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| EGYPT. 1916. | | | | |
| TEL-EL-KEBIR. | 12th Feby. | | Orders were received from 1st Aust. Divisional H.Q. that a new Battalion was to be formed. The necessary action was accordingly taken, 50% of the 3rd Battalion together with the 9th Reinforcements of the 3rd Battalion, and some of the 10th and 11th Reinforcements of the same Battalion formed the basis of the new Battalion. The 3rd Battalion moved off from the site occupied by them and their lines were occupied by us. Organisation was carried on. Major D.M.McCONAGHY, given Command of 55th Battalion. | |
| | 13th Feby. | | Work of organisation was carried on and every effort was made to have the Battalion fit for active service as soon as possible. | |
| | 22nd Feby. | | The last 9 days have been devoted to training. | |
| | 23rd Feby. | | All clothing was disinfected. Particular attention paid to sanitation. | |
| | 24th Feby. | | Early morning parade for physical drill. Battalion paraded at 0600 and was inspected by the G.O.C. | |
| | 25th Feby. | | Musketry exercises were carried out. Evacuations to Hospital since the 20th - 14 O.R. | |
| | 28th Feby. | | Vaccination carried out for men of "A" Company and "C" Company. | |
| | 29th Feby. | | Evacuations to Hospital since the 25th - 16 O.R. | |