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Cairo.	1-1-17.		Duties as in December 1916. Captain A.F. JORDAN left Cairo for Anzac Mounted Division on 31-12-16. Lieutenant E.D. GRIGSON takes charge of Cairo Detachment during his absence.	<i>J.A.B.</i>
	4-1-17.		Lieutenant L. LAWRENCE marched out to Moascar for temporary duty.	<i>J.A.B.</i>
	10-1-17.		As it has been found that some men are in the habit of breaking off from patrols during the return of the patrol to barracks, orders have been issued that N.C.Os. in charge of patrols are to furnish Nominal Rolls certifying that all men on the patrol have returned to barracks.	<i>J.A.B.</i>
	11-1-17.		Two men on special duty at a concert at the Anzac Hostel. No trouble occurred. Considerable trouble has been caused lately by hospital patients from the 14th A.G.H. frequenting the Bars and drinking shops in the Ezbekieh District, which are Out of Bounds, especially the Belgian Bar. Lieut. Grigson interviewed the O.C. 14th A.H.H. and complained about this, with the result that the latter agreed to have patients' passes stamped to the effect that the places in question are Out of Bounds, so that there can be no excuse for similar breaches of discipline in the future. Up to the 6th Inst. patrols were kept very busy in the Ezbekieh District, and many arrests were made for the offences of "Absence" and "Out of Bounds". After that date, however, wet weather set in and consequently things were considerably quieter.	<i>J.A.B.</i>
Moascar.	12-1-17.		Lieutenant L. LAWRENCE takes over command of the Moascar Detachment from Lieut R.A. ADAMS. A copy of orders issued by him regarding Routine and Discipline, both in the Detachment and in the Field Punishment Compound is attached as <u>Appendix I.</u> to this volume.	See <i>J.A.B.</i>
Cairo.	21-1-17.		Escort of 1 officer, 2 N.C.Os. and 20 other ranks on duty at Cairo Station in connection with the entraining of invalids for Australia. For duties see entry for 22-9-16.	<i>J.A.B.</i>
Moascar.	24-1-17.		15 other ranks taken on strength of the Corps from the Training Regiments at Moascar and transferred to the Cairo Detachment for training in police work.	<i>J.A.B.</i>
Cairo.	25-1-17.	-	The Main and Bridge Guards at the A.&N.Z.T.C.&D.C. Moascar were taken over from the Anzac Provost Corps by the troops at the Training Centre. Letter written by the C.O. to the Governor, the Citadel Military Prison, Cairo arranging for time expired prisoners to be escorted to Details by the Cairo Detachment of the Corps. Copy	<i>J.A.B.</i>

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Cairo.	25-I-17.	Continued.	attached as <u>Appendix II.</u> to this Volume. This arrangement will come into force from 2-2-17. Copy of Routine Orders by Major General Sir HG. CHAUVEL, K.C.M.G., C.B., G.O.C., A.I.F. IN EGYPT, dealing with the Establishment of the Anzac Provost Corps and promotions of officers therein, also orders by the C.O. regarding promotions in the ranks to complete that Establishment, attached as <u>Appendix III.</u> to this Volume.	J.H.B.
	* 30-I-17.		<p>Extract from Section Order No 78.</p> <p>"DRESS. The only authorised cap that is allowed to be worn after the stipulated hour of 1700 is the issued Field Service Cap. The wire in the above is not to be taken out, and the officer's pattern of Field Cap will not be worn by N.C.Os. or men. Action will be taken with soldiers found walking about in Cairo with unauthorised headdress for being improperly dressed.</p> <p>Report on work done by police of Anzac Mounted Division during the month is attached as <u>Appendix 4.</u> to this Volume.</p> <p>Report on work done by the Field Troop during the Month. <u>Appendix V.</u></p> <p>Summary of Disposition of the Strength of the Corps as at 15-I-17, is attached as <u>Appendix VI.</u></p> <p>Summary of Arrests and Charges by the Cairo, Heliopolis and Moascar Detachment is attached as <u>Appendix VII.</u> From this it will be seen that practically the whole of the offences come under one or other of the following five headings:- Absence, Out of Bounds, Drunkenness, Failing to Salute and Being Improperly Dressed. Thus while the number of charges for these offences is rather unusually large, cases of a more serious nature are so few as to be practically negligible.</p>	<p>J.H.B.</p> <p>J.H.B.</p> <p>J.H.B.</p> <p>J.H.B.</p> <p>J.H.B.</p>

