

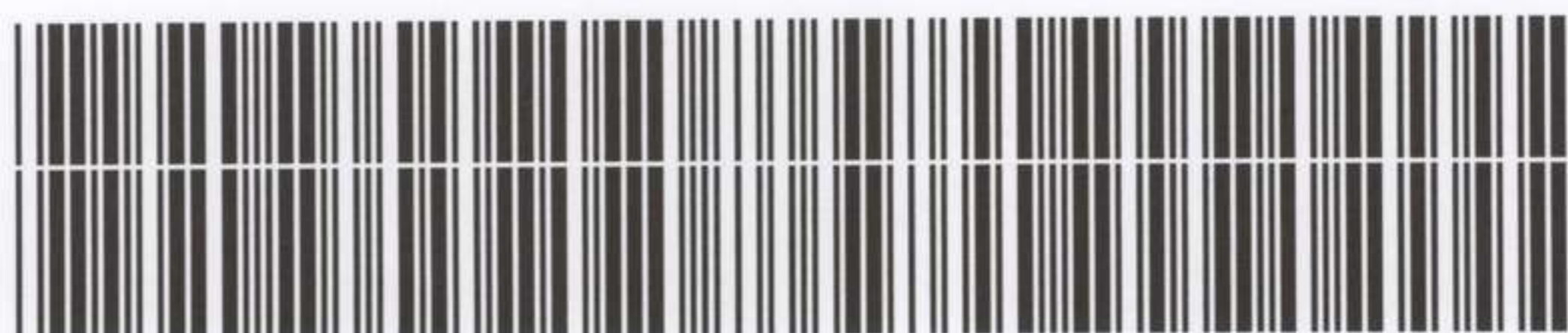
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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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7<sup>th</sup> AUSTRALIAN INF BDE

January 1916

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Mudros.	1 <sup>st</sup> -		Holiday. Bde pack horse team move to EAST MUDROS to embark on S.S. MANITOU	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>		Weather windy and cold. General training cancelled on mudros Bde arrangements	
	2 <sup>nd</sup>		<del>TRAINING</del> 25 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> Bns ordered to embark on S.S. HORORATA at 1200 <sup>on 5<sup>th</sup></sup> . But just	
	5 <sup>th</sup>		as the battalions were moving off, more was cancelled owing to the bad weather	
	6 <sup>th</sup>		The whole Brigade embarks for Egypt as per appendix (1).	(1) appendix
			12 noon Bde HQ and 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> Bns Sarpi Pier for S.S. HORORATA	
			10 30 27 <sup>th</sup> Bn Sarpi Pier S.S. MINNENAGRA	
			0900 28 <sup>th</sup> Bn North Pier for S.S. ANSONIA	
			Col Ferguson 26 <sup>th</sup> Bn at 1100 on S.S. HORORATA Capt DAVIS 25 <sup>th</sup> Bn adjutant	
At Sea	7.		Embarkation was concluded without a hitch in fine weather. Sailed from MUDROS Harbour <sup>early</sup> a calm uneventful voyage. Precautions against submarine attack were taken and practised life belts worn continuously by all ranks.	
	9 <sup>th</sup>		S.S. Hororata entered ALEXANDRIA harbour at 0900 alongside wharf near harbour at 1200. Embarked at El Behin 1 <sup>st</sup> Train 1000 & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Train Bde HQ part of 25 <sup>th</sup> Bn 2 <sup>nd</sup> Train 1/2 25 <sup>th</sup> and half 26 <sup>th</sup> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Train half 26 <sup>th</sup> Bn	

