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# The Syrian Army Camps near Medina

Muslim b. 'Uqba and his troops left W□di al-Qur□' for Medina and camped his army at a place called "Jurf" at a distance of three miles from Medina.[1]88

On the other hand, it was long since the people of Medina had been informed about the departure of Syrian army and were prepared for confrontation and defense. They reconstructed the same trench that the Muslims had dug to defend Medina in the battle of Ahz□b (*Khandaq*), which over time had partly ruined. They also erected high walls to protect some parts of Medina.[2]89

Reconstruction of the old trench and construction of new trenches took fifteen days in all.[3] For these tasks, the Quraysh had undertaken the distance between R□tij[4] and Ahz□b Mosque and the *Ans□r*, the distance between Ahz□b Mosque and the Ban□ Salama and Maw□l□ neighborhood to carry out the digging and reconstructing the trench from R□tij to the Ban□ 'Abd al-Ashhal.[5]92

The trench had been dug on the west side of Medina, so Muslim b. 'Uqba was determined, after consultations he had or because of the trench that was an impenetrable barrier to his troops, to launch the attack from the east of Medina which was a rocky land called Harrah.[6]
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1. Y□q□t Hamaw□, Mu'jam al-Buld□n, vol. 2, p. 128.
2. Ya'q□b□, Ta'r□kh-i vol. 2, p. 250; Mas'□d□, Al-Tanb□h wa al-Ishr□f, p. 263; Samh□d□, Waf□' al-Waf□', vol. 1, p. 129.
3. Digging the trench and its reconstruction took six days (Ibn Sa'd, Tabaq□t, vol. 2, p. 67).
4. Name of Jewish quarter in Medina (Y□q□t Hamaw□, Mu'jam al-Buld□n, vol. 2, p. 128).
5. Ban□ 'Abd al-Ashhal is a caln of the Aws tribe from which Sa'd b. Ma'□dh and a number of Sah□ba are regarded to have

originated; Suwayd□, Sab□'ik al-Dhahab, p. 173; Zirkl□, al-A'l□m, vol. 2, p. 42.

6. Tabar□, Ta'r□kh, vol. 4, p. 372.

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