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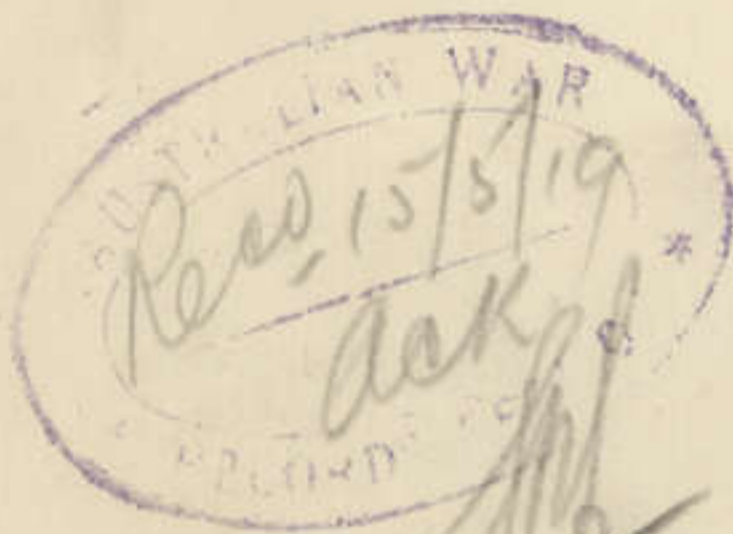
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TRIPOLI ^{he} (EL MINA)	1st		Orders received from Division for embarkation of remainder of Brigade on the Transport "ELLENGA". After much uncertainty it was finally decided that the 3rd A.M.G. Sqdn. and 8th M.V. Section should be left behind at TRIPOLI to await the next boat. The weather which had left much to be desired abated somewhat and there was every prospect of a successful embarkation. The G.O.C. left for KANTARA by car, intending to meet the Brigade on arrival at MOASCAR.	
^{he}	2nd		All baggage embarked by evening, sea smooth, but there is every prospect of a blow tomorrow. All extra gear handed into D.A.D.O.S. Very rough. Equipment being handed in prior to embarkation. All bulk baggage is being taken to the wharf and as much as possible shipped. (10th Light Horse Regiment, less details, embarked.	
TRANSPORT ^{he} "ELLENGA" AT SEA.	3rd	1200	All troops and baggage embarked. Sea becoming very rough. Last lighter load was shipped with difficulty owing to the swell. Major Olden, DSO, O.C. Troops, on board. Rather crowded and men not too well off, but prepared to make the best of things for the short voyage. Guards posted and at 1500 a boat parade was held when stations were allotted. All ranks paraded in life belts.	
AT SEA ^{he}	4th	0800	Transport put to sea for PORT SAID, via BEIRUT. Weather very stormy and sea rough, causing the immediate collapse of the majority of the unhappy passengers. On arriving off BEIRUT it was found that the heavy sea would not permit of the "ELLENGA" making the harbour. After explaining the situation by wireless, permission was given to proceed direct to PORT SAID. * A heavy squall was encountered just at the entrance to the SUEZ canal, causing the ship to roll a great deal. The wharf was reached about 1400. Only Staff Officers disembarked during the afternoon, the remainder of the troops being held on board until the morning.	
^{he}	5th *	1300		
^{he} Port Said	6th	0800	Remainder of the Brigade entrained at PORT SAID for MOASCAR. Cattle and other trucks were of course provided for the men from the front line, and the Brigade's reception on the west side of the canal after three years absence was not conducive to enthusiasm on the part of the men.	

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MOASCAR	4 6th		<p>It is thought that the Authorities concerned might have stretched a point and provided even 3rd class accommodation. (The 8th and 9th Regiments were found already in camp, and arrangements well in hand for the other Units. The Brigade, (less Machine Gun Squadron and Mobile Veterinary Section), is now encamped on the area previously occupied by the Aus. Div. Training Regiment. Captain W. Palmer, late G.S.O. 3, Aust. Mtd. Division, took over duties of Brigade Major, vice Major W.J. URQUHART, embarked for Australia. Captain W.M. LYALL, M.C., reported to Advanced Divisional Headquarters, for duty as A/D.A.Q.M.G. The day was put in with settling down to camp.</p>	
MOASCAR	7th		<p>Syllabus of training for week ending 15th March issued to Units. 50 Draughts and 25 rides issued to the Brigade. These were handed over to the Regiments for the time being pending issue of saddlery. These horses, (rides), had belonged to the 5th L.H. Regiment and had just arrived from SEMAKH. It made one sigh for the old four footed friend just handed over to the Indians at TRIPOLI. Orders issued regarding the routine of the camp. Reveille to be at 0630 for the present. Every effort will be made to keep the men fit and contented, in order to allow them to arrive in AUSTRALIA in the best of condition for renewing their civilian life. Reported that one stationery box full of records was lost off the lighter during the embarkation at TRIPOLI. This will cause a lot of inconvenience.</p>	App. 1
MOASCAR	8th		<p>Lovely day, very little wind. Our old friends the Khamseen will doubtless visit us very shortly. Circular sent to Units with reference to re-commencing Educational Training, (G/936)</p>	App 2
MOASCAR	9th		<p>Weather fine, but getting appreciably warmer. Church services held for all denominations. Circular sent to Units further to G/936, of 8th instant, (G/947). (G.O.C. returned to Brigade having travelled by land route from TRIPOLI. In consequence of his return the Command of the Brigade devolves upon Colonel Scott, CMG, DSO, and General Wilson takes command of Australian Mounted Division, at MOASCAR. Orders sent out for a meeting of C.O's. at 1430, on MONDAY, 10th instant.</p>	App
MOASCAR	10th		<p>Much warmer. 1420 C.O's. conference held at Brigade Headquarters; several questions concerning the</p>	app 3 W

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MOASCAR	10th	1420	Brigade were discussed. Among other questions it was decided to hold a Swimming and Aquatic Carnival on the 2nd April. A Committee was appointed to draw up a programme and arrange details. A Novice Boxing Competition was also decided on. There appeared to be a certain amount of unrest among the men of the Brigade, due in all probability to misconception of the situation. C.O's. were given special orders by the G.O.C. to thoroughly enquire into the matter and endeavour to remove any misunderstanding among the men. Letter received from Division reference Leave to England for 10% of all ranks. Forwarded to Units. A new syllabus of training issued to all Units.	App. 4 App.
MOASCAR	11th		Very warm. The winter clothing at present in possession of the men is being found somewhat warm for this part of the world. A party of drivers under an Officer were dispatched to KANTARA to draw transport for the Division. A number of men were sent to the Kit Stores, GHEZIREH, to make arrangements for men on short leave to CAIRO. It was decided to take off the guard from the A.P.C. compound, found by the different Regiments, and substitute a number of the Brigade Police for this work. Indents submitted for clothing and necessaries. Boots especially being required.	
MOASCAR	12th		Weather very warm. Arrangements made for Lecturers on Agriculture and Political Economy to Brigade classes. (All leave to CAIRO stopped on account of civil disturbances there.) This will jeopardise the chances of getting the leave party away on Saturday next, 15th instant. Vacancy for early repatriation to AUSTRALIA allotted to Brigade to number of 65.	
MOASCAR	13th		Three G.S. wagons and three limbers with 13 draught horses issued to Brigade. These were allotted to Units and will enable the Units to be more independent in the matter of transport. Orders issued for the detailing of an inlying picquet of 20 men under 1 Officer for use in case of possible civil disturbances in ISMAILIA. Brigade quota of men for early repatriation marshalled out to "A" details camp. Educational Training being pushed on in the Units. Three black boards drawn from Divn. and issued to the three Regiments.	App.
MOASCAR	14th		Fine, but a warm day. Further orders sent out reference inlying picquet. Application	

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MOASCAR	14th		made to Division for 26 more riding horses for use of picquets and Units generally. Brigade parade ordered for 0900 on 15th instant. Parade to be addressed by the Divisional Commander.	
MOASCAR	15th	1900	Hot dusty day. Orders received from Aust. Divn. to send two patrols each of 3 Officers and 50 other ranks to proceed to ZAGAZIG and MINET EL QAMH respectively for the purpose of defending railway property from attacks by rioters. 8th and 10th Light Horse ordered to send one party each. Notwithstanding that all ranks were absolutely unprepared for anything, the parties were entrained by 2000 and proceeded to their destinations; Major McPerhson was in charge of the 8th Light Horse Party, and Captain H.G. Palmer of the 10th. A great eagerness was displayed by all ranks at the prospect of action. Fully a third of the Brigade turned up at the station to see their comrades off.	App. 5
MOASCAR	16th	2000	Report received that guard from 10th Regiment sent to MINET EL QAMH had been attacked by a mob. The guard fired with the result that 29 natives were killed and many wounded. Orders received verbally from Division for a Squadron of full strength to be mounted and sent to ZAGAZIG by march route. Orders sent to the 8th L.H. to provide this squadron with orders for the squadron to move as early as possible next morning.	App. 5
MOASCAR	17th	0910	Order received from Aus. Divn. for one dismounted squadron to proceed by rail to ZAGAZIG. This order was subsequently altered to include the whole of the available fighting troops of the Brigade, (less a second squadron of 9th, which were to be mounted). Brigade Headquarters and remainder of Brigade to follow tomorrow. Although the notice given was exceedingly short all the Brigade, less 500 men were entrained at 1100. Lieut. Colonel Scott, CMG, DSO, being in charge. In the meantime the work of refitting two mounted squadrons was carried out under most difficult conditions. Practically all equipment had to be obtained from KANTARAA and what was obtained locally had to be collected from several different Units. Lieut. Martin, of the 10th Light Horse, who was lent to Division as acting D.A.D.O.S., did invaluable work, and it was largely due to his efforts that the equipment was issued in such good time. The 9th Regiment were ordered to mount one squadron, which would march on the	Order 1.

