

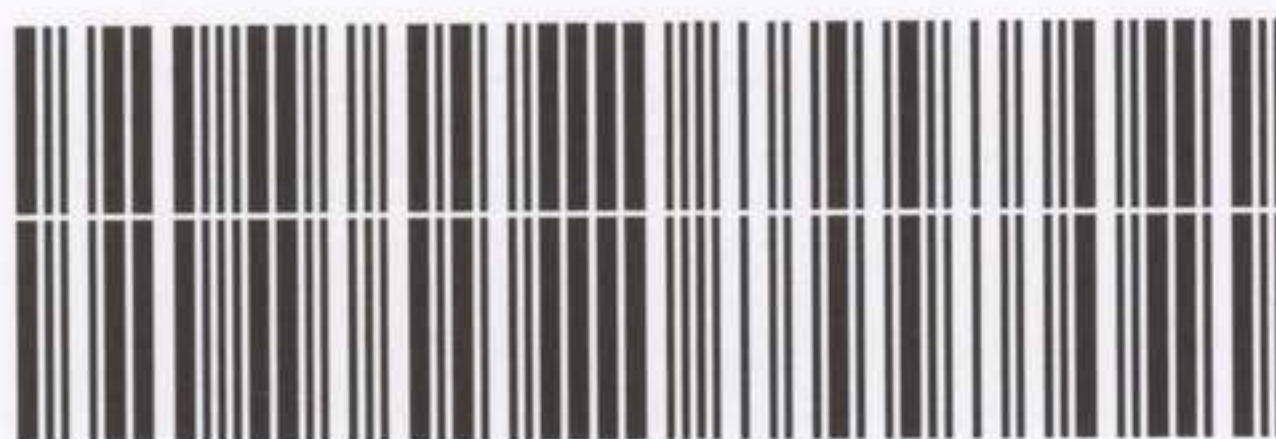
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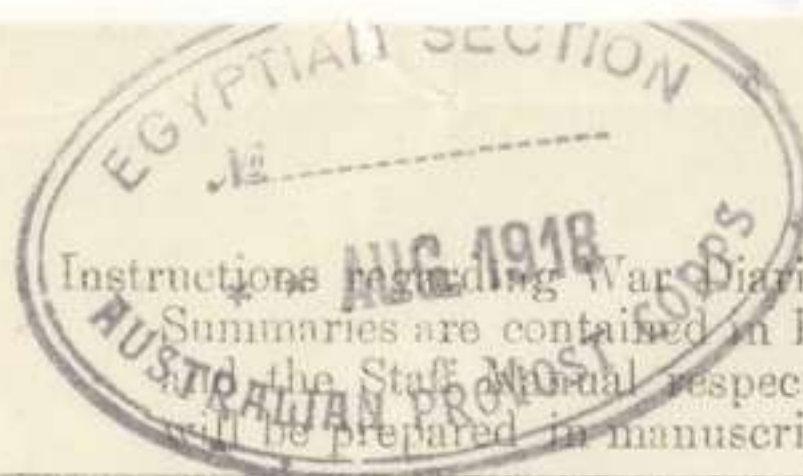
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Cairo.			The strength of the Cairo Detachment is now 1 Officer and 66 other ranks. Daily duties are found as follows :-	J&B
			Quarter Guard (Old) 4 O.Rs.	
			Quarter Guard (New) 4 "	
			<div><div>Time</div><div>Place.</div></div>	
			Patrol No 1. 1330 to 1930.- Esbekieh district, Boulac and Kamel Streets and both sides Clot Bey Street. 7 O.Rs.	
			Pont Limeun Station. 1700 to 2300.. . . . 1. "	
			Main Railway Station 0700 to 1230. 1. "	
			Do. 1230 to 1700. 1. "	
			Do. 1700 to 2330. 1. "	
			Zoeological Gardens 1400 to 1830. 1. "	
			Patrol No 2. 1730 to 2300 Esbekieh, Emad-el-Dine Street, Sharias Kamel & Boulac and both sides of Clot Bey Street. 15. "	
			Total. 35 Other Ranks.	
			25 other ranks are employed on permanent staff duties, of whom 11 can be called out for police duty in case of emergency.	
			There is still a Detachment of 7 other ranks at Heliopolis.	
	2.8.18		At about 2200, fire broke out in a small silk shop in Sharia Guinen, but was kept under control by the Australian and Imperial Police until the arrival of the fire brigade, when it was extinguished.	J&B
	9.8.18		Information was received from A.P.M. Heliopolis that an absentee of long standing was supposed to be living at a house in Matarieh. A special raid was made, and No 855 Pte Rebinson,	J&B



