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HEADQUARTERS 4th A.L.H. BRIGADE.

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Captain, Signature of Officer Commanding

Brigade Major,  
4th A.L.H. Brigade.

*Major B. ...*

.....Lieut-Colonel,  
Commanding 4th A.L.H. Brigade.



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4th ALH Brigade

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MOASCAR ISMALIA	1.4.19	1800	<p>Mobile Column from 4<sup>th</sup> LH Regt camped at KAFA DAWAR having moved from DAMANHOUR on 30<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> LH Regt. left ABU HAMAD en route to MANSURA, being now under Command of G.O.C. ZAGAZIG Sectd, Brig-Gen. L.C. WILSON C.M.G. D.S.O., G.O.C. 3<sup>rd</sup> ALH Bde.</p> <p>Attached to 11<sup>th</sup> LH Regt. is one Section 4<sup>th</sup> MG Squadron.</p> <p>The Regiment arrived at AQUA at 1800, bivouacking there for the night.</p> <p>12<sup>th</sup> LH Regt arrived at AYAT by road from BADRESHEIN, having left MENA the previous day. This Regiment is en route for MINIA, being under Command of Major-General SAEA.</p>	A.H.M.
	2.4.19	0900	<p>12<sup>th</sup> LH Regt. arrived WASTA.</p>	
		0800	<p>11<sup>th</sup> LH Regt. left AQUA 0900 and arrived SIMBELLAWAIN at 1500.</p>	A.H.M.
	3.4.19		<p>11<sup>th</sup> LH Regt. left SIMBELLAWAIN at 0800, arriving MANSURA 1300, where Lt Col of Regiment, Lieut-Col. P.J. BAILEY D.S.O. assumed command of MANSURA Subsection of the ZAGAZIG Sectd.</p> <p>Mobile Column from 4<sup>th</sup> LH Regt. moved from KAFA EL DAWAR, and visited the villages of KOM EL BIRKA, BARBAMA, EL BASLAQAN, KOM EL MAYGAR, KOM EL HANASH, moving along the Seltar Railway. The Bridge over MUBARIYA Drain was found slightly burned, though passable for all except wheeled traffic.</p> <p>Inhabitants along the route were quiet but sullen. Several sheikhs of villages were arrested <del>for</del> in connection with evidence of cases of crime occurring in the district.</p>	
	4.4.19		<p>4<sup>th</sup> LH mobile column moved from KOM EL HANASH through EL GHAYATA to ABU EL MATAMIR.</p> <p>The MATAMIR area was found to be hostile, and necessitated a thorough search.</p>	A.H.M.

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MOASCAR ISMAILIA.	4.4.19	1500	<p>One Squadron 11<sup>th</sup> LH Regt. moved to DEKERNES, arriving at 1500. The town was found to be quiet and orderly.</p>	
			<p>at MANOURA 11<sup>th</sup> LH Regt. was held standing to all day, as the people were very excited.</p>	
			<p>12<sup>th</sup> LH Regt. moved from WASTA to BENI SUEF.</p>	HAM
	5.4.19		<p>4<sup>th</sup> LH Mobile Column searched the villages of ES LIHARIB and KISHEIK, arresting all the male population and taking them to MATAMIR for investigation.</p>	
			<p>Sqdn. 11<sup>th</sup> LH Regt. moved from DEKERNES to MANZALA, thence to MATARIA, and back to MANZALA, where 1/2 Sqdn. is to remain.</p>	
			<p>at MIT SALZIA the troops were stoned by the mob, and fired, killing two natives and wounding two.</p>	
			<p>at MANZALA, the mob stoned the train. The train guard fired, killing 2 natives and wounding 8.</p>	
			<p>On the return journey, the guard fired on a party of natives pulling up the line near MANZALA. 1 Native killed 2 Wounded.</p>	
			<p>12<sup>th</sup> LH Regt. moved from BENI SUEF to EL FASHN less one Squadron which was detached to MASSEY'S Force at BENI SUEF.</p>	HAM
			<p>11<sup>th</sup> LH supplied guards on reconstruction train repairing the railway line at MATARIA.</p>	
	6.4.19		<p>The system adopted was to muster all male villagers in the vicinity under guard and make them pick out of the canal and replace the sleepers and rails, which had been thrown into the canal in lengths.</p>	
			<p>All classes of native whether effendi or fellahin were made to work. This had a very beneficial effect on the natives, particularly the fellahin, who were greatly impressed with the justice of making all males in the district work at repairing the damage done in that district.</p>	HAM

