

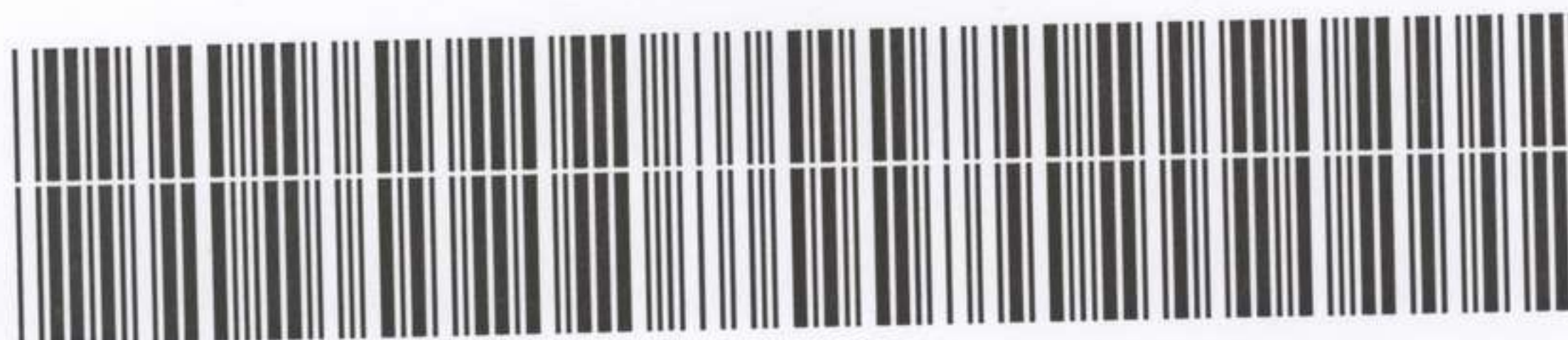
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TEL-EL-KEBIR	1/2/16		<p>Company Training. Received instruction to be in readiness for move to SUEZ CANAL. 30 officers 902 O.R.</p>	
TEL-ÉL-KEBIR AND ISMALIA. ISMALIA.	2/2/16		<p>Definite instruction received that Bn. proceed to CANAL by rail. Camp struck during day. Entrained at TEL-EL-KEBIR at 2030. Arrived at Troop siding ISMAILIA at 2305. 27 off. 885 O.R.</p>	
ISMALIA.	3/2/16		<p>H. Qrs and "C" + "D" Coys proceeded to FERRY POST. Baggage unloaded by "A" + "B" Coys. Bn. reformed at FERRY POST at 0500 and bivouacked. Left FERRY POST for Rail-head at 1400, arrived at 1700. Bivouacked for night. All transport except four riding horses returned to FERRY-POST. Marching with full packs over sand very difficult & heavy. 28 off. 893 O.R.</p>	
RAIL-HEAD	4/2/16		<p>Left RAIL-HEAD at 0930. 24th Bn. supplied Adv. Guard. "B" Coy 23rd BN supplied Flank-Guard. Arrived at Camp site 1630. Very hard march. March discipline good. Line men fell out. Two platoons "A" Coy supplied outposts. Erected thirty tents. Camel transport used. 28 off. 893 O.R.</p>	
YUULONG HILL	5/2/16		<p>Pitching Camp. Relieved Outposts by "B" Coy. Very heavy rain and wind during night 4/7/16 5-6/2/16. 28 off. 893 O.R.</p>	

