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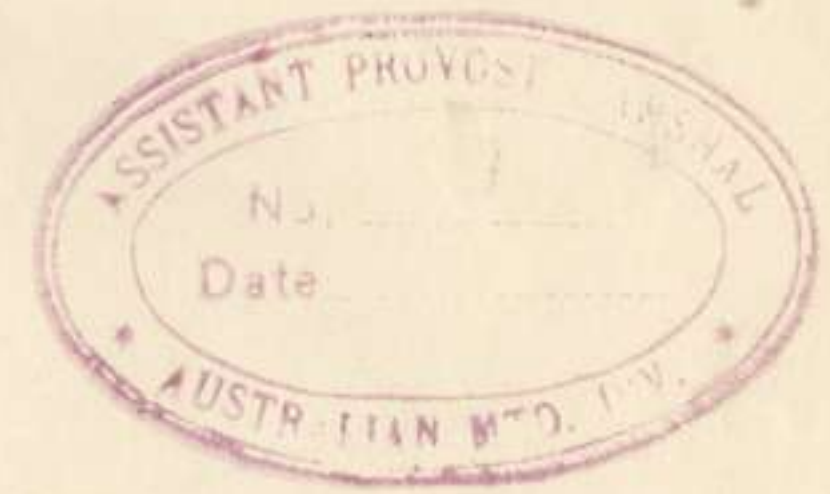
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OF

D.A.P.M. Aust. I.M. Div.

FOR

SEPTEMBER 1918



Signature of Officer compiling W. J. Fullmer Capt

Signature of Officer Commanding _____

WAR DIARY

D.A.P.M. AUSTRALIAN MTD DIVN



| PLACE | DATE | SUMMARY OF EVENTS AND INFORMATION | REMARKS & REF TO APPENDICES |
|-------|--------|--|--|
| LUDD | 1/9/18 | Interviewed A.P.M. LofC & A.P.M. RAMLEH. Ref policy of villages in vicinity of Brigade, and distribution of his police in our area. Interviewed D.M. Governor as to disposal of native and the question of dealing with Prostitutes. Capt Mullins departed on leave to Alexander (sick leave) | - report for Lieut McCarty |
| " | 2/9/18 | Visited 3 rd & 4 th Bdes, S/Capt & NCO's w/c Police, Arranged for 3 rd Bde to police LUDD village & wells during watering hours, and instructed NCO's w/c to give special attention to gardens in area. Arranged for 4 th Bde to police Surajend village to the RAMLEH place RAMLEH & LUDD out of bounds on account of disease | - report for Lieut McCarty |
| " | 3/9/18 | Visited S/Capt & NCO's w/c Police 5 th Bde. Informed that Detachment were working well. Duties consisted of Bde area, garden patrol, watering patrol, market patrol, and patrolling villages of RICHON & BEIT DEIRAN | Markets appearing A report for Lieut McCarty |
| " | 4/9/18 | Visited LUDD village & wells. Rode through 3 rd & 4 th Bde areas found everything correct | - report for Lieut McCarty |
| " | 5/9/18 | Rode to LUDD village and round 19 th Bde R.H.A. area found everything correct | - report for Lieut McCarty |
| " | 6/9/18 | Visited 5 th Bde Area & village of BEIT DEIRAN everything satisfactory. D.P.M. and A.P.M. DESCORPS inspected detachments. | - report for Lieut McCarty |
| " | 7/9/18 | Visited 3 rd Bde S/Capt re Regt Canteens Arrangements and informed 8 th , 9 th , & 10 th Regt Canteens open 1700 to 1900, soldiers allowed 1/2 pt wine and not allowed to take wine to bivouacs. Patrol on LUDD village discontinued, and a patrol detailed for duty at R.O.D. | Markets appearing A report for Lieut McCarty |
| " | | Visited 4 th Bde S/Capt re Market place being established, | |
| " | 8/9/18 | Visited RICHON found everything satisfactory, very few soldiers about | - report for Lieut McCarty |
| " | 9/9/18 | Visited SARRIEH village and 5 th Bde area, found all correct, Arranged for 1 Police to collect boards for Market Place at French Regt attached to 5 th Bde. Market will be controlled by GENDARMES. | - report for Lieut McCarty |

