

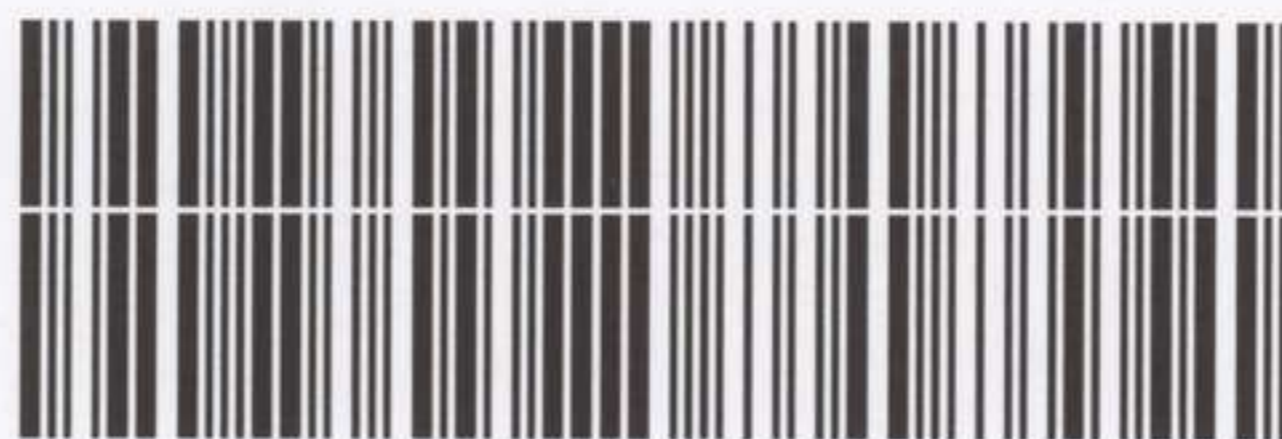
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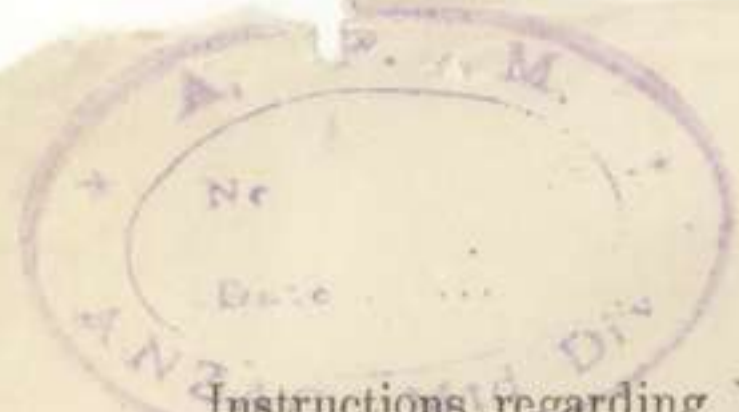
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LEFT SECTOR. AVJA DEFENCES.	1/7/18.		Duties as detailed in Volume <u>XV</u> Nothing of importance to report. 1 Prisoner of War received from 23 rd Bde. and evacuated.	By Capt. Darrick Sheet (C 6) AMR
	2/7/18.		6 Prisoners of War evacuated during this period.	
	to			
	4/7/18.		Bde. Police have been fully occupied on the Wadis to prevent pollution of streams.	AMR
	5/7/18		Special patrols sent out from D.H.Q and Bde. to see that all traffic police boards were up and could be clearly seen, as Guiti had reported that their men did not know where they should travel. Notice boards have also been placed at all WADI crossings to stop men crossing at unauthorised places and so save pollution of the streams.	
			2 Prisoners of War rec and evacuated.	AMR
	6/7/18.		Bde. Police report that INDIAN Troop are giving a lot of trouble in the Wadis they are continually contravening orders by bathing in the Humming Stream.	
			INDIAN Police were at once applied for and are now doing duty along the Wadi banks. This has facilitated things considerably. 4 Prisoners of War received and evacuated.	AMR

