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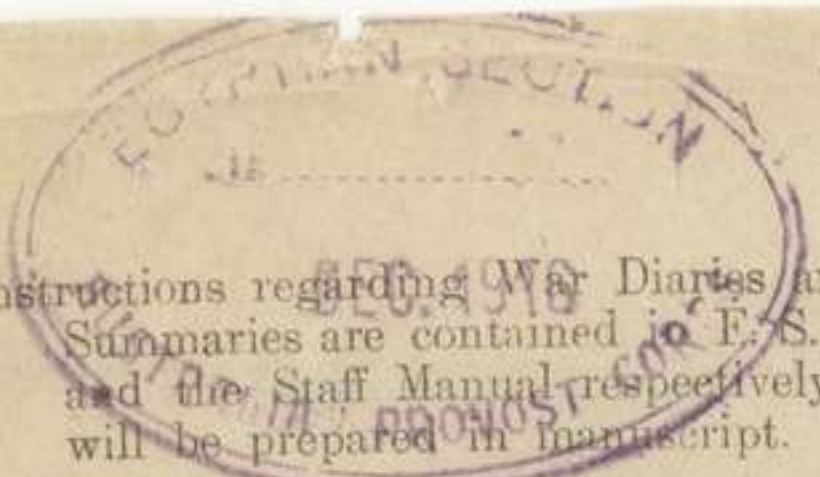
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Cairo.	1-12-16.		Duties as usual. Nothing of importance to report.	J.A.B.
	4-12-16.		<p>The following routine was instituted:- Reveille.....0630. Parade.....0700. <u>Vide Section Order 120 of 1-12-16.</u> Breakfast.....0830. Dress for parade:-Fatigue, with arms.</p>	J.A.B.
	5-12-16.		<p>The following orders were issued with regard to the procedure to be adopted in the event of an alarm occurring in Cairo:- <u>"ALARMS.</u> All members of this Corps are to take particular note that in the event of the "Alarm Bells" ringing in Cairo at any time; all members who may be at the time on leave of absence in Cairo will immediately proceed by the shortest and quickest route to the Soldiers' Home, and report themselves to the Officer i/c patrols. This order is to be read on three successive parades of patrols mounting."</p>	J.A.B.
	--		<p>A letter was written to the A.A.&Q.M.G., Anzac Mounted Division, suggesting the formation of a regular Field Punishment Compound for Australian and New Zealand troops at Moascar, as the existing system of dealing with offenders there is found to be inefficient and unsatisfactory. A letter was also written to the commandant, Details Camp, Moascar, suggesting that the present compound be divided into two for the purpose of providing separate compounds for convicted and unconvicted men. In due course these, and many other improvements were effected, an account of which will be found in the Appendix to the volume of this Diary for May 1918, in a general report by the Governor of the Compound embracing the whole period from the time of its inauguration.</p>	* Copy attached as Appendix VII to this volume
	--		<p>All police of Divisional and Brigade Headquarters of the Anzac Mounted Division taken on the strength of the Corps under A.I.F. in Egypt Order No 2, para 4, of 21-11-16. See entry for 21-11-16. A short account of the work performed by these police is attached as Appendix I. to this volume. The number thus taken on strength is as follows:- <u>On Divisional Headquarters.....7.</u> And two N.Z. Zealanders attached. <u>On 1st L.H. Brigade Headquarters.....10.</u></p>	DEC 1916 App. I. Also copies of various orders and reports by A.P.M., Anzac Mounted Division



