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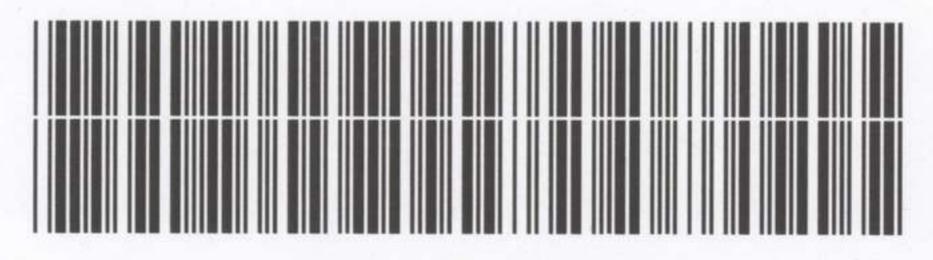
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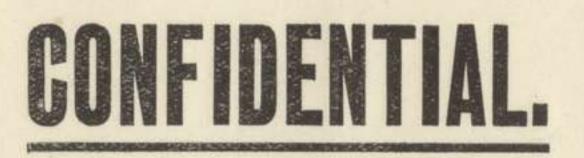
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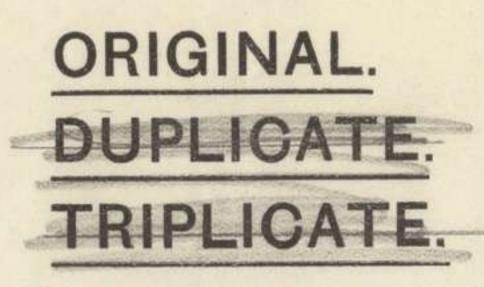
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## WAR DIARY

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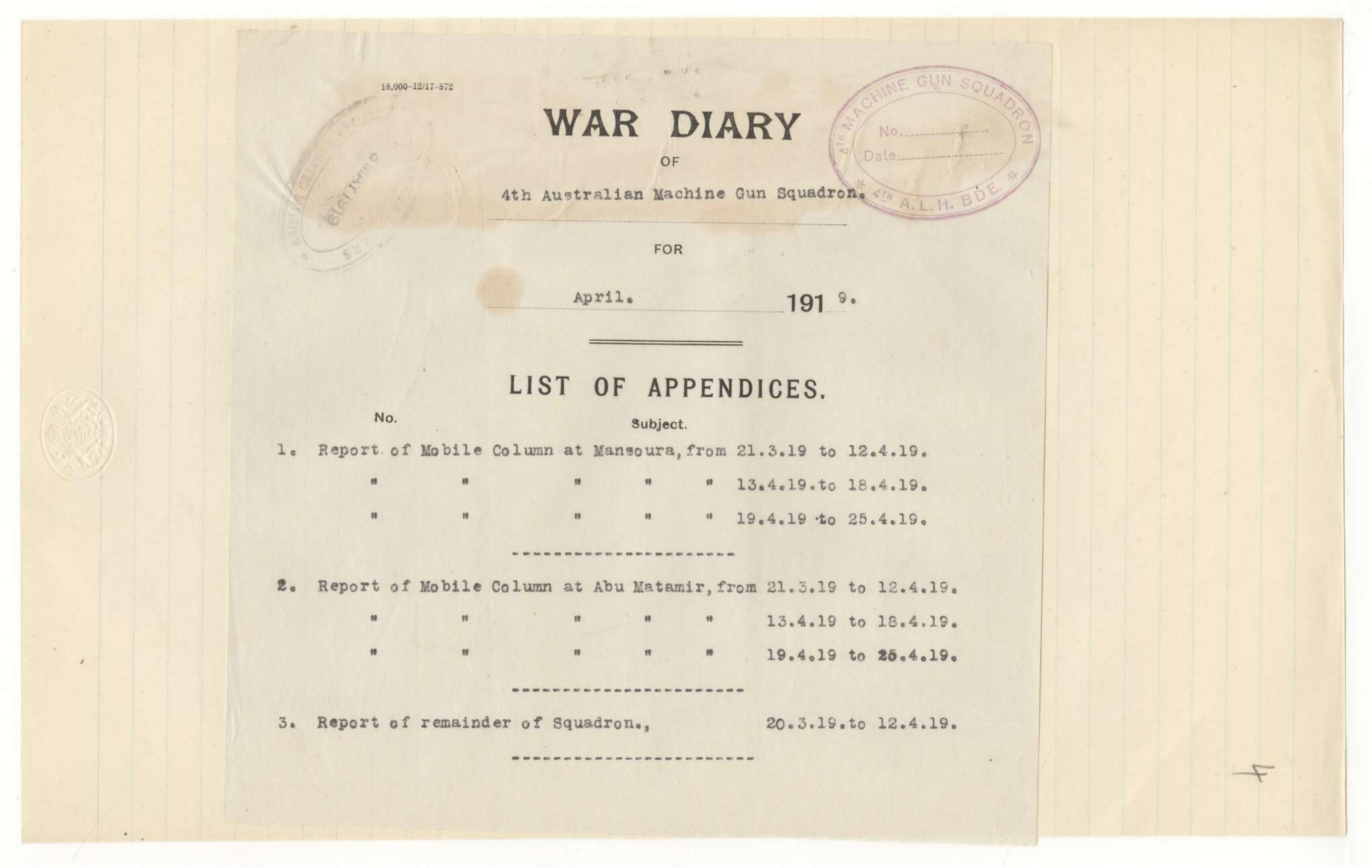
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#### INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.