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>LEFT SECTOR. FUJA.</i>	<i>7/7/18.</i>		<i>2 Prisoners of War received and vacuated. Duties of D.H.Q. Police were changed to day and further instructions regarding Road Order. issued. A Summary of duties and orders are attached as appendix I. N.B.O. 1/C. 2nd Brigade Detachment reports that he is still experiencing a good deal of trouble in regards the pollution of running streams.</i>	<i>See App. I.</i>
	<i>9/7/18.</i>		<i>Duties as usual. 3 Prisoners of War rec. and vacuated</i>	
	<i>10/12/18.</i>		<i>Enemy long range Guns shelling Divisional Area, the damage done was insignificant.</i>	
	<i>13/7/18</i>		<i>D.H.Q. Area Shelled. intermittently till midnight. Disciplinary measures are being enforced by units in regard to Water Regulations</i>	<i>JUL 1918</i>
	<i>14/7/18.</i>		<i>N.B.O. 1/C. of Brigades Detachments report that offences are now decreasing and all ranks appear to be thoroughly acquainted with the Orders now in force. Enemy attacked MUSALLABEH. (W. 35. AD) and ABU TELLUL. (V. 5) at 0800 using German Infantry but was later driven off.</i>	<i>Ref Map. Damigh Sheet (C. 6)</i>



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LEFT SECTOR. AUJA.	14/7/18.		and surrounded. Prisoners taken in this operation 16 Officers 4 Cadets 318. O.R.s unwounded. D.H.Q and Brigade Police were kept very busy receiving and evacuating these prisoners. Brigade Police though understrength did their work in an excellent manner, escorting prisoners from the front line, directing traffic, and collecting stragglers. All Detachments worked throughout the day under heavy shell fire.	A.M.
	15/7/18.		Duties which had become somewhat congested were resumed to day. All Detachments were kept very busy again to day collecting stragglers and material. Prisoners still continue to straggle in 10 being received and evacuated during the day.	A.M.
	16/7/18.		8 Prisoners received and evacuated, others were nothing of importance to report.	A.M.
	17/7/18.		1 st L.H Bde. withdrew from the line and marched to TALAT. ED. DUMM. Police duties of this Brigade consisted of Traffic control and Policing water Area. 4 Prisoners of War received and evacuated. Duties of D.H.Q, 2 nd L.H Brigade and 13th R Brigade as usual.	A.M.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
LEFT SECTOR. HUIA.	18/7/18.		1 Prisoners of War received and evacuated. Police patrols were sent out to investigate cases of unauthorised natives wearing uniform. A few cases were reported, and these cases are now being proceeded with.	JGM
	19/7/18.		2 Prisoners of War received and evacuated. N.Z.M.R. Brigade with drew from the Left Sector and marched to TELAT ED DUMM arriving there early on the morning of the 20 th . Police commenced duties on the Roads, watering Areas, and Camps at 0900. The I.C. of this detachment reported that he is experiencing a good deal of trouble with Native hawkers, who persist in coming inside the lines to sell their wares.	JGM
	20/7/18.		1 st L.H. Brigade evacuated old camp site and marched to SOLOMON'S POOLS arriving there at 0400 on 21 st . Police commenced duties at 0900. Their duties being to Police Watering Areas, and keep all natives out of Camp. Market places were at once allotted to natives for selling of wares.	JGM

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>LEFT SECTOR AUJA.</i>	<i>20/7/18.</i>		<p><i>N. 6. 0 i/c. N. 3. 16. R. Brigade Detachment reports that the work of keeping native harkens out of Camps has been greatly facilitated by units supplying Regimental Police and Recruits. Auzac D.H.Q. and Divisional Troops left their bivouac Areas at 0915. Duties were handed over to Police of the Aust. 16th Division at the above mentioned time. The A/APM. of this Division and 50 Ranks A.P.C. proceeded ahead of the column to BETHLEHEM. to take over the Duties from APM Aust. 16th Division. The remainder of D.H.Q. detachment Policed the march from the JORDAN VALLEY to BETHLEHEM. arriving at the Camp site at 0830 on 21st inst.</i></p>	
<i>BETHLEHEM.</i>	<i>21/7/18.</i>		<p><i>Duties were commenced at 0800. Market places were at once established. Recruits were posted in JERUSALEM and BETHLEHEM. 1 Officer and 26 Other Ranks for the former and 1 Officer and 20 Other Ranks for the latter. A Summary of Duties and Orders for these Recruits are attached as Appendix II.</i></p>	<p><i>Major</i> <i>Ref Map Palestine 1 inch to 1 mile. See App. II.</i> <i>Major</i></p>

