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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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A.P.M. Australian Div

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BELAH	1/2/18		Inspected 5 th Mtd Bde Police, Horses, Saddles & Equipment everything satisfactory	WAY
	2/2/18		GEORGE NEQUIS & NEQUIS ^{FARAH} reported from DEIRAN to give evidence at Court of Enquiry	See appendix no. 2 WAY
	3/2/18		Visited 5 th Mtd Bde with reference to Lieut MACNIE coming as understudy.	
	4/2/18		Rode round Divl Area and visited Canteens found everything in order.	WAY
	5/2/18		Court of Enquiry re £1200 taken from Native, Lieut MACNIE called.	WAY
	6/2/18		Investigated report received, about grazing on Cultivation.	See appendix 3 WAY
	7/2/18		GEORGE NEQUIS & NEQUIS FARAH returned to MEJDEL	WAY
	8/2/18		Inspected 5 th Mtd Bde Police, found everything satisfactory	WAY
	9/2/18		Gave evidence at F.G.C.M. of Capt ROBINSON (FIELD SQDN)	See appendix no 4 WAY
	10/2/18		Rode round Divl Area found everything in order.	WAY
	11/2/18		Rehearsal Parade for Review by G.O.C. Six M.P. on parade at saluting base	WAY
DEIRAN	12/2/18		Left Divl at 0700 to proceed to DEIRAN to fetch native witnesses required for F.G.C.M. arrived DEIRAN 1400	See appendix no 5 WAY
LATRON	13/2/18		Left DEIRAN for BET MEIC & EL AMMUR, Arrived with witnesses at LATRON 2100.	WAY
BELAH	14/2/18		Left LATRON 0900 arrived BELAH 2000.	WAY
	15/2/18		Sent Native witnesses to S.O. Admin ^r U.S.T. BELAH for accommodation	WAY
	16/2/18		Divl & Bde Police inspected by A.P.M. Desat Mtd Corps	WAY
	17/2/18		Rode round Divl Area found everything in order.	WAY
	18/2/18		Visited Canteens at BELAH found everything satisfactory	WAY 2

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A.P.M. Austⁿ 1st Div

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
BELAH	19/2/18		Visited watering Area, found everything correct	W.P.M.
	20/2/18		Lieut MACNIE reported for duty as understudy	W.P.M.
	21/2/18		Inspected 3 rd + 4 th Bde Police, Horses, & Equipment, found everything satisfactory	W.P.M.
	22/2/18		Inspected 5 th Bde Police, Horses, & Equipment, everything satisfactory	W.P.M.
	23/2/18		Visited Military Governor BELAH with reference to swearing in Native witnesses	See Appendix no 5 W.P.M.
	24/2/18		Communicated with Egyptian Capt and arranged for him to swear in Natives	W.P.M.
	25/2/18		Visited Dwt Train with reference to sale of Beer.	Appendix 6 W.P.M.
	26/2/18		Carried out Road on Belah	See Appendix no 7 W.P.M.
	27/2/18		Visited 4 th Bde and Watering Areas found everything in order	W.P.M.
	28/2/18		Inspected Police Detachments 3 rd + 4 th Bdes everything satisfactory	W.P.M.

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
2.	{ Neguib Farah and George Neguib { Court of Inquiry re p. 150 Turkish
3.	Grazing on cultivated land
4.	F.G.C.M. Cpl Robinson
5.	F.G.C.M. Cattle stealing.
6.	Selling of Beer. Divisional Train
7.	Raid on Belah.

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No. 2. On February 2nd GEORGE NEQUIB and NEQUIB FARAGH (two informers) were sent to me by A.P.M Desert Mounted Corps to give evidence at a Court of Inquiry referring to a sum of Turkish money £1.150 (paper) which was taken away ^{from} BISHARI SOLOMON TORZI of BUREIR. The Inquiry was for the purpose of finding whether the money was the personal property of BISHARI SOLOMON TORZI or whether it belonged to the Turkish Government.

The Inquiry was held on February 5th at these HQs. and the finding was, the money belonged to him.

On the 17th February the two informers were returned to MEJDEL with instructions that they were to be returned to their village as they were no longer required. This however was cancelled, and the men were sent to G.H.Q on receipt of later instructions.

W. J. Gulliver

No. 3 Received a report from Divisional Headquarters, that a complaint had been received that grazing had been taking place on cultivated land near BELAH. I personally investigated the matter, but failed to find where orders respecting this had been contravened. In the vicinity around BELAH and these Headquarters it is sometimes very difficult to define which is self sown crops or grass.

W. J. Gulliver

No. 4 Called upon to give evidence at F.G.C.M of Corporal Robinson, Field Squadron, who shot one soldier dead and wounded another during an altercation on the night of January 20th

W. J. Gulliver

No. 5 Acting on instructions received from A.P.M.G I proceeded to DEIRAN to obtain 5 native witnesses who were required to give evidence at a F.G.C.M respecting cattle stealing during recent operations. I proceeded to DEIRAN to the village of BEIT MEIC where I collected 3 natives and then to EL AMMUR where 2 natives were collected. I stayed the night at LATRON and arrived back at BELAH on the night of the 14th February.

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The 5 natives whom I brought back with me were accommodated at the camp of the military Governor BELAH until they should be required.

The F.G.C.M. was held at these Headquarters on the 24th February. On the 23rd I visited the military Governor at BELAH to ascertain the method by which natives take oath. He could not swear them in himself as he was not a Mohammedan. I therefore communicated with Captain SALEH (Egyptian) attached to Divisional Train and he arranged to be present at the F.G.C.M. for the purpose of swearing the natives in.

W.A.S.

No. 6. Visited the Divisional Train Canteen, as I received information that other than members of the Train were able to obtain beer. I saw the OC and pointed out that their Canteen was only for the purpose of serving beer to their own unit and the practice of serving other personnel must cease.

W.A.S.

No. 7. Received a letter from A.P.M. RAFA that soldiers were in the habit of entering BELAH village at dark, and as we were the Division nearest the village, he presumed that our members would be the principle offenders. Owing to this report I arranged to raid the village. Myself, Lt Macnic and 12 M.M.P. made a thorough search of BELAH between the hours of 2000 and 2200 on the 26/2/18 but failed to find any offenders. Periodical raids are carried out.

W.A.S.