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Place	Date Hour	Effective Strength: - 11 Off 203.0/Rs. Summary of Events and Information	A.L.H. B	Remarks and references to Appendices
nanhour.		3 Officers and 42 O/Ranks detached with the 11th. A.L.H.		
	10.4.1918.	Regiment at Mansoura.  3 Officers and 62 O/Ranks detached with the 4th A.L.H.  Regiment at Abu Matamir.		
		Rations, Fodder, and water, sent to the latter every		
	16.4.19.	Damanhour Town Picquet of 1 Sgt.& 6 men supplied daily. Camp Routine.		
		Camp Routine.		
	The state of the s	Instructions received to march out all men awaiting embark-		
	4000000	ation to U.K. 10%Leave Scheme.		
	19.4.19.	Captain R.B.Dixon reported for duty as second in Command.		
	20.4.19.	Supplied 1 Off: & 12 men for Guard duty at Damanhour.		
	21.4.19.	1 Officer proceeded to WXX caro await embarkation to U.K.		
	22.4.19	3 0/Ranks proceeded to Moascar for early repatiation to		
		Australia.		
	23.4.19.	4 O/Ranks to Railway Construction Zagazig, from Detached Column at Mansoura;		
	24.4.19.	Lecture given by Major Hyman on Demobilisation, attended by		
		Squadron in the 4th A.L.H.Regt lines.		
		Camp Routine. 2 Guns sent to Column at Abu Matamir.		
	26.4.19.	L Officer proceeded to Moascar for early repatriation to		
100		Australia		
100	20 1 10	Voluntary Church Parade.		
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TO TOTAL		C.O.4th.Aust.Machine Gun Squadron.  Summary for month of April.		
Mongh	25	Effective Strength. 11.0ff.& 175 0/ranks. 200 Horses, 8 Mul 1 Off and 16 0/ranks to U.K. 4 0/Rs to Rail: Constr.		
-	quei	1 Off " D. D. & L., London, E.C. to Aust. 1 Ride evac to Zagazig, from		2
outiles,	ofries	1 Of Trast akt extrog/Min street gth. 52a Forms/C/2118/14Mobile Column.		1
/ / /	0	Evac Sick 1. Casualties Nil.		



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Report on Mobile Column under Lieut.H.J.Paterson, operating with the 11th Light Horse Regiment.From. 21.3.19.to 12.4.1919, both dates inclusive.

