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OF

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WAR DIARY.

Unit 2nd Signal Squadron A.E.From 1st February 1919. To 28th February 1919.

1st *☞* Communications for the Division are as follows: Telegraph to, Homs Signals (HOMS), Tripoli, 3rd and 4th L.N. Bdes. Telephone to G.S.O.1, "G" Branch, AA&QMG, "Q" Branch, Night Staff officer, Signal Squadron, Field Squadron, 19th RHA Bde, Divisional Train, AIF Cantons, DADOS, Tripoli, 3rd and 4th L.N. Bdes and 7th Infantry Divn. 5th L.N. Bde at BAALBEK and 14th L.N. Regt at HOMS in telegraph and telephone communication with HOMS Signals. Wireless to Tripoli and 5th L.N. Bde. At 1400 3rd and 4th Bdes line failed, break was repaired and communication restored at 1430.

2nd } *☞* Communications as on 1st maintained plus Squadron routine.
3rd }

4th *☞* Communications as on 3rd maintained plus Squadron routine. At 1000 Field Squadron and 19th RHA Bde line failed, break repaired and communication restored at 1100.

5th *☞* Communications as on 4th maintained plus Squadron routine.

6th *☞* At 1000, telegraph line to Tripoli failed, telephone line transferred to telegraph; at 1120 line repaired and restored telegraph and telephone communications.

7th *☞* Homs line working unsatisfactory, party endeavouring to locate the trouble; line terminated in Tripoli office pending the location of the fault.

8th } *☞* Communications as on 7th maintained plus Squadron routine.
9th }

10th 0915 line to 4th L.N. Bde failed, restored at 0940. Line to Homs restored.

- * 11th ~~Q~~. Communications as on 10th maintained plus Squadron routine.
- 12th ~~Q~~. At 0500 Signal Office and routes blew down during a gale and all lines broken, immediate action to restore communication was impossible, At 0900 a temporary office was established and all communications restored. At 1100 19th RNA Bde line failed; resumed at 2030. Office completely re-established.
- 13th } ~~Q~~ Communications as on 12th maintained plus Squadron routine.
14th }
- 15th ~~Q~~. Earth fault on 3rd and 4th Bdes line, which temporarily interrupted communication. Contact on the Horns line between HOMS and TRIPOLI making the working of this line unsatisfactory, lineman cleared the lines restoring line to normal working.
- 16th ~~Q~~. Field Sqdn, 19th RNA Bde and 3rd and 4th LH Bdes lines broken by horses about 1/4 miles from Signal Office, breaks repaired by lineman and communication restored.
- 17th ~~Q~~. Communications as on 16th maintained plus Squadron routine.
- 18th ~~Q~~. Fault repaired on 19th RNA Bde line. "G" Branch's office moved to new site, telephone lines extended and communication re-established.
- 19th ~~Q~~. Communications as on 18th maintained plus Squadron routine.
- 20th ~~Q~~. Communications as on 19th maintained. All horses of the Squadron inspected and classified by the A.D. Remounts.
- 21st ~~Q~~. Intermittent fault on 19th RNA Bde line, caused by the line connection having worked loose in the telephone, fault repaired.
- 22nd ~~Q~~. 4th Bde line "dis", line despatched who repaired break; he reported 70 yards of cable cut out of this line, about 1/2 mile from 4th Bde.
- 23rd ~~Q~~. Communications as on 22nd maintained plus Squadron routine. 28 riding horses of the Squadron and 4 riding horses attached handed over to 3rd Cavalry Divul Representative at Desert Corps Reinforcement Camp. 35 horses class CII destroyed.
- 24th ~~Q~~. Communications as on 23rd maintained. Thirty six draught horses paraded before the A.D. Remounts at 3rd LH Bde area for selection and reclassification. Break repaired in 3rd and 4th Bde line about 1/2 mile from the Office.
- 25th ~~Q~~. Communications as on 24th maintained plus Squadron routine. 4 L.D. horses handed over to 19th RNA Bde.
- 26th. Communications as on 25th maintained. 15 L.D. horses and 20 mules handed over to 7th Infantry Divul. 12 riding horses handed over to 5th Cavalry Divul.
- 27th. Fault on 4th Bde line repaired by lineman. Line to HOMS working unsatisfactorily, trouble between Tripoli Office and HOMS, party endeavouring to locate fault.
- 28th. Communications as on 27th maintained. 20 burden camels handed to A.D. Remounts for sale. All stores and equipment not actually required, returned to D.A.D.O.S.

* On 11th inst cable was laid between TISR AYASH and KHAN establishing telephone communication between 3 road control posts



Educational Scheme.

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Educational classes held within the Unit
during the month of February '19

Subject.	Classes held at:-	Attendance.
French	At 1000 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week	36
Internal combustion engines	At 1000 on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week.	48
Geography	At 1100 on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week.	2
Motor Driving	At 1000 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday.	57
Telegraphy	At 1000 Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Saturday of each week	20
Wireless Telegraphy	At 1000 Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week	13.
Telephony	At 1100 on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week	20

All classes progressing favourably



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