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MOASCAR	17th		<p>morning of the 18th to TEL EL KEBIR. The remainder of the Brigade were put under orders to leave for ZAGAZIG by train at 1000, on 18th instant.</p>	
MOASCAR	18th	0900	<p>Remainder of Brigade, less 8th M.V.S., entrained for ZAGAZIG, all other ranks being in possession of 90 rounds of S.A.A. Report received that the line is broken west of KASSASSIN. Construction section added to train, which repaired the line during the night. 4 Prisoners taken at KASSASSIN, suspected of interfering with the railway line.</p>	
ZAGAZIG	19th	1345	<p>Left KASSASSIN at 0630 and arrived without further incident at ZAGAZIG at 0900. Headquarters 3rd Light Horse Brigade established at the Irrigation Office, and the organisation of railway defences commenced at once. On arrival the Regiments were found to be very much scattered, and it was necessary to systemise the work. The 8th Light Horse Regiment, (less mounted squadron), ordered to move by rail to MINET EL QAMH, and to take over the protection of the railway line from ZAGAZIG, (exclusive), to BENHA, (exclusive). The mounted squadron of the 8th Light Horse, (less two troops), to move by road to the same place. The detachment of the 10th Light Horse at MINET EL QAMH to be relieved and sent to rejoin its unit at ZAGAZIG. The 9th L.H. ordered to take over defence of the line ZAGAZIG, (inclusive), to ABU HAMMAD, (exclusive), and ZAGAZIG to BELBEIS, (exclusive), with Headquarters at ZAGAZIG. The 10th L.H. to concentrate at ZAGAZIG as Brigade reserve. The Brigade troops to camp at ZAGAZIG.</p> <p>The 10th L.H. ordered to relieve the guard of the 8th L.H. at ZAGAZIG Station, 2 Officers and 50 other ranks. 8th Detachment to rejoin Regiment at MINET EL QAMH on relief. Owing to scattered situation of the 9th L.H. Regiment the 3rd M.G. Squadron were ordered to temporarily take over the BELBEIS railway. 3rd Brigade placed under orders G.O.C. No. 1 Sector, whose Headquarters are at BENHA. G.O.C. 3rd L.H. Bde. to control the area BENHA, (exclusive), to ABU AKAH DAR, (ISMAILIA Line), exclusive, and ZAGAZIG to BELBEIS, (exclusive). The policy at the present to be confining attention to the main railway line in order to keep communications open between PORT SAID & CAIRO.</p>	<p>BI/958 BI/939</p>
ZAGAZIG	19th	1815	<p>Situation wire sent to Aust. Div. and G.O.C. Troops, BENHA, repeated to Communs., ISMAILIA. All quiet.</p>	
ZAGAZIG	19th	1930	<p>As a temporary measure the 9th L.H. Regiment ordered to take over the section of the</p>	

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ZAGAZIG	19th	1930	line to ABU HAMMAD, (inclusive), on the 20th instant, relieving all troops of the 10th Regiment there. The line to be held by dismounted posts at as close intervals as possible, and patrolled by mounted troops during the night.	
		2030	Report received that a post of the 10th L.H. near ABU AKHDAR had been attacked by a mob and severely handled. One man who had escaped to the nearest Signal Cabin sending the news. One troop of the 8th L.H. sent out to investigate, and a motor trolley ordered to co-operate along the railway line. All the men were recovered; and it was found that they had been very severely handled. Lance Corporal J.M. Fergusson being in a very low state.	
ZAGAZIG	20th	0030	Orders sent to 9th L.H. Regiment for the mounted squadron, (less one troop), to proceed to the village near the post attacked last night and arrest offenders, or failing the actual culprits, to arrest the Omdah and Sheikhs. Situation wire sent 0630.	
		0730	Issue of maps asked for from Division.	
		0905	Orders issued that in future no posts is to be of less strength than 10 all ranks.	
		1000	Orders issued to 9th Regiment to withdraw all posts east of ABU AKHDAH, (inclusive), on relief by 3/3rd Churkars. Report of attack and on 10th L.H. post on evening 19th instant sent to G.O.C., BENHA. <i>Type page 20</i>	App. 6 C/142
		1300	9th L.H. ordered to take over command of all posts on the BELBEIS line and to arrange to extend and strengthen existing posts. Wires sent asking for all men of 3rd Brigade at CAIRO to rejoin Units.	
		1600	Owing to lack of train facilities, arrangements made for dismounted posts to be placed on southern sector of the BELBEIS line temporarily.	
		1730	Orders sent 10th Regiment to have a dismounted party of 2 Officers and 40 other ranks ready to move at short notice for town duty.	
		1830	Orders sent to 9th L.H. for a mounted troop to patrol to ZIFTA, leaving ZAGAZIG at 0500 tomorrow. Troop to be prepared to stay out 2 days.	
		1830	Situation all quiet.	
		2110	Code of signals by "Very" lights arranged for use within the Brigade. Standing orders for 3rd L.H. Brigade issued.	
ZAGAZIG	21st	0630	Situation all quiet.	

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ZAGAZIG	21st	1000.	(3rd M.G. Squadron ordered to relieve the 10th L.H. at the Railway Station.) Two sub-sections and 4 Vickers guns to be detailed for the purpose, 1 sub section to be sent to MINET EL QAMH to come under the orders of the C.O., 8th L.H. Regt., and 2 guns with crews to report to Brigade Headquarters to be used for special duty. Reports having been received of the likelihood of civil disturbances, orders were sent out for various troops to be held in readiness for immediate use. Orders sent out that before Lewis or machine gun fire was used against natives, every 11th round was to be withdrawn from drums or belts.	
		1130	Large crowd gathered near Mudireh but dispersed on approach of mounted patrols.	
		1325	Orders issued to 10th L.H. Regiment to maintain a guard of 1 Officer, 20 other ranks, in the Mudireh buildings. This guard will act as a garrison for the maintenance of order at that place.	
		1530	Report received that 4 men from one of the machine gun posts on the BELBEIS line had been attacked by a crowd of natives. One of our men had been injured in the head. In the fight that ensued, 4 natives were killed and one wounded. <i>Type page 21</i>	Report App 7: C/161.
		1800	Situation normal. Application made for 6 motor lorries.	
		1830	10th L.H. Regiment ordered to detail 3 Officers and 75 other ranks to proceed to BELBEIS to come under orders of Post Commandant, BELBEIS, who has arranged to mount them. All troops on 2/3rd rations owing to interruption of train service. No breaks have occurred since Brigade took over the Sector and affairs are rapidly getting back to normal again. Night patrols for ZAGAZIG ordered from 9th L.H. Regiment. Railway communication opened to BELBEIS.	
ZAGAZIG	22nd	0630	Situation quiet.	
		0900	Report received that post at FAQUS had been rushed the previous night and that arms had been stolen. Wires sent to Communications, ISMAILIA, informing them and stating that a troop would be sent from this Sector to investigate.	
		1325	10th L.H. Regiment ordered to send 1 Officer 25 other ranks in two motor lorries to KUPUR NEGM to investigate reported riots.	
		1420	Guard at the Mudireh increased by 2 Vickers guns with crews from 3rd M.G. Squadron. Orders from L. of C., ISMAILIA, instructing Wellington Mounted Rifles to march from KANTARA to ZAGAZIG, via SALHIA and FAQUS, staying a day at the latter place, if	

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ZAGAZIG	22nd	1730	<p>necessary, to restore order. 9th Regiment ordered to send a mounted troop to FAQUS., to get in touch with WELLINGTON Mounted Rifles. Location of troops of 3rd Brigade wired to Aus. Div. and No. 1 Sector, BENHA.</p>	App BM 25
ZAGAZIG	22nd	1730	<p>Report received that a Construction train with a guard of six men was held up near MIT GHAMR with the rails torn up between it and ZAGAZIG. A party of 1 Officer and 25 other ranks sent from 10th Regiment to proceed by relief train to assist construction train to return to ZAGAZIG.</p>	
		1800	<p>Situation wire sent.</p>	
		2214	<p>Orders sent to detachment 8th Light Horse to send a mounted troop to patrol the MIT GHAMR railway, and get in touch with the Construction Train held up on the line.</p>	
ZAGAZIG	23rd	0530	<p>Situation wire sent. Orders sent for situation wires to be rendered by 0530 and 1130 in future. Order received from BENHA regarding the punishment to be meted out to villages convicted of interfering with railways and telegraph lines. Construction and relief trains returned from MIT GHAMR also mounted troops dispatched to MIT GHAMR and along the railway line. The inhabitants were found to be very hostile and had had to be dispersed by fire.. Motor lorry patrol returned from KUFUR NEGM..</p>	<p>Con-) Reports Appds. G/185 G/205 Report G/186</p>
		1045	<p>Mountedtroop of 9th Regiment at BELBEIS ordered to return to ZAGAZIG 14th L.H. Regiment moved to BELBEIS, coming under orders of Post Commandant, BELBEIS, on arrival.</p>	<p>8 9 10 11</p>
		1800	<p>Situation all clear. Orders received for transmission to BELBEIS for 14th L.H. to be mounted at once by Remounts, BELBEIS.</p>	
ZAGAZIG	24th	0530	<p>Situation all clear.</p>	
		1015	<p>Armoured car reported for duty.</p>	
		1150	<p>Orders sent 9th L.H. Regiment to despatch two troops to patrol to MIT GHAMR area and from there to SIMBELLAWAIN. In consequence of orders received respecting the movement of the WELLINGTON Mounted Rifles, this was altered to SIMBELLAWAIN and ABU KEBIR.</p>	app-12
		1800	<p>Patrol returned from FAQUS, reporting all quiet, but considerable damage done.</p>	

