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**Australian Imperial Force unit war diaries,
1914-18 War**

Infantry

Item number: 23/48/10

Title: 31st Infantry Battalion

May 1916



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Date. 1916	Place and Time.	31 st Battalion	RECEIVED CENTRAL REGISTRY 4 * JUN. 1916 DAS, 3rd. ECHELON. Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
May 1 st	Camp FERRY POST EAST	Camp routine of fatigue & outpost duties.	
" 2	do	Brigade scheme, Battalion on Divisional duties, absorbed.	
" 4	do	Officers witnessed demonstration of "STOKES GUN"	
" 9	do	Divisional scheme.	
" 10	do	Constructing Canal defenses Two (2) Companies absorbed.	
" 11	do	First issue Mark VII Ammunition received.	
		Hon Lieut & Quartermaster J. FAINE. returned to Australia & Sgt SPARKS app'd 2 nd LIEUT & Q M.	

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MAY 12	Camp FERRY POST	Divisional scheme.	
- 25	EAST	Review & inspection of 5 th Division by Commander in Chief.	
		8 th Brigade received orders to be prepared to move to new camp at MOSCAR. 4 miles W of FERRY POST	
- 27	do	"First Flight" orders received re move to MOSCAR	
- 28	do	Battalion portion of "First Flight" marched to MOSCAR.	
- 31	MOSCAR	Flight order N ^o 1, attached	Appendix N ^o 1
		Alterations personnel of Officers List attached marked	Appendix N ^o 2
		Fred Woodall Lieut	
		Co 31 st Battalion	

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(FIRST)
(FLIGHT ORDER NO. 1)
31st BATTALION MOVE ORDER

Appendix No 1 3

No. 1

Regimental Headquarters
FERRY POST, EAST,
27th May 1916

INFORMATION

The 8th Brigade is moving to MOASCAR.

INTENTION

The Battalion will follow 30th Battalion
in order of march.

STARTING POINT

S.W. Corner of 29th Battalion lines.

HOOR OF STARTING

0448 on 28.5.1916

HALES

Will be signalled from Head of Column.

DRESS

Full marching order - ground sheet folded
inside flap of pack. Water bottles filled.
Unused portion of days ration to be carried.

BAGGAGE

All baggage to be stacked on ground between
S. of camp and Road, by 1700 to-day.

Blankets to be rolled up by Sections (these
will be stacked at S. end of Camp by 0355, ~~these~~^{and}
will be carried by Baggage Section of Divisional
Train.)

1st LINE TRANSPORT

Will follow 30th Battalion Transport. Hour
of start (approximately) 0458.

REPORTS

To C.O. at head of Battalion.

REAR PARTY

Capt. W. MacPherson and 5 men per Company will
be left behind to hand over Camp and clean up.
This party will not move until after the lines have
been inspected.

Issued at 1230 27.5.1916
Dictated to "A" Coy
"B" Coy
"C" Coy
"D" Coy
Lewis Gun Section
R.S.M.
R.M.O.
Orderly Officer
Quartermaster
Transport Section

[Signature]
& Adjt.
31st. Battalion A.I.F.

31st BATTALION, 8th INFANTRY BRIGADE.

JOINED DURING THE MONTH ENDING May 31st 1916

3 Officers: Viz. Captain H. Cuming from 8th Bde. H.Q. 8.5.16
2/Lieut. A. Hudson from 8th Training Bn. 4.5.16
2/Lieut. A.S.Adams from 8th Training Bn. 24.5.16

27 Men. 4th Reinforcements from 8th Training Battalion on 24.5.16

1 Corporal Transferred from Brigade Head Quarters ~~24.5.1916~~ 30.5.1916

1 Man " " " 8.5.1916

1 Man " 14th Battalion 24.5.1916

STRUCK OFF DURING THE MONTH ENDING 31.5.1916

3 Officers. Viz. Captain R.Piers Blundell - In Hospital 10.5.1916
Captain E. Murphy to 8th Training Bn 31.5.1916
Hon. Lt.& Q.M. T.F.G.Faine. Returned to Australia 11.5.1916

20 men surplus to Establishment transferred to 8th Training Battalion 29.5.1916

3 men returned to Australia - Ill. 10.5.1916

40 Transferred to other units. Various dates.

MOASCAR.

31/5/1916.

J. J. Bourke
Adjt.
31st Battalion A.I.F.