

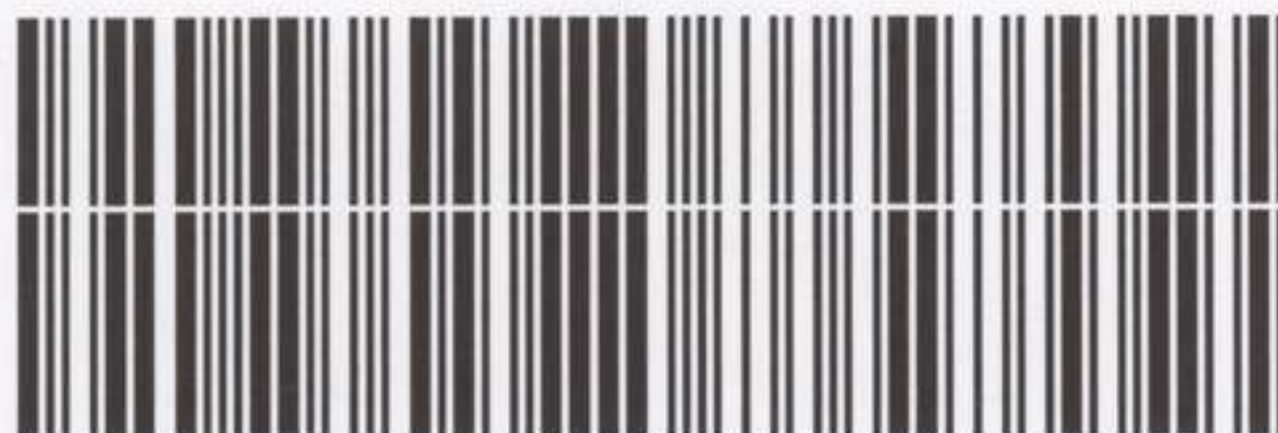
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| TRIPOLI | 1/3/19 | - | Handed over all dibilitated horses to 12th. L.H.Reg't. Sale of mules in Trppoli two police on duty. | |
| EL-MINA | 2/3/19 | - | Drove round embarkation pier supply depot and canteens everything in good order. Went to ZGARTA with reference to stolen horses. | |
| " | 3/3/19 | - | Remainder of 3rd. Brigade embarked for moascar. Raided native house in EL-MINA for Government property result being some army rations, blankets, and a number of sweat flaps off universal saddles owner had left the house. | |
| " | 4/3/19 | - | Visited brothels EL-MINA no arrests were made. | |
| " | 5/3/19 | - | Went to ZGARTA with reference to stolen horses. Drove round supply depot and embarkation pier | |
| " | 6/3/19 | - | Visited 4th. L.H. Brigade police and Staff Captain everything satisfactory. | |
| " | 7/3/19 | - | Drove round embarkation pier, supply depot and canteens everything satisfactory. | |
| " | 8/3/19 | - | T/Cpl Ruby embarked for Rafa to join Anzac Mounted Division. Visited brothels EL-MINA no arrests | |
| " | 9/3/19 | - | Visited 4th. Brigade police and Staff Captain, drove round MEJDELAYA and ZGARTA everything satisfactory. | |
| " | 10/3/19 | - | 4th. Aust. Machine Gun Squad. raided neighbouring Villages for stolen Mules and Horses result being six mules and one horse. One native handed over to Mil. Governor for being in possession of Government mule, the other natives had left the villages. | |
| " | 11/3/19 | - | It was unofficially reported to me that a native woman was found murdered near 37th. company Aust. Divisional Train. 37th. Coy. was asked by the Civil police to parade all native drivers with the object of child identifying the man. The child was unsuccessful in identifying them. | |
| " | 12/3/19 | - | 37th. Coy. Aust. Divnl. Train native drivers again paraded. The child identified a native whom she saw with her Mother on the supposed day of the murder. Arranged for Court of enquiry to be held in case of the above. | |
| " | 13/3/19 | - | Court of enquiry to be held in 37th. Coy. lines at 1400. Arranged for all witnesses to attend. | |
| " | 14/3/19 | - | Struck camp prior to embarking for Moascar. | |
| MOASCAR | 15/3/19 | - | Remainder of Australian Mounted Division embarked for Moascar. | |
| " | 16/3/19 | - | Aust. Mtd. Divn. arrived at Moascar. Disturbance caused in Ismailia. Natives attacked two Imperial goldiers, Australian troops in town assisted the soldiers who were assaulted, and patrols were quickly despatched from Moascar, both mounted and dismounted. After an hour the trouble was finished and the patrols returned to camp. | |
| " | 17/3/19 | - | Took over the Moascar detachment of the Corps, Capt Lawrence retaining charge of the Compound. Brigade police will be concentrated at the detachment lines in order to facilitate the working of the area. | |
| " | 18/3/19 | - | 3rd. Brigade moving out took their police with them. | |