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YUULONG HILL	6/2/16		"C" Coy relieved Outposts. Church Service. Positions of Outposts moved further East. Brigadier sited trenches on YUULONG HILL.	
			Jah 27 Off. 800 O.R. 28 O.R. on command Divisional Train	
Do.	7/2/16		"D" Coy relieved Outposts. Commenced working out main line of defence on YUULONG HILL, SHEEP DIP and VALLEY POST. Remainder of Bn. training. Musketry + Section Trg.	
			Jah 27 Off. 860 O.R. Perfect weather.	
Do.	8/2/16		"A" Coy outposts. "D" Coy on trench digging. Remainder Bn training. "B" Coy route marching.	
			Jah 27 Off. 860 O.R.	
Do.	9/2/16		"B" Coy outposts. "C" Coy on trenches. "D" Coy Route march. "A" Coy Platoon Trg - Bombing Instr	
			Jah Cold day - rainy squalls. 27 Off. 850 O.R.	
Do.	10/2/16		"C" Coy outposts. "D" Coy on trenches. "A" Coy route march. "B" Coy. Platoon Trg. Bombing Instr.	
			Jah 26 Off. 850 O.R.	
Do.	11/2/16		"D" Coy outposts. "A" Coy on trenches. "B" + "C" Coys combined route march. Telephone to outposts erected.	
			Jah 25 Off. 849 O.R. Weather still good	
Do.	12/2/16		"A" Coy outposts. "B" Coy on trenches. "C" Coy - Trg. Bayonet + Bombing Instr. "D" Coy. Route march.	
			Jah 25 Off. 849 O.R.	

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YUULONG HILL	13/2/16		B Coy outposts. Church service. Jah 25 off. 849 O.R.	
Do.	14/2/16		C Coy outposts. D Coy trenches. Engineer section reported for duty with B. Start made with resetting. A+B Cops musketry Instr. 24 off. 859 O.R.	
Do.	15/2/16		D Coy outposts. B Coy trenches. A+C Cops. Company Irq. Brigadier gave alarm at 2045. Bn turned out well. Night march to right rear of 22 nd Bn. trenches. Reached Camp at 2245. Rained during afternoon. 24 off 857 O.R.	
Do.	16/2/16		A Coy outposts. B+C Cops on trenches. D musketry Instr. Weather remain good. Jah 24 off. 855 O.R.	
Do.	17/2/16		B Coy outposts. C+D Cops on trenches. A Coy. Company Training Jah 24 off. 854 O.R.	
Do.	18/2/16		C Coy outposts. B+D Route marching. Men much fitter. no falling out. A Coy on trenches. Jah 26 off. 853 O.R.	
Do.	19/2/16		Bn "Stood To" 0555-0545. Reported enemy patrols. D Coy outposts. B Coy supplied Railway Station. A Coy on trenches. C Coy Route march. Jah 24 off 853 O.R.	

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YUULONG HILL	20/2/16		Stand Do. 0515-0545. "A" Coy Outposts. Inspection of Bn. by Gen. Legge at 1145. Church Parade. 26 off. 355 O.R.	
Do.	21/2/16		"B" Coy Outposts. "C" Coy Railway Fatigue. "D" Coy on Trenches. "A" Coy. Bayonet Instruction + Turkey. 25 off. 913 O.R. 1 off and 63 men received from Overseas Base.	
Do.	22/2/16		"C" Coy Outposts. "A" Coy Trench digging. "D" Coy Railway Fatigue "B" Coy. Bayonet + Turkey Instruction. 25 off. 913 O.R.	
Do.	23/2/16		"D" Coy outposts. "C" Coy on Trenches. "B" Coy. Railway Fatigue "A" Coy. Bombing + Bayonet work. At 1900 Bn. manned the trenches. Took 22 minutes. 25 off + 913 O.R.	
Do.	24/2/16		"A" Coy outposts. "B" Coy on Trenches. "C" Coy Bombing + Bayonet work "D" Coy Railway Fatigue. 26 off 913 O.R.	
Do.	25/2/16		"B" Coy outposts "D" Coy on Trenches. "A" Coy Railway Fatigue "C" Coy. Turkey + Bayonet work. 27 off. 912 O.R.	
Do.	26/2/16		"C" Coy outposts. "A" Coy. Trench digging. "B" Coy. Bombing, Turkey + Bayonet work. "D" Coy Railway Fatigue. 27 off. 912 O.R.	
Do.	27/2/16		"D" Coy outposts. Church service. 27 off 910 O.R.	

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YUULONG HILL	28/2/16		<p>"A" Coy outposts. "B" Coy on trenches. "C" Coy Railway Fatigue. "D" Coy constructing Rifle Range near outpost line. Weather much warmer.</p> <p>Jul 29 04. 027 OR.</p>	
Do.	29/2/16		<p>"A" Coy constructing Rifle Range. "B" Coy Outposts. "C" Coy on trenches. "D" Coy Railway Fatigue.</p> <p>Jul 28 04. 027 OR.</p>	