- 21.3.19. Left Moascar at 0845 and marched to Tel-el-Kebir, arriving there at 1800 same day.
- 22.3.19. Tel-el-Kebir.Was allotted bivouac area , horses and men under cover.Arranged cordon of Sentries round Camp , to safe-guard against raiders entering Camp area.
- 23.8.19. C.Os to Admincom's Office to go through defence scheme, with Lt.Col.Alexander Commanding Troops, Tel-el-Kebir.
- 24.3.19. Visited by Divisional Commander .Owing to "B".Squadron lith L.H.Regiment having to supply extra picquets, M.G.Section sent 1 Officer and 12 O/Ranks to demonstrate throughseveral villages four miles N.E.of Tel-el-Kebir.
- 25.3.19. Got permission to try Guns from Officer Commanding Tel-el-Kebir.
- 26.3.19. C.Os to Admincom's Office to meet LT.Col.Alexander Commanding Tel-el-Kebir, and LT.Col.Shaw 3rd.Ghurkas, and allotted different posts, which were to be manned in case of trouble.
- 27.3.19. Received word that 1500 natives were going to make an attack on P.of W.Compound. Posts were doubled, but nothing happened.
- 28.3.19. 1 Officer and 12 O/Ranks to village four miles N.E.of Telel-Kebir.
- 29-3-19. 1 Officer despatched to Moascar on duty.
- 30-3-19. Remained in Camp.
- 31-3-19. C.Os met LT.Col.Bailey at Tel-el-Kebir railway station to receive instructions re mowing.
- 1.4.19. Left Tel-el-Kebir at 0600 and marched to EQUA, arriving there at 1800 same day, and bivouaced for the night.
- 2.4.19. Left EQUA at 0900 and marched to SEMBELHWEIN arriving there at 1500, and bivouaced for the night.
- 3.4.19. Mansoura.Left SEMBELHWEIN at 0800 and marched to MANSURA, arriving there at 1300 same day, and bivouaced.
- 4.4.19. Section stood to, saddled all day, the people very excited.
- 5.4.19. All Camp arrangements completed.

- 6.4.19. Inspected by 6.0.0 3rd L.H.Brigade .1 Sub-Section standing to. 7.4.19. Section held in readiness, to move at short notice . People
- 8.4.19. Lieut.Taylor and 12 O/Ranks and one Cun despatched to FARRASKUOR to cover working party, arriving back to Camp 1900.
- 8.4.19. Section stood to arms all day.1800 all clear.
- 10-4-19.0900 word received that Natives were very unsettled, and was ordered to stand to.1700 all clear.
- 11.4.19. Everything quiet. 10% leave granted to visit Mansoura.

12.4.19. Remained in Camp.

Mansoura. 13.4.19.

(\$gd.) H. J. Paterson. Lieut. CO.M.G. Section attd. 11th L.H.Regt.

Report on Mobile Column under Lieut. H. J. Paterson , operating with the 11th Light Horse Regiment, under Lieut.Col.Bailey.From 13.4.19 to 18.4.19, both dates inclusive.

Mansours. 13,4,19, S upplied mounted patrol of 1 officer and 10 0/ranks, for patrol duty in Mansoura.

- 14.4.19. Supplied 1 H.C.O and 10 men, dismounted picquet in Mansours
- Supplied 1 Officer and 10 0/Ranks, for mounted picquet. 15.4.19.
- 16.4.19. A larm Orders issued and stations detailed.
- 17.4.19. All Officers and N.C.Os made reconnaissance of Streets, with a view, to getting to different points by shortest routes. Supplied 1 N.C.O and 6 men Regimental Working Party.
- 18.4.19. Drew S.A.A. to comlete 5500 rounds per gun. Supplied dismounted picquet of 1 N.C.O and 10 men.

Mansoura, 18.4.19.

(Sg).H.J.Paterson.Lieut. O.C.M.G. sects.Attd.llth.L.H.Regt.

Report of movements of Mobile Column under Lieut.H.J.Paterson, operating with the 11th A.L.H.Regt, under Lieut-Col Bailey, from 19.4.19 to 25.4.1919 beta dates inclusive.

#### Mansoura.

- 19.4.19. Supplied 1 Officer and 10 O/Ranks for mounted picquet. Supplied 1 NgC.O and 6 men for Regimental working party.
- 20.4119. Supplied dismounted picquet of 1 N.C.O and 10 men.
- 21.4.19. Supplied Regimental Q.M.S. working party of 1 N.C.O and 6 men.
- All ranks confined to Camp during feast of Shem-el-Nassin. 22.4.19. Supplied dismounted picquet of 1 N.C.O and 10 men.
- 22.4.19. Supplied dismounted picquet of 1 N.C.C and 10 men .

  All Officers called to Military Headquarters Mansoura
  to receive instructions in case of emergency.
- 23.4.19. Supplied 1 N.C.O and 6 men for R.Q.M.S. working party. 24.4.19. 1 Officer detailed to investigate re four Krupp Gins,
- reported to be in the vicinity.
  25.4.19. Supplied dismounted picquet of 1 N.C.O and 10 men.

