' Bch.            |
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- by -

Major-General H. G. CHAUVEL, C.B., C.M.G.,  
Commanding, ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.Reference Map <sup>1</sup> 100,000 QATIA,  
" " 1: 125,000, SAKKET EL  
BARDAWIL.Divisional Headquarters,  
E i l l 40,  
13th May 1916.

1. It is intended to carry out a reconnaissance of BIR EL JEFFEIR, BIR EL MAGEIBRA and BIR EL BAYUD with the object of obtaining information on the following points :-
- Whether occupied by the enemy or not, or recent traces of occupation.
  - Number of wells.
  - Condition of water.

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and destroying enemy's stores, etc.

- DATE 2. The reconnaissance will take place on Monday 15th, and Tuesday 16th May 1916.
- TROOPS 3. The troops to be employed will be :-
- 1 Regiment, N.Z.M.R.
  - 1 " 2nd L.H. Brigade, from ROMANI.
  - 1 Squadron 5th L.H. Regiment, from DUEIDAR.

MOVES

- May 15th. 4. The Regiment, N.Z.M.R., less 1 Squadron, will leave ROMANI at 1400, and move to the neighbourhood of OGH RATINA, and bivouac for the night, (a guide will be provided by 2nd L.H. Brigade to point out camping ground).

The Regiment 2nd L.H. Brigade, and the remaining Squadron, N.Z.M.R. Regiment will leave ROMANI at 1400 and move to HOD ES SAGIA, watering horses at QATIA en route. They will bivouac at HOD ESSAGIA for the night.

MOVES

- May 16th. 5. The Regiment, N.Z.M.R., less 1 Squadron, will leave OGH RATINA at such time as to arrive at HOD ED DEBABIS at 0600, where they will take up a position suitable for protecting the flank of troops proceeding to BIR BAYUD, at the same time watching the country to the North.

The Regiment 2nd L.H. Brigade will leave HOD ES SAGIA at such time as to arrive at BIR BAYUD at 0800.

The Squadron N.Z.M.R. will leave HOD ES SAGIA at such time as to arrive at BIR EL MAGEIBRA at 0800.

The Squadron 5th L.H. Regiment will leave DUEIDAR at such time as to arrive BIR EL JEFFEIR at 0800.

6. In addition to the Regiment taking part in the reconnaissance, the N.Z.M.R. Brigade will send to the Southern side of the SAKKET EL BARDAWIL patrols which will communicate with the left of the 2 Sqdns about HOD ED DEBABIS.
7. Reconnaissance of the different points should be completed, and troops, except the Squadrons at DEBABIS should begin withdrawing at 1000. The troops at DEBABIS should withdraw as soon as the rearguard of Regt. from BIR BAYUD is clear of a N. and S. line through HOD ED DEBABIS.

AMMUNITION 8. 140 rounds per man will be carried.

SUPPLIES. 9. 1 day's ration and 1 iron ration will be carried by each man, and 2 feeds for horses will be carried in nose bags. One extra feed per horse will be carried on camels to neighbourhood of OGHRAFINA and HOD ES SAGIA.

WATER. 10. 80 Fathasses of water for men will be carried on camels to neighbourhood of OGHRAFINA and HOD ES SAGIA and all troops will take necessary material for watering horses at wells.

TRANSPORT 11. With the exception of 40 camels for water, and 20 camels carrying feed, no transport will be taken. Camels will be allotted as follows:-  
For 2 Sqdns in neighbourhood of OGHRAFINA, Water 13, Feed 7 = 20  
For Regt. 2nd L.H.Bde., &  
1 Sqdn. N.Z.M.R. at HOD ES SAGIA " 27, " 13 = 40.  
All camels will return to ROMANI at 0430 on 16th.

MEDICAL. 12. One bearer Subdivision, 2nd L.H.Bde., with its sand carts and sledges will accompany the Regiment to BIR BAYUD, and one bearer subdivision and the N.Z. Ambulance Transport with the N.Z. Regt.  
Detailed orders will be issued by the A.D.M.S.  
The tent Divn. N.Z.M.F.A. will form a dressing station at QATIA leaving ET MALER at 0400 on Tuesday, 16th May. The N.Z.M.R. will detail 1 troop as escort.

COMMUNICATIONS 13. The Signal Squadron will arrange communication between the different bodies of troops.

REPORTS. 14. Reports intended for Anzac Divisional Headquarters will be sent to ROMANI.

J. G. BROWNE Lieut.-Col.  
G. S.  
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

Copy No.	Issued to.
1.	1st L.H. Brigade.
2.	2nd L.H. Brigade.
3.	N.Z.M.R. Brigade.
4.	5th L.H. Regiment
5.	Signal Squadron.
6.	Field Squadron.
7.	Div'l Artillery.
8.	No 3 Section.
9.	A.D.M.S.
10.	D.A.D.C.S. G.O.C.
11.	'A' Bch.
12.	War Diary.
13.	File.
14.	G.S.O.1.
15.	" ii.
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17.	H/Q Div' A.S.C.
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Reference, ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION, ORDER No 9.

The following is a summary of the information available. :-

1. MAGHIBRA.

Aeronplane reports :-

- 8.5.1916. - 4 men with camels at wells.
- 9.5.1916. - Clear tracks running south.
- 10.5.1916. - Fresh tracks running from S.E. to N.W. 3 to 4 men.
- 11.5.1916. - Well defined tracks running south.
- 12.5.1916. - Apparently clear, no fresh tracks.

Agents, etc. report :-

- 7.5.1916. - No post, only a few Arabs with camels.

A Yeomanry patrol of 13.4.1916 reported very heavy going all the way between HAMISAH and MAGHIBRA. 11 wells close together, - one lined with roots, the others, about 4 feet square, lined with split palm logs. 15 feet to the water which is very foul and smells badly, only a few of the horses drinking it.

2. BIR BAYUD.

Aeronplane reports :-

- 20-30 men with 1 bell tent. 6.5.1916.
- 8.5.16 - clear.
- 9.5.1916 - 2 men - well defined tracks running south.
- 10.5.1916 - Fresh tracks of 5 or 6 men leading from East.
- 11.5.1916 - well defined tracks running south.
- 12.5.1916 - Apparently clear.
- 13.5.1916 - No fresh tracks seen.

Agents, etc. reports :-

- 9.5.16 - Road from HAMISAH well defined and had considerable traffic on it.
- 10.5.16 - 10 wells with plenty of water that animals will drink.

BIR BAYUD.

9.5.16 - Prisoners captured at BIR EL AND state:-

- (1) The duty of a small post at AND is to warn BAYUD of any movement of our troops,
- (2) The strength of the post at BIR BAYUD is about 100 Turkish Infantry, and a patrol of 10 camel corps keeps up communication with HAMISAH.

7.5.16 - Agent says no post at BIR BAYUD on this date; only a few Arabs with flocks.

10.5.16 - Agent reports: 2500 camel corps and infantry west of MIRA MAM. The same agent was told that the BIR EL AND post had been transferred to BIR BAYUD.

R. O. S. M. The probable line of retreat from MAGHIBRA or BAYUD is along the tracks to the S.E. in the MASHARA direction; there is also a good line of retreat Eastward.

*R. O. S. M.*  
Lieut-Colonel.  
General Staff.

ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION..

Copies to:-

- 2nd L.H. Brigade.
- R.S.M.R. Brigade.
- 5th L.H. Reg't.
- War Diary.
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- by -

Major-General H. G. CHAUVEL, C.B., C.M.G.  
Commanding ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,  
H i l l 40,  
11th May 1916.

MOVE.

1. The Divisional Artillery, (less 2 Batteries and Ammunition Col.) will move from the SWING BRIDGE CAMP, KANTARA, to HILL 70.
2. Move to take place on May 13th.
3. The C.R.A. will select the site of the camp, and will arrange the hour of the move in conjunction with Headquarters, No 3. Section.
4. Sufficient space should be allowed, in the site chosen, for a third Battery.
5. For the present, the vehicles of the Ammunition Column will remain close to the new siding on the west bank of the Canal, 8 mile North of the pontoon bridge.

(signed) J. G. BROWNE, Lieut.-Colonel.  
General Staff,  
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

<u>Copy No.</u>	<u>Issued to:</u>
1.	Div'l Artillery.
2.	1st L.H. Brigade.
3.	2nd L.H. Brigade.
4.	N.Z.M.R. Brigade.
5.	Signal Squadron.
6.	Field Squadron.
7.	No. 3 Section
8.	A.D.M.S.
9.	D.A.D.O.S.
10.	War Diary.
11.	File.
12.	'A' Bch.

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ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION. ORDER No 14.

- by -

Major-General H. G. CHAUVEL, C.B., C.M.G.,  
 Commanding, ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION?

Divisional Headquarters,  
 Hill 40,  
 14th May 1916.

