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WAR DIARY

OF

General Staff, AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION

FOR

FOR the MONTH of FEBRUARY, 1919.

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Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,

Australian Mounted Division.

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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION

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February 1919.



Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1919			
	Feb.			
	1.		<p>Very wet and stormy.</p> <p>Letter from Sports Committee ref. subscriptions for expenses sent to units.</p> <p>Further consignment of books and materials for educational purposes received from Cairo.</p>	
	2.		<p>Wet, stormy day.</p> <p>Wire sent Fourcav and 21st Corps reference dates of arrival and lecture by Major HINE.</p> <p>Wire sent Desert Mtd. Corps enquiring situation as regards Agricultural Course. Reply received that Course had been cancelled.</p> <p>Letter received from Central Sport Committee reference rules for boxing events at central meeting. Sent to all Brigades and Units.</p> <p>Reply sent "Educat" reference requirements of books. G.T.119/98.</p> <p>Arrangements made for members of 2nd N.Z.M.G.Squadron Sports Team to stay with 4th Brigade during training period.</p>	Appendix 1.
	3.		<p>Wire received from Desert Mtd. Corps reference attachment of various trades to R.A.F. Sent to units asking for numbers of various trades requiring attachment instruction. G.A.274.</p> <p>Weather moderating and sea much calmer.</p> <p>Wires sent 4th Cavalry Division and 5th Brigade concerning lectures to be given by Major HINE.</p> <p>Monthly Interpreters and Map returns sent to Desert Mtd. Corps.</p> <p>Text books and stationery sent to units for educational purposes. G.T.119/103.</p>	Appendix 2. Appendix 3.

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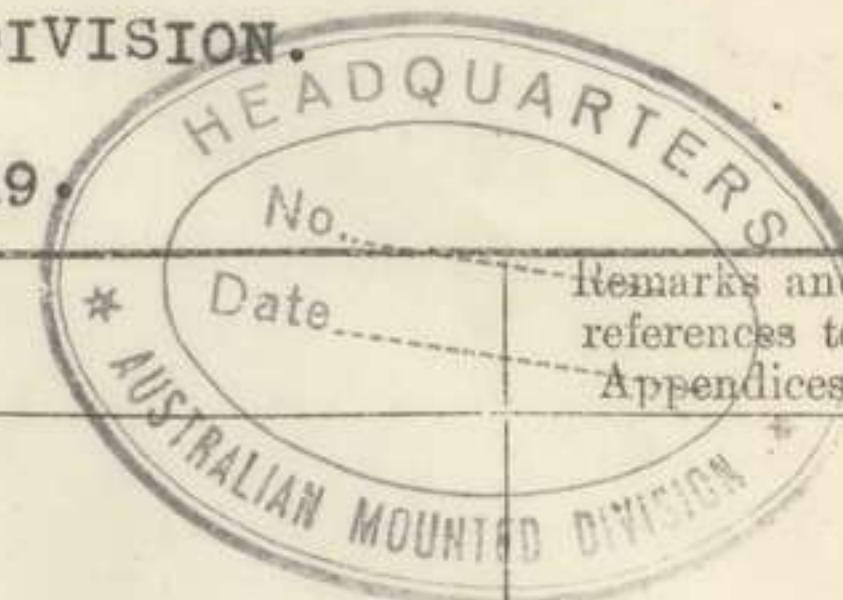
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ul	Feb. 4.		<p>Fine day.</p> <p>5th Brigade Sports Team arrived by H.M.T. "TAGUS" from BEIRUT.</p> <p>Brig.Gen. L.C. WILSON, G.O.C. 3rd L.H. Brigade, returned from leave to Egypt.</p> <p>Wire sent Capt. HAMPTON advising him to get in touch with Major PATERSON ref. Central Sports matters.</p>	
ul	5.		<p>Fine day, but much warmer than we have had for some time.</p> <p>Fortnightly Educational Progress Report sent to Desert Mounted Corps.</p> <p>Wire sent to Desert Mtd. Corps giving numbers of various trades requiring attachment to R.A.F.</p> <p>Copy of letter from Major PATERSON ref. inclusion of Australian Football in Central Sports Meeting circulated among units.</p> <p>Letter received from Central Sport Committee asking for names of officers for positions as officials at central meetings. Forwarded to Brigades and Units.</p> <p>Wire sent to A.A.G. A.I.F. asking for services of Chaplain C.L. RILEY as Educational Advisor vice Lieut. SMYTH to Australia.</p>	<p>G.T.119/106. Appendix 4.</p> <p>G.A.291. Appendix 5.</p> <p>G.A.293. Appendix 6.</p>
ul	6.		<p>Letter with reference to the attachment of men to M.T. units for instructional purposes sent to all Brigades and Units.</p> <p>Letter received from Desert Mtd. Corps with reference to reports on country occupied. Sent out to Brigades, allotting areas.</p> <p>Letter sent to units with reference to the payment of civilian teachers.</p>	<p>G.T.119/107. Appendix 7.</p> <p>G.I.215. Appendix 8.</p> <p>G.T.119/112. Appendix 9.</p>

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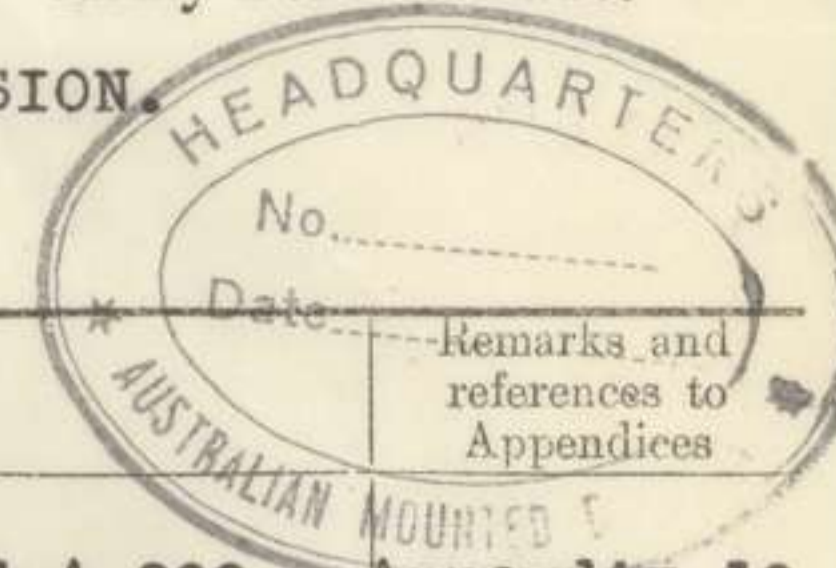
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	Feb.			
	6.		Wire sent 5th Brigade advising them of scheme for attachment of men to M.T. units. G.A.299.	Appendix 10.
			Letter sent Desert Mtd. Corps asking about disposal of certain secret documents.	
			Names of Instructors sent to "A" for insertion in Divisional Routine Orders.	
	7.		Very stormy night. Tremendous wind and rain. Sleepless night for every one. Still very rough, with high seas, in the morning.	
			3rd Brigade sports. Heavy rain throughout the day.	
	8.		Heavy rain during night. Intermittent showers with strong wind throughout day.	
	9.		Weather fine, but very windy. The sea has gone down considerably since yesterday.	
	10.		Divisional Athletic Sports held. Weather fine with light wind. Sports Programme	Appendix 11.
			Wire received from "Educat" stating that two lecturers on I.C. Engines would be made available by the R.A.F. Allotted to 5th A.L.H. Brigade. G.A.317 and 318	Appendix 12.
			Lt.Col. W. J. FOSTER, G.M.G., D.S.O., G.S.O.1 of this Division appointed Collator of Special Records, A.I.F.	
			Letter received from G.H.Q. explaining shortage of tables for educational purposes. Circulated to all units. G.T.119/125.	Appendix 13.
	11.		Wet, windy weather, making work very difficult.	
			Cross country race held, won by 12th L.H. Regiment team.	
			Wire sent Educational Advisory Committee answering their query as to the additional trades available for attachment to R.A.F. G.A.320.	Appendix 14.