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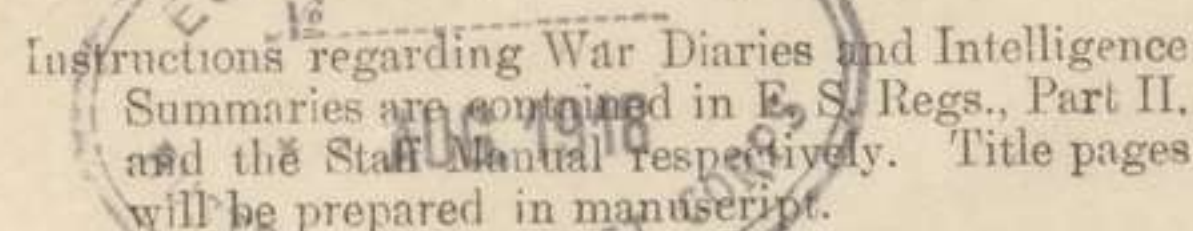
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Cairo.	9.8.18.		9th. Battn. A.I.F. was arrested. He had been absent without leave since 8.11.17. 12 men were sent out to increase the strength of Desert Mounted Corps Detachment, and facilitate reinforcing Divisional Detachments.	JAB
	12.8.18		The C.O. has now completed his investigation into the state of discipline in the A.I.F. in Jerusalem and Bethlehem. He rendered a full report to Headquarters, A.I.F. in Egypt, which was reissued by the Commandant in Circular Form. A copy of this Circular Memorandum is attached as <u>Appendix I</u> to this volume.	JAB. Appendix I
	21.8.18		The Provost Marshal has requested that the same system be adopted in the Australian Provost Corps regarding the designation of Acting Lance Corporals as in the Corps of Military Police. Accordingly the following orders have been issued :- "Acting Lance Corporals and Troopers of the Mounted Section doing mounted work will wear "TWO Chevrons on the right arm and will be designated Acting Lance Corporals, Lance Lance Corporals, Troopers and Privates of the Mounted and Infantry Section doing dismounted "work will wear ONE Chevron on the right arm and will also be designated Acting Lance Corporals.	JAB.
	21.8.18		The C.O. rendered the following report on the Gabbari Military Prison :- "I have visited the Military Prison, Gabbari, and seen all A.I.F. prisoners there. "The system adopted in the prison is not drastic, but based upon educating the defaulters by instruction and secular demonstration, the walls of the prison and yard being covered "with all kinds of designs bearing upon Military instruction and the results of it's "application to good or evil. "For ordinary disciplinary cases it should be excellent, but for criminal cases there is "not sufficient of the punitive element to act as a deterrent, for which the Citadel "Detention Barracks at Cairo is ideal. "The men undergoing imprisonment were in good health except for an epidemic of Spanish "Fever going round, and there were no complaints.	JAB.
	25.8.18		The death occurred of No 385 Tpr Saunders W. of the Desert Mounted Corps Detachment from Enteric. He is buried at Jerusalem.	JAB E35/1



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Circular Memorandum No 17.

The following report by the A.P.M...A.I.F. in Egypt on the discipline of Australian troops in Jerusalem is published for the information of Commanding Officers, whose collaboration is required in order to bring about necessary improvements :-

"I beg to report having stayed one week in the City and visited the Bethlehem area and interviewed the Staff Officer, Military Governor and A.P.M., and also Commanding Officers of Regiments in the vicinity and attended several Courts Martial with a view of enquiring into the general discipline of the Australian Troops passing through and visiting the Jerusalem area, and also the steps taken for the prevention of crime and trouble.

"The conduct of Troops now appears to be generally satisfactory, and the steps taken by the Military and Civil authorities are sufficient to cope with the number of Troops at present in this area, but it is doubtful if they are adequate if a large number are brought in.

The main causes of trouble are the brothels and illicit sale of bad liquor, and men coming in after a hard and trying time in the Valley fall an easy victim to both in spite of all precautions taken to prevent it. Most of the brothels are disgusting in the extreme and the women a low type and most probably all diseased. The Police are doing all they can to keep men away from these places but they are so scattered that it is very difficult to deal with and men convicted of being "Out of Bounds" in a brothel should be very severely dealt with.

