

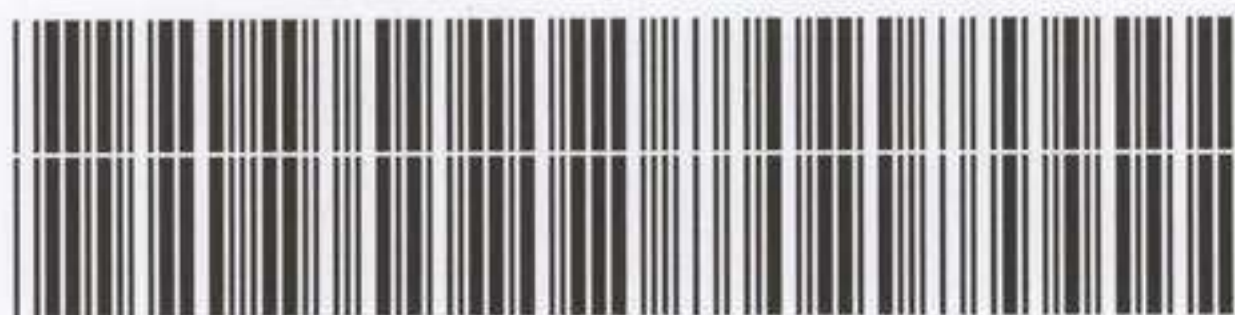
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1st Battln. relieved B. C. & D. Coys. on Canal Post. Battalion assembled again. all Div. duties to be performed by 1st Bde in future. Training commenced. New establishment received. Hot windy day prevented work in afternoon.

Training resumed. Bn on no fatigues. Useful work being carried out. Arrangements being made to carry out musketry course.

Training resumed. 2/Lt. D. G. Evans reported for duty as Reinforcement Officer.

Church Parade. 90 other ranks rejoined Battln from Base Camp.

Training resumed. Coys went for route march independently. Full marching order. 45 more men rejoined from Base.

43 other ranks drafted to 60th Bn. The sum of £1836.8 from 8th Battln Regmt. Funds handed over to 60th Battln. Rifle Range complete.

"A" Coy commenced shooting. Good day for same. 2/Lt. L. Tuckett (Signalling Officer) transferred to 4th Divn.

"A" Coy shooting. Results better, but more rapid loading required.

"B" Coy shooting. others route march.

"B" Coy shooting. others route march. Dusty disagreeable day affected shooting. Battln under orders for France.

Major Coulter proceeded to Cairo to arrange financial matters with Staff Paymaster.

"C" Coy commenced shooting. Bad Day. Health of Battln good.

"C" Coy continued shooting. Rapid loading requires more practice yet.

Major-Gen. Chauvel said farewell to 10th Division in forenoon. 4.0.16.

2nd Bde inspected Battln. in afternoon. Very good, turn out satisfactory.



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15.3.16 Serapeum	Leave granted by G.O.C. Divn. Officers 3 days. N.C.O.s & others 2 days. 42 applications approved.	
16.3.16 "	"D" Coy commenced shooting. good day. good results. A.B. & C. Boys inoculated for Pero-Typhoid. 163 men approved for leave.	
17.3.16 "	Dusty disagreeable day. £1200 paid to Battalion as usual fortnightly pay. "D" Coy inoculated. 90 men approved for leave. 71 recruits arrived.	
18.3.16 "	Dusty Disagreeable day. Lt. Wallis left for Marseilles as advance Officer 22 men sent to Aust. as undesirables. Whole Battln now inoculated	
19.3.16 "	Training resumed. Useful work carried out.	
20.3.16 "	Mustering Parade of whole 1 st Divn. Present 30 Officers 1113 other ranks. Capt. Dobbie tiled by G.C.M.	
21.3.16 "	Officers & other ranks to embark for France selected. 108 other ranks to remain behind.	
22.3.16 "	1 Officers 25 others & 48 horses of Transport entrained at Serapeum 1800 for Alexandria	
23.3.16 "	Mark IV rifles issued in lieu of those brought from Aust. Mark VII Ammunition issued.	
24.3.16 "	Training. Major Coulter, Capt. Hirsch, Lt. Johnson, Lt. Biggsley & W.O. Taylor to remain at Serapeum for retrieval of Capt. Dobbie.	
25.3.16 "	Entrained at Serapeum for Alexandria @ 2100.	
26.3.16 Alexandria	Arrived Alexandria at 0700 & at 0800 embarked on H.M.T. MEGANTIC for Marseilles. 23 Officers 973 other ranks embarked. 7 th Battln also on board: at 1600 left pier & anchored.	
27.3.16 At Sea	Sailed at 1000. Smooth Sea. Boat Station Crews practiced. Inoculation commenced. (Second time).	
28.3.16 } 29.3.16 } 30.3.16 }	At Sea.	
31.3.16 Marseilles	Disembarked at 1800. H.Q. M.G. Section & "A" Coy entrained for _____ at 2100. B.C.D. boys went into Camp with orders to be ready to entrain 1-4-16.	

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