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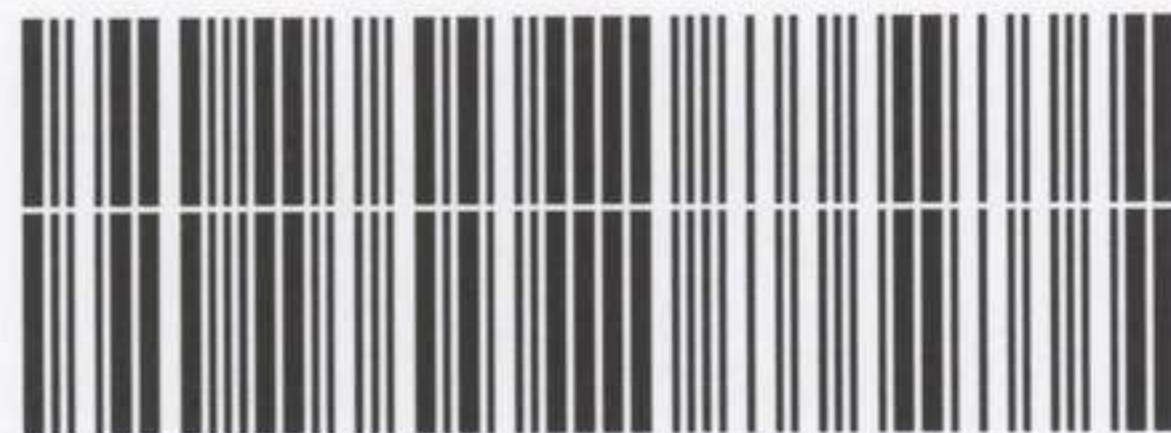
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
GAZA	1/4/18		D.S.L. & left BELAH at 1100, Arrived GAZA 1500, My Assistant + 6 m.m.s. went in advance & took over area, further investigated case of assault.	App 12 W.P.D.
MEJDAL	2/4/18		D.S.L. & left GAZA at 1100 Arrived MEJDAL 1600, Advanced party as per 1st mat.	W.P.D.
SUKERIER	3/4/18		met A.P.M. Descomps at 1107 Govt MEJDAL with ref to Conflict alleged to have been removed from MESMEYEH. D.S.L. & left MEJDAL at 1140 arrived SUKERIER 1530 Advanced party as above	W.P.D.
DEIRAN	4/4/18		D.S.L. & left SUKERIER 1215 arrived DEIRAN 1600. Advanced party as above	W.P.D.
JAFFA	5/4/18		D.S.L. & left DEIRAN 0650 Arrived Agricultural College JAFFA 1130. Advanced party as above, I proceeded with 4 m.m.s. to control traffic at Crossing JAFFA RD.	W.P.D.
"	6/4/18		Visited A.P.M. JAFFA, and arranged for 2 m.m.s. to be on duty Daily visited watering areas, and arranged policing, also native villages	W.P.D.
"	7/4/18		A.P.M. Descomps visited me	W.P.D.
"	8/4/18		Investigated report concerning stolen pistol, Visited A.P.M. 21 st Corps	App 13 W.P.D.
"	9/4/18		Further investigation re stolen pistol, visited Hospital JAFFA, for statement from injured native	W.P.D. App 14
"	10/4/18		Attended FGCM. of three Soldiers 10 th Reg. charged with assault on MMP	App 15 W.P.D.
"	11/4/18		As above, FGCM. A.P.M. 21 st Army Corps calls	W.P.D.
"	12/4/18		Visited A.P.M. 54 th Div. ref working in conjunction during operations	W.P.D.
"	13/4/18		Rode round Div Area, everything satisfactory	W.P.D.
"	14/4/18		Visited A.P.M. JAFFA.	W.P.D.
"	15/4/18		Visited SELMEH village, Found Policing satisfactory	W.P.D.
"	16/4/18		Visited A.P.M. 21 st Army Corps and Jaffa.	W.P.D.
"	17/4/18		Visited A.P.M. JAFFA	W.P.D.

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A P.M. Ausk 2d Div

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JAFFA	18/4/18		Attended F. G. to M. of Gen JUDD & Bn R CARNEY in case of attack on native woman.	WADY APPENDIX NO 12
	19/4/18		" " "	"
DEIRAN	20/4/18		D.S.B. & left Agricultural School JAFFA about 1000 arrived DEIRAN 1310 myself with 14 MP went in advance to control traffic over JAFFA ROAD remained until Div had crossed.	WADY
LATRON	21/4/18		D.S.B. & left DIRAN 0900 arrived LATRON 1420	WADY
ENAB	22/4/18		D.S.B. & left LATRON arrived ENAB 1530 I went with 6 MP in advance to control Traffic at different points en route until the Div had passed	WADY
TALAT ED DUMM	23/4/18		D.S.B. & left ENAB 0930 arrived at TALAT ED DUMM 1710 Advance Party as 22/4/18.	WADY
	24/4/18		Established at TALAT ED DUMM. Arranged for policing of Watering Areas and general traffic control over Main Road. Necessary for all my police to be on duty as owing to the inadequate Supply of water for number of Troops the traffic was apt to get congested On 24/4/18	WADY
JERICHO	26/4/18		D.S.B. moved to JERICHO arrived 0845 camped 3 miles N of Town	WADY
	27/4/18		Visited JERICHO re policing	WADY
	28/4/18		Visited WADY and Supply Dump. arranged for Policing	WADY
	29/4/18		Reconnoitred route to be taken by Div through Defences, and Bridge head. Div moved out on operations 2100. Stationed Police along route.	WADY
N ^o ES SALT	30/4/18		Received and evacuated 3 P of H. D.S.B. galled about 3 miles W of Es SALT	WADY

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LIST OF APPENDICES.

