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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Staging Camp Ismailia	1/3/16		Digging trenches for Canal Defences.	
"	3/3/16		Inspection of Bn in marching order with Transport by Brig Gen J. Paton	
"	4/3/16		Received orders to move to MOASCAR.	
Moascar.	5/3/16		Left Staging Camp 09.20 arrived MOASCAR 11.45. Lt Calless & 26 men rejoined.	
"	6/3/16		Bathing parade for Bn. 46 details rejoined Bn.	
"	7/3/16		Musketry with new rifles in Desert all day. Received preliminary instructions re embarkation.	
"	8/3/16		Capt H. Grant, and 41 others transferred to new Pioneer Bn.	
"	9/3/16		Address by Gen Legge to C.O's re march discipline. Also lecture by Imperial officer on Gas Helmets. Drill and Paratyphoid inoculation in the afternoon. 27 details received.	
"	10/3/16 to 12/3/16		Musketry with new Mark VII ammunition.	
"	13/3/16		Address by Gen Birdwood prior to embarkation for FRANCE.	
"	14/3/16		Received notice to entrain this evening. 1 officer Lieut Leslie & 23 Reinforcements received. Entrained 8.30pm. for ALEXANDRIA.	

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Alexandria	15/3/16		Arrived at 5 am embarked on H.M.T. NORTHLAND sailed at 6 p.m.	
"	16/3/16		At sea. Boat station parade & inspection of ship.	
"	17/3/16		Rough sea number of men sick. Lecture by myself on Transport.	
"	18/3/16		Lecture by Lt Col Dollman 27 th . Passed MALTA 2100.	
"	19/3/16		2 nd Paratyphoid inoculation	
"	20/3/16		Passed SARDINIA this morning. Inoculation continued. Short arm parade. Lecture by Major F. M. O'Donnell.	
Marseilles	21/3/16		Arrived MARSEILLES at 7.40 am. Disembarked 9 pm. Entrained 11 pm.	
In Train	22/3/16		Left by train at 1.12 am. Passed through ORANGE. ROUEN. MACON.	
"	23/3/16		Passed through LES LOUMES, - LA ROCHE - MONTEREAU & MELUN. At the latter place P ^{te} Lyons of the 7 th Field Amb. was taken down from the top of a Railway Carriage dead having been struck by something. Passed through EPLUCHES at 10.40 pm.	
Morbecque	24/3/16		Detained at THIENNES at 1000. Ground covered with snow & still falling. Marched to MORBECQUE and Bn billeted in farms. Hd Qrs of Bn at CODRON'S FARM.	

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Morbacque	25/3/16		Inspected mess billets. Raining today	
"	27/3/16		Inspection of Bde by Gen. Sir Douglas Haigh Still raining	
"	28/3/16		Transport vehicles arrived today.	
"	29/3/16		Practical Gas demonstration today.	
"	30/3/16		Brig Gen J. Paton inspected billets of Bn today. Heavy frost.	
"	31/3/16		Parade State.	
			Effective strength last month.	
			Add. Received from Hospital	
			" Details returned.	
			Reinforcements	
				Officers Others
				27 930
				1 31
				1 102
				1 26
				Officers Others 30 1089
			Deduct. Evacuated sick	62
			Undesirables to A.P.M.	3
			Transferred to Pioneer Bn etc.	1 50 1 115
			Effective strength 31/3/16.	29 974

Sw of Serjeant Major
31/3/16.
c/o 26th Bn

