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| Mudros | 29/12/15 | | Training of Battalion | |
| | 30/12/15 | | Advanced party consisting of Capt. Hinton and five men departed for Egypt | |
| | 31/12/15 | | " | |
| | 1/1/16 | | New Year's Day. (Holiday) | |
| | 2/1/16 | | Nothing Unusual | |
| | 3/1/16 | 1115 | Inspection by G.O.C. | |
| | 4/1/16 | 1200 | Embarked on H.T. Simla. Total 27 Officers and 527 ORs. | |
| | 5/1/16 | | Nothing Unusual | |
| | 6/1/16 | | " | |
| | 7/1/16 | | " | |
| Tel-el-Kebir | 8/1/16 | | Arrived Alexandria | |
| | 9/1/16 | 0945 | Disembarked & Entrained | |
| | 10/1/16 | 1915 | Arrived at Tel-el-Kebir. Capt Hinton, Lieut Lt Col Nabb (Trans) re-joined Unit. also Lt Pritchard, 2nd Lt Hobbs and 87 ORs returned sick and wounded, together with Lt Harrison and 220 Reinforcements. | |
| | 11/1/16 | | Training particularly shell formations | |



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| El-el-Kebir | 14/16 | | Capt Dunlop became M.O. Capt Plant transferred to 24 th Bn. Rehearsal for an Inspection | |
| | 15/16 | 1440 | Inspected together with remainder of Bde including transport by Sir Archibald Murray. | |
| | 16/16 | | Nothing Unusual — Training | |
| | 18/16 | | 2/Lt Appleby to Hospital | |
| | 19/16 | | 2/Lt Rawson to Hospital | Capt. Kirke gets married. |
| | 20/16 | | 2/Lt Rawson returned from hospital | |
| | 21/16 | | Nothing Unusual | |
| Staging Camp | 24/16 | 1000 | Transport inspected by Brigade Major C.O. Adjutant M.O.A. & B. Coys details and 6 horses & entrained at El-el-Kebir for Ashmatia, arriving at 1130. Marched in full marching Order to Staging Camp — distance 5 miles — at which we arrived at 14.15 and camped | |
| | 25/16 | 1630 | Posted an outpost to guard our own camp | |
| | 26/16 | 0900 | Left Staging Camp for Quntroon Plateau — about 7 miles away — leaving | |



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| Dunkroon Plateau | 26/1/16 (cont) | | <p>a guard over band instruments etc. sending our kents and baggage ahead as far as Road End, which was one mile from Staging Camp, from which, camel transport conveyed them to Dunkroon Plateau at which place ^(2 Coy etc) Detn arrived at 1500 and pitched kents. Heavy rain commenced at 1445 and rained at various intervals throughout the night. The march was unsatisfactory - Men tired out before going more than two miles. The halts were too infrequent and too long.</p> | |
| | 27/1/16 31/1/16 | | <p>Work on keep situated on Dunkroon commenced. Several methods of revetting sand were tried & sand bags or making with hurdles were found to be most useful. We supplied Outpost to protect our own lines.</p> | |
| | 1/2 4/2/16 5/2/16 6/2/16 | | <p>Capt Hinton evacuated sick. Major Wisdom (B.M) promoted to Lt Col. & to command 18th Bn C & D Coy rejoined Battalion Moved camp to a basin West of Mt Kembla Commenced work on new keep on reverse slopes of Mt Kembla.</p> | |