

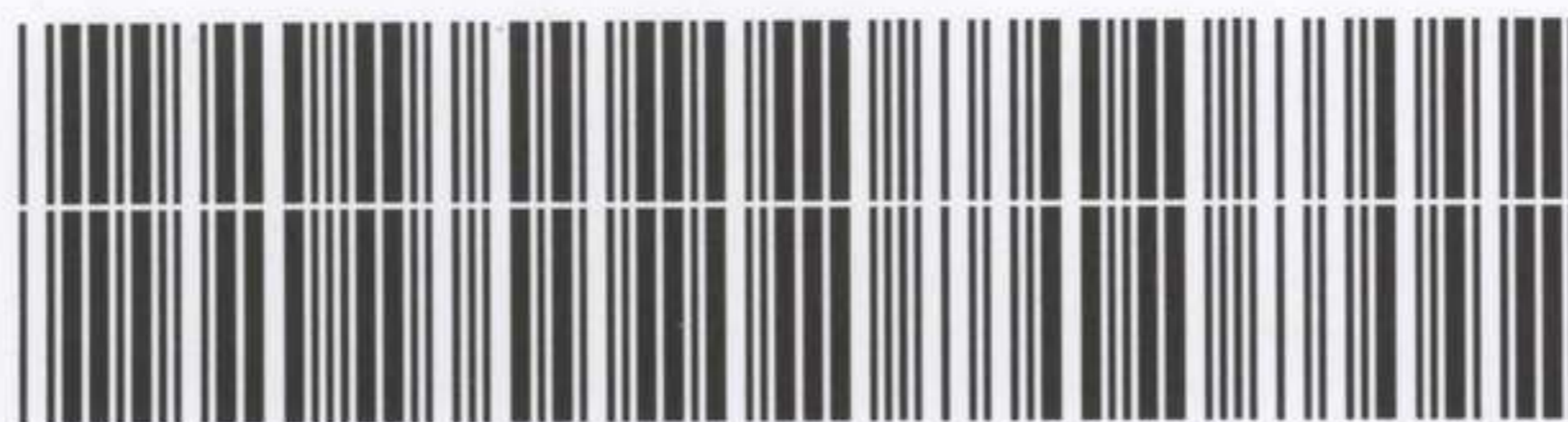
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46TH BATTALION A.I.F.
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~~INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY~~

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL-EL-KEBIR	Feb			
" "	24th 1916			
" "	3/3/16		Battalion raised. 5 Officers, 361 Other Ranks transferred from 14th Battalion A.I.F. Above numbers marched into new camp to form 12th Infantry Brigade (Brogadier General DUNCAN GLASFURD, A. & S. Highlanders). 4th Division (Major General SIR H.V. COX. K.C.M.G.)	App 1. Weekly Strength
" "	6/3/16		4 Officers, 302 Other Ranks joined from 4th Training Battalion. 1 Officer, 145 Other Ranks from 8th Training Battalion. Major GEOFFREY TROLLOPE LEE. Kings Royal Rifle Corps from Imperial Instructional Staff CAIRO appointed to command. Lieutenant W.R. DAVIDSON and 2nd Lieutenant V. COUTTIE appointed Acting Adjutant and Quartermaster respectively.	App 2. Weekly Syllabus of Training
" "	6/12x			
" "	6th to 12th		Organization of Battalion, Selection and Examination of N.C.Os. Battalion inspected by G.O.C. 4th Division on 9/3/16	App 3 Nominal Roll of Officers Monthly
" "	13th to 19th 15th		Elementary Training (App 1a). Considerable difficulty experienced by constant transfers to other Units and by necessary re-organization. 1 Officer and 53 Other Ranks transferred to 4th Pioneer Battalion. 11 Other Ranks to 18th Supply Depot	
" "	16th		100 Other Ranks transferred to New Artillery Formations.	
" "	20th to 26th 20th 21st 22nd 24th		Training continued (App 1b). Much interfered with by Innoculation and Vaccination and by large Fatigue Parties necessary for drawing stores, unloading trains and making Camp. Major A.K. DENHAM transferred from 30th Battalion as 2nd in Command 47 Other Ranks transferred to Brigade Machine Gun Company. H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES K.G. inspected the Battalion. Lieutenant W.R. DAVIDSON promoted Captain and confirmed in appointment as Adjutant.	
" "	27th to Apr 2nd 27th 28th		Battalion as part of 12th Brigade proceeded by march to SERAPEUM. Left TEL-EL-Kebir 1530 - Bivouacked KASSASSIN (12 miles) 2000. Left KASSASSIN 0615 - marched to MAHSAMA (3 miles) - halted till 1530 - thence to MAGHAMA (8 miles) - bivouacked for night.	

