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Title: 30th Infantry Battalion

December 1915



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Nov ^r 9	SYDNEY		sailed for SUEZ direct per the A 72 "Beltana", various reinforcement units were also aboard this transport with Lt. Col. Clark as D. C. Troop. The voyage was uneventful, no deaths, no serious sickness, discipline was good, with an absence of crime, of a serious nature.	
Dec ^r 8	SUEZ	A.M. 8	Anchored in harbour awaiting orders.	
	"	NOON	Received orders to be ready for dis-embarkation at 8 A.M. on 10 th inst.	
10	"	P.M. 2	Everything ready from 6 A.M., nothing doing, went ashore interviewed dis-embarking officer who admitted	

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Dec ^r 11	SUEZ ^{AM} 9	<p>he had overlooked transmitting order cancelling the first one.</p> <p>Berthed at wharf + commenced dis-embarking. Three trains were allotted for the whole of troops + Belliana but congestion of traffic delayed them and they left at 2, 4 + 6 P.M. respectively, the C. O. travelling by last train after final inspection of the transport.</p>	
Dec ^r 12	HELMIEH ^{AM} 2-30	Detrained and marched to Aerodrome Camp at HELIOPOLIS.	
10	HELIOPOLIS ^{AM} 10	Received orders to get ready to leave on the evening of the 16 th inst.	

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Dec ^r 10	HELIOPOLIS PM 4	Received our first issue of Rifles also Web equipment to replace leather reported as unserviceable.
"	" PM 8	Received orders to get ready at once and proceed to ISMAILIA.
"	" PM 10	Commenced to issue Rifles and Web equipment and strike Camp to be in readiness for transport at 2 AM to catch first train at 7 AM.
16	" AM 2	Only half allotted transport arrived.
"	" AM 4	Balance of transport arrived, loaded up, but refused to tow our own wheeled transport behind which had to be sent by a later train.

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1915 Dec ^r 16	HELIOPOLIS AM 5-30	Marched out of Aerodrome Camp reaching HELMIEH at 6-15 AM, commenced entraining.	
"	HELMIEH AM 7	First train left with half the Batta. in charge of the O.C.	
"	" AM 9	Second train with remainder of the Batta. left in charge of Major Holdorf.	
"	MOASCAR NOON 12	Detrained and bivouacked for the night 16 th /17 th about 100 yards SOUTH of the Railway Station, received orders to be ready to move at 8 a.m. 17 th to FERRY POST by road leaving behind a small guard and all stores for 32nd. Battalion.	

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Dec-17	MOASCAR ^{am} 8	Marched to FERRY POST crossed the Canal by Pontoon Bridge at 9-15AM and proceeded to erect camp.
"	FERRY POST ^{am} 11	Look over command of this Post from the O. C. Punjabis who departed with his men at 12.30pm. Troopson Post made up as follows. 1 Squadron Hyderabad Lancers Bikanir Camel Corps 1 st Battery 1 st Ayrshire R-F-A. 30 th Batt. 8 th Inf. Bde. A.I.F. C. Section 8 th Bde. Field Ambulance.
"	" ^{pm} 5	Posted Night Outpost in accordance with the Defence Scheme for the Post.

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Dec. 21 st	FERRY POST	Having received orders that I would shortly be required to establish a detached Post at HILL 353 bearing 80° about 7 miles from FERRY POST, strength 1 Coy. Inftry. & half M. & Sec. Major Nurse of C. Coy was detailed to make a personal reconnaissance.	<p style="text-align: right;">1915</p> <p style="text-align: center;">30th Bn.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">20th Dec.</p>
Dec. 29	" noon 12	C. Coy 30 th Batta + ½ M. & Sec. left for HILL 353 & reaching there at 3.45 P.M. took up an Outpost position protecting the Survey Party working in the vicinity.	
29	"	6 th Field Coy. Royal Australian Engineers arrived.	

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