1. Under orders of G.O.C., No. 3 Section, Canal Defences, the Detachment 155th Brigade will be relieved by the 12th Light Horse Regiment instead of by the 157th Infantry Brigade.
- DATE & HOUR OF RELIEF. 2. The relief will take place on Wednesday, 17th May, and will be completed by 2000.
- ARRANGEMENT FOR RELIEF. 3. The 12th Light Horse Regiment will leave HILL 70 at 0330, and proceed by march route to DUEIDAR and take over all duties from the Detachment 155th Brigade.
- COMMAND OF POST. 4. Col. T. R. ROYSTON, C.M.G., D.S.O., commanding 12th Light Horse Regiment, will take over the command of the Post from Lieut.-Cpl. L.C. WILSON, Commanding 5th Light Horse Regiment.
- TRANSPORT 5. Application for transport will be submitted to Sectional Headquarters 48 hours before each move takes place. All arrangements will be made by Anzac Mounted Divisional Headquarters.

J. G. BROWNE, Lieut.-Colonel,  
 General Staff,  
 ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

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1.	1st L.H. Brigade.
2.	2nd L.H. Brigade.
3.	N.Z.M.R. Brigade.
4.	5th L.H. Regiment.
5.	Det. 155th Brigade.
6.	157th Inf Brigade.
7.	5th Mounted Brigade.
8.	Signal Squadron.
9.	Field Squadron.
10.	H/Q, A.S.C.
11.	Div'l Artillery.
12.	No 3 Section.
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ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION . ORDER No 13.

- by -

Major-General H. G. CHAUVEL, C.B., C.M.G.,  
Commanding, ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,  
H i l 40,  
14th May 1916.

Ref. Maps. QATIA 1:100,000.  
SABKHET EL BARDAWIL 1:125,000.

- INTENTION. 1. It is intended to carry out a reconnaissance of HOD EL GEDAIDIA with the following objects :-
- (1) Obtaining information regarding wells and any signs of recent occupation by the enemy.
- (2) Making a thorough and systematic search for any stores and supplies which may be hidden or buried in the vicinity, as, from information received, it is probable that stores will be found at this point.
- DATE. 2. The reconnaissance will take place on Wednesday 17th, and Thursday 18th May.
- TROOPS 3. For reconnaissance.  
The troops to be employed will be the N.Z.M.R. Brigade (less 1 Regiment)  
Covering troops.  
1 Regt. 2nd L.H. Brigade from ROMANI.  
1 Scdn. 5th L.H. Regiment from DUEIDAR.
- MOVES. 4. The N.Z.M.R. Brigade (less 1 Regt.) will move as follows :-  
May 17th. 1 Regiment will leave BIR ET MALER at 1400 and march to the vicinity of OGH RATINA where they will bivouac, putting out an outpost line and taking care to capture all natives in the vicinity and keep them in safe custody, sending them in with camel escort in the morning.  
H/Quarters Bde., and remaining Regiment will leave BIR ET MALER at 1600 and march to the same bivouac.  
As far as possible all troops should move in bodies no larger than a Squadron at a time, taking advantage of all cover with a view to keeping the move as secret as possible.
- May 18th. The N.Z.M.R. Brigade (less 1 Regt), will leave their bivouac in the vicinity of OGH RATINA at such an hour that they will reach HOD EL GEDAIDIA AT 0800. The reconnaissance should be completed by 1000 and withdrawal begun at that hour.  
Care will be taken to make both North and South flanks secure by sending out strong parties which should not be less than 1 Squadron each. They will remain in position until the party carrying out the reconnaissance has completed its work.  
It is quite possible that the enemy may have re-occupied BIR EL ABD, so steps should be taken to make good this place while the reconnaissance of HOD EL GEDAIDIA is being carried out.

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May 18th.

The Regiment, 2nd L.H. Brigade will leave ROMANI at such an hour that they will reach OGH RATINA at 0600. On arrival at OGH RATINA a sufficient force will be pushed out to the VICINITY of HOD ES SAGIA to watch the country in the direction of BIR EL MAGEIBRA and HOD EL BAYUD.

Parties will also be sent to occupy HILL 102 and HILL 110 and the South shore of the SABKHET EL BARDAWIL LAKE will be carefully patrolled. They will get in touch with the North flank Squadron of the N.Z.M.R.

This Regiment will not withdraw until the rearguard of the N.Z.M.R. passes OGH RATINA.

The Squadron, 5th L.H. Regiment will leave DUEIDAR at such an hour as to reach BIR EL HAMISAH at 0600. They will watch the country in the direction of MAGEIBRA and get in touch with the troops at HOD ES SAGIA.

They will not withdraw until all parties have passed QATIA.

AMMUNITION. 5.

140 rounds per man will be carried.

SUPPLIES. 6.

1 Day's ration and 1 iron ration will be carried by each man, and 2 feeds for horses will be carried in nose bags. 1 extra feed per horse for the N.Z.M.R. will be carried on camels to the bivouac at OGH RATINA.

WATER. 7.

Each man will carry a full water bottle, and, in addition 70 fantasses of water will be taken on camels to the bivouac at OGH RATINA. All troops will take material for watering horses at wells.

TRANSPORT. 8.

No transport, other than 20 camels carrying feed and 35 camels carrying water, will be taken.

These camels will leave BIR ET MALER on Wednesday May 17th with a small escort detailed by the N.Z.M.R. to reach the bivouac in the vicinity of OGH RATINA not later than 1800. They will return to ET MALER on May 18th with a small escort leaving bivouac at 0430.

MEDICAL. 9.

One bearer subdivision and the N.Z. Amb. Transport will accompany the N.Z.M.R. Brigade.

One bearer subdivision, 2nd L.H. Bde. with sand-carts and sledges will accompany the Regt., 2nd L.H. Bde. to OGH RATINA.

The tent subdivision, N.Z.M.F.A. will form a dressing station at QATIA, leaving ET MALER at 0400 on Thursday, 18th May.

The 2nd L.H. Brigade will detail 1 Troop as escort.

Detailed orders will be issued by the A.D.M.S.

COMMUNICATIONS 10.

Communications will be arranged under orders of O.C., Signal Squadron.

D. & Q. 11.

Messages intended for Divisional Headquarters will be sent to ROMANI.

J. G. BROWNE, Lieut.-Colonel,  
 General Staff,  
 ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

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1.	1st L.H. Brigade.
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14.	File.
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18.	G.S.O.iii.

## MEDICAL CORPS OPERATION ORDER NO. 4.

by

Lieut-Colonel R. M. DOWNES

A. D. M. S. ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION

Divisional Head-Quarters

HILL 40, KAMPARA

15th. May 1916

Reference Maps - CATIA  $\frac{1}{100000}$   
SABKHET EL BARDAWIL  $\frac{1}{125000}$

- INTENTION** 1. To carry out a reconnaissance of HOD EL GEDAIDIA.
- DATES** 2. Wednesday May 17th. and Thursday May 18th.
- TROOPS** 3. For reconnaissance :-  
N.Z.M.R. Brigade (less one regiment)  
N.Z.M.F. Ambulance transport division  
2nd. L.H.F. Ambulance bearer sub-division  
Covering troops :-  
One regiment 2nd. L.H. Brigade from ROMANI.  
One squadron 5th. L.H. Regiment  
2nd. L.H.F.A. bearer sub-division and transport division  
Details 1/1 Lowland Field Ambulance  
Dressing Station  
One troop 2nd. L.H. Brigade  
2nd. L.H.F.A. tent division
- MOVES** 4. The N.Z.M.R. Brigade (less one regiment) will leave BIR ETMALER on May 17th. and bivouac near OGHRAINA. Transport division N.Z.M.F. Amb and one bearer sub-division 2nd. L.H.F. Amb. (O.C. Field Officer N.Z.M.F.A.) will accompany Head-Quarters Bde. and regiment leaving ET MALER at 1600. On May 18th. A.M.C. party will leave bivouac as ordered by N.Z.M.R. Bde. and on conclusion of reconnaissance will withdraw with this brigade. The regiment 2nd. L.H. Bde. with 2nd. L.H.F. Amb. (less tent division) and one bearer sub-division) will leave ROMANI so as to reach OGHRAINA at 0600. Troops will be sent to HOD ES SAGIA, HILL 102, HILL 110 and S. shore of SABKHET EL BARDAWIL; 2nd. L.H.F. Amb. will detail disposition of parties to accompany these bodies of troops, and will withdraw with the regiment.  
The squadron 5th. L.H. Regiment will leave Duedar so as to reach BIR EL HAMISAH at 0600 on May 18th. One sand cart from 1/1 Lowland F. Amb. to accompany it will report on May 17th.  
Tent division 2nd. L.H.F. Amb., escorted by one troop 2nd. L.H. Bde. will leave ROMANI at 0400 on May 18th. and form dressing station at CATIA, to which all casualties will be despatched. It will withdraw, unless detained by casualties when main body of N.Z.M.R. passes CATIA.
- SUPPLIES** 5. One days ration and one iron ration per man, and two feeds for horses in nose-bag w  
Watering buckets to be carried.
- CAMELS** 6. No camels will be taken other than a minimum number required by tent division of 2nd. L.H.F. Amb. for dressings, medical comforts, camp kettles and water for patients. *and all Cacolets*
- EVACUATION** 7. To tent division N.Z.M.F. Amb. at ET MALER.
- REPORTS** 8. Reports for D.H.Q. to ROMANI.

