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# WAR DIARY

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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date December 1918	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
RICHON AREA			<p>From 1<sup>st</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> inst the Field Troops were camped at the watering Area throughout the Division.</p> <p>"A" Field Troop at watering Area of 1<sup>st</sup> Bde (ALH) &amp; 18<sup>th</sup> R.H.A Bde.</p> <p>"B" " " " NZ Field Troop at water point at Wadi Hanan where 2<sup>nd</sup> ALH Bde &amp; NZMR Bde were watering.</p> <p>The pumping plants at these water areas were run &amp; the Areas maintained.</p> <p>Divisional Troops watered in the village of Richon, watering area maintained by a small detachment at Sqdn Headquarters but pumping plant which at first was run by this Division at the end of 1917 was now being run by 359 Water Company RE.</p> <p>A racecourse for the Division was constructed at Richon, parties of about 100 men per day under Engineer supervision being employed for about 5 days. A flat track one mile &amp; circular steeplechase track (six jumps) were made. The meeting was successful, about 3000 being present. Totalisator handled approx. £4,300 during the afternoon. 250 men with twelve G.S. Wagons repacked all material, sand bags, high wire, entanglements, pickets etc. in the same condition as when drawn &amp; ret'd same in one day.</p> <p>The Commander in Chief addressed the Division dismounted on the 16<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>During this period the Field Troops also carried out work as under :-</p> <p>"A" Troop Made hurdles for 1<sup>st</sup> ALH Bde sports ground. Repaired vapouriser of Hornsby-Ackroyd Engine on pumping plant. Made targets &amp; marking discs for 1<sup>st</sup> ALH Bde. Made crosses for 1<sup>st</sup> ALH Bde.</p> <p>"B" Troop Rebuilt horse racks for the Bde Headquarters. Repaired motor cycle for 2<sup>nd</sup> LH Bde signal troop. Made stools for 2<sup>nd</sup> LH Bde YMCA concert party. Built bath house for Div. train. Repaired targets for 2<sup>nd</sup> LH Bde. Erected stage for 2<sup>nd</sup> Bde YMCA. Repaired oil engine at water point.</p>	





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Rafa Area.			<p>be issued.</p> <p>All heavy equipment &amp; baggage had been sent down by rail, &amp; had to be drawn from Rafa station.</p> <p>The Division was inspected &amp; addressed by the Corps Commander on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Lieut. McGlaughlin rejoined on the 23<sup>rd</sup> from Hospital.</p> <p>Capt. Steven left for Moascar to await embarkation for Australia on the 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; sailed on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Lieut Bale left to take up <sup>the</sup> duties of Adjutant of the NZ training depot on the 24<sup>th</sup>. 2/Lieut Lange left for the NZ Depot Ismailia to await embarkation to New Zealand on 31<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>The Field Sqdn personnel approx. up to strength with the exception of the NZ personnel which was short of 18 to 20 other ranks throughout the month.</p> <p>On the 31<sup>st</sup> 18 other ranks marched out to New Zealand Training Depot to await embarkation to New Zealand.</p> <p>The condition of the horses is only fair on account of the hard work done during the month, &amp; the horses now mostly old not having recovered from the last operations.</p>	
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