The sale of wine is restricted to 6 (six) Restaurants which are only allowed to sell good wine and only $\frac{1}{2}$ bottle to each man, but illicit selling is still going on in spite of every effort to put it down. Natives arrested for this are being fined heavily Viz:- £25 to £50. This liquor appears to have an extraordinarily violent effect on the men, causing them for a short time to lose all control of themselves, and is responsible for nearly all cases of violently resisting and striking of Police and Escorts. There have, however, been several cases in which sober men have attempted to interfere with the Police, and even attacked them to effect the release of one of their number and it would appear that they do not fully realise the serious consequences of such action.

The support of the Police in carrying out their duties is a matter which requires very serious consideration by Commanding Officers by correcting the attitude of their men towards them.

The Police in Jerusalem have a very difficult and occasionally unpleasant duty to perform which they are trying to carry out with as little friction and annoyance as possible, and are giving every man a fair deal and expect the same in return.

With regard to further preventive measures the system of Brigades coming into the Area supplying Picquets to assist the Police is having a good effect, but undoubtedly the best means is to establish good accommodation and meals sufficient for the number of Troops who may come to the City. The Empire Club is doing excellent work, but it is rather far out from the City. The Y.M.C.A. and Church Army are also doing good work. The Australian Soldiers' Club will also be

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another step in the right direction but is too limited in it's accommodation at present. These institutions will barely cope with the demand at present. What is required is an institution similar to the Empire Club right in the City. I would also strongly recommend the opening of a wet canteen in the Reinforcement Camp, and the stoppage of all sale of wine in the City

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Canal Zone Detachments.

The strength of the Moascar Detachment is now 1 Officer and 60 other ranks.
The daily duties at present performed are as follows :-

Bridge Guard.	2	O. Rs.
Bridge Guard (Relief)	2	"
Compound Guard.	7	"
Compound Guard (Relief)	7	"
Mounted Patrol.	7	"
Dismounted Patrol	4	"
Emergency men	3	"
<u>Total</u>		32 O. Rs.

28 Other Ranks are employed on permanent staff duties including Compound Staff of 8 other ranks.

In addition to these duties. Sword Drill, Riding lessons and lectures are frequently given, especially to men recently taken on the strength.
The hours of duty of the Mounted Patrol are from 0500 to 0700, 0800 to 1000, 1400 to 1600 and 1700 to 1900. On Saturdays, Sundays and pay days the patrols are diverted from the usual beats to include those parts of Ismalia where the brothels are situated. On these occasions they do an extra hours duty in the evenings, and remain out until such time as that neighbourhood is clear of Soldiers and quiet.
The usual dismounted patrols on Railway stations and Canteens have been carried out throughout the month.
Two cases of theft of Government property by Natives occurred during the month. In one case, that of the theft of a quantity of sheeting from No 2 A.S.H., the material was traced to a Native boy, who was suitably punished. In the other, a case of theft of clothing from Ordnance, no trace of the offender could be discovered.
On August the 24th a party of Police raided Nefisha village for Government property and secured a quantity of sacks, basins, plates etc.
The discipline of the A.I.F. personnel in the Training Centre has been good. Only 24 charges have been made during the month; summary as follows :-

Drunkenness.	3.
Absent without leave.	2.
Improperly dressed.	7.
Interfering with the Military Police.	1.
Creating a disturbance.	1.
Failing to salute.	5.
Out of Bounds.	5.

Total..... 24.

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The Detachment at Port Said has effected the arrest of several notorious absentees during the month and their work is well reported on. There is still a Detachment of 8 men at Suez, which is doing good work although there are at present no Australian or New Zealand Troops there. The Kantara Detachment is well reported on. The following is a copy of a report rendered by the O.C. on the Field Punishment Compound :-

