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5. $\frac{3}{16}$	SPHINX	Batta was spoken of in the highest terms by the G.O.C who visited the position on several occasions as it was the extreme R flank of the 2 nd Div & joined up with the L of the first 1 st Div. Orders issued to move from outpost line and that we were to be relieved by the NZ mounted rifles which was carried out by 1200 on 5 th / ₁₆ and the Batta moved to FERRY POST & on the night of 5 th / ₁₆ advanced then	
6 $\frac{3}{16}$	FERRY'S POST	Moved to MOASCAR on passing Ordnance store all old rifles were changed for h.v. MARK VII. arrived MOASCAR 1200 and pitched camp: The Batta remained here until the evening of the 19/20 in the meantime carrying out route marking & fields	
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<p>19/20 3/16</p> <p>Last of War Diary to be continued on Army Form C. 2118. I consider for Regt Officers Book form and transfer as a diary</p>	<p>MOASCAR</p>	<p>work. On the afternoon of the 18th His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales inspected the Bde and the Batta: The Batta after hearing an address by Sir Mr Birchwood marched passed R.P.H in column of fours afterwards the Camp lines were inspected. Move orders were received to entertain for Alexandria: During the stay at Ismailia the Batta received officers men from the depot camp belonging chiefly to the reinforcements also returned wounded & sick men from Zaitoun depot</p>	<p></p>

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Masara	Mar 19	11.50	Final clearing up and preparation for entrainment	
		22.00	Entrainment Orders Major Manning D Coy less a platoon totaling 179 OR entrained for Alexandria	
ALEXANDRIA	Mar 20 th	0015	Battalion entrained for Alexandria	
		0800	Arrived Alexandria	
			Embarked on HMT LAKE MICHIGAN SO Major BRIND QM Capt FRAWLEY	Officers 14 OR 536
			Embarked on HMT MAGDALENA	10 306
			Embarked on HMT CITY OF EDINBURGH	1 50
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		1630	Sailed from ALEXANDRIA Fine - Sea Moderate - All men to wear lifebelts - Officers on duty to be armed - Issued usual orders for safety - mounted machine guns detailed Starboard and Port Submarine Guard each under an officer also 2 Subalterns as Executive Ships Officers. Sentries posted on Deck & gangways	
AT SEA	21 st	0945	Fine and clear - sea calm - Escorted by Torpedo Destroyer	
		1000	General Muster Parade Inspection - Clearances satisfactory - Four Steerways reported - 3 from Depot Coy 24 Bn - 1 from 1 st Div. left all equipment behind Boat parties detailed	

All water also 24 Bn



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AT SEA	MAR 22		Great vigilance - Officers on duty on bridge with glasses - all guards and gun crews in readiness for immediate action -	
	23	0920 1230 1700	Sea moderate 3 Stowaways from 20th Bn reported Message received that HMT MINNEAPOLIS had been torpedoed and was sinking - Position indicated made her about 12 miles due N of our position - Speed of vessel increased and Course changed Message that MINNEAPOLIS still sinking Message that two Submarines had been sighted 62 miles NE of VALETTA this morning - Our course changed	
	24	0200	Orders from Admiral Haulta to proceed direct to MARSEILLES Medical Inspection - 3 Stowaways from 20th Bn	
	25		Calm, dull - Course changed to N - 2 Stowaways 23rd Bn.	
MARSEILLES	26	1530	VD Inspection arrived Marseilles - 1900 disembarked 2345 Embarked Officers 14 Prisoners 9	Officers 14 Prisoners 9 Call 1000 at 24