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Cairo.	5-12-16. Contind.	<p><u>On 2nd L.H. Brigade Headquarters.....10.</u> <u>On 3rd L.H. Brigade Headquarters..... 7.</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Total. 34. Taken on Strength, and 2 attached.</u></p>	J.H.B.	
Heliopolis.	7-12-16.	<p><u>Heliopolis Detachment.</u> Arrangements have been made to draw a party of six prisoners of war from the compound daily, for the purpose of limewashing and thoroughly renovating the police camp. They will be drawn every day at 0700 except on Fridays, the Moslem Sabbath, when when they will not be required, and will be returned to the Compound not later than 1645. The escort will consist consist of three mounted men armed with sword and revolver.</p>	J.H.B.	
Field.	8-12-16.	Lieut. W.T.HYAM struck off strength to Royal Flying Corps.	J.H.B. J.H.B.	
Cairo.	9-12-16.	The 3rd L.H. Brigade police have now been made up to the establishment of 10 other ranks. Three more other ranks are taken on the strength of the Corps on that Brigade Headquarters.	DEC 1916 J.H.B.	
Cairo.	13-12-16.	<p>The Commander in Chief, Egyptian Expeditionary Force inspected the Cairo Detachment at Kasr-el-Nil, as a result of which the following appeared in Orders :-</p> <p><u>"LAUDATORY.</u> The G.O.C., D.D.&.L.O.C. Defences instructs the C.O., Egyptian Section Australian Provost Corps, to express the Commander in Chief's satisfaction at the excellent way in which the Corps turned out at his recent inspection. He expresses himself as pleased with the manner in which they handled their arms, and the prevailing cleanliness and tidiness of the quarters in general. It is gratifying to be able to publish this, and the C.O., Detachment thanks all members for their assistance in bringing about these expressions from the Commander in Chief and the General Officer Commanding Delta District and Lines of Dommunication Defences, and it is hoped, and I feel sure that every N.C.O. and man will do his utmost to to maintain the standard we have up to the present attained."</p>	J.H.B. J.H.B.	
Heliopolis,	13/14-12-16.	The Heliopolis Detachment supplied a party of 14 mounted men on both these dates to assist in escorting 800 prisoners of war from Cairo station to Heliopolis.	App II.	
Cairo.	14-12-16.	A copy of a Distribution State of the Cairo Detachment and Staff, rendered to the D.A.A.G., D.D.&.L. of C. Defences on this date is attached as Appendix II to this volume.		

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Cairo.	21-12-16.		<p>The following letter was received from by C.O., Egyptian Section from A.P.M., Delta District:- "Commencing Saturday 23rd inst., that part of the Ezbekieh District bounded by Charehs NUBAR PASHA, WAGH EL BERKA and HARET EL ROUEI to Chareh EL ROUEI including the Wassa bazaar, will be patrolled by the Military Police, and your patrols will be discontinued therein from and including that date. The centre of WAGH EL BERKA will be the dividing line. "Also on and from the above date, will you please detail two men nightly from 2130 to 0600 for duty at the Salonica Garage, Chareh EMAD EL DINE." This new system was duly adopted and the guard was supplied at the military garage. The duties of this guard are to take the numbers of all military cars taken out during the night, and to satisfy themselves that such cars are being taken for military purposes only.</p>	JAB
	21-12-16.		<p>In consequence of continual complaints concerning slackness in saluting and dress of men on leave in Cairo, a special patrol of 2 N.C.O.s. and 2 men was put on Sharia KAMEL, with the result that no fewer than 26 names were taken for these offences, on this date.</p>	JAB
	24-12-16.		<p>Special Orders published in connection with offences of "Failing to Salute " and "Improperly Dressed". attached as Appendix III to this volume.</p>	JAB App.III.
	25-12-16.		<p>Port Said Rest Camp closed. 4 other ranks stationed there returned to Cairo for duty. <u>See entry for 2-11-16.</u></p>	JAB
	27-12-16.		<p>Special Order re Bounds attached as Appendix IV. to this volume. Following Orders published re Identification:- "In all cases where soldiers are stopped in town and are offenders, they should be made to produce their Identity Discs and Paybooks in order thoroughly to establish their identity. "If they cannot do this they should be conducted to the Soldiers' Home and paraded to the Officer in charge, who will communicate with their Unit if handy, and if he considers it "necessary."</p>	JAB App.IV.
	29-12-16.		<p>The following are extracts from Section Order No 147 of 29-12-16. "DRILL. All members of the Moascar Detachment transferred to Cairo will receive one hours drill daily, until a state of efficiency and smartness is attained. This should not be for a very lengthy period, and the occasion is rendered necessary by the slovenly way in which</p>	JAB DEC 1916

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Cairo.	29-12-16. (Continued)		<p>"one or two details recently transferred here have appeared in town on leave. Sergt McIntyre "will take over the instructional duties, and parades will be held at 0900 daily."</p> <p>-----</p> <p>"TEAS. "The system of members of this Corps obtaining teas at the British Soldiers' Case will "cease from date and arrangements will be made for meals to be provided in barracks for patrols "returning off duty."</p> <p>-----</p>
	31-12-16.		<p>A summary of arrests and charges for the month is attached as Appendix V. to this volume. A considerable increase on last month's total will be noticed, but this is largely due to the particularly rigorous methods adopted against men failing to salute officers and being improperly dressed in town. Charges for these offences for the month total 101.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>A short account of the work of the Field Troop during the month is attached as Appendix VI to this volume.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Cases against members of the Corps during the month are as follows:-</p> <p>C.O.S. Cases.....3. F.G.C.M.....1.</p> <p>=====</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>J. H. Riddell Col.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">C. O. Egyptian Section, Australian Provost Corps A. P. M. A. T. F. in Egypt</p>

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Summary of work done by the police of the Anzac Mounted Division, under Major
J.H. BISDEE V.C., A.P.M., Anzac Mtd Division, during the month.

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The police of the Anzac Mounted Division are divided into five Detachments
of 10 men under a Sergeant, one Detachment on Divisional Headquarters, and one on
each Brigade Headquarters, the whole being under the command of the A.P.M. of the
Division. Their duties are, roughly, as follows:-

Brigade Detachments are responsible for the regulation of traffic and
watering, and the maintenance of discipline generally in the Brigade area. They are
to keep a constant watch for suspicious looking natives and to do their utmost to
prevent espionage, acting on the principle that it is better to arrest a number of
innocent men on suspicion than to allow one genuine enemy agent to escape. They will
also take over all prisoners of war as soon after capture as possible, and assist in
escorting them to D.H.Q.

Police on D.H.Q. perform the same duties as regards traffic, watering and
espionage in the area occupied by Divisional Troops, and are also responsible for the
searching, checking and listing of all prisoners of war brought in, as well as for
rationing and watering them. Complete nominal rolls are made of all prisoners, showing
rank, name, unit and nationality, the clerical work involved being carried out by the
A.P.M. and his staff, with the assistance of interpreters.

From December 1st to 18th D.H.Q. was stationed at BIR-EL-MAZAR and the Brigades
in the surrounding area.

During this period D.H.Q. police supplied patrols as follows:-

1. To regulate traffic on the railway crossings leading to and from the
watering area.
2. To regulate traffic and maintain order at the canteens.
3. A general camp patrol to keep unauthorised persons out of D.H.Q. Camp,
4. To patrol the railway line from Bir-el-Mazarto MAADAN, railhead to
prevent damage to the formation by troops crossing at unauthorised places, and to keep
mounted troops off the wire-netting Infantry road which runs beside the railway line.
All patrols except No 2 were carried out mounted.

Brigade Detachments supplied the necessary patrols in their own areas.

Nothing of importance occurred until the 18th. Hostile aircraft made occas-
ional raids on Mazar and the surrounding Supply Depots and Camps, but very little
damage was done.

The following is a copy of a report by A.P.M., Anzac Mtd Division for week

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ending 28-12-16:-

"The week has been entirely taken up in moving with the Division from Mazar to Kilo
"128, and thence to EL ARISH on the 21st and 22nd, and receiving and making out nominal
"rolls and tickets for prisoners captured at MAGHDABA on 23-12-16.

"Preliminary arrangements weremade on the 23rd with the Military Governor and A.P.M.
"52nd Division. On the night of the 23rd reports came in of over a thousand prisoners
"being captured. About 250 came in during the night and the rest at midday on the 24th.
"All rolls were made out, tickets handed to prisoners, prisoners searched and papers
"numbered by the night of the 25th.

"The procedure laid down by the A.P.M., Eastern Force was followed, and worked very
"satisfactorily with the assistance of A.P.M., 52nd Division and his police. It would
"be impossible for the A.P.M. of one Division only to cope with such a large number in
"the time usually available.

