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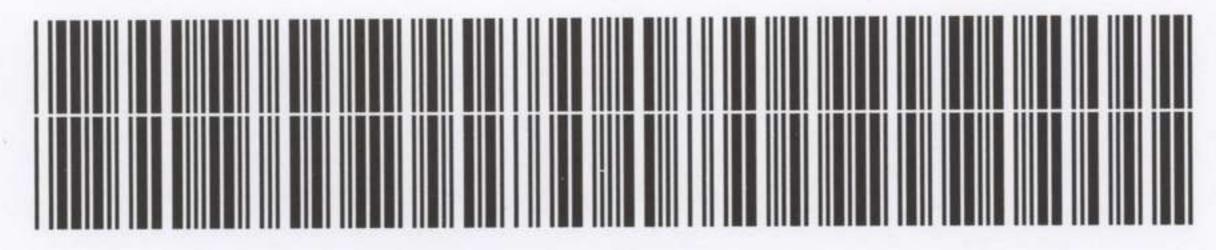
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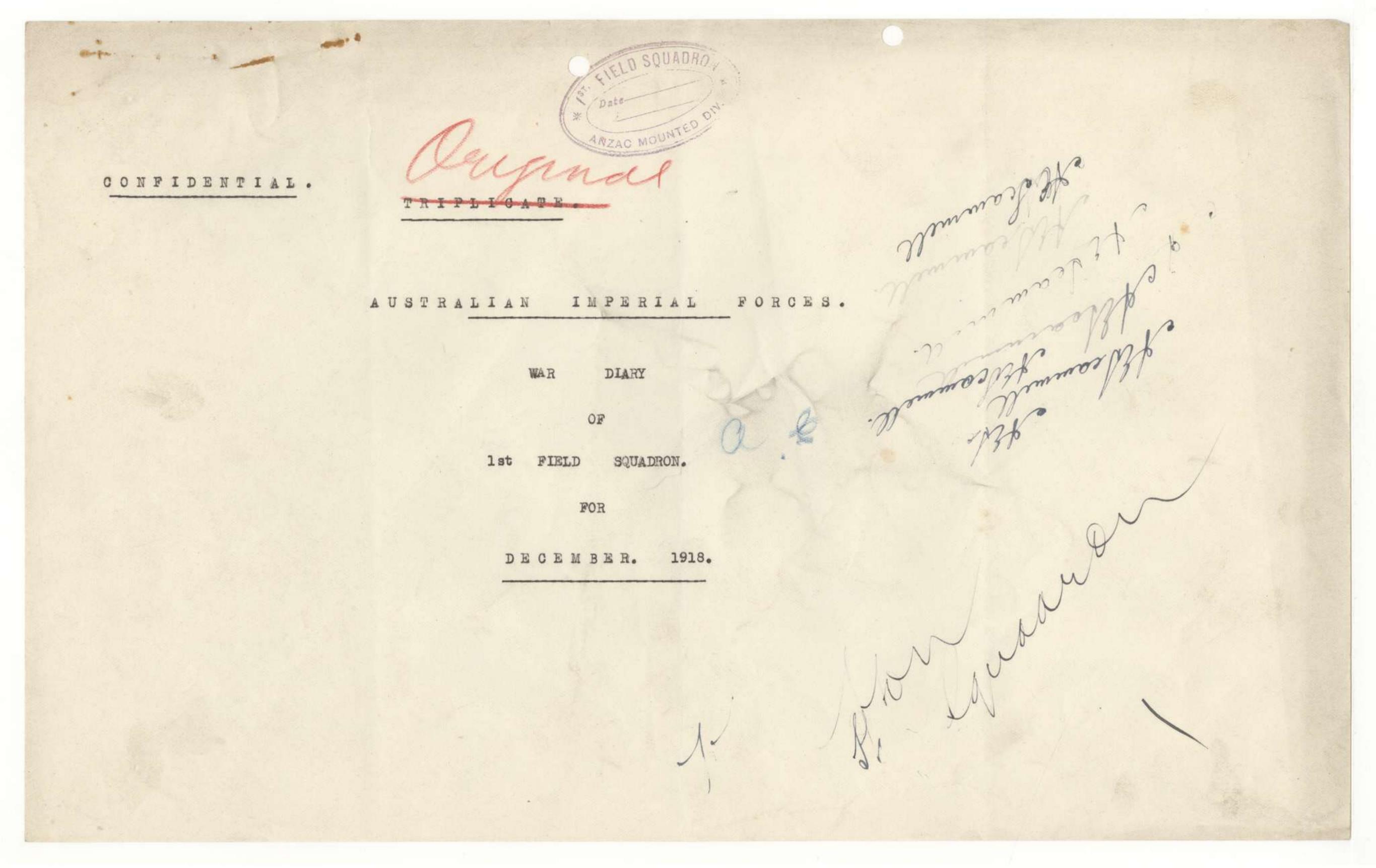
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## INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place Da	te Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks an references t Appendices
REA	" Troop.	From 1st to 18th inst the Field Troops were camped at the Watering Areas throughout the Division.  "A" Field Troop at Watering Area of 1st A. L. H. Brigade & 18th R. H. A. Brigade.  "B" Field Troop & N. Z. Field Troop at Water Point at Wadi Handin where 2nd ALH Brigade and N.Z.M.R Brigade were watering.  The pumping plants at these Water Areas were run and the Areas maintained.  Divisional Troops watered in the Village of Richon, watering area maintained by a small detachment at Squadron 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 R. E.  A Racecourse for the Division was constructed at Richon parties of about 100 men per day under Engineer Supervision being employed for about five days— Flat track one mile and circular steeplechase track (six jumps) were made. The metring was successful, about 3000 were present. Totalisator headled approximately 2.4.300, during the afternow Aplan of the ground is enclosed. The material required was obtained on Acan from the A.P.R.E. A party of 250 men with twelve 6.5. wagons repacked all material, sandbags, high wire, entanglements pickets etc in the same condition as when drawm and returned same in one day.  The Commander-in-Chief addressed the Division dismounted on 16th.  paring this period the Field Troops also carried out work as under;— Made hurdles for 1st L.H. Brigade Sports Ground.  Repaired vapouriser of Hornsby-Ackroyd engine on pumping plant.  Made crosses for 1st L.H. Brigade Peadquarters.  Repaired accounter for 2nd L.H. Brigade Y.M.C.A. Concert Party.  Built Bath house for pivisional Train.  Repaired targets for 2nd L.H. Brigade Y.M.C.A.  Brigade 2.18th.  Brigade 2.18th.  Brigade 2.18th.  Brigade 3.18th.  Brigade 2.18th.  Brigade	Appendice
	.Z.	Repaired oil engine at Water point. Repaired fanatis for 2nd L.H. Brigade. Erected targets and fixtured and supervised construction of rifle range for N.Z.M.R. Brigade.	

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AREA.			From 1st to 18th inst the Field Troops were camped at the Watering Areas throughout the pivision. "A" Field Troop at Watering Area of 1st A. L. H. Brigade & 18th R. H. A. Brigade. "B" Field Troop & N. Z. Field Troop at Water Point at Wadi Hanein where 2nd ALH Brigade and N.Z.M.R Brigade were	
			The pumping plants at these water areas were run and the areas maintained.	
