

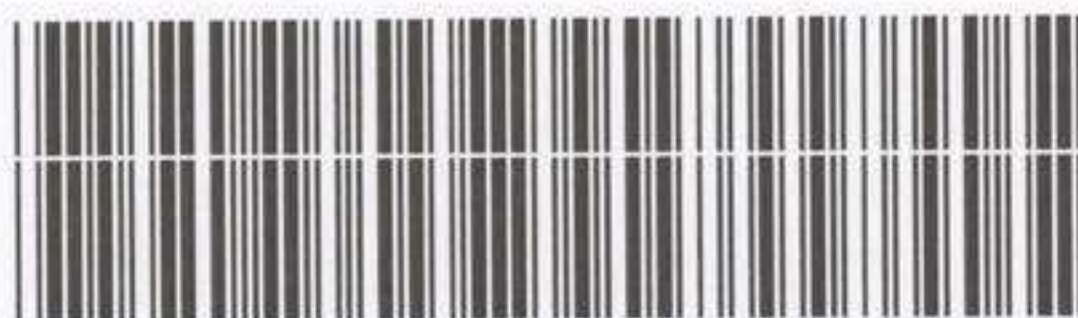
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Mudros West	1/1/16	—	Hdqrs Div. Engrs, having received orders to embark, moved out of camp with the advance party, to Egypt. Owing to error this party was placed on board H.M.T. MANITOW on this date, the orders being to embark on H.M.T. LAKE MICHAGEN. J.M.	
	3-1-16		Transhipped to H.M.T. Empress of Britain. The advance party consisted of 1 officer CAPT MIRAMIS, ADJUTANT, & 14 other ranks. J.M.	
	4-1-16	8:0 a.m.	Put to sea from Mudros Harbour. Fine weather. J.M.	
	6-1-16	8:0 a.m.	Stood off Alexandria. Heavy swell. Entered harbour about 10:0 a.m. 8:0 p.m. Having entrained, moved to Tel el Kebir, arriving there about 2:0 a.m. on 7-1-16. TSirouaced. J.M.	
Tel el Kebir	7-1-16		} Spent the time in laying out camp for Divisional Engineers, & getting together what material was available for shelters, etc. J.M.	
	8-1-16			
	9-1-16	6:0 p.m.	5 <sup>th</sup> Fd. Coy arrived Tel el Kebir <u>Strength</u> offrs <del>50</del> 50 R. 129 QR. about	
		7:30 p.m.	45 <sup>th</sup> " " " " " " " " 5. QR. 120 about. J.M.	
	10-1-16		Companies employed time in getting camp arrangements completed. Much hampered by lack of transport, our own not having arrived. Application for volunteers for Australian Camel Corps, about to be formed. Orders published re trainings of the Division while at Tel el Kebir	
	11-1-16		} Routine work, & camp duties. J.M.	
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Tel el Kelbi	13-1-16		Authority R.O. 13/1/16 Para 79. "Consequent upon the formation of Field Companies in Australia, the Field Company now known as the '5th Fd. Coy. Engineers', of this division, will be designated as 'the 8th Fd Coy, Engineers.' JM	
	15-1-16	5.0 P.M.	Review of 1st & 2nd Divs by General Murray, G.O.C in C. M.E.F. JM Lieut Col. Elliott R.E. Commanded 15th LH, Div Engineers, Div Sig Coy, Div Train, Medical Units, Mobile Vet. Section. The Engineers Tobays. Paraded without horses or transport. JM	
	16-1-16		Church Parade	
	17-1-16 to 21-1-16		} Camp Routine. Indents forwarded for deficiencies, & Requests for transport & reinforcements. JM	
			The companies landed here practically without technical equipment of any kind. A good many tools, etc., had been put together in cases, & sent off from Dugac before the evacuation, but so far, none of these cases have come to light. Consequently, work is somewhat hampered, as regards the erection of hutments, watertoughs, etc, most of which is done by the R.E. JM Parks, assisted by tradesmen from the companies. Orders received for the movement of two field companies, it being understood that these were 4th & 8th companies, to Ismailia, & the canal defences, on 23rd, & 24th Inst. Orders received cancelling above move. This is due to the fact that these companies now do not definitely belong to 2nd Aust Div JM	
	22-1-16			

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Tel el Kebir	23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan.	—	Plunch Parade.	
	24		Training carried on as well as possible with the little gear at our disposal.	
	25		At Col Elliott proceeded to Dornailia Orders received for occupation of lines of defence for 2nd Aust Div, as regards Artillery & pont. Some units moving out.	
	26		Routine training. The weather very rough, with short showers of heavy rain	
	27	}	Routine work - camp duties, & what little training <sup>as</sup> can be done with the material at hand, a few spars, lashings, pontoons, & the trench revetting material <sup>as is</sup> to be used in the canal zone.	
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			James Merams Capt A.E. Adj't DE 2nd Aust Div	