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ZAGAZIG	25th	0600	All clear report despatched.	
		1050	1 Officer, 24 other ranks detailed from 10th L.H. to proceed to ABU KEBIR. Party to report to Mr. Mayes, District Engineer, ZAGAZIG, to take over engine crews, who will be left at ABU KEBIR. Party to return same night.	
		1145	Advice received ISMAILIA that arrangements will be made to move the 14th Regiment from BELBEIS to DAMANHUR.	
		1315	1 Officer, 40 other ranks, 14th L.H. now at ZAGAZIG Stn. will rejoin Regiment on arrival from BELBEIS.	
		1330	Wired "ONESEC" report reference escort 1 Officer 10 other ranks to Mr. Hayes to FAQUS. Hayes reported to WELLINGTON mounted Rifles there. Reports all quiet.	
		1515	One troop 8th L.H. Regiment Detachment received orders to be ready to turn out at 5 minutes notice for town duty.	
		1630	Situation wire "B.M. 75", sent.	
		1800	W.M.R. arrived ZAGAZIG with 26 civilians arrested at FAQUS. One troop left at FAQUS to maintain order. Orders issued reference town picquets - mounted picquet of 1 Officer and 12 other ranks to patrol the town between the hours of 1900 and 0400. The Brigade Police to patrol the streets between the hours of 0700 and 1900.	
ZAGAZIG	26th		14th Regiment ordered to march from BELBEIS to, ZAGAZIG moving at 1030.	
		1630	Situation wire "All quiet" sent.	
		1630	14th Regiment arrived ZAGAZIG and bivouaced, 1 mile south of town.	
		1750	1 Mounted troop 8th Light Horse to move from ZAGAZIG to FAQUS, via HEHIA and ABU KEBIR tomorrow 27th instant, returning 28th instant.	
		2230	Information received of disturbances at MIT EL QUARASHI. W.M.R. advised to investigate during march tomorrow.	app. 13 Patrol report ZAGAZIG to KAFR SAQR G/252.
		2050	Fire broke out at railway station, caused by native overturning oil stove. Telegraph service interrupted. ZAGAZIG Sector Order G/252 issued.	
ZAGAZIG	27	0845	Orders to 10th L.H. Regiment to detail 1 Officer and 12 other ranks to proceed to	

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ZAGAZIG	27th	0920	FAQUS, 28th instant, by motor lorry, leaving ZAGAZIG 0700. Party to relieve troops of W.M.R., who will return to ZAGAZIG. 50 Copies of Proclamation reference destruction of railway property forwarded to 14th Regiment to be distributed amongst the various villages. Contents of Proclamation as follows:- "Any further damage or destruction of railway property will be punished by the burning of the village nearest to the scene of destruction. No further warning will be given".	
		1030	14th Regiment rations sent to ABU KEBIR by motor lorries.	
		1645	Situation report - "All Clear".	
		1840	Orders issued 1 troop to patrol area south west of ZAGAZIG tomorrow, 28th instant.	Patrol report
				(ZAGAZIG to SIMBELLAWAIN.
		1840	Orders issued to O.C. No. 3 armoured train to proceed to BENHA, 0700, 28th instant, and report to Headquarters, No. 1 Section.	G/252 issued
ZAGAZIG	28th	0630	Situation "All clear". Fire broke out in the outskirts of ZAGAZIG. No serious damage.	
		1025	Party of 1 N.C.O. 6 other ranks detailed 10th L.H. to escort refugees to IBRAMHIA.	
		1100	Party of 1 Officer and 20 other ranks to proceed ABU KEBIR by motor lorry to establish a post there. (Reconna)	(Recon CHAMR
				(REPORT ZAGAZIG TO MIT G/335.
		1745	No. 3 armoured train left ZAGAZIG For BENHA.	
		1830	Troop from 9th L.H. Regiment to patrol country north of ZAGAZIG. To move out 0630 29th instant.	
		2110	Orders to 9th L.H. to relieve post of the Ghurkha Rifles at ABU EL AKDAH Stn. Strength required 1 Officer 20 other ranks.	
ZAGAZIG	29th	0615	Situation report "All Quiet". (Proposed distribution of troops of 3rd L.H. Brigade, G/366	
		0745	Aus. Div. wired reference Field Troop. Brigade area extended ZAGAZIG - MANSURA - DAMIETTA - PORT SAID, (exclusive).	

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ZAGAZIG	29th	1645 1800 1900 1900	<p>Orders issued to detached troop W.M.R. to march from ZAGAZIG to BENHA tomorrow, 30th instant, leaving at 0800.</p> <p>O.C. Motor Trolley ordered to report BELBEIS at 0900 tomorrow, 30th instant, to patrol railway line towards SHEBIN QANATIR.</p> <p>ONESEC order No. 18 received.</p> <p>No. 1 Section order No. 18 received, as follows:- All troops in the MINYET, ZAGAZIG, TEL EL KEBIR and BELBEIS Sub Sections pass from No. 1 Section to the command of Major General Palin, CB, CMC, Commanding 75th Division from date of receipt of this order with the exception of W.M.R., (less 1 squadron), proceeding BENHA today and $\frac{1}{2}$ Squadron, 54th P.A. Mid. Regt. at BELBEIS, who will be relieved as troops become available, continuing until then to be administered by No. 1 Section.</p>	<p>(Patrol report through EL QANAYAT G/367 (8th L.H. Patrol Report, G/368.)</p> <p>app 17 app 18</p>
ZAGAZIG	30th	0630 0845 1630	<p>Situation "all clear". Patrol report all quiet throughout Sector.</p> <p>Instructions issued to Lieut. Doig, 10th L.H. to withdraw his post from FAQUS in view of 14th L.H. returning to ABU KEBIR.</p> <p>Wire to 75th Division stating - "Natives returning material to damaged portion ZAGAZIG - SALHIA Railway Line". Repeated Australian Mounted Division.</p>	
ZAGAZIG	31st	0830 0900 1610 1750 1920	<p>Situation normal. MANSURA Railway repaired past HEHIA. Expected to complete to ABU KEBIR 1200 today.</p> <p>Guard at Railway Station reduced to 2 Officers 50 other ranks and 2 guns. Remainder will be withdrawn to Unit Headquarters.</p> <p>Orders to motor trolley to proceed to MIT GHAMR tomorrow, 1st April.</p> <p>10th L.H. instructed to increase guard on iron bridge to 2 N.C.O's., 8 other ranks and guard on power house to 2 N.C.O's. and 10 other ranks.</p> <p>Wire to 75th Divn. as follows:- "Moves proposed in my G/366, of 29/3/'19, will be carried out tomorrow. 11th L.H. will reach MANSURA on 3rd prox. AAA" Under East Delta Order No. 1 - 7th L.H. come under the command of G.O.C., 3rd L.H. Bde.</p>	<p>12</p>

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To Commanding Officers,
8th L.H. Regiment.
9th L.H. Regiment.
10th L.H. Regiment.

3rd L.H. Field Ambulance.
3rd Signal Troop.

3RD LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE. SYLLABUS OF TRAINING, T.B. 15/3/19.

Day of week	Hours	Nature of work	Remarks
<u>REVEILLE 0630 daily.</u>			
Monday 10/3/19	0700-0730 0930-1030 1030-1130	Physical exercises Troop drill under Troop Officers. Squadron drill.	To include rifle exercises.
Tuesday 11/3/19	0700-0730 0930-1030 1030-1130	Bayonet fighting Troop drill Squadron drill by Troop Officers.	Squadron leaders to supervise.
Wednesday 12/3/19	0700-0730 0930-1130	Physical exercises Route march	
Thursday 13/3/19	0700-0730 0930-1030 1030-1130	Physical exercises Troop drill Squadron drill	
Friday 14/3/19	0700-0730 0930-1130	Bayonet fighting Route march	

Saturday, 1100. C.O.'s. inspection.
1400-2100 daily leave for 10% all ranks. Organised games for
the remainder.

The duty Regiment will thoroughly practice guards and sentries
on the morning previous to their tour of duty.

DRESS. For early morning parades. Fatigue dress.
For all other parades. Drill order.

W. Palmer Capt

7/3/19.

Brigade Major, 3rd Light Horse Bde.