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46th Battalion. A.I.F.

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
MAGHAMA.	March, 29th.		March resumed 0600 to MOASCAR (8 miles).	
MOASCAR.	30th.		March resumed 0615 to SERAPEUM where Battalion occupied new Camp.	
<p><u>NOTES ON MARCH.</u> - Weather - Hot. Water - Scarce. Surface of Ground - Very deep sand. Above was largely responsible for the considerable number of men who fell out, as on 30th when the weather was cooler abundant supply of water available and the going better only 6 men fell out as against over 100 on the 2 previous days. Other causes were bad fitting equipment and boots, lack of March discipline, and efficient supervision by Platoon Commanders and N.C.O's and lack of training in marching with full pack and ammunition. A very necessary point to be noted was that it is absolutely necessary for every man to discipline himself with regard to economising water and rations. The greatest number of men fell out on the 29th. This was chiefly owing to the fact that the majority of men had drunk all their water and eaten their rations during and after the long march on 28th and therefore were obliged to march on 29th with empty water bottles and empty stomachs.</p>				
SERAPEUM.	31st.		255 Other Ranks transferred from 1st Australian Division.	
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MONTHLY NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS

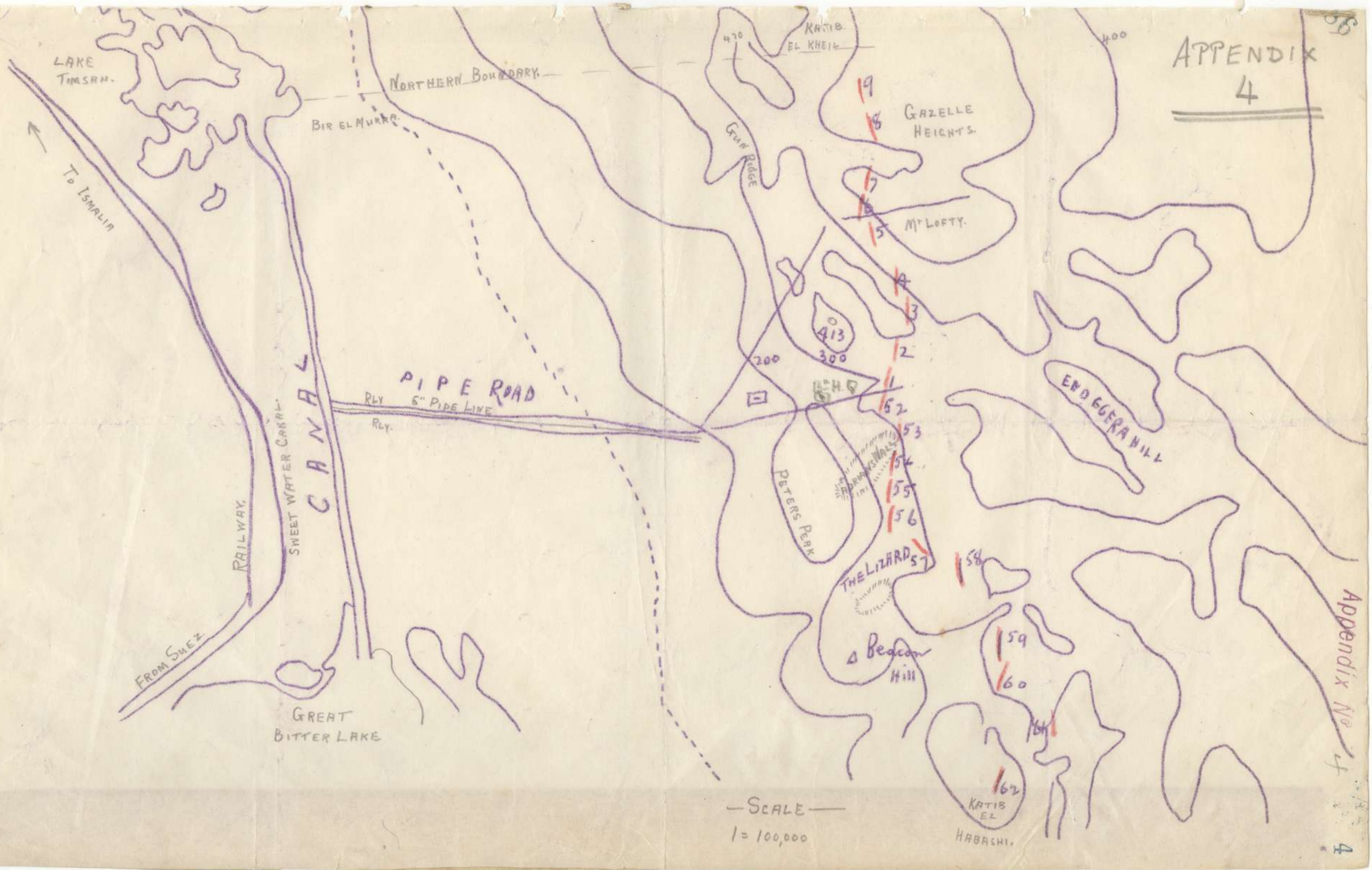
Month ending 31st March 1916

Lieut Col	Lee G.T.	Commanding Officer
Major	Denham H.K.	2nd in Command
Captain	Davidson W.R.	Adjutant
Lieut	Couttie V.J.G.	Quartermaster
Captain	Edgley J.	
"	Clark G.H.	
"	Waine E.J.	
"	Kimber L.J.	
"	Couchman F.M.	
"	Brooks W.C.	
Lieutenant	Moorehouse L.J.	In hospital
2nd "	Purnell F.O.	
" "	Harrington A.	
" "	McPherson J.J.	
" "	Davis H.S.	
" "	Simonsen P.W.	
" "	Cunningham R.	
" "	Milne G.E.	
" "	Craig L.C.A.	
" "	Forest H.G.	
" "	Bull L.	
" "	Payne D.B.	
" "	Syme W.A.	
" "	Cornwall E. McI.	
" "	Hall J.K.	
Captain	Browning D. de C.	Medical Officer

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Strength of Officers = 25

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----- 12th INFANTRY BRIGADE -----

SYLLABUS TRAINING 46th BATTALION FROM MARCH 20th 1916 to MARCH 25th 1916.

DATE	1st Parade	2nd Parade	3rd Parade	4th Parade	5th Parade.
