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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
KANTARA	April. 1st.		Duties carried on as mentioned in last months WAR DIARY.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	April. 2nd. & 3rd.		Nothing to report.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	April. 4th.		D.A.P.M. returned to D.H.Q. from Cairo.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	April. 5th. & 6th.		Nothing to report.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	April. 7th.		Fire at Ordnance Depot Kantara at which D.H.Q. police gave very valuable assistance.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	April. 8th.		Ist. Brigade (less 2 regiments etc.) moved from Kantara to Ghezireh kit stores. The duties of the police involved a night patrol on Ghezireh Island from 1800 to 2200 and the maintenance of camp discipline. Sgt. Seamark N.C.O.I/C, 2nd. Brigade detachment being in Cairo on duty was wounded in the left buttock whilst trying to quell a disturbance between English and Egyptian troops in Sharea Kamel.	<i>[Signature]</i> See App I
	April. 9th.		Nothing to report.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	April. 10th.		D.A.P.M. instructed by A.A. & Q.M.G. to report to Imperial Headqtrs. Cairo for duty with Anzac troops in Cairo. D.A.P.M. interviewed A.A. & Q.M.G. Force in Egypt and was informed that owing to Australians creating a little trouble with native population in Cairo, the G.O.C. Egypt thought it advisable to have another Australian D.A.P.M. to assist. D.A.P.M. interviewed A.P.M. Force in Egypt and A.P.M. A.I.F. and was instructed to work in cooperation with A.P.M. Cairo until further orders.	<i>[Signature]</i>
	April. 11th.		D.A.P.M. interviewed Brigade Major and Staff Capt. Ist. Brigade and was informed that Ist. Brigade troops were giving no trouble whatever. D.A.P.M. then interviewed A.P.M. Cairo and was informed that complaints were to hand of natives being assaulted and robbed by soldiers in the vicinity of Ghezireh Gardens but from complaints received there was no certainty as to whether the soldiers in question.	<i>[Signature]</i>

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KANTARA	April. 11th.		<u>Contd.</u> were Imperial or Australian troops, as quite a lot of Imperial soldiers were wearing felt hats .	<i>Sub</i>
	April. 12th.		Ist. Brigade police were instructed to pay particular attention around Ghezireh gardens and roads leading there to . In addition a brigade picquet I/c of an officer was detailed to act in conjunction with the police .	<i>Sub</i>
	April. 13th. to 17th.		D.A.P.M. visited various parts of Cairo frequented by soldiers and found Anzac troops behaving very well .	<i>Sub</i>
	April. 18th.		D.A.P.M. under instructions from A.A. & Q.M.G. Force in Egypt returned to D.H.Q. Kantara. N.Z. Detachment now patrolling Brigade-area at Tanta and assisting M.M.P. in patrolling the town .	<i>Sub</i>
	April. 19th. to 23rd.		Nothing to report .	<i>Sub</i>
	April. 24th.		D.A.P.M. reported to A.P.M., A.I.F. at A.I.F. Hqtrs. Cairo to act for him during his absence in Palestine . Fire broke out on French ship 'Admiral Ponty' about three miles south of Kantara. Divisional troops gave valuable assistance in every way particularly with regard to getting civilians off the burning ship. D.H.Q. police took their turn with Kantara police in guarding the ship and preventing soldiers from boarding.	<i>Sub</i>
	April. 25th.		D.A.P.M. interviewed Staff Capt. 2nd. Brigade who was in Cairo on duty and was informed that Brigade police were working very well and giving every satisfaction and that the discipline and general behaviour of troops was very good .	<i>Sub</i>
	April. 26th.		D.H.Q. police with Kantara police guarded the ship, until she put off to Port Said for repairs. <i>Admiral Ponty</i>	<i>Sub</i>
	April. 27th. to 29th.		Nothing to report.	<i>Sub</i>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Kantara	April. 30th.		<p>D.A.P.M. interviewed Brigade Major N.Z. Brigade ^{that N.Z. Brigade were} who was in Cairo on duty, and was informed that police were giving every satisfaction and behaving splendidly.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>S U M M A R Y .</p> <p>-----ooooOoooo-----</p> <p><u>CHARGES BY DIVISIONAL POLICE</u></p> <p>Soldiers, Seven charges were preferred against Imperial soldiers by 2nd. Brigade for being "out of bounds" in Damanhour .</p> <p>One charge preferred by D.A.P.M. against a member of Ist. I. H. F. Amb. for "Stealing from a comrade"</p> <p>Natives and Civilians,</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Nil.</p> <p>Discipline.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>The discipline of police under my control has been very good, as also discipline and general behaviour of troops.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>There has been no undue interference, to my knowledge, by troops of this division with the inhabitants of the Country.</p> <p>-----</p>	<p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p> <p><i>[Handwritten signature]</i></p> <p>4</p>

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II	DIVISIONAL ROUTINE ORDERS.
III	POLICE DUTIES .

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APPENDIX I .

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R E P O R T .

To-D.A.P.M.

Anzac Mounted Division,

K A N T A R A .

