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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Serapeum	1 st		Wing of 12th Bn for transfer to 52nd addressed by G.O.C. 3rd Inf. Bde 12 officers 398 other ranks marched to N^o 3 siding Serapeum w. + entrained at 1500 for Tel. el. Kebir. (Major D. A. Lane, Capt^{ns} H. A. McPherson +, b. A. Litterer + b. H. Perkins (temp.) Lieut. Massey, Fraser, Kennedy, Weston, Stubblings, Christophers, Blakney + 2/Lieut. von Biebra) Reinforcements of 6 officers, 1147 other ranks marched in (2/Lieut. Potter, Burnaby, Lawrence, Shepherd, Chapman, Sellick)	
	2 nd		Gent of 2 Coys. from STAGING CAMP pitched at RAIL HEAD.	C/H
	3/4/6		Company + Squad drill. Strength 31 officers 903 other ranks	C/H
	7		N.C.O.'s school of instruction started. - R.S.M. Bryant instructor.	C/H
	8-10		Musketry on 30 ^x range S. of RAIL HEAD camp.	C/H
	11		12 th Bn less B + D Coys. moved to STAGING camp, SERAPEUM.	C/H
	12		Officers b. N. Richardson returned from Hospital 2/Lt. Gould (reinforcement) reported.	C/H
	13		2/Lieut. Lawrence vacated sick.	
			Capt ^{ns} G. Holland + 2/Lt. H. F. Hübbe + 81 other ranks to N ^o 1 Pioneer Bn.	
			Lieut. G. Gostwin + P. D. Nicholas + 31 other ranks to N ^o 3 Machine Gun Coy.	C/H
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SERAPEUM	14		Company Commanders reorganised: Major L. M. Mullen from "A" Coy to be Senior Major - Capt ^m J. S. Margetts from Adjutant to "A" Coy. - Capt ^m J. A. Foster to command "B" Coy. - Capt ^m R. A. Rafferty from "B" to "C" Coy. - Capt ^m A. S. Yowles to command "D" Coy. - Capt ^m J. E. Newland to be Adjutant vice Margetts.	<u>CH</u>
	15		3 rd Inf. Bde addressed by Major General H. G. Chauvel on his relinquishing command of 1 st Aust. Div.	<u>CH</u>
	16		"A" + "C" Coys. moved from RAIL HEAD to STAGING CAMP SERAPEUM. Capt ^m C. J. Foye (R.M.O.) returned from Hospital. Capt ^m G. C. Wilcocks to N ^o 2 F ^o Amb.	<u>CH</u>
	17		Innoculation of B ^o for para-typhoid commenced. Promotions to date from 1.3.1916. Lt Col. J. Gellibrand to 6 th Inf Bde. Capt ^m R. A. Rafferty to be Major. Lieut. J. A. Foster, W. A. Connell, J. E. Newland + R. A. McElroy to be Captains. 2/Lt H. Webber to be Lieut.	<u>CH</u>
	19		His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales attended Church Parade of 3 rd Inf. Bde. Lieut. General Sir W. R. Bridgwood on his behalf conveyed to the members of the A. I. F. the thanks of His Majesty the King for their work on Gallipoli.	<u>CH</u>
	20		Musketry on 30 ^r range continued. - Strength 27 officers 1074 other ranks.	<u>CH</u>

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SERAPEUM	22 nd		Muster Parade - Rolls Nominal rolls called - equipment &c checked	CHG
	24		Blankets & clothing deloused at W. SERAPEUM. Promotions: Lieut. G. Gostwin (seconded) to be Captain - 2/Lt Shirkell & Peters to be Lieuts. RQMS. Ch. Lyne, Sgt. L. M. Newton & E. W. Laving to be 2/Lieuts. dated 12. 3. 1916.	CHG
	25		Base kit bags sent to No. 2 siding W. SERAPEUM. Blankets in excess of one (1) per man returned to ordnance.	CHG
	26		Lieut. H. Webber from A Coy. to command & 30 other ranks ^{transferred} to the Lewis M.G. section	CHG
	25		Lieuts. G. B. Moore & B. J. Andrew (reinforcements) reported for duty.	CHG
	27		Lieuts. A. H. Appleby, & A. Love ^(seconded to 3rd Bde Training Coy.) to be Captains (dated 23. 3. 16) Lieut. A. G. Brune to be 2/Lieut. (23. 3. 1916)	CHG
	28		Battalion marched out from STAGING CAMP 16.40 Entrained at No 2 siding W. SERAPEUM. Strength 30 officers 989 other ranks.	CHG
	29	0945	Arrived at ALEXANDRIA & embarked on H.M.T. "CORSIKAN"	CHG
	30	0900	Sailed from ALEXANDRIA.	CHG

CH Elliott Major
commanding 12th Balm