Mansoura.

(Sgd).H.J.Paterson.Lieut.
O.C.4th.M.G.Sections, Attd.llth L.H.Reg



No 2 Report of Mobile Column under Lieut. E. Swan, operating with 4th L.H. Regt under Major Reid, from 30.3.19 to 12.4.19 both dates inclusive.

(1) Moved out from Damanhour at 1000 on 30.3.1919, and travelled along south bank of MAHMUDWA CANAL to KAFR-EL-DAWAR arriving there at 1600 on same day. Camped at KAFR-EL-DAWAR night of 30/31st.

(2) Moved from KAFR-ML-DAWAR at 0530 on 31.3.1919 in two parties. One Section under Lieut. C.J. McKay visited villages N.W. of KAFR+EL-DAWAR between canal MAHMUDRA and ALEXANDRIA railway line, as far MILO 190. Search was made for arms and ammunition. Three prisoners found in possession of shot guns, these were brought in villagers reported orderly.

Two Sections under LieutlE. Swan and 2/Lieut.A. Abercrombie respectively, travelled SOUTH WEST from KAFR-EL-DAWAR along railway to
EL-MASTARIYA, KOM-EL-BIRKA, KOM-EL-HOGG, KOM ISHU, EL-ES-SABIN to
railway at KILO 185. One shot-gun was found at EL-WASTARIYA; powder
and ammunition at KOM-EL-HOGG. No opposition or disturbance in

any of villages searched.

1.4.19; 2.4.19; spent in Camp at KAFR-EL-DAWAR.

At 6700 on 3.4.19, the whole column 4th L.H. and M.G. Sections moved from KAFR-EL-DAWAR in SOUTHERLY direction, and visited KOM-

EL-BIRKEL, BARDALD, SIDI GHAZI to KOM-EL+ HANASH.

Routefollowed was about the DELTA railway line with a strong patro under Lieut. C.J. McKay to EL-BASLAGUN, and thence to KOM-EL-MAGAYER and KOM-EL-HANASH. The bridge over the NUBARIYA MRAEN was slightle burned, but passable to all except wheeled traffic.

Inhabitants quiet but not friendly.
Prisoners arrested were last night 3/4th inst detained in prison
KOM-EL-HANASH, to be sent to KAFR-EL-DAWAR to-day.

SHEIKHS were not at all helpful with evidence, and several arrests were made amongst the SHEIKHS and GAFFIES.

Two prisoners at KAFR-EL-DAWAR, and six more sent there on 4.4.19 from KOM-EL-HANASH. One man at KAFR-EL-DAWAR charged with Shooting British Troops . Most of the others are charged with complicity.

Whole Columns, 4th L.H. and M.G. Sections moved from KOM-EL-HANASH 1000 on 4.4.19 through EL GHAYATA to ABU MATAMIR, and bivousced there night 4/5th inst. Whole Column moved out from MATAMIR at 050 5.4.19, and thoroughly searched the villages of EL MAHARIB KISKEII All the male inhabitants of thesevillages were taken prisoners, and taken back to MATAMIR for interrogation. No.1,2 and 3 Sections EZ SOC, AGR-ET-INDUST were also visited . The Column returning to MATAMIR at 1400 on same day. At 1000 on 7.4.19, a patrol under Lieut. E. Swan travelled along Nor Bank of HAGIR CANAL about two miles; then proceededs NORTH to ZAWYET SALIM, KOM-ET-TIBN, EZ MATOSSIAN, and back through EZ NIFFAH and EZ-ET-HRAWA. Patrol reported all quiet in this area. At 0500 on 8.4.19, a patrol under Lieut.C.J.McKay went south acro HAGIR CANAL, crossed MUBARIYA CANAL. All Bedouin huts in the vicin were searched for arms and ammunition. Reported all quiet, and n arms or ammunition found.



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At 1000 on 9.4.19, a patrol of 20 O/Ranks under 2/Lieut.A.Abercrombic proceeded along HAGIR CANAL EAST to DELTA railway; thence to EL RICOSTALIDAY At EL RICO, information was received from ximeximambikants; of the whereabouts of the four sheikhs who had been ringleaders of the trouble in ABU MATAMIR district. Patrol returned to ABU MATAMIR by way of EZ-EL-MARKIB. Reported all quiet, and inhabitants friendly.