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1	2nd. L.H.F. Amb. Acknowledge by wire		Lieut-Colonel,
2	N.Z.M.F. Amb. " "		A. D. M. S. ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION
3	N.Z.M.R. Bde.		
4	2nd. L.H. Bde.		
5	5th. L.H. Reg.		
6	1/1 Lowland F. Amb.		
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AREAS MOUNTED DIVISION. ORDER No 12.

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Major-General H. G. CHAYNOR, C.B., C.M.G.,  
Commanding AREAS MOUNTED DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,  
H I I I 40.  
14th May 1916.

MOVE

1. Reference Areas Mounted Divisional Order No 11, of 15th May 1916 the move of the 12th Light Horse Regiment will take place on Monday, May 15th.

The hour will be arranged in conjunction with the Railway Authorities, and all concerned will be notified.

J. G. BROWN, Lieut.-Colonel,  
GENERAL STAFF,  
AREAS MOUNTED DIVISION.

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| 3.              | H.Q. L.H. Brigade.   |
| 4.              | 12th L.H. Regiment.  |
| 5.              | 5th Mounted Brigade. |
| 6.              | H/O A.S.G.           |
| 7.              | A.D.C.               |
| 8.              | 'A' Coy.             |
| 9.              | File.                |
| 10.             | War Diary.           |

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ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION . ORDER No 15.

- by -

Major-General H. C. CHAUVEL, C.B., C.M.C.,  
Commanding, ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,  
H 1 1 1 40,  
15th May 1916.

- 1. With reference to Anzac Mounted Divisional Order No 13, the N.Z.M.R. Brigade, (less 1 Regiment), will, after completion of the reconnaissance, on Thursday, 18th May, march back to a place to be selected by G.O.C., N.Z.M.R. Brigade, and camp there for the night.
- 2. Arrangements will be made by Anzac Mounted Division for --
  - 1 days water for the men,
  - 1 days rations " "
  - 1 days forage for the horses,
 to be sent to QATIA where they will await orders from G.O.C., N.Z.M.R. Brigade. They will arrive there not later than 1600 on May 18th.

An escort will be detailed by the N.Z.M.R. Brigade.

J. G. BROWNE, Lieut.-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

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4.	5th L.H. Regiment.
5.	5th Mounted Brigade.
6.	Signal Squadron.
7.	Field Squadron.
8.	Div'l Artillery.
9.	No 3 Section.
10.	A.D.M.S.
11.	G.O.C.
12.	IA Branch.
13.	H.Q. A.S.C.
14.	War Diary.
15.	File.
16.	G.S.O. i.
17.	G.S.O. ii.
18.	G.S.O. iii.



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**MESSAGES AND SIGNALS.** No. of Message 36

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			To			By	
			By	(Signature of "Franking Officer.")			

TO ANZAC MTD DIVISION

Sender's Number. <i>* Pa 20</i>	Day of Month <i>17<sup>th</sup></i>	In reply to Number <i>1</i>	AAA
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*Following recd from G.H.Q.:-  
The C in C wishes you to convey to Genl CHAUVEL and troops of the A & N.Z. Mts Div his appreciation of the excellent work done in the very arduous reconnaissance to BIR EL MAGEIBRA and HOD EL BAYUD yesterday. The C in C does not think that any other troop could have undertaken this operation successfully in the present weather.*

From	
Place	<i>No 3 SECTION</i>
Time	

The above may be forwarded as now corrected. **(Z)**

Censor. Signature of Addressor or person authorised to telegraph in his name.

\* This line should be erased if not required.

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ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION, ORDER No 16.

- by -

Major-General H. G. CHAUVEL, C.B., C.M.G.,  
Commanding, ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters,  
H I I I 40,  
16th May 1916.

1. The following moves will take place on Thursday, May 18th. :-
- (a) The 1st L.H. Regiment will leave HILL 70 at 0330 and march to ROMANI.  
On arrival there they will report to G.O.C., 2nd L.H. Brigade, and come under his orders.  
The G.O.C., 2nd L.H. Brigade will allot camping ground for the Regiment at ROMANI.
  - (b) The 1st L.H. Brigade (less 1 Regiment) will leave camp West of the Canal at KANTARA at 0400, and march to HILL 70.  
The camping site will be fixed by the ANZAC MOUNTED DIV. in conjunction with G.O.C., 156th Brigade.
  - (c) The 5th Mounted Brigade will leave HILL 70 at 0330 and march to BAHIGH.  
They will cease to be under orders of G.O.C., Anzac Mounted Division on leaving HILL 70.
2. The 1st Light Horse Brigade will be clear of the pontoon bridge over the Suez Canal by 0530. They will cross before the 5th Mounted Brigade which will cross from the other direction.
3. The 1st L.H. Brigade Transport, including that already at HILL 70, will move to the Transport Camp, KANTARA, and be parked there under command of Major Smith, N.Z.M.R. Brigade. All transport to be at this camp before leaving camps at KANTARA and HILL 70 respectively.
4. Applications for transport required in excess of that available will be submitted to Anzac Mounted Divisional Headquarters by 1200 on May 16th.
5. On arrival in their camps, Units will notify Anzac Mounted Divisional Headquarters.

J. G. BROWN, Lieut. Colonel,  
General Staff,  
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

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1.	1st L.H. Brigade.
2.	2nd L.H. Brigade.
3.	N.Z.M.R. Brigade.
4.	1st L.H. Regiment.
5.	156th Brigade.
6.	5th Mounted Brigade.
7.	No 3 Section.
8.	A/Q. Div <sup>l</sup> A.S.C.
9.	Signal Squadron.
10.	Field Squadron.
11.	Div <sup>l</sup> Artillery.
12.	A.D.H.S.
13.	'A' Machine.
14.	File.
15.	War Diary.

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ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

ORDER No 17.

- by -

Major-General H. G. CHAUVEL, C.B., O.M.G.  
Commanding, ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.Divisional Headquarters,  
H i l l 40,  
20th May 1916.Ref. Maps. QATIA, 1:100,000.  
SABRIET EL BARDAVILL  
1:125,000.

- INTENTION. 1. It is intended to carry out a reconnaissance of HOD EL GEDAIDIA with the following objects :-
- (a) Obtaining information regarding wells and any signs of recent occupation by the enemy.
- (b) Making a thorough and systematic search for any stores and supplies which may be hidden or buried in the vicinity, as, from information received, it is probable that stores will be found at this point.
- DATE. 2. The reconnaissance will take place on Monday, May 22nd, and Tuesday, May 23rd.
- TROOPS. 3. For reconnaissance.  
The troops to be employed will be the N.Z.M.R. Brigade (less *Rgt*  
*1 Sqdn*)  
Covering troops.  
1 Regt. 2nd L.H. Brigade from ROMANI.  
1 Sqdn. 5th L.H. Regiment from BUEIDAR.  
*2 L.H. Bde ROMANI*
- COMMAND. 4. Brigadier-General CHAYTOR, C.B., Commanding N.Z.M.R. Brigade, will command the Force.
- MOVES. 5. (a) Force will leave camp in the early morning of Monday, May 22nd, at such time as to arrive at QATIA to avoid moving in the heat of the day. Force will leave QATIA after sundown, and then carry out the reconnaissance.  
On completion of the reconnaissance, the C.O.C. Force will decide whether he will remain in the area of HOD EL GEDAIDIA or return at once to QATIA.
- (b) C.O.C., 2nd L.H. Brigade will detail one Regiment and one Sqdn which will report to C.O.C., N.Z.M.R. Brigade, as covering troops. C.O.C. Force will make use of these troops for covering the reconnaissance, and also for preventing any move by the enemy towards QATIA from the South.
- (c) O.C., BUEIDAR will get into communication by patrols with troops covering QATIA from the South.
- AMMUNITION 6. 140 rounds *S.A.A.* per man will be carried.
- SUPPLIES & WATER. 7. One days ration and one iron ration will be carried by each man. 2 feeds for each horse will be carried in nosebags. One and one third full days rations, forage, and water will be taken on camels with the Force to QATIA. All camels will remain at QATIA until they receive orders from the C.O.C., Force. One days rations forage and water for the Force will be held in reserve at Supply, BAINHAD, from 1800 on Monday, 22nd May, in readiness to move forward if required.

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- TRANSPORT. 8. No transport, other than camels for rations, water, and forage, and the sand-carts and sledges with the Medical Personnel will be taken.
- MEDICAL. 9. The M.Z.I.F.A. will establish a dressing station at QARIA, leaving camp with the Force on Monday, 22nd Inst. One troop will be detailed as escort from the covering troops.
- COMMUNICATIONS. 10. O.C., Signal Squadron will have communication established between Divisional Headquarters and the Force carrying out the reconnaissance and the covering troops to the South of QARIA.
- REPORTS. 11. Messages and reports intended for Divisional Headquarters will be sent to ROMANI.

