

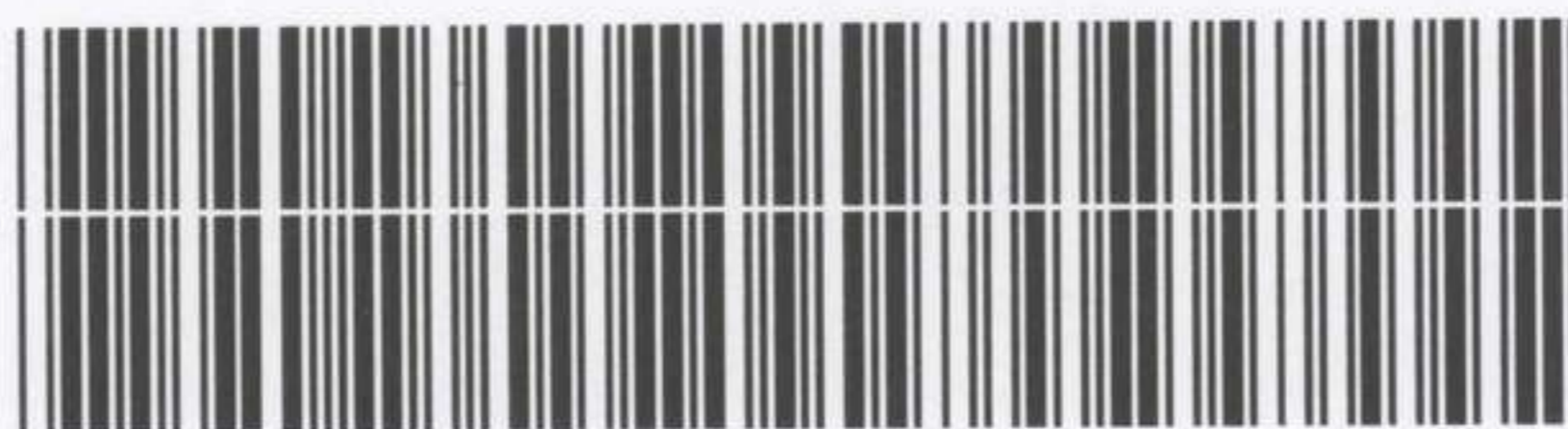
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6th Machine Gun Co.
2nd Australian Division.

Vol 1A

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Canal zone. Egypt.	1.3.16	-	6 th Machine Gun company formed from details of 6 th Infantry Brigade A.S.F. Captain W. J. Barley Brigade Machine Gun Officer appointed to command.	
"	2.3.16	}	Preparations being made to form company. Details of Battalion Machine Gunners being selected.	
"	3.3.16	}	22nd Bn Machine Gunners detached from Bn for organizing the formation of company.	
"	4.3.16	}	Captain Barley left for School of Instruction Semalia.	
"	5.3.16	}	Lieut. A. W. McLeannan left in charge details during absence of Co. O.	
"	6.3.16	}	Details of Co viz 10pp & 53 ORs left Canal zone at 10 am & arrived at Staging Camp Terry Post.	
"	7.3.16	}	Camped there for the night.	
"	8.3.16	}	Details from 2nd, 23rd & 24 th Bns. joined the company. Lieut. J. H. Drummond, of 2nd Bn. took over command & Lieut. Bennett. also attached to Co. Lieut. J. H. Drummond. 22nd Bn. took over command from Lieut. A. W. McLeannan. Left Staging camp at 8 am on morning of the 9 th and	
Mozascar.	9.3.16		crossed Suez Canal & marched to Ordnance Semalia, where old rifles, Machine Guns & spare parts were exchanged for Mark VII rifles & Light Vickers Mozascar Guns. (latest pattern)	
"	9.3.16		Arrived Mozascar. Camped there.	
"	10.3.16		Captain Barley returned from School of Instruction.	
"	11.3.16		Drumming of men in use of Guns etc.	
"	12.3.16		Sunday. "Church Parade."	
"	13.3.16		Instruction Machine Gun work.	
"	14.3.16		Men's clothes fumigated & drumming in use of Light Vickers gun. One gun found to be faulty & returned to Ordnance	
"	15.3.16		New guns tested & practice in use of guns. One gun found to be faulty & returned to Ordnance for repairs.	
"	16.3.16		All men inoculated against para-typhoid	
"	17.3.16		Bell filling. Afternoon swimming parade.	

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Neoscar	18/3/16		Instructions Machine Gun. Inspection by H.R.H. The Prince of Wales & General Birdwood.	
"	19/3/16	2 am	Embarked for Alexandria. Arrived Alexandria 11:30 am. Embarked on "Am Y Kennewaska"	
Alexandria	20/3/16	10 am	Left Alexandria for Marseilles France.	
Highway	21		on route to Marseilles	
"	22			
"	23		Company inoculated Paratyphoid	
"	24		on route to Marseilles. Arrived Marseilles 4 pm.	
Marseilles	25	9:30 am	Embarked at Marseilles for Aire.	
"	26		on route to Aire	
"	27		Arrived Aire. 3:30 pm. Marched to Rincq. where men were billeted in a barn for the night. Weather exceedingly cold & drizzling rain.	
Aire	28		Arranged billets for Company. A slight touch of snow for morning	
Rincq	29		Training Commenced. Weather Improving	
"	30		Training. Weather Good	
"	31		Training. Weather Good	

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