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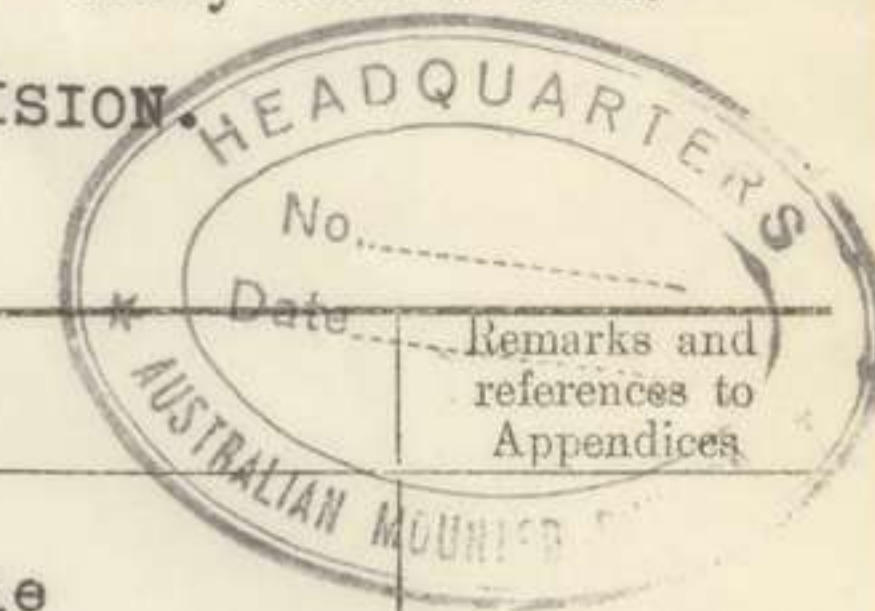
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no	Feb. 12.		<p>Very stormy night. Practically every tent on D.H.Q. blown down, causing considerable damage to office papers and gear. Heavy rain. Strongest wind yet experienced in this country. The sea was very high and reached the 10th L.H. Regt. Horse lines. Storm continued all the morning, causing much delay in getting the camp in working order again.</p> <p>Lt.Col. LANGLEY, acting Brigade commander 5th L.H. Brigade, visited D.H.Q.</p>	
ul	13.		<p>Weather fine; wind much abated. Small sailing ship driven in by the storm of the previous day managed to anchor just clear of the rocks and was towed off at sundown.</p> <p>Divisional football try outs for representative team to go to CAIRO commenced.</p> <p>Divisional Athletic Sports representatives left for CAIRO by sea.</p> <p>Circular sent Units asking if they were in favour of examinations in connection with the Education scheme. G.T.119/131.</p>	Appendix 15.
ul	14.		<p>Fine night. Very little wind.</p> <p>Staff situation for the last three weeks has been:- G.S.O.3 acting G.S.O.2 & G.S.O.1. Intelligence Officer acting G.S.O.3.</p> <p>Wire sent to Desert Mtd. C. A.A.G., A.I.F. and to Desert Mtd. Corps recommending staff appointments. G.A.332.</p>	Appendix 16.
ul	15.		<p>Orders sent out giving allotment of men in the Brigades for attachment to the R.A.F. G.T.119/127.</p> <p>Orders received from Desert Mtd. Corps with reference to the reorganisation of artillery. Sent to 19th Brigade R.H.A. for information.</p> <p>Wire received from "Stralis" repeating the request to C.G.S., G.H.Q. for authority to move the Division by sea to RAFA.</p>	Appendix 17.

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	Feb. 16.		Fine day.	
			Wire sent to Desert Mounted Corps giving staff situation in reply to their query. G.A.339.	Appendix 18
			Wire sent to Desert Mounted Corps asking authority to hand in technical equipment, machine guns, hotchkiss, etc. G.A.340.	Appendix 19.
	17.		Fine day.	
			Vacancies allotted for courses at ZEITOUN commencing 3-3-19. G.Z.202.	Appendix 20.
			Wire sent to Desert Mounted Corps asking for a reply to G.A.340. G.A.349.	Appendix 21.
	18.		Fine day. Rain at night.	
			Orders sent to 19th Bde. R.H.A. to take action in regard to establishment as laid down in Desert Mounted Corps G.1036 of 8th February. G.X.155/1.	Appendix 22.
	19.		Fine day.	
			Sports representatives left for Egypt to compete at Central Meeting.	
	20.		Fine day, but windy.	
			Divisional Move Order No. 1 issued.	Appendix 22.
		1900	Orders received from Desert Mounted Corps for the relief of 14th & 15th L.H. Regiments by Indian Cavalry.	
			Consignment of books received from Educational Advisor, A.I.F.	
	21.		Orders sent 5th L.H. Brigade giving detail of reliefs to be carried out by the Indian troops. G.A.372.	Appendix 23.

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	Feb. 21.		<p>Narrative of Operations for 23 - 28 September completed.</p> <p>Wire received from Desert Mounted Corps amending their G.1036. Sent by wire to 19th Brigade R.H.A. G.A.371.</p>	Appendix 24.
	22.		<p>Orders received for alterations in Staffs: Capt. W.C. PALMER, G.S.O.3, acting G.S.O.2 and G.S.O.1, to be Brigade Major 3rd Light Horse Brigade. Major L.S. ALEXANDER, Brigade Major 4th L.H. Brigade, to be G.S.O.2 Australian Mounted Division. Capt. A.W. MANNING to be G.S.O.3. Capt. H.L. MARSLAND from G.S.O.3 Desert Mounted Corps to be Brigade Major 4th L.H. Brigade.</p> <p>3rd L.H. Brigade races held in afternoon.</p> <p>4th, 8th & 9th L.H. Regiments left by sea for Egypt.</p>	
	23.		<p>Fine day. Warm.</p> <p>Nominal Roll of candidates for courses at ZEITOUN commencing 3rd March 1919 sent to Commandant School, ZEITOUN. G.Z.202/3.</p>	Appendix 25.
	24.		<p>Very windy, rendering work very difficult.</p> <p>Units handing horses and stores, ready for embarkation to Egypt.</p> <p>The pick of the horses going to 5th Cavalry Division.</p> <p>The Division ceases to be a tactical unit.</p>	
	25.		<p>Heavy wind and rain, with thunderstorms. Sea very rough.</p> <p>Lieut. W.J. STEVENS (Divisional Intelligence Officer, acting G.S.O.3) to proceed to Egypt to report to Collator of Histories, A.I.F.</p>	