J. C. BROWN, Lieut.-Colonel,  
 General Staff,  
 ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

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1.	1st L.H. Brigade.
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4.	O.C. Troops, Dueidar.
5.	Signal Squadron.
6.	Field Squadron.
7.	H.Q. Div'l A.S.C.
8.	No 3 Section.
9.	Div'l Artillery.
10.	A.D.M.S.
11.	'A' Branch.
12.	File.
13.	War Diary.
14.	C.O.C.
15.	C.S.O.i.
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ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION

ORDER No. 18

- by -

Major General H.C. CHAUVILLON C.B., C.M.G.,  
Commanding ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION

Divisional Headquarters,  
HILL 40  
21st May 1916.

Ref Maps GANIA 1:100,000  
SABKHIST EL BARDAVIL 1:125,000

1. ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION ORDER No 17 dated 20th May is hereby cancelled.

J.C. BROWNE Lieut Col  
General Staff  
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION

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| 4       | O/C Troops DULIDAR |
| 5       | Signal Squadron    |
| 6       | Field Squadron     |
| 7       | H.Q. Div'l A.S.C.  |
| 8       | No 3 Section       |
| 9       | Div'l Artillery    |
| 10      | A.D.H.S.           |
| 11      | H.A. Branch        |
| 12      | File               |
| 13      | at Diary           |
| 14      | G.O.C.             |
| 15      | G.S.O. 1           |
| 16      | G.S.O. 11          |
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ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION

ORDER No. 19.

by

Major General H.C. CHURCHILL C.B., C.M.G.,  
Commanding ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION

Divisional Headquarters,  
H I I I 40, 21st May 1916

Ref. Maps QATIA 1:100,000  
SARKHET EL BARDAWIL 1:125,000

- INTENTION 1. It is intended to carry out a reconnaissance of HOD EL ELDAIDIA with the following objects :-
- (a) Obtaining information regarding wells and any signs of recent occupation by the enemy.
  - (b) Making a thorough and systematic search for any stores and supplies which may be hidden or buried in the vicinity, as, from information received, it is probable that stores will be found at this point.
- DATE 2. The reconnaissance will take place on Monday, May 22nd, and Tuesday, May 23rd.
- TROOPS 3. For reconnaissance  
The troops to be employed will be the 2nd L.H.Bde and attached Regt (less 2 Regts including 5th L.H. at DUEIDAR)  
Covering troops  
1 Regt and 1 Squadron N.Z.M.R.Bde from THE MAHER.
- COMMAND 4. Brigadier-General RYRIE C.M.G., Commanding 2nd L.H.Bde will command the force.
- MOVES 5. (a) Force will leave camp in the early morning of Monday May 22nd at such time as to arrive at ATIA to avoid moving in the heat of the day. Force will leave QATIA after sundown, and then carry out the reconnaissance.  
On completion of the reconnaissance, the G.O.C. Force will decide whether he will remain in the area of HOD EL ELDAIDIA for the day or return at once to QATIA.  
(b) G.O.C., N.Z.M.R.Bde will detail one Regt and one S. dn., which will report to G.O.C., 2nd L.H.Bde as covering troops. G.O.C. Force will make use of these troops for covering the reconnaissance, and also from preventing any move by the enemy towards ATIA from the South.  
(c) O/C DUEIDAR will get into communication by patrols with troops covering ATIA from the South.
- AMMUNITION 6. 140 rounds S.A.A. per man will be carried.
- SUPPLIES 7. One days ration and one iron ration will be carried by each man. Two feeds for each horse will be carried in nosebags. One and one third full days rations, forage, and water will be taken on camels with the force to ATIA. All camels will remain at QATIA until they receive orders from the G.O.C. Force. One days rations forage and water for the Force will be held in reserve at Supply RAILHEAD, from 1800 Monday 22nd May, in readiness to move forward if required.

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Camels required to transport 2 feeds per horse & 1/3 ration & water  
for men will remain at QATIA until they receive orders, remaining  
Camels returning to Romani will be ready to reload if required

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- TRANSPORT 8. No transport, other than camels for rations, water, and forage, and the sand carts and sledges with the Medical personnel will be taken.
- MEDICAL 9. The N.Z.M.R.F.A. will establish a crossing station at AMIA leaving camp with the Force on Monday 22nd 11. One troop will be detailed as escort from the covering troops.
- COMMUNICATIONS 10. O/C Signal Squadron will have communication established between Divisional Headquarters and the Force carrying out the reconnaissance and the covering troops to the South of AMIA.
- REPORTS 11. Messages and reports intended for Divisional Headquarters will be sent to ROMANI.

J.C.BROOK Lieutenant Colonel  
General Staff  
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION

Issued at 1150

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5	Signal Squadron
6	Field Squadron
7	H. of Div'l A.S.C.
8	No 3 Section
9	Div'l Artillery
10	A.D.M.S.
11	"A" Branch
12	File
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SIGNAL ORDERS No. 5.

By Major J. P. McCall, Commanding

Signal Squadron,  
Anzac Mounted Division.

21st May 1916.

Ref- Maps. QATIA 1 - 100,000  
SABKHET EL BARDAWIL 1 : 125,000

Divisional Orders. 1. Divisional Orders are to be read first, a copy is attached.

Duplicate. 2. All communications will be in duplicate as shown on Communications diagram.

- I Cable Lines.
- II Visual Stations.

Camel Cable Detachment.

3. Captain Downing with a detachment of the Camel Cable Section will connect by up lines ROMANI-QATIA, DUEIDAR-QATIA, and establish an office at the end of each line, and when the reconnaissance force advances from the latter place, the ~~xxxx~~ former line will be connected up through OGHRAFINA to REPORT CENTRE.

Report Centre.

N.Z.M.R.

4. A REPORT CENTRE will be established at a suitable point as far forward as possible towards BIR EL ABD, working in conjunction with the N. Z. M. R., ~~who~~ will establish their visual station at the report centre, to connect the advanced troops with the telegraph line.

Signal Squadron.

HILL 240.  
~~xxxx~~

5. The Signal Squadron will establish a visual station at ROMANION HILL 240, and will look out for signals throughout the operations from N. Z. M. R. Brigade, and the covering troops.

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QATIA and DUEIDAR LINES.

6. The Signal Squadron will take over the QATIA and Dueidar lines from the 2nd Light Horse Brigades.

Transmitting Stations.

7. Wherever necessary transmitting stations will be provided and additional equipment should always be taken to meet this contingency.

Report by

SIGNAL OFFICER.

8. A report will be sent by each Signal Officer engaged on these operations to O. C. Signal Squadron, on the visibility of points over ground traversed by his unit by 10.30 on the 25th of May.

MESSAGES.

9. Messages for O. C. Signal Squadron will be sent to Romani.

Diagram.

10. A Diagram of communications is attached.

Major  
O.C. Signal Squadron  
Anzac Mounted Division.

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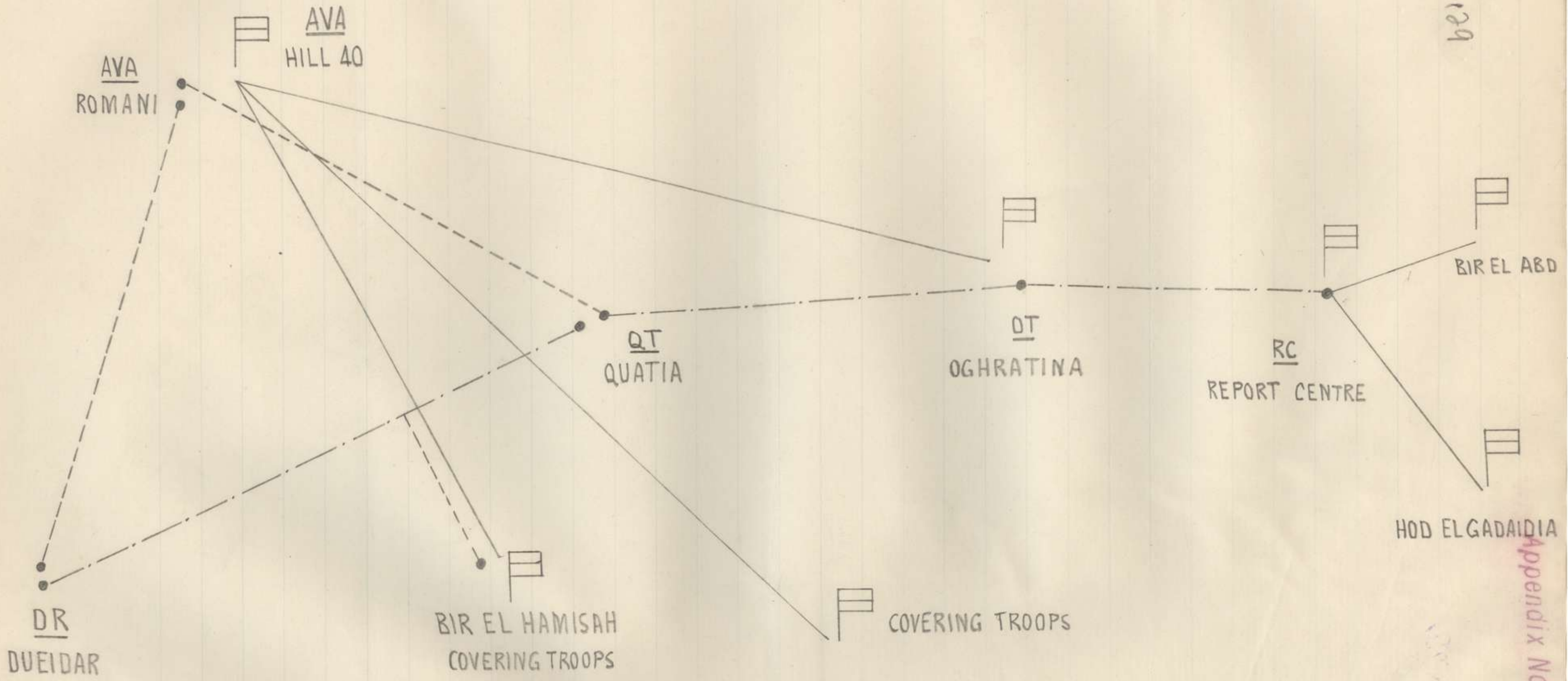
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- 1 G. S. O. 1
- 2 D. H. Q. War Diary. ✓
- 3 N. Z. M. R. Bds.
- 4 2nd L. H. Bde.
- 5 5th L. H. Regt.
- 6 Squadron File.