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To Commanding Officers,
8th L.H. Regiment. 9th L.H. Regiment. 10th L.H. Regiment
3rd L.H. Fld. Amb.

Subject:- EDUCATION.

(1). (a). A Divisional School is in process of formation and will be held in the building at present occupied by the Details Camp School.

(b). The curriculum of the school will be based in the subjects required by candidates for the Australian Civil Service Examination and will be progressive.

(c). Students desirous of attending the school will be marched out to it and remain there during the period of tuition.

(d). Units will forward to this office by 1000 on Monday, 10th instant, the numbers of all ranks desirous of attending.

(2). (a). All classes in special subjects which were being held by Units when at Tripoli will be resumed forthwith.

(b). Units will forward a report showing promotions made under A.I.F. order 1492 of 31/12/'18, and proposed appointments under provisions of A.I.F. in Egypt circular memo. (Education), of 19/2/'19 forwarded under this office G/891 of 28/2/'19.

[Signature]
Captain.

Brigade Major, 3rd Light Horse Bde.

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REPORT of C.O.'s MEETING held at B.H.Q. 10/3/19.16

<u>PRESENT.</u>	G. O. C.,	Brig.Gen.	L. C.	WILSON, C. M. G., D. S. O.	
		Lieut.Col.	W. H.	SCOTT, C. M. G., D. S. O.	9th. L. H.
		"	"	J. M. STUART,	3rd. Fld. Amb
		Major,	T. J.	DALY, D. S. O.	8th. L. H.
		"	H. M.	PARSONS, D. S. O.	9th. L. H.
		"	A. C. N.	OLDEN, D. S. O.	10th. L. H.
		Lieut.	W. J.	Latham	3rd. Sig. Tp.
		Captain	W. C.	PALMER, Brigade Major.	
		Lieut.	A. S.	BAEKER, A/Staff Capt.	

SUBJECT I. ANZAC MEMORIAL. Circulars from Secretary of ANZAC Memorial Fund read.
 Decided to do all possible to collect extra money from the Brigade. Acquittance Rolls for men who have not yet contributed to be opened.
 Lieut. Col. SCOTT suggested that those Officers and N. C. O's who had received promotion since the last contribution be asked to give the difference between one day's pay now received and what was contributed before.
 Agreed to put this before those concerned

SUBJECT II. DAILY PARADES. The views of all the O. C's were given and it was decided that the most suitable Daily Programme would be as follows:-
 Reveille, 0600, Physical Exercises 0630 to 0700, Brekfast 0730, Swimming, Route March or Organized Games 0900 to 1030. Dress to be Fatigue Dress.

SUBJECT III. EDUCATIONAL TRAINING. It was decided that the Units should carry on Special Classes as before; but that all Students Desiring it should be sent to the Divisional School.

SUBJECT IV. SMARTNESS of LINES. The G. O. C. impressed on C. O's the necessity for keeping up the traditions of the Brigade as regards cleanliness and general smartness of the Camp.

SUBJECT V. TRAINING OF TRUMPETERS. The G. O. C. expressed his desire that the Regiments be brought up to strength in trained Trumpeters and stated that the Band Sergeant would be at the disposal of C. O's for this purpose.

SUBJECT VI. PRIZES FOR RIFLE SHOOTING AT TRIPOLI. Decided by vote of the Meeting that the Prizes allotted to winners should be paid in cash on the Motion of Lieut LATHAM seconded by Major DALY.

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SUBJECT VII.

The question of Sports while in the present Camp was gone into and it was decided that a Swimming and Acquatic Carnival should be held on or about April 2nd.

£75 was allotted for prize money, and a Committee consisting of Captain LUXMORE, M.C., 9th L.H., Chaplain C.L. RILEY, 10th L.H. and Lieut STREETER, 8th L.H. was appointed to make all arrangements.

It was also decided to organize a Novice Boxing Competition for men who have never won a final in Egypt, Palestine, or Syria. £25 was allotted for Prizes, and Lieut LATHAM was asked to form a Committee to organize the competition.

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To Commanding Officers,
8th L.H. Regiment. 3rd M.G. Squadron. 8th Mob. V. Sec.
9th L.H. Regiment. 3rd L.H. Mtd. Ass. 3rd B.H.Q.
10th L.H. Regiment. 3rd Signal Troop.

Syllabus of Training.

The following programme will be observed from Monday the 17th instant:-

Monday) Reveille	0600.
	(Physical Exercises	0630 - 0700.
to)	
	(Route March,	} 0830 - 1030.
Friday) Swimming parades, etc.	
	(Games and sports	1400 - 1700.
Saturday	Inspection.	0900.

Palmer
Captain.

16/3/19. Brigade Major, 3rd Light Horse Brigade.

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To Commanding Officers,
3rd L.H. Brigade.

3rd Light Horse Brigade Order No. 1.

(1). In order to effectively patrol and protect the railway line between ISMAILIA & ZAGAZIG, the following dispositions of troops has been ordered:-

(a) 1 Mounted Squadron at ZAGAZIG to patrol the railway line from half way between that place and TEL EL KEBIR.

(b) 1 Mounted Squadron at TEL EL KEBIR to patrol the line from a point half between ZAGAZIG and TEL EL KEBIR to a point half way between the last mentioned place and ISMAILIA.

(c) 1 Mounted Squadron at MOASCAR to patrol between the squadron at TEL EL KEBIR and ISMAILIA.

(2) The 8th Light Horse Regiment will detail a squadron of 100 all ranks to proceed by march route to ZAGAZIG, leaving MOASCAR as early as possible tomorrow, 17th instant, halting the night 17/18th march at TEL EL KEBIR and arriving at ZAGAZIG on afternoon of 18th instant.

(3). Horses and saddlery for the squadron will be drawn early on 17th instant under instructions to be issued by the Staff Captain.

(4). 2 L.C.S. waggons for use of the squadron will be railed from MOASCAR to ZAGAZIG tomorrow at a time to be notified later. Teams will accompany the squadron on the march.

(5). Tents, camp equipments and men's extra baggage belonging to the above squadron will be sent by rail tomorrow under a guard provided by the 8th L.H. Regiment.

(6). Rations. (a). One day's rations and forage will be carried by the Squadron.

(b). One day's rations and forage will be forwarded by rail under charge of the guard mentioned in para. 5. These supplies will be dumped at TEL EL KEBIR on 17th instant for issue to the Squadron on arrival at that place. The above supplies will be drawn at A.S.C. Dump at 0700 tomorrow and transported to railway station where they will remain under guard, pending arrival of train.

(7). Squadron will move out in marching order. If swords and rifle buckets are available they will be issued, should these not arrive in time they will be forwarded by rail.

90 Rounds of S.A.A. per man will be carried.

(8). Acknowledge.

Issued at 2200 to 8th, 9th and 10th L.H. Regiments, fld. Amb., signal Troop, S.V.C.

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W. Palmer

16/3/19.

Brigade Major, 3rd Light Horse Brigade.
Captain.

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STANDING ORDERS. 3RD LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE.

In view of the present state of unrest and lawlessness among the civil population, combined with their pretended friendliness with our troops, the following orders will come into force forthwith:

(1). Troops are strictly forbidden to fraternise, or in any way, mix with the civil population.

(2). All ranks will carry their arms when outside their bivouac areas, or billets, and on detached posts they will carry them whenever they leave their Headquarters.

(3). All ranks, other than those on duty, will remain in their quarters, from 1830 till 0600, and be available for call at short notice.

(4). All Units, or detachments, will have an armed guard on duty, during the night. Guard posts will be so sited, that there will be no necessity, for natives near them, and natives will not be allowed to come near the Headquarters of a post.

(5). Natives will not be allowed within the lines of Units, except those engaged for sanitary purposes.

(6). Alarm posts will be established for every Unit, or detachment. Practice "turn outs" will be carried out from time to time.

(7). After dark detachments, such as Orderlies, etc., will consist of at least two men.

(8). Except under exceptional circumstances, posts will not consist of less than 10 of all ranks.

(9). Mounted patrols will not consist of less than 4.

(10). Where a line of posts is guarding a railway, arrangements are to be made for frequent patrols between posts, at irregular intervals, even if no mounted men available.

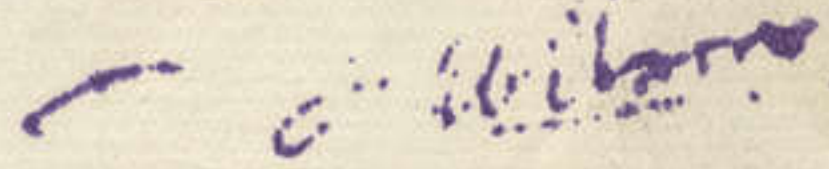
(11). Posts should arrange for defensive positions with the best local means at their disposal. On bombs being issued, all posts and patrols will be provided with them. It is intended to issue flare pistols to posts. On issue of these, a system of alarm signals will be arranged within the Unit.

(12). No Chaffirs are to be allowed on the railway track between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m., but may be so employed by day. Subject to above any native found on the permanent way is to be shot at sight. Anyone found tampering with the railway by day or night, is to be shot. Movement between villages and towns between the hours of 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. is prohibited. Anyone contravening this will be arrested. Any native seen riding a cycle, motor cycle, or horse, is to be stopped and if not in possession of an authorised pass, is to be interrogated, and if not satisfactory, will be detained for further investigation.

