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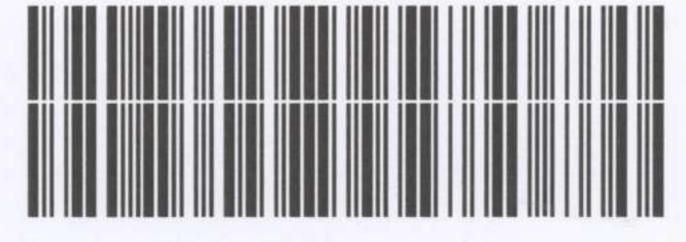
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D. A. P. S. .

In accordance with your instructions. I beg to submit the following report on the working of the Australian Base Army Post Office E.E.F., for the month of March 1918:-

Mails received from Australia:Letter Bags 211
Parcel " 796
Newspapers 633

Mails despatched to Australia Letter Bags 305 Parcel " 75

Mails received from London, 704 Bags
Mails received from the Field
and Egypt 678 Bags
Mails despatched to London 43 "
Mails despatched to the Field
and Egypt 2171 "

The number of gags received from London could be considerable reduced if correspondence be sorted alphabetically, at the present time many of the bags contain only one or two letters.

STAFF Important changes in the Base Office Staff have taken place during the past month, Staff Sergeant Inches was placed in charge vice Staff Serbeant Downe transferred to the Field on the 21st March

3057 Trooper G.F. Cole to F.P.O. DM1. 9.3.18
1637 " K.F.Marray " TM1 14.3.18
1581 " H.C.James " DM1 21.3.18
2585 " J.W.Blake " A.P.O.SZ41 do
307 " J.V.Scanlon " F.P.O.LH2 do
86 " H. Brown rejoined F.P.O. LH2 16.3.18
2416 " J.G.Wines " LH3 17.3.18

739 A/cpl L.C.Weeks from F.P.O. LH3
2311 Tpr F. Atkinson " Moascar Thining Centre (penging

238 Cpl. Kelly and 3586 Ptr R.L. Millar 7th L.H. were sent here from Moascar Training Centre for interview, but were returned as undesirable for transfer - the former on account of his rank and the latter as being physically unfit to perform the duties required of him.

I shall be glad if the A.I.F. Headquarters can be requested to fill the vacancies as soon as possible.

It is found necessary to borrow 3 men from Moascar Training Centre

The Australian Base A my Post Office, Kantara West, closed on the night of the 8th March and reopened at Kantara Hast on the morning of the 9th, in a hut measuring 150' by 30', specially constructed to meet requirements.

The staff is working exceedingly well under Staff Sergt. Inches

ier spot than the old one on the west back of the Canal, and it is anticipated that the staff will derive great benefit from the change.

Kantara 11th April 1918

(Sgd) ?.Hahn Captain R.E. D.A.D.P.S.



D.A.P.S.. A.I.F.. LONDON.

Soon after my arrival in Egypt I asked the D.A.P.S..
E.E.F. if he would be good enough to arrange for a monthly report
on the A.I.F. Postal Services in Egypt to be supplied to the
D.A.P.S., A.I.F., London and he promised to do so.

D.A.P.S., Desert Mounted Corps (Field), who each control a section of our service here have been forwarded to me through the D.A.P.S., M.E.F., and are attached hereto. I asked that a copy might be supplied to the A. I.F. Headquarters, Cairo, for their information and this will be done.

The marked portions of the reports denote that the matters referred to therein have been destwith in connection with the reOrganization. It will be seen that the many changes made by me have caused great satisfaction generally as well as increasing the

efficiency of our service here.

proceed with caution and duse great tact in dealing with the R.E.P.S. but I am glad to say that, while we have had some spirited arguments at times, as they did not desire any changes made in the systems in vogue, I was in the end successful in introducing the new systems which are now working splendidly.

Acting S/sgt. Inches, N.C.O. in charge of the A.B.P.O..

Kantara, has done good work since taking ever from S/sgt. bowne.

having had the whole of the new Card Index Records to complete as well
as supervise and put into working order other schemes recently
introduced; the whole staff working splendidly especially in

transferring and completing the Gard Indox.

ional Supervisors (or Inspectors) in the field. These N.C.Os. were recommended for the positions by the D.A.P.S., E.E.F. and the D.A.P.S., Desert Mounted Corps, and I think should prove more than equal to the task, as they are thoroughly experienced in Army Postal Work, having had three and a half years service with the Light Horse, and also understand the conditions here, which is a very important factor.

Stationary Post Offices (S241 and S242), which gives us direct vouching between the A.B.P.O. and the Field, makes it pessible to keep a check on the parcels and complete our records.

D.D.A.P.S., A.I.FORCES.