At 0900 by D. R. L. S.



# VISUAL AND TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS



DR  
DUEIDAR

21. 5. 16

Gordon Johnston for Major  
Capt — Signal Squadron —  
— ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION —

Appendix No. 41

by

Brig. General G. de L. Ryrle C.M.G.  
Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade A.I.F.

ROMANI 21/5/1916

## 1. REFERENCE

Map  $\frac{1}{100,000}$  QATIAMap  $\frac{1}{125,000}$  SABKHET EL BARDAWIL.

## 2. INTENTION

It is intended to carry out a reconnaissance of HOD EL GERDAIDIA with the following objects:

- a. Obtaining information regarding wells and any signs of recent occupation by the enemy.
- b. Making a thorough and systematic search for any stores and supplies which may be hidden or buried in the vicinity, as, from information received, it is probable that stores will be found at this point.

## 3. DATE

22nd The reconnaissance will take place on Monday May 22nd. and Tuesday May 23rd.

## 4. TROOPS

For reconnaissance

The troops to be employed will be the 2nd. Light Horse Brigade (less 1 Regt.).

Covering troops

1 Regt. and 1 Squadron N.Z.M.R.Bde. ETMALER.

## 5. COMMAND

Brigadier General G. de L. Ryrle C.M.G.  
Commanding 2nd. L.H. Brigade will command the Force.

## 6. MOVES

a. The 2nd. Light Horse Brigade (less 1 Regt.) will leave Camp at 0700 on Monday 22nd. May and march to QATIA where they will remain until 2000.

At 2000 the 2nd. L.H. Brigade will leave QATIA and carry out the reconnaissance of HOD EL GERDAIDIA as soon as possible after daylight on Tuesday 23rd. May.

b. Covering troops The AUCKLAND Mtd. Rifles Rgt. N.Z.M.R.Bde. will leave ETMALER at 1800 on Monday 22nd. May and march via QATIA to HOD ED DABABIS. They will be in ~~position~~ by 0400 on Tuesday 23rd. May to cover the reconnaissance and prevent any move by the enemy towards QATIA from the South. 1 Squadron CANTERBURY Mtd. Rifles Regt. N.Z.M.R.Bde. will leave ETMALER at 1800 and by 0400 on Tuesday 23rd. May will have troops disposed as follows:

2 troops at QATIA, 1 troop at HILL 245 S.E. of QATIA and 1 troop at BIR EL HAMISAH to cover the reconnaissance and prevent any move of the enemy from the South.

c. The O.C. DUEIDAR will get into communication by patrols with the troops covering QATIA from the South.

## 7. AMMUNITION

140 rounds S.A.A. per man will be carried.

## 8. SUPPLIES &amp; WATER

1 day's ration and 1 iron ration will be carried by each man. 2 feeds for each horse to be carried in nosebags. 1 1/3 full day's rations water and forage will be taken on camels with Force to QATIA. All camels will remain at QATIA until they receive orders from the G.O.C. Force.

## 9. TRANSPORT

No transport other than camels for rations and the sand carts and sledges with the Medical personnel will be taken.

## 10. MEDICAL

1 bearer subsection 2nd. L.H.F.Amb. and transport division N.Z. Medical F.Amb. will accompany Brigade Headquarters to QATIA. From there they will move forward with the AUCKLAND Mtd. Rifles Regt. N.Z.M.R.Bde. to HOD ED DABABIS. N.Z. Medical F.Amb. will establish a dressing station at QATIA leaving Camp with the Force at 0700 on Monday 22nd. May.

\* position

11. COMMUNICATIONS

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O.C. 2nd. Signal Troop will have communication established between the Force carrying out the reconnaissance, the covering troops and Divisional Headquarters at ROMANI.

12. REPORTS

Messages and reports to G.O.C. Force with Main body of troops carrying out the reconnaissance

13. RETURN TO CAMP

Orders for return will be issued when reconnaissance is completed.

J.H. WHYTE Major

a/Brigade Major 2nd. L.H. Brigade

Issued at 1715

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1	File
2	Diary
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4	6th L.H. Regt.
5	7th L.H. Regt.
6	2nd. Sig. Trp.
7	2nd. L.H. F. Amb.
8	ANZAC Mtd. Div.
9	N.Z.M.R. Bde.
10	1st L.H. Regt.

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NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED RIFLES BRIGADE.

REPORT ON RECONNAISSANCE CARRIED OUT BY THE CANTERBURY MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT (LESS ONE SQUADRON) TO HOD ED DEBABIS ON 15th/16th. MAY; 1916.

Reference Map -  
QATIA 1/100,000.

The Canterbury Mounted Rifles Regiment, less one Squadron (1st. C. R.) moved out of Camp at BIR ETMALER at 1400 on Monday, 15th. May, 1916, and marched via HOD UMM UGBA to OGH RATINA, arriving there at 1830.

Signal communication was maintained by heliograph until arrival at HOD UMM UGBA at 1630. We were unable to get through to Brigade Headquarters from OGH RATINA until 0330 owing to a fault on the telephobe line. At HOD UMM UGBA there is one good well (built) and good water, but barely sufficient to water one troop. At OGH RATINA there is good shelter for one regiment under palm trees. Camped half a mile West of HOD near position of Yeomanry Camp. The position was not a good one as too many men were required for outpost duties, but it was the best available. Camped here for the night and moved out at 0430 on 16th. May, reaching HOD ED DEBABIS at 0600. At HOD EN NEGILIAT there is good shelter for a regiment. There are no wells dug but there is plenty of water obtainable at HOD ED DEBABIS although there are no made wells. Passed through HOD EL ATSHAM en route. Here also there are no wells dug, but it was found that water is obtainable although very brackish. Shelter here for one Regiment. At 0515 after leaving OGH RATINA captured an unarmed Turk two miles North-east of OGH RATINA. Lieut. Priest, by medium of interpreter, examined and wrote the prisoner and report on same is attached. Advance guard pushed on to BIR ABU AFFIN, where it was found there were three built wells but water here was foul. One well was cleared out, but without any improvement in the state of the water. At 0700 the advance outpost sighted three Turks on camels two miles East of BIR XX ABU EL AFFIN. Patrol pursued them to BIR EL ABD but did not come into touch with them. There is one built well at BIR EL ABD, but the water is very brackish.

Communication was maintained by telephone to Brigade Headquarters and to W. M<sup>2</sup> R. troop on HILL 102 by heliograph, but failed to get into communication with the Light Horse Regiment. Waited until 1200 and then decided to return, advising Brigade Headquarters our intentions. Weather very hot; outposts and Signallers suffered severely. Halted at HOD EL ATSHAM for ten minutes and then moved to OGH RATINA. Arriving at OGH RATINA we obtained communication by heliograph to KATTIB GANNIT, but the Signal Troop men having lost the telephone, it was impossible to connect up with Brigade Headquarters by telephone. The heat rising off the sand made signalling by helio very difficult and again most of our signallers were unable to carry on owing to the excessive heat experienced during the day - they were exposed to the sun from 0630 to 1730. The day was exceptional, the sun being particularly fierce. It began early in the morning before we arrived at HOD ED BEBABIS and continued throughout the day. Even returning to camp at 1830 the night air was very oppressive. At OGH RATINA the majority of the men were almost in a state of collapse. Medical Officer's report already forwarded. At 1500 Brigade Headquarters Signallers arrived and reported being fired on by Turks estimated to be four or five strong. Sent out troops to patrol one mile East but they did not see any sign of the enemy. At 1830 arranged to put all worst cases on Ambulance and then return to BIR ETMALER.

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At HOD ED DEBABIS defence good position for a Brigade or a regiment. Found old decrepit Bedouin, but had to leave him at OGH RATINA as all ambulance wagons were required for sick.