Sir,

At Cairo on the 8th. April, 1919 at about 1600, I was standing at the corner of Chareh Kamel And Chareh Boulac, when I noticed a disturbance between English troops and Egyptian troops . Firearms were brought into use by both parties and shots exchanged frequently. I came between to parties and in so doing noticed Cpl. JAMES, Australian Provost Corps, walk in with the same object in view, viz.- to quell the disturbance. We succeeded in pushing the English soldiers into the Esbekieh Gardens, and ~~quell~~ quietened things down to some extent. We both had to retire, wounded, I have since heard that Cpl. JAMES ~~was~~ was wounded in the head, and that he had been admitted to Hospital I cannot state at what time he was ~~wounded~~ wounded. I was wounded in the left buttock, and am now receiving medical treatment at Kasr-nel-Nil Barracks My presence in Cairo is due to the fact that I am on duty from the 2nd. L.H. Brigade Hqrs., at present Stationed at Damanhour.

Cairo, 8-4-19.

(Sigd.) No. 565 Chas. Seemark Sargt.
Australian Provost Corps.

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DIVISIONAL ROUTINE ORDERS.

No-261 DRESS.

With reference to G.R.O. 5191 dated 11/3/19 Summer dress will be taken into wear by troops West of the Canal and Kantara area from 1st. April and by troops East of Kantara from 15th. April 1919.

(1)

From the above dates Helmets (Felt hats in the case of troops to whom these are issued in lieu of helmets) will be worn by all ranks between the hours of 0830 & 1630.

(2)

G.R.O.No-3776 dated 13/4/19. is republished for information .-'All ranks are forbidden to wear shorts when riding '.

(P.L.of C.R.O. 596 dated 31/3/19.)

Troops may go to bathe in fatigue dress, but are not to loiter about public places in breeches or shorts without leggings or puttees .

Men going into Kantara or to Railway Station should be correctly dressed.

No.-262 DISCIPLINE.

Circular Memo No 142 dated 9-4-19. from Hqtrs., KANTARA Area is published for information.

Following wire from H.Q. Egypt for necessary action , 'All unit Commanders should immediately impress upon all ranks that use of Turkish Flag must not be understood as provocation as Turkish flag was the only flag in Egypt till Protectorate declared , It is therefore only Flag possessed by most denominations and naturally produced as signs of rejoicing.

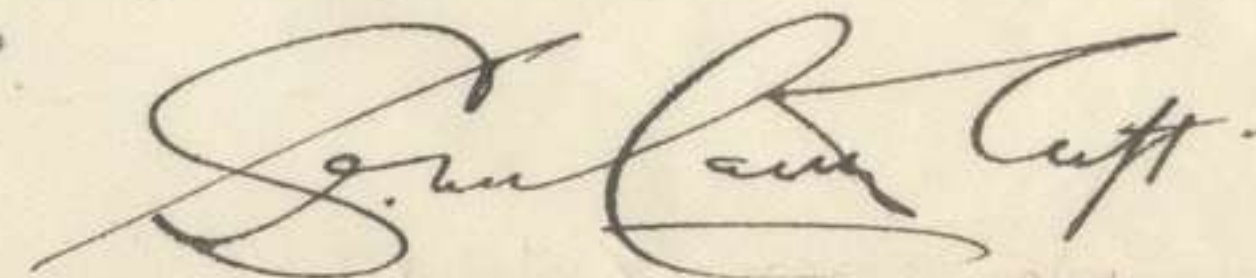
No-.266 DAMAGE TO PROPERTY.

Troops are warned against damaging any property or buildings , no timber is to be removed without authority .

Special care is to be exercised as regards the property of the Canal Company, in and along the Canal.

No-269. SANITATION.

The greatest care is to be taken regarding the prevention of fly breeding . Refuse is not to be thrown into the Canal.



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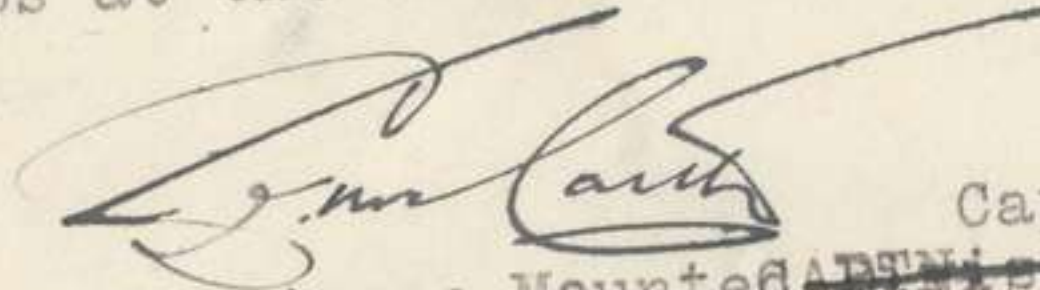
POLICE DUTIES .

CAIRO. Ist. Brigade police detachment is providing a night patrol on ~~Gezira~~ ^{Shubra} Island from 1800 to 2200 and maintaining camp @ discipline

DAMANHOUR 2nd Brigade police detachment has been patrolling the town of Damanhour and its approaches to prevent troops entering the Town and in addition maintaining camp discipline.

KANTARA D.H.Q. Detachment has been providing a dismounted night area patrol on D.H.Q. , a mounted patrol to divisional units in Kantara area a post at Kantara Theatre when necessary.

TANTA. N.Z. Brigade detachment has been providing a brigade area patrol in Tanta and maintaining camp discipline. And early in the month was called upon at odd times for duty with N.Z. troops at the Training Depot Ismailia .


D.A.P.M. Anzac Mounted ~~Division~~ ^{Division} Captn.



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