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1914-18 War**

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WAR DIARY

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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7th Bn. A.I.F. 1916

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SABZI CAMP	Jan 1 st		BN ordered to get ready to move at short notice. Whole holiday, Raining heavily. Strength OFF (26) ORS (635)	
LEMNOS IS	1916		The day was spent by all ranks in sorting out their XMAS mail & putting packages & trappings in the vicinity of camp.	
EMPRESS OF BRITAIN.	Jan 2 nd		Embarked on H.M.S. Empress of Britain, a very fine ship having accommodation for (5,000) all ranks. Strength OFF 26. ORS (635)	
ON VOYAGE	Jan 3 rd		Ships on board in harbours. All ranks are being well fed & fed. Strength unaltered	
	Jan 4 th		Sailed out of Myndros Bay Lemnos Island at 0800. Lecture to all officers by King on ship discipline	
	Jan 5 th		On voyage strict precautions taken against sub-marines	
ALEXANDRIA	Jan 6 th	0900	Arrived at ALEXANDRIA at 0900 & entrained for TEL EL KEBIR at (2200). Strength OFF (26) ORS (635)	
TEL EL KEBIR	Jan 7 th	0600	Arrived at TEL EL KEBIR at 0600. 2 nd Lt. NEALE SV. & (17) ORS rejoined BN from a guard at EMBROS.	
			1 st Lt. TUBB. F.R. joined BN from Spania. 2 nd Lt. SYMONDS. rejoined BN with Regimental Transport. 2 nd Lt. FENTON 9 th Reine joined BN 7/1/16. (91 ORS of 10 th REINE.) & (91 ORS of 11 th REINE) & other details from garrison. Strength OFF (27) ORS (870)	
TEL EL KEBIR	Jan 28 th		Commenced training under difficulties as we have only a few tents, & poor rations. Strength OFF (28) ORS 870	
	9 th		Lt COL. ELLIOTT. H.F. having returned from hospital, took over command of BN from MAJOR JACKSON. Strength OFF (29) (ORS (870)	

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TEL EL KEBIR	Jan 10 th		Training continued. Strength OFF 29 OR 870	
	11 th		MAJOR McCRAE G. & 2 nd LT CROOKS D. sent to hospital (11) OR sent to hospital. Strength (27) OFF. 859 OR	
	12 th		(1) OR transferred from BDE H.Q. to 7 th BN. Strength (27) OFF (859) OR	
	13 th		(1) OR transferred from 7 th BN to 8 th BN. (27) " (858) OR	
	14 th		2 nd LIONOUR taken on BN strength 7/1/16. 2 nd LT HORNBY L.L. & 2 nd LT BARKER H. promoted Lieutenants 7/1/16. Strength (27) (858)	
	15 th		(17) OR Details arrived from Futoun. Inspection of 1 st AUST. DIV. by S ^r A. Murray. K.C.B. K.C.M.G. C.V.O. D.S.O. Strength OFF (27) OR 875	
	16 th		(3) OR returned from details, Strength (27) OFF (878) OR	
	17 th		Strength unchanged.	
	18 th		(7) OR sent to hospital. Strength (27) OFF. 871 OR	
	19 th		Strength unchanged.	
	20 th		Munition practice. Approx. 10% of rounds expended. 16,000 RDS. Strength unchanged.	
	21 st		(184) OR of 7 th to 12 th reinforcements arrived from details, also sick & wounded men returned. Strength 27 OFF. 1055 OR	
	22 nd		(8) OR sent to hospital. Strength (27) OFF. 1048 OR	
	23 rd		(2) OR sent to hospital, (1) OR taken on strength from details. Strength 27 OFF. 1047 OR	
	24 th		(6) OR sent to hospital. Strength 27 OFF. 1041 OR	
TEL EL KEBIR	25 th		LT WHITELAW J.S. is placed on the supernumerary list 20/1/16. (1) OR transferred from colk 6. (3) OR sent to Hospital. Strength 27 OFF. (1038) OR	

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LT COL H.E. ELLIOTT. 7th BN
 was commander of 7th BN
 to BDE H.Q. & 6th BN, substituting
 for SERAPUEM.



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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL EL KEBIR	26 th Jan		Training still continued in a very satisfactory manner. Strength (27) OFF. 1035 ORS (3) ORS sent to hospital	
	27 th		Strength unchanged	
	28 th		Strength (27) OFF. 1033 ORS. (2) ORS sent to hospital	
	29 th		2 nd Lt NICHOLSON. B.B. 4 (11) other ranks struck off strength to join shell camel haps. Strength (26) OFF. 1022 ORS.	
	30 th		Shirahy Parade. 7 th & 8 th BNs paraded with 1 st INF BDE for the service. Strength (26) OFF. (1015) ORS (7) Hos.	
TEL EL KEBIR	31 st	1230	Orders received to entrain for SERAPEUM.	
		2400	This month has ended after an experience which we have not had for a long time, and that is a complete battalion, working at full strength.	
			The keen but good natured rivalry between companies, in regards to the keeping of their respective lines is order was grand, and.	
			The true comradeship that existed among the ^{officers} men, with their field training & camp life, showed that they had taken the words of the C. O. C. 2 nd BDE to heart. That is everyone tried to do his "bit" for the honour of his Regiment. Brigade & Country.	
			Strength (26) OFF. (1009 ORS.) To Hospital (6) ORS	

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 Commanding 7th BDE