During the month many improvements have been effected in the erection of buildings. An addition has been made to the Q.M. Store owing to the fact that our strength of prisoners so rapidly increased that the storeroom became inadequate. This store is used solely for the storing of prisoners' rifles, equipment and kits. The erection of "A" Dormitory was completed this month, to take the place of Bell Tents previously used. This dormitory will accommodate 60 prisoners. The foundation was laid on the 29th July 1918, and the whole of the work involved was carried out by prisoners undergoing punishment. A new scheme of sanitation has improved matters considerably, and has been so great a success that I am inclined to submit a plan of the sanitary arrangements to such places as the Citadel and Abbassia. The latrine consists of a small closet built into the inner wall of the Dormitory with ventilation pipes running from the middle of the bucket to about 3 or 4 ft higher than the outside of the dormitory. Inside the building a close fitting trap-door, flush with the inner wall of the dormitory is all that is visible to the eye from the outside. When use has been made of the latrine bucket, the trap-door falls back into its place and there are no obnoxious smells. Since the completion of "A" Dormitory, it has been found advisable to separate short and long sentence prisoners and a dividing wall for this purpose has just been completed. One side of the dormitory is occupied by prisoners undergoing punishment up to 21 days, and the other portion by prisoners undergoing long sentences. This improvement was completed on the 31st August. The erection of the dormitory has had a noticeable effect on the cleanliness and discipline of the prisoners in general. At the time of submitting this report, an up-to-date cookhouse is in course of erection, which, when completed, will give greater facilities for the rationing of prisoners. Up to the present time, all buildings have been erected by labour of prisoners undergoing Field Punishment; Nile mud being used for the making of bricks. The greatest difficulty is, in obtaining material for roofing, doors and windows. Owing to this, delay in completion of buildings hinders me from putting into force any workable scheme for the advancement of the establishment. Inauguration of new system. On the 31st August an entirely new scheme of Field Punishment was brought into force in the Compound, the main object of which is for the maintenance of a high and lasting standard of discipline. First of all prisoners are classified and allotted an A.F.C. 395 (marks register) ; this being a complete register of each prisoners

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daily conduct, work and marks earned. Authority has been received for the remission of sentences of Field Punishment prisoners, and I am pleased to report a wonderful improvement in the discipline already, as a result. A prisoner to become eligible for a proportionate remission of sentence must have a spotless record and gain the full number of marks required during the period of his sentence. Owing to the fact that a man knows that he may gain ~~xx~~ remission by exceptional good conduct, 95% gain their freedom at an earlier date. Three hours daily is devoted to Military Instruction, physical drill, marching, rifle exercises, and musketry, besides daily lectures. The method of instruction is up-to-date and efficiently carried out. The instructors are noticeably regular and consistent in their work. Field Punishment has a most wonderful effect on the physical condition of a man. Men have been admitted in a poisoned state as a result of heavy drinking besides being morally unsound, and they leave the Compound fit and practically unrecognisable. Special attention is paid to cleanliness, and ample opportunities are afforded for washing clothes, two afternoons a week being devoted to this purpose alone. Each day a time is set aside for bathing, shower baths being provided for that purpose. Prisoners receive first class medical attention and all refractory cases in cells are visited by the Medical Officer daily.

Return of Prisoners admitted and discharged. A & N.Z. F.P. Compound.

Prisoners admitted.	78.
" discharged (time expired)	58.
" transferred to Citadel.	3.
" transferred to Gabbari.	1.
" evacuated to hospital	1.

Total.	141
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Admitted to Safe Custody.	46
Released from Safe Custody.	35.

During the month the senior N.C.Os. of the compound staff have been sent to the Citadel Detention Barracks to undergo a course of training in Compound work.

