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48 Bn AIF

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
12/6/16 BAILLOUL			Arrived BAILLEUL 4.30 on Monday 12 th inst. Moved at 6.45 on to Balleys at MERRIS. The Battalion is extended over about 1 1/2 miles. The weather is very wet and the men are in good health except for Colds.	Vol 1
MERRIS	14/6/16		The weather still continues very wet. A good number of the men are down with Colds. So far we have had great difficulty in securing wood for burning. Otherwise things are fairly comfortable. Visited Front line Trenches HOURLINES 21 st inst and removed there for two days. Made a thorough enquiry into the system of defence and supply. The trenches are far too shallow in my opinion. Also a lot might be done in screening communication trenches by placing an overhead covering of Even Canvas, they could not then be observed from above. Dunny trenches could be made at other points. I feel sure this would mean a saving in men.	P. L. Beans Co 48 Bn
MERRIS	29/6/16		A board assembled today to inquire into the absence of 1305 Lt/Col M ^r LEOD. N. who has been absent without leave since 2/6/16. He was found to be a deserter. Training is proceeding satisfactorily. Health fairly good.	P. L. Beans Co 48 Bn



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ALEXANDRIA	2/6/16		The Battalion Entained at SERAPOL SIDING. 9.15 pm June 1st. Left at 9.50 pm. Reached ALEXANDRIA 9.30 am June 2nd. Corp McLeod was reported missing before Battalion Entained. He is posted as a Deserter.	
HUNT. CALABRIA	3/6/16		Sailed from ALEXANDRIA. 9 am. Weather Good.	
"	8/6/16		Trip so far has been uneventful. Weather fine. Health good. I consider that the Transport is rather overcrowded, and the quantity of the food served not sufficient, however I complained promptly and things have been better since. Potatoes are of very inferior quality. Arrived MARSEILLE 4.30 pm.	
MARSEILLE.	9/6/16		Left MARSEILLE for HAZEBROUCK at 5.37 pm. 14 men were sent to hospital sick. Mostly Colds. a few Cases of Pneumonia before leaving. 4 dogs. Rabbits were drawn. It was a very Potatoes, rotting and included Butter. The men were entained in ordinary Cattle Trucks. 30 to each truck, also half my Officers were forced to travel in the same way on account of there being no First Class Commo's available or that was the reason. I consider it was faulty administration.	A B Beans to be collected

