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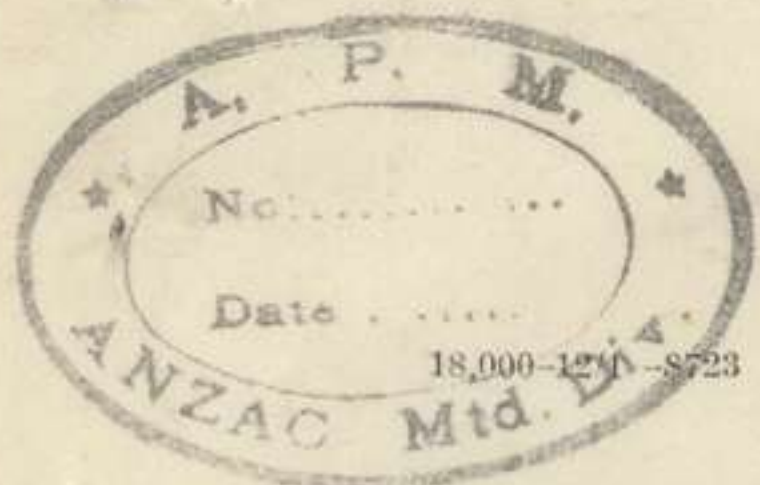
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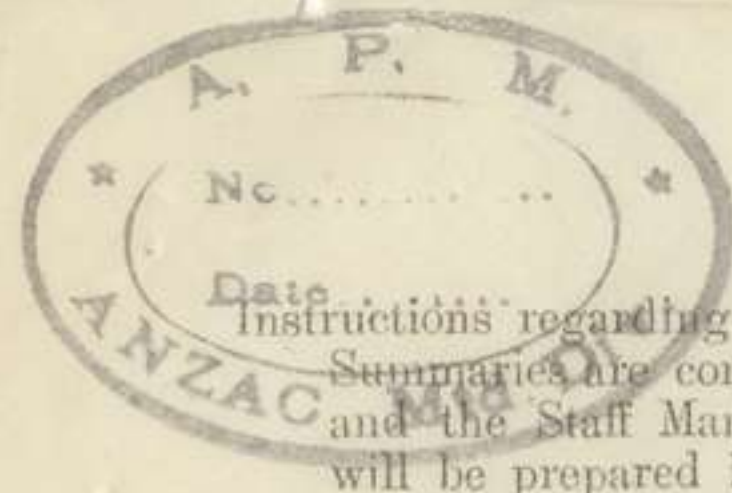
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AYON. KARA (P.E.F. map Sheet <u>XIII</u> N. 19. 6.)	1. 2. 18		Nothing of importance to report. Police duties performed as detailed in Volume <u>X</u> of this Diary	
	to 4. 2. 18			
	5. 2. 18		Application made to H.Q. Anzac M ^o Division that an officer be appointed as understudy to the A.P.M. as it is found that, owing to pressure of work the A.P.M. is unable to give the necessary amount of training and supervision to the Brigade Detachments. Particulars received of Divisional Football Tournament, and arrangements made for policing the ground during all matches.	<i>etgm</i>
	6. 2. 18 to 11. 2. 18.		Nothing of importance to report.	<i>etgm</i>
	12. 2. 18		No 299 Sergeant MCEWAN W.O. Provost Sergeant Anzac M ^o Division left for SUEZ for embarkation to Australia. His place is taken by No 654 Sers. TOONE A.F. formerly N.C.O. i/c 2 ^o L.H. Brigade Detachment.	<i>etgm</i>
15. 2. 18		15th Feb Movements prior to JERICHO operations commenced. The A.P.M. and 6 police of the D.H.Q. Detachment are to accompany Advanced D.H.Q. The two Brigades engaged, i.e. the 1 st L.H. and 1 st N.Z. Brigades are each to have two police to police their Brigade	<i>etgm</i>	

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AYUN KARA to LATRON.	15.2.18	(continued)	<p>Arms. Some police of the 2nd P.H. Brigade Detachment are transferred to D.H.Q. at AYUN KARA during operations. Sergt. A.F. TOONE is in charge of all Divisional Police remaining in the AYUN KARA area.</p> <p>Advanced D.H.Q. left AYUN KARA at 0830. and moved towards Jerusalem. Nothing of note occurred during the day and a halt was made for the night at LATRON. (P.E.F. map. Sheet XVII M10.)</p>	Remarks and references to Appendices
LATRON to JERUSALEM	16.2.18		<p>D.H.Q. left LATRON at 0730 and travelled to Jerusalem. Unsuccessful march. Halted for 1 1/2 hours at midday at KURNET-EL-ENAB. (Sheet XVII S29) Arrived in quarters at Jerusalem at about 1730.</p>	
JERUSALEM.	17.2.18	18.2.18	<p>Remained at Jerusalem during these two days. The two Brigades came up and camped at BETHLEHEM. D.H.Q. Police supplied patrol on Jaffa Road in vicinity of Jaffa gate till 1930 daily. N.Z.M.R. Brigade Police supplied Patrol on Jerusalem - Bethlehem Road between Bethlehem and Jerusalem station on 18.2.18. Discipline in Jerusalem was excellent and only a few charges of "Out of Bounds" were made at Bethlehem. A copy of orders governing leave etc in Jerusalem is attached as Appendix I to this two volume.</p>	See App. I