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<u>Moascar.</u>			<p align="center"><u>DUTIES OF THE MOASCAR DETACHMENT OF THE ANZAC PROVOST CORPS. JANUARY 1916.</u></p> <p>The duties of the Moascar Detachment of the Corps are as follows:-</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>1. Compound Guard.</td> <td>I. N.C.O. and 6 men.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. Main Guard.</td> <td>I. N.C.O. and 3 men.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. Bridge Guard.</td> <td>I. N.C.O. and 2 men.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. Canteen Guard.</td> <td>I. N.C.O. and 2 men.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5. Aerodrome Patrol.</td> <td>2 men.</td> </tr> </table> <p>I. Various methods of working the Compound Guard were tried and eventually the following system was adopted:- The Guard of I. N.C.O. and 6 men mounts at 1800 daily for a 12 hours tour of duty. Of this number I. N.C.O. and 3 men remain on duty during the day on the Look-out Platform in the Compound. Orders for these Guards are as follows:-</p> <p>(a). <u>NIGHT COMPOUND GUARD.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Guard will consist of 6 men, mounting at 1800 daily for a 12 hours tour of duty. There will be two posts, No 1 post from left West Corner to the East Corner by way of the North and East sides of the Compound. No 2 post from the West Corner to the East Corner, by way of the West and South sides of the Compound. Sentries will patrol their beats in a smart and soldierlike manner. Sentries will not leave their post until properly relieved. Sentries will challenge all persons approaching their posts between Retreat and Reveille. Sentries will take charge of all Government Property in the vicinity of their posts. Sentries will permit no unauthorised person to approach the enclosure. Sentries will check any breach of Compound Orders by prisoners. Sentries will immediately report to the Commander of the Guard any unusual occurrence. Proper compliments will be paid to all officers. From the hour of 2100 sentries will call the half hours, No 1 at once reporting if all is not well. The vicinity of the Guard tent will be thoroughly cleansed before the Guard is dismounted, and marched off. <p>Text of Compound Orders for the guidance of sentries.</p> <p>Prisoners are not allowed to have cigarettes, pipes, tobacco or matches in their possession.</p> <p>Prisoners are not permitted to approach the wires of the fence.</p>	1. Compound Guard.	I. N.C.O. and 6 men.	2. Main Guard.	I. N.C.O. and 3 men.	3. Bridge Guard.	I. N.C.O. and 2 men.	4. Canteen Guard.	I. N.C.O. and 2 men.	5. Aerodrome Patrol.	2 men.	
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			<p>Absolute silence must be maintained at all hours.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>(b). <u>DAY GUARD ON LOOK-OUT STAGE.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Guard will consist of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men, to be detailed from the previous night guard. The Guard will mount at 0600 and dismount at 1730, or when relieved by the Night Guard. <u>POST.</u> Lookout Stage in the F.P. Compound. The N.C.O. in charge of the Guard will be held personally responsible that each sentry is properly posted, and relieved every two hours. The N.C.O. i/c Guard will red out duties individually to each member of the Guard before mounting. The sentry will check and report to the N.C.O. i/c Guard, and the latter to the N.C.O. i/c Compound, any breach of the following Compound rules:- Sentries must at all times be on the alert. <p>-----</p> <p>Prisoners are not permitted to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Smoke, or have pipes, matches, tobacco or cigarettes or like material in their possession. Talk, sing, whistle or make any indecent act or gesture. Have any reading material, writing material, (with the exception of safe custody and F.P. men on Sunday afternoons.) playing cards or other like material in their possession. To approach the wires of the Field Punishment Compound, unless on some specified duty. Wash or dry clothing, except on such days as may be laid down by the Governor. No unauthorised person is permitted to approach the Compound. The sentry will not leave his post until properly relieved. <p>A plan of the F.P. Compound ^{at this date is attached} at this date is attached _{take place with the attached to a later date of the diary}</p> <p>2 & 3. As these two Guards were taken over by the Training Centre on 25-1-17., we are not concerned with the duties performed by them. The Bridge Guard was again taken over by the Anzac Provost Corp at a later date under a new system, particulars of which will be shown in due course.</p> <p>-----</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The duties of the Canteen Guard are to regulate traffic and preserve order in the Canteens during the hours in which they are open for business. ----- The duties of the Aerodrome patrol are to prevent unauthorised persons from trespassing on the landing grounds of the P.F.C. <p>-----</p>	