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Tel EL KEBAIR	10 <sup>th</sup>		Arrived in Camp with very few Tents Majority had to live on rock. Tents covered	
	11 <sup>th</sup>		and were pitched during the day. A good camp on sand - plenty of water.	
To			Training continued under Batta arrangements Drill - extended order drill - Artillery formations	
	15 <sup>th</sup>	3 PM	Inspection of the Division by Sir A Murray GOC MEF. Bde drawn up in a group in line of battalions in mass. Appendix (2) approx 3000 all ranks on parade	Appendix (2)
	17 <sup>th</sup>		O.C. Brigade proceeded to ISMAILIA with Div Commander to reconnoitre the position	
	18 <sup>th</sup>		held by 2 <sup>nd</sup> Div for the defence of the Canal. Returns on 18 <sup>th</sup>	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>		Field firing Individual practices 27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> Bns in desert S of EL WADI Drain	
	26 <sup>th</sup>		" " " 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> " " " " " " " " " " " "	
	29 <sup>th</sup>		Field firing Collective practice Coy advance guard to a battn (all battns)	
	27 <sup>th</sup>		Col Paton appointed temp Brigadier General.	
	31 <sup>st</sup>		Bde Training Commenced with a day spent in movements of a Brigade	
			in close formation Great difficulty <sup>was experienced</sup> and a great deal of clerical labour was expended in trying to get re-fitted and up to the present practically nothing has been issued.	
			J. Howland Smith - Capt Bde Meyer 7 <sup>th</sup> Aust Bde	

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TO { 7 Bde.

Sender's Number 229 Day of Month 5 In reply to Number AAA

units will	embark tomorrow		
as under:			
SARPI Pier	0900 on Mimiakohia		
DIV HQ	3 officers	29 others	
23 Bn	20	480	"
24 "	21	565	"
SARPI Pier at	1030 on Mimiakohia		
27 Bn	26 off	712 others	
7 Fd Amb.	5 "	104 "	
Div Train	5 "	70 "	
SARPI Pier at	1200 on Hororata		
7 Bde HQ	5 officers	37 others	
20 Bn	17	805	
26 "	23	662	
	45	1504	

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From \_\_\_\_\_

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Time \_\_\_\_\_

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at North Pier at 0900 on Ausonia		
28 Apr	23 officers	673 others
Div Train	3 "	53 "
Angac Base	6 "	717 "
details		
	32	1443
All baggage will be embarked from Sarpi Pier as under.		
for Mimiakohia		0900
" Hororata		1100
" Ausonia		1300

From 7 Aust Bn

Place \_\_\_\_\_

Time 1575

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Signature of Addressor or person authorized to telegraph in his name

Appendix No 1

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7th Aust Inf Bde.  
Marching Out State 6/1/16

	Officers	of Ranks
Bde Hqrs & Sig Section	4 1	221 15
25th Bn	18	784
26th Bn	24	654
27th Bn	27	718
28th Bn	24	667
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South Camp  
6/1/16

W. [unclear]  
Capt  
Brevet Major [unclear]  
for [unclear]

Appendix No. 1

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SPECIAL DIVISIONAL ORDER

Major General J.G. Legge C.M.G.  
Commandant 2nd Australian Division

Divisional Headquarters.  
14th January 1916.

Inspection

1. General Sir Archibald Murray K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O., General Officer Commandant in Chief, Mediterranean Expeditionary Force will inspect the Division on Saturday 15th instant at 1500.

Formation  
Markers

2. Units will be formed up in Review Order in five groups, as under, facing west, except group E which will face south. Markers will be in position by 1430. The front of each group will be marked by flags.

- Group A 5th Infantry Brigade at 1445
- Group B 6th Infantry Brigade at 1445
- Group C 7th Infantry Brigade at 1500
- Group D 15th Light Horse ) at 1500
- Divisional Engineers, )
- Divisional Signal Coy )
- (Engineers) )
- Divisional Train )
- Medical Units )
- Mobile Vet. Section )
- Group E Divisional Artillery at 1515

Command

3. Lieut. Colonel G.C.E. Elliott R.E. will command group D. Major S. Bruggy D.A.Q.M.G. will carry out the duties of Staff Officer to Officer Commanding Group D.

Dress

4. Drill order (i.e. without packs and haversacks). Hats will be worn by all who possess them.

Unarmed Men

5. Men without rifles will parade in rear rank.

Transport

6. First line transport will parade with units. Transport of Infantry will form up in rear.

Movements  
Mounted Troopswalking

7. Any movements ordered will be carried out at a mounted Troopswalking pace.

Strength

8. Duty men will be reduced to a minimum; normally only quarter guards should be required.

Parade States

9. Parade states will be rendered to Divisional Headquarters by 1130.

Instructions

10. A Staff Officer for each group except group E will meet D.A.A. & Q.M.G. in front of 5th Brigade Headquarters at 1000 on 15th instant.

