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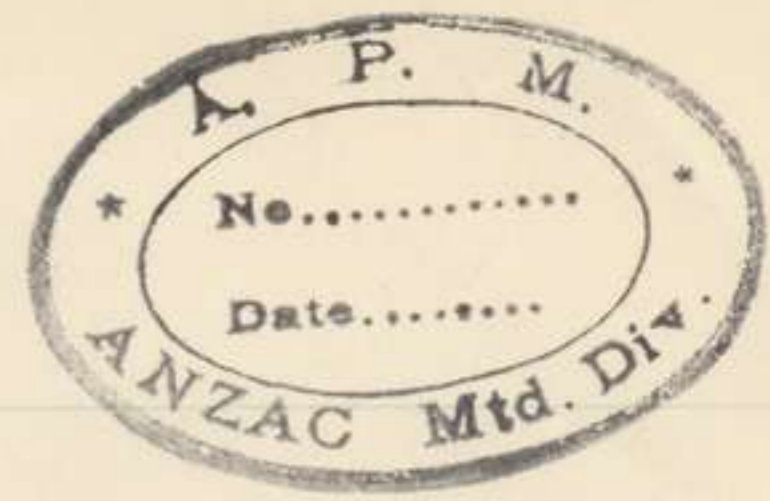
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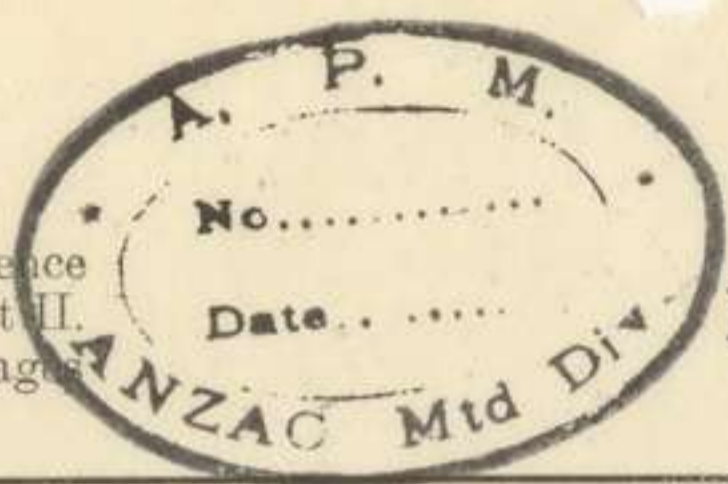
ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.

FROM July 1st 1917.

TO July 31st 1917.

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A.P.M. A. & N.Z. Mtd. Division



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
ABASAN EL KEBIR	1/7/17 to 5/7/17		Nothing of interest to report, except that on 3/7/17 the A.P.M. i/c Sialing visited D.H.Q. and sealed the only water eyes in the Division	ATM
TEL-EL- FARA	6.7.17		Left camp at Abasan-el Kebir and moved to area round Tel-el-Fara. Reference GAZA-SHEKKAH map 1:40,000, Square G.M. and K. Divisional Headquarters being at Square G.9. The principal duties in this area are the patrolling of the watering area, in order to stop the pollution of the water in the WADI GHZZEE. Special ablution places have been set apart on the banks of the Wadi and no washing of any sort is allowed except at these places. No horses or camels may be tethered in the bed of the Wadi, or watered at places other than the authorized troughs.	ATM
	9.7.17		2 men and 1 boy, Bedouin suspects brought in by the New Zealand M. Rifle Brigade, one man a cripple.	ATM
	10.7.17		Captain A.F. Jordan returned from Cairo and resumed duties of A.P.M. Anzac Mounted Division. The three Bedouins mentioned above sent on to the Military Governor of Sinai at KHAN YUNUS.	ATM

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TEL-EL-FARA	10.7.17	(continued)	One armed Turkish deserter, a Sergeant of the 3rd Battalion 47 th Regt brought in by N.Z.M.R. Brigade and forwarded on to the concentration camp at DEIR-EL-BELAH. He originally belonged to the Gendarmerie and gave himself up when on patrol 1/2 mile North of GOZ-el-GELEIB.	etgm
	11.7.17		Lieutenant A.J. Watts relinquished duties of A.P.M. and left for Cairo.	etgm
	13.7.17		5 men and 3 children Bedouin suspects, unarmed, brought in by N.Z.M.R. Brigade.	etgm
	14.7.17		3 Turkish prisoners brought in, one sergeant & 2 privates of the 3rd Batt. 47 th Regiment, all armed. The eight Bedouins mentioned above were sent on to the military Governor at Khan Yunus.	etgm
	15.7.17		3 Turks forwarded to concentration camp Deir-el-Balah and 3 Bedouin unarmed suspects brought in.	etgm
	16.7.17		3 Bedouins sent to military Governor. Two more unarmed suspects, one man and one woman brought in. One Turkish P.O.W. of the 8 th Cavalry Regt was received. captured by the 2nd L.H. Brigade. Another was captured, but was sent to Hospital. Both were wounded. One E.L.C. native was received from 2nd Light Horse Brigade. found absent from his unit in suspicious circumstances.	E.L.C. = Egyptian Labour Corps etgm

