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# WAR DIARY

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
SERAPEUM.	3/4/16		261 Reinforcements marched in. they appear to have had very little training. all except those from the 8 <sup>th</sup> Training Battalion had rifles. a medical inspection was held and 4 cases of V.D. were discovered. men should be examined before being dispatched from Training Battalion.	
RAILHEAD.	9/4/16	10.4.16	The Battalion moved out from SERAPEUM on 6 <sup>th</sup> inst at 0745. and Route marched to RAILHEAD. a distance of about 5 miles. arriving at 0930 the men marched very well and have improved in march discipline since their last march from Tel el Khatib. Work carried out during the week has been mostly: Close Order Drill, and Massing Instruction a little time was given to Artillery Formations. Infantry in Attacks and Out Posts. During the week ending 10/4/16. To Hospital 12 OR. From Hospital. 1 Officer. Lt MORRIS. 2 OR. Transferred to other Units 1 Officer 5 OR. Transferred from other Units and reported for duty. 1 Officer 1 OR.	
RAILHEAD SERAPEUM	17.4.16		Turned the Battalion during the week 1 Officer 7 OR. Transferred to other Units 6 OR. Admitted to Hospital 17 OR. Discharged from Hospital 17 OR. The weather has been very trying. on the 13 <sup>th</sup> + 14 <sup>th</sup> very little work could be done on account of Khousen. The men have no shade except tents. Mass sheds are being erected by the Battalion. this in my opinion should have been done by Contract the time spent by men employed is lost for training purposes R. L. Brownell C.O.	



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PRAIHERO SERAPEUM	17/4 16		<p>I consider it a mistake to cut down the ration of bread also the bread received is of inferior quality and mostly squashed flat or broken into small pieces. It is getting too hot for bacon. Something else should be issued in lieu. Tinning is carried out daily 0600 to 0800. 0930 to 1100 1600 to 1800. Breakfast at 0815. by purchasing cooking pots I have been able to issue soup at 0515. this is much appreciated by the men.</p> <p>ARRIVE DRY 25<sup>th</sup> Battalion marched to SERAPEUM. The sports were a great success. 153 Reinforcements reported and were taken on the strength they are a very good lot of men, and included quite a number of returned men who saw service on GALLIPOLI.</p> <p>The Equipping of the Battalion is taking a long time, although the Battalion was formed at the end of February up to date with the exception of our Officers Mess Cook and Transport has been issued. this makes it very difficult.</p> <p>The G.O.C. 4<sup>th</sup> Division inspected the Battalion and informed me that he considered training was progressing satisfactorily. The last lot of Reinforcements are rather backward in their training.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">P. L. Leone Lt Col</p>	
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