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F I R S T S I G N A L S Q U A D R O N , A U S T . E N G R S .

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for O.C.



1st. Signal Squadron, A.& N.Z. Mounted Division, MAY, 1919.

PLACE.	DATE.	SUMMARY of EVENTS and INFORMATION.
KANTARA EAST.	1.	1 O.r. proceeded to Zagazig for duty with Anzac Wireless section, W.O. 7. 1 o.r. marched in from 14th. A.G.H. Cairo, and was taken on strength of this unit.
	2.	1 Off. and 1 o.r. returned from duty in Cairo. 1 o.r. (N.Z. attached personnel) evacuated to hospital. 1 o.r. returned from duty with Wireless sect. W.O. 7 at Zagazig.
	3.	5 o.r.'s returned from short leave in D.M.C. Rest Camp, Port Said.
	4.	1 Off. proceeded to Cairo on tempy. duty. 1 Off. and 6 o.r.'s proceeded to Rest Camp, Port Said on short leave. 1 o.r. marched out on tempy. duty to Cairo.
	5.	12 horses and 2 mules (on loan from Remounts) were returned to Remount Depot, Kantara. 1 o.r. marched in for tempy duty as Medical orderly from 2nd. A.L.H.F.A.
	6.	1 o.r. evacuated to hospital. 1 Off. (A.A.M.C.) proceeded to 14th. A.G. Hospital, Cairo, for duty and was struck off "attached strength" of Squadron. 1 Off. and 1 o.r. marched out to Cairo on tempy. duty.
	7.	1 Off. (A.A.M.C.) marched in from 14th. A.G.H., Cairo, and was taken on attd. strength. 1 Off. marched in from Moascar Details, and was taken on strength. 1 o.r. evacuated to hospital. 2 O.r.'s marched out to "A" Details, Moascar, to await embarkation to the United Kingdom, (10% Leave).
	8.	1 o.r. evacuated to hospital. 1 o.r. returned from duty at Cairo. 1 o.r. proceeded to Cairo on temp. duty.
	9.	1 Off. proceeded to Cairo on duty. 1 o.r. returned from duty in Cairo.
	10.	1 o.r. evacuated to hospital. 5 o.r.'s proceeded to Port Said Rest Camp for short leave. 1 o.r. marched in from Moascar Details, and was taken on strength.
	11.	1 o.r. evacuated to hospital. 1 Off. and 6 o.r.'s returned from Leave in Port Said Rest Camp.
	12.	1 Off. evacuated to hospital. 1 o.r. marched out to "A" Details, Moascar, to await embarkation on leave to U.K. (10% scheme). 1 o.r. proceeded to Alexandria on temp. duty. 6 o.r.'s marched out to Cairo for tempy. duty as clerks at Australian Headquarters.
	13.	1 horse evacuated sick to 16th. Vety. Hospital, Kantara.
	14.	1 Off. marched out to 2nd. Signal Squadron, Moascar, from tempy. duty in this unit. 2 o.r.'s returned from temp. duty in Caigo. 1 o.r. returned from hospital.
	15.	1 o.r. returned from duty at Alexandria.
	16.	1 o.r. returned from Hospital.
	17.	5 o.r.'s to Rest Camp, Pt. Said, for short leave. 1 Off. returned from hosp. 5 o.r.'s returned from Pt. Said Rest Camp. 1 o.r. returned from duty in Cairo.

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KANTARA. June 18.

Events and information.

Usual Squadron daily routine.