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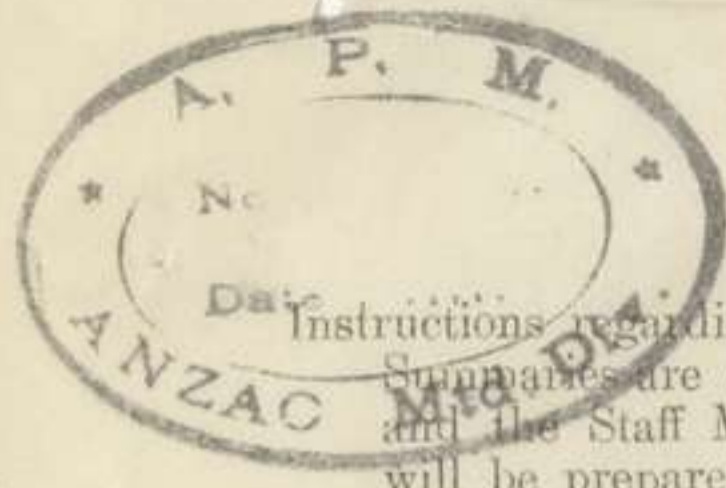
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Jerusalem to EL MUNTAR (Sheet XVIII Q. 12 a.)	19.2.18		<p>D.H.Q. left Jerusalem at 0830 and advanced in the direction of JERICHO. Two police from each Brigade were left in charge of camp areas at Bethlehem. A halt was made early in the afternoon when rations were issued and good water obtained for both man & horse. At dark a further advance was made to EL MUNTAR. The road was very narrow and rough and nearly the whole march was done on foot. One man's horse became excited in a bad place and fell with him, but neither man nor horse was injured. On arrival at MUNTAR an enemy agent, SEHIM, EFFENDI MUGHRAY was brought in, having been captured in a Bedouin camp by the N.Z.M.R. Brigade. He was closely guarded throughout the night by the police and forwarded to Jerusalem under charge of a policeman at daylight on 20.2.18.</p>	* ERIH.
EL MUNTAR to ZERANIK	20.2.18		<p>No move was made from MUNTAR till about 1100, when D.H.Q. moved a short distance down onto the plateau in the neighbourhood of KHORBET EZ ZERANIK. (P. 33a). No water obtained for horses or men. An Arab deserter from the Turkish Army was received from the N.Z.M.R. Brigade - a Christian from BEYROUT. He was handed over to Capt. Mackay, I.O. G.H.Q. who arranged for his evacuation to P.O.W. Compound Jerusalem.</p>	- FEB 1918



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ZERANIK to ERIHA.	21.2.18		<p>Advanced rapidly down narrow and rocky track to the plain of the JORDAN. A.P.M. with 3 of the D.H.A. police entered ERIHA (K24) with Intelligence Officers from G.H.Q. at about noon. The town was searched for undecorables and enemy deserters. A few of the latter were found, and there were several sick & wounded Turkish soldiers in the hospital. The inhabitants were given permission to leave for Jerusalem at once if they so desired and a large number did so. Two police were left on duty till 1700 to keep unauthorized soldiers out of the town. Prisoners in small parties were brought in all through the afternoon, the majority of them being poorly clad and in low condition. Several civilian suspects were sent in by the Brigade, but, with the exception of two, all were released after interrogation by G.S.O.3. The following prisoners were evacuated to P.O.W. Compound, Jerusalem: - 12 L.H. Bde, 37 P.O.W. and 2 Arab. Suspects. N.Z. M.R. Bde 3 P.O.W. Total 40. Other ranks from 2 Arab suspects.</p> <p>Abundance of good water for horse and man was obtained</p>	

