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Infantry

Item number: 23/38/7

Title: 21st Infantry Battalion

March 1916



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Date.	Place and Time.	21 st Batta. H. I. G.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1916			
Nov 1 st	CANAL ZONE	Constructing light Railway - Completing Trenches & Dig Outs - Clearing foreground.	
2		Same work as previous day, also Bombing instruction & Range Marks.	
3		Trenches & Dig Outs - also Musketry (field firing)	
4		Musketry continued - also Trench work & wire entanglements	
5		Improving Trenches & Dig Outs - also "Scouting" instruction	
6		Route march - Preliminary arrangements for handing over our Section of line to New Zealand. Mounted Regt	
7		Handed over Sub Section to N.Z. Troops & marched to STAGING CAMP - CANAL ZONE where we bivouaced for the night.	
8	0830	Marched out of STAGING CAMP & crossed CANAL at 9 AM. Exchanged Rifles at Ordnance FERRY'S POST WEST & marched to	

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March 8	CANAL ZONE	<i>continued</i> MOSCAR Camp - where we arrived at 1.45 PM	
9	MOSCAR	Pitching Camp - Reorganising & equipping Company	
		Foot-inspection - Lecture on "Gas Helmet"	
10		Company & Platoon Training	
11		Co. & Platoon training & Administrative work.	
12		Church Parade.	
13		Route march of 21 st & 22 nd B ^{ns} to FERRY POST.	
14		Training & refitting	
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16		Battalion in Attack, Training	
17		Training	
18		Packing Heli & Equipment: - Inspection by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales & Part of Bally (500-00)	
		General Birdwood's Embarked at 6.30 PM for ALEXANDRIA.	

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MAR 19	MOSCAR.	Embarked at 2.35 AM for ALEXANDRIA when we arrived at	
		1.10 PM. & embarked on H.T. "MINNEWASKA". As "O.C. Troopship" I had life belts issued to all on board. also allotted Boat Stations & departed the necessary Submarine Boats. Ship's guards etc	
20		Inspection of Troop Ships. & routine work - Transport left Port at 8.30 AM.	
21		Inspection of Ships. 3.45 PM. Alarm Signal was given & all hands fell in at boat stations.	
22		Inspection of Ships & Routine work.	
23		Inspection of Ships - Orderly Room - Lecture to Officers & Sergeants on "Trench Warfare" by Sgt. Calverley -	
24		Inspection of Ships - Prepared disembarkation returns & orders arrived MARSILLES at 4.30 P.M.	

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MAR 25	MARSEILLES	The 21 st Batta disembarked at 7.30 AM & entrained at 9 AM. Train left MARSEILLES at 9.34 AM.	
26		Train en route	
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27		Arrived at AIRE at 3.40 PM - disentrained & marched to GLOMENCHEN where Troops were billeted.	
28		Inspection of Billets & Coy Training	
29		Inspection of Billets - Route march by Companies	
30		Route March & Preliminary Musketry Instruction	
31		Route March to AIRE. Inspection by Lord Kitchener.	

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