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1914-18 War

Infantry

Item number: 23/48/5

Title: 31st Infantry Battalion

December 1915



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Date. 1915	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
DEC ⁶ 6 th	SUEZ	1 PM Arrived at SUEZ.	
DEC ⁶ 7 th	do	7:30 am. Disembarkation & Entrenching	
		No casualties during voyage.	
		STRE 30 officers 955 other ranks + 10ff 99 OR. 1 st Reinf	
		Left in Hospital at SUEZ, 32 men of Battalion	
		" " " " " 3 " of 1 st Reinf ^{ly}	
" 7 th	HELIOPOLIS (EGYPT)	Arrived last train 5 pm.	
		Strength arriving Camp LIETOUN.	
		Battalion 30 Officers 928 other ranks	
" 8 th	do.	1 st Reinf ^{ly} 1 " 91 " 5 men transferred	
		to Hospital HELIOPOLIS, 1 officer Capt McAllister	
		CAPTAIN McALLISTER, & 5 other ranks	
		and of 1 st Reinf ^{ly} 1 man	
		TRANSFERRED from 1 st Reinf 34 men to Battalion	

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1915			
DEC 6 th	ZIETOUN	Battalion & 1 st Reinforcements left by train for EIN-GOSSHEIN. West of SERAPEUM. Center of SUEZ Canal.	
DEC 14 th	SERAPEUM.	Arrived at Camp SERAPEUM, W. Marching in State showing Battalion 29 officers 957 other Ranks 1 st Reinf ^{ts} 1 do. 56 do do	
DEC 15 th	-	Transferred from 1 st Reinf. 1 man No 40 PTE H. TRULSON Pioneer A Co, 31 st Bn. died at HELIOPOLIS	
" 17 th	do	Hospital "Cerebro Spinal Meningitis" Transport Section and 1 platoon D Coy + HMT. BAKARA. arrived in Camp	

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DEC 17 th	SERAPEUM	Strength 1 Officer 32 other ranks Left in Hospital at SUEZ.
" 19 th	do	1 Officer & 16 other ranks Posted outpost company on GEBEL HABEITA, Mountain Range 8 miles east of SERAPEUM. (see MAP) EGYPT GREAT BITTER LAKE Consisting "A" Coy 6 Officers 222 other ranks M G. Sect 1 do. 15 Signalers - 3
" 25 th	do	No 45 PTE H. J. EVANS died at 2-15 pm in hospital at SERAPEUM. C.S.M. buried on 26 th at ISMAILIA.
" 30	do	Rejoined from Hospital 2 Officer 25 men Detailed state of effective strength at 31 st 12 th - See appen I Med wall 2 nd Col 2/0 31 st Battr

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Appendix I

31st Battalion, 8th Infantry Brigade
H. M. Troopship "Kandilla"

Detail	Battalion		1 st Reinforcements		Total		Remarks
	Offrs	Rank	Officer	Other	Offrs	Rank	
Embarked at Melbourne 9 th 15	30	961	1	100	31	1061	
Arrived Fremantle	30	961	1	100	31	1061	
Disembarked to Hospital		1				1	
Deserted		5		1		6	
Left Fremantle	30	955	1	99	31	1054	5 transferred from 1/31
Arrived Suez	30	960	1	94	31	1054	to Battalion
Disembarked to Hospital		32		3		35	
-"- Entrained at Suez	30	928	1	91	31	1019	
Arrived Heliopolis	30	928	1	91	31	1019	15 th
to Hospital Heliopolis	1	5		1	1	6	x. 1 Pte Inulson dis
Left Heliopolis	29	957	1	56	30	1013	34 transferred from
Arrived Serapeum W.	29	957	1	56	30	1013	1/31 to Battalion
At Serapeum W.	29	958	1	55	30	1013	1 transferred from 1/31 to Battalion
H. M. Troopship "Bakara"							
Embarked Melbourne 8 th 15	2	48			2	48	
Arrived Suez 12 th 15	2	48			2	48	
Disembarked to Hospital	1	16			1	16	
-"- Entrained at Suez 17 th 15	1	32			1	32	
Arrived at Serapeum 17 th 15	1	32			1	32	
Serapeum ex Kandilla	29	958	1	55	30	1013	
-"- ex Bakara	1	32			1	32	
Rejoined from Hospital	1	25			1	25	
Serapeum W.	31	1015	1	53	32	1070	
Died		1				1	No 45 Pte H. J. EVANS
Total Serapeum. 30 th 15	31	1014	1	55	32	1069	

100 Capt Wallis
 rejoined making 32. Officers as at 31st Dec 1915. J
 fled to Gall Mool
 on 31st Bath

Serapeum
 Canal Defence 31st Dec 1915