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ad	Feb. 26.		<p>Still very stormy. Heaviest rain yet experienced in TRIPOLI.</p> <p>Work in the office is rendered very difficult by the heavy wind.</p> <p>Narratives of Operations resulting in the Capture of DAMASCUS, sent to Lt.Col. W. J. FOSTER, Collator of Histories, A.I.F.</p>	
ad	27.		<p>Very windy. Almost impossible to hear on the telephone.</p> <p>Wire sent to 5th Brigade reference their move to BEIRUT, asking if they would prefer a 4 or 3 days trek. This was left to the Brigade, owing to the distance away from D.H.Q.</p>	
ad	28.		<p>Weather still stormy.</p> <p>Report on Education forwarded to Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Wire sent 5th Brigade ordering move from BAALBECK to BEIRUT.</p> <p>Copy of wire ref. artillery establishment sent to A.Q. and D.A.D.O.S.</p>	<p>G.T.119/203. Appendix 26.</p> <p>G.A.395. Appendix 27.</p> <p>G.X.155/3. Appendix 28.</p>



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FOR

the MONTH of FEBRUARY, 1919.

LIST OF APPENDICES.

- | No. | Subject. |
|------|--|
| 1. | Reply sent "Educat" reference requirements of books. |
| 2. | Attachment of other ranks to R.A.F. for instruction. |
| 3. | Text books and stationery sent to units for educational purposes. |
| 4. | Fortnightly Educational Progress Report. |
| 5. | Numbers of other ranks requiring attachment to R.A.F. |
| 6. | Request for Gen Chaplain C.L. RILEY to be appointed Divisional Education Adviser. |
| 7. | Attachment of men to M.T. units for instructional purposes. |
| 8. | Order for country occupied to be reported on. |
| 9. | Reference payment of civilian teachers. |
| 10. | Advising 5th Bde. of scheme for attachment of men to M.T. units. |
| 11. | Programme of Divisional Sports. |
| 12. | Two lecturers on I.C. Engines made available by R.A.F. |
| 13. | Reference shortage of tables for educational purposes. |
| 14. | Reference additional trades available for attachment to R.A.F. |
| 15. | Reference examinations in connection with Education Scheme. |
| 16. | Recommending Staff Appointments. |
| 17. | Allotment of men in Bdes. for attachment to R.A.F. |
| 18. | Staff situation 16/2/19. |
| 19. | Request for authority to hand in technical equipment, etc. |
| 20. | Courses at ZEITOUN commencing 3/3/19. Vacancies allotted for. |
| 21. | Asking for reply to request for authority to hand in technical equipment, etc. |
| 22. | 19th Bde. R.H.A. to take action in regard to establishment. |
| 22A. | Divisional Move Order No. 1. |
| 23. | Order to 5th Bde. giving detail of reliefs to be carried out by Indian troops. |
| 24. | Amendment to Desert Mtd. Corps G.1036. |
| 25. | Nominal Roll of Candidates for Courses at ZEITOUN commencing 3/3/19. |
| 26. | Report on Education. |
| 27. | Order to 5th Bde. to move from BAALBECK to BEIRUT. |
| 28. | Artillery establishment. Copy of wire from R.A. Descorps. |

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Appendix No. 1.

Subject:- Educational Training - BOOKS.



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Educational Advisory Committee,
E. E. F.

Reference your E.T.14 of 28/1/1919.

The following is the list of books shown in the above letter that are required by this Division:-

Title	Author	No.
Geography of the World.	Wallis	10
Physics.	Gregory & Hadley	10
German Grammar.	Hugo	3
Heat Engines.	Duncan	4
English Grammar.	Nesfield	4
Junior Arithmetic.	Pendlebury	3
Book-keeping.	Fieldhouse	5
Shorthand Teacher.	Pitman	40
Key to Shorthand Teacher.	Pitman	4
English Citizenship.	Swann	6
History of England.	Gibbons	8
British Empire.	Kerr	20
History of Europe.	Freeman	20
Electricity.	Davidge & Hutchinson	2
Mechanical Drawing.	Treleaven.	2
Mechanical Engineering.	Linchain	1
English Literature.	Stopford Brooke	20
French Simplified.	Hugo	40
Modern French.	Heath	5
Little Gem French Dictionary.	Gase	5
German.	Spartoofdt	3
Chemistry.	Roscoe & Limb	4
Egg Farming.	Hanson	2
Geology.	Watts	2
Sets French.	Hugo	10
Book-keeping.	Cropper	10

W. Palmer Capt 88

Brigadier-General,
Commanding Australian Mounted Division.

2nd. February, 1919.

Appendix No. 2



Copy.

(Telegram.)

To. 3rd Bde. Signals.
4th Bde. Fd. Sqn.

G.A. 274 2/2 AAA

Ref. this office E.G. 26 of 24th ulto aaa R.A.F. can take personnel as follows aaa Storekeepers Armourers Acetylene welders Carpenters Fitters general Fitters M.T. Fitters mates Riggers Tinsmiths Blacksmiths Coppersmiths Fabric workers Electricians Telephonists Painters Engine workers aaa wire number vacancies required for each trade aaa Letter follows reference dates and attendance with R.A.F. aaa Added 3rd and 4th Bdes. Signals and Field Sqn.

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Appendix No. 3



Headquarters,
3rd A.L.H. Bde.

In continuation of this office G.T. 119/22 of 28-1-19, herewith the following additional text books on loan:-

Arithmetic	(Alison & Clark)	2
Concise Geography	(Chambers)	1
Geometry	(Pierrepoint)	1
Drawing	(Robson)	1

Also the following materials:-

Books (152)		120
Pencils (lead)		100
Rubbers		22
Chalks (assorted)	(approx)	15 doz.
Rulers		20

Please acknowledge receipt.

W. Palmer
Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

3rd Feb. 1919.

Headquarters,
4th A.L.H. Bde.



In continuation of this office G.T. 119/89 of 28-1-19, herewith the following additional text books on loan:-

Arithmetic	(Alison & Clark)	1
Concise Geography	(Chambers)	1
Book-Keeping		1

Also materials as under:-

Books (152)	120
Pencils	100
Rubbers	22
Chalks	15 doz.
Rulers	20

Please acknowledge receipt.

Lieut. Col. G. J. Babner
Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

3rd Feb. 1919.

Headquarters,
5th A.L.H. Bde.



Further to my G.T. 119/89 of 28-1-19 (attached).

The following are forwarded in connection with Educational Training:-

Text Books.