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			<p>The following are extracts from Detachment Order No I, by Lieut. L. LAWRENCE, Of I3-I-17., governing Routine and Discipline in the Detachment and Field Punishment Compound.</p> <p>DISCIPLINE. (a). All N.C.Os. and men desirous of interviewing the O.C. the Detachment must be paraded by the R.S.M. Non-compliance with this order is a distinct breach of discipline, and in future will be dealt with accordingly.</p> <p>(b). N.C.Os. and men are not allowed in the Orderly Room unless in the execution of their duty.</p> <p>(c). A camp inspection will be held by the O.C. every morning at 1000. The Orderly Sergeant will be held responsible for the cleanliness of the lines.</p> <p>(d). No articles of clothing or equipment are to be hung on tent poles. Spare clothing and boots to be placed in kit bags. Tent curtains to be rolled. (Weather permitting) Blankets to be folded in regimental style and placed outside the tent on right hand side. All spare equipment, kit bags etc: to be placed on left hand side of the tent, dressed from the first tent on the right. Senior N.C.Os. of tents are held responsible to the Orderly Sergeant for the carrying out of this Order.</p> <p>(e). The Mess Orderly is held responsible for the scrubbing of mess tables twice daily.</p> <p>(f). Refuse must not be left lying about the mess hut.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- - - - -</p> <p>The following Routine will be observed for the week ending 21st January.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Reveille.....</td> <td>0600.</td> <td>Staff Parade.....</td> <td>0630.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Men for Ablution.....</td> <td>0635.</td> <td>Breakfast.....</td> <td>0800.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff Parade.....</td> <td>0900.</td> <td>Inspection by O.C.....</td> <td>1000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>(Dress, Marching Order.)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dinner.....</td> <td>1230.</td> <td>Staff Parade.....</td> <td>1400.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Fatigues etc@.....</td> <td>1400.</td> <td>Supper.....</td> <td>1630.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lights Out.....</td> <td>2100.</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>FIRE ALARM. A succession of whistle blasts. N.C.Os. i/c parties will at once double on parade and await instructions.</p> <p>DRESS. In future all prisoners in the Compound are to be properly dressed. Wearing of slacks and shoes by prisoners is not permitted.</p> <p>BOUNDS. The Compound is Out of Bounds to all members of this Detachment not actually on duty. This order must be strictly observed and offenders will be severely dealt with.</p>	Reveille.....	0600.	Staff Parade.....	0630.	Men for Ablution.....	0635.	Breakfast.....	0800.	Staff Parade.....	0900.	Inspection by O.C.....	1000.			(Dress, Marching Order.)		Dinner.....	1230.	Staff Parade.....	1400.	Fatigues etc@.....	1400.	Supper.....	1630.	Lights Out.....	2100.			
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Summary of Admissions etc
 Field Punishment Compound during month

No of Prisoners admitted to F.P. Compound. - - - - -	39.
No. transferred to Citadel. - - - - -	9.
No of Refractory Prisoners dealt with by Governor - - - - -	2.
No Discharged - time expired - - - - -	34.
No of safe custody prisoners admitted & discharged - - - - -	50.

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CORPS. MONTH OF JANUARY 1917.

Letter re Time-expired Prisoners.

Military Governor,
Citadel Military Prison Cairo.

D. 92.
25-I-17.

I received a request from the A.P.M. Kantara to furnish an escort for a discharged prisoner of the 12th L.H. Regt sent to him by you.

I shall be glad if, for the future, when any members of the A.I.F. are due for discharge, and the Regiments have not made arrangements to take delivery, if you will notify my O.C. Detachment, Cairo, at Kasr el Nil, who will take over and dispose of prisoners Time expired.

The Corps telephone number at Kasr el Nil is 2889, and it will save considerable amount of trouble.

