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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
12/10/16 BAILLOUL			Arrived BAILLEUL 4.30 on Monday 12 th inst. Moved at 6.45 on to Billets at MERRIS. The Battalion is extended over about 1 1/2 miles the weather is very wet and the men are in good health except for Colds.	V.R. 1
MERRIS	14/10/16		The weather still continues very wet. a good number of the men are down with Colds. So far we have had great difficulty in securing wood for burning. otherwise things are fairly comfortable.	P. L. Beane Lt Col 48 Bn AIF
MERRIS	23/10/16		Visited Front line Trenches Houp Lines 21 st inst and removed three for two days. made a thorough enquiry into the system of defence and supply. the trenches are far too shallow in my opinion. also a lot might be done in screening communication trenches by placing an overhead covering of Green Canvas, they could not then be observed from above. Dugouts trenches could be made at other points. I feel sure this would mean a saving in men. A board assembled today to inquire into the absence of 1305 P/pt. McLeod. N. who has been absent without leave since 1/6/16. He was found to be a deserter. Training is proceeding satisfactorily. Health fairly good.	
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ALEXANDRIA	2/4/16		The Battalion Entained at SERAPCH SIDING. 9.15 pm June 1st. Left at 9.50 pm. Reached ALEXANDRIA 9.30 am June 2nd. Corp McLeod was reported missing before Battalion Entained. He is posted as a Deserter.	
HUNT. CALABRIA	3/6/16		Sailed from ALEXANDRIA. 9 am. Weather Good.	
"	8/6/16		Trip so far has uneventful. Weather fine. Health good. Scumder Hot the Transport is rather overcrowded, and the quantity of the food served not sufficient, however I complained promptly and things have been better since. Potatoes are of very inferior quality. Arrived MARSEILLE 4.30 pm.	A B Beans Co. Ltd
MARSEILLE	9/6/16		Left MARSEILLE for HAZEBROCK at 5.37 pm. 14 men were sent to hospital sick. mostly Colds. a few Cases of Pneumonia before leaving 4 days Potatoes were brown. It was a very Potatoes rotten and included Butter. The men were entained in ordinary Cattle trucks. 30 to each truck, also half my Officers were forced to travel in the same way on account of there being no First Class Comages available or that was the excuse. I consider it was faulty administration.	