Algebra	Davison	1
Book-Keeping	Pitman	1
Shorthand	"	1
Arithmetic	Alison & Clark	2

Materials.

Books (152)	120
Pencils	100
Rulers	20
Rubbers	20
Chalks	Approx. 11 doz.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Lieut. Col. G. J. Babner
Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

3rd Feb. 1919.

O.C.,
Field Squadron.



Herewith the following text books on loan from the Educational Advisory Committee. Please acknowledge receipt and ensure that every care is taken of them.

Arithmetic	(Alison & Clark)	1
Shorthand	(Pitman)	1
Algebra	(Longman)	1
Mensuration	(Baker & Bourne)	1
English Grammar	(Newfield)	1

Also materials as under:-

Books (152)	20
Pencils	20
Rubbers	6
Chalks	Approx. 3½ doz.
Rulers	7

3rd Feb. 1919.

W. Palmer Capt
for Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

O.C.,
19th Bde. R.H.A.



In continuation of this office G.T. 119/89 of 28-1-19, herewith the following additional text books on loan:-

Arithmetic	(Alison & Clark)	1
English Grammar	(Bain)	1
Arabic	(Palmer)	1
Algebra	(Marshall)	1

Also materials as under:-

Books (152)	45
Pencils (lead)	40
Rubbers	9
Chalks	approx. 6½ doz.
Rulers	10

Please acknowledge receipt.

3rd Feb. 1919.

W. Palmer Capt
for Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

A. D. M. S.



Herewith the following text books on loan
from the Educational Advisory Committee:-

Shorthand (Pitman) 1

Also the following materials:-

Books (152) 5
Pencils 10
Rulers 2
Rubbers 2
Chalks 1½ doz.

Please acknowledge receipt.

J. Palmer Capt 88

Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

3rd Feb. 1919.

O.C.,
Signal Squadron.



In continuation of this office O.T. 119/89 of
28-1-19, herewith the following text books and
materials:-

Concise Geography (Chambers) 1
Books (152) 35
Pencils 25
Rubbers 6
Chalks Approx. 8½ doz.
Rulers 7

Please acknowledge receipt.

J. Palmer Capt 88

Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

3rd Feb. 1919.

Appendix 1104

SUBJECT:- Fortnightly Education Report.

Secretary,
Educational Advisory Committee.



The work during the last fortnight has been carried out under rather difficult circumstances as regards weather, accommodation and equipment. With the exception of the 5th. L.H. Brigade the whole division is in tents and consequently more subject to the vagaries of the weather than if in billets. During the period under review a number of Marquees were received. These will be an immense help, enabling large classes to be held during rainy weather, a proceeding which was impossible before.

A number of text books and a quantity of stationery were received during the fortnight. These have been distributed among the Brigades and have given a much needed fillip to the various classes.

When the additional books asked for ^{are} received the individual students will be able to "swot" up in their spare time.

No blackboards, forms or benches have yet been received. These are most urgently required as timber is very scarce, and, though some tables have been improvised, units are unable to make a great deal of headway. Blackboards, however, are the most urgent requirement at the present time, more especially for the use of the lecturers in various technical subjects.

The I.C. engines promised by the Advisory Committee will enable the classes in this subject, which have been held up for lack of practical illustration, to make better progress. All efforts to get assistance from M.T. units in this direction failed owing to pressure of work in the various repair shops.

The proposed attachment of men to R.A.F. units will enable about 120 men from the division to refresh their knowledge of the various trades involved.

The number of classes in different subjects has been increased, especially in the 5th. L.H. Bde. This Brigade has a big stretch of country to control and consequently cannot do as much as Brigades which have only routine duties to perform.

On the whole it can be said that, during the period, fair progress has been made and the interest of all concerned well maintained. With the added facilities provided, the work should make greater progress during the ensuing fortnight.

As regards examinations, the opinions of units have not yet been received, but it is not thought that there will be a great demand, as the students in most cases are simply refreshing their previous knowledge and are not inclined to go in for examinations.

(Signed) Granville Ryne

Brigadier-General,
Commanding Australian Mounted Division.

4-2-19.

Copy to :-

Desert Mounted Corps.

Appendix 467.

H.Q. 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.
" 4th A.L.H. Brigade.
" 5th A.L.H. Brigade.
O.C. Field Squadron.
" Signal Squadron.
Camp Commandant.
O.C. Divisional Train.
A. D. M. S.



1. Arrangements have been made by the A.D. S. & T., Desert Mounted Corps, for the attachment of a number of men to M.T. units for instruction.
2. The number to be so attached is limited to 35 from the Division per week, the period of attachment being one week. The men will be attached to the various M.T. and Motor Repair units under Desert Mtd. Corps control. They will return to their units on completion of the course.
3. Farmers desirous of gaining a working knowledge of I.C. engines should be given preference over men who wish to learn from a taxi driver's point of view.
4. Men nominated for this course are to be entirely distinct from those it is desired to attach to the R.A.F. (Vide GA 274 of 2nd inst.).
5. Brigades and units will forward a nominal roll in duplicate to this office, showing the men it is desired to have attached as above. Order of preference to be shown. Rolls to reach this office not later than the first despatch on the 3th inst. Nil returns required.

5th February, 1919.

J. Palmer Capt G.R.
Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

Copy to AQ.

Appendix No. 8

4th Cavalry Division.
5th Cavalry Division.
Australian Mounted Division.
28th Infantry Brigade.

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1. As soon as areas come under British control - even when this control is only to the extent of Cavalry and Armoured Car patrols - it is important that tactical, topographical and administrative reconnaissances should at once be carried out, in order to provide material for a report on the territories occupied or visited by British troops.

2. The following points indicate the line that these reconnaissances should follow:-

- (a) Tactical features and obstacles.
- (b) Communications - rail and road, and landing grounds for aeroplanes.
- (c) Billeting accommodation and water supply.
- (d) Economic resources - mines, factories, crops, and water power.

3. The reconnaissances should be systematically carried out, so that as far as possible each report will be complete as regards the routes and areas to which it refers.

4. Please arrange for reconnaissances to be carried out in the area which is or becomes occupied by the troops under your command and forward reports. Detailed march reports are required to cover principal routes.

(Sd) C.A.C. Godwin,

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
~~Australian Mounted Division.~~
DESERT MOUNTED CORPS.

30th January, 1919.

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Headquarters, 3rd A.L.H. Bde.
" 4th A.L.H. Bde.
" 5th A.L.H. Bde.



Reference the above letter from Desert Mt. Corps.

Reconnaisances will be carried out on these lines, and the allotted areas are as follows:-

1. 3rd Bde. The area bounded on the North by an East - West line through BU HALKA. On the West by the coast South to SHEKKA AATIK. On the South by the SHEKKA AATIK - BESHREZZIN - ARJES Road. On the East by the ARJES - TRIPOLI Road. *Inclusive.*
2. 4th Bde. The area bounded by the coast TRIPOLI exclusive *Inclusive* North to KHAN ABDI. On the West TRIPOLI - ARJES Road. On the South and East by a line ARJES to BARRUN along the Southern bank of the NAHR BERID to KHAN ABDI.
3. 5th Bde. To report on all areas under their control.