10.4.1919; 11.4.1919 and 12.4.1919 spent in Camp at ABU MATAMIR.

ABU MATAMIR.
12/4/1919.
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O.C.M.G.Sectns.Attd.4th L.H.Regt.

Report on Mobile Column Column under Lieut E. Swan, operating with 4th L.H.Regt under Major Reid. From. 13.4.1919 to 18.4.1919 both dates inclusive.

Abu-Matamir.

13.4.1919. Spent in Camp.

14.4.1919. 2 0/Ranks to Hospital Damanhour.

15.4.1919. Patrols under Lieut.C.J.McKay and 2/Lieut.A.Abercrombie moved from Abu-Matamir at 1000, and visited No.2.Farm on Belgian Society's Estate. Heturned to Camp at 1300 same day, and reported all quiet in neighbourhood.

16.4.1919. Party consisting of 1 off and 15 0/Ranks under Lieut.

C.J.McKay accompanied 4th L.H.Regt to Kom-Truga Station.

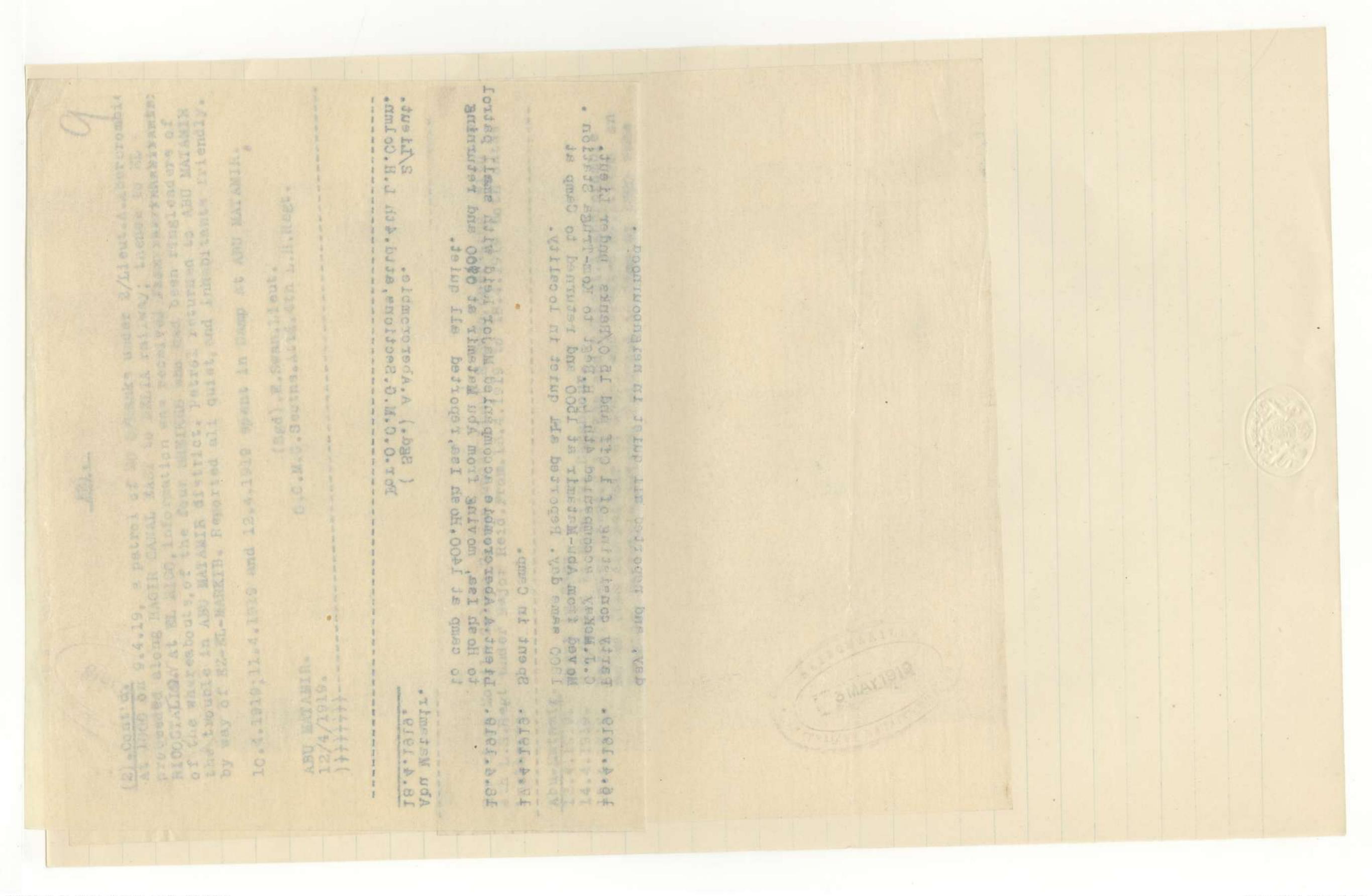
Moved from Abu-Matamir at 1500 and returned to Camp at
1800 same day. Reported all quiet in locality.