All prisoners Time expired are sent to the A.&N.Z. Training Centre and Detail Camp at Moascar.



Sd A. F. JORDAN Capt,
A.P.M. A.&N.Z. M¹ DIV. and
C.O. Egyptian Section, AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS

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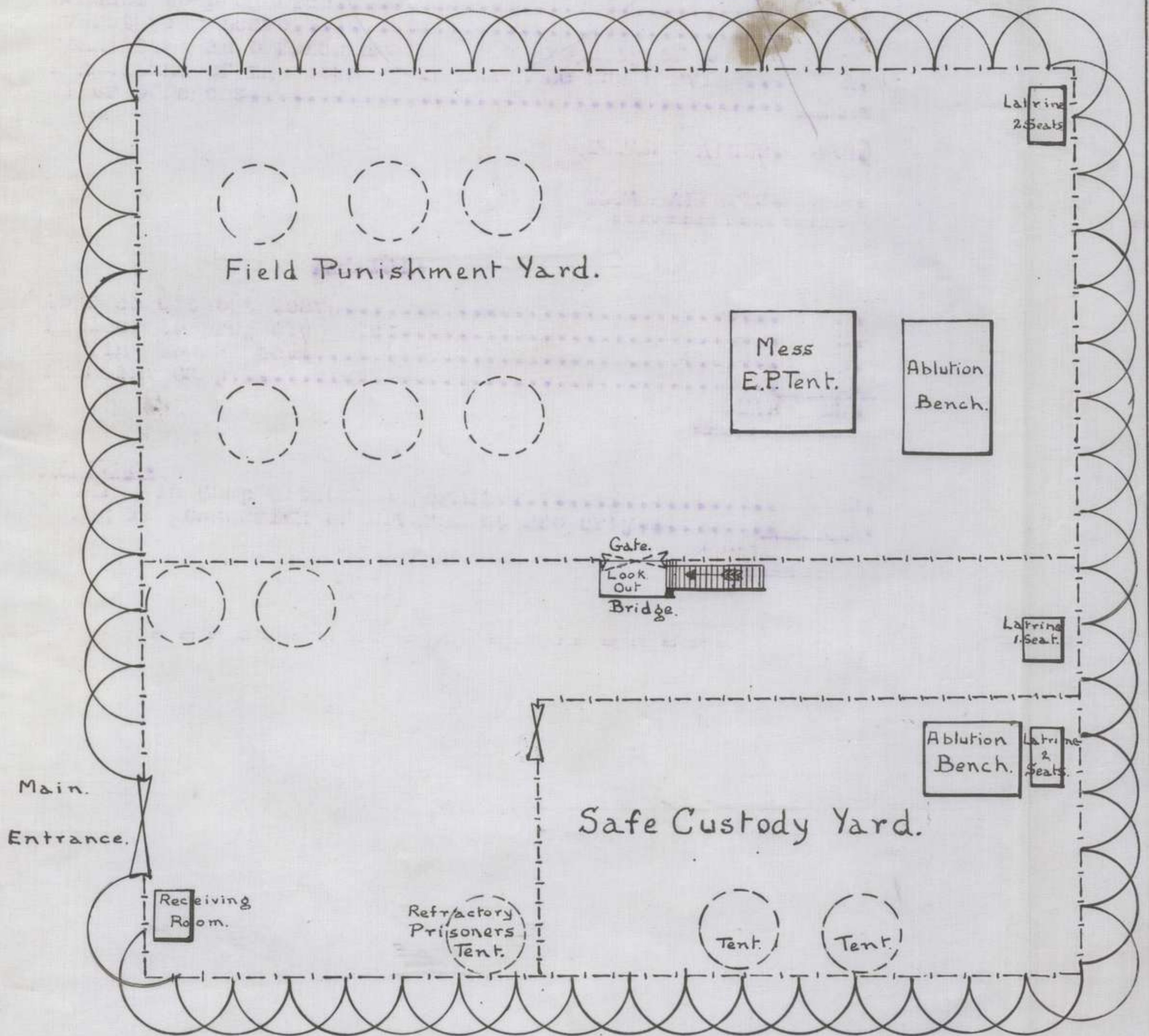
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PLAN OF FIELD PUNISHMENT COMPOUND MOASCAR, AS IN JAN 1917.

