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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY
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3rd N.Z (Rifle) Brigade

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Moascar	11-2-16		Advance party of 3 rd Bn strength 1 officer 24 OR arrived at Ismailia	
	17-2-16		Bde took part in Divisional operations (day).	
	18-2-16		Bde took part in Divisional operations (night).	
	18-2-16		2 nd Battalion inspected by G.O.C. Anzac.	
	18-2-16		Bde detailed for all standing duties and fatigues of Division.	
	26-2-16		Bde moved to new camp site W of No 2 Station Hospital	
	29-2-16		1 st Bn. arrived at Ismailia and taken on strength of Bde.	
	1-3-16		Adjut Genl W G Braithwaite appointed to command 2 nd N Z Inf Bde & relinquishes command NZRB.	
	"		Brigade Major G W Melville appointed Bde Mjt 2 nd N Z Inf Bde & relinquishes appt in NZRB.	
	"		Lt Col A D Fulton appointed to temporarily command NZRB.	
	"		No 3 Machine Gun Company formed from Bde M G sections	
	3-3-16		Capt E Putter 1 st Bn seconded for duty with 2 nd N Z Inf Bde. 2/Lt D W McClung transferred to 2 nd Bn Auckland Regiment.	
	"		Bde operations	
Ferry Post	7-3-16		Bde moved to Ferry Post. No 3 M.G. Coy also 1 off 60 OR. rear party left at Moascar.	
	8-3-16		7 Officers 265 O.R. marched in and were taken on the strength of units as follows:-	
			Advance parties 3 rd Bn. 25 O.R. - 4 th Bn. Lieut H C. Hebble 248 OR - 2 nd Reinforcements Lieut S. Linnimo	
			2/Lt Martin 2/Lt Robinson, 2/Lt Ambrose and 2/Lt H Mottram and 119 OR. - Details 75.	
			3 rd Reinforcements Lieut J. Chivers	
	9-3-16		Capt W G Bishop 2 nd Reinforcements marched in and was taken on strength (1 st Bn). 2/Lt A. Ambrose	
	10-3-16		Following officers marched in and were taken on the strength of the brigade:- 3 rd Reinforcements Capt A. Williams	
			Lieut A. A. Berge, Lieut G. Mills, Lieut J. Lewis, 2/Lt W G Sumner, 2/Lt A W Kennedy, 2/Lt J. Price, 2/Lt J. J. Reeves, 2/Lt J. B. Barchard, 2/Lt A. Hudson.	

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Summary of Events and Information

Results and references to Appendices

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Ferry Post	10.3.16	1930	2 nd Bn took over from 1 st Bde outpost line from Bastion A (exclusive) on the right to BEACON LIGHT on SUEZ CANAL (exclusive) on the left. Strength 2 Companies.
	13.3.16		3 rd Bn - 27 Officers 938 OR - marched in and taken on strength of Bde
	14.3.16		1 st Machine Gun Coy - 5 Officers 131 OR - marched in and taken on strength of Bde.
	15.3.16		4 th Bn - 24 Officers 827 OR - marched in and taken on strength of Bde.
	16.3.16		2/16 PAK Waving and 20 OR 4 th Bn marched in and rejoined unit.
Moascar	20.3.16		Brigade marched to Moascar - left FERRY POST at 0845 arrived Moascar 1130 and took over former camp.
	20.3.16		Capt R. Baydon 1 st Bn and Hon Capt W. Christie reported from Base. Capt Luxford 3 rd Bn marched in.
	23.3.16		3 rd and 4 th Bns. inspected by G.O.C. R. G. P.
	16.3.16		Captain J. R. ... Rifle ... up to ... duties as Brigade Major. Captain Richardson N.Z.S.C. returned to 1 st Bn.
			N.2. 24.3.16. Captain R. G. Purdy, N.Z.S.C. appointed Staff Captain took over duties. Colonel H. T. ...
	28.3.16	0815	The Brigade was inspected at work by H.R.M. The Prince of Wales. (Fulford appointed temp. Brig. Gen. while commanding Bde.)
	31.3.16		The Brigade took part in int. brigade field day against 2 nd N.Z. Inf Bde (Augs. Gen. Braithwaite). see attached B.O. sketch. I.R.E. Map
	5.4.16	1700	The N.Z. Rifle Brigade, together with the rest of the N.Z. Division, was inspected by General Sir A. Murray K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O. at MOASCAR.
	15.4.16		The Brigade Advance Party (Captain R. G. Purdy) + the 1 st Bn N.Z.R.B. (Lieut Colonel ...) entrained at MOASCAR + left for Port SAID + Alexandria for embarkation + transport to France. For all details see embarkation etc. of Brigade to France, see attached File III.