At BIR EL ABD almost 20 fresh camel marks were noticed running in an Easterly direction. Reached camp at 2200. Horses stood the journey well.

Sgd. John Findlay, Lt-Col.

Commanding Canterbury Mounted Rifles  
Regt.

BIR ETMALER.

17th. May - 1916.

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NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED RIFLES BRIGADE.

REPORT ON RECONNAISSANCE CARRIED OUT BY DETACHED SQUADRON  
CANTERBURY MOUNTED RIFLES REGIMENT (1st. M. R.) ON 16th. May, 1916.

After bivouacking for the night of the 15th. May, with the 2nd. Australian Light Horse at HOD ES SAGIA the Squadron moved out at 0500 to HOD EL FARWA.

From there reconnoitred all country between BIR EL AWEIDYA (32) on East.

From UMM AJARIM (484) on South and ABU DAREM on North-west back to QATIA.

Turks. There was no trace of them in all the country swept. Bedouins reported that none had been about for more than 10 days.

Wells. Water appeared to be getting scarcer. HOD ES SAGIA is a small well of good water - output not more than 50 gallons per hour. At HODS METIANA, FARWA, FAREIWA - no water, but several deserted Bedouin encampments. AWEIDYA (32) is dry. Bedouins, 6 women and some children, living there were drawing water at MAGEIBRA.

MAGEIBRA devoid of trees or huts, has 6 big wells, 4 feet square and 16 feet deep and heavily timbered, evidently built fairly recently by skilled workmen. Water in the wells 2 to 3 feet deep. One circular well similar with water. Two big square wells dry.

One middle-aged Bedouin and some children were watering 100 goats, one donkey, 2 camels, and gave the men goats' milk and helped to water the horses.

BADIEH dry. HOD GIRGAFFA - a full fair HOD with a little water. HOD ABU DAREM dry. HODS EL AMOIA and AYISH water just showing.

Signallers at several points endeavoured to establish communication. From the ridge at HOD EL FAREIWA at 0630, from the ridge one and a half miles South at 0730, from the ridge at MAGEIBRA at 0800, from both spurs of UMM AJARIM (484), at 0930 and 1030. Apparently no station had been placed on 245 (29). Two troops marching from MAGEIBRA at 1135 arrived at QATIA at 1400 - a very hot march - spelled at QATIA until 1730, arrived at BIR ETMALER at 1920. One troop with section of Australian A. M. C. had stopped at HOD EL FARWA, and on receipt of instructions returned to HOD ES SAGIA to water, followed by Lieut. Jebson and his troop.

This party stayed at HOD ES SAGIA until 1730, returning to BIR ETMALER by 2200.

The horses drank greedily at ROMANI and QATIA, greatly preferring both waters to our C. M. R. well at BIR ETMALER.

Two men were prostrated by the heat and left with the A. A. M. C.

Two horses were done up by the time they landed in camp.

Sgd. P. ACTON-ADAMS, MAJOR.  
1st. M. R. (C.Y.C.)

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13. The following true bearings cannot be taken as very accurate, but only as a rough guide :-

Romani to Mahendiya	4 degrees.
" Hill 110	72 "
" Hod er Raha	80 "
" Oghratina	94 "
" Hill 1 mile East of (3)	86 "
" Bir el Hamisah	152 "
" Hod el Masia	106 "
" Hill 383 (Dueidar)	225 "
Mahendiya to Hill 110	119 "
" Romani	184 "
Hill 110 to Hod er Raha	84 "
" Mahendiya	300 "
" Romani	252 "
Oghratina to Hod er Raha	59 "
" Hill 1 mile E of (3)	59 "
" Romani	274 "
" Hod el Masia	160 "
" Bir el Hamisah	233 "
Bir el Hamisah to Hod el Masia	70 "
" Oghratina	53 "
" Hill 383	260 "
" Romani	332 "
Hill 383 to Bir el Hamisah	80 "
" Oghratina	68 "
" Romani	43 "

The magnetic variation is 1.5 degrees West.

14. The Pack Camel Cable Section will advance along telegraph line running from Dueidar through Qatia to Oghratina starting at noon on Saturday the 6th of May, and will repair the line where necessary by running cable out. They must get through to Oghratina by Sunday night. The Cable will <sup>be</sup> left down. The Camel Section will start back for Romani 0600 on Monday the 8th. *Reeling up from Oghratina to QATIA*

15. The 5th Light Horse Regiment will have operators with D 3's on the line at Dueidar, and keep constant touch with Cable Section.

16. The 2nd Light Horse Brigade will establish office at Oghratina to whom the Camel Section will run a line.

17. If Camel Section fails to get line as far as Oghratina, despatch riders will be instructed to ride back to the point to which they have reached and send messages from there.

18. One Troop 5th Light Horse Regiment will escort the Camel Section.

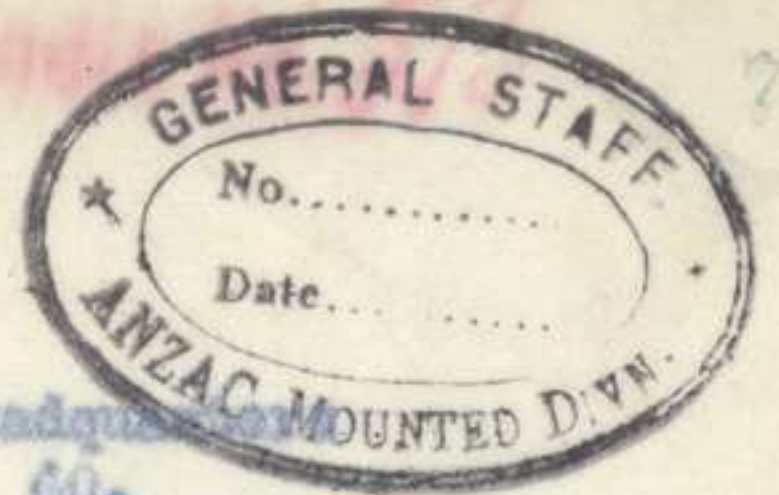
19. RATIONS. Water and ammunition will be taken as per Divisional Order.

20. All Signal Units will march as lightly equipped as possible.

21. The 5th Light Horse Regt. will take out sufficient cable to

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APPENDIX 50.



ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

Divisional Headquarters  
K i l l 60,  
26th May 1916.

- 1st L.H. Brigade.
- 2nd L.H. Brigade.
- N.S.M.B. Brigade.
- G.C. Troops, DUBILAR.

With reference to Anzac Mounted Division Order No 25, the following summary of latest reports is forwarded for information. :-

Topography.

- (1) Between HOD ED DARABIS and BIR EL ABD the road passes through a defile: the sand hills on either side are about 100' high and the defile about 400 yards wider.
- (2) After leaving QATIA the avenues of approach for a hostile force from the South are MASHARA - BAYUD - MASHIBRA - MASHIA, and MASHARA - BAYUD and thence via GEDAIDIA or GH'ELI.
- (3) An enemy flanking movement to the North via HOD EL HISHA and HOD ER RAHA would also be possible; formerly there was a considerable enemy post at RAHA.
- (4) There is no water fit for horses at BALMANA. The best watering place in the vicinity is BIR EL ABD where there are 14 wells. Most of these are very brackish but the concrete well at the Eastern end of the palm grove is good. The horses of two squadrons drank this readily without any diminution in the supply.

BALMANA

Enemy. - 23rd May.

Patrol to GEDAIDIA saw a patrol of 50 camelmen which fled in the direction of BIR BALMANA.

Prisoner taken reports: 40 camel corps and some armed Arabs at BALMANA. They got to ABD to water. They sleep out on the sand at a distance of 1/2 mile from the palms. Patrols go out in all directions during the day, but they have instructions not to become engaged with any of our troops but to hasten back with news of our movements to BALMANA from where the information is telegraphed to GRISI and MASHAR. Great use is also made of Bedouin scouts, and one of these first gave the alarm during the last reconnaissance. During the night the camp is guarded by Bedouin scouts and by single camelmen who patrol round in a circle.

A reliable Agent reports: on 16th inst he was at BALMANA and there were 5 tents, 50 riding camels, 30 Turks and 20 Arabs. Only salt water. Another Agent there on the 11th reports 27 tents, 150 Turkish soldiers, 16 Arabs with camels, and also 40 transport camels. Two mountain guns on high ground North of tents.

Following are the latest aeroplane reports :-

- 20th May . 100 - 150 men.
- 21st May . No men seen.
- 22nd May . Many tracks leading to BIR EL ABD.
- (Note: Agent reported that the whole post hid under palm trees on approach of our aeroplanes).
- 23rd May . 100 - 150 men.
- 24th May, . About 500 men drilling in 3 columns.
- 25th May . 50 to 100 men, also a small outpost.
- 26th May, . 50 to 100 men, and evening flight many tracks but no movement of men about 1 mile East of BIR EL ABD.
- Another flight on this day reports 200-300 men.