- 19. 1 o.r. to Cairo for temp.duty. 2 o.r's marched out for attachment to 16th. Veterinary Hospital, Kantara, to undergo a 3 week's course in Veterinary Science. 2 o.r's to Cairo on temp.duty. 1 Off. returned from duty in Cairo. 1 Off. marched out to Pt. Said for embarkation to Australia.
- 20. 1 o.r evacuated to hosp. 2 o.r's from duty in Cairo.
- 21. 2 o.r's returned from duty in Cairo. 1 o.r marched in from Records Sectn. Cairo, and taken on strength.
- 22. 1 o.r rejoined unit from Sig.Training Unit, Moascar.
- 23. Usual daily routine.
- 24. 1 o.r evacuated to hospital. 5 o.r's returned from Pt. Said Rest Camp. 1 Off. to Pt. Said on temp.duty.
- 25. 1 o.r proceeded to Cairo on temp. duty. 2 o.r's to hosp.
- 26. 1 o.r. marched out to "A" Details, Moascar, to await embarkation to U.K. on Extended Leave of 4 months. 1 Off. and 1 o.r proceeded to Cairo on temp. duty.
- 27. 1 o.r. to Cairo on duty. 1 o.r. evacuated to hosptl.
- 28. 1 Off. evacuated to hospital.
- 29. 1 Off. returned from temp. duty in Cairo. 1 o.r. from duty in Cairo. 1 o.r. to Cairo on temp. duty as D.R.
- 30. 1 o.r evacuated to Hospital. 1 o.r. (daily despatch rider) proceeded on duty to Aust.Hqrs, Cairo. 1 D.R. returned from Cairo. 1 o.r. marched out to "A" Details, Moascar, to await embarkation to Australia on early repatriation. 1 N.C.O. and 9 o.r's (Wireless Section W.0.6) returned from duty at Damietta. 1 N.C.O. and 10 o.r's (Wireless Section W.0.7) returned from duty with 3rd. Signal Troop, at Zagazig. 1 N.C.O. and 9 o.r's (Wireless Section W.0.8) returned from duty with 2nd. Signal Troop, at Damanhour.
- 31. 5 o.r's proceeded to Pt. Said Rest Camp, for short leave. 1 o.r. proceeded to Cairo on temp. duty. 3 o.r's proceeded to Cairo on Special Leave of 7 days. 2 o.r's returned to unit from duty with 2nd. Signal Troop at Damanhour. 1 Off. returned from tempy. duty at Port Said. 1 o.r returned from tempy. duty at Cairo.

W. W. Scott Capt.,
for O.C. 1st. Signal Squadron, A.E.

for MAY, 1919.

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APPENDIX No.1.

EDUCATIONAL, May, 1919.

A series of ten Lectures on Hygiene at Kantara Military School by Major Harvey Sutton D.A.D.M.S., A. & N.Z. Mounted Division, was attended by 10 other ranks from 1st. Signal Squadron.

1 O.R. attended a Veterinary Course at 1st. Field Squadron Camp, Kantara.

2 O.'r's attended a Veterinary Course at the 16th. Veterinary Hospital, Kantara.

Courses on Internal Combustion Engines and general Educational subjects at Kantara Military School were attended by members of 1st. Signal Squadron.

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APPENDIX No.2.

Report of Officer in Charge Wireless,
1st. Signal Squadron, on work of his
stations in Egypt during March, April and May.

With regard to the three W/T Stations detached from this Squadron for duty in Egypt, I have to report as follows.,

March 25th:- W.O.8 attached to 2nd. A.L.H. Bde. and moved to Damanhour. Efficient communication was maintained for a radius up to 125 miles and a number of messages were handled each day, the greater part of the business being with W.D.F. at Cairo. This detachment consisted of Cpl. Flavel (i/c) and 9 o.r.'s. Six transport mules were taken, but the personnel were dismounted.

