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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1. 3. 16	Canal zone	<p>Instructions rec^d from S.H.Q. to push on with Musketry course</p> <p>Further rumours of reported move to France shortly.</p> <p>Defence works & training continued</p> <p>Lt. Col Gillivrand promoted to rank of Temporary Colonel whilst Comm^g 6 Inf Bde</p> <p>Gen Godley G. oc. 1st ANZA Corps visited left of 21st Bn lines in the morning.</p> <p>Weather fine</p>	<p>N.R.O 4th 3/16</p> <p>J.V.S.</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
2.3.16	Canal zone	<p>Orders for Commencing musketry improvised course issued. Targets to be prepared.</p> <p>Defence works and training continued. Weather fine but hot.</p>	
3.3.16	"	<p>Musketry course commenced at 0730 all along the front. Weather got very windy about midday & firing had to cease. It got better during afternoon and practice was continued.</p>	J. J. J.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
4.3.16	Canal zone	<p>22nd Bn proceeded to Rail head to exchange rifles for marks IV.</p> <p>1 Coy 28th Bn fired on 22nd Range during morning. All Battms busy at musketry all day. Trenches in parts filled with sand through yesterday's gale. Today better but windy. Shooting fair.</p> <p>Notice re Artillery practice starting Monday rec^d from A.H.Q. & orders issued accordingly.</p> <p>No information re enemy in vicinity.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">H. J. S.</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
5 ^{3/16} Sunday.	Canal zone	<p>Trucketry was carried on by all Bns till 1200 noon when stopped by Patrol with Capt MAIR. B HQ going out east of HOGS BACK. 21st Bn fired in 22nd Bn area owing to artillery putting out targets in front of that area.</p> <p>Move orders for Bde to MOASCAR on 7th inst rec^d from N. HQ</p> <p>Casualties 1 reported dead at 5th Field Amb. belonging 23rd Bn</p> <p>No intelligence re enemy.</p>	<p>D HQ. Coic memo 5^{3/16}</p> <p>SECRET</p> <p>V.G.J.</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
6 ³ /16	Canal zone	<p>Marketry course completed.</p> <p>Line visited by NZMR officers to take over</p> <p>2nd Div Artillery practised in front 5th Pde and 21st Bn</p> <p>Move orders rec^d from HQ and advanced orders for entrenchment</p> <p>Preparations made for Pde to move to Staging Camp Ferry Post.</p> <p>All maps returned</p> <p>Weather extremely hot.</p> <p>No information re enemy reported</p>	<p>D.H.Q. Circ memo 99/44 6³/16.</p> <p>J.V.J.</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
7 ³ / ₁₆	Canal zone	NZMR advanced party arrived about 11.15 + commenced to take over the line Main body arrived 11.45. Relief com- pleted by 12.15 and last of Brigade marched off at 12.30 en route FERRY POST	
	FERRY POST E	Brigade bivouaced at Staging Camp S of road. Weather hot + close.	
8 ³ / ₁₆	FERRY POST E	Brigade marched out of FERRY POST E as per time table from HQ. 21 st Bn Pioneer Coy. 119 Coy 23 rd + 24 th Bns exchanged rifles at Ordnance Ferry Post W.	A. JS.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
8 ^{3/16}	MOASCAR	<p>22nd Bn arrived 1230. Other Bns followed at intervals. Several tents shot. Weather hot.</p> <p>Distance marched. 5 1/2 miles in 3 1/2 hours.</p> <p>Pioneer Company reported to Pioneer Bn.</p> <p>Machine Gun Coy was assembled at Ferry Post Staging Camp and took up quarters together in Bde Camp at Moascar.</p>	<p>JY 25</p>

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
9 3/16	MOASCAR.	Further tents arrived. Kit inspections were held and some drill performed. Time table issued & Bde areas fixed in Div R.O. of the day. Weather hot & sultry.	
10 3/16		Training & inspections & packing of kits carried out by Puso. Transport of Bde rejoined. Officers riding class commenced. Gen Legge visited lines in the afternoon.	MPS

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
11 ³ / ₁₆ .	MOASCAR.	<p>Training carried out by Bus. 21st & 22nd Bus kits sterilised Casualty Side dug mustetry from 1200 to 1400 on range, a strong wind blowing & very dusty making good shooting difficult Kits still being sterilised. Weather much cooler but very windy & sand blowing</p>	

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Date.	Place and Time.	6 th Inf. Bde.	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
march 1916 12 th	MOASCAR.	Inoculation 1 st dose against enteric &c. Clothing sterilised. Notification of early move.	R1.
13 th	- " -	Route march 21 & 22: 18 ⁰⁰ to FERRY POST with Transport + billet practice. Hot Sun.	R1
14 th	- " -	23 rd & 24 th . Route march with $\frac{1}{2}$ transport. M.G. Co. received 16 V.L. maxims. Hot.	R1
15 th	- " -	Casuals completed musketry. M.G. Co. commenced trials (one band bulged.) Lewis guns received + training commenced. Inspection of work by Generals LEGG & BIRDWOOD.	
16 th	- " -	Service SAA issued to units. Hot. War outfit practically completed throughout in all essentials.	R1.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
March 1916 17th	MOASCAR.	Carried out attack practice by Battns.	102 3
18th	"	Brigade inspected by Genl. BIRDWOOD & H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. ^{M.G. Co.} 21st + 22nd	
19th		Bns. + Bde H.Q. entrained for Alexandria.	102 3
		Bde H.Q. M.G. Coy + 21st Battn embarked HMT "MINNEWASKA". 23rd + 24th Bns entrained at MOASCAR for ALEXANDRIA.	
20th	At sea	23rd Bn embarked H.M.T. LAKE MICHIGAN	102 3
		24th Bn " H.M.T. "	102 3
21st	At sea	Carried out alarm practice	102 3
22nd	At sea	Second inoculation para typhoid	102 3

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
March 1914 23 rd	At sea	Lecture by Lt Col Ashburner - Trench Tactics	P
24	Marseille	Arrived 3pm. Preparations made for disembarkation.	P
25	Marseille	Bde Hd- Qrs, Bde Machine Gun Coy & 21 st Bn. disembarked and proceeded by rail to Landing State. Bde HQ 6 officers 22 Ols - Int Coy 9 - 139 21 st Bn 30 - 989 22 nd Bn 29 - 936 23 rd Bn 15 - 658 24 th Bn 14 - 632	P P
26	France	Bde HQ, Bnls Co. 21 st Bn en route for Aire	P

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1916 Mar 27	Flanders	Cde HQ, B Ws Co, 21 st Bn arrived at Aire and moved into billets. B HQ at Roquette, BMY Co at Rincq, 21 st Bn at Ghomenghem. Cold & wet	
- 28	Roquette	22 nd Bn arrived and billeted in Roquette	P
- 29	-	23 rd Bn and 24 th Bn arrived and billeted at WITTES and REBECC respectively. These Bns placed in quarantine owing to outbreak of typhus on HMT "LAKE MICHIGAN"	P
- 30	-	Brigade distributed in billets as under Bde Hd-Quarters ROQUETOIRE M. Gun Co RINCQ 21 st BN GHOMENGHEM 22 nd BN ROQUETOIRE	P

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1916 Mar 30	Roquefort	23 rd BN WITTES 24 th BN REBECC	
- 31		Route marching by 21 st & 22 nd Bns. Inspection of 21 st & 22 nd Bns by LORD KITCHENER	P P

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