BIR CANADIL. A prisoner whose statements in other respects appear to be accurate, has stated that there is a company of infantry 250 strong at this BIR EL MASHAR. latest reports indicate about 400-500 men & 2 guns. Point. BIR BAYUD. Small parties have been reported here since our reconnaissance.

*W. J. M. ...*  
Lieut. G.S.,  
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.



SECRET. 143

Copy No. 5...

## S I G N A L                      O R D E R                      No. 6.

By Major J.P. McCall, Commanding,

Signal Squadron,

Reference Maps.

Anzac Mounted Division.

Qatia, 1:100,000  
Sabkhet el Bardawil 1: 125,000.

27th May 1916.

DIAGRAM. 1. The communications will be as shown on the attached diagram.COMMUNICATIONS. 2. The reconnaissance force will be connected with the Divisional Headquarters by Wireless, Telegraph and visual communications.~~####~~WIRELESS. 3.WA19 working at Romani.  
WA2 working at Dueidar.  
WA4 working at Hod ed Dababis  
WA5 Working at Qatia.

WA4 will proceed with the reconnaissance force, and will set up at Hod ed Debabis in a suitable position. Lieut. Allen will accompany the station, and will ask for instructions from the G.O.C. Reconnaissance Force, as to when he is to close down and fall back.

WA5 will also accompany the reconnaissance force, and as far as Qatia, and there set up station.

CYPHER. 4. Messages handed in to wireless stations in plain, will be enciphered at the station before being transmitted.TELEGRAPH. 5. A detachment of the Camel Cable Section under Lieut. Ker will make good the line from Qatia to Hod ed Debabis, where the report centre will be established. A Signal Office will also be established at Qatia working direct with the report centre, and between these offices ~~with~~ linemen will be left at three points, two at each; Oghratina being the central point. The report centre will fall back when the reconnaissance force passes through.

The 5th Light Horse Regiment to see that the cable line running from Bir el Hamisah to the Qatia-Dueidar Line is in working order, and will connect up on this line.

VISUAL. 6. "D" Troop under Lieut. Braythwaite will find the stations at Romani, Qatia and Oghratina.

The 5th Light Horse will find the station at Bir el Hamisah.

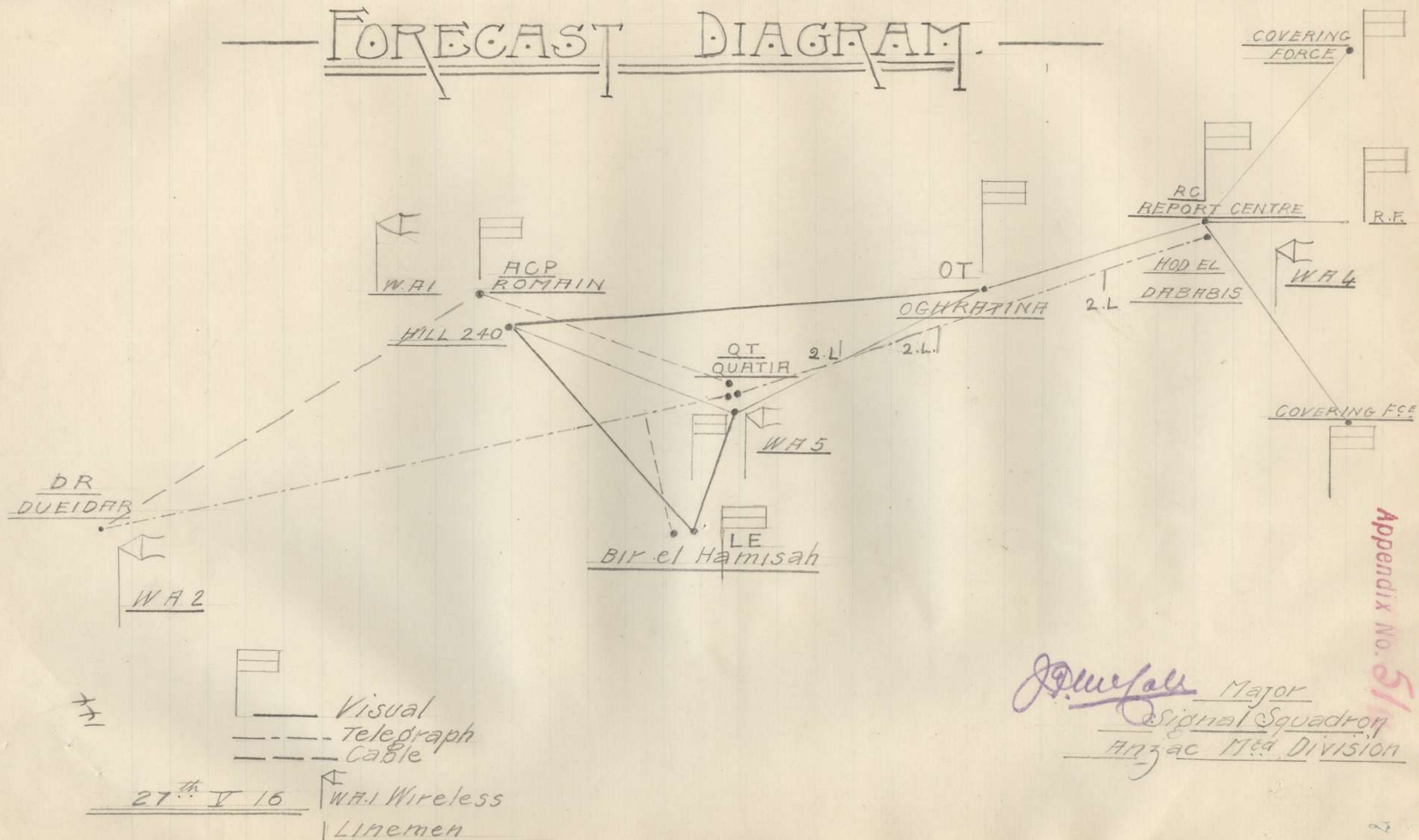
The N.Z.M.R. Bde. the station at Hod ed Debabis, and will be responsible for the communication from this latter point to the reconnaissance force and the covering troops to the North and south.

MESSAGES. 7. All messages concerning the operations will be sent by all three means.HEADQUARTERS. 8. Up to 0400 on Wednesday May 31st, messages and reports will reach Divisional Headquarters at Romani. After that hour, at Qatia.

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1	Sigs 1st L.H. Bde.	7 "A" Troop
2	" N.Z.M.R. Bde.	8 "B" Troop
3	" Dueidar	9 "C" Troop
4	G.S.O.1	10 "D" Troop
5	War Diary,	11 File
		12 .

*J.P. McCall* Major  
O.C. Signal Squadron  
Anzac Mounted Division

# FORECAST DIAGRAM



*J. Duffell* Major  
 Signal Squadron  
 ANZAC Med Division

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Appendix 44.

Report on Reconnaissance  
to HOD GEDADIA not  
yet filed -

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ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

ORDER No. 1320

-by-

Major-General H.G. CHAUVEL, C.B., C.M.G.,  
Commanding ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.Divisional Headquarters,  
Hill 40,  
23rd May 1916.

1. On Thursday, 25th May, Ross and Cromarty Mountain Battery will move by march route from MAHARDIYA to BT MALER, where it will come under the orders of G.O.C., ANZAC Mounted Division.
2. The O.C., Ross and Cromarty Mountain Battery will report to Brig.-General E.W.C. CHAYTOR, C.B., Commanding N.Z.M.R. Brigade, who will allot camping site.
3. Battery will be attached to N.Z.M.R. Brigade for administration for the present.

J.G. BROWNE, Lieut.-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

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1	1st L.H. Brigade.
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4	O.C., Troops, Duedar.
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6	Field Squadron.
7	No. 3 Section.
8	Div'l A.S.C.
9	Div'l Artillery.
10	A.D.M.S.
11	'A' Branch.
12	File.
13	War Diary.
14	Ross & Cromarty Batty

## ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION

## ORDER No. 21

by

Major General H.G. CHAUVEL, C.B., C.M.G.,  
Commanding ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISIONDivisional Headquarters,  
HILL 70, 24th May 1916.

- Moves
- The following moves will take place on Friday May 26th, and Saturday May 27th.  
Friday May 26th  
 One Regt, 1st L.H. Bde will leave HILL 70 at 0500 and march to ROMANI. Baggage and camp equipment will be taken on camels. These camels will remain at ROMANI and will move the baggage and camp equipment of H-Qrs and one Regt, 2nd L.H. Bde, on the 27th inst.  
 One Regt, 2nd L.H. Bde, will leave ROMANI at 0500 and march to HILL 70. Baggage and camp equipment will be moved by rail.  
Saturday May 27th.  
 H-Qrs and one Regt 1st L.H. Bde, will leave HILL 70 at 0500 and march to ROMANI. Baggage and camp equipment will be moved by rail.  
 H-Qrs and one Regt 2nd L.H. Bde, will leave ROMANI at 0500 and march to HILL 70. Baggage and camp equipment will be taken on camels.
  - Tents will not be taken.
  - Train timings will be notified later but all baggage to be moved by rail will be transported to places of entrainment before units march.
  - ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION will arrange for transport from HILL 70 to loading place at junction, Road and Main Gauge Railway.
  - Camels for transport for movements to and from ROMANI RAILWAY STATION (one mile North of ROMANI) to ROMANI will be arranged direct by units with Capt THOMAS, Supply Officer, ROMANI RAILWAY STATION.
  - 1st and 2nd L.H. Field Amb will remain in their present stations.
  - On arrival in their camps, units will notify ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION Headquarters.