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			<u>ANZAC MOUNTED DIVISION.</u>	
Bethlehem	1.8.18 to 3.8.18		Duties as detailed in report for July 1918. N.Z.M.R. Brigade Police were inspected by the C.O. Egyptian Section, Australian Provost Corps, on the 3rd inst who expressed himself well satisfied. Special patrols were sent out from D.H.Q. detachment and N.Z. Brigade Police to investigate cases of reported theft by Natives, but were unable to trace the offenders.	
	4.8.18		An Arab was arrested today for selling wine to troops and was awarded one month's imprisonment. Natives were arrested and handed over to the Military Governor for selling wares at unauthorised market places, and were dealt with accordingly.	
	5.8.18		N.C.O. i/c N.Z. Brigade Police reports that he is having a good deal of trouble with Native hawkers in the vicinity of Solomon's Pools. Arrangements were then made to have regimental picquets posted around the camps. Discipline is very good in Bethlehem, and troops are giving no trouble.	
	6.8.18 to 8.8.18		N.C.O. i/c 1st.L.H. Brigade Detachment reports duties very heavy in Wadi Hanein area and has applied for picquets for the town. Orchards and property of the inhabitants have to be protected this causing the Police to do long tours of duty. D.H.Q. Police have been doing special patrols during the last two days investigating cases of unauthorised Natives wearing uniform; a few cases were reported, but this matter has been receiving a good deal of attention lately and offenders are very few now.	
	9.8.18.		All Detachments have sent out special patrols to obtain particulars of unauthorised soldiers wearing Australian Felt Hats, as cases are occurring of Imperial troops wearing Australian felt hats, committing offences and the blame has been laid on members of the A.I.F.	
	10.8.18		2nd.L.H. Brigade marched from Talat ed Dumm to Solomons Pools area. Brigade Police enforced the usual march discipline. N.Z.M.R. Brigade Police arrested a suspect and handed him over to the Deputy Military Governor, Bethlehem, where he was interrogated and found to be an Egyptian Labour Corps deserter. N.C.Os. i/c of Detachment have handed a list of names of unauthorised soldiers wearing Australian Felt hats. The cases are being attended to by Headquarters of this division. The 2nd.L.H. Brigade Police relieved the Jerusalem and Bethlehem Town picquet and commenced duties at 1500.	

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Bethlehem	11.8.18		Nothing of importance to report. Duties as usual.	
	to		G.O.C. Anzac Mounted Division inspected the Divisional Headquarters. The Police were congratulated	
	13.8.18		on the turnout, both in saddlery and horses, also the appearance of the men.	
	14.8.18		The whole of the civilian population of the Jordan Valley have been evacuated and are camped	
	to		in the vicinity of Bethlehem. Special Police patrols have been detailed to do duty in the	
	16.8.18		vicinity of the camping area to prevent the Natives from roaming about.	
			N.Z.M.R. Brigade marched out from Solomon's Pools area and proceeded to Talat ed Dumm.	
			Brigade Police were engaged on traffic control during the trek.	
	17.8.18		A.P.M. Anzac Mounted Division proceeded to Left Sector, Aujah Defences to ascertain the duties	
			to be performed in that sector.	
			A large number of donkeys were collected and handed over to the Military Governor in a deplorable	
			condition suffering from sore backs and shoulders. The Deputy Military Governor has taken action	
			against the civilian owners.	
	18.8.18		N.Z.M.R. Brigade Police arrested an E.L.C. absentee, otherwise nothing of importance to report.	
	to		N.Z. Brigade moved out from Talat ed Dumm and marched to Left Sector.	
	20.8.18			
	21.8.18		D.H.Q. troops moved out from Bethlehem area and marched to Talat ed Dumm arriving there at	
			0600. Police attended to march discipline and on arrival performed duties in the Camp area.	
			Bivouaced for the day. 1st.L.H. Brigade arrived at Left Sector at 0700	
Left Sector	22.8.18		Divisional troops moved out from Talat ed Dumm for Left Sector, Aujah Defences, arriving at	
Aujah			Bivouac area at 0900. Duties were taken over from D.A.P.M. Australian Mounted Division at	
Defences.			0930. The whole of the sector very quiet.	
	23.8.18		All Detachments very busy distributing Police on Roads and Wadis. A few cases of pollution of	
			streams have occurred.	
			N.C.O. i/c 2nd.L.H. Brigade Detachment reports that he has collected a good quantity of	
			Military clothing from Natives in the vicinity of Solomon's Pools, otherwise things are very	
			quiet in the Bethlehem area.	
			A summary of duties performed by D.H.Q. Detachments attached as Sub-appendix I.	
			2nd.L.H. Brigade marched out from Solomon's Pools en route for Left Sector.	

