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SERAPEUM.

1-6-16.

Lieut Varley, A.L. sent ahead as M.L.O. -
" Drinkwater L.S. sent to SUEZ to bring band instruments along to FRANCE.
The whole Battalion 20 Officers and 991 O.R. left by train for ALEXANDRIA. - Travelled from 1630 to 0130 (2/6/16) Then 28 Officers and 980 O.R. embarked that morning early on the H.T.KINFAUNS CASTLE. 1 Officer (Lt Tingcombe) and 11 Transport men with the transport embarked on the H.T.KINGSTONIAN.

AT SEA.

2/8/6/16.

The KINFAUNS CASTLE was a very comfortable ship. 4th Div H.Q. - D.R.E. and D.R.A. and the 46th Bn, ^{12th Bde HQ} Div Cyclist and Signallers were on board as well.

MARSEILLES.

8-6-16.

Reached MARSEILLES on the 8th June. Disembarked that night and entrained at 0200 9-6-16. ~~Task~~ ~~Div Cyclists~~ ~~on the train~~ ~~Task~~. Five men sent sick to hospital from ship, and 5 men under N.C.O. left behind at MARSEILLES with Officers Base Kit.

TRAIN JOURNEY.

9-11-6-16.

Left MARSEILLES at 0200 9/6/16 also Div Cyclists on the train. Took 4-days rations on the train. Hot water provided at different Stations, ORANGE, LYONS, VAISE, MONTARGIS, ABBEVILLE. reached BAILLEUL on 11th June about 1500.

BAILLEUL.

11-6-16.

The Battalion went into billets in the various farm houses 1 mile to 2 1/2 miles S.W. of BAILLEUL. Big roomy barns, warm and dry against the damp wet weather we have been having. The Battalion billeted over rather a large area. Work chiefly confined to lectures, route marching etc. *bayonet fighting*
Defensive measure against gas, grenade throwing, etc

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19-6-16.

General Plumer Commanding 2nd Army inspected the 12th ~~Brigade~~ Aust. Inf Bde today at a ceremonial parade. He commented on the steadiness of bearing of the 46th Battalion.

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21-6-16.

General Birdwood, Commanding 1st ANZAC inspected the 12th Aust Inf Bde at their usual work.

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22-6-16.

General Sir Douglas Haig, C in C. British Armies in France inspected the 12th Aust Inf Bde today at a ceremonial parade, and evidently was very favourably impressed.

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Lt Col