17.4.1919. Spent in Camp.

18.4.1919. Lieut.A.Abercrombie accompanied Major Reid with small patrol to Hosh Isa, moving from Abu Matamir at 0000 and returning to camp at 1400. Hosh Isa, reported all quiet.

Abu Matamir. 18.4.1919.

(Sgd.) A.Abercrombie. 2/Lieut. For.O.C.M.G.Sections, attd.4th L.H.Colmn.



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Report of movements of Mgbile Column under Lieut. E. Swan, operating with the 4th L.H. Column under Major Reid. From, 19.4.19 to 25.4.19, both dates inclusive.

Abu Matamir. Patrol under 2/Lieut.A. Abercrombie moved out to 19.4.19. Nubaria Canal at 6930, and returned at 1300. Reported all quiet. 20.4.19. The whole Column moved from came to Markab at 1030. where a race meeting was held. Returned to Camp at 1700. 21.4.19. A patrol consisting of 5 Officers including 2 M.G. Officers proceeded to Gianaclis Farm.Returned to camp at 1800. Reported all quiet in neighbourhood. 22.4.19. Lieut.C.J. McKay proceeded to Abu Matamir, Baharia, and searched villages for arms and ammunition. None found. Patrol returned at 1400 (10 0/Ranks accompanied Lieut McKay). 23.4.19. Spent in Camp. 24,4.19. Patrol under Lieut.C.J.Mckay proceeded to El Ricd. Hosh Isa and surrounded villages. Four arrests made.

Returned to Camp at 1600.

25.4.1919.

(Sgd).A.Abercrombie 2/Lieut. For.O.C.4th.Aust.M.G.Sects.Attd.4th Light Horse Column.

Patrol under Lieut. H. Swan proceeded to Hosh Isa to repo

-rt on situation there. Returned to Camp at 1400.

Abu-Matamir.

Report of the movements of the 4th Australian Machine Gun Squadron, from 20.3.19 to 12.4.19 both dates inclusive.

Moascar. Complete Saddlery and Guns darwn from A.O.D.Seventy four (74) 20.3.19. horses drawn from Remount Depot Moascar.

Instructions received from 4th L.H.Brigade, that two (2) SubSections would be fully equipped, and mounted, and ready to
move out on the 21st.inst.

21.3.19. Two (2) Sub-Sections under Lieut.H.J.Paterson marched out to Tel-el- Kebir with the 11th Light Horse Regiment.

22.3.19. One hundred and forty five horses drawn from the Remount Depot.

23.3.19. Instructions received from 4th L.H.Brigade, that Squadron, less Section at Tel-el-Kebir would entrain at 0330 on 24th inst. for Damanhour. All necessary arrangements for move made.

24.3.19. Horses trucked at 0330, entrained at 0530, arrived at Damanhour 1600, and moved to bivouac site about one mile north of the Damanhour. Railway Station.

27.3.19. Instructions received that Unit would come under the Command of G.O.C. 2nd. Light Horse Brigade.

30.3.19. 2 Officers and 62 O/ranks moved out under Lieut.E. Swan, as Mobile Column to Kafr-el-Dawar, under the Command of Major Reid 4th L.H.Regiment.

Squadron Headquarters remained at Damanhour, also 2 Sub-Sections. Camp Routine Damanhour Town Picquet of 1 Sgt & 6 men supplied daily.

Detailed report on operations from Cs.C. inxeharge mobile Columns temporarily detached with the 11th Light Horse Regt, and 4th Light Horse Regiment attached hereto.

13.4.19.

For. E.O. 4th. Aust. Machine Gun Squadron.