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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ferry Post	2/6/16		54 th Batty The strength of the Battalion on 2-6-1916 is officers 31 other ranks 980 the establishment of riding horses, transport horses, mules & wheeled vehicles now complete, the class of harness & vehicles issued are good. Musketry training & Field firing still continues and only a very small percentage of men now remain to be classified	Sheet 1
"	5/6/16		The clothing & equipment of the Battalion is now complete in every detail. Two Lewis Guns that were on charge to the Battalion were returned to Ordnance Store & have not been replaced, there are no Lewis Guns now on charge to this Battalion	
"	12/6/16		Training & Musketry still continues all men are now classified in Musketry.	
Moascar	16/6/16		The Battalion moved from Ferry Post to Moascar by route march moving at 0500 on this date, all tentage was struck & returned to Ordnance, the Bn occupied the Camp vacated by 8th Bde A.I.F. at Moascar	
"	19/6/16		The Bn moved from Moascar Camp to Railway Station & entrained for Alexandria at 1600 in route for Marseilles, all riding horses & transport vehicles were despatched to Alexandria on 18 th inst. for embarkation on GEORGIAN and KNIGHT-TEMPLAR. 27 all ranks accompanied the horses	M



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			54 th Bn	
Alexandria	24/6/16		On Board the GEORGIAN The Battalion Arrived by Train at Alexandria about 0200 on 20th inst and Proceeded to embark on board H.M.T. CALEDONIA. Embarkation was completed about 0430. The Strength of the Battalion embarking at Alexandria was. Officers 31 other Ranks 951.	<u>Sheet 2</u>
"	21/6/16		One man No 2903 Pte HOLMES. E.C was dis-embarked to Hospital at Alexandria	
"	22/6/16		Sailed from Alexandria Arrived Malta 25 th Anchored. Marsa Sirocca Bay	
"	26/6/16		Sailed from Malta.	
1 Marseilles	29/6/16		Arrived MARSEILLES. NO Casualties during Voyage. Accommodation, food etc food. Remained on board until morning of 30 th	
"	30/6/16		Dis-embarked 0900 marched to Point No 1 & entrained for unknown destination	
"	"		Composition of train 1 st 2 nd & 3 rd Class Cars. Accommodation sufficient, Entrainment	
"	"		traced here not taken so long if left in the hands of Battalion Commander	
"	"		departure 1045 arrived ^{ORANGE} 1650 departure 1800. (Hot water provided), during Entrainment & journey so far discipline good no Casualties.	<u>ML</u>