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| MOASCAR. | 19/3/19 | - | 4th. Brigade police marched in from their B.H.Q. For the whole of the preceding week the usual duties and patrols were furnished from the Divisional Police, these consisting of camp patrols, main bridge Picquet, Compound guard (night and day), and a patrol in Ismailia who report to D.A.P.M. Ismailia. In the whole of the Division lying in Moascar there are but two absentees, and these were granted leave to Cairo, and presumably cannot return owing to the disorganised state of the railway. | |
| " | 20/3/19 | | Rode round camp area and found everything satisfactory. | |
| " | 21/3/19 | | Lieut. Sanders admitted to hospital. | |
| " | 22/3/19 | | Visited camp patrols and found everything satisfactory. 14th. L.H. Regt. moved out. | |
| " | 23/3/19 | | Visited 3rd. Brigade police and Staff Captain with reference to summary court at Ismailia to deal with natives. | |
| " | 24/3/19 | | Returned from 3rd. Brigade. | |
| " | 25/3/19 | | Rode round camp area and found everything satisfactory. | |
| " | 26/3/19 | | Visited brothel area no arrests were made. | |
| " | 27/3/19 | | Lieut. Col. Bisdee visited detachment. | |
| " | 28/3/19 | | 12th. L. H. Regiment moved out. Rode round camp area and found everything satisfactory. | |
| " | 29/3/19 | | On the night of the 29th. March at about 2030 Cpl Cook. Aust. Prov. Corps was on duty in Ismailia when he heard shots fired in the direction of the public womens quarters, he immediately ran to the spot where he saw one of the M.M.Ps. chasing a New Zealand soldier towards the railway, he at once followed, on crossing the railway the soldier turned and fired three shots at him from a revolver, Cpl Cook at once drew his revolver and fired two shots the second one wounded the soldier in the right arm, he was then arrested and conducted to the police barracks his particulars were taken and then removed to the 26th. Stationary hospital where he was detained. | |
| " | 30/3/19 | | Lieut. Sanders rode round camp area, and on his return reported everything in good order. | |
| " | 31/3/19 | | Visited O.C. "A" Details with reference to native passes, everything satisfactorily arranged. Lieut. Sanders went to ZAGAZIG to visit 3rd. L.H. Brigade Staff Captain and police. | |

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APPENDIX "A".

THEFT OF ARMY ANIMALS.

During the whole of the period of the Division's stay in Tripoli, considerable trouble was caused by the illegal possession of Army animals by the natives. Several instances were brought to light wherein notable members of the village communities were in possession of horses or mules, the property of the British Government. In nearly all cases the animals had had the hoof numbers ~~removed~~ filed out, the British shoes removed and Turkish or natives' horse ~~shoes~~ shoes fitted to the animals. The brands had been tampered with, and in every way the animal was made to appear as unlike an Army beast as possible. At the same time horses and mules were taken from horse lines during the night, and owing to the animals being kept in stables during the daytime it was indeed very difficult to obtain traces that would lead to the recovery of them. Again there was a great number of captured animals with the regiments and other units, and these were stolen in almost a wholesale manner. With these the recognition was almost impossible if they were seen. After the sale of captured animals in the town, other animals were branded by the natives with the 'C reversed', similarly to the mules and other animals that had been sold by auction, and in this way, it is surmised that many animals that had been previously stolen were made to appear as if they had been legally purchased. It was decided that an organised raid be made on villages in order to, if possible, recover many animals that were believed to be concealed in sheds, and this was done, resulting in the recovery of six (6) mules and one horse. One native was handed over to the Military Governor in this connection, but we were not informed what action was taken, altho' application was made several times, but to no avail.

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D.A.P.M., Aus. Mtd. Division.

APPENDIX "B".

MURDER OF NATIVE WOMAN.

On the morning of the 11th a native woman was found dead near the lines of the Divisional Train. The body was found in a garden of a small hut near the camp. The Civil Police being cognisant of this went to the Divisional Train and had a parade of the Egyptian personnel employed with the company there, (37th). They had a small child, daughter of the dead woman, and they wished to discover if the girl could recognise any of our natives as one who had been seen in company with her mother ~~the~~ previously. No result attended this parade as the girl was unable to identify any of our natives. I was informed of this afterwards, the Civil Police not notifying me prior to their asking for this parade. The following day a second similar parade was held and this time the child picked out a native driver as one who had been in the company of her mother a few days previously. A court of enquiry was held on 13th inst. and after hearing the evidence of all the witnesses they were of the opinion that the native driver picked by the child was no way connected with the death of the native woman. The civilian authorities were notified of the court and its finding, and they expressed themselves as satisfied in every way with the manner in which the matter had been dealt with.

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Statement Of Evidence against.
No 65100 Tpr. Carter. J.
1st. C.S.R.

Appendix "C"

Sir.

At about 2030 on the 29th. inst. I was on duty in the public Womens Quarters when I heard shots being fired I at once went in the direction of the sound, where I saw Sergt. Kinsley M.M.P. who was giving chase to the above named soldier, I followed him over the railway line, where he turned and fired at me three or four times with a revolver.

I at once pulled out my revolver and fired; he dropped to the ground. As I approached him he again ran, eventually "he" was caught by the Mounted Patrol. I then conducted him to the ~~xxx~~ Military Police Barracks where it was found that he had been wounded in the right arm, an ambulance was phoned for and he was conducted to the 26th. Stationary Hospital where he was detained.

Moascar.
29/3/19.

(Sgd) H. Cook. Cpl.
Aust. Prov. Corps.



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