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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
FERRYPOST	3/6/16	0455 0715	59 <sup>th</sup> Battalion with remainder of 15 <sup>th</sup> Brigade marches to MOASCAR. 1 <sup>st</sup> Line transport moves with unit. arrived at MOASCAR 0715. Camp pegged out by advance party. This is the first time that 1 <sup>st</sup> line transport marched with battn. Travelling cookers proved of great value in preparing meal.	
MOASCAR	3/6/16		Syllabus of work issued from Brigade Headquarters. Battalion prepare for embarkation at early date. Black kit bags to contain surge uniform only.	
"	4/6/16	0930	Battalion takes over divisional duties. Inspection of lines by Brigadier.	
"	5/6/16	0630 1600 1730	Battalion less 1 <sup>st</sup> line transport marches to FERRYPOST, WEST and back. Swimming parade.	
"	6/6/16	0730	G. O. C. 5 <sup>th</sup> Australian Division inspects regimental transport. Companies practice marching.	
"	7/6/16		Committee selected to represent battalion for divisional sports committee.	

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War Diary  
of  
59<sup>th</sup> Bn. Aust. Imp. Forces  
1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June 1916

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MOASCAR	8/6/16	0630	Battalion carries out route march along Tel-el-Kebir Road	
		1030	special attention paid to regulation of pace & time.	
	9/6/16		Inspection of transport by G.O.C 15 Inf. Bgde. Selection of battalion representatives for Divisional sports to be place.	
	10/6/16		Holiday. 'Joyous' for selection of 15 Bgde representatives for 5 <sup>th</sup> Divisional sports.	
	11/6/16	0730	Church Parade.	
	13/6/16	0630	Battalion drill. 1800. G.O.C. memorial service held at Bgde H.Q.	
	14/6/16		5 <sup>th</sup> Divisional sports. 15 Inf Bgde wins championship.	
	15/6/16		Inspection prepared for embarkation. articles in black kit bag reduced to regulation number.	
	16/6/16	1530	15 Bgde H.Q. and 57 <sup>th</sup> and 58 <sup>th</sup> Batts. embark for Alexandria.	
	17/6/16	0630	59 <sup>th</sup> Battalion embarks for Alexandria.	
ALEXANDRA	18/6/16	0200	Arrive at Alexandria and embark on H.M.T. KINFAUNS. CASTLE	
	21/6/16	1000	B.O. 57 <sup>th</sup> Battalion 'O.C. Troops' KINFAUNS CASTLE sails from Alexandria	

R. B. Smith Capt.

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A.T. SEA H.M.T. KIMSFAUNS CASTEE.	22/ 23/6/16 24/		Ship Routine carried out. Inspection daily at 1030. Parade 1000 till 1100. Units aboard. 59th Bn, 60th Bn, 15 Field Coy Engineers, 14 Field Coy Engineers, 40 O.R., 14th Bde Field Artillery, 3 Officers 165 O.R. 5th D.A.C.	
MALTA	25/6/16 26/6/16 " 1530 27/6/16 28/6/16 29/6/16 30/6/16	0600 1830 1530 0830 0500 0800 0700	Anchored at MARSASCIROCCA bay at 0600. Leave MARSASCIROCCA bay escorted by 'T. B. D. Repleman' Stowaways found on board. Passed cape lion. weather calm. Health of troops good. Left n.w. coast of CORSICA. Black bit bags containing drill uniforms cease to be property of soldier & are stored for return to Egypt. Arrived at Marseilles. Entained at 2205. En route	

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