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Date	Time	Purport	Appendix.
17/10/1914.		Commenced packing up the office. Brigade cannot carry the quantities of billeting and other forms provided. Made a reference to Divisional Headquarters re payment of men; no reply. Ordered no payment of cash until on board ship, except to men men who wished whaxxishaxto make allotment or to despatch Money Orders or lodge in Savings Bank. Report re Imperial Reservists.	
18/10/1914.	8. a.m.	2nd. Bn. marched out of camp.	Appendix 32.
	9.30 a.m.	1st. Bn. marched out of camp. 1st. Bn. left lines dirty and smelly; a lack of discipline observed. Several N.C.O's. late of the A.& I.S. still observed wearing officer's pattern jackets; warned Q.M.S., 2nd. Bn. (S.S.M. Mackay). Heavy rain.	
	10.30 a.m.	Saw 2nd. Bn. on board "Suffolk" at Woolloomooloo; very good and orderly embarkation - Governor and District Commandant both pleased.	
	10.45 a.m.	Saw "Clan MacCorquodale" and Major Bennett at Woolloomooloo; horses going on all right.	
	11.30 a.m.	Saw 1st. Bn. embarkation at Fort Macquarie; behaviour of men excellent - police could not cope with crowd who pressed in on men - the latter had to struggle through in single file; no drunks and all arrived complete, which was very good under the circumstances. 1st. Bn. had been offered trams, but refused them, which was unsound.	
	12 noon	Went on board s.s. "Afric" and saw Lt.-Col. Dobbin.	
	12.30 p.m.	Brigade Headquarters transferred on board s.s. "Euripides". Posted santries and issued Troopship Order No. 1. Made arrangements with A.Q.M.G. to bring 3rd. & 4th Bns. down by tram. A punning wet afternoon.	

Date	Time	Purport	Appendix.
19/10/1914		Heavy rain last night.	
	9. a.m.	Embarkation of horses and baggage - about 1 hour late. Despatched telegram to D.P.M. re money to be placed on board.	
		Rain at intervals.	
	9.30 a.m.	1st. Fld. Amb. arrived in trams, broke back to friends in crowd, no discipline at all.	
	10.30 a.m.	3rd. Bn. arrived by tram, arrangements excellent - whole embarkation very orderly. Most trouble experienced from officers' batmen who came wandering down on various pretexts.	
	11.30 a.m.	4th. Bn. arrived by tram - arrangements not quite so good as 3rd. Bn., but still orderly and quiet.	
	12.30 p.m.	All on board. Took over money. Safe provided held all the gold and £1000 only in silver, leaving £2480 to be disposed elsewhere. Packed £500 loose in each of 3 ammunition boxes and left the rest in linen bags. Lodged the whole in the Ship's Strong Room on the Bridge. For future reference observe that a .303" ammunition box will just take £500 of silver - shillings or two shilling bits. To hold our money we should have required 8 ammunition boxes, excluding gold. This means a safe with interior dimensions at least 2'3" each way for £4000 of silver.	
	3 p.m.	Fire Station parade.	
	5 p.m.	Form T.108 and Field Returns rendered after several efforts.	

Date	Time	Purport	Appendix.
20/9/1914.		Issued Troopship Order No. 2. Sailed at 6 a.m. Whole day spent in shaking down. Washing arrangements insufficient, as also arrangements for drawing rations; these resulted in the programme of hours being scrapped largely. Sun Deck could not be used on account of the Wireless Operator. Deck space very insufficient. Drafted some proposals for training. Detailed 4 signallers to assist Naval Transport Officer permanently.	
21/10/1914.		Issued Troopship Order No. 3. Usual routine. Day spent in running out a syllabus of work and in drafting a scheme for use in case enemy is encountered.	
	5.0 p.m.	Conference with Commanding Officers to fix training hours etc. Early a.m. parade abolished.	
22/10/1914	8.0 a.m.	Put syllabus before C.Os. and Adjutants and found it suitable. Issued T.O. No. 4	<i>Appendix 32A.</i>
	11.0 a.m.	Collected officers to assist in giving lectures - in running range - and in holding classes for N.C.O's. and Officers in fire direction. Chose range on fore-castle as this would not have to be altered when in convoy as we are leading ship of a division. Worked on plasticine model to illustrate outposts etc.	
23/10/1914.		On the track of some card sharpers and gamblers. Two men caught. Some men found (3rd. Bn.) with body lice, so cancelled all training for next day in order to have a thorough wash. Issued T.O. No. 5.	