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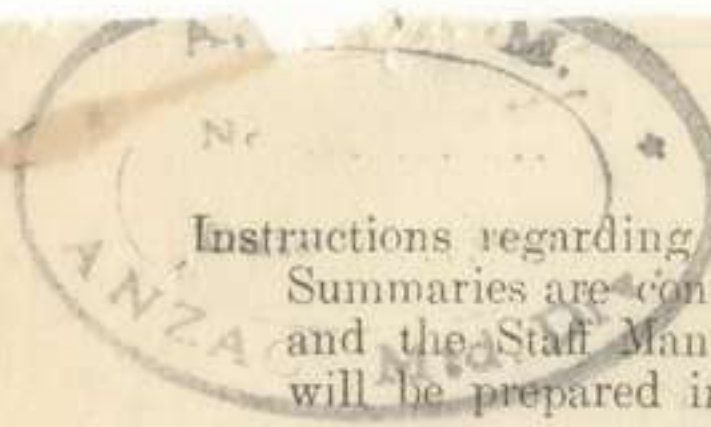
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ERIHA.	21.2.18 (continued)		from the WADI KELT. The weather was stormy. A considerable quantity of rain fell during the early part of the day and it continued to be showing throughout. The Brigade police have been fully employed in the usual duties of dealing with prisoners of war, regulating traffic etc. D.H.Q. camped at about K 28. a.	
	22.2.18		Remained in same position till 1800. A.P.M. with two police again visited ERIHA. Prisoners in small parties received from Brigades all through the day. Total evacuated before leaving - 1st Brigade 6 Other Ranks. N.Z. Brigade 5 O.Ranks. - 11 in all. D.H.Q. moved at 1800 and travelled through to Jerusalem, with a halt of one hour on the way, when food and rations for one meal was drawn and consumed. Arrived in our old quarters at Jerusalem at about 0200 on 23.2.18. Horses very tired and suffering a good deal from cold and wet but otherwise sound. Brigades returned to their former camps at Bethlehem.	

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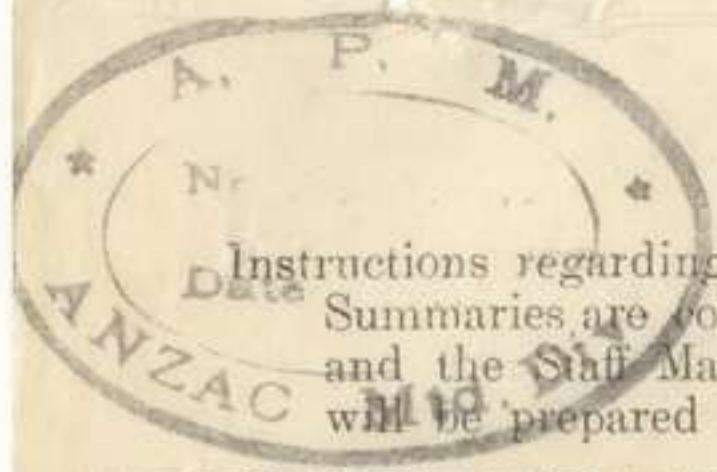
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Jerusalem	23.2.18 24.2.18		Rested at Jerusalem, Brigade at Bethlehem. Nothing to report.	AMW
Jerusalem to AYUN KARA.	25.2.18		D.H.Q. left Jerusalem ^{at 0915.} and marched through to AYUN KARA, arriving there at about 2030. The Brigades also left Bethlehem but took two days over the journey and did not return to Ayunkara till the 26 th . Nothing of interest occurred during the march. All the horses of the detachment returned to camp in sound condition, only one shoe having been lost during the whole operation.	AMW
AYUN KARA.	26.2.18		The three police who were temporarily attached to D.H.Q. during operations were returned to 2nd L.H. Bde H.Q.	see entry for 15.2.18
	27.2.18 28.2.18 Summary		Nothing of importance to report. During the absence of Advanced D.H.Q. duties were carried on satisfactorily in the Ayun Kara area by the remainder of the divisional police under Sergt. A.F. TOONE. Discipline was good and no trouble occurred in the town. On the night of 21 st information was received that a party of suspected persons were thought to be	FEB 1918 AMW