			Divisional Troops watered in the Village of Michon, watering area maintained by a small detachment at Squadron. Headquarters but pumping plant which at first was run by this Division at the end of 1917 was now being run by	
			A Racecourse for the pivision was constructed at Richon parties of about 100 men per day under Engineer Supervision being employed for about five days.  Flat track one mile and circular steeplechase track (six jumps) were made	
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			Made crosses for 1st L.H. Brigade.	
	n Bu Di	roop.	Rebuilt horse racks for the lat Brigade Headquarters.	
			Repaired motor bicycle for 2nd L.H. Brigade Signal Troop.	
			Made stools for 2nd L.H. Brigade Y.M.C.A. Concert Party.	
			Built Bath house for Divisional Train.	
			Repaired targets for 2nd L.H. Brigade.	
		15	Erected Stage for 2nd L.H. Brigade Y.M.C.A.	
			Repaired oil engine at Water Point.	
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			21st to mala. 22nd to mara.	100
			Two Officers accompanied the D.A.Q.M.G. as advance party for each move leaving bivounc areas 0630 each morning and	200
			made preliminary inspection of watering facilities of each bivouacarea and necessary arrangements for alteration an (A7092). Wt. W12839/M1293. 750,000. 1/17. D. D. & L., Ltd. Forms/C.211814.	a /

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			The work of remedying this was taken in hand at once and canvas troughs erected, wooden troughs overhauled and indents forwarded for material for a prinking water area, Settling and Chlorinating Tanks and Standpipes.  The work on drinking water area was delayed by indents having to be submitted to Staff Officer P.L. of G. Rafa. and passed to EL ARISH for authority before material could be issued.	
			The Division was inspected and addressed by the Corps Commander on 27th.  Lieutenant McGlaughlin rejoined on the 23rd from hospital.  Captain Steven left for Moascar to await embarkation for Australia on 8th and sailed on the 25th.  Lieutenant Balc left to take up the duties of Adjutant of the New Zealand Training Depot. on the 24th.  2/Lieutenant Lange left for the New Zealand Depot Ismalia to await embarkation for New Zealand on 31st.	
			The Field Equadron personnel approximately upto strength with the exception of the New Zealand personnel which which was short of 18 to 20 other ranks throughout the month.  On the Bist 18 other ranks marched out to New Zealand Fraining Depot to await embarkation to New Zealand.  The condition of the horses is only fair on account of the hard work done during the month, and the horses now mostly old not having becaused from the last operations.	
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0			359 Water Company R. E.	
