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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FERRY POST	1.6.16		The day was spent clothing and equipping the Battalion.	
	2.6.16	0440	The Battalion as part of 15 th Brigade which comprised "A" Echelon marched to MOASCAR. The new camp site, on the Sweet Water Canal was reached at 0710. Some men fell out during the march.	
	3.6.16		All helmets were withdrawn and returned to Ordnance. Felt hats were issued.	
	6.6.16	0800	Inspection of Transport by G.O.C. 5 th Australian Division. The 57 th Batta & 15 th M.G. Coy were the best in the Brigade and the Brigade were the best in the Division.	
	10.6.16		The 15 th Inf Bde held Athletic Sport to select representatives for the Divisional Sports to be held later.	
	13.6.16	1600	A combined Memorial Service to the late Earl Kitchener was held.	
	14.6.16	0600	The 5 th Australian Division held Combined Sports. The Divisional Championship was won by the 15 th Inf Bde, several representatives coming from 57 th Batta.	
			While at MOASCAR the Battalion was completely clothed and equipped. All surplus clothing and equipment was returned to Ordnance. The men wore a Cotton Drill uniform and had in their Black Kit bags a serge winter uniform and a complete change of underclothing. Nothing else was allowed.	
			Daily Swimming Parades were held at LAKE TIMSAH and were greatly appreciated by the Troops.	
	16.6.16	1920	The Battalion was divided into two parts for the purpose of Embarkation. A and B Corps under Major Denchy left MOASCAR by train for ALEXANDRIA taking with them the transport and horses. They embarked on the "KALYAN" for FRANCE.	
		2230	C and D Coys together with all Battalion H.Q. details embarked at MOASCAR and proceeded to ALEXANDRIA where they embarked on the "TRANSYLVANIA"	
	17.6.16	0800	sailed from ALEXANDRIA for FRANCE	
	18.6.16	0900	The Battalion as portion of the troops on H.M.T. "TRANSYLVANIA" was inspected by G.O.C. 5 th Australian Div.	
	21.6.16	1530	Exchanged cotton drill clothing for serge winter clothing. The cotton clothing was placed in kit bags together with all dirty underclothing and stored in ship's hold for return to Egypt.	
	22.6.16	1530		
	23.6.16	0600	Drew into harbour at MARSEILLES	
		0800	Tied up to Quay	
		1230	Disembarked from H.M.T. TRANSYLVANIA	
		1330	Embarked at Arcne Point I and moved off an hour later	

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Remarks and
references to
Appendices

Appendix A
G.A.F. Orders
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Attached

Place Date Hour

STEENBERGHE 25-6-16 1242

26-6-16 0130

28-6-16 0355

Arrived at STEENBERGHE and detoured
Arrived at Camping ground.

Camp & camp together with 10 riding horses rejoined the Battalion

25-6-16

26-6-16

28-6-16

29-6-16

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