

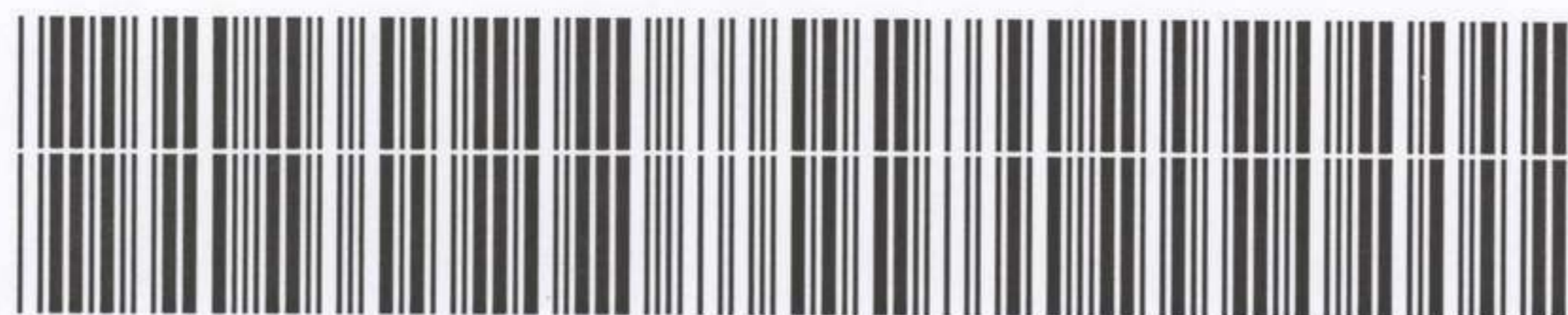
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL-EL-KEBIR	1/2/16		Company Training. Received instruction to be in readiness for move to SUEZ CANAL. 30 officers 902 O.R.	
TEL-EL-KEBIR AND ISMAILIA ISMAILIA	2/2/16		Definite instructions 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.	
ISMAILIA	3/2/16		H.Qrs and 'C' & 'D' Coys proceeded to FERRY POST. Baggage unloaded by 'A' & 'B' Coys. Bn. reformed at FERRY POST at 0500 and bivouaced. 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.	
RAIL-HEAD	4/2/16		28 off. 893 O.R. Left RAIL-HEAD at 0930. 24th Bn supplied Adv. Guard. 'B' Coy 22nd Bn supplied Flank Guard. Arrived at Camp site 1630. Very hard march. March discipline good. Five men fell out. Two platoons 'A' Coy supplied outposts. Erected thirty tents. Camel transport used.	
VOULONG HILL	5/2/16		28 off. 893 O.R. Pitching Camp. Relieved outposts by 'B' Coy. Very heavy rain and wind during night 5-6/2/16.	

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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.	
Do.	7/2/16		29 Off. 890 O.R. 28 O.R. on command Divisional Train "D" Coy relieved Outposts. Commenced working out main line of defence on YUULONG HILL. SHEEP DIP and VALLEY POST. Remainder of B. training. Tanketry + Section Eng.	
Do.	8/2/16		27 Off. 860 O.R. Perfect weather. "A" Coy outposts. "D" Coy on trench digging. Remainder B training. "B" Coy route marching.	
Do.	9/2/16		27 Off. 860 O.R. "B" Coy outposts. "C" Coy on trenches. "D" Coy Route march. "A" Coy Platoon Eng. - Bombing Inst.	
Do.	10/2/16		27 Off. 850 O.R. Cold day, rainy squalls. "C" Coy outposts. "D" Coy on trenches. "A" Coy route march. "B" Coy Platoon Eng. Bombing Inst.	
Do.	11/2/16		26 Off. 850 O.R. "D" Coy outposts. "A" Coy on trenches. "B" + "C" Coy continued route march. Telephone to supports erected. Weather still good.	
Do.	12/2/16		25 Off. 849 O.R. "A" Coy outposts. "B" Coy on trenches. "C" Coy Eng. Support + Bombing Inst. "D" Coy Route march.	

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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 Coys bunkery Instr. 24 off. 859 O.R.	
Do.	15/2/16		D Coy outposts. B Coy trenches. A+C Coy Company Irq. Brigadier gave alarm at 2045. Bn turned out well. Night march to right rear of 22nd Bn. trenches. Reached Camp at 2245. Rained during afternoon. 24 off 857 O.R.	
Do.	16/2/16		A Coy outposts. B+C Coys on trenches. D bunkery Instr. Weather remain good. Jah 24 off 855 O.R.	
Do.	17/2/16		B Coy outposts. C+D Coys on trenches. A Coy Company Irq. 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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VUULONG HILL	20/2/16		Stand To: 0515-0545. "A" Coy outposts. Inspection of Bn. by Gen. Legge at 1145.	
Do.	21/2/16		1st Church Parade. 26 off. 855 O.R. "B" Coy outposts. "C" Coy Railway Fatigue. "D" Coy on trenches. "A" Coy. Bayonet work + Turkey.	
Do.	22/2/16		1st 25 off 913 O.R. 10 off and 63 men received from Overseas Base. "C" Coy outposts. "A" Coy trench digging. "D" Coy Railway Fatigue "B" Coy. Bayonet + Turkey work.	
Do.	23/2/16		1st 25 off 913 O.R. "D" Coy outposts. "C" Coy on trenches. "B" Coy. Railway Fatigue "A" Coy. Bombing + Bayonet work.	
Do.	24/2/16		1st at 1900 Bn. manned the trenches. Took 22 minutes. 25 off 913 O.R. "A" Coy outposts. "B" Coy on trenches. "C" Coy Bombing + Bayonet work "D" Coy Railway Fatigue.	
Do.	25/2/16		1st 26 off 913 O.R. "B" Coy outposts "D" Coy on trenches. "A" Coy Railway Fatigue "C" Coy. Turkey + Bayonet work.	
Do.	26/2/16		1st 27 off 912 O.R. "C" Coy outposts. "A" Coy trench digging. "B" Coy. Bombing Turkey + Bayonet work. "D" Coy Railway Fatigue.	
Do.	27/2/16		1st 27 off 912 O.R. "D" Coy outposts Church service.	
			1st 27 off 910 O.R.	

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YUULONG HILL	28/2/16		A Coy Outpost. B Coy on Trenches. C Coy Railway Fatigue. D Coy constructing Rifle Range near Outpost line. Weather much warmer	
Do.	29/2/16		<p>Jul 29 04. 027 P.R.</p> <p>A Coy constructing Rifle Range. B Coy Outpost. C Coy on Trenches. D Coy Railway Fatigue</p> <p>Jul 28 04. 027 O.R.</p>	