P.T.O.

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4. 3rd & 4th Bdes. will furnish a report on the TRIPOLI - BESHERRI Route. This should be obtainable from members of parties who have already visited this area.

The Map reference for 3rd & 4th Bdes. areas will be TRIPOLI 1/125,000.

6th February, 1919.

W. Stevens
Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

Brigadier-General,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.



1. 3rd Bde. The area bounded on the north by an east-west line through the hills, on the east by the coast south to the sea, on the south by the hills and on the west by the hills.

2. 4th Bde. The area bounded by the coast TRIPOLI exclusive north to the sea, on the east TRIPOLI - ALBA road on the south and west by a line 2 1/2 miles to the south of the southern bank of the RAKA RAKA to the sea.

3. 5th Bde. To report on all areas under their control.

Appendix No. 9

SUBJECT:- Educational Training.



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3rd A.L.H. Bde. Signal Squadron.
4th A.L.H. Bde. Field Squadron.
5th A.L.H. Bde. Camp Commandant.
19th Bde. R.H.A.

1. Owing to the shortage of Military Instructors in the various languages, it has been decided to make a monetary grant to enable civilian teachers to be procured.
2. Civilians will only be paid from these funds when their employment has been sanctioned by D.H.Q. Such sanction only being given when no Military Instructors are available.
3. Brigades and units desiring to make use of civilian instructors will make every endeavour to keep the cost as low as possible, as funds for the purpose are strictly limited.
4. Brigades and units will forward, in arrear, any claims for reimbursement of money expended for this purpose during the month, such claims to reach this office by the 24th.
5. Retrospective claims should be submitted forthwith.
6. Full particulars will be given in each case.

W. Palmer Capt. G.S.
Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

6th Feb. 1919.

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Appendix No. 10



C o p y .

(Telegram.)

To. 5th Bde.

G.A. 299

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AAA

Arrangements being made for attachment of men to M.T. Units for one weeks instruction aaa Forward nominal roll in duplicate of men of good character recommended aaa Letter follows aaa Allotment will probable be nine per Brigade each week.

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Appendix No. 11

----- AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION -----

----- ATHLETIC SPORTS -----



TO BE HELD
10th. February 1919 on 3rd. Bde. Football Ground.

JUDGES: Lt. Col. Scott, Lt. Col. Single, Lt. Col. Langley, Major Olden,
Major Chambers, Capt Bryant, Lieut. Mann.

TIME KEEPERS: Major Worthington, Major Mountjoy,
STARTER: Lieut. Wells
COLLECTING STEWARDS: Lieut. Cowell, Lieut. McGowan
Clerk Of COURSE: Major Darley.

--- PROGRAMME. ---

Events & Time.

Competitors.

100 yards Open 1000	1st. Heat.	Cpl. Small. Tpr. Peacock. Dvr. Cain Tpr. McNamara L/Cpl. Liddlelow Kemp	2nd. Heat.	Tpr. Smees Bohun O'Rourke Cochrane Bowen L/Cpl. Dowie
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Putting the Shot 1015	Tpr. Roberts Cpl. Newman Tpr. McKee Cpl. Wall Mott	Sgt. Murphy L/Cpl. Culloton Sgt. Thomas. Williamson Blight
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100 yards Other Ranks 1045.	1st. Heat	Tpr Smees Cpl. Small Bohun Dvr. Cain Tpr. McNamara L/Cpl. Dowie	2nd Heat.	Dvr. Wales Kemp Tpr. McDonald Tpr. Cochrane Tpr. Bowen Tpr. Heffernan
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880 yards Open 1100	R. Q. M. S. Nelson Sgt. Hepner Sig. Bonfield Tierney Potter Graham	Tpr. Delaney Tpr. Brome Farr. Wilding L/Cpl. Soutar Sig. Taylor Tpr. Smart
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Final 100 yards Open 1120 1st., 2nd., 3rd., in each Heat.

High Jump 1130	L/Cpl. Raines R. Q. M. S. Nelson Tpr. Hill Tpr. McNamara Delaney Nicholson	Opl. Newman Churches Sgt. Murphy Dvr. O'Keefe Sig. McClements
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AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION
SPORTS (continued).

----- LUNCHEON. -----

Final 100 yards	Other Ranks	1st., 2nd., 3rd., in each Heat.	
1400			
1 Mile Open			
1400	Lieut. Mackinder	Cpl. Uhlmann	
	R. Q. E. S. Nelson	Cpl. Heylen	
	Tpr. Bowtell	Sig. Erone	
	Whitehead	L/Cpl. Soutar	
	Pettifor	Sig. Taylor	
	Tpr. Redan	L/Cpl. Marshall	
Veterans Race.	Capt. Moylo		
1435	S/Sgt. Smith.		
Officers 120 yards Hurdles.	Lieut. Carlisle.	Lieut. Foulkes-	
1440.		-Taylor.	
	Lieut. Colless	Capt. Luxmore.	
	Lieut. Morris	Capt. Shelley	
440 Yards Open	Dvr. Wales.	Cpl. Heylen	
1455	Tpr. Bowtell	Hardwick	
	Tpr. Rogers	L/Cpl. Soutar	
	Dvr. Gain	Tpr. Smart	
	Tierney	Lieut. Price	
	Delaney		
Long Jump	Cpl. Small	Cpl. Newman	
1515	Tpr. Evans	L/Cpl. Liddlelow	
	Dvr. Sydenham	L/Cpl. Creoper.	
	Pte. Bolewski	Tpr. Dowell	
	Scott		
	Corbett		
Relay Race	12th. L.H. Regt.		
1550	14th. L.H. Regt.		
	8th. L.H. Regt.		
	1 Team from Group C.		

----- CONDITIONS. -----

In individual events 1st., 2nd., & 3rd., in Team events 1st., will represent the Division at Central Meeting at Cairo on 25th. Feb.

Putting 16lbs. shot shall be from 6ft. circle. Best of three puts.

High Jump shall be started at 4'6", with rises of 2" to 5ft., then by rises of 1". Each competitor is allowed three tries to clear a jump.

Long Jump:- Each competitor allowed three jumps only, and must not go over the mark with any part of the foot.

Competitors must be ready at competitors' tent 5 minutes before the start of each event.

Shorts or running trunks must be worn by all competing.

Ties for 3rd. place will be run off after the Relay Race.

Appendix No. 12.

TELEGRAMS.



(Copy.)

To. PERARDUA.
EDUCAT.

No. G.A.317. 10/2. - AAA

Ref. Educat E.T.54 aaa Please sent instructors to
5th L.H.Bde. BAALBEK and notify date of departure
aaa Addsd. Perardua reptd Educat.

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To. 5th L.H.BDE

No. G.A.318 10/2. - AAA

Educat advise two instructors in I.C. engines
available for three weeks aaa Have asked these
to advise you date of departure for BAALBEK aaa
Report arrival.

AUSDIV.
1815.