No.	Subject.
12.	Assault on native woman
13.	Stolen Petrol
14.	Injured native
15.	Disturbance at Race Meeting

Appendix No. 12: Further to the case re assault on native woman mentioned in War Diary for March - appx No. 11 I visited the village of DEIR-EL-BELAH with the object of finding the native woman who was assaulted, but failed to trace her. I visited the Military Governor and placed all facts in his possession and he will endeavor to trace her.

On the 18th & 19th April I was present at the FGCM of the TURD and Dr CARNEY concerning the assault. Result as follows.
The TURD 100 days. I.H.L Dr CARNEY 42 days F.P.W.

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No. 13. A letter was received in this office from the OC 1/4 of the Recurring-Station Australian Field Divn, stating that 48 gallons of petrol had been stolen during the night of April 7th and suspicion rested on the native inhabitants of YASUR. First Ghacine (my Assistant) proceeded there and reported as follows. "On the afternoon of the 8th and an inhabitant of YASUR gave information that the petrol had gone to YUDER. An attempt was made to go to this village, but owing to bad roads the motor car was unable to proceed and had to return. I proceeded there on the 9th mst with an Interpreter and two Police.

The first mukhtar pointed out the house of a woman named FAIDI KARRAKISH. A search was made of her house which revealed no petrol. A search made in the houses of MUSTAPHA ISMAIL and ISMAIL HAMED revealed petrol in bottles, also Canteen matches (60 or 70 boxes and about 5 lbs sugar apparently Govt sugar). The petrol in the house of MUSTAPHA ISMAIL was underneath a large pile of reeds.

There is no doubt that the woman FAIDI KARRAKISH is largely implicated in the theft and sale of this petrol, as she followed the Police round, and was seen everywhere that petrol and goods were found, shutting up her store to do so.

Matches and sugar were also found in the store of ISAIN ABU DAHAR and IMHAMMED DAHAR (approx 4 Pkts matches & 10 lbs sugar) all the people implicated say, that these articles were purchased in LUDR but cannot say from whom or where.

It appears to be no doubt that the petrol, matches and sugar are all stolen Govt property.

The three mukhtars of the village all say that the woman is the principal dealer in all goods and is very capable and unscrupulous. It would appear that the 12 tins of petrol stolen are in this village but could not be traced.

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No. 14 A circular memo was received in this office from AA.Q.M.G. stating that a native of the village of IBN IBRAK had been called upon by three Australian soldiers who wanted to see his daughter. After some conversation he stated that one of them placed a tube in his hand which exploded they then robbed him.

I was instructed to interview this native in the hospital & get his statement. I might mention here that the different evidences which have been taken are all contradictory and it appears to be an elaborate scheme on his part to obtain compensation under false pretences.

14 cont'd. The following is the statement made by the injured man b
EL HAG HASSAN EL BOUKI.

"About 2 hours after sunrise three soldiers came to my house on the 7th April and looked over the wall. They asked me if they might see my daughter. I told them there was no girl in the house. I was getting my donkey ready to go to BED DOUGAN at the time to fetch food for my family. I have only one donkey. My small daughter was present. My wife and daughter saw the heads of the soldiers over the wall. My son was out at the time. The soldiers then entered the yard so I sent my son to fetch the hukklae to tell him about the soldiers being in my house. I had sent my son to fetch the donkey before the soldiers came. When he came back the soldiers were inside and my son saw them. It was then that I told him in front of the soldiers to fetch the hukklae. When the soldiers entered the yard I sent my wife into the house. I cannot say if she saw them inside or not. When my son returned with the hukklae they found me laying on the ground. They came back together after the explosion had taken place. Whilst my son had left to fetch the hukklae, two soldiers robbed me of a bag of money containing £13.10 in notes and £2 in silver. I went out of the yard. The third soldier placed a tube in my hand and said 'Take this' and set it on fire with his cigarette and then left also. My little daughter was inside the room with her mother when this happened. The soldiers had hats with plumes and two of them had yellow patches on their arms, the other had nothing on his arm."

Statements were also taken from the native wife, two daughters and son, also from two hukklaes. All their evidence points to the injured man's evidence as being a tissue of lies.

None of the persons just mentioned were aware of his being in possession of any money, and the only person who saw soldiers was the youngest daughter who stated she saw two or three soldiers passing along a track at the end of the yard going towards the camp.

The hukklae states that he did not think the injured man had anything like the amount of money in his possession as he was a very poor man and gained his living at buying and selling a few oranges.

15. Further to appear No. 9 of March ref. Disturbance at lace meeting.
Myself and Cpl G. Smith were present at the F.G.C.M. of the 3 soldiers who were accused of having taken part in the assault on the police. Result of F.G.C.M. - men acquitted

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