Bands

11. C.C. 6th Brigade will detail one band to report to 5th Brigade Headquarters at 1430. After the inspection of the 5th Brigade this band will report to Staff Captain 7th Brigade. The band of the 6th Brigade after the inspection of that brigade will report to Major S. Bruggy D.A.Q.M.G. at the parade of group D.

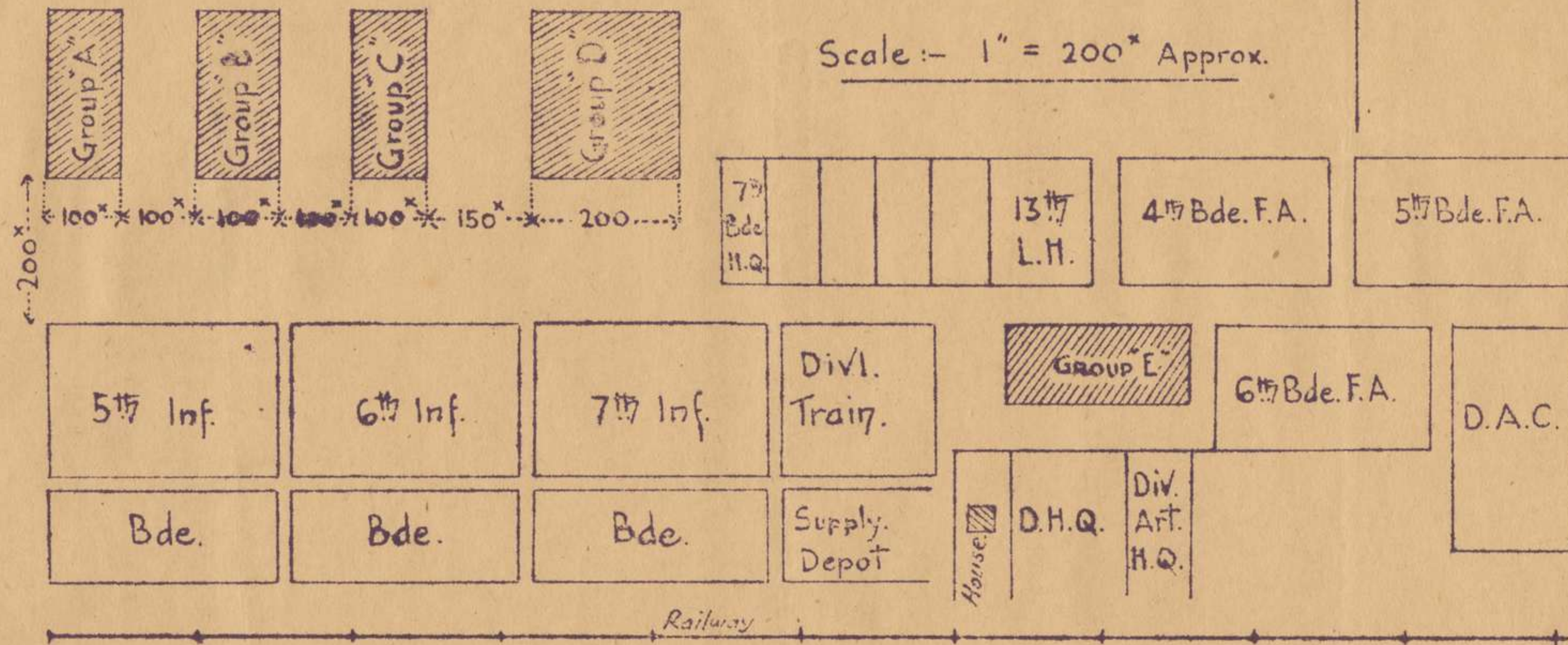
T.A. BLANEY, Lieut. Colonel  
A.A. & Q.M.G.

Inspection. by Gen. Sir Archibald Murray. K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O.

PLAN shewing formation of Parade.



Scale: - 1" = 200\* Approx.



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