(13). As the Brigade may be on its present duty some time, it is necessary that the matter of sanitation be thoroughly gone into. Each post will be provided with proper latrines and method of deposit of garbage.

(14). All ranks are warned against the danger of bilharzia, which may be contracted by merely washing in untreated water. Water is not safe, unless either boiled, chlorinated, or filtered. C.O's. will see that detached posts are provided with means to chlorinate water.

20/3/'19.


Brigadier General,
Commanding 3rd Light Horse Brigade.

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To the G.O.C.,
No. 1 Section,
B E N H A .

On the evening of the 19th instant, at about 1830, a post of 1 N.C.O. and 3 men of the 10th Light Horse Regiment, on the ZAGAZIG - ISMAILIA Railway Line, about 4 miles from the former place, observed a party of natives exceeding a hundred in number approaching the post.

The natives were beating drums and blowing trumpets. Corporal Fergusson in charge of the post moved out toward the party and came back, saying:- "Its a wedding, it's alright". The procession then came into close proximity to the post, a number of men then sprang at the guard, knocked them down, disarmed them and beat and kicked them, using their rifles and sticks for the former purpose.

All the men were very severely handled; two of them got away to a neighboring railway cabin and telephoned for assistance. A mounted troop was immediately sent out and collected the four members of the post. Their rifles and accouplements had been stolen, three of the men have been sent to the Field Ambulance.

The Corporals wounds are very severe, both jaws broken, skull fractured and numerous bruises on the body. He is now unconscious and not expected to live.

The relieving troop found no trace of the natives. I at once ordered a squadron to ~~meet~~ surround the native villages in the vicinity at dawn and to bring in the omdas and leading sheikhs thereof. This they did.

An informal Court of Enquiry, consisting of Major Brinkworth of the 9th Light Horse Regiment, and Mr. Hopkins of the Finance Department, is now enquiring examining these omdas and sheikhs. One man has been identified by a member of the guard as being present at the assault. If definite evidence can be brought against any of the suspected persons, I propose to ask you for further instructions as to laying definite charges against them.

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20/3/19.

Brigadier General,
Commanding 3rd Light Horse Brigade.

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X. Corporal Fergusson died of wounds
at 2345 on 20-3-19

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Report on conflict with natives in village near BAHR ABU EL
AKHDAR, on Belbeis Zagazig Line. 21

The post in question consists of 1 N.C.O. and 12 other ranks.

The circumstances leading up to the event are as follows:-

The members of the post had been buying certain articles of food from the inhabitants.

The N.C.O. in charge made enquiries regarding the purchase of wood but was told that they could have it for nothing from the village 200 yd. south of the post. In this village there lived a native who spoke English. This man, yesterday afternoon, tried to enter into conversation with the guard. He told them that the post was going to be attacked that night from all sides and that the natives had a machine gun. He then expressed curiosity regarding the rifles, asking the men to show him how the bolt worked and also explain the sighting. To these questions no answer was given other than to tell him to clear off at once. The native then said they could have wood from the village - Accordingly this morning three men went to the village and asked for wood. The above mentioned native said he would send a "wallad" over with it later on. The soldiers returned to the post. By 1400, however, no wood was forthcoming so three men again went to the village, two of them taking their rifles and one going unarmed. The yard wherein the wood is stored is enclosed on all sides by a high wall and the entrance consists of high double doors. On arriving at the door, which was open, the English speaking native met them and said they could not have any wood. There were some 40/50 natives in the yard and about 60/70 more outside. The three soldiers stopped in the entrance. Suddenly the two with rifles were hustled through into the yard, the third being left outside. The doors were slammed shut - one of the soldiers was knocked out by a blow on the head from a piece of wood, his rifle was seized, the second man was rushed by 4 - 5 natives, who endeavoured to take his rifle. Meanwhile the man outside shouted for help and 5 or 6 of the guard ran over, burst through the door and found one soldier unconscious and the other fighting in the grip of 5 natives, while a sixth was about to strike him with a large stone. The men opened fire and two natives fell, some of the other natives then rushed at them with sticks and large stones - two more were shot and one bayoneted. The remainder of the crowd then fled. In all 4 natives were killed and one wounded.

One of our men was sent to the Field Ambulance suffering from wounds in the head.

21/3/'19.

War Diary (Signed) L.C. Wilson
Brigadier General,
Commanding 3rd Light Horse Brigade.

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MIT GAMR Patrol Report, 22/3/'19.

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This patrol left ZAGAZIG at 0515, 21/3/'19, and proceeded to MIT GAMR, via Qanayat, Miska and Dundit. This road is good for a motor car, although rather narrow in places. Qanayat and Dundit seemed particularly restless, but did nothing actually hostile. The patrol arrived at the Delta Light Railway Workshops at 1200; the workshops lie on the eastern side of MIT GAMR. At this place there were an English lady, two English Officers of the Delta Light Railway Company, a Greek family and 1 British Officer and 15 other ranks, who were doing engine room work and were mostly Bill class men. This party of soldiers was absolutely cut off from rations and had trouble in persuading the villagers to supply them. The British Officer reported a state of unrest at MIT GAMR. All telegraph lines and poles had been demolished right up to the boundary of the workshops and the natives had gone to the extent of pulling 3 carriages out of the sheds and demolishing them. For many reasons the British Officer had refrained from shooting. On the evening of the 21st, the party decided to evacuate as the force there was not nearly strong enough to keep order. It will be remembered that the population of MIT GAMR and Zifta is about that of ZAGAZIG. The party left in a train on 22/3/'19 at 0900, accompanied by this patrol. A few Turkish flags which had been pulled down on the arrival of this patrol were again unfurled as we moved off. Our route back lay through Santamai, Auleila, Diarb Negm, Ekiva, Qanayat. The first two villages appeared very bitter and attempted a demonstration, but a couple of revolver shots kept them back. The country from Kafr el Lebba to Saft seemed much more settled although we picked up a family of Greek refugees at Diarb, whose shops had been destroyed. Many breaks had to be mended in the railway line, particularly at Qanayat; which place we were ordered to supply a working party of 60 to pull the rails and sleepers out of the Qanayat Canal. The road back was also fit for motor cars. The telegraph lines interfered with were mainly those belonging to the Delta Railway Company.

No bridges were seen damaged and the Namour of MIT GAMR assured me that the bridges over the Nile at that point are intact.

The villages around MIT GAMR all seem to be in a state of great unrest and would require a fairly strong force to demonstrate and put the place in order.

I certainly think that the British Officer did right in coming away as his force was decidedly not strong enough to keep up the prestige of the English.

(Sgd). A. G. BURNS, Lieut.,
O/C. Patrol.

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C.O., No. 1 Section, Benha.

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Yesterday morning a railway construction train was sent out by the railway people Mit-Gamr to repair that line. I was not asked to make any provision for the picqueting of the line, nor was my attention specially drawn to the fact that a train was going out on an unguarded line. There were consequently only the usual escort of seven O/Ranks on the train. I have since requested the railway people to let me know in future before any trains are sent out on unguarded lines, so that I can provide for their communications back to Zagazig.

I heard late in the afternoon that a train was stuck up at Kilo 23. and could not get back as the rails were torn up on the Zagazig side of the train. At 1930 an engine with trucks attached moved out, proceeded by a railway trolley as pilot. The trolley had a machine gun under an Officer of the railway construction department. The train had an escort of 2/Lieut HAY 10th Regiment and 25 O/Ranks. Their instructions were to pick up the first train, bring it back if practicable, if not provide for it's safety.

Another construction train was to move out in the morning, fix up the line and bring them all back.

Lieut HAY arrived at Kilo 23, where the break was, left an escort with his train, marched into ZIFTA where he found the first train, crew and guard with local police co-operating.

At 1.30 the local inhabitants appeared very hostile and Mr HAY's party with the first train moved back to Kilo 23. Here Lieut LUNN's mounted patrol joined up this morning. I would here state that not having heard from these trains last night, I ordered a mounted patrol to leave at 0530 to get into touch with them.

Copy Lieut LUNN's report is attached hereto.

A third train, construction, moved out this morning with an escort of 1 Officer (2/Lieut MIDDLEDITCH, 10th Regiment.) and 20 O/Ranks and a party of 1 Officer and 60 O/Ranks for picquet duty.

This last party were dropped along the line at intervals of a mile to prevent the line being interfered with until the three trains were back.

It had the same railway trolley as pilot, the break three miles out from Zagazig was mended, the trolley being passed over the break in the meantime and proceeding. This trolley's machine gun got into action with a large party of natives who were wrecking the station at Kilo 18. It is estimated that 50 of them were killed. This third train then proceeded until it met the other two trains. All being clear there it started back followed by the trolley and the others.

Some further distance on towards Zagazig a large party of natives got on to the line apparently with the views of cutting off the trolley and the other trains. The now leading train opened on them with a Lewis Gun killing 10, the rear trolley and train then came up. The trolley was put in front as pilot, the trains were joined up into one and the whole party returned to Zagazig picking up the picquets on the way.

L. C. Wilson

23rd March 1919.

Brigadier General.,
Commanding 3rd Light Horse Brigade.