Date	Time	Purport	Appendix.
24/10/1914.		Usual routine. Issued T.O. No. 6 & After Orders. Two gamblers given 96 hours cells each. A man in cells raised the point that he should be released at 10.30 a.m. instead of 12 noon as the clock is put back half an hour daily. Point decided against him. Notice of lectures given and lecturers appointed.	
25/10/1914.	a.m.	Church parades held.	
		Rain showers.	
	p.m.	Rehearsal of parade for dressing ship on arrival at Albany.	

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26/10/14.	about 11 a.m.	Issued Troopship Order No. 7 & After Order. Arrived King George's sound entrance. Dressed ship for entry in pouring rain, which cleared off just as we got opposite T.S.S. "Orvieto". Men kept silence, though much cheering from other ships. Got to our station about 1.30 p.m., and dismissed parade. List of punishments on board ship issued.	Appendix 33.
27/10/14.		Issued Troopship Order No. 8. Conference postponed on account of weather. G.O.C. & C.G.S. inspected ship - very pleased and complimented us on men stand- ing still and on our entry. Put special promotions before G.O.C. Asked for £10 for contingencies and stationery. Sent off returns as per A.I.F. Order 25, para. 123, to T.S.S. "Orvieto". S.M.O. submitted report to D.G.M.S.	Appendix 34. Appendix 35.
28/10/14.	10. a.m.	Issued Troopship Order No. 9 & After Order. Too big a swell for boat exercise. Sent Conference on T.S.S. "Orvieto" Asked re firing on ship - not permitted, either .303, .22, or revolver. The Ten boats out for boat exercise. Sent Staff Sergeant Crawford ashore to purchase stationery.	Appendix 36.
29/10/14.		Issued Troopship Order No. 10 & After Order. Too big a swell for boat exercise. Sent discharged men (Gurbacha Singh included) ashore by tug. Prepared and submitted fresh Field Returns. Communication with shore very difficult; tug on this day which took men off at 9.30 a.m. reached Albany wharf at 9.15 p.m. No food during this time; no possibility of officers or men returning same day.	

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30/10/14.		Issued Troopship Order No. 11. Usual routine. Boat exercise by 4 boats in afternoon.	
31/10/14.	10. a.m. 12 noon	Inspected T.S.S. "Suffolk" Inspected T.S.S. "Afric" Issued Troopship Order No.12.	No. 37 " "
1/10/14		Submitted lists of Lieutenants for promotion to Captain as Company Commanders. Submitted list of R.S.Ms. for warrant rank. Land wind made water quite calm. Lieut. Hinde, 3rd. Bn. invalided and Private Cpl. Caldwell, 4th. Bn., and both sent ashore.	No. 38 39.
1/11/14.	7. a.m.	Left Albany. First and third divisions left earlier. Very calm and fine.	
	10.20 p.m.	Received naval signal from H.M.S. Minotaur to the effect that war had been declared between Britain and Turkey.	No. 40.
2/11/14.		Issued Troopship Order No. 13 and After Order No. 6. Usual routine.	
3/11/14.	12.10 p.m. 2 p.m.	Issued Troopship Order No. 14 and After Orders Nos 7 & 8. Received signal from H.M.S. Minotaur conveying war news. Issued detailed Alarm Orders. All ranks paraded, wearing life-belts.	No. 41. No. 42.
4/11/14.		Issued Troopship Order No. 15. Alarm stations practised.	
5/11/14.		Issued Troopship Order No. 16. Usual routine.	
6/11/14.	12 noon	Issued Troopship Order No. 17. Issued Syllabus of Musketry Instruction. Received signal from H.M.S. Minotaur conveying war news.	No. 43. No. 44.
7/11/14.	10 a.m. 8 p.m.	Issued T.O. No. 18, and After Orders Nos. 9 & 10. Received signal from T.S.S. "Orvieto" conveying war news. Issued pay, <i>inspected Company Acquittance Roll</i> 3rd. Bn. sports in afternoon. Practised navigating without lights from 8 to 8.30 p.m. Practised alarm stations.	No. 45

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8/11/1914.		Private of xx 3rd. Battalion died. Usual services.	
9/11/1914.		Issued T.O. No. 19 and After Orders Nos. 11,12, 13, and 14. News received of H.M.A.S. "Sydney's" successful engagement with EMDEN. Half holiday granted. Private of 3rd Battalion died. Syllabus of training altered on account of washing, etc. No lights from 7 p.m. Men slept at their boat stations, gun detachments at guns.	No. 46. No. 47. No. 48.
10/11/14.		Issued Troopship Order No. 20 and After Orders Nos. 15,16 and 17.	
	1.30 p.m.	Received signal message from T.S.S. "Orvieto" con- veying fuller account of H.M.A.S. "Sydney's" engagement with the "Emden" on 9/11/1914. No parades in afternoon.	No. 49.
	8.15 p.m.	Captain Irvine delivered lecture to officers,- subject: "Outposts".	
11/11/14.		Issued Troopship Order No. 21.	
	9.15 a.m.	Captain Irvine delivered lecture to officers of 4th. Battalion. Subject: "Minor Tactics". No parades in afternoon.	
12/11/14.		Issued Troopship Order No. 22.	
	9.15 a.m.	Captain Irvine delivered lecture on "Minor Tactics" to officers of 4th. Battalion. No parades in afternoon. Issued syllabus of lecture on "Outposts". Passed "Empress of Asia", armed merchantman, British.	No. 50.