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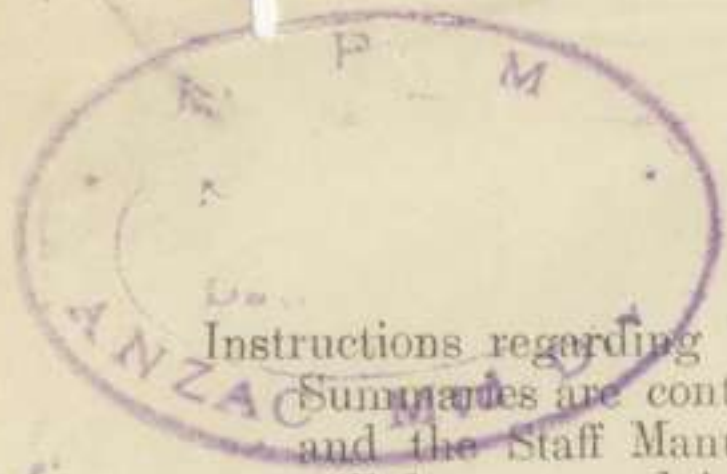
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<u>BETHLEHEM</u>	22/7/18		Duties as usual. Troops are giving no trouble so far and discipline is very good. A full list of Civilian Shops and Canteens were obtained from the Deputy Military Governor Bethlehem, these were inspected and in some cases shops were placed out of bounds to troops on account of not being sufficiently clean enough to warrant further military patronage.	
	23/7/18		1 st L.H. Brigade marched out from Solomon's Pools and proceeded to DERRAIN. otherwise nothing of importance to report.	<i>Aggr</i>
	24/7/18		NCO in charge of 1 st L.H. Brigade detachment reports that police of that Brigade done the usual duties along the roads during the march and arrived at their destination at 0200 on the 26 th inst.	<i>Aggr</i>
	26/7/18		Duties carried out by the other three Detachments were as usual. nothing of importance occurring.	<i>Aggr</i>
	27/7/18		1 st L.H. Bde. left TALHAT ED DUMM Area on the night of the 27 th and marched to Solomon's Pools. Police of this detachment on arrival at the Campsite carried on the same routine of duties as usual. Roads supplied by 1 st L.H. Bde. while in this area.	<i>Aggr</i>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<i>BETHLEHEM</i>	<i>27/7/18</i> <i>to</i> <i>29/7/18</i>		<i>2nd LH Bn moved out from Left Sector on the 28th inst and marched to TELATED DUMM. on their arrival duties were taken over from N.G. Police and the same routine of work adopted.</i>	<i>AGM</i>
	<i>30/7/18</i> <i>to</i> <i>31/7/18</i>		<i>Nothing of importance to report. 1. base of natives sly grog selling was discovered on the 31st. the charge still being proceeded with.</i>	<i>AGM</i>
<i>Summary</i>			<i>Discipline has been excellent throughout our stay in Bethlehem a copy of Monthly Report is attached as Appendix III.</i>	<i>App III.</i> <i>AGM</i>

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
1.	Duties performed by D.H.Q. Police.
2.	Duties and Orders for Jerusalem & Bethlehem Picquet
3.	Copy of Monthly Report.

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Appendix I. to War Diary for July 1918.



Duties performed by D.H.Q. Police from 7/7/18.

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I. WADI NEUJAMEH. 2 men 0800 to 1200.
2 men 1400 to 1800.

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DUTIES.

Prevention of pollution of ~~the~~ stream by soldiers and natives.

This patrol will be careful not to damage the artificial banks that have been made on either side of the stream.

Crossings have to be made in places, and it is much better to walk the horse through the stream for a short distance than to make several crossings and damage the banks referred to above.

2. ROMAN ROAD. (a). One man 0800 to 1300.
One man 1300 to 1800.
(b). One man 0800 to 1300.
One man 1300 to 1800.
(c). One man 0800 to 1300.
One man 1500 to 1800.

DUTIES.

- (a). Patrol from No 1. intersection to Wadi Neujameh.
- (b). Patrol No 2 intersection on either side of the Roman Road.
- (c). Patrol from No 1. intersection to 4th L.H. Brigade bivouac area.

Roman Road to be kept clear for motors and camels. All other traffic (wheeled) to be diverted to Road 29.

Watering parties to take side tracks made for them near their units.

Ambulance waggons, if conveying patients can use this road but otherwise must proceed by Road 29.

Horsemen stating they are on duty must be in possession of some authority showing that they are on duty.

All signboards that have fallen down are to be put upright and the dust shaken off any that require it.

3. WATERING PATROLS. (a). B.A.C. troughs. One man during watering hours.
(b). D.H.Q. troughs. --do--.

DUTIES.

Control watering area and prevent congestion and confusion of units coming into or going out from water.

Both patrols will see that water carts, limbers and watering parties take the route in and out of the wadi specially made for them, and will prevent waggons from crossing the wadi Neujameh at any place other than the main ford near the stone bridge (Road 29).

4. STONE BRIDGE. One man 0600 to 0800 and
1000 to 1200.
One man 1400 to 1800.

DUTIES.

Control traffic generally. Motors to take the Stone Bridge; waggons the main ford.

Waggons to be directed to Road 29. Packs and horsemen to be diverted to intermediate road, motors to the Roman Road.

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Change of duties of Roman road patrol taking effect from
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- (a). Patrol from South Bank of wadi ~~wadi~~ NEUIAMEH to TEL
ES BULTAN.
 - (b). Patrol from intersection of old and new motor roads to
North bank of wadi Neuiameh.
 - (c). Patrol between intersection of old and new motor roads
to 4th L.H. Brigade bivouac area.

DUTIES

Same as before.

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 1st A.L.H. Bde. 2nd A.L.H. Bde. N.Z.M.R. Bde.

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The following picquets are provided by the troops in the BETHLEHEM AREA.

1. (A) JERUSALEM. 1 Officer 26 Other/Ranks, including 3 N.C.O's.

- (I) Picquet will be on duty in JERUSALEM from 1500 to 2400 daily. The officer in charge will report to the APM JERUSALEM.
- (II) Headquarters of picquet will be at the Military Barracks opposite Y.M.C.A. Horses will be picketed in the yard adjacent to the Military Barracks where the mounted police have their horse lines.
- (III) In the event of trouble arising between any soldiers of Desert Mtd Corps and the inhabitants the matter will at once be reported to the A.P.M. JERUSALEM and the A.P.M. of the Division at Divisional Headquarters.
- (IV) The picquet will furnish dismounted patrols to police the streets. These patrols will carry side-arms only, rifles being left with the picquet. The officer in charge of the picquet will consult the A.P.M. JERUSALEM as to the best method of distributing the patrols.
- (V) The duties of the patrols will be :--
- To assist the Military and civil police in maintaining discipline and order amongst all Desert Mtd Corps Troops allowed into JERUSALEM.
 - To arrest any Desert Mtd Corps soldiers found intoxicated in the town.
 - To take the number, name and unit of any Desert Mtd Corps soldiers found in JERUSALEM without a pass.
 - To take the number, name and unit of any Desert Mtd Corps soldier improperly dressed.
- (VI) The officer in charge of the picquet will report to the A.P.M. JERUSALEM any disciplinary action taken by his patrols. He will issue instructions to his patrols to co-operate with & assist the police in every way.
- (VII) A copy of these orders will be given to the officer in charge of the picquet.

(B) BETHLEHEM. 1 officer & 20 Other/Ranks.

- (I) Picquet will be on duty in BETHLEHEM from 1500 to 2400 daily.
- (II) Headquarters of picquet will be in the open space outside the FRANCISCAN MONASTERY which is the Headquarters of the Deputy Military Governor of BETHLEHEM.
- (III) In the event of any trouble arising between the troops & the inhabitants the matter will be reported at once to the D.M.G. and the A.P.M. of the Division at Divisional Headquarters.
- (IV) The duties of the picquet will be :--
- To assist the military & civil police in maintaining discipline and order amongst all troops allowed into the village.
 - To arrest any soldier found intoxicated in the village.
 - To take the number, name and unit of any soldier found in the village without a pass.
 - To report to the D.M.G. any case of an inhabitant selling and trying to seal intoxicating liquor to soldiers, and to take the number, name and unit of any soldier found trying to purchase intoxicating liquor from the inhabitants.
 - To take the number, name and unit of any soldiers found in the village improperly dressed.
- (V) To provide the following dismounted patrols who will parade with side-arms only, rifles being left with the picquet,
- Patrol from the Church of Nativity to the Large Arch on the main road to JERUSALEM.
 - Patrol from the above mentioned arch to North entrance of village.
 - Patrol near the GERMAN Church.
- (VI) A copy of these orders will be given to the officer in charge of the picquet.

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(C). ROAD BETWEEN SOLOMONS POOLS & BETHLEHEM.

1 officer 12 Other/Ranks.
Mounts at 1500 Tour of duty 24 hours.

- (I) Stop and place under arrest all men who are drunk.
- (II) Take the number, names and units of all soldiers who are seen :--

- (a) Galloping horses on the road.
- (b) Leading more than two horses.
- (c) Recklessly driving motor cars, motor cycles or horse vehicles.
- (d) Improperly dressed.
- (e) Provided with an improper pass.i.e., one not signed by the mans Commanding Officer.
- (f) Molesting the inhabitants.
- (g) And of all soldiers on the road after 2130 unless they form part of an organised party under an officer or N.C.O.

2. A Field Officer will be detailed daily and will report to Divisional Headquarters at 1800 and will be responsible for all 3 picquets. Brigades will be notified when to detail all or any of the above.

3. TOUR OF DUTY.

Picquets may be relieved daily or every third day. Brigades will notify Divl H.Q. which system they desire to adopt. If, daily the Jerusalem picquet may tie horses and lunch at the Jerusalem Empire Club. If on 3 days duty, the Jerusalem picquet will camp at, and be rationed by Desert Reinforcement Camp. The BETHLEHEM picquet will camp near the Military Governors H.Q. and be rationed with D.H.Q. troops. The Road picquet will camp at a site selected by Divl HQ and will be rationed with D.H.Q. troops. A limber should accompany the Jerusalem picquet and another the road picquet to supply and BETHLEHEM picquet. Supply officers of Brigades will be responsible for arranging rations.

(sgd) M. F. BRUXNER, Major.
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To A.P.M. Anzac Mtd Div.

From A.P.M. Anzac Mtd Div.

Desert Mtd Corps.

Month Ending 30/7/18

1. Absentees	Corps, Division or Brigade	Total	Remarks
	Ist A.L.H. Bgde.	2	1 Traced.
Ist Sig Squadron.	1		
12th Cav Bgde.	2	2 Traced.	

2. Prisoners of War. Total Evacuated During Month.	Officers	Other Ranks	Total
	16 (4 Cadets)	330	

3. Court Martial Prisoners.	Total sent to Base.
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4. Crimes (Military) Dealt with by Military Police.	Offences	Corps, Division or Brigade					Total number of cases
		Ist L.H. Bgde.	2nd L.H. Bgde.	H.V. Bgde.	Z.M.R. Bgde.	Div Tps.	
	Drunkenness	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Absent Without Leave.	1	-	-	-	-	1
	No Identity Disc.	-	-	-	-	4	4
	Out of Bounds.	3	-	-	-	-	3
	Pollution of Streams.	3	3	-	-	10	16
	Contravening Traffic Regulations.	-	-	-	-	9	9
	Filling Water Bottles from Streams.	-	-	-	-	3	3
	Being in Private House	1	-	-	-	-	1
	Allowing Natives in Camps.	-	-	-	3	-	3
	Failing to comply with an order given by M.P.	1	-	-	-	1	2
	TOTALS.	9	3	-	3	27	42

5. Native and Civilian.	Offences	Corps of M.P.	E.M.P.
		CIVILIANS.	
Dealt with by Military Police.	Selling fruit and loitering around Camps.	10.	

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A. P. M.

Date 30/7/18