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| LUDD | 10/9/18 | Rode round Lt Bde Area, Sig Sqr, Dwt Train, & Field Sqr. found all correct. | WJH for Hunt McC. |
| " | 11/9/18 | Capt Gillies returned and resumed duties as D.A.P.M. Visited 3 rd & 4 th Bdes ref charges against Native women, also D.M.G RAMLEH ref same subject | Native women APP B WJH |
| " | 12/9/18 | Visited 5 th Bde S/Capt re charges against women, visited A.P.M. Ramleh. No complaints. Hunt McCarty proceeded to Cairo. | APP B WJH |
| " | 13/9/18 | Visited 3 rd Bde & D.M.G. Ramleh also Watany areas. Lieut Sanders reported for duty as A/D.A.P.M. | WJH |
| " | 14/9/18 | D.M.G. inspected by G.O.C. Complimented on Turnout, visited A.P.M. RAMLEH. Ref wine selling by natives. Orders issued by him to inhabitants of RAMLEH that same must cease | WJH |
| " | 15/9/18 | 200 T/Cpl WILLIAMS 3 rd Bde A.P.C. evacuated to hospital. Visited R.O.D. He stated that sleepers had been taken and were used by Troops for horse lines. Orders were issued that same must be returned on the event of a move. | WJH |
| " | 16/9/18 | Conference A.P.M. & D.A.P.M. ref operations. Corp STEWART 3 rd Bde police did good work in tracing stolen Saddle belonging to Capt Cameron 10 th Regt. | WJH |
| JAFFA. MAP Ref 1/40,000 | 7/9/18 | Broke Camp 1930 & marched at 2015. along road through SAFRIYEH. Lieut Sanders and 4 police went ahead for traffic control. Camped N of Jewish Agricultural College. JAFFA. | WJH |

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D.A.P.M. Australian 1/4th Div



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| MOHA | 19/9/18 | Capt Gillies & Lieut Sanders with 6 police left in advance of D.H.Q. to take over traffic control at JERISHIEH & HADRA. Bridges remainder of police moved with D.H.Q. 3 Police were left at JERISHIEH bridge awaiting arrival of Police relief owing to Descorts Flying Patrol being delayed. Camped on arrival at 2300 at MOHA. | way |
| LEJJUN | 20/9/18 | left MOHA 0130. Collected fodder and village of ARA. 1 Prisoner (Turk) captured at ARA. by 3rd Bde. Arrived at LEJJUN 1130 | way |
| " | 21/9/18 | were received from Adv D.H.Q. to establish Compound for P.O.W. at X17C. On road met company of 7000 prisoners. Lieut Sanders and 3 police to X17C and I returned to Rear D.H.Q. to take over prisoners. Same here put in Descorts compound. Lieut Sanders took over JENIN. Town in fearful state. Arms, equipment, and transport everywhere. Bedouins looting. P.O.W. Compound established 1/2 mile W of town on Lejjun Rd. 136 Prisoners received and evacuated Descort Compound. | way |
| JENIN | 22/9/18 | After 7000 prisoners handed over to A.P.M. Descorts I left with police at 1400 and proceeded to JENIN arriving at 1900. Found town straightened up and compound established by Lieut Sanders. Camped in town. 135 prisoners evacuated. | way |
| EL AFOULEH | 23/9/18 | left JENIN 1100. Arrived EL AFOULEH 1400. Received, fed, and watered approx 4000 prisoners from Lt Col Div. | way |
| " | 24/9/18 | Above prisoners evacuated by 0800. after feeding and watering. Police billeted at house near station. Received at 1800 approx 2500 prisoners from Lt Col Div. | way |
| NR NAZARETH | 25/9/18 | Above prisoners evacuated by 0730 after feeding and watering to Descorts. left Afouleh at 2000 passed through NAZARETH, and camp on road few miles the other side. | way |

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| PLACE | DATE | SUMMARY of EVENTS and INFORMATION | REMARKS REF TO APPENDICES |
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| TIBERIAS | 26/9/18 | Left camp at 0900 arrived TIBERIAS 1630. Camped in town. Took over 135 prisoners, and evacuated by motor lorry. | -Wax |
| BENAT-YAKUB | 27/9/18 | Left TIBERIAS 0700 held up at bridge over Jordan at YAKUB BENAT-YAKUB bridge blown up and ford held by the enemy. Camped for night | -Wax |
| KUNETRA | 28/9/18 | Ford captured by 3 rd Bde. Police controlled traffic through town, and over ford. Bridge repaired. After Divisional transport had crossed bridge we left for Kunetra, arrived 2200. 77 prisoners evacuated from BENAT YAKUB | -Wax |
| SASA & DAMASCUS | 29/9/18 | Village policed by D&B Co & 5 Bde police. Indian and French troops looting. Town cleared of troops by 1200. Left KUNETRA 1600 travelled all night | -Wax |
| " | | Arrived Sasa. 0600 watered and camped 1 mile N of village. 384 prisoners received and evacuated from here. Moved 0800 towards Damascus. Camped 3 miles SW of town. | -Wax |
| <p>Wax D.A.P.M. Aust Jtd Div</p> | | | |

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D.A.P.M. Australian Mtd. Div.

FOR

SEPTEMBER 1918

LIST OF APPENDICES.

| No. | Subject. |
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| A | Markets |
| B | Prostitution |
| C | Prisoners of War. |

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While the Aust 1st Div were camped at LUDD
we had considerable trouble with natives who were
entering the camps with vegetables, fruit etc.
H.Q. Ramleh Area O.G.T. were approached with a
view to starting markets. Orders were issued by
them, prohibiting natives to enter the camps, and
that markets were being established where they could
sell their goods.

The system turned out a great success.
Notice boards were put up. They were under
Police supervision, and there were no complaints

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Appendix B. Prostitution

There were several complaints of Native women
hanging around the camps, soliciting for
prostitution. The Military Governor Ramleh
was approached with a view to stopping it.
As they were not, actually in the camps nothing
could be done by us. They knew that the
police would turn them out so kept their
distance. The M.G. arranged to deal with
them, if it was proved that they were actually
soliciting. Several arrests were made by
my police. A charge sheet was made out
against them. They were then handed over
to the M.G. who took down the evidence and
dealt with them. In a few days the
practice had ceased.

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Appendix 'b'

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Prisoners of War.

The Division arrived at LEJJUN on 20th and that same night a group of prisoners was marched in by 5th Cav. Div. I advanced in the country of these and when they were despatched South the following morning I received a message to proceed to Adv. D.H.Q. about 1½ miles NNE of JENIN. On the road to JENIN the group of about 7000 prisoners were met and I returned to LEJJUN and they were put direct into DESCORPS Compound. Only small bodies of prisoners were handled at JENIN. Arriving at EL AFOULEH on 23rd about 4000 prisoners of 4th Cav Div. were counted, fed watered and despatched by me, and a second group of 3500 was similarly dealt with the following day.

From AFOULEH on to DAMASCUS only small bodies of captives were dealt with. No trouble was experienced in the handling of these prisoners, rations and water being always available. Great assistance was always given by captured officers, both German and Turkish, in controlling the captives, inasmuch as they understood and so could translate orders, and moreover enforced them on the rank and file of the Turkish soldiery. Germans captured were always very obedient but the Turks were apt to panic. Turks were noticed to consume vast quantities of water, when being watered, and showed great lack of self control, whereas Germans only drank moderately. The Turks when in compounds for the night would not use latrines made for them but deposited excreta promiscuously about the enclosures.

L. J. Gullmer Capt

