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TEL-EL- KEBIR	1-1-16		<p>In parade (Drill Order) at 0900 and carried out squad drill with + without arms Officers paraded at 0715 to 0800 for voice drill. Transport section attached to Co again. In hospital 100R from hospital heli.</p>	
	2-1-16		<p>In parade for Church Parade at 0900. Tents are not yet available + the Co bivouac From hospital heli. In hospital, 100R.</p>	
	3-1-16		<p>In parade (Drill Order) 0900 Section + Platoon Drill. Class for both N.C.Os + Officers was commenced. N.C.Os one hours drill. Officers, 1 hours drill also, 1 hours lecture on Field Service Regulations. In hospital 2 O.R. From hospital, 4 O.R. From Co, 1 Officer + 1 Reinforcement Officer from wounded + 1 Officer from hospital.</p>	

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TEL-EL-MEBIAH	4-1-16	A.P.	Bn. paraded (Drill Order) at 0900 and carried out Section and Platoon Drill. From Hospital till 2.0 P.	
	5-1-16	A.P.	Bn. paraded (Drill Order) at 0900-1100 and carried out Coy + Bn. Drill. From Hospital till 2.0 P.	
	6-1-16	A.P.	Bn. paraded (Drill Order) at 0900-1100 and carried out Platoon extension work and Battalion Drill 9.30 P. 8 th -9 th Reinforcements joined the Bn. To Hospital till 2.0 P.	
	7-1-16	A.P.	Bn. paraded 0900-1100 + carried out Platoon + Coy Drill. The Transport Section was inspected by the BRIGADIER GENERAL SMYTH, V.C. at 1100. From Hospital 1.0 P. To Hospital 3.0 P. from Reinforcements 3.0 P.	
	8-1-16	A.P.	Bn. paraded at 0900-1100 + carried out Coy + Bn. close order Drill. To Hospital 2.0 P. From Hospital 1.0 P.	
	9-1-16	A.P.	Bn. paraded at 0830 for Brigade Church Service To Hospital till From Hospital 1.0 P.	
	10-1-16	A.P.	Bn. parade 0630-0730 Physical Drill Squad Drill with arms 0930-1030 Bayonet fighting 1400-1500. Musketry Instruction From Hospital 2.0 P. To Hospital 1.0 P.	

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TEL-EL-KEBIR	11-1-16		<p>Platoon paraded 0630 - 0730 Physical Drill - 0930 - 1130 Section & Platoon Drill. Bayonet fighting 1400 - 1500 Musketry Exercises From Hospital 1 Off. To Hospital Hill.</p>	
	12-1-16		<p>Platoon paraded 0630 - 0730 Physical Drill. 0930 - 1130 bay Drill. Afternoon - Half Holiday To Hospital Hill From Hospital Hill.</p>	
	13-1-16		<p>Platoon paraded 0630 - 0730 Bayonet fighting. 0930 - 1130 Extended Order Drill by Platoons by word of command & signals - 1400 - 1500 under Regimental Sergeant Major close order Platoon Drill. To Hospital Hill From Hospital Hill.</p>	
	14-1-16		<p>Platoon paraded 0645 - 0715. Bayonet fighting 0930 - 1130 practice in marching past in column of Platoons. 1400 - 1600. Divisional practice in Ceremonial To Hospital Hill From Hospital Hill 30R.</p>	
	15-1-16		<p>Platoon paraded 0645 - 0715. Bayonet fighting. 0930 - 1130 practice in Marching past in column of Platoons. 1315 - 1600 Divisional Inspection by Lieut. General SIR ARCHIBALD MURRAY From Hospital Hill 30R. To Hospital Hill.</p>	

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TEL-EL-KEBIR	16-1-16	A.P.B.	Bn paraded 0900-1000 for Brigade Church parade To Hospital 10A. From Hospital hil.	
	17-1-16	A.P.B.	Bn paraded 0700-0730 Bayonet fighting. M.B.Os class Extended Order 0900-1100 Extended Order Drill IT 90-96. 1100-1200 Rapid loading & firing M.R. 64. 1200-1230 Coy Drill close Order. To Hospital 10A. From Hospital hil.	
	18-1-16	A.P.B.	Bn. paraded (Battle Order) 0600 & marched out to Rifle range & carried out grouping on 2" bull at 100 yards & individual firing at 200 yards till 1130. To Hospital hil. From Hospital hil.	
	19-1-16	A.P.B.	Battalion paraded 0700-0730 Bayonet fighting. 0900-1100 control & direction of fire M.R. 56-62. Indications of targets and judging distance (prone) M.R. 65-69. 1100-1230. company Drill close order. To Hospital 2 A.R. From Hospital hil. From transfer 1 Officer.	
	20-1-16	A.P.B.	Bn. Paraded 0700-0730 Bayonet fighting 0900-1100 Extended Order Drill IT. 90-96. 1100-1200 Rapid loading and firing M.R. 64. 1200-1230 company Drill. close Order From Hospital hil. To Hospital 1.0A.	

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TEL-EL-KEBIR	21-1-16		<p>In paraded 0700-0730 instruction in Guards + sentries duties 0900-1100 control and direction of fire M.R. 56-62 Indication of targets + judging distance prone M.R. 65-69 1100-1200 Training of Patrols. 1200-1230 bay close Order Drill from Hospital 39 To Hospital 2 Subm Reinforcements 41 OR + 1 Officer</p>	
TEL-EL-KEBIR	22-1-16		<p>In paraded 0830 drill Order and carried Haversack nation bay in attack was practiced. Advance - flank and rear Guards were also employed on the march The In returned at 1600 To Hospital 3-OR from Hospital hil.</p>	
	23-1-16		<p>In paraded at 0900 for various church parades To Hospital hil from Hospital hil.</p>	
	24-1-16		<p>In paraded 0830 bay in attack + In in attack also flank, advanced, + Rear Guards actions were practiced. In carried Haversack nation + returned at 1500. To Hospital hil from Hospital hil.</p>	
	25-1-16		<p>In paraded at 0830 drill order carried out In in Attack returned at 1230 In paraded at 1830 + carried out a night march on compass bearings and made deployment as pre arranged and assaulted a position which had been marked out To Hospital 1 OR from Hospital, Off 1 OR.</p>	

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TEL-EL-MEBIAH	26-1-16	A.P.	<p>Planned at 0830 and carried out by close Order Drill - afternoon half holiday Transport section inspected by BRIGADIER GENERAL SMYTH V.C. MAJOR D.M. MCGONAGHY ^{assumed command} of the Battalion vice MAJOR O.G. HOWELL PRICE To Hospital 1 from Hospital til.</p>	
	27-1-16	A.P.	<p>Battalion furnished Divisional Duties which absorbed all men available for duty. No programme of work was therefore able to be carried out. To Hospital til from Hospital til.</p>	
	28-1-16	A.P.	<p>Planned 0830 & carried out by in attack & training of Scouts. Sports were held during the afternoon. To Hospital til from Hospital til.</p>	
	29-1-16	A.P.	<p>Planned at 0830. Dress Drill Order 0830-1000 by close order Drill. 1000-1200 Planned in attack. To Hospital 1 from Hospital til.</p>	
	30-1-16	A.P.	<p>The Battalion planned for various Church Parades. Divisional Duties were supplied. To Hospital 2 from Hospital til.</p>	
	31-1-16	A.P.	<p>Planned 0830 Drill Order and carried out by in attack & extended order Drill. To Hospital 3 from Hospital til.</p>	