March 20	Physical Training Corrective Exercises Running & Organised Games Communicating Drill for Officers & NCOs	Platoon & Coy Drill I.T. Sec 18, 37-46, 47-74, 75-80.	Extended Order Drill I.T. Secs 90-96	Musketry	Bayonet Fighting Rifle Exercises
" 21	-do- -do-	I.T. Secs 108 Use of Ground Fire Discipline	116-119 Fire Direction & Control.	Elementary I.T. Sec 113	Night Operations
" 22	-do- -do-	Musketry Bayonet Fighting	Extended Order Drill I.T. Secs 90-96.	Platoon & Company Drill	Guards & Sentries Communicating Drill
" 23	-do- -do-	Route March Combined with March Flank, and Rear Guards I.T. Sec 112 F.S.R.I. 66-74	Discipline, Advanced ,	H a l f	H o l i d a y
" 24	-do- -do-	Use of Ground Fire Discipline	Fire direction and control It Sec 108 -116-119	Elementary I.T. Sec 113	Night Operations
	-dp- -do-	Ouposts by Day I.T. Sec 147-157	Same	Musketry	Bayonet Fighting Rifle Exercises

Tel-el-Kebir
20/3/16

Major
C.O. 46th Battalion, 12th Brigade.

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12th INFANTRY BRIGADE

SYLLABUS OF TRAINING 46th BATTALION MARCH 27th to APRIL 1st.

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DATE.	1st PARADE	2nd PARADE	3rd PARADE	4TH PARADE	5th PARADE
March 27	Physical Training Organised Games Running Communication Drill	Infantry Training Sections 76-89	Infantry Training Sections 90-96	M u s k e t r y	Rifle Exercises Bayonet Fighting
March 28	-do- -do-	Advancing under fire and use of ground Infantry Patrols Fire directing and Fire Control Infantry Training Sections 107, 108, 111, & 116.		E l e m e n t a r y n i g h t O p e r a t i o n s Infantry Training 113	
March 29	-do- -do-	Position and duties of Commanding in Action. Fire Discipline Fire and formations in battle Infantry Training 115, 117-118		M u s k e t r y	Guards and Sentries
March 30	-do- -do-	Musketry Bayonet Fighting Rifle Exercises	Infantry Training Sections 76-89 90-96		
March 31	-do- -do-	Training in Reconnaissance Duties Inter communication and passing of orders. Duties in billets, Camp & Bivouacs Infantry Training 109 110 & 119		E l e m e n t a r y n i g h t O p e r a t i o n s Infantry Training 113	

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WORK FOR THURSDAY MORNING

7 - 8.15

8.15 - 9.30

"A" Bayonet Fighting
Grenade Training

Extended Order *combined with*
Judging Distance

"B" Musketry
Rifle Exercises

Grenade Training
Bayonet Fighting

"C" Extended Order
Combined with
Judging Distance.

Musketry
Bayonet Fighting

"D" Rifle Exercises
Musketry

Grenade Training
Bayonet Fighting.