"I wish here to express my appreciation of the very efficient and willing assistance
"of the A.P.M., 52nd Division and his police.

"The troops here being without firewood, some difficulty has been experienced in prevent-
"ing the destruction of trees, palms and buildings. All units have now received definite
"orders regarding this and energetic action is being taken to have these carried out.

Signed J.H.BISDER Major,

A.P.M., Anzac Mounted Division.

Orders with regard to trees, etc., are as follow:-

G.O.C., A.&N.Z. Mtd Division directs that trees and palms, telegraph posts and
buildings are not to be destroyed for firewood or other purposes.

The Military Governor states that if palm branches are required, special
arrangements will be made to have same cut under expert supervision and supplied as
required.

J. H. Bisdee Lt Col.
C. O. Egyptian Section, Australian Provost Corps
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Letter from A.P.M. Anzac Mtd Division to Headquarters Anzac Mtd Divn., re Field Punishment.

To:- H.Q. Anzac Mtd Division

With reference to F.P. prisoners from this Division. It is recommended that the following course be adopted.

- (1.) Cases up to 178 hours, regimentally.
- (2.) Cases from 8 to 27 days at D.H.Q. under the supervision of the A.P.M.
- (3.) Cases from 28 days to 90 days at the F.P. Compound A. & N.Z. Training Depot, Moascar, in accordance with the recommendations of the O.C. Anzac Provost Corps.

If you approve, will you please issue the necessary orders to Brigades and Units who should also be instructed to forward the necessary papers in each case. These are:-

- I. In the Court Martial Cases.
 - C.385 A. Commitment Form. Substituting "F.P. Compound" for "Detention Barracks". M.M.L. Page 709.
 - A.F.B. I22 Conduct Sheet. (Copy).
 - C.355. Character, Medical Certificate and Description.

- 2. In the case of a C.O.'s award.
 - C.388 Commitment Form M.M.L. 713. substituting F.P. Compound for Detention Barracks.
 - A.F.B. I22 Conduct Sheet. Copy
 - General character and description and medical certificate.
 - Inventory of Kit

Prisoners will take all their clothing and equipment including blankets and rifle.

7-12-16.
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sd J.H. Bisdee Major,
A.P.M. Anzac Mtd Division.



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POLICE STANDING ORDERS.

by
MAJOR J.H. BISDEE V.C. A.P.M. Anzac Mtd Division.
HILL 40.
June 8th 1916.



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- I. The police will parade daily at a place and time to be fixed by the A.P.M. or Officer in charge. Those going on patrol will be mounted, the rest dismounted. They will be inspected by the Officer or N.C.O. in charge. They will be dressed as for duty and receive their orders daily. Rifles will also be inspected. Men remaining in camp are responsible for the cleanliness of the lines and quarters .
- DRESS. During the hot weather khaki shirts may be worn without jackets but M.P. arm badges must be worn. Men must be smart in appearance and bearing; equipment and clothing must be clean and well cared for. Metal must be clean and free from rust, but not necessarily polished. A full issue of dubbin will be drawn whenever possible and well rubbed into all leather.
2. A systematic patrol will be arranged of all camping areas and of all roads in the vicinity or within the area allotted to Brigades. One or two M.Ps. should be on duty in the vicinity of all railway stations, bridges, ferries and canteens during the time that troops are using them.
- DUTIES. (A) To give any information needed by troops.
3. (B) To keep riders off the hard road.
(C) To check the pace of riders and drivers, and the speed of motor vehicles in accordance with orders.
(D) To see that the rule of the road is observed and that vehicles do not halt where they may impede the traffic.
(E) To inspect the passes of men riding into Kantara and men Out of Bounds, taking names and numbers of any defaulters.
(F) To check soldiers for not saluting.
(G) To see that all sanitary orders are strictly carried out and report any man found to be not complying with them.
(H) To check undue familiarity with natives.
(I) When in action, to collect stragglers and conduct them to the nearest units. To guard against spies. To assist in controlling Prisoners of War.
(J) To prevent plundering, marauding, making unlawful requisitions, gambling, pilfering from trains and convoys of committing offences of any kind.
(K) To prevent any unlawful natives or civilians from entering the camp area.
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(Note) The only pass authorising a civilian or native to enter a camp is a green pass which should bear the holder's photograph and be signed and stamped by an A.P.M. and is only valid for a week at a time. The only exceptions to this are members of the Egyptian Forces, who should be in uniform or wearing badges and be under control.

(L) To check any disturbances or unsoldierly behaviour, taking the name, number and unit of soldiers and if necessary, (but only if really necessary.) arresting those engaged in disturbances and handing them over to their respective guards, or the nearest Guard. In such cases a written report must be sent to the A.P.M. or Officer in charge of police who will at once notify the Unit if necessary to send for the man.

4. RAILWAY TRAFFIC. Where a number of men are travelling on leave or otherwise two M.Ps. should accompany the train returning the same day if possible. Their duties are to prevent men travelling without leave or duty passes, or in a class of carriage to which they are not entitled and to preserve order generally.

5. EXTRACTS FROM ORDERS FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE POLICE ARE PUBLISHED HEREWITH:-
Every M.P. will make himself conversant with these orders and any that may subsequently be published. He will also make himself acquainted with names of all localities and troops in the vicinity and by intelligent observation he should be able to supply any information as to camping grounds, water supply etc.:

6. In carrying out their duties M.Ps. are to use VIGILANCE, COURTESY, FIRMNESS and DISCRETION. Their first duty is to PREVENT irregularities and crime, so as to render ARRESTS unnecessary.
Extract from Circular Letter 2713 dated 5-6-16, P.M., G.H.Q.
Armbands will be worn by police on the RIGHT ARM.



Sd. J.H. BISDEE Major,
A.P.M. Anzac Mtd Division

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General Instructions issued to Police of Anzac Mounted Division

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Military Police are entrusted with considerable powers which they must exercise with courtesy, firmness and discretion.

When on duty they must be vigilant and alert and observe all that is going on. They must avoid lounging and gossip and abstain from petty interference unless necessary to preserve discipline. They must be prepared at all times to give information with regard to regulations and to prevent irregularities when they seem likely to occur.

They must know their work thoroughly and their powers and limitations to enable them to act with confidence and decision. They must, by their actions keep themselves free from any suspicion of bribery or corruption, and by integrity and fair dealing earn the respect which is essential for the successful carrying out of their work.

Police usually work in pairs, and when they are of equal rank the man with the lowest number must take the responsibility.

When arrests are necessary they should be made quietly but with determination and without altercation. Quick and prompt action at the right time will almost invariably avoid trouble.

In cases of drunkenness a man should be arrested or got out of harm's way before he becomes too much under the influence of liquor.

There are no degrees of drunkenness in Military Law. A man is drunk if he is unfit to go on duty from the effects of liquor or drugs. A man found unconscious should not be charged with drunkenness but taken to hospital.

Notebooks should always be carried and notes made of any unusual occurrence. Any details of evidence should be noted at the time. Never trust to memory.

In making a charge, each charge should state one offence only, which should usually be in two parts, (1) Statement of offence (2) Particulars of offence. There may be more than one charge on a charge sheet. The offence should be stated as shortly and clearly as possible. Particulars of the offence should also be as short and concise as possible, and should state all the essential facts but no more. It should be absolutely fair and not suppress any facts which may be in the offender's favour. It should always be borne in mind that the object should be to put the actual facts of the case before the officer who will investigate it, just as it appeared to the witness, to enable him to form a just opinion. Care must be taken ~~not~~ that a case is not exaggerated from annoyances. Particulars should be given in the following sequence:- Date, Time, Place, Number, Rank, Name, Regt, ~~Statement~~ of particulars, Witnesses.

It is necessary to have the corroboration of at least one other witness, who must carefully read over the evidence and make quite sure that it is correct before signing it. On no account must a man sign a charge sheet that he is not prepared to swear to.

