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Item number: 23/48/8

Title: 31st Infantry Battalion

March 1916



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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1916	EGYPT	31 st BATTALION 8 th Inf Bde.	
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MARCH 1	-	Training, Bombing & Tactical Exercises.	
" 3	do.	42 Men of Bn transferred to 5 th	
		PIONEER BATTALION.	
"		Two Machine Guns loaned to	
		ZIETOUN School of Instruction.	
" 9	do	Bn Machine Gun Section	
		transferred with guns & transport	
		to Brigade Machine Gun Company.	
" 13	do	7 men transferred to 5 th PIONEER	
		Battalion, 1 man to 1 st Art ^y Bde	
		2 officers transferred to other units.	
" 15		4 officers transferred to 5 th Div.	
		Art ^y Brigade also 100 men	
" 18		Major Hockey transferred to 2 nd Pioneer	

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MARCH 22 nd	TELE. KEOP	Inspected by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, Genl. Birdwood, Murray
" "	do	Notice to be ready to move at short notice.
" 23 rd	do	Battalion less transport section entrained for FERRY POST. Trains leaving 1 st 0750 2 nd 1405, 3 rd 1545. arrived at FERRY POST occupied camp one mile east of Bridge head lately vacated by N.Z.M.R.
" 24 th	FERRY POST	Setting up down in camp
" 25 th	do.	Received first Divisional Routine order Maj Genl. the Hon J.W. McKay assumes command 22.3.16

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1916 MARCH 26	FERRY POST	Move orders received to proceed to RAIL HEAD, 5 miles East FERRY POST.	
" 28 th	do	Moved by road to Rail-head thence to a position occupied by NEW ZEALAND MOUNTED RIFLES shown on MAP, Sheet 13, FERRY POST EAST, Section K. Camped for night in Sub Section 20, S.W. corner.	
" 29 th	CAMP 20.	Moved camp 1000 yards NE by E prepared to fix camp permanent. Inspected whole outpost line of Sector.	
" 30 th	DUNTROOM CAMP.	Firing Camp +	

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1916	DUNTRROOM Camp 400	<p>Relieved N.Z. (AUCKLAND) Mounted Rifle Regt of positions on outpost line, M.A.P. FERRY POST (East) Sheet 13. Sect K. Sector:-</p> <p>MT. GUNDAGI, MT. KEMBLER, DUNTRROOM PLATEAU, AUSTRALIA & MT. KATOOMBA a frontage of 6500 yards N & S. TRENCHES & works ready constructed, Telephone lines from MAIN Camp to GUNDAGI & KATOOMBA. Sector divided to A & B Coy's with 2 Machine Guns to each.</p>	
Mch 31 st 1916 -			<p>Med & all other Commanding 31st Bn</p>

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Officers and Other Ranks present with
31st Battalion A.I.F. March 30th 1916

	Officers	Other Ranks
"A" Company	5	177
"B" Company	5	170
"C" Company	3	182
"D" Company	3	155
H. Q.	4	40
" attached	3	2
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