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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
DARAYA	1/10/18	-	2 Lt Sanders and three Police went back 5 miles to JUDEIDE and established POW Compound on Water Course. 10000 more POW marched into Compound making a total of 15,000. B.H.Q. moved to SALAHIYE	See appendix A W&A
SALAHIYE	2/10/18	-	Prisoners started by march route in three groups but instructions were given by A.D.M.G. Descents, that prisoners had to be concentrated at KAUKAB. To await removal by lorry owing to their inability to walk. Police patrols supplied for duty on lorry Commander official entry to Damascus	See appendix A W&A
"	3/10/18	-	2 Lt Sanders rejoined D.L.B. 300 POW used as working party to clear BEIRUT ROAD. Police escorting prisoners to Working party Camp.	Appendix A W&A
"	4/10/18	-	Collected water, Police drawing food for POW working party	W&A
MEZZE	5/10/18	-	D.L.B. moved to MEZZE. Police detailed for Town duty with Damascus Town Request supplied by Col Bauchers Force, Police engaged in Traffic control and watering duties	W&A
"	6/10/18	-	General Police Duties	W&A
"	7/10/18	-	Ass 6/10/18. Looking for Police accommodation in Damascus, Unsuccessful.	W&A
DAMASCUS	8/10/18	-	Office established in Railway building, Hejjaz Station with A.P.M. Descents	W&A
"	9/10/18	-	Patrol of 2 Police in Town all day and usual duties	W&A
"	10/10/18	-	Usual duties, and patrols. Visited patrols and posts of the duty Regt 17 <sup>th</sup> Lt. everything correct. Raided WAZZA. Several arrests	W&A
"	11/10/18	-	Took over from A.P.M. Descent Mtd Capt who was sick. "Out of Bounds" notice boards put up at entrances to town, usual patrols. Inspected post of Duty Regt.	W&A





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DAMASCUS	17/10/18		Issued orders to bays and wine shops that no liquors to be sold to soldiers. Usual duties. Raided Harza at night 5 arrests.	way
"	17/10/18	15	Usual Police Duties and patrols	way
"	16/10/18			
"	17/10/18		Policed portion of road between it clear of traffic when "RR" car left DAMASCUS for BEIRUT. Office moved to MENZEL, usual duties.	way
"	18/10/18		Police moved to Banachs in Town. next Turkish Ordinance, usual duties.	way
"	19/10/18		Memorial Service held by Arabs in Square	way
"	20/10/18		Usual Police duties and patrols	way
"	24/10/18		Palace Hotel placed in bounds to Officers only, affixed notice boards usual duties.	way
"	25/10/18		Patrols as usual	way
"	28/10/18		Division moved about 13 miles along DAMASCUS-HOMS Road, breaking camp 1100 arriving at bivouac 1700	way
KUTEIFE	29/10/18		Police went ahead of column to KUTEIFE and over watery areas and village. Division arrived 1300. Police on Tibbin and grain stores.	way
NEBK	30/10/18		Police ahead of Column to NEBK. Took over water area in Centre of village. Division arrived 1600. Police controlled traffic, and patrolled village at night.	way
SHAMSIN	31/10/18		Police ahead of Column proceeded to BUREIZE where Division watered, and then on to HASIE where picquet was left on cistern of drinking water. sufficient for one Bde only. Remainder proceeded to SHAMSIN where 3rd Bde drew drinking water. Column arrived 1900	way

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## LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.

Subject.

"A." Prisoners of War.

"B." Raquating of Damascus.

"c." Claims.



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Appendix A.

Prisoners of War.

On the 31/9/18 the Division reached DARAYA some four or five miles from Hama. About 1800 a party of 4,000 p/w were marched, and stayed the night. The following morning 1/10/18 and 3 men went to JUDEIDE and established a compound by a water course, there being no water at DARAYA. Rations were brought for this party of 4000 that evening 1/10/18. The same night over ten thousand more p/w marched in. Early on 2/10/18 the first party started off for KUNEITRA having been fed and watered. Rations remaining for other 10,000 p/w was sufficient only by giving little more than a biscuit per man and a tin of beef to eight. Even at this rate the bully beef was soon expended. It was noticed however that the majority of the prisoners had bread in their possession. The prisoners seemed very weak, owing doubtless to privations experienced before capture, accentuated by march to P/W compound and shortage of food. The second party of 10,000 was despatched in two groups at 1100 and 1140 respectively. About 1600 the A.A. & Q.M.G. Desert Med Corps gave orders that all p/w be concentrated at KAVKAB owing to the great number of prisoners dying on the road. This was done and rations were provided for the prisoners and they eventually proceeded by march routes having spent some two or three weeks in the camp.

A working party of 300 p/w was utilized to



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Appendix A. (Sheet II)

clear the debris from the roadway in the ADANA PASS.  
This was essential as bodies of the dead were scattered  
on the road and in the river. The F/W removed all litter  
from the road and so made it available for traffic, and  
brought the dead, thus cleaning the water area.

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Appendix B.

Regulating of Damascus.

The city of Damascus was placed "Out of Bounds" to all ranks except on duty, when the person concerned had to be in possession of a duty pass signed by the commanding officer of the unit. Permits were posted on the roads entering the town and "Out of Bounds" boards were also affixed. A duty troop was stationed in the town itself and patrolled the bazaars and certain parts of the town where soldiers were likely to be. Police patrols were also patrolling these areas. The only difficulty encountered was that the men billeted in the town, would without thinking, wander around and so get into a prohibited locality. So many men were stationed in town, lorry drivers, ordnance, railway and supply personnel, that it was permitted them to be in Fimnal Pasha Street. This was found to be the best solution of the difficulty, as by permitting them to walk in this street, which was away from the business quarter the men could get exercise and had no legitimate excuse if found in other parts of the city. A little trouble was experienced with the Sheruffian Police, they apparently wished to arrest any soldier they saw. This was remedied by having an Australian with the Sheruffian Patrol. Two of the police were also detached for duty with the Sheruffian Police. It was found that in a place where a great number of soldiers visit, a guard room was a necessity. Several instances could be cited of a man having had his name taken, and checked by his identity disc.



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Appendix B. (Chart II.)

was afterwards found to be not known in the unit  
as given by the man and shown on his disc. From  
these happenings it is certain that a few men  
carry a disc wrongly stamped, with the intention  
of misleading the police in the event of being  
asked for their names for any reason.

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Appendix B

Claims

Whilst the Division was encamped at <sup>Tripoli</sup> ~~Damascus~~, numerous claims and complaints were made by the local inhabitants relative to behaviour of the Australian troops. These were sent to me for investigation and I found that, though a number of claims were legitimate the greater majority were grossly exaggerated, and in some instances absolutely without foundation. Again I found that the amounts claimed as compensation were out of all proportion to the damage done. In some instances complaints were made and it was found that the complainant had been illegally in the possession of some Govt. property which had been taken back by some responsible person of a unit.

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