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Left Sector Aujah Defences.	24.8.18		2nd.L.H. Brigade arrived at Talat ed Dumm at 0600 and bivouaced for the day. Detachments are almost up to strength now which is enabling us to cope with the duties expected of the Detachment.	
	25.8.18		4 prisoners of war received and evacuated, otherwise everything quiet. 2nd.L.H. Brigade marched in at 0400 this morning. Brigade Police were distributed on roads and Wadis at 0400. Special orders have been issued regarding traffic on unauthorised roads and are now being enforced by all Police.	
	26.8.18		13 prisoners of war received and evacuated. A few of the inhabitants of Jericho have been allowed to return to the village from Bethlehem, but very strict measures have been taken in regards to them entering and leaving the town. Certain hours have been laid down for natives to attend their crops and they must be escorted to and from their work. This has facilitated matters considerable as previous to these orders Natives were in the habit of roaming about all over the Valley.	
	27.8.18 & 28.8.18		3 prisoners of war received and evacuated. Duties are being carried on as usual. Sun shelters have been applied for for the men doing point duty at the Wadi Neuimeah Crossing.	
	29.8.18 to 31.8.18		1 prisoner of war received and evacuated. Troops are now giving very little trouble regarding the pollution of streams. All roads have again been marked showing clearly traffic authorised to travel on them.	
	Summary.		Discipline, throughout the month, in the Division has been excellent. A list of Police charges is attached as Sub-appendix II. 22 prisoners were received and evacuated during the month. Duties have been fairly heavy for all Police Detachments, and contravention of orders has mostly occurred by troops passing through this area.	
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Summary of Arrests and Charges. Anzac Mounted Division.

	Division.	Others.
Drunkenness.	1.	1.
Absent without leave	3.	6.
No identity discs.	2.	0.
Failing to salute.	1.	0.
Being in a brothel	2.	0.
Contravening traffic regulations	3.	0.
Creating a disturbance.	2.	0.
Resisting arrest.	1.	0.
Pollution of streams.	1.	7.
Making a false statement.	1.	0.
Refusing to give his particulars to M.P.	1.	0.
Allowing civilians to ride in army vehicles.	0.	1.
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	18.	15.
Out of bounds.	10.	5.
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GRAND TOTAL	28.	20
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Total Natives dealt with.	20.	

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Australian Mounted Division.

The Division remained in the Left Sector, Aujah Defences until August 23rd 1918. D.H.Q. stationed at H.34.a.. Duties were carried out as usual on roads and Wadis.

On the 5th 3 prisoners of war were received also 1 E.L.C. Native who had been caught trying to get through our front line He was passed over to the Intelligence Officer at Jericho.

On the 6th Natives in the area were collected and sent to Jericho for evacuation to internment camp near Bethlehem. This was ordered by G.H.Q. in order to prevent enemy agents from mingling with the civil inhabitants in the forward area and thus obtaining information of value. About 170 Natives were collected.

Duties were carried out as usual for the rest of the time spent in the Valley.

A considerable number of charges have been made against men for contravening traffic regulations and polluting water in streams. Otherwise discipline was good.

Indian Police have been employed to deal with Indian Troops in the area.

Small parties of prisoners of war have been received and dealt with throughout the period.

On the 23rd August the area was handed over to the Anzac Mounted Division. D.H.Q. moved to Talat ed Dumm at 1900. 5 Police were detailed to accompany the transport along the New Road and the remainder were distributed along the column to enforce march discipline along the Old Road.

24.8.18 Police employed at watering area at Telat ed Dumm during the day.

at 1900 D.H.Q. moved to Enab. The A.P.M. had two Police went ahead to take over the new area.

The remainder of the Police patrolled the column to prevent traffic congestion.

The march was continued on the 25th and 26th and the Division arrived at Ludd on the 27th.

Arrangements were made to Police Roads, Watering areas and camps in the Divisional area in the usual manner. The march was completed without incident and there is nothing further of interest to report.

On the 31st Lieut G. McCarthy took over the duties of D.A.P.M. Australian Mounted Division from Captain W.A. Mulliner, who had been evacuated to hospital.

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Jerusalem Detachment.

On August the 1st 1918, Lieut G. McCarthy took command of the Detachment, vice Lieut. P.J. Martin to hospital.

The strength of the detachment is now 24 other ranks.

Duties have been carried out as detailed in previous reports.

On August 5th some members of the Detachment took part in a raid organised by the A.P.M. and Staff Captain, P.L. of C. in which 30 prostitutes and several soldiers were arrested, the former for contravening the proclamation ordering that prostitutes are to be confined to certain quarters, the latter for being Out of Bounds.

On August the 7th the O.C. inspected the detached post at Bethany, which is still employed in controlling traffic up and down the steep zigzag on the Jericho road. The work of this detachment has been entirely satisfactory.

12.8.18. A raid was carried out on the village of Beit Shapa which yielded a quantity of good military clothing and 30 government sleepers. Several Natives were arrested and suitably punished.