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Scale:- 1. Inch = 25 feet. (Approx.)



APPENDIX III. TO VOLUME 6 OF WAR DIARY OF EGYPTIAN SECTION AUSTRALIAN
PROVOST CORPS. MONTH OF JANUARY 1918.

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EXTRACT FROM ROUTINE ORDER NO 3 BY Major General Sir H.G. CHAUVEL, K.C.M.G., C.B.,
G.O.C., A.&.N.Z.MED DIVISION. 25-1-17.

PROVISIONAL ESTABLISHMENT,
ANZAC PROVOST CORPS,
EGYPTIAN SECTION.

Herewith is issued the Provisional Establishment of the
Anzac Provost Corps, Egyptian Section.
All Temporary Ranks held by Corporals of the Military Police
with Headquarters, Division and Brigades, are permitted to be held
whilst those at present holding same are so employed.
From this date no further promotions to Temporary rank of
Corporal will be made above the number laid down herein.

With reference to the above, the following notice was published by the C.O.,
Egyptian Section Anzac Provost Corps, in Section Order No 181 of 2-2-17.:-
"With reference to the attached Establishment. There are a number of promotions to be
made, and all such will be awarded to the most zealous and soldierly members of the
Corps, quite irrespective of their status in the Corps, Egyptian Section, and
recommendations are called for herein from Detachment Commanders to fill vacancies
in their respective Detachments."

EXTRACT FROM LIST NO 8 OF APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS ETC ISSUED BY G.O.C. A.&.N.Z.MED DIV. 25-1-17.

To be ASSISTANT PROVOST MARSHAL.

Capt. A.F. Jordan, A.P.C., vice Major J.H. Bisdée V.C.
12th L.H. Regt. (To Regimental duty.) in addition to
duties as C.O. Anzac Provost Corps, Date 3-1-17.

To be LIEUTENANTS.

2nd Lieut. G.P. McCarthy. Anzac Provost Corps. 1-1-17.
2nd Lieut P.J. Martin. " " " 2-1-17.
2nd Lieut L. Lawrence. " " " 3-1-17.



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PROVISIONAL ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ANZAC PROVOST CORPS. EGYPTIAN SECTION.

DETAILS.	Offs.	W.O.	S.S.M.	C.S.M.	S.B.M.S.	C.B.M.S.	Staff Sergeants	Sergeants	Four-Sergeants	Saddled Sergeants	App.	S. Smith	Other	Pro-	Pos	Total	All ranks	Ridge	Packs	Total	Horses
MOUNTED SECT. Including HQRS.	5.	1.	1.	-	1.	-	1.	10.	1.	1.	9.	1.	-	126.	-	157.	167.	2.	-	169.	-
INFANTRY SECT.	2.	-	-	1.	-	1.	1.	6.	-	-	7.	-	-	-	84.	102.	-	-	-	-	-
	7.	1	1	1	1.	1.	2.	17.	1.	1.	16.	1.	-	139.	84.	273.	167.	2.	-	169.	-
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HELIOPOLIS.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.	-	-	3.	1.	-	43.	-	51.	53.	-	-	53.	-
A&NZDIV & BDE HQ.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.	-	-	-	-	-	36c.	-	41.	43.	-	-	43.	-
IMPERIAL MTD DIV.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1.	-	-	-	-	-	13.	-	14.	-	-	-	-	-
MOASCAR.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	1d.	2.	-	-	4d.	-	-	43.	-	51.	53.	-	-	53.	-
PORT SAID.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.	-	-	2.	-	-	5.	-	8.	8.	-	-	8.	-
INFANTRY SECT. CAIRO.	2.	-	-	1.	-	1.	1e.	6.	-	-	7e.	-	-	-	84.	102.	-	-	-	-	-
	7.	1.	1.	1.	1.	1.	2,	17.	1.	1.	16.	1.	-	139.	84.	273.	167.	2.	-	169.	-

Additional Establish. (AMD.R.O.5-10.14-3-17.)