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3RD L. H. BRIGADE
 No. _____
 Date 6/186,
 23/3/19.
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REPORT ON MOTOR LORRY PATROL TO KUFURNEGM.
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Acting under instructions I, with 25 other ranks, with 1 Hotchkiss Rifle, left ZAGAZIG at 1500. 4 Miles along the Railway Line to HEHIA - 150 yards of Railway pulled up and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile telephone line cut down.

3 More breaks in Railway and Telegraph between this <sup>point</sup> and HEHIA.

From HEHIA to EL IBRAHIMIA all telephone poles cut down and railway broken in two places. One stone culvert partly destroyed, almost impassable for motor transport.

At EL IBRAHIMIA traffic bridge made impassable for all but foot traffic.

From EL IBRAHIMIA to KUFURNEGM ALL telephone line cut down and poles carried away, also all sleepers. Several deep drains cut in road. Impassable for wheeled traffic.

At KEFR KEGM railway bridge destroyed.

I arrived at EL IBRAHIMIA at 1700, found several houses flying Turkish flags. Had them pulled down. Patrolled out  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile on KUFURNEGM road. Found natives carrying away sleepers. I opened fire and dispersed same. 1 Killed, 4 wounded. Returned and bivouaced  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from EL IBRAHIMIA.

At 0600 I took a patrol to KUFURNEGM, (dis-mounted). Found natives carrying away sleepers and digging pit on road. Opened fire and dispersed. Killed 5, wounded several. Returned ZAGAZIG 0930.

(Sgd). E. RICHARDSON, Lieut.,  
 10th A.L.H. Regiment.

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LOCATION OF TROOPS, 3RD LIGHT HORSE BRIGADE, AT 0900, 24/3/'19.

| Unit                                                | Location                                                               | Remarks                                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| (S.H.Q.)<br>Signals                                 | Irrigation Office, Zagazig.                                            |                                                                                                         |
| Fld. Amb.                                           | House next Irrigation Office, Zagazig.                                 |                                                                                                         |
| (8th L.H. Rgt<br>less 2 mtd<br>troops               | H.Q. MINA EL QAMH holding railway ZAGAZIG exclusive to BENHA exclusive | Under tactical command No. 1 Section, BENHA.                                                            |
| (2 Mounted<br>Troops                                | <i>Banque D'Orient</i><br>Near BAQU-BOUENT, ZAGAZIG                    | Brigade reserve.                                                                                        |
| (9th L.H. Rgt<br>Headquarters<br>and mtd. sqd       | Near P. of W. camp, ZAGAZIG                                            | Mounted Squadron used for patrols.                                                                      |
| (2 Squadrons<br>dismounted                          | Holding railway line to BELBEIS and section of ISMAILIA LINE.          |                                                                                                         |
| (10th LH Reg<br>less detach<br>ments.               | Near Banque D'Orient, ZAGAZIG.                                         | Provides railway guards and town picquets.                                                              |
| (Detachment                                         | Mudereh Buildings                                                      | Garrison.                                                                                               |
| (3rd MG Sqd<br>Headquart-<br>ers and 1<br>sub sect. | Near Supply, Depot, Zagazig.                                           |                                                                                                         |
| (1 Sect 4g                                          | Railway Station, ZAGAZIG                                               | Station garrison.                                                                                       |
| (1 Sub Sec                                          | Mudireh Building                                                       | Att. 10th L.H. Reg.                                                                                     |
| (1 Sub Sec                                          | At Bde. Headquarters                                                   |                                                                                                         |
| (1 Sub Sec                                          | With 8th L.H. Reg. Hdqrs.                                              |                                                                                                         |
| (14th LH R.<br>less detch                           | BELBEIS .....                                                          | )100 Men mounted by<br>(Post Commandant,<br>)BELBEIS, patrolling<br>(line BELBEIS -<br>)SHEBIN QANATER. |
| (Detachmt                                           | ZAGAZIG.                                                               |                                                                                                         |



*Wahner*  
Captain.

23/3/'19.

Brigade Major, 3rd Light Horse Brigade.

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- 8th, 9th, 10th, 3rd M.G. Squadron, 3rd L.H. Fld. Amb.
- 3rd Signal Troop, Aus. Div., G.O.C., No. 1 Sect.,
- 14th L.H. Regt., 8th L.H. Detach.

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*War Diary*



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G. O. C.  
No 1 Section.  
B E N H A .

Herewith copy of report on mounted patrol to FAQUS 23rd-24th inst. Strength of patrol 1 officer (LT. F.J.Kildea 9th L.H.Rgt.) and 32 other ranks.

"Under instructions patrol consisting of 1 officer and 32 O/R left ZAGAZIG at 0630 23rd inst and proceeded in an easterly direction until reaching the FAQUS CANAL when followed right bank of canal in northerly direction. Telegraph line on left of canal completely destroyed. Light railway running from ABU KEBIR to HELBEIS torn up for several chains at SALAMUN. Arrived at FAQUS at 1430 23rd inst. Turkish flags were flying on Police Barracks and Court House, had same removed. Patrolled FAQUS accompanied by an Egyptian Police officer and observed that contents of a Christian church had been completely destroyed and all valuables stolen, also that some of the business places had been damaged. Returned to the Police Barracks and camped for the night, during which time everything was quiet and orderly. Moved off at 0600 on 24th inst. escorting about 20 of the European population who desired to proceed to ZAGAZIG, and followed railway running from FAQUS to ZAGAZIG. Observed rail removed at CHABA and various places to ABU KEBIR, at which station there was a fair amount of rolling stock. Met patrol consisting of Lt. Wagg (9th L.H.R.) and 10 O/Rks. one mile South East of last mentioned place. Rails have been removed from railway at various places to HEMIA at which place is an engine and eight coaches. Railway much damaged between last mentioned station and ZAGAZIG to which place I returned at 1600. The natives did not seem at all hostile they were friendly to my patrol. Police at FAQUS seemed anxious for military assistance to maintain order."

Signed F.J.Kildea Lt.

*Wahner Capt 8m*  
Brigadier General,  
Commanding 3rd L.H. Brigade.

24/3/19



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To/ G.O.C., No.1. Section, B E N H A.

Herewith copy of report of mounted patrol to KAQR SAQR. Consisting of one troop of 8th Light Horse Regiment under Lieut Streeter.

I moved out from ZAGAZIG at 0530 on the 23rd inst and found that between Zagazig and HEHIA that the railway was broken in five places. The road is passable and the inhabitants were quiet. At Hehia station there was one train complete. About a mile from Hehia station, telegraph communication to EL IBRAHIMIA is destroyed all poles have been taken away. The inhabitants of El Ibrahimia were quiet. I found from El Ibrahimia to Kufur Negin that there was a bridge destroyed and the ~~skaspsaxxtaksnxwxay~~ footboards were in front of the Omdar's house. The railway has been destroyed and the sleepers taken away, telegraphic communication has been destroyed and poles and wires taken away. At Kufur Negin the Station has been taken away and about two hundred yards further on a bridge has been destroyed, thus making the road impssable for wheeled traffic.

At Kufur Negin about one hundred natives were on the railway line I gave orders to fire. To my knowledge there were two killed. I then controlled along the Canal to Kafr Saqr, as I was approaching Kafr Saqr I noticed about one hundred and fifty natives on the line, I ~~ordered~~ ordered my Hotchkiss to open fire at six hundred yards. The crowd on the line dispersed, I then moved up to the right of the village and found a large crowd gathered. On riding forward I found that a market was being held. I ordered my troop not to fire. I then proceed to KAQR SAQR and found all quiet. I then went on to KAQR GHANNAN and found that between KAQR SAQR and KAQR GHANNAN the line was broken in two places. All inhabitants were quiet. I returned to KAQR SAQR and remained the night. At 0800 I moved out in the direction of ABU KEBIR, I found the railway broken in three places, the road was passable for wheeled traffic. The inhabitants were quiet. At ABU KEBIR a signal box and signals were broken, there were two trains there, both engines were intact, but the remainder of the train damaged. From ABU KEBIR to HEHIA the railway was broken in four places. Telegraphic communication has been destroyed and poles have been taken away. From HEHIR to ZAGAZIG the line and telegraphic communication is in the same condition as when I moved out on the 23rd instant.

My orders were that I was to call on refugees at KUFUR NEGIM, KAQR GHANNAN and any others that wanted to come back to ZAGAZIG. The people to be called on at KUFUR NEGIM were not there. From KAQR GHANNAN I brought 1 man, 3 women and 1 boy, I also received a certificate from 1 man to say that he did not want to come in. From KAQR SAQR I obtained certificates from 12 persons that they did not want to come in. From HEHIR I brought in 3 men and 1 woman.

(Sgde). CHAS STREETER, Lieut.

*Chas Streeter*

Brigadier General.

Commanding 3rd Light Horse Brigade.

26/3/'19.

Copy to:-

Australian Mounted Division.

To,

G.O.C.,

No. 1. Section.

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Herewith copy of Patrol report. 3 Officers and 60 6/Ranks  
9th L.H. Regiment under Capt. E.M. LUXMORE to SINBELLAWAIN via EL QUNIAT.  
25th, - 26th March 1919.

The Patrol left ZAGAZIG at 0600 on 25th March 1919.