J.G. BROOME Lieut Col  
General Staff  
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.Issued at 1700

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1	1st L.H. Bde		
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4	O/C Troops DUBIDAN		
5	Signal Squadron		
6	Field Squadron	14	G.O.C.
7	H-Qr Div A.S.C.	15	G.S.O. 1
8	No 3 Section	16	
9	Div Artillery	17	
10	A.D.H.S.	18	
11	"A" Branch		
12	File		
13	War Diary		

ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

Order No. 22.

-by-

Major-General H.G. CHAUVEL, C.B., C.M.G.,  
Commanding ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.Divisional Headquarters,  
H i l l 40,  
24th May 1916.

Para 3 of ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION Order No. 20 dated 23/5/16

is cancelled and should read as follows -

On arrival at EL MALER, the Ross and Cromarty Mountain Battery will be under the G.O.C., H.Z.M.R. Brigade for administration, rations and discipline, but will be under the C.R.A., ANZAC Mounted Division for training, and in case of active operations will take their orders from the C.R.A., ANZAC Mounted Division, unless attached to a Brigade for any specific operation.

J.G. BROWNE, Lieut.-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

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6.	Field Squadron.
7	No. 3 Section.
8	Div'l A.S.C.
109	Div'l Artillery.
10	'A' Branch.
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ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.  
ORDER No 23by  
Major-General H. G. CHAUVEL, C.F., C.M.G.,  
Commanding ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.-----  
Divisional Headquarters,  
Hill 40,  
26th May 1916.Ref. Maps, Q. ATIA 1:100,000.  
SABKHET EL FARDAWIL,  
1:125,000,

- INTENTION 1. It is intended to make a reconnaissance of FIR SALMANA and HOD SALMANA with the following objects :-  
(a) To surprise such of the enemy as are at FIR SALMANA and HOD SALMANA, at dawn.  
(b) To destroy all enemy material in the vicinity.  
Any serious engagement with the enemy should be avoided.
- DATE 2. The reconnaissance will take place on Tuesday, 30th May, Wednesday 31st May, and Thursday, 1st June.
- TROOPS 3. For reconnaissance:  
N.Z.M.R. Brigade, and 1 Gun. Ayrshire Battery R.F.A.  
Covering Troops.  
1 Regiment, 1st L.H. Brigade,
- COMMAND. 4. Brigadier-General F.W.C. CHAYTOR, C.F., Commanding N.Z.M.R. Brigade, will command the Force,
- MOVES 5. (a) The Force will leave camp on Tuesday, 30th, at such an hour as to arrive at Qatia to avoid moving in the heat of the day.  
They will leave QATIA after sundown and carry out the reconnaissance.  
On completion of the reconnaissance, the Force will return, not delaying longer in the area FIR SALMANA - HOD SALMANA - FIR EL AFD than is absolutely necessary.  
The G.O.C. Force will decide whether he will return to FIR ETMALER or halt for the night May 31st/June 1st on the way back.  
(b) The G.O.C. 1st L.H. Brigade will detail 1 Regt which will report to G.O.C. Force as covering troops.  
The G.O.C. Force will make use of these troops :-  
(i) For covering the reconnaissance North and South of the QATIA - FIR EL AFD road.  
(ii) For providing escorts for camel convoys carrying 1st and 2nd days rations and for the dressing station at hod EL DAAAFIS, and to the Medical Details accompanying the Force.  
(c) 5th L.H. Regt. at DUEIDAR will move to FIR EL HAMISAH leaving DUEIDAR at such an hour as to arrive at FIR EL HAMISAH not later than 0500 on Wednesday, May 31st.  
They will get into communication with the covering troops South of QATIA. They will remain in position until they receive orders from Divisional Headquarters to withdraw  
(d) Divisional Headquarters and Headquarters and 2 Regts 1st L.H. Brigade will move from ROMANI to QATIA on Wednesday May 31st, leaving ROMANI at 0400.  
(e) The G.O.C. 2nd L.H. Bde will detail 1 Squadron to move from HILL 70 to DUEIDAR reaching th at place not later than 1800 on 30th May.

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Anzac Mounted Division Order No 23 (page 2)

MOVES. (f) The detachment from Ayrshire Battery, R.A. will report to G.O.C. Force at FIR ETHALER on the afternoon of Monday 29th. ~~May~~.

AMMUNITION 6. 140 rounds S.A.A. will be carried by each man.

SUPPLIES & WATER 7- One days ration and one iron ration will be carried by each man. Two feeds for each horse will be carried in nosebags. One and one third full days rations forage and water will be taken on camels with the force to QATIA. Camels required to transport 2 feeds per horse and one third rations and one days water per man will remain at QATIA until they receive orders from G.O.C. Force, the remaining camels after unloading will return to the reserve at ROMANI RAILWAY STATION ready to reload if required. One days rations forage and water for three Brigades will be held in reserve at Supply Depot, ROMANI RAILWAY STATION from 1800 30th May, in readiness to move forward if required.

TRANSPORT 8- No transport, other than camels for rations water and forage, and the sand carts and sledges with the Medical personnel will be taken.

MEDICAL 9. The N.Z.M.F.A. will establish a dressing station at HOD ED DARAFIS, leaving camp with the Force on Tuesday 30th May.

COMMUNICATIONS 10. The Signal Squadron will have communication established between Divisional Headquarters and the Force carrying out the reconnaissance and the covering troops to the North and South of QATIA.

REPORTS. 11. Messages and reports intended for Divisional H/quarters will be sent to ROMANI up to 0400 on Wednesday May 31st, and after that hour to QATIA.

J.G.FROWNE Lieut-Col.  
General Staff,  
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION

Issued at 1300.

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6	Field Squadron
7	H/Q Divl. A.S.C.
8	No 3 Section
9	Div. Artillery
10	A.D.M.S.
11	'A' Franch
12	File
13	War Diary
14	G.O.C.
15	G.S.O. 1
16	G.S.O. 11
17	G.S.O. 111
18	R.F.C.



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ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

ORDER No. 24

-by-

Major-General H.G. CHAUVEL, C.B., C.M.G.,  
Commanding ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.Divisional Headquarters,  
Hill 40,  
26th May 1916.

COMMAND.

On arrival of the Headquarters, 2nd A.L.H. Brigade at HILL 70 on Saturday May 27th., the G.O.C., 2nd L.J. Brigade will take over the supervision of DUEIDAR POST.

J.G. BROWNE, Lieut.-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

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5	Signal Sqdn.
6	Field Sqdn.
7	No. 5 Section.
8	Div'l A.S.C.
9	Div'l Artillery.
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AMENDMENTS TO -  
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION, ORDER No 23. Appendix No. 52

Divisional Headquarters,  
H i l l 40,  
28th May 1916.

ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION ORDER No 23, dated 26th May 1916, is amended as follows:-

- (1) "MOVES", para. 5 (a). - delete first five lines, and substitute :-

"The Force will leave camp on Monday, May 29th, at such an hour as to arrive at HOD ED-DABABIS to avoid moving by daylight. They will leave HOD ED-DABABIS at such an hour on the night, May 30/31st to enable the reconnaissance to be carried out at dawn."

Para. 5 (a). - In line 3, for "0500" read "0400".

In line 5, for "troops South of QATIA", read "troops South of the QATIA-BIR EL-ABD Road."

- (2) "SUPPLIES & WATER", para 7, - delete whole para., and substitute :-

"One days rations and one iron ration will be carried by each man. Two feeds for each horse will be carried in nosebags. One and one third full days rations, forage and water will be taken on camels with the Force to OGH RATINA, where one half the rations, forage and water will be dumped, and the camels conveying this proportion of the rations sent back to ROMANI RAILWAY STATION in readiness to reload if required. The balance of the rations, water and forage will be taken on to HOD ED-DEBABIS, the camels after unloading, returning to OGH RATINA and remaining there until they receive orders from G.O.C. Force.

One days rations, forage and water for three Brigades will be held in reserve at Supply Depot, ROMANI RAILWAY STATION from 1800 on 30th May, in readiness to move forward if required."

J. G. BROWNE, Lieut.-Colonel,  
General Staff,  
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

Issued at 2100.

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1	1st L.H. Brigade.
2	2nd L.H. Brigade.
3	N.Z.M.R. Brigade.
4	O.C. Troops, DEBIDAR.
5	Signal Squadron.
6	Field Squadron.
7	H.Q., Div'l A.S.C.
8	No 3 Section.
9	Div'l Artillery.
10	A.D.M.S.
11	"A" Branch.
12	File.
13	War Diary.
14	G.O.C.
15	G.S.O.i.
16	" ii.
17	" iii.
18	R.F.C.