Always remember that a policeman's first duty is to prevent crime and to maintain order and discipline. *He must keep his*

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temper at all times, even under trying circumstances, and give every man a fair deal, and treat him as he would expect to be treated under similar circumstances himself.

When on Division or Brigade Headquarters or attached to any camp the police will do their share of camp duties, but will not be detailed for fatigues except on their own lines.

Their duties on the march and in the Field are to ensure that all orders with regard to sanitation, traffic, watering etc, are carried out, to prevent straggling, and to patrol villages etc:.

During active operations their duties will vary much according to circumstances, the chief being control of traffic over crossings and bridges, collecting ~~xxx~~ battle stragglers, escorting prisoners, and controlling watering areas.

As regards dress, the standard for the Australian Police is the Australian soldier at his best.

signed J. H. BISDEE Major,
A.P.M. Anzac Mtd Division.

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TO:- D.A.A.G., D.D.&.L of C. Defences.

Forwarding herewith Distribution of the Cairo Detachment of my Command.

STRENGTH OF DETACHMENT.

3 offs. 108 O.Rs.

Ordnance Guard.	2.
Telephone Guard,	4.
Sack Depot "	3.
Main Guard, "	4.
Special Patrol.	4. (All day.)
Sharia Emad-el-Dine.	4. (0700 to 1200.)
Soldiers' Home.(1).	9. (1300 to 1830.)
Soldiers' Home.(2).	14. (1830 to completion of duty generally midnight or after.)

STAFF. R.S.M.

Q.M.S.	1.
Q.M.S. Storeman.	1.
Orderly Room Clerks.	2.
Orderly Sergeant.	1.
Orderly Trooper.	1.
Telephone Orderly.	1.
Pioneers.	1.
Officers Cook.	1.
Officers Waiter.	1. (Available for urgent duty.)
N.C.O's. Cook.	1.
N.C.Os. Waiter.	1. (Available for urgent duty.)
Troops Cooks.	2.
Bugler.	1.
Batman.	3.
Hospital.	7.
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Port Said.	9.
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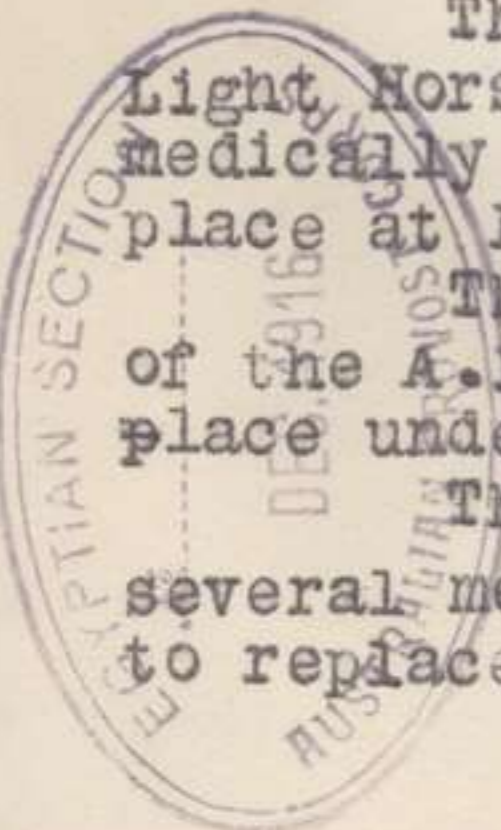
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The Port Said Detachment was drawn on to supply the whole of the Light Horse members to take the place of several men who were found medically unfit in the Field Troop, and I have to put Infantry in their place at Port Said.

The troop at Moascar are N.C.Os. who were sent to take charge of the A.I.F. Field Punishment Compound recently established at that place under my command.

The Detachment is shorthanded owing to the fact that there are several members in hospital, and I have had to send 14 to Heliopolis to replace a troop of 30 taken from there to form a troop for duty

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with the Anzac Mounted Division.

I have, from the 10 remaining, to furnish practically every day, a conducting party with patients returning from hospital to Moascar, as the Training Camp cannot find the men to do the duty, and frequently we have to provide escort for prisoners from the Canal Zone to the Citadel etc:!

Kasr el Nil, Cairo.
14-12-16.