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MOASCAR ISMALIA	6.4.19		One Squadron 11 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt moved to FARASKUR, to patrol from DAMIETTA to SHERBIN. 2 Troops are to be posted at DAMIETTA and 2 Troops at FARASKUR. At FARASKUR, the natives became very threatening, and started to rush the Squadron camp. Troops fired, wounding 4 natives.	H.M.
	7.4.19		12 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt. (less 1 Sqn) moved to ABU EL WAQF. Half Sqn 11 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt left MANZALA to return to MANSURA. One troop sent to BEHRA to investigate trouble reported to be brewing there, found all quiet.	
	8.4.19		12 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt (less 1 Sqn) moved to SAMALUT. Patrols from 4 <sup>th</sup> LH Mobile Column at MATAMIR, visited KOM TURUGA, KOMET TIBN, and neighbouring villages, and found all quiet.	H.M.
	9.4.19		Patrols from 4 <sup>th</sup> LH at MATAMIR searched the surrounding villages for arms and suspects. 12 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt (less 1 Sqn) arrived at MINIA and reported to COULSTONS Force, which is part of Gen. Shea's Group. En route from WASTA to MINIA, numerous villages were searched, whilst demonstrations with drawn swords were made through other villages. At SAMALUT, the natives were decidedly friendly but generally speaking those encountered were of hostile disposition. One Squadron 11 <sup>th</sup> LH arrived at DAMIETTA found all quiet and orderly. Two troops of 12 <sup>th</sup> LH raided the village of TALLA, found all quiet.	H.M.

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MOASCAR ISMAILIA.	10.4.19		<p>Location of 4<sup>th</sup> LH Regt today is as follows:—                      Regt. Hd. and Hd. of 2 Sqdns. with 3 Offrs 75 OIR at DAMAN HOUR                      1 Officer 50 OIR at KEFR DAWAR                      1 " 30 " " ABU HOMMOS                      1 " 25 " " DENSHALL                      1 " 29 " " ITAI EL BAROUD                      1 " 25 " " TEWFIKIEH.</p> <p>Mobile column of 1 Sqdn 4<sup>th</sup> LH Regt, and 3 Officers 62 OIRs of 4<sup>th</sup> MG Sqdn. are at present at ABU EL MATAMIR.</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> LH Regt. less 2 Squadrons is at MANSURA; One Sqdn. being established at MANZALA, less 2 troops at MANSURA; the other Sqdn. being at DAMIETTA less 2 troops at FARASKUR.</p> <p>12<sup>th</sup> LH Regt (less 1 Sqdn). is at MINIA; One Sqdn. being at BENI SUEF.</p> <p><del>H.Q. and 3 Sections</del> 4<sup>th</sup> MG Sqdn. <sup>(less 1 section)</sup> at DAMAN HOUR with 4<sup>th</sup> LH Regt; 1 Section being with 11<sup>th</sup> LH at MANSURA.</p> <p>Bde. Hd. and remainder of the Brigade, with a few details from each Regt. and the MG. Sqdn. are at MOASCAR.</p> <p>Patrol of 11<sup>th</sup> LH from DEKERNES via BAHR TANAH reported very little damage to that railway line. Rails that had been removed, are being replaced by the Omdahs of villages.</p> <p>Patrol of 11<sup>th</sup> LH from MANZALA visited neighbouring villages; MANZALA and EL GAMALIA very hostile, though doing nothing calling for redress.</p> <p>One troop 12<sup>th</sup> LH entrained at MINIA for MALLAWI.</p>	