At EL QUNIAT the natives crowded into the streets but were prevented from making any ~~disturbance~~ demonstration by the native police. Here no fresh damage was done to the Delta Light Railway since it had been prepared by a breakdown train a few days ago. The Omdar was interviewed and said the natives were now under control.

At BAHNABAI the line had been freshly torn up for a quarter of a mile. The Omdar was sent for by messenger but refused to come until I sent troops to bring him. A native fired on patrol here and was subsequently shot, a revolver and double gun were taken from him. The Omdar was then made to bring natives and have rails and sleepers taken out of Canal where they had been thrown. This work was being carried out when patrol left. A message was sent to Brigade suggesting that a troop be sent out to see that this work was finished.

EKWA was quiet, railway was not damaged but telegraph cut.

At SAFT ZERIEQ no damage was done to railway and telegraph communication could be got to SIMBELLAWAIN. A halt was made here for lunch and the natives were quite quiet and peaceful. DIARB NEGM was quiet, police having complete control over the natives.

One mile from SIMBELLAWAIN patrol was met by Omdar Markaz and four mounted police and escorted through town with much ceremony to Irrigation Rest House which was put at our disposal. Picqueting and fuel was provided and a mounted and dismounted police picquet placed in vicinity of patrol to keep natives at a distance who showed an intense interest in the troops. The order and discipline of this town was splendid, the Greek inhabitants were paraded and asked questions regarding their treatment. None of their shops had been broken and none of them wished to leave the town. The Delta Railway had not been damaged from EKWA to SIMBELLAWAIN.

ROAD. The road from SIMBELLAWAIN TO ZAGAZIG is not metalled but has a good hard smooth surface fit for motor traffic and will take cavalry in sections of fours. No bridges are damaged.

Patrol left SIMBELLAWAIN for IBRAHIMIEH via KAFR SAQKR at 0630 on 26th March 1919.

TARANIS quiet and orderly. Omdar interviewed re damage to telegraph. Railway not touched.

At ABU EL SHEQUQ railway is cut and bridge damaged also telegraph down. Omdar after much pressing produced list of names supposed to be implicated in damage to bridge and railway, list is attached herewith.

KAFR SAQKR quiet, police having complete control. Bridge between this town and SHEQUQ damaged and line cut also another break near SAQKR and two trucks derailed.

KUFUR NEGM The inhabitants here are quiet and seem very frightened. Here every sleeper is taken from line and station destroyed. Omdar given three days in which to return sleepers and as much material as possible. Telegraph post found in Omdar's house.

At IBRAHIMIEH everything was quiet, flooring of large bridge removed and telegraph destroyed. Omdar given until 0700 on 27/3/19 to replace flooring of bridge. Natives worked all night at bridge and troop sent in on morning of 27/3/19 report flooring completely restored. As this damage was all done last market day I issued orders that the market for the 27/3/19 be cancelled, the Omdar was to let this be known throughout the district, but this morning as a number of natives had come in with produce I allowed the market to be held. Patrol camped here the night.

Patrol left ZAGAZIG via HEHIA at 0700 on 27/3/19.

HEHIA was quiet and orderly. The Markaz of police was interviewed, he reported everything quiet and very little damage done. I gave the Chief of police orders to send four mounted troopers to IBRAHIMIEH to help the police there in case any trouble occurred at the market. The State Railway is cut in three places between HEHIA and ZAGAZIG.

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ROADS. The road from SIMBELLAWAIN to IBRAHIMIEH is bad and very narrow in places, impassable for motor traffic.

The road from IBRAHIMIEH to ZAGAZIG is good fit for motor traffic and will take cavalry in sections of fours.

I wish to mention the splendid services rendered by Mr. Nicholson, Traffic Manager of Delta Light Railway who accompanied the patrol, without whom information would have been extremely difficult to obtain.

ZAGAZIG.  
27th March 1919.

(Sgd.) E.M. LUXMORE, Capt  
9th Light Horse Regiment.

Brigadier General.  
Commanding 3rd Light Horse Brigade.

Copy to :-

Australian Mounted Division.

Memo.

We left ZAGAZIG 6-30 a.m., 25/3/'19. No further damage had been caused to the line or telegraph as far as KAYANAT. KAYANAT village was apparently cowed because as soon as they saw us approaching the gaffirs, etc. cleared the people off the road into the village.

About 2 kilos. after KAYANAT there were two or three fresh breaks in the line of short lengths, instead of removing rails altogether, sleepers had been taken out from underneath and fishplates removed, leaving rails looking almost normal. This would be very difficult to see from an approaching train.

Where the line crosses the canal between BAHNSBAI & TAYIBA a stretch of about 700 metres was tampered with, 4 or 5 lengths, (about 50 metres), with sleepers had been thrown into the canal and sleepers and fishplates removed from the remainder. Two messengers were sent to the Omdah, BAHNABAI and two to TAYIBA to tell them to come and see the Officer in charge. As they failed to do so, troops were sent and the Omdah of BAHNABAI came at once, but nobody in authority was got from TAYIBA. I understand the Omdah was away and his son, (who is, I believe Wakil El Omdah), refused to come. Villagers were told to come and pick the rails, etc. out of the canal, but as they were slow in coming, troops were sent to round them up. While doing so a man was seen with a gun and when rounding him up he shot at one of the soldiers. The soldier escaped, the man was at once shot. Villagers were left picking up material from canal.

From there onwards there were no fresh breaks to DIARB NIGM and from DIARB to SIMBELLAWIN there were no breaks at all but the telegraph was broken in places. The telephone also had been cut but was being repaired by MAMOUR EL MARKAZ and was in fair condition.

All villages in Markaz El Simbellawin from SAFT to SIMBELLAWIN seemed in extremely good order and extraordinarily little damage had been caused. SIMBELLAWIN itself was very quiet and seemed quite well disposed. I had a talk to some of the notable there who gave me an explanation as to the beginning of the movement, but disclaimed all sympathy with the indiscriminate damage caused and said they had used their personal influence to prevent damage in the Markaz. They certainly seemed to have been successful.

We interviewed several Greeks, etc. who all expressed themselves as satisfied as to their safety, and we

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did not hear of one case where they had been molested.

Two or three Delta trucks had been derailed at various spots in SIMBELLAWIN Station and just outside.

In SIMBELLAWIN to ABOU CHEKOUK the line was in order except that the bridge just north of ABOU CHEKOUK station where the line had been ripped up and the brick arch of the bridge partly broken. Also telegraph opposite TARANIS, (between SIMBELLAWIN and BARKIN), was broken - the Omdah was warned.

Omdah ABOU Chekouk disclaimed responsibility and tried to blame all other villages for damage done. He gave a list of the people from other villages who he states he saw damaging the bridge, (this list is with the Officer in charge of the Patrol). ABOU CHEKOUK station is damaged and partly pillaged and two or three Greek shops broken into. This was done by the crowd from the market on Sunday, 16/3/'19, and the bridge was damaged a few days later.

Between ABOU CHEKOUK and KAHR SAKR another railway and road bridge is damaged - parapet broken and a hole through the brick arch, and a culvert is also broken. Near KAHR SAKR two or three sections of line are ripped up, two ESR trucks are derailed and the telegraph and telephone considerably damaged.

KAHR SAKR itself seemed in good order and I understand only 1 small shop has been broken. We interviewed the Greek inhabitants who expressed themselves satisfied as to the condition of the place.

KAHR SAKR to KOFOUR NIGM - nothing to report.

From KHODARIA, (where our line crosses the BAHR MOES), to IBRAHIMIEH there are no telegraph or telephone poles or sleepers left and I understand the same applies to the line from KHORBETTA to MEBASHER SHARKIA.

Also KOFOUR NIGM station kiosk and furniture removed, trucks derailed and wooden sides stolen - E.D.L.R. bridge thrown into canal and three or four cuts across roadway.

We went into KHODARIA village but failed to find anyone in authority. We, however, found telephone poles in the Omdah's house and the explanation given by one





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or two villagers was that it had been put there for safe custody.

Omdah KOFOUR NIGM was seen and he was given three days to put rails, etc. back in position.

At IBRAHIMIEH the wooden platform of bridge had been removed and although the planks were lying just near, nothing had been done by Mulahry? Omdah to repair it. They were ordered to do so by 7 a.m. next day, (27/3/19) This was done as a troop returned and found the platform in good order. In our station two trucks were tipped on their sides, station lamp and windows and carriages slightly damaged.

IBRAHIMIEH to HEHIA - telephone poles for about 5 kilos. disappeared, woodwork of HALAWAT station stolen and two small cuts in the line.

HEHIA to ZAGAZIG - 3 or 4 small cuts in line and wires damaged in places.

We returned to ZAGAZIG 10-30 a.m.,  
27/3/'19.

There was no demonstration of any kind against us, and the general impression I got is that the people are thoroughly afraid. We had several instances where fields were absolutely deserted and yet where it was obvious that people had just left their work.

SIMBELLAWIN MARKAZ is relatively in an excellent condition and the amount of damage done there, so far as we saw, is almost negligible.

The cut opposite BAHNABAI was done on 22/3/'19, after we had passed the relief train from MIT GAMR and is just near the place where we apparently disturbed them before.

Also the damage is front of KOFOUR NIGM and in both directions is serious.

(Sgd). R.B. NICHOLSON,  
27/3/'19.



