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Title: 24th Infantry Battalion

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Date.	Place and Time.	24 th Battalion	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
2.2.16	TEL EL KERIR	until 2 nd of February when we entrained for Ismailia to take up section of the CANAL ZONE DEFENCES.	
2/3 2/16		On arrival at ISMAILIA the Battalion disembarked at MOASCAR and marched on night of 2 nd Feb. to FERRYS POST where it bivouaced and next day moved on to the position allotted; to a spot called the SPHINX about 10 miles E of ISMAILIA on 120° bearing near the hills marked KATAIYIB EL KHEIL on MAP 1/10000 SHEET. G. 12.	
4.2.16		Took up outpost position at SPHINX and immediately commenced extensive entrenching works for its defence. The whole Battalion was engaged preparing the position which consisted of 1780 yards of trenches.	

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4 ² / ₁₆		<p style="text-align: right; margin-right: 20px;"><i>Asst. Col.</i></p> <p>with machine gun emplacements & wire entanglements along the whole front. The trenches were mostly in soft drift sand & had to be sweated throughout. All food and water was carried from the rail head on camels and at times the water ration was only $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon a day. The health of the men remained good: boys out on actual digging work on outposts duty at 48 hours shifts so that each platoon had a turn in the advanced firing line. The position was one of great importance as it stretched across the main caravan route from El Tassa, the point from which the Turks made their attacks last year on Ismailia, the work carried out by the</p>	

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