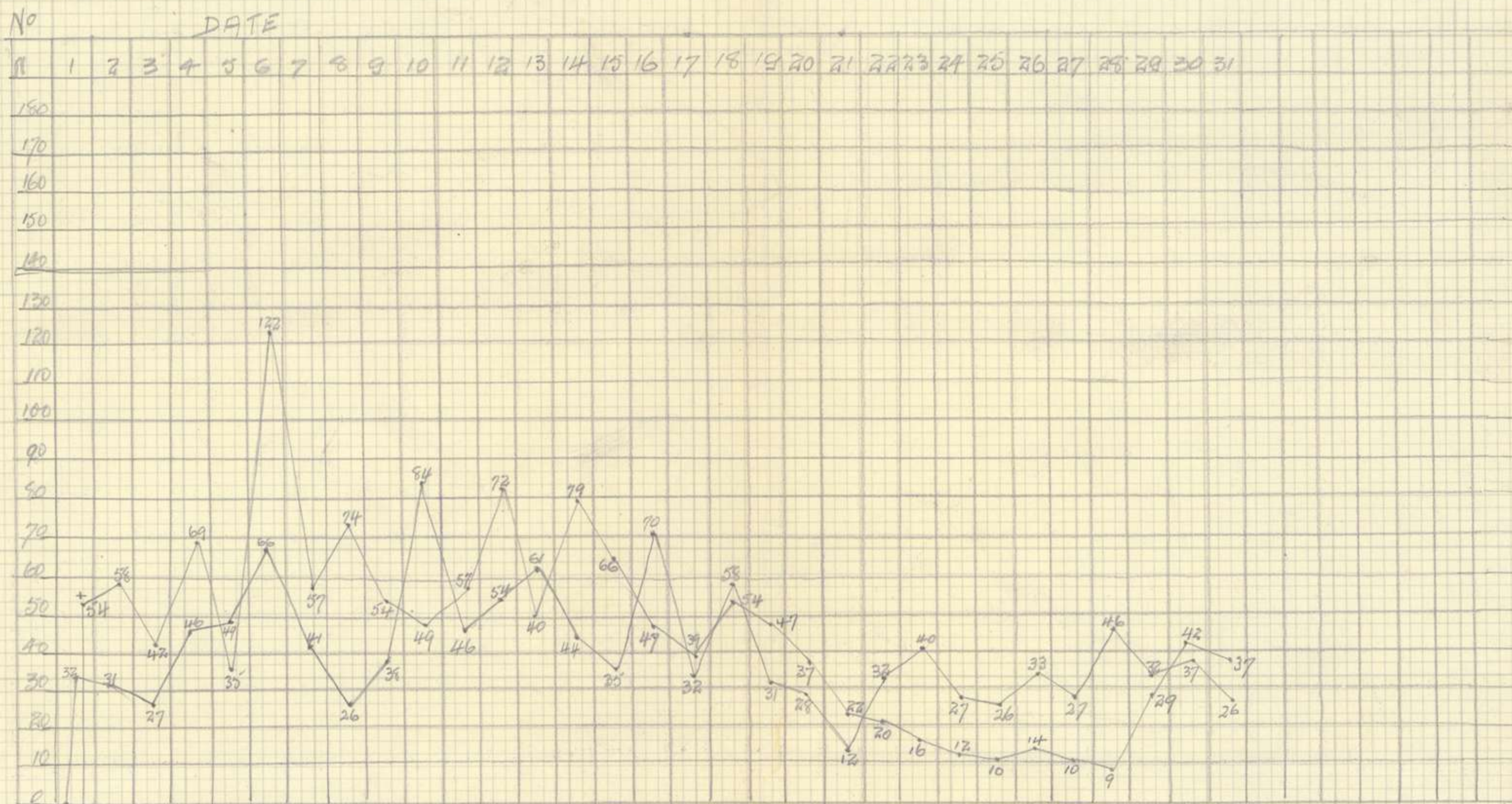
April 11th:- Station W.O.7 (Cpl. Otzen and 10 o.r.'s) proceeded to Zagazig, and were attached to Easdel Force. This detachment was dismounted, but harness and saddlery was taken in case it was necessary for them to become mobile. An average of twelve messages per day was maintained by this set for some time, but during the last fortnight business almost ceased. Communication was maintained with all surrounding stations, including Wasta and W.O.8 at Damanhour.

April 18th:- W.O.6 erected at Kantara, and signals exchanged daily with W.O.7 and W.O.8, also Cairo and all surrounding stations. On April 23rd. W.O.6 (consisting of S/Sgt. Hooker and 9 o.r.'s, 6 mules and 6 riding horses) entrained for Zagazig, en-route for Damietta; arriving there 26.4.19. Communication maintained with all surrounding stations, but business very small, as station was only used as stand-by.

All stations were directed from W.D.F. at Cairo, and business was sent in clear, cypher not being used at all. Communication throughout was excellent, and no break-downs occurred. All 3 stations returned to Kantara on 30.5.19, and the equipment has since been returned to Ordnance.

(Sgd), E.C. Browne, W.T.O. Anzacs..

GRAPH-OF-MESSAGES-AND-DESPATCHES-DEALT-WITH-BY-AVA-FOR-MONTH-ENDING-31.5.19



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