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Report of reconnaissance ZAGAZIG to MIT GHAMR, with No. 3  
armoured train.

L.H. brigade. Instructions G/242, of 25/3/'19, 3rd  
Reference map Egypt 1/250,000, sheet E.F.

Left A.S.C. siding 0925 on 27/3/'19 with  
No. 3 armoured train, construction gang, 3 Officers and 100  
other ranks from 10th L.R. Regiment, and carrying one day's  
rations for N.Z.M.R.'s.

A motor trolley with 1 machine gun and  
1 Hotchkiss rifle preceded us as pilot. Lieut. Smith in  
charge.

Stop near EL MAKKANA at about kilo. 5,  
and dropped first post 0940.

0955 - 1300 Repairing 6 lengths of line  
at kilo. 7. 6 Telephone poles cut down and taken away  
together with wires.

1312 Arrived EL NAKHAS, found station  
intact.

1325, kilo. 12, 11 telegraph poles down,  
and wire and poles removed; dropped 3rd post at village of  
ZEIN.

Kilo. 13 two telegraph poles cut.  
Sleepers at bridge near kilo. 15 required ballasting. 2  
Telegraph poles cut.

1400 - Arrived MIT EL QORASHI; railway  
station wrecked. Left Lieut. Strutton and 4th post nearby,  
at about kilo. 17½.

1410 - Met N.Z.M.R. under Colonel  
Batchelor going towards KORASHI,

1420 - Stopped to repair a break 3  
lengths of rails. Rounded up local villagers and compelled  
them to assist in repairing line. Moved at 1650.

1655 - 1930 - Stopped at kilo. 20½ to  
repair 8 lengths of line thrown into ditch alongside; put  
out 5th post.

While at previous break at 1630  
N.Z.M.R. passed us going N.W. up line, having investigated  
villages near KORASHI.



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Innumerable telegraph poles cut and line destroyed near Here.

1940 - Arrived at a break of 3 lengths of line at kilo. 21.

Track badly damaged and rails and sleepers thrown into adjacent canal.

Worked by searchlight till 2300, then retain-Omdahs and put them under guard and sent balance of villagers back to their respective homes, with instructions to report the following morning at 0700 with mungaree for construction gang, they having been sent out with only 1 day's rations.

Local villagers reported as directed, break was repaired and train moved on at 0915 on 28/3/'19.

0920 - Held up at kilo. 22 by break of 4 lengths.

Some natives in vicinity of DONDIT were averse to assisting us and 1 becoming ~~adversive~~ was shot, and 2 others who broke guard were bayoneted. *Fortite*

Moved forward at 1200. DONDIT station damaged, two trucks derailed there and points broken.

Several BONDIT - MIT GHAMR railway tickets found in DONDIT village.

Inhabitants of DONDIT pressed into work and Omdah and Sheiks brought in.

1230 - Held up at kilo. 25 by partially broken line.

N.Z.M.R. mounted patrol got touch with us 1230, also Major Macpherson.

Left kilo. 25 1245 by motor trolly - 3 spans of rails out of line at kilo. 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 6 spans thrown into ditch at kilo. 28.

MIT GHAMR station intact, also 6 arch railway bridge over river and ZIFTA railway station and watertank.

Reported to C.O., N.Z.M.R., at 1400, together with Major Macpherson.

Arrived back at train, kilo. 26 $\frac{1}{2}$  at 1430.



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Left on return journey 1500. Shunted engine at DONBIT, picked up posts on way back and reached A.S.C. siding 1700.

Construction gang and natives worked remarkably well at a hard and constant job throughout.

(Sgd). H.B. Hamlin, Major,  
10th A.L.H. Regiment.  
O.C. Train.

Z A G A Z I C -- 1700, 28/3/19. (Sgd). L.C. Aitken, Lieut.,  
O.C. No. 3 armoured Train.



To the G.O.C., No. 1 Section,  
BENHA.

Copy to Australian Mounted Division.

*War Diary*

*[Signature]*  
Brigadier General,  
Commanding 3rd Light Horse Brigade.

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PROPOSED DISTRIBUTION OF TROOPS, 3rd A.L.H. BRIGADE AREA.

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(1). MOUNTED TROOPS.

(a). 14th L.H. Regiment.

Camped at ABU KEBIR and patrolling that portion of the province of SHARQUIA, east of the road ABU HAMAD to ABU KEBIR and the railway ABU KEBIR to the boundary of the province N.W. of ABU SHRQUQ; and north of the BAGAZIG - ISMAILIA railway. (Canal zone exclusive)

(b). 11th L.H. Regiment, plus 1 sub-section 4th M.G. Squadron.

Camped at MANSURA and patrolling all that portion of the province of SAQAHLIA north east of railway ABU SHRQUQ to SIMBELLAWAIN and the road from SIMBELLAWAIN to the Nile at MINYET SAMANNUD.

(c). 1 Mounted Squadron 8th L.H. Regiment. (less 2 troops).

Camped at MIT GHAMR and patrolling the sector bounded on the north by the SIMBELLAWAIN - MINYET SAMANNUD Road; on the west by the River Nile, (Damietta Branch), on the south by the DIARB NEGIM - MIT GHAMR Road and on the east by the DIARB NEGIM - SIMBELLAWAIN Road.

(d). 2 Troops 8th L.H. Regiment.

Camped at MINYET EL GANN and patrolling the area north of BENHA - BAGAZIG Railway exclusive bounded on the west by the River Nile and on the E.S. by the E.S. Railway BAGAZIG to MIT GHAMR.

(e). 1 Mounted Squadron, 9th L.H. Regiment.

Camped at BAGAZIG and patrolling the remainder of this Brigade area.

(2). DISMOUNTED TROOPS.

(a). Post of 2 Officers and 60 other ranks, 10th Light Horse Regiment, at MANSURA to act as Town Garrison. This detachment will be under the command of the C.O., 11th Light Horse Regiment.

(b). Post of 3 Officers and <sup>75</sup> other ranks, 10th Light Horse Regiment, with 1 sub-section Machine Gun Squadron, at MIT GHAMR as Town Garrison.

(c). Post of 1 Officer and 20 other ranks, 10th Light Horse Regiment, at ABU KEBIR to assist 14th Light Horse Regiment with town guards.

(d). 10th Light Horse Regiment, less detachments and 3rd M.G. Squadron, (less detachments), as Brigade Reserve at BAGAZIG, (available for reinforcement of posts and for mounting when horses are available).

(e). Brigade Troops. Brigade Headquarters, Signal Troop, Field Ambulance, Mobile Veterinary Section, at BAGAZIG.

(3). TROOPS DETACHED ON RAILWAYS.

Dismounted, 9th L.H. Regiment, (less 1 mounted

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mounted squadron).

8th L.H. Regiment, (less 1 mounted squadron), *plus*  
*10th 13 O/R 2 guns 3rd MGS.*

2 Officers, 50 O/R, 2 guns, 3rd M.G. Squadron.  
(Station Guard).

On Town Duty (1 Officer, 15 O/R, 2 guns, 3rd MGS, (Mudireh Guard).

SAGAZIG. (1 Officer, 20 O/R, 10th L.H. Regt. ( do do

These troops will be handed over temporarily  
to tactical command of General Kiely pending their replacement by  
other troops.

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To the G.O.C.,  
78th Division.

Forwarded.

*[Signature]*

Brigadier General,  
Commanding 3rd Light Horse Brigade.

29/3/19.



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Report on patrol through EL QANAYAT.

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Under instructions patrol consisting of 1 Officer and 30 other ranks left ZAGAZIG at 0630 and proceeded through EL QANAYAT. Slight damage to light railway between ABU HAMAD stations. Market at last named place has been badly damaged.

Proceeded along light railway towards DIGAIB NIGM, light railway 2 miles north of EL QAYANAT has been torn up for several chains, slight damage at different places to DIGAIB NIGM where there is a small amount of rolling stock. Telegraph line is badly damaged between EL QAYANAT and DIGAIB NIGM.

Proceeded along light railway leading through SHABAH where there are 8 waggons, followed railway as far SHARQUET MEBASHEE where road bridge leading over BANR MASHIUT canal has been torn up. Proceeded along BANR MASHIUT canal towards ZAGAZIG, at which place arrived at 1700. Telegraph running parallel with canal has been cut in various places and badly damaged for 2 miles previous to entering ZAGAZIG.

(Sgd). F.J. Kildea,  
O.C. Patrol. Lieut.

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To the G.O.C.,  
No. 1 Section, BENHA.

Forwarded for your information.

29/3/19.

*W.D. Caff*  
Brigadier General,  
Commanding 3rd Light Horse Brigade.

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Report of 8th Light Horse Patrol, 29/3/'19.

Moved out from ZAGAZIG at 0630 along BELBEIS line to BORDIEN. Patrolled east to KAFR ABAZA and found natives quiet and working in the fields.

Patrolled north east to AMRIT, natives quiet and orderly.

Continued patrol ES SIWA and found a market being held, natives quiet and orderly.

Proceeded north to SAFT EL HENNA and found everything in order.

Returned to ZAGAZIG by main road.

(Sgd). Chas. Streeter, Lieut.

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To the G.O.C., No. 1 Section,  
BENHA.

For your information.

*Chas. Streeter*

29/3/'19.

Commanding 3rd Light Horse Brigade.

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