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Title: Auckland Mounted Rifles Regiment

April 1916



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SERAPEUM

Auckland Mounted Rifles

April 1st

The Regiment moved off from RAILHEAD FERRY POST at 0430 and marched to SERAPEUM WEST - arriving at 1200. 31 Officers & 555 other ranks marched in Bathing Parade in afternoon.

April 2nd

Church Parade at 0900.
Bathing Parade in afternoon

April 3rd

The Regiment paraded at 0530 for physical drill and rifle exercises and again at 0830 to 0930 for dismounted Squadron drill. Bathing Parade & Exercise horses in afternoon.
Hon Capt. & 2. M. S. W. Smith promoted to Hon Major dated 23/3/16 Substantive Lieut 15 N. Z. E. F. R. O. 13 29/3/16
Major J. N. McFarrell temporarily commanded Regiment from 9th Feb 1915 to 27th Dec 1915
Vice Lieut Col. C. E. R. Mackesy on duties in Egypt. N. Z. E. F. R. O. 13 Lieut 15 29/3/16
The Mediterranean Expeditionary Force & The Force in Egypt became known as The Egyptian Expeditionary Force from 19/3/16

April 4th

Special order by Col. C. E. R. Mackesy convening a Board of Inquiry to assemble to collect all evidence and form an opinion whether it is reasonable to suppose that the following soldier unofficially reported dead - is dead. 13/963a Trooper Alker Edward.

April 5th

Lieut J. E. Evans suffering from eye trouble. Lieut J. L. Ranstead takes over duties as acting adjutant.

April 6th

The Regiment moved off from SERAPEUM for MOASCAR this morning at 1000. 31 officers and 563 other ranks. Arrived MOASCAR 1500 and camped WEST of Aerodrome.

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- April 6th Moascar continued.
 Lieut J. E. Evans went to hospital today.
- April 7th SALHIA The regiment moved off from Moascar this morning at 0400 arriving Salhia at 1145.
- April 8th Pitching camp and settling down today. Lieut. Col. Mackesy + Lieut SA. Carr went to Cairo.
- April 9th Divine Service. Finding of the Board of Inquiry held at Serapeum on 4.4.16
 13/963a 1st Alker, Edward Killed on
 CHUNUK BAIR 8.8.16.
 50 of Anzac men went to Cairo today on 48 hours leave.
- April 10th Cleaning saddlery and rifle inspection
- April 11th Regt started training.
 50 of Anzac men went to Cairo today
- April 12th Training under Regt. arrangements
 Lieut's Allsopp and Martin went to Cairo on leave.
- April 13th Regt training as per syllabus.
- April 14th The following officers are seconded from the regiment to the Training Squadron.
 as from 12.4.16 Capt J. J. Raynes Capt. Mahan A. G.
 Lieut Carter W. E. 2/Lieut Averill W. W.
- April 15th Men overhauling personal equipment
- April 16th Divine Service
- April 17th Training as per Syllabus
 Col. Mackesy returns from Cairo
- April 18th Training as per Syllabus.
 Paid Regiment
- April 19th Training as per Syllabus.
 Major Minns + Lieut De Castis go to Cairo. Major McCarroll went to Kantara.

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April 20th Sakhia

Training as per syllabus. Twelve men arrive from Giza.

April 21st Sakhia

Devine Service being good Friday. Regt fired on Rifle range. Capt J. J. Raynes visited us from El Kedi.

April 22nd Sakhia

Training as per syllabus. 2/Lieut Cawte promoted to Lieutenant. Base kits were sent to Giza. Two storemen detailed from 11th Sqn to remain at Giza in charge. Recommendations for N.C.O's to be promoted to 2/Lieut forwarded to M. R. Bde Hqrs. Staff S.M. Stewart S.S.M. Browne. Supt Potter Cpl Park

April 23rd Sakhia

Devine Service. Receive orders that the Regt will move off for KANTARA at 2000 tonight. Lieut D.A. Finlayson goes to Hospital with bad eyes. Major Schofield arrives just as we are moving off.

April 24th HILL TO

Arrived here at 0915. Halted for 1 hour at Kantara for breakfast. At 1130 Major Whitehorn and three troops of the 9th Sqn go out on reconnaissance. Major Schofield appointed O.C. 3rd Sqn vice Major Whitehorn. Major Whitehorn appointed O.C. 11th Sqn vice Capt Aldred.

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April 24 HILL 70

Capt. Alfred Minguishu command
of 11th Squadron and is appointed
2nd in Command 3rd Squadron.

April 25 HILL 70

Moved camp to position west
of Wellington M.R. lines. Tents and
baggage arrive.

April 26th HILL 70

Lieut. DeCastro + Martin take their
troops out on patrol. Lieut. Melville
and Williams are sent to
Tel El Kebir and are struck off
the strength. Transport for the
Regt has been cut down to
3 timbered waggons and 1 water
cart.

April 27th HILL 70

Lieut. Yerey is taken on
the strength and posted to
the 3rd Squadron.

April 28th HILL 70

Lieut. Reed and troop go as
escort to ambulance to
ROMANI. Lieut. Allopp + Coates
take their troops out on
reconnaissance.

Lieut. Ranstead & L and
Carter W.E. are promoted to
Captain as from 18th April 1916

April 29th HILL 70.

Lieut. Col Mackey takes command of
the ANZAC MTD. DIV. in the absence
of Generals Chauvel + Chaytor

Lt. Ranstead Capt.
Adj.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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(Erase heading not required.)

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
	1916 April, 30th.		<p>Official news to-day that General Townsend has capitulated.</p> <p>(The original of above appears on the same sheet as entries for subsequent month and will be found with the diary for that month).</p>	

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