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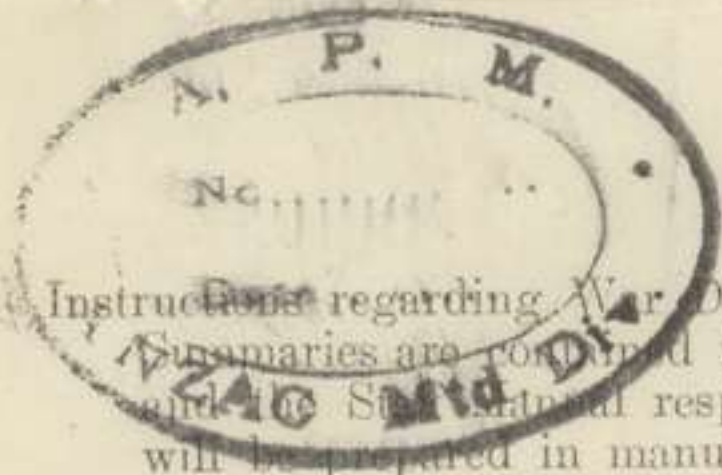
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
JAFFA	1. 12. 17.		Several Arabs arrested on suspicion of communicating with enemy artillery, but nothing definite can be proved against them. Police out till late at night watching for signals. Party of 3 Turkish officers evacuated to Desert M ^d Corps with some arab suspects.	
	2. 12. 17.		Signalling seen from a house in YAZUR shortly after dark. The Divisional Train surrounded the house and reported the matter to H.Q. The A.P.M. with a section of police went out and the place was raided. Seven suspects were arrested and a telescope and a pair of binoculars confiscated. After a preliminary investigation at D.H.Q. the case was handed over to the Civil Administrator, Jaffa. 1 officer and 27 O-Ranks. Prisoners of war received from 2nd L.H. Brigade.	
	5. 12. 17.		Reports received from Desert M ^d Corps of disorder in the village of AYUN KARA (1st L.H. Bdn Area) at night. Steps were taken to have Orders relating to Bounds, Passes, and Sale of Wine, more strictly enforced. there. A few small parties of prisoners of war have been evacuated to Desert M ^d Corps during the last few days.	

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Jaffa.	6.12.17		<p>Preparing for the move on 7th. During the latter part of our stay at Jaffa police duties have been carried on as detailed in volume III of this Diary. Many charges have been made against soldiers found in the town without passes or unarmed. Complaints have continually been received from the local Jewish Committee of damage done by soldiers to deserted houses, but on investigation, it has been found that in nearly every case the houses have been broken into by Arabs and plundered by them. In only one case was it found necessary to make charges against soldiers for offences against property. The Brigade Police have been employed in the usual duties in their Brigade Areas. During this period several ex-Turkish Officers* have reported themselves, having deserted from the Turkish Army on the its evacuation from this district. They were instructed to report to this office daily. In two cases permission was given to go South to Semmameh in search of employment on the farms.</p>	* Jaws  - DEC 1917



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JAFFA to AYUN KARA	7.12.17		Divisional H.Q. moved from Jaffa to AYUN KARA. (Palestine Exploration Fund Map - Sheet XIII. N.19.6.) A section of Police was sent ahead of the main body to control traffic and water areas and to guide troops into their new areas.	
AYUN KARA	8.12.17		The policing of the new area is arranged as follows:- The D.H.Q. detachment polices the village and water area in the village. The 1st L.H. Bede Detachment patrols the road between AYUN KARA and the main JAFFA - RAMLEH road. The 2nd L.H. Bede Detachment patrols the road between AYUN KARA and WADI HANEIN. The remainder of the Brigade police are employed in the usual duties in their own areas. Complaints are already coming in from inhabitants with regard to property damaged by troops entering their new areas. In nearly every case however these complaints are found to be very much exaggerated and quite undeserving of compensation.	 - DEC 1917
	10.12.17		Acting on information received, the A.P.M. went to the village of KATRAH (P.E.F. map sheet XVI Z 13.6) and then arrested 3 Turkish officers, deserters, who were being concealed by the local inhabitants. These prisoners were brought to Ayun Kara and subsequently evacuated to Desert Mounted Corps.	