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MOASCAR ISMAILIA	12.4.19		<p>4<sup>th</sup> LH Regt arrested Stationmaster at DENSHALL, endeavouring to purchase firearms from troops on post there.</p> <p>A mounted patrol from 4<sup>th</sup> LH, was fired on about Kils 127; by natives with shot guns. Two of the patrol were killed.</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> LH Regt forwarded copy of report of Political Officer attached to that Regiment. This report shows the attitude of the population clearly.</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> LH at MANSUVA arrested two more natives endeavouring to purchase firearms from the troops. The natives offer almost any price in their desire to purchase arms.</p>	<p>Appendix 29</p>
	13.4.19		<p>Two troops from 12<sup>th</sup> LH Sqn. at BENI SUEF were fired on when approaching BAHUL. On the order of Col. Massey, the patrol fired, killing 5 natives &amp; wounding 3, and taking 11 prisoners. 9 shot guns and 2 pistols were confiscated.</p> <p>11<sup>th</sup> LH Patrol from MANZALA, visited the villages in the neighbourhood, and reported all quiet, with the exception of GAMALIA, which is still very hostile. Here the crowd were dispersed by using the flat of drawn swords.</p> <p>One Squadron 12<sup>th</sup> LH, raided BURGAYA, and one Sqn. DAMSHIR. No resistance was offered by the natives and no evidence of hostile intentions was discovered.</p>	<p>(Hh)</p> <p>(Hh)</p>
	14.4.19		<p>Demonstrations are being held today by the villagers of DAMIETTA and FARASKUR. Villagers are quiet and orderly.</p> <p>Numerous demonstrations are held periodically throughout the country, though all on the whole, are peaceful.</p> <p>12<sup>th</sup> LH Regt made a demonstration with drawn swords today, to impress the people of MINIA.</p>	<p>(Hh)</p>

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MONSAR ISMAILIA	14.4.19		Today all men whose leave to the United Kingdom has been approved under the 10% leave scheme, and who can be spared from their units, have been ordered to be despatched to 'A' Details Camp, Monscar, at once to await embarkation. Leave for officers has not yet been approved by H.Q. AIF in E. This 10% leave is in accordance with the memo. from Anst. H.Q. (Egypt) 2A 56497, of 24/2/19.	Alh Appendix <u>30</u>
	15.4.19		Patrols from all posts are sent out periodically to visit the neighbouring villages, but on the whole the people are fast settling down again to their normal operations, and as a rule these patrols have nothing unusual to report.	Alh
	16.4.19		11 <sup>th</sup> LH. posted a guard on the British consulate at MANSURA, to ensure that no damage is attempted by the natives.	Alh
	17.4.19		Brig. Gen Grant BSO. assumed command temporarily of Anst. Mt. Dr. Patrol of 11 <sup>th</sup> LH. 1 officer & 10 OR from MANSURA, patrolled between the GABADA canal and NIZAM Drain, to BENI OBEID, bivouacking there the night and returning along the GABADA canal to MANSURA at 1500 on 18 <sup>th</sup> inst. In all cases the natives appeared friendly.	Alh
	18.4.19		At MANSURA owing to the strike of ESR telegraph employees, 11 <sup>th</sup> LH. installed 4 signallers to <sup>despatch</sup> important Govt. and military messages.	Alh
	19.4.19		Manual Routine	Alh
	20.4.19		11 <sup>th</sup> LH. reported train for TANTA delayed, owing to the line being cut at MIT ASSAN.	Alh
	21.4.19		Manual Routine	Alh
	22.4.19		1 Troop 12 <sup>th</sup> LH Regt. moved to BENI MAZAR.	Alh



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MOASCAR ISMAILIA.	23.4.19		<p>11<sup>th</sup> LH. Report that the natives of MANSURA, were much stirred by the news of America's recognition of the British Protectorate of Egypt not being a subject for the Peace Conference.</p> <p>This was followed by the Civ. Gov. Proclamation ordering all Govt. employees to return to their work on penalty of dismissal.</p>	Add																
	24.4.19 do		} Usual Routine.	Add																
	27.4.19		<p>The G.O.C. Bde, Brigadier-General W. GRANT D.S.O. left by train for PORT SAID to embark on H.M.T. DORSET, for Australia, having been granted early repatriation.</p>	Appendix																
	28.4.19		<p>A Special Farewell Order was issued by Gen Grant before leaving.</p> <p>Lieut.-Col. M.W.J. BOURCHIER D.S.O. 4<sup>th</sup> LH Regt. assumed Command of the Brigade temporarily.</p>	31.																
	29.4.19		<p>H.M.T. DORSET left for Australia, taking about 70 men from this Brigade for early repatriation.</p>	Add																
	30.4.19		<p>On the occasion of H.M.A.S. AUSTRALIA and BRISBANE passing through the Suez Canal a large number of men were allowed to proceed to FERRY Post, to see these vessels.</p> <p>The Brigade Band, which has made wonderful progress under Sgt McCarthy, was also sent down to play the vessels through.</p>																	
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HEADQUARTERS, 4th. A. L. H. BRIGADE.