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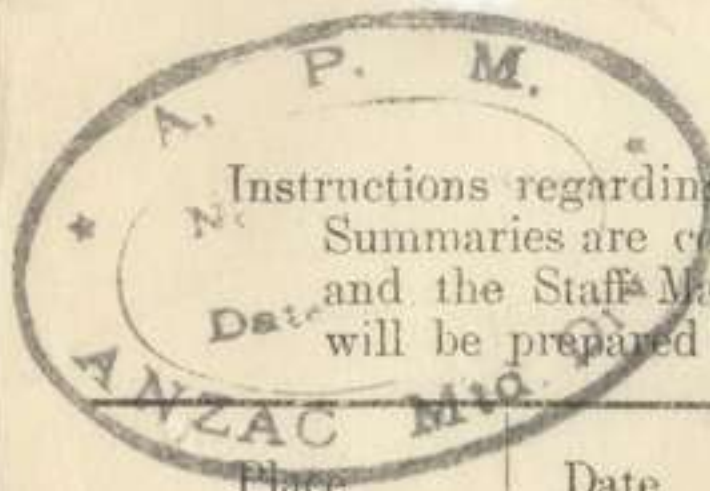
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ayun Kara	Summary of month		<p>proceeding from LUDD to AYUN KARA. The Brigade Police were at once warned by wire and patrols were sent out, but no trace of the party was discovered.</p> <p>On the 22²³ the W.C.O. of the 2nd L.H. Brigade Detachment arrested two men of the 2nd Australian Machine Gun Squadron for attempting to purchase whisky at a canteen by means of a forged order. The offenders were tried by F.G.C.M., and both sentenced to 90 days F.P. No 2.</p> <p>Charges against civilians during the month consist of 7 for cruelty to animals and 1 for selling wine to troops. The cases were all dealt with by the Administrative Commandant of Ayun Kara. In the case of cruelty, nearly all the animals were destroyed, and the seller of wine was fined £10.</p> <p>With the exception of the two cases mentioned above, all charges made by police against soldiers during the month have been of a minor character.</p> <p>Several members of the Brigade Detachments have been granted leave to Port Said and Cairo, but it was not found practicable to grant leave to any of the D.H.Q. Detachment</p>	x 23

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ayun Kava	Summary for month of Feb. 1918		<p>The following is a summary of the returns for the month of February 1918:-</p> <p><u>Absentees reported</u> -- <u>5</u> -- <u>4 traced</u></p> <p><u>Prisoners of war received</u> -- -- <u>53</u> <u>0 Ranks</u></p> <p><u>Civilian Suspects arrested</u> -- -- <u>3</u></p> <p><u>Charges against Soldiers</u> -- -- <u>36</u></p> <p><u>Charges against natives under military law (Etc etc)</u> -- -- <u>1</u></p> <p><u>Charges against civilians</u> -- -- <u>8</u></p> <p>During period 17.2.18 to 25.2.18 the village of BETHLEHEM was policed by the N.Z.M.R. Detachment.</p>	

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Orders governing leave etc in Jerusalem



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The following is a copy of orders governing leave etc in the Jerusalem Area during period in which part of the Anzac Division was Camped in that Area.

1. Villages. All villages are to be evacuated. Troops will camp as far as possible from any village and in no case nearer than 800 yards. O.S.C. Units and Detachments will arrange that when water has to be drawn from any village, the necessary water personnel do not enter any house.

2. City of JERUSALEM. Picquets found by the Division at Jerusalem have been placed on roads leading into the city these picquets will prevent all persons from entering the city with the exception of the following:-

(a) Individuals on duty, who will be provided with a special pass, which will be issued by the O.S.C. Units and Detachments Army Troops, parties on duty, e.g. Lorry Drivers, Train Detachments etc.

(b) Sight-seeing parties who must be under the charge of an officer.

No one, whether in a sight-seeing party or on duty is to enter any shop or house in Jerusalem.

The City of Jerusalem includes all the suburbs of Jerusalem and not merely the walled city.

The above orders will apply to Officers as well as other ranks. They also apply to the village of Bethlehem.

3. HAWKERS. Hawkers are not allowed within any camp. If it is desired that they should sell their goods to the troops there is no objection provided that:-

(a) They do so at some spot selected by the Area Commander.

(b) That they are under the supervision of a Medical Officer.

As regards hawkers near the City of Jerusalem, these will be provided with a pass issued by the Military Governor.

In the case of hawkers distant from Jerusalem, these will be provided with a pass by the Assistant Administrator.

Occupied Enemy Territory, in whose area they are allowed to sell their goods.

All officers and other ranks who have had permission to remain in billets or camps within the suburbs of Jerusalem, must be in possession of a pass.

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Passes, which may be available for one month, will be issued by O.C. Units to Officers and other ranks whose duties constantly take them outside their billets or camps.

Each pass will bear the official stamp of the office from which it is issued, and the date of issue.

It must be clearly understood that these passes are only to be used in the course of duty, and are not available for any other purpose.

Similar passes will be issued to all ranks who require to enter Jerusalem from Areas outside it, with the following exceptions:-

1. Formed parties under an Officer or N.C.O.
2. Authorized drivers of motor vehicles.

Passes will not be necessary in these two cases, provided that the individuals concerned always remain with their party, or motor vehicles.

All passes dated prior to February 1st 1918 will be cancelled.

The above instructions do not apply to passes into the walled city, which will be obtained in all cases from the Military Governor, as heretofore.

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G.H.Q. 12/2/18

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