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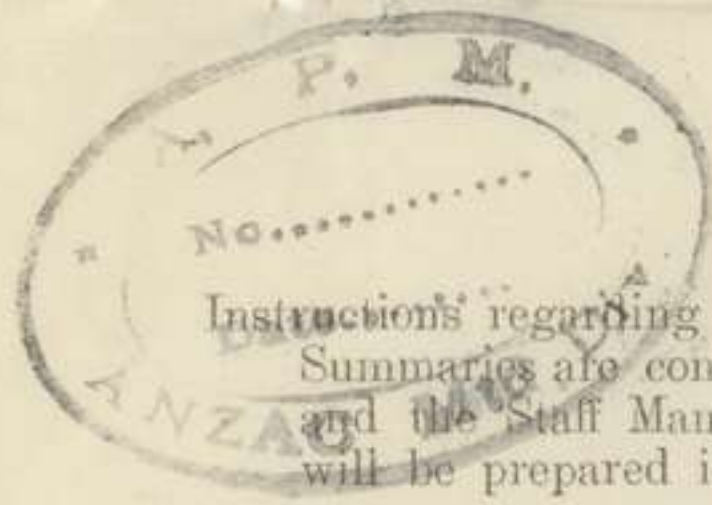
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
AYON KARA	11.12.17		Acting on information received, Sergeant W. O. McEWAN went to WADI B HANEIN, and there searched a house for concealed arms and equipment. A considerable quantity of arms, ammunition and equipment both British and Turkish was found. Three arrests were made. The offenders were passed to the Civil Administrator, the arms etc. being handed to D.A.D.O.S.	
	12.12.17		Copies of G.R.O.s 3226 & 3225 in relation to occupied Territory and Bounds received from Provost Marshal and distributed to all M.M.P. in the Division.	
	13.12.17		Troop from 1 st Bde reported for guard over wine cellars and patrol round the town. This guard and patrol will be relieved daily. The duties of the patrol are to patrol all entrances to the town and orchards, day and night, to prevent troops entering the town without correct passes and to guard against looting of fruit and damage to trees. This will be in addition to all other patrols mentioned above.	 - DEC 1917
	17.12.17		The Guard and patrol furnished by the 1 st L.H. Brigade were permanently relieved by the 21 st Corps Cavalry Regt. on this date.	



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AYUN KARA.	16.12.17	to 25.12.17	<p>Nothing further of note occurred during the occupation of AYUN KARA by the Division. During the period many charges were made against men for minor offences, such as being in town without a pass and failing to comply with the various Routine Orders governing Occupied Territory, all of which have been very strictly enforced. In one or two instances civilians have sold wine to soldiers without authority, thus causing drunkenness and more serious offences to occur. This unauthorised selling of liquor has been rigorously put down. Certain premises have been raided, and the proprietors dealt with by the Civil Committee of the town. Further instructions have been given to the Brigades re sending police ahead when on the move to regulate traffic and water and guide troops into their new areas.</p>	
AYUN KARA to ESDUD	26.12.17		<p>D.H.Q. moved from Ayun Kara to ESDUD (P.E.F. map sheet XVI. B.31). Police was sent ahead to perform the usual duties.</p>	

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ESDUD

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Duties in the New Area are as follows: - The D.H.Q. Detachment patrols the village of ESDUD, the Railway Station and the Railway line in the D.H.Q. Area. The Brigade police are responsible for their own areas. Several C.T.C. & E.H.C. adventures have been arrested in and about the village, and a number of charges have been made against men for crossing the Railway at unauthorized places. Otherwise nothing of note has occurred. The following is a summary of the monthly return up to

December 25th:-

Prisoners of War - Officers - 4 - O. Ranks 39. Total 43.

Soldiers Charged - 160

Civilians Charged - 25 (including 4 for selling wine to troops, the remainder being suspected of communicating with the Enemy.)

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