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Title: 21st Infantry Battalion

March 1916



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Date.	Place and Time.	21 st Battalion A.I.F.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1916			
Nov 1	CANAL ZONE	Constructing light Railway - Completing Trenches & Dig Outs - Clearing foreground.	
2		Same work as previous day. also Bombing instruction & Range Marks.	
3		Trenches & Dig Outs - also Musketry (fiddling)	
4		Musketry continued. also Trench work & wire entanglements	
5		Improving Trenches & Dig Outs. also "Scouting" instruction	
6		Route march - Preliminary arrangements for handing over our Section of line to New Zealand. Mounted Regt	
7		Handed over Sub Section to N.Z. Troops & marched to STAGING CAMP - CANAL ZONE where we bivouaced for the night.	
8	0830	Marched out of STAGING CAMP. & crossed CANAL at 9 AM. Exchanged Rifles at Ordnance FERRY'S POST WEST & marched to	

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March 8	CANAL ZONE	<u>continued</u> MOSCAR Camp - where we arrived at 1.45 PM	
9	MOSCAR	Pitching Camp - Reorganizing & equipping Company	
10		Foot-inspection - Lecture on "Gas Helmet"	
11		Company & Platoon Training	
12		Cap. Platoon training & Administrative work	
13		Church Parade.	
14		Route march of 21 st & 22 nd Bns to FERRY POST	
15		Training & refitting	
16		Battalion in Attack Training	
17		Training	
18		Packing Bn's & Equipment - Inspection by J. R. H. The Prince of Wales & Part of Bn's (500-OR)	General Birdwood's Embarked at 6.30 PM for ALEXANDRIA.

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MAR 19	MOSCOW.	Embarked at 2.35 AM for ALEXANDRIA. when we arrived at 1.10 PM. & embarked on HT. MINNEWASKA. As "O.C. Troopship" I had life belts issued to all on board. also allotted Boat Stations & detailed the necessary Submarine Boats. Ship's Guards etc.	
20		Inspection of Troop Ships. & routine work. Transport left Port at 8.30 AM.	
21		Inspection of Ships. 3.45 PM. Alarm Signal was given & all hands fell in at Boat Stations.	
22		Inspection of Ships & Routine work.	
23		Inspection of Ships. Orderly Room & Lecture to Officers & Sergeants on "Trench Warfare" by Sgt. Laburnum.	
24		Inspection of Ships. Prepared disembarkation returns & orders arrived MARSILLES at 4.30 P.M.	

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MAR 25	MARSEILLES	The 21 st Bn. disembarked at 7.30 AM. & entrained at 9 AM.	
		Train left MARSEILLES at 9.37 AM.	
26		Train en route	
27		Train en route	
27		Arrived at AIRE at 3.40 PM - disentrained & marched to	
		GLOMENCHEN where troops were billeted.	
28		Inspection of Billets & Coy Training	
29		Inspection of Billets - Route march by Companies	
30		Route March & Preliminary Marking Instruction	
31		Route March to AIRE. Inspection by Lord. Pittman.	

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