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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SERAPEUM CAMP CANAL ZONE	1916 February			
	1		Strength of Battalion: - 35 officers 934 other ranks. Major <del>S. L.</del> Whitlam C.M.G. seconded for duty as D.A.A. & Q.M.G., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aust. Div.	Am.
	2		'C' Company moved out to Railhead for ammunition guard and outpost duty.	Am.
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	6		Lieuts. P. R. Weston, C. Blakney, P. D. Nicholas & 8 men left for a M. G. course at Zeitoun, also 8 signallers for a Signalling Course and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut E. C. von Bibra for Infantry Training Church Parade.	Am.
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	8		Light operations for 'A' & 'D' boys.	Am.
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SERAPEUM CAMP	1916 February			
CANAL ZONE	14			
	15		Heavy rain showers. Capt Jozer (R.M.O.) sent to Hospital + relieved by Capt McKillop (2 <sup>nd</sup> 3d Amb).	Am.
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	17		Battalion was split up into two wings, 'A' + 'B', in anticipation of the reorganisation.	Am.
	18		Adjutant left for Cairo on duty. Lieut R. A. McBlane acting adjutant in his absence.	Am.
	19		Excessive wind + dust.	Am.
	20		Church Parade with 2 <sup>nd</sup> Inf. Bgde.	Am.
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	23		2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieuts L. Dadson + J. Holyman returned to duty.	Am.
			Capt Krullen promoted Major	
			Lieuts J. Holland + A. S. Bowles promoted Captain	
			2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieuts J. Bass, A. Love, A.H. Appleby, W.H. Christophers } to be Lieutenants D. McLeod, C. Blakeney P.D. Nicholas	Am.
			Lieut S.R. Houghton, + 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieuts K. G. Jacob + D. McLeod placed on Supernumerary list from 20/2/16.	Am.
			Lieut. G. Losten appointed M.G. Officer, dated 20/2/16.	Am.

A.I.F. Order No. 81 to date from 20/2/16

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SERAPEUM CAMP. CANAL ZONE	1916 February 23		Capt McKellop (RMO) transferred to 9 <sup>th</sup> Batta was relieved by Capt Wilcocks (2 <sup>nd</sup> Ad. Amb.) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieut R. M. Thirkell appointed Signalling Officer, dated 20/2/16. " C. D. Lucas appointed Transport Officer vice Lt. J. C. Newlands who resumes Regimental Duties 20/2/16. R.Q.M.S. R. P. Penna (2 <sup>nd</sup> Div. HQ.) promoted 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant & recorded for duty as an A.P.M. Dated 1/1/16. Capt B. A. Litterer from recorded list, resumes duty with Battalion.	Am Am Am
		24	Adjutant returned from Cairo. The gift stores of the Victorian Racing Club were received and much appreciated by the Troops, being the exact class of goods required.	Am
		25	12 <sup>th</sup> Batta wing of A' Coy moved out to Railhead & relieved the 52 <sup>nd</sup> wing of B' Coy who returned to Staging Camp.	Am
		26	12 <sup>th</sup> Batta wing of D' Coy moved out to Railhead & relieved the 52 <sup>nd</sup> wing of C' Coy who returned to Staging Camp.	Am
		27	Church Parade Lieut W. Kennedy & R.S.M. Herbert left for Tel-el-Kebir as acting Adjutant & Q.M. respectively for 52 <sup>nd</sup> Batta.	Am
		28	message received from Bgde HQ. that 500 reinforcements for 12 <sup>th</sup> Batta will arrive at Serapeum station at 1330 on 1 <sup>st</sup> prox & 52 <sup>nd</sup> wing of 12 <sup>th</sup> Batta will leave same station at 1530 same day.	Am
		29	Strength of Battalion 36 officers 869 other ranks, Total 905. H. Elliott Major of Cp 12 <sup>th</sup> Bn	Am