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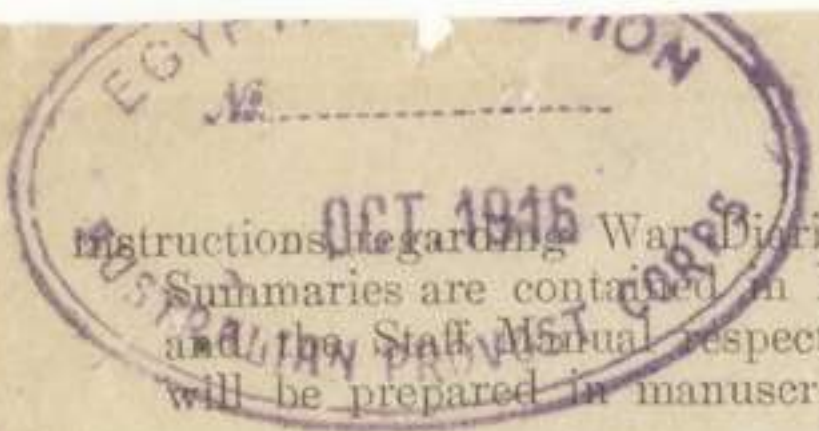
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CAIRO.	1-10-16.	as. Duties in September 1916.		<i>J.A.B.</i>
	2-10-16.	5 members of "A" Squadron and 3 of "A" Company struck off the strength of the Copps and returned to Australia as medically unfit.		<i>J.A.B.</i>
	10-10-16.	Cairo Detachment inspected by Brigadier General H.G.Cassen, C.M.G., G.O.C. D.D. and L. of C Defences, at 0745. He expressed himself satisfied with the appearance of the barrack rooms and the general turn out of the men. Lieut G.P.McCarthy returns to Cairo for duty from Heliopolis.		<i>J.A.B.</i> <i>J.A.B.</i>
	11-10-16.	Extract from Detachment Order No 71 of 11-10-16. "From Wednesday's date a guard will be mounted at the A.S.C. Sack Depot. at Cairo Station, "consisting of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men, whose duty it will be to take charge of all government "property in the Depot. They will be armed with revolvers, and duties will commence at 0100 "on the 12th inst., and they will be relieved at 0600 every morning except Sundays, when they "will not be relieved until 0900."		<i>J.A.B.</i>
	16-10-16.	An escort of 1 N.C.O. and 4 men proceeded to Suez in charge of 2 prisoners who are being returned to Australia. Their duties were to guard the prisoners during the journey and to hand them over to the authorities on board the transport.		<i>J.A.B.</i>
	17-10-16.	System introduced of providing an escort from the Corps for patients discharged from hospital in Cairo and returning to their details at Moascar. This is found necessary owing to the fact that increasing numbers of discharged patients are leaving their parties, en route for Moascar, and absenting themselves without leave. The duties of the escort will be similar to those of the escort for patients returning to Australia, an account of which is given in Volume II of this Diary, entry for 22-9-16.		<i>J.A.B.</i>
	--	The guard at the Telephone Exchange was taken over by the Cairo Detachment from the M.M.P. Guard to consist of 1 N.C.O. and 6 men, to mount at 0800 daily. Duties are as follows:- 1. <u>DAY.</u> Two men are stationed at the entrance gate to challenge all visitors and enquire into the nature of their business. If on legitimate business they are to be allowed to proceed.		<i>J.A.B.</i> OCT 1916 <i>E357</i>