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL-EL FARA.	17.7.	17.	The wounded Turkish Cavalryman forwarded to concentration camp together with the E.L.C. suspect. A party of Bedouin suspects was received from the N.Z.M.R. Brigade, consisting of 2 men 4 women and 6 children, with 31 goats 4 camels and 3 Donkeys.	AMW
	18.7.	17.	The above mentioned party of Bedouins and stock forwarded to the Military Governor. Advice received from A.P.M. Desert Column that a man corresponding in appearance to the description of PAUL SCHIEKE, a notable German agent, had been seen heading east E. side of TEL-EL JEMMI going towards SHELLAH. Special patrols sent out from all brigades and from D.H.Q. but no trace of him found. One unarmed Bedouin suspect brought in by N.Z.M.R. Brigade.	See App. B. vol. II of this diary AMW
	19.7.	17.	12 Turkish Cavalry prisoners received, 7 belonging to the 6th Regt. and 5 to the 8th Regt. Captured by 1st L.H. Brigade. With them were received 10 horses, 9 rifles and 350 rounds S.A. Ammunition. They were sent on to the concentration camp at DEIR-EL-BELAH. The Bedouin received yesterday was sent to the Military Governor.	AMW

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TEL-EL-FARA.	20.7.17		1 Turkish prisoner of war received from N.3 M. R. Brigade. a private of the 125 th Infantry Regiment, captured at KHASIF.	AJM
	21.7.17		Turk captured yesterday sent on to concentration camp.	AJM
	22.7.17		Captain A. F. JORDAN left for Cairo. Lieutenant A. J. WATTS returned and resumed duties of A.P.M. Report made to A.P.M. Desert Column re unsatisfactory nature of sealing regulations, and suggestion made that wire be used instead of string. Two Bedouin suspects, armed, received from 5 th Light Horse Regt.	AJM
	23.7.17		Two Bedouin suspects received 22 nd , sent in to concentration camp at DEIR-EL-BELAH. Confidential memo from A.P.M. EASTFORCE stopping search for German agent PAUL SCHIEKE. Circulated to Brigades.	AJM vide entry for 18.7.17.
	26.7.17		Following instructions received from A.P.M. re Permits Canal Zone. re Camp Permits. ① All Camp Permits to Nations must be signed by O. of Permits KANTARA. ② A.P.M. may renew camp permits for 3 months but notification must be sent to A.P.M. re Permits. ③ All unused camp permits to be returned to O. of permits KANTARA.	AJM

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TEL-EL-FARA.	27.7.17		Two unarmed Badouin suspects received from 4 th Light Horse Regiment. One Turkish private, a deserter from the 47 th Regt received from 15 th L.H. Regt; also one Sergeant of the 6 th Cavalry Regt, captured by 15 th L.H. Regt. Both Turks sent on to concentration camp.	AJM
	28.7.17.		Two Badouins received 27 th forwarded to Military Governor. One Turkish private of the 2 nd Batt. 137 th Regt. received from 5 th L.H. Regt. and forwarded on to concentration camp	AJM
	29.7.17.		Secret descriptions received of two enemy agents, ABD-EL KADER AHMED EL MASRI. Copies of these descriptions are attached as Appendix A. to this month's diary	the App. A. AJM
	30.-31.7.17.		During the month considerable difficulty has been found in safeguarding the water supply in the WADI GHUZZEE. - fresh troops continually coming into the area who were not aware of the orders governing the water. In many cases where men were charged with disobedience of orders, it was found	AJM



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL-EL FARA.	30-31-7-17.		<p>impossible to get a conviction for this reason.</p> <p>On several occasions during this month it has been the duty of members of the detachment to escort our native Secret Service agents from Desert Column Headquarters through our outpost line, leaving them in the Enemy's country. This duty has always been carried out satisfactorily.</p> <p>The following is a summary of work done during the month:-</p> <p><u>Prisoners of War.</u> <u>Turks. 21.</u> <u>Badmouin Suspects. 34.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Total 55.</u></p> <p><u>Charges made against Soldiers. 38.</u> including 27 for offences in connection with the water supply</p> <p><u>Charges against Camel Transport Cops and Egyptian Labour Cops natives. 18.</u></p> <p><u>Absentees Reported. Soldiers 3. (Two traced). Natives 5. (Two traced)</u></p>	<p>AM</p>

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Appendix A. to War Diary for
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See Entry for 29.7.17

Copy of Provost Marshall's Circular Memo no 2302/17
dated 29.7.17. Marked SECRET.

The following copy of letter for your information and necessary action in respect of two Turkish Agents, descriptions of which is therein.

1. ABD-EL-KADER. This man is said to make frequent visits to CAIRO from PALESTINE, coming by way of the Eastern Desert. He is an Arab from BIR SABAH. About 32 years of age. Face round and reddish. Eyes rather blue. Hair and moustache black. Tall, thin; speaks Arabic and Turkish very well. He is stated to come to CAIRO twice a month. He may be on camel back. His route into Egypt is said to be either via ISMAILIA or KANTARA. He is reported to swim the canal. He has been seen at BIR SABAH dressed as a beggar as follows: he wears a robe, probably made of goat's hair, or something similar (dark stuff) and a dirty handkerchief tied round his head. He also had a thin leather belt about two fingers in width. He had nothing on his feet. There is no evidence that he wears this kit in Egypt. He is said to mix with the Arabs in ISMAILIA.

2. AHMED EL MASHI. This man is reported to have left Egypt two years ago and to be working with ABD-EL-KADER. He was last heard of at BIR SABAH where he is known as "AHMED the Egyptian". Age 27, average height, thin, complexion dark; eyes inclining to blue (they are rather restless and never completely open); hair and moustache black.

He states he blew up a large petrol depot in CAIRO.

Both the above to be arrested if found, and this office immediately notified please.

(Signed) E. Wakey, Capt.
for Colonel

P. M. E. E. F.