Appendix No. 13.

CIRCULAR MEMORANDUM.

Frequent reminders are received almost daily for Forms and Tables for Educational purposes. They have all to be made in the country. Timber is very short.

Formerly it came from India in boards. Now it arrives in logs and has all to be sawn up in the Egyptian Mills, which are working at full pressure, and their output cannot be increased.

In addition to this, extensive camps are being prepared for demobilization purposes. They require an enormous amount of timber.

It is hoped that if these difficulties were made known (to Divisions, etc.) the need for reminders would cease.

Everything which can be done is being done.

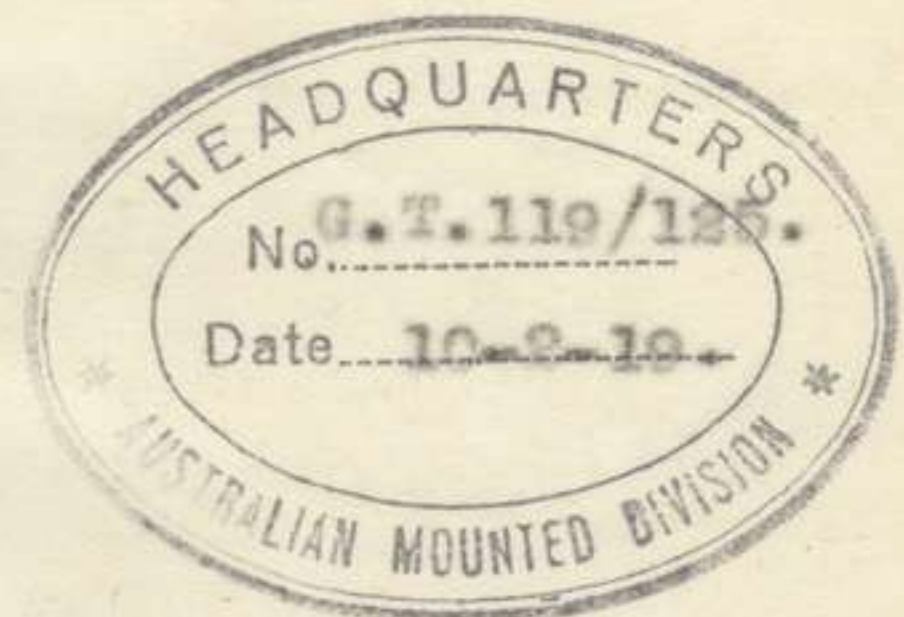
(Sd) E. Evans.

Brigadier-General.
A/D.Q.M.G.

G.H.Q.

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3rd A.L.H. Bde. Field Squadron.
4th A.L.H. Bde. Signal Squadron.
5th A.L.H. Bde. Divisional Train.
19th Bde. R.H.A. A. D. M. S.
Camp Commandant.



For information.

W. Palmer Capt 88
Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

10th February, 1919.

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Appendix No. 14
T E L E G R A M .

(Copy.)



To. DESCORPS.

No G.A.320.

11/2

E.T.54.

AAA

Additional trades available additional to my
G.A. 296 of 6th inst. aaa Storekeepers 6
Carpenters 2 Fitters general 6 Fitters mates
1 Blacksmiths 6 Electricians 8 Engine Workers
7 aaa Addsd Educat rptd. Descorps.

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Appendix No. 15

H.Q., 3rd L.H. Bde. O.C., Div. Train.
" 4th L.H. Bde. " Signal Sqdn.
" 5th L.H. Bde. " Field Sqdn.
O.C., 19th Bde. R.H.A. A. D. M. S.



Reference this office G.T.119/90 of 30/1/19.

The following information has been asked for by the Educational Advisory Committee:-

- (a) Are you in favour of the holding of examinations. The wishes of students and progress made to be taken into consideration.
- (b) If so please state the approximate numbers that will present themselves for examinations.
- (c) What Examiners could be provided and what would be required from outside.

Please forward your replies to this office as early as possible.

13th February, 1919.

W. Palmer Capt
Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

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APPENDIX 16.

A.A.G., A.I.F., c/o STRALIS.

G.S. Descorps.

G.A. 332. 14/2.



In view of recent changes desire to strongly recommend that Capt. W. PALMER now G.S.O.3 be appointed G.S.O.2 this Division and Capt. W.M. LYALL now Staff Captain to be Brigade Major 3rd. L.H. Bde.aaa Strongly recommend that Major ALEXANDER L.S. remain as Brigade Major 4th. A.L.H. Bde.aaa Addsd A.A.G., A.I.F. and General Staff Descorps.

G.O.C.
AUSDIV.
1400.

H.Q., 3rd A.L.H. Brigade.
" 4th A.L.H. Brigade.
O.C., Field Squadron.



Reference this office G.T. 119/109 of 8-2-19.

1. The following vacancies for the trades shown have been allotted for attachment to the R.A.F. :-

	<u>3rd Bde.</u>	<u>4th Bde.</u>	<u>Fd. Sqdn.</u>
Carpenters	7	7	4
Fitters, General.	7	8	3
Fitters, M.T.	-	1	-
Fitters Mates	4	-	-
Engine Workers	6	7	3
Painters	-	2	-
Total	24	25	9

2. The 3rd and 4th Brigades will each detail one officer to proceed in charge of their respective parties. These officers to return to their units after handing the men over to the H.Q., Palestine Brigade, R.A.F.

The names of the officers detailed will be forwarded to this office as early as possible.

The party from the Field Squadron will be under the orders of the officer from the 3rd Brigade.

3. Nominal Rolls will be prepared in quadruplicate:-
- (a) One copy to be forwarded to this office.
 - (b) Two copies for the Embarkation Staff Officer.
 - (c) One copy to be handed in to the H.Q., Palestine Brigade, R.A.F., by the officers in charge.
4. All ranks will proceed fully armed and equipped.
5. Orders for the move of the above personnel will be issued by the A.A. & Q.M.G. in due course.

15th February, 1919.

J. E. Palmer Capt 85
Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

Copy to A.A. & Q.M.G.

Appendix No. 18
TELEGRAMS.

(Copy)

To. DESCORPS.



No. G.A.339 15/2 G.A.204 AAA

Staff Situation aaa Col. FOSTER G.S.O. I proceeded EGYPT 15th Jany. detained for special duty Capt W.PALMER G.S.O. 3 officiating since that date aaa Major A.CHISHOLM G.S.O. 2 proceeded 1914 leave 18th December Capt PALMER G.S.O.3 officiating 18-12-18 to present date aaa Lieut W.STEVENS Intelligence Officer acting G.S.O. 3 since 18th December aaa Lt.Col. WILLIAMS A.A. & Q.M.G. relinquished 5th Feby Major JACKSON D.A.A.G. officiating 5th Feby. aaa Capt A. NORRIS Staff Trainee acting D.A.A.G. since 5-2-18 aaa D.A.Q.M.G. Capt. A McFARLANE with Division aaa Col FOWLER A.D.M.S. on months clinical school CAIRO aaa Capt ANDERSON D.A.D.M.S. officiating aaa Major MURRY JONES D.A.D.V.S. on 1914 leave Major H.WORTHINGTON A.A.V.C. officiating since 28-12-18 aaa 3rd Bde. Major W.J.URQUHART Bde Major relinquished proceeding to AUSTRALIA Capt W.LYALL Staff Captain officiating 15-1-19 aaa Lieut A.S.BARKER Staff Trainee officiating Staff Captain 15-1-19 aaa 4th Brigade Staff Complete aaa 5th Bde. Staff complete.