15.8.18. A Roman Catholic Festival, "The Feast of the Assumption" took place in the Old City. About 1500 British officers and soldiers took part in the procession. The Police were well posted for any emergency but no disturbances of any kind occurred.

This has been an unusually quiet month and there has been a very marked improvement all round in the discipline of the troops in the area. Up to the 23rd, while the Anzac Mounted Division was at Bethlehem, Units of that division supplied a daily town picquet from 1630 to 2230, which greatly assisted the Police in the execution of their duty.

Two arrests of civilians were made for selling wine to troops; the offenders were fined £50 and £5 respectively.

Every effort has been made by the Police to keep soldiers away from the prostitutes, most of whom are diseased. Arrangements have been made that hospitals in Jerusalem must inform the A.P.M. of all venereal admissions. Police are then sent with the patient to identify if possible the person from whom the disease was contracted. When identified the woman is inspected by the Public Health Department, and if found to be diseased is removed to the hospital.

The detachment made 82 arrests during the month, including 7 civilians, for illicit selling of liquor, and being in possession of government property.

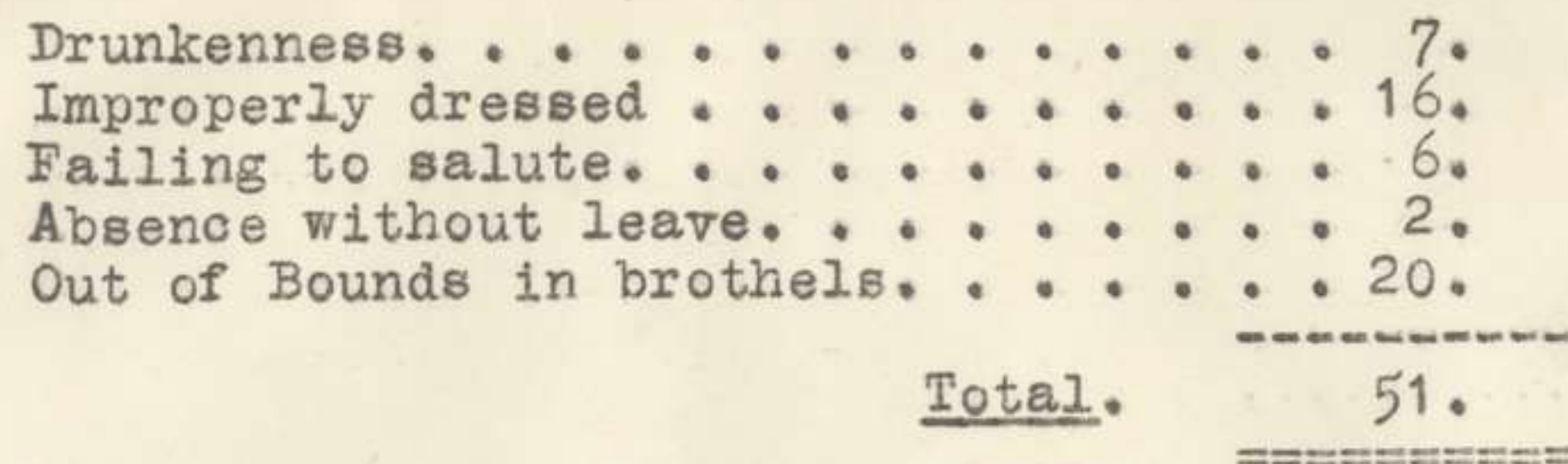
51 charges were made against members of the A.I.F. as follows :-



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Summary of Arrests and Charges. - Cairo.

Out of Bounds.	39.
Absent without leave	215.
Improperly dressed.	39.
Failing to salute an officer	2.
Deficient of identity disc.	73.
Disobeying an order.	1.
Drunkenness.	67.
Using obscene language	1.
In possession of another soldier's pass.	3.
Striking the Police.	2.
Assaulting the Police.	2.
Obstructing the Police	3.
Interfering with the Police.	2.
Insolence.	3.
False accusations.	1.
Threatening language	1.
Breaking arrest.	5.
Refusing to show pass.	1.
In possession of intoxicating liquor	4.
Violently resisting arrest.	3.
Assaulting a civilian.	1.
Altering a pass.	1.
False pass	1.

Total Charges. 470

Total Arrests. 429.

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