- MOUNTED SECT. (a). Includes A.P.M. A.&.N.Z. Mtd Div. (b). W.O. on HQRS will rank as R.S.M. (c). 50% of Other Ranks on Div & Bde HQRS may be granted temp. rank of Corporal whilst so employed. (d). Staff Sergeant and Orderly Room Corporal at Moascar for Field Punishment Compound. INFANTRY SECTION. (e). Staff Sergeant and Orderly Room Corporal for Cairo Detachments.



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APPENDIX IV. TO VOLUME 6. OF WAR DIARY OF EGYPTIAN SECTION AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS. JANUARY 1917.

Report on work done by police of Anzac Mounted Division during the month.

The Division was stationed at El Arish. The usual police duties were performed. The following is an extract from the report by Capt. A.F. Jordan, A.P.M., Anzac Mtd Division to A.P.M. Desert Column, for the week ending 4-1-17.

"Major J.H. BISDEE V.C., having returned to his unit, I took over the duties of A.P.M. on the 31st December 1916. The week has been principally taken up with a tour of inspection round the various Brigades in the Division, and I have personally inspected all the police with the exception of those on the 2nd L.H. Brigade, who are at present back at Hassaniya. The whole of the police are working satisfactorily.

"With regard to the destruction of trees, crops etc. This has now practically ceased, and no cases of this offence have been brought up.

"Some difficulty arose earlier in the week with the natives who work on the railway, and it was found that the area in which they were working was in a most insanitary condition. The officer in charge of each party was interviewed and proper latrines were built, with the result that the trouble has now ceased.

"Police still patrol the beach to prevent galloping of horses along the sand, but very few cases of this are to be seen now.

"The 1st Imperial Camel Brigade have now appointed 1 N.C.O. and 9 men to act as police for their own Brigade, and it is my intention to inspect them on first available opportunity."

On the night of the 8th January the Division moved out to the attack on RAFA. Police performed the usual duties of directing and regulating traffic, collecting stragglers and protecting the property of civilian inhabitants. On the capture of the position, all ranks were fully employed in collecting and disarming the prisoners, and assisting in escorting them back to El Arish.

On arrival there the same procedure was adopted as with the prisoners captured at Maghdaba, (See report for December 1916.) except that, whereas the Maghdaba prisoners were dealt with in the yard of the Military Governor's offices in El Arish, these were kept in a specially erected wire compound about half a mile outside the town. The work was completed by midday on the 11th. The following is the total of prisoners dealt with:-

	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>Cadets.</u>	<u>ORs.</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
<u>Unwounded Prisoners.</u> 8	36.	1.	1436.	1473.
<u>Admitted to Hospital.</u> 0	2.	-	105.	107.
<u>TOTALS.</u>	<u>38.</u>	<u>1.</u>	<u>1541.</u>	<u>1580.</u>

- Includes 1 German Officer and 12 German N.C.Os. Machine gunners.
 - Includes 1 German Officer and 1 German machine gunner.
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With reference to the Provisional Establishment of the Corps. (Appendix III. to this volume.) G.O.C. Anzac Mtd Division approves of 50% of Divisional and Brigade Police being granted the rank Temporary ~~XXX~~ Corporal from 25-1-17., whilst so employed.

On January 17th a special patrol of one man from the 3rs L.H. and N.Z.M.R. Brigades was instituted at Kilo 152 station for the purpose of preventing troops from scattering empty tins and other rubbish about the station area and enforcing sanitary regulations generally. Hours from 0700 to 1230 and from 130 to 1800 daily. These Brigade also supply police on the canteen at MA'ASAIID during hours of business.

On the same date Captain Jordan was relieved by Lieut R.A. ADAMS as he had to proceed to Cairo on business connected with the Corps. He returned on the 22nd.

The following is an extract from report by Captain Jordan for week ending 26-1-17.

"During my absence Lieut Adams carried on the duties, and visited every Brigade in the Division, and he reports that all Brigade police are performing their duties satisfactorily. During the week in all 24 prisoners of war were evacuated.

"Since my return I have again visited the Brigades, finding all correct, but have had occasion to communicate with the Administrative Commandant on one or two matters, viz.

"1. The practice of natives of the Labour Corps, working on the railway, using the trench along the beach as a latrine, and I have requested that suitable latrines be dug for their use.

"2. The practice of officers using the E.E.F. canteen out of the hours allotted to them, which inconveniences the canteen people very much.

"Other than this there is nothing of importance to report."