FOR

APRIL 1919

## LIST OF APPENDICES.

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29	Report of Political Officer, giving Situation in MANSOURA District.
30	Scheme for leave for 10% of personnel to United Kingdom.
31	Special Farewell Order by Brigadier-General W. GRANT D.S.O..

HEADQUARTERS  
MAY 1919

No. 12

WEEKLY REPORT  
from 5th April to 12th April 1919.

MANSOURA TOWN.



From Saturday 5th to Tuesday 8th the town rapidly resuming normal conditions though considerable suppressed excitement was observable. On the Tuesday the News came through of the proclamation releasing SAAD PASHA ZAGHLOUL and Co. The excitement then became intense the Town was jubilant and a great number of speeches were made and a large demonstration was organised for the afternoon which passed off without incident. On the following day a still larger demonstration was held, which included all bodies of the Native Community, Judges, Lawyers, Students Coptic priests, Government Officials in general, and the ordinary Scally wags of the Town. There was no incident. The continuation of demonstrations and the excessive number of speeches containing wild rumors delivered throughout the Town were producing deplorable effects upon the population, and the foreign element was getting disturbed at the course of events.

I intimated to the ~~Muidir~~ Muidir that I hoped he would dissuade the people from further demonstrations and persuade them to return to their ordinary occupations, otherwise serious trouble was bound to ensue.

On Thursday SHEIKH ZARKAWI of ZARGA, FARASKOUR, started making speeches of such a wild kind, such as "The British troops had been ordered out of Egypt" etc, and the excitement became so intense that I was obliged to telephone to the Muidir that he must put a stop to it and that he had better take steps to arrest this class of agitator. I also informed him that the troops were saddled up and ready to proceed into Town. The effect of the latter was extraordinary as within half an hour the Town was calm again. Sheik ZARKAWI is a well known agitator, astrologer and prophet. He was to have preached in the QASSASS mosque on Friday, but the Muidir ordered him out of the Town.

MERKAZ DEKERNAS. On Saturday 5th the repair to the line belonging to the CHEMIN DE FER DE LA BASSE EGYPTIE from MANSOURA to MATARIA were taken in hand and railway communication was re established that day. At MENZALA the repair train was attacked and stoned by a mob and after repeated warnings the armed guard was obliged to fire, killing 2 and wounding 2.

The same day the mounted squadron passing through MITSALSIL was stoned and was obliged to fire, killing 2 and wounding 8.

Again on that day a meeting of Omdahs was convened and the Muidir, Colonel BAILEY and I proceeded to DEKERNAS in a motor car. Only one Omda turned up, and occurrence unheard of in Egypt. Another meeting of the omdahs was held on Thursday 10th at the Mouderieh, their attitude was truculent at the beginning but they became more reasonable towards the end.

There is a great shortage of water throughout the Merkaz.

FARASKUR On Sunday 7th a squadron left MANSOURA for FARASKUR where they camped. Towards the evening a mob attempted to rush the camp but was dispersed by revolver shots, 1 being killed and 1 being wounded. On the 9th the Moawen of police, called MAHMOUD FAUAD was arrested being charged with inciting the people to destroy the railway and telephone in the disturbances at FARASKUR on 17th, 18th & 19th March. A half squadron arrived at DAMIETTA on 10th and reported all quiet and the railway line and telephone in tact from FARASKUR to DAMIETTA.

All is quiet now in this merkaz and railway communication has been established with DAMIETTA.

AGA On 8th April a patrol was passing through AGA met with a hostile demonstration and were obliged to fire, killing 1 and wounding 1. Mohamed FIEFI SHERBINI was arrested as being the leader. All is quiet now in the merkaz of SIMBALLAWAIN and MANSOURA.

(Sgd) H. R. BRERETON Lieut-Col,  
Political Officer.