AUSDIV. 0900

Descorps.

G.A.340. 16/2.

APPENDIX 19.



Reference A.I.F.wire A.G.37 of 15th.inst.aaa May authority be given to send tactical gear,ammunition,hotchkiss and Vickers guns from Units as shipping space permits.

AUSDIV. 1210.

H.Q. 3rd.L.H.Bde.
4th.L.H.Bde.
5th.L.H.Bde.



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1. The following is the allotment of vacancies for courses commencing ZBITOUN on 3rd. March next:-

<u>Course.</u>	<u>3rd. Bde.</u>		<u>4th. Bde.</u>		<u>5th. Bde.</u>	
	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O. Rs.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O. Rs.</u>	<u>Off.</u>	<u>O. Rs.</u>
Junior N.C.O's.	-	4	-	2	-	2
M.G.C. Tactical.	1	-	1	-	-	-
M.G.C. Refresher.	-	1	-	1	-	-
Musketry	-	-	-	1	1	-
Adv. Telephone.	-	1	-	1	-	1
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Totals	1	6	1	5	1	3

2. The Topography and G.S.M. & Sergts. Refresher Courses have been abolished.
3. Nominal rolls will be forwarded to reach this office not later than the first despatch on 21st. inst.
4. The usual standing orders for the selection and attendance of candidates will apply.
5. Boat timings will be issued by the A.A. & Q.M.G. in due course.

(sd) W. J. Palmer Capt. G.S.
for Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

17th. Feb. 1919.

Copy to A. & Q.

APPENDIX. 21.



Descorps.

G.A. 349. 17/2.

Reference my G.A. 340 of 16th. aaa Store ship available at TRIPOLI
aaa might reply be given early please aaa As 3,000 horses being
destroyed or handed over Division is no longer mobile force and no
necessity appears exist for retention technical gear machine guns etc.

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1235.

Appendix No. A. 22.

AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

MOVE ORDER No. 1.



1. MOVE.

The Division will move from the present bivouac area to RAFA as and when Transports are available.

2. TROOPS AT TRIPOLI.

- (a) The 4th., 8th. and 9th. L.H. Regiments will proceed by Transport on the 22nd. instant.
- (b) Remaining Regiments will move in their numerical order.
- (c) Orders for move of Divisional and Brigade Units will be issued from time to time as circumstances permit.

3. 5th. L.H. BRIGADE & DIVISIONAL TRAIN.

Separate instructions will be issued later with regard to the move of 5th. L.H. Brigade and Divisional Train.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.

All orders reference times of embarkation, equipment, transport, horses, etc. will be issued by the A.A. & Q.M.S.

5. COMMAND.

- (a) During the journey from TRIPOLI to RAFA the senior officer present will act as C.O. Detachment.
- (b) At RAFA the senior Ausdiv. Officer will act as C.O. Australian Mounted Divisional Troops, until the arrival of the G.O.C.

Issued at _____
20th. February, 1919.

W. Palmer Cpt
Lieut-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

Issued to:-

Copies to:-

No. 1	3rd L.H. Brigade	No. 6	Divisional Train	No. 11	Desert Mtd. Corps.
" 2	4th do	" 7	A.D.H.S.	" 12	Anzacs.
" 3	5th do	" 8	D.A.D.V.S.	" 13	A.A. & Q.M.S.
" 4	2nd Signal Sqdn.	" 9	D.A.P.S.	" 14	7th. Indian Div.
" 5	2nd Field Sqdn.	" 10	D.A.D.O.S.	" 15, 16, 17 & 18	War Diary.
" 20	Camp Commandant.			" 19	File.

Appendix No. 22

O.C., 19th Bde. R.H.A.



Reference this office G.X.155 of the 15th inst.

- 1. The reductions in War Establishment as laid down in para. 1 will come in to force forthwith.
- 2. All surplus vehicles and equipment will be handed over to the R.C.C. under arrangements to be made direct with D.A.D.O.S. by the 19th Bde. R.H.A.
- 3. All surplus personnel and horses will be disposed of under orders to be issued by the A.A. & Q.M.G.

W. Palmer Capt 88
for Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

18th Feb. 1919.

APPENDIX 23.

19th.Bde.R.H.A.

G.A.372.

21/2.



5th.L.H.Bde. is being relieved by Indian troops about 3rd.Prox.
aaa "A" Batty.H.A.C.will remain at RAALBECK until further orders.

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APPENDIX. 24.

19th.Bde.R.H.A.
A.Q.

D.A.D.V.S.
D.A.D.O.S.

G.A.371.

21/2.



Reference this office G.X.155/1 of 18th.inst.aaa The reduction ordered in para 1 has now been altered to 4 ammunition waggons 2 bombardiers and 2 riders per battery aaa Added.19th.Bde. Reptd.A.Q.,D.A.D.O.S.,D.A.D.V.S.

AUSDIV.
0915.

The Commandant,
Imperial School of Instruction,
ZAITOUN.



Herewith Nominal Roll of Candidates for Courses commencing
3-3-19.

Course	No.	Rank	Name	Unit
<u>M.G.C. Tactical.</u>	-	Major	H.B. SAMLIN, D.S.O.	10th L.H. Regiment
<u>Junior M.G.C. General.</u>				
	50440	L/Cpl.	HOLLAND, J.	8th L.H. Regiment.
	2809	L/Cpl.	DENNISON, R.L.W., M.M.	9th L.H. Regiment
	1103	Corpl.	KEMP, R. W.	10th L.H. Regiment.
	20	Corpl.	CORY, G. S.	11th L.H. Regiment.
	1571	Corpl.	JOHNSTON, S.H.	11th L.H. Regiment.
	2554	L/Cpl.	PETHER, F.	14th L.H. Regiment.
	2157	L/Cpl.	BYERS, T. L.	15th L.H. Regiment
<u>M.G.C. Refresher.</u>				
	229	Corpl.	LOOKER, J.A.	3rd M.G. Squadron.
	2309	L/Cpl.	BREEN, P.	4th M.G. Squadron.
<u>Musketry.</u>				
	1333	Corpl.	CLARK, W.J.	8th L.H. Regiment.
	3522	Sergt.	STEPHENS, A.J.	9th L.H. Regiment.
<u>Advanced Telephones.</u>				
	3005	Sig.	Laing, C.B.	8th L.H. Regiment
	18	Sergt.	BANNIKER, S.C.	9th L.H. Regiment
	1247	Sig.	HYDE, A. B.	10th L.H. Regiment.
	2992	Spr.	BLATCH, S. G.	3rd Sig. Troop.
	2452	Spr.	GRANAN, R.E.	3rd Sig. Troop.
	95	Sig.	BONDFIELD, E.C.	11th L.H. Regiment.
	1009	Sig.	HANTIN, C. F.	11th L.H. Regiment.
	767	T/Cpl.	HODGINS, S.H.	18th L.H. Regiment.
	810	Spr.	GIBBSAN, A.L.	8th Sig. Troop.
	2455	Spr.	SMITH, G. G.	8th Sig. Troop.

