

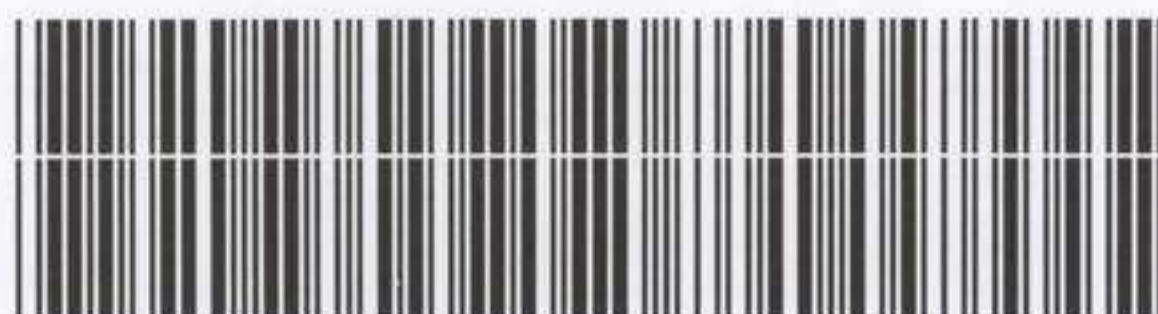
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Title: 45th Infantry Battalion

March 1916



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45 Bn

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Tel-el-Kebir - 4-3-16.

The 45th Battalion formed from the 13th Battalion half of which "B" and "D" Companies were transferred to 45th Battalion.

12 Officers transferred with the exception of one all have Peninsular experience., of these 4 were original 13th Battalion Officers, 7 were promoted from the ranks while serving with the 13th Battalion and 1 a Reinforcement Officer.

Two (2) companies ("B" 177 - "D" 170 - H.Q. 14) Total 381 rank and file were transferred .

These two companies in toto with exception of the Officers, 1 G.S.M. and 2 C.Q.M.S.

Two platoons of each company transferred formed the nucleus of a new company in the 45th Battalion.

Of the 381 transferred 278 had Peninsular experience.

The 9th Reinforcements (43) and the 10th Reinforcements (40) having joined at MOASCAR in January 1916.

Nine (9) Signallers were transferred from the Signalling Section 13th Battalion and formed the nucleus of the 45th Battalion Signallers.

Four (4) Pioneers were transferred from the Pioneer Section 13th Battalion and formed the nucleus of the 45th Battalion. PIONEERS

Ten (10) Machine Gunners were transferred from the M.G. Section 13th Battalion and ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ were then transferred to the 12th Bde M.G. Co.

Half the 13th Bn Regimental Funds less £50/-/-, were handed over to the 45th Bn Regimental Funds.

Tel-el-Kebir - 1-3-16.

Major S.C.E.Herring to command 45th Bn (temp) transferred from 13th Battalion. (Bde R.O. No. 1. 1/3/16)

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7-3-16.

Five (5) Officers and 459 Other ranks Reinforcements .
14/1st Bn., 2/30th Bn., 10/11/13th Rfts of 13th Bn.

4th Training Bn - 312.

8th " " - 81.

1st " " - 107.

Total - 500.

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11-3-16.

£800/-/-, paid to Battalion as pay for men.

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10-3-16.

Inspection by Major-General Cox, Commanding A.P.F.

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18-3-16.

Transferred to 4th Pioneer Battalion - 1 Off - 52 O.R.

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17-3-16.

Transferred to 4th Div Artillery - 101 rank and file.

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19-3-16.

Week ending 19-3-16, training very much interfered with owing to inoculation for para-typhoid and to the 12th Bde being the brigade for Divisional duties for that week.

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21-3-16.

Transferred 11 O.R. to 12th Bde M.G. Co.

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22-3-16.

Visit of the H.R.H. the PRINCE of WALES accompanied by Lieut-General BIRDWOOD.

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25-3-16.

Tel-el-Keber. 25-3-16.

Transferred 11 O.R. to 12th Bde. M.G.Co.
£665/-/- paid to 45th Battalion.

" 21-3-16.

Eight (8) N.C.O's in 45th Bn. granted Commissions.
Five of these had Peninsular experience.

" 23-3-16.

2nd in command Capt. Rowland W.J.; transferred from
53rd Battalion.
Senior Company Commander Capt. Chapman D.K.†
transferred from 49th Battalion.

" 25-3-16.

Capt. Hopkins, C.B. seconded to the 14th Inf. Bde.
as Staff Captain.

" 27-3-16.

The 45th Battalion (12th Bde) left Tel-el-Kebir
at 1600 en route to SERAPEUM via ISMAILIA.
21 Officers and 534 Other Ranks, 50 Baggage camels
2 limbered wagons and 4 Riding horses marched 12
miles and bivouacked in desert 3 miles from MAH-
SAMA.

MAHSAMA.

28-3-16.

Had breakfast at MAHSAMA - Rested until 1530,
marched 10 miles and bivouacked at MAGHANA about
5 miles from MOASCAR.

MOASCAR.

29-3-16.

Reached MOASCAR after march through heavy sand about
0830. Rested there till 30-3-16.

SERAPEUM.

30-3-16.

Left MOASCAR 0600, reached camp (1 mile across
pontoon bridge) i.e. EAST of CANAL.
Reached SERAPEUM camp with all but 15 O.R. who were
sent to the Field Ambulance on march who however
returned to Battalion within 24 hours.
Camp had been occupied by 2nd Inf. Bde., very bad-
ly laid out.

31-3-16.

One hundred and sixty (160) O.R. from 1st Bde.
details absorbed.

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same sheet as entries for
beginning of subsequent
month and filed with volume
for that month).