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The following instructions are issued in amplification of attached copy of letter:-

1. G.O.C. Brigades, before approving applications received from units, will see that the conditions in attached letter are complied with.
2. The number approved must not exceed 10% of each Unit, i.e. 10% of the Officers, and 10% of the Other Ranks.
3. Those whose applications have been approved will be forwarded as early as possible to the Training Depot, MOASCAR, to await embarkation.
4. Two nominal rolls should be made out: one to accompany the party to MOASCAR; the other to be sent to A.I.F. Headquarters CAIRO.
5. MOASCAR should be advised as early as possible of the arrival of leave parties, and of the date up to which they are rationed...

(Signed) J. E. JACKSON Major,  
for A.A.&Q.M.G., Australian Mounted Division.

B.H.Q.  
Signal Troop  
11th A.L.H. Regiment  
12th " " "

4th A.M.G. Squadron  
4th A.L.H.F.A.  
9th A.M.V.S.



The above instructions must be strictly complied with.

Applications for leave on the usual forms will be submitted at once, for the approval of the Brigade Commander.

No parties will be forwarded to the Training Depot until the arrival of the Brigade at MOASCAR.

Some allowance should be made for applications of men at present absent from their Unit other than those actually detached.

5/3/19

*[Signature]*  
Captain,  
Staff Captain,  
4th A.L.H. Brigade.





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2A. 56497.

Australian Headquarters (Egypt)  
CAIRO, February 24th 1919.

Headquarters, AUSTRALIAN MOUNTED DIVISION.

With reference to leave to the United Kingdom for personnel of the A.I.F. in Egypt, approval has been obtained for not more than 10 per cent of each Unit to be granted such leave, under the following conditions:-

One month leave in United Kingdom on full pay plus 6/- per day subsistence allowance.

This applies to all ranks.

On termination of leave, the personnel will be returned direct to Australia from the United Kingdom.

Commanding Officers of formations will, before finally approving of this leave, take into consideration:-

1. Length of Service.
2. Conduct Sheet.
3. Relatives in United Kingdom.

With reference to para 1; The length of service is to be the main factor for the granting of this leave.

With reference to para 2; No man with an entry on his conduct sheet is to be granted this leave.

With reference to 3; Those with near relatives in England, i.e. father, mother, or wife, will be given preference.

On approval all applicants are to be forwarded to the Australian Training Depot, MOASCAR, to await embarkation to United Kingdom, and a copy of the nominal roll to be sent to these Headquarters so that the above conditions may be checked. Any man found to be not eligible under these conditions will be returned to his unit.

Personnel who have been to England during the present war are not entitled to this leave.

No applications in excess of 10 per cent are to be approved, nor can any subsequent applications be considered.

(Signed) D. FULTON, Lt. Colonel.  
Assistant Director General.  
Repatriation & Demobilisation.  
A.I.F. in Egypt.





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SPECIAL ORDER

By

Brigadier-General W. GRANT D.S.O.

Commanding 4th Australian Light Horse Brigade.

28th April 1919

FAREWELL ORDER

1. On my embarking for Australia, I desire to express to all ranks of the 4th Australian Light Horse Brigade, my deep appreciation of the whole-hearted loyalty and support you have given me during the time I have had the honour and pleasure of Commanding the Brigade.

2. The Brigade as a whole, and the Units individually, have achieved a record of which any Unit might well be proud.

The achievement of such a record was only possible by the spirit, endurance and cheerfulness which have so characterised all ranks throughout, often in the face of very severe hardships occasioned by most adverse weather and climatic conditions, and extreme difficulties of country.

3. The Brigade has had casualties, and heavy casualties too, which no one regrets more than I, but, in comparison with its magnificent successes, these losses are amply compensated for.

4. I am sure that if Lieutenant-Colonel BOUCHIER D.S.O. receives from you the same loyalty and support, which I can rest assured he will receive, then indeed there can be no fear that the Brigade will maintain until the end of its career as a Brigade, that high standard and noble record of which you must all feel proud, and of which I am doubly proud in having been in Command.

5. In wishing you all farewell, God speed, and an early return to your homes in Australia, I can only wish that, should the occasion again arise I may have Command of a body of men of the standard of the 4th Australian Light Horse Brigade.

*W. Grant*

Brigadier-General,  
Commanding 4th A.L.H. Brigade.