Signed A.F. Jordan Capt,
C.O., EGYPTIAN SECTION,
ANZAC PROVOST CORPS.

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J. F. Jordan
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APPENDIX V. TO VOLUME 5. OF WAR DIARY OF EGYPTIAN SECTION AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS. MONTH OF DECEMBER 1916.

Summary of arrests and charges made by the Cairo and Heliopolis Detachments for the month of December 1916.

Absence without leave.....	139.
Out of Bounds.....	115.
Desertion.....	1.
Disobedience of Orders.....	1.
Drunkenness.....	77.
Resisting Arrest.....	2.
Improperly Dressed.....	34.
Violence to Superior.....	1.
Interfering with a M.P. in the execution of his duty.....	2.
Presenting a false pass.....	2.
Failing to comply with an order of a M.P.....	1.
Assaulting a civilian.....	3.
Breaking Arrest.....	6.
Failing to salute an officer.....	67.
Deficient of Identity Disc.....	16.
Insolence to a N.C.O.....	2.
Presenting a forged pass.....	1.
Minor Offences.....	1.

Total Charges, 471.
Total arrests. 366.

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MONTH OF DECEMBER 1916.



Summary of work done by the Field Troop during the month of December 1916, from
report made by O.C. Troop.

The patrols mentioned in the report for November 1916 were carried out till the 18th December, when the advance on EL ARISH was made on the night of the 18th/19th.

El Arish was occupied without resistance, and for the next three days the country within a radius of 10 miles was rigorously patrolled, my troop taking its turn.

On the night of the 22nd, the advance was resumed towards MAGHDABA, The 1st A.L.H., having to do all the advanced patrols, were placed in reserve during the early part of of this engagement, and did not go into action until late in the afternoon, no casualties being sustained by my troop. "B" Squadron, to which I was attached, stayed behind next morning to collect captured material, arriving back at El Arish on 24th December.

A few days rest were here given us, which were badly needed by both men and horses, but we were still kept on outpost and patrols by day, but not so constantly as before owing to the 5th Mounted Brigade coming into the line.

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APPENDIX VII. TO VOLUME 5. OF WAR DIARY OF EGYPTIAN SECTION AUSTRALIAN PROVOST CORPS.
DECEMBER 1916.

TO:— A.A.&Q.M.G.,
Anzac Mtd Division.
via Kantara.

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Field Punishment prisoners from Anzac Mtd Division.

With reference to the above mentioned subject.

I have been passing prisoners into the Field Punishment Compound at Abbassia until quite recently, but the G.O.C., Delta District and Lines of Communication Defences, now informs me that they cannot accept any more prisoners from outside the District.

The last three received from the Anzac Mounted Division, I had to take away, and I sent them to the Field Punishment Compound at Moascar, where they are undergoing their sentences under the supervision of the Officer in charge of my Detachment at that place.

I wish to recommend that for the future, Field Punishment prisoners who cannot be accommodated with the Divisions, be sent to carry out their sentences at Moascar, and that the Compound be established as a standing Field Punishment Compound for the Australian Imperial Forces in Egypt, in cases where there is no other Compound available.

I might say that the Staff I at present have there, are fully capable of running it as a Field Punishment Compound, and there is every facility for carrying out the necessary disciplinary training of men convicted to Field Punishment.

I have spoken to Major Bisdee on this subject, and he agreed with me that it is a very workable idea, and together we visited the Compound on Monday.

I find there are one or two alterations necessary viz: the segregation of the convicted from the unconvicted men, and this can be done with practically no expense to the Government, except the cost of a few poles, and some barbed wire.

I have written to the Commandant Anzac Training Centre, and Detail Camp, with a view to obtaining the necessary poles and wire, and the labour could be supplied from men undergoing Field Punishment.

In the event if your approval being obtained of the place being established as a Field Punishment Compound, it can be worked in precisely the same manner as that of the one at Abbassia, and with the working of which all my officers are fully acquainted.

Kasr el Nil.
5-12-16.

Signed A.F. Jordan Capt, C.O.
Egyptian Section Australian Provost Corps.

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