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Squadron**

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**WAR DIARY**

OF

*2nd Australian Machine Gun Squadron*

FOR

*May* 191*9*



Signature of Officer compiling

*Jack R. Cain major*

Signature of Officer Commanding

*Jack R. Cain major*

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WAR DIARY

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Army Form C. 2118.

*Joseph P. Carr*  
*2nd Australian Cavalry Brigade*

Place Date Hour Summary of Events and Information Remarks and references to Appendices

PLACE	DATE	TIME	SUMMARY OF EVENTS
SALHIA	1st		Disposition of troops :- SALHIA H.Qrs & 2 Sections DAMANHUR 1 Section.
	5th	0830 1530	Lieut H. Malcolm & 24 O.Rs proceeded on patrol to DAWANA, EZ MOH, & ISMALI. Thence to QALBINA where a large number of leaflets were distributed among the natives at the market. Returned to camp at 1530.
	10th	0845	Capt R.G. Rose and 21 O.Rs proceeded on patrol to the markets at EL MANAGAT EL SUGHRA and distributed propaganda among the natives. Everything orderly.
		1400	Returned to camp at 1400
	13th	0845 1600	Lieut F.B. Stafford proceeded on patrol to EZ ZAKI and distributed propaganda. Natives orderly. Returned to camp at 1600
DAMANHUR	13th	0900 1800	Lieut E.R. Mayes proceeded on patrol to KOM HAMANA, visiting several villages in the vicinity on returning to camp which was reached at 1800
	19th	0900 1700	Proceeded on patrol to EL ENAB and villages in the vicinity. All quiet. Returned to camp at 1700
MAANIA	22nd	0800	Lieut E.R. Mayes & 1 Section moved to MAANIA to establish camp and remain until inhabitants pay the balance of a fine of L.E. 1600
SALHIA	22nd	0800 1600	Lieut K.C. Fraser with 25 O.Rs proceeded on patrol to EZ EL BISHARI, and distributed propaganda in various other villages. All quiet. Returned to camp at 1600
	26th	0900 1730	Capt R.G. Rose & 30 O.Rs proceeded as escort to political Officer to Za ZAKI MEKLEF to investigate a case of robbery returning to EL HAGAR at 1730 and bivouaced for night
	27th	0830	Moved out for SALHIA at 0830 and reached camp at 1230.
MAANIA	27th	0800	Moved out for DAMANHUR at 0800.
SALHIA	28th	0800	Headquarters and 2 sections moved out from SALHIA at 0800 for KANTARA and arrived at 1500. Immediately on arrival 115 Horses and 38 Mules <del>for</del> handed into Remount Depot
KANTARA		1500	
DAMANHUR	30th	0830 1700	Entrained at DAMANHUR for KANTARA (Lieuts F.B. Stafford & E.R. Mayes & 1 Section) and arrived about 1700 and immediately handed in 13 Horses to Remounts.

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KANTARA	31st		Squadron encamped at EAST KANTARA awaiting repatriation.			
			<p><u>STRENGTH.</u> The Effective Strength of the Squadron now is 7 Officers &amp; 167 O.R. During the month 8 O.R. evacuated sick and 1 OR proceeded to Australia (Early Repatriation).</p> <p>Lieut F.W. Nivison MC having been promoted to Temporary Captain was transferred to 1st A.M.G Squadron on 14th instant as 2nd -in-Command.</p> <p><u>GENERAL.</u> In view of the Squadron being withdrawn from SALHIA and DAMANHUR an early embarkation for Australia is to be expected. Horses and all gear required to be handed into Remounts and Ordnance respectively will be disposed of expeditiously.</p> <p>All necessary Repatriation and Demobilisation papers have been completed for the members of the Squadron, and all ranks were re-vaccinated during the month on account of a case of small-pox breaking out in the lines.</p>			
			<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Jack R. Rain</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAJOR O.C. 2nd Australian Machine Gun Squadron</p>			
KANTARA	31-5-19					

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