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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
CLAREMONT.	1916 Jan'y 31st to Apr 22nd May 27th		Home Training completed as per "C 466" (Record of Training) Syllabus of Training M.T. 1/16	
"			1st Reinforcements joined the B attalion at Claremont Lt Hare in command.	
FREEMANTLE	June 6th	4.p.m	Embarked at Freemantle on Transport "Suevic" (record public attendance & send off at Freemantle). Command of the Battalion taken over during the voyage by the second in command Major E. Summerhayes vice Lt.Col.W.O.Mansbridge D.S.O who assumed command as C.O. troops on Transport.	
DURBAN	June 21st	10. a.m.	Arrived at Durban. Battalion route march (6 miles) through the City.	
"	22nd	7 a.m.	Left Durban.	
CAPE TOWN	24th	8 p.m	Arrived off Cape Town & anchored in harbour at 8 p.m.	
"	25th & 26th		Route March (6 miles) through outskirts of Cape Town	
"	27th	8 p.m	Left Cape town.	
ST VINCENT	July 11th	1 p.m	Arrived at St Vincent (Cape Verde Islands)	
"	12th	12.30	Left St Vicent.	
AT SEA	13th to 20th	a.m	Troops exercised every day in Physical Training judging distances rifle & bayonet exercises Fire stations also allotted and troops told off to boats and practices in taking up their stations equipped with belts submarine guard detailed and posted round ships each day as voyage.	
DEVONPORT			Arrived at Devonport	
"			for Salisb	
"			at Salisbu	

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LARKHILL CAMP	1916 July		Commenced Field Training	
"	22nd		Lt Col Mansbride D.S. O. resumed command of the Battalion	
	25th			
<u>NOTE.</u> AT SEA	5th		No 735 Pte Milner George Hitherington "D" Coy having died at Sea on the 5th July is struck off the strength as from that date.	
	13th		No 196 Pte Lovell, Harry "A" Coy having died at sea on the 13th July is struck off the strength as from that date.	

Battalion officers

47th Battalion A.I.F.

Appointment Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1916			
		Head Quarters	
O.N. 11 10.3.16	re-allocated from 16th A.I.F.	Lt-Col. W. O. Mansbridge	D.S.O. in Command
Mar 7th		Major E. Summerhayes	2nd in Command
" "		Capt. J. H. Foxworthy	Adj. (Proc)
" "		Lt. A. E. Wells	Q.M.
Mar 1st		Capt. A. E. White	Chaplain
		" C. A. Jenkins (attached)	" "
O. 29/16		" A. J. [unclear]	M.O.

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1916			
		"A" Company	
re-allocated from 11th A.I.F.		Capt. R. W. Everett	11th Batta A.I.F. in Command temp
Mar 7th		" W. J. Bryan	2nd in C.
		Platoon Commanders	
allocated from 11th A.I.F.		Lt. A. H. Walker	
Mar 7th		" L. J. Hickey	
appointed 1st Lt 1/5/16		2nd Lt Charles H. J. (B.O. 88. 13.5.16.)	
appointed 1st Lt 1/5/16		2nd Lt H. A. Cooper (B.O. 88. 13.5.16)	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		"B" Coy.	
Allocated from 28 th A.S.F.		Captain J. A. Hamble 28 th A.S.F.	In Command temp
Mar 20 th M.O. 160/16		" " N. J. Darling D.S.O.	2 nd in C.
		Platoon Commanders	
Mar 7 th		Lt. G. L. Biles	
Feb 22		2 nd Lt. G. R. Potter	
Mar 20 th D.O. 20/16		2 nd Lt. R. Skinner	
Allocated 1 st LT 1/5/16		2 nd Lt. D. S. Innes (B.O. 88. 13.5.16)	B.O. 105. T. to Blakely H. Camp 31/5/16
May 30 th		2 nd Lt. Lewis (B.O. 106 2.6.16)	

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Appointment Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1916		"C" Company	
Allocated from 11 th A.S.F.		Captain W. A. Rockliff 11 th Batta A.S.F.	In Command temp
		Lt. (Hon Capt) J. Peck - from 1 st Lt. Capt	2 nd in C.
		Platoon Commanders	
Mar 7 th		Lt. C. C. Sittamp	T. to "D" Coy
Feb 22 nd		2 nd Lt. J. E. S. Taylor	K. in Action 13/3/17
Allocated 1 st LT 1/5/16		2 nd Lt. J. A. Bone (B.O. 88. 13.5.16)	
Allocated 1 st LT 1/5/16		2 nd Lt. A. A. Gray (B.O. 88. 13.5.16)	
5. 7. 16	At Sea	2 nd Lt. C. H. Couchman	T. from "D" Coy

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1916			
Mar 7 th		"D" Company Capt. M. A. a'Beckett	To command temp
	allotted from 11 th A.S.F.	Lt (Temp Capt) D. A. Jackson Platoon Commander	2 nd in C.
Mar 7 th		Lt E. C. Adams	
		" H R Killman (attached)	To Blackboy Hill.
July 22 nd		2 nd Lt R. E. Walsh	
1 st 1/5/16		2 nd Lt L. L. Fowler (B.O. 88. 13.5.16)	
1 st 4/6/16		2nd Lt G. H. Couchman (B.O. 88. 13.5.16)	
15. 7. 16	At Sea.	Lt C. C. Hillary	T. to "C" Coy T. from "C" Coy

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Appointment Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
1916			
July 22 nd		Machine gun Section 2 nd Lt. C. Longmore	

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Date. 1916	Place and Time.	Home Training	Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
January 31 st to	Claremont	Completed as per "C 466"	
Apr 22 nd		(Record of Training)	
		Duration of Training M.T. 1/16	
May 27 th	Claremont.	1 st Reinforcements joined the Battalion at Claremont.	
		Lt. Hare in command.	
June 6 th	Fremantle 4 p.m.	Embarked at Fremantle on Transport "Suevic"	
		(Record public attendance & send off at Fremantle)	
		Command of the Battalion taken over during the voyage by the	
		Second in Command Major E. J. Cunningham vice Lt. Col. H. O.	

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Date.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
		D.S.O. Hansbridge, who assumed	
		Command as C.O. Troops on	
		Transport.	
June 21 st	Durban 10am	Arrived at Durban.	
		Battalion route march (6 miles)	
		through the City.	
June 22 nd	Durban 7am	Left Durban.	
June 24	Cape Town 8pm	Arrived off Cape Town anchored	
		in harbour at 8 p.m.	
June 25	" "	Route march (6 miles) through	
" 26 th	" "	outskirts of Cape Town	
" 27	" 8pm	left Capetown.	
July 11	St Vincent 1pm	Arrived at St Vincent (Cape Verde Is.)	
" 12	" 12.30am	left St Vincent	

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Date. 1916.	Place and Time.		Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached.
	At Sea	Troops exercised every day in Physical Training, judging distance, rifle & bayonet exercises. Fire stations also allotted and troops told off to boats and practiced in taking up their stations equipped with life belts. Submarine guard detailed & posted round ship each day as from the 11 th July to end of voyage.	
July 21 st	Severport Ham.	Arrived at Severport	
" "	" "	1.30pm Entrained for Salisbury Plains	
" "	Salisbury P.	8pm Arrived at Salisbury Plains	

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July 22	Widford Camp.	Commenced field training.	
" 25	" "	Lt. Col. Mansbridge D.S.O. resumed Command of the Battalion	
NOTE	at Sea	No. 735. Pte. Milner, George Hetherington, "D" Coy having died at sea on the 5 th July is struck off the strength as from that date	
July 5 th	" "	"	
11 th	" "	"	
13 th	" "	No. 196. Pte. Lovell, Harry, Esq. "A" Coy having died at sea on the 13 th July is struck off the strength as from that date	

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