			A Racecourse for the pivision was constructed at Richon parties of about 100 men per day under Engineer Supervision	222
	l life e		being employed for about five days- Flat track one mile and circular steeplechase track (six jumps) were made	
			The meeting was successful, about 3000 were present. Totalisator handled approximately 2 4.300. during the afterno	on.
		1000	Aplan of the ground is enclosed. The material required was obtained on loan from the A.P.R.H. A party of	
			250 men with twelve G.S. wagons repacked all material, sandbage, high wire, entanglements pickets etc in the same	
			condition as when drawn and returned same in one day.	
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			Made crosses for lat L.H. Brigade.	
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			Repaired motor bicycle for 2nd L.H. Brigade Signal Troop.	
			Made stools for 2nd L.H. Brigade Y.M.C.A. Concert Party.	
			Built Bath house for Divisional Train.	
			Repaired targets for 2nd L.H. Brigade.	
		Jan A.	Erected Stage for 2nd L.H. Brigade Y.M.C.A.  Repaired oil engine at Mater Point.	
			Repaired fanatis for 2nd L.H. Brigade.	
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DECEMBER	1918.		
RICHON AREA	A .	From 1st to 18th inst., the Field Troops were camped at the watering area throughout the	
		Division.  A Field Troop at watering area of 1st Brigade (A.L.H.) and 18th R.H.A, Brigade.	
		B Field Troop and N.Z. Field Troop at water point at WADI HANEIN where 2nd A.L.H. Bde., and N.ZM. Riflew Brigade were watering.	
		The pumping plants at these watering geas were run and the areas maintained.  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 being run by 359 Water Company R. E.,	
		A race-course 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 and	
		3000 being present. Totalisator handled approximately £4,300 during the afternoon. 250	
		men with twelve G.S. wagons repacked all material, sandbags, highwire, entanglements, pickets etc., in the same condition as when drawn, and returned same in one day.	
		The Commander in Chief addressed the Division dismounted on the 16th.  During this period the Field Troops also carried out work as under:-	
***	A" Troop	Made hurdles for 1st A.L.H., Bde., Sports-ground. Repaired vapouriser of Hornsby-Ackrovo, engine on pumping plant. Made targets and marking-discs for 1st A.L.H., Brigade. Made crosses for 1st A.L.H., Brigade.	
"I	3" Troop	Rebuilt horse-racks for B. H. Q., Repaired Motor Cycle for 2nd L. H. Brigade Signal Troop.  Made stocks for 2nd L. H. Brigade Y.M.C.A. concert party. Built bath-house for Divisional  Train Pensired targets for 2nd L. W. Pricade Freeted stock for 2nd Pdc W.W.C.A.	
		Train. Repaired targets for 2nd L. H. Brigade. Erected stage for 2nd Bde. Y.M.C.A.,  Repaired oil-engine at water point.	
		Repaired fanatis for 2nd L. H. Brigade. Erected targets and fixtures and supervised construction of Rifle Range for N.Z.M.R. Brigade.	
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ECEMBER 1918		
ICHON AREA		
"N.Z." Troop	on 18th the A. & N.Z. Mounted Division commenced the trek from BICHON to RAFA; the stages were	74
	18th to WADI SUKERIER 19th to MEDJEL 20th to GAZA 21st to BELAH 22nd to RAFA	
	Two Officers accompanied the D.A.Q.M.G., as advance party for each move leaving bivouac areas 0630 each morning, and made preliminary inspection of watering facilities of each bivouac area and necessary arrangements for alteration and expansion.	
	A considerable amount of work was usually necessary, but in every case the actual supply of water was adequate; facilities for distribution mostly had to be provided. This work was by the Field Troops arriving at the head of the column, one or more Field Troops as required being left to follow in rear after picking equipment after the Division had	
	finished watering. The roads were very bad for the first two days owing to continued bad weather; after that they improved. The water in the Wadi Sukerier was very muddy for the same reason. At all other camping places water was from pumping plants on deep wells and was good.	
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	indents forwarded for material for a drinking water area, settling and chlorinating tanks and stand-pipes.  The work on drinking water area was delayed by indents having to be submitted to Staff Officer P.L. of C., Rafa, and passed to El Arish for authority before material could be	
	issued.  All heavy equipment and baggage had been sent down by rail, and had to be drawn from RAFA  Station.	
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AFA AREA			Capt. Steven left for Moascar to await embarkation for Australia on the 8th and sailed	
(Contd.)			on the 23rd. Lieut. Beale left to take up the duties of Adjutant of the N.Z., Training Depot on the 24th. 2nd Lieut. Lange left for the N.Z. Depot, ISMAILIA, to await embarkation to New Zealand on the 31st.  The Field Squadron personnel approx. up to strength with the exception of the N.Z. personnel which was short of 18 to 20 other ranks throughout the month.  On the 31st 18 other ranks marched out to N.Z Training Depot to await embarkation to New Zealand.  The condition of the horses is only fair on account of the hard work done during the month, and the horses, now mostly old, not having recovered from the last operations.	
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