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J. Palmer Capt 88
Brigadier-General,
Commanding Australian Mounted Division.

22nd February, 1919.

Copy to Desert Mounted Corps.

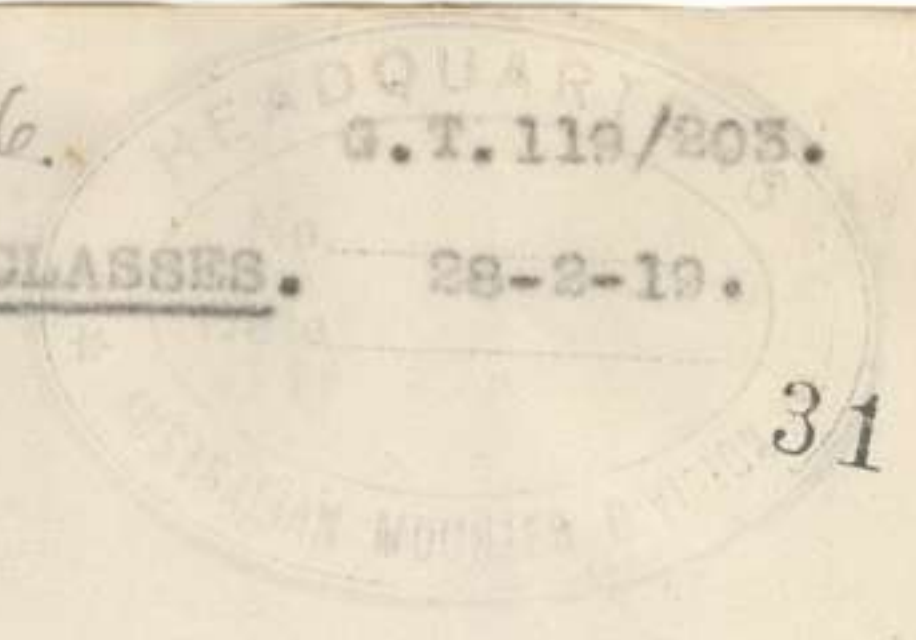
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Appendix No. 26.

G.T. 119/203.

PROGRESS REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL CLASSES.

28-2-19.



Secretary,
Educational Advisory Committee.

During the past month progress in Educational training was severely checked by the movement of troops, transfer and destruction of animals and a week of phenomenally bad weather.

Despite the difficulties the average attendance per Brigade at all classes within the Divisional area for the month was 107.

Sufficient text-books in what may be termed the main subjects, came to hand, and were distributed.

Units are asking for slates and blackboards. These are known to be available at KANTARA; but, in view of move to the Canal, were not indented for. They will be obtained when the Division arrives at MOASCAR.

Students were sent to the PALESTINE Brigade R.A.F. and to M.T. Depots at HOMS and TRIPOLI for instruction.

These are being withdrawn in the case of M.T. Units as Units are ordered to move to MOASCAR.

Although no definite report has reached this Office it is believed that good work is being done in the above Departments.

It has been decided, that, at the moment, examinations are not advisable.

A civilian was coaching the 3rd. Sde. and 2nd. Signal Squadron in French. He did good work; and appears to thoroughly justify the payment granted by the E.A. Committee for civilians.

(Signed) Granville Dyce

Brigadier General,
Commanding Australian Mounted Division.

28-2-19.

Copy to:-

Desert Mounted Corps.

AUSDIV.

H.Q. 19th Bde. R.H.A.
No. AM950/1.
28-2-19.

Reference your G.X.155 of 15-2-19.

The following copy of a wire received from R.A. Descorps, is forwarded for your information.

No. C.X.335 - 25th - AAA - begins:-

"G.H.Q. wires 19th and 20th Bdes keep first line wagons and are kept up to W.E. 1707 as part of A.O.F.O.

Addsd. 19 - 20 Bdes reptd G.S. Descorps". ends.

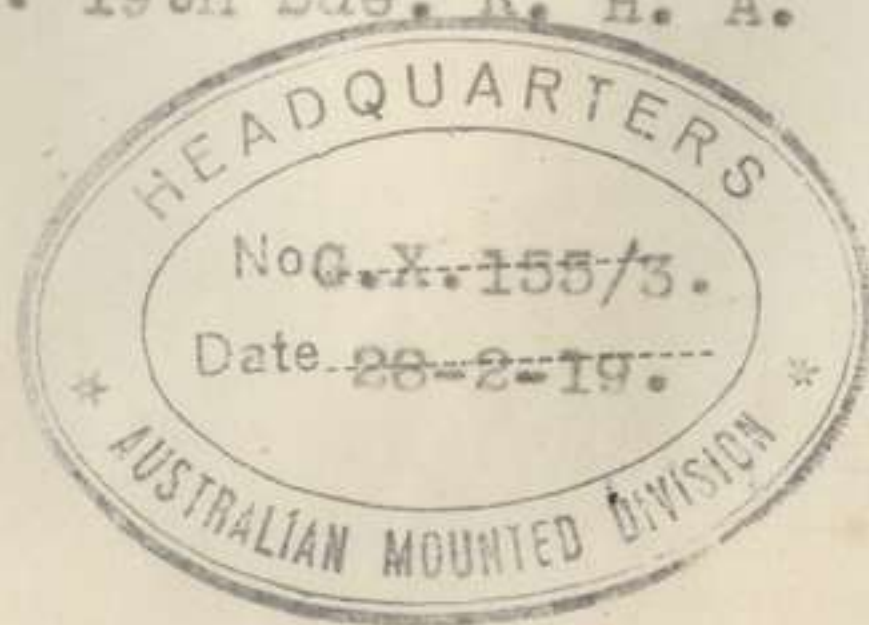
(Sd) J. Watt.

Lieut. & Adjt.,
for Lieut. Col.
Cmdg. 19th Bde. R. H. A.

28-2-19.

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A.Q.
D.A.D.O.S.



For information.

(Sd) W. Palmer. Capt. G.S.

for Lieutenant-Colonel,
General Staff,
Australian Mounted Division.

28th February, 1919.



To 5th Bde Descorps
Fourcav AQ

G A 395 28

5th Bde less HOMS and HAMA detachments will move from BAALBECK for BEIRUT on 2nd March halting night 2/3 March at SAADNAIL night 3/4th AINSOFAR arriving BEIRUT afternoon 4th AAA Marching out states by units of men and animals to be wired by 1000 tomorrow AAA Addsd 5th Bde Reptd Descorps Fourcav AQ

From Ausdiv

Time 1515