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Infantry

Item number: 23/22/13

Title: 5th Infantry Battalion

March 1916



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5th Bn. A.I.F.

Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1916	CANAL ZONE	Works 58, 59, 558a 584 559c being continued	
Mar 1	FORWARD TRENCHES	S. Officers, Lt Fitzgerald, 2nd Lieut O'Sullivan, Cooper, Griffiths & Carter and 21. O.R.	
2	✓	proceeded to Bai Haps for School of Instruction Lt Fitzgerald returned from School, Bn carrying out Coy Training and Grenade work	
3	✓	2nd Lt Roach and 11. O.R. to School of Instruction ZEITOWN.	
4	✓	2nd Lieut Burke and 3 O.R. returned from School of Instruction ISMAILIA.	
5	✓	6. Sigs 7th Bn left Camp to rejoin Unit. Works S. 58b completed	

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1916		
Apr 6	CANAL ZONE FORWARD TRENCHES	Work continued on trenches and strong points, Training in Elementary Musketry, and practice on 30 yards range commenced. 4 men returned from Mpl.
7	✓	Musketry 30 yds range continued. Work 59% completed
8	✓	G.O.C. Division, 5th C. Brigade and
9	✓	works 5.58% completed party of officers 9th L.A. Regt. visited works
10	✓	Works handed over to 9th L.A. Regt. left forward trenches for Staging Camp at 1320, arriving SERAPEUM at 1805.
11	✓	Erecting and squaring up Camp 112 O.R. reinforcements reported to Bn for duty.

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1916 Mar 13	STAGING CAMP SERAPEUM.	Bn commenced setting up drill and Musketry Instruction etc.	
14	✓	Capt LEY (a.a.m.c.) reported for duty as R.M.O. vice. Capt KIRKWOOD to 1st Bn. 2nd Lt J. Young reinforcement Officer reported for duty.	
15	✓	Bn parade, farewell address by G.O.C. Division Major General Chauvel	
16	✓	Inspection of Bn by G.O.C. Brigade.	
17	✓	2 boys Musketry Practice, 2 Coys. Coy Trg. 49 reinforcements arrived.	
18	✓	Bn being inoculated against para typhoid	

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1916 Mar 19	STAGING CAMP SERAPEUM	H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, Generals Birdwood, Walker, Smythe, White, Chauvel, Forcyth & Staffs visited and rode through lines.	
20	✓	Mustering Parade, checking nominal rolls and kits.	
24	✓	Left SERAPEUM at 2000 arrived ALEXANDRIA 0440 25th.	
25	H.M.T. BRITON	Embarked on board H.M.T. BRITON about 0800	
30	✓	Arrived MARSEILLES 1830.	
31	MARSEILLES	Left MARSEILLES by train at about 1130. <u>Note.</u> Works hampered at times owing to shortage of material and nails etc.	

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Nov 31		Effective Strength as at.	
	Nov 4	16 officers 989 O.Ranks	
	11	21 ✓ 1115 ✓	
	18	21 ✓ 1095 ✓	
	25	24 ✓ 986 ✓	

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