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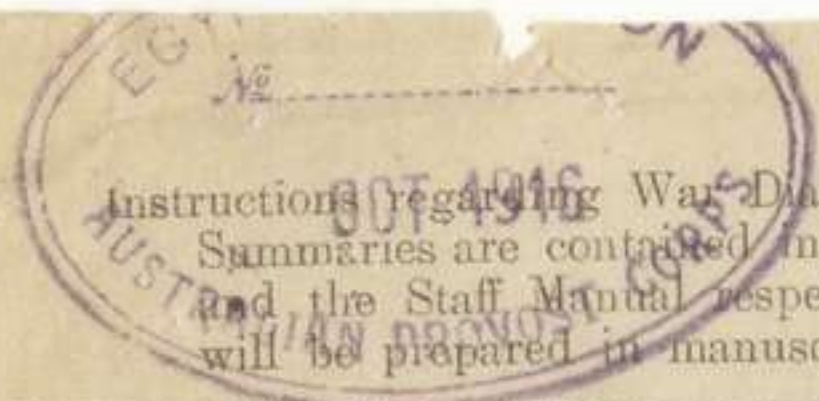
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Cairo.	17-10-16.	(contind.)	<p><u>2. NIGHT.</u> Two men are to go over the building at intervals and ensure that all precautions have been taken to safe-guard the interests of the Company. They will also keep a sharp look out for any suspicious lights in the neighbourhood, as it is reported that flashlights have been seen proceeding from a building nearby. In the event of anything of this nature being seen, it is to be immediately reported to the Kasr el Nil office by telephone.</p>	JAB
--"	--"	--"	<p>The following is an extract from Detachment Order No 77 of 17-10-16:- <u>"DRESS.</u> Patrols are to make special efforts to apprehend N.C.Os. and men who are improperly "dressed, such as wearing summer clothing, no helmet and not wearing belts. To this order "there is no exception save some Colonial troops and men stationed at the School of Instruction "who have no winter clothing: in some cases the passes are marked accordingly."</p>	JAB
	23-10-16.		<p>Escort supplied for 10 hospital patients for Moascar as described in entry for 17-10-16.</p>	JAB
	26-10-16.		<p>The 15 other ranks attached for instructional purposes from Anzac Mounted Division marched out to rejoin the Division, and were replaced by 15 others from the same Division.</p>	JAB
	27-10-16.		<p>1 officer and 17 other ranks marched out to do duty as a Field Troop with the Anzac Mounted Division. They will do ordinary regimental duty as described in entry for 9-9-16, and not police work. The Troop will be completed form the 15 other ranks marched out to the Anzac Mounted Division on 24-9-16. Lieutenant P.J.MARTIN is in Command of this Troop. An extract from a report by that officer of the duties performed is attached as Appendix I to this volume. Unfortunately all his notes were destroyed by rain later in the campaign so that the report at present to hand is compiled entirely from memory.</p>	JAB See APP.I.
	29-10-16.		<p>Seven of the Anzac Mtd Division police attached for instruction were transferred to the Heliopolis Detachment for experience in mounted city work.</p>	JAB
			<p>Discipline in Cairo and Heliopolis during the month appears to have been good. Most of the charges made by the Corps have not been of a serious nature. Cases of Drunkenness averaged less than one per diem. A summary of arrests and charges made during the month is attached as Appendix 2 to this volume. Cases against members of the Corps:- C.O's. cases.....9. F.G.C.Ms..... Nil.</p>	JAB OCT 1916 E 35/2

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Report on FIELD TROOP.

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Summary of Arrests and Charges.



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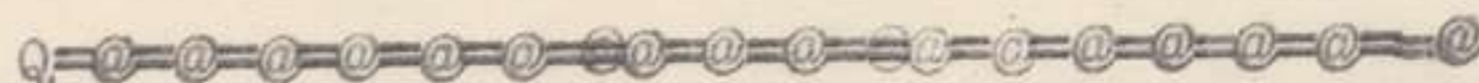
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APPENDIX I. to War Diary of Egyptian Section Australian Provost Corps.
Volume 3. October 1916.

Extract of report by Lieut P.J.MARTIN on work done by Field Troop during October 1916.

"I left Cairo on 27-10-16 with 17 men and horses with instructions
"to report to the A.P.M., Anzac Mounted Division, who, I understood, was
"to make my troop, up to 30 other ranks from the men already sent to the
"Division from Cairo.

"I met the A.P.M. Anzac Mtd Division at Kantara and he instructed
"me to send my horses by rail to BIR-EL-ABD. These orders were afterward
"cancelled by wire, and the following day began an uneventful march to
"~~XXXXXX~~ Bir-el-Abd. The first day I marched to ETMALA, and arrived at
"Bir-el-Abd on the 31-10-18, where I was obliged to wait for a fortnight
"for men, horses and equipment."



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APPENDIX II. TO WAR DIARY OF EGYPTIAN SECTION AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS. VOLUME 3. OCTOBER 1916.

SUMMARY OF ARRESTS AND CHARGES FOR MONTH OF OCTOBER 1916. CAIRO & HELIOPOLIS.

Offence.	Week ending,	8th	15th	22nd	31st	TOTAL.
Absent without leave.		10	14	12	11	47.
Drunkenness.		6.	7	7	2	22.
Disobedience of Routine Orders.		4	-	-	-	4.
Offences against Section 40 M.M.L.		2	3	1	-	6.
Breaking Barracks.		2	-	-	-	2.
Improperly Dressed.		2.	-	-	-	2.
Resisting Arrest.		1	-	-	1	2.
Presenting a False Pass!		1	3	-	-	4.
Presenting a Forged Pass.		-	1	-	-	1.
Being unlawfully on private premises.		-	1	-	-	1.
Wilfully destroying property belonging to a hospital institution.		-	1.	-	-	1.
Committing a civil offence. Burglary.		-	1.	-	-	1.
Out of Bounds.		-	-	-	14	14.
Assaulting an officer.		-	-	-	1.	1.
Failing to comply with an order of an M.P.		-	-	-	3.	3.
Minor Offences.		-	2	2	1	5.
TOTAL CHARGES.		28.	31.	24.	33.	116.
TOTAL ARRESTS.		20.	19.	16.	26.	81.



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