Discipline in the Division during the month has been good. No offences of a serious nature occurred, either during or after the occupation of El Arish, and the few cases of destruction of timber etc., for firewood, have been caused more through ignorance of the orders than with any intention of committing an offence.

The health of the Detachment has been good, but the horses have suffered considerably from exposure as the weather has been continually cold and wet.

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APPENDIX V. TO VOLUME 6. OF WAR DIARY OF EGYPTIAN SECTION AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS.

JANUARY 1917.

Report on the work done by the Field Troop during the month of January 1917.

On the 8th January 1917 we received instructions to move out from El Arish, and the next morning the attack on RAFA was made. My troop was attached to the 1st A.L.H. Regiment, which was the first regiment to enter Palestine.

A very severe days fighting took place. My troop went into action on the left of the 1st L.H. Regiment at about 0800, attacking position C5. At about 1300, before that position was carried, I received orders to retire and take up an advanced position on the right of the regiment to cover the retreat of a squadron of the 3rd L.H. Regiment which had advanced too far and which was in need of support. This duty was successfully accomplished, and the final bayonet charge, which carried the whole position, and in which my troop participated, took place at about 1615. After assisting in the collection of prisoners and abandoned material, we marched back to El Arish, halting at SHEIK ZOWAID for water and rations and a few hours of much needed rest. The casualties sustained by my troop during the action were one man, No 503 L/Cpl WALLER, killed, and one man severely wounded.

On arrival at El Arish the Regiment to which I was attached was at one sent out to the Outpost Line at EL BURJ. During our stay there numerous patrols were carried out passed SHEIK ZOWAID to RAFA, and on several occasions a few prisoners were captured.

At the end of January, owing to the Brigade to which I was attached going into reserve, my troop was posted to the 7th A.L.H. Regiment, which was then at MA'ASAIID.

After the battle of Raza, the personnel of the troop was gradually changed by withdrawing the men in batches of from six to ten, and replacing them with men from Moascar and Cairo.

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APPENDIX VI. TO WAR DIARY OF EGYPTIAN SECTION, AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS.

Disposition of strength of the Corps as at 15-1-17.

	<u>Infantry.</u>		<u>L.H.</u>		<u>TOTAL.</u>
	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>	<u>Offs.</u>	<u>O.Rs.</u>	
Cairo.....	2.	65.	-.	18.	2. 83.
Heliopolis.....	-	13.	1.	19.	1. 32.
Moascar.....	1.	11.	1.	43.	2. 54.
Port Said.....	-	7.	-	3.	- 10.
Brigade Police.....	-	6.	1.	32.	1. 38.
Field Troop.....	-	2.	1.	27.	1. 29.
Hospital.....	-	4.	-	6.	- 10.
Ein Shems.....(Att.C.T.C.)	-	-	-	1.	- 1.
<u>TOTALS.</u>	3.	108.	4.	149.	7. 257.

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APPENDIX VII. TO WAR DIARY OF EGYPTIAN SECTION AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS. VOLUME 6, JANUARY 1917.

SUMMARY OF ARRESTS AND CHARGES FOR MONTH OF JANUARY 1917.

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CAIRO & HELIOPOLIS.

Absence without leave.....	168.
Out of Bounds.....	49.
Drunkenness.....	80.
Failing to salute.....	91.
Improperly Dressed.....	18.
Deficiency of Identity Disc.....	11.
Interfering with M.P. in execution of duty.....	1.
Assault.....	2.
Breaking arrest.....	3.
False Pass.....	1.
Creating a disturbance.....	4.
Wilful damage to property.....	1.
Masquerading as a W.O.....	1.
Conduct to prejudice.....	5.
Overstaying Leave.....	3.
Committing an offence against the property of an inhabitant of the country in which he was serving...	1.
Minor Offences.....	1.

TOTAL CHARGES. 438.

TOTAL ARRESTS. 325.

MOASCAR.

Absence without leave.....	2.
Neglect to prejudice etc:.....	2.
Failing to salute.....	18.
Breaking Camp.....	1.
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>23.</u>

NATIVES.

Hawking in Camp without a permit.....	23.
Being in possession of Government Property.....	1.
<u>TOTAL.</u>	<u>24.</u>

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