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13/11/1914.	9.30 a.m.	Issued Troopship Order No. 23 and After Orders 18 & 19. C aptain Irvine lectured on "Minor Tactics" to 4th. Battalion Officers. No parades, - crossing the line, usual ceremony. Got into N.W. Monsoon down Bay of Bengal; pouring rain ensued. Received war news from H.M.S. "Hampshire" and from H.M.I.S. "Ibuki".	No.51
	8.15 p.m.	Capt. Irvine delivered a further lecture on "Outposts".	
14/11/1914		Issued Troopship Order No. 24. Capt. Irvine lectured to 4th. Bn. Officers on minor tactics.	
15/11/1914.	5 a.m.	H.M.A.S. "Sydney" passed convoy, en route to Colombo. Land in sight since early morning.	
	2 p.m.	Anchored off Colombo. Brigadier and Brigade Major went on board "Orvieto" with certain correspondence. Saw Capt. de Bucy re horses of Military Mounted Police. No leave ashore allowed.	
16/11/1914.		Issued Troopship Order No. 25. Brigadier and Ship's Adjutant went on board "Orvieto" to Court of Enquiry on men landed at Albany. Lieut. Stenenson, Transport Officer, 3rd. Bn., transferred to "Clan MacCorquodale", vice Lieut Hempton, to "Afric". Six men from 1st. Field Ambulance transferred to "Clan MacCorquodale". One man of 1st. Fld. Ambulance came on board from "Clan MacCorquodale". Sergeant Charlton, 1st. Bn., who was put on board "Euripides" at Sydney, with broken arm, returned to "Afric". Father McAuliffe came on board for Roman Catholics.	
17/11/1914		No parades in afternoon. Issued Troopship Order No. 26 and After Order No. 20.	
		Medical stores purchased.	
		Instructions signalled to "Miltiades" to stop men swimming.	No. 52.
	11.30 a.m.	Reply of S.M.O. to query in regard to epidemic of influenza.	No. 53.
	6 p.m.	1st. and 2nd. Divisions left Colombo. 3rd. Division left Colombo.	No. 54.
	8.15 p.m.	No parades in afternoon. Lieut. King lectured on "Billetting".	

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18/11/1914.		Issued Troopship Order No. 27. No parades in afternoon.	
19/11/1914.		Issued Troopship Order No. 28, and After Order No. 21. Pay issued to companies. Brigadier inspected acquittance rolls of companies. Permission granted for refuse to be thrown overboard without restriction until further orders. No parades in afternoon.	
20/11/1914.		Issued T.O. 29. Caught up and passed 2nd. & 1st. Divisions. No parades in afternoon.	
21/11/1914.	5.30a.m.	Two men overboard from "Shropshire". "Ascanius" collided with Shropshire. Issued T.O. 29 Division delayed for 2 hours. Men rescued. No parades in afternoon. Issued T.O. 30.	
22/11/1914.		Usual routine. Church Services held.	
23/11/14.		Issued T.O. 31. No parades in afternoon	
24/11/14.		Issued T.O. 32.	
25/11/14.		Arrived ADEN. Capt. Irvine went on board "Orvieto" with correspondence, etc. Published War News Issued T.O. 33	No. 54
26/11/14.	6.a.m.	Left Aden. Issued T.O. 34. Published War News	55
27/11/14.		Issued T.O. 35. Some men of 3rd. Bn. seized with an attack of ptomaine poisoning.	
28/11/14.	11 a.m.	Issued T.O. 36 Signal received from "Orvieto" to the effect that training was to be com- pleted at Cairo, Egypt, and proceed from there to the front/ Issued After Order No 22.	
29/11/14.		No Church parades. Issued "Hints for guidance of troops in Egypt" (with Order)	
30/11/14		Issued T.O. 37. and After Order 23.	

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1/12/14.		Issued T.O. 38. Arrived at Port Tewfik. Signal message received from B.H.Q. to proceed to Cairo to arrange camp site.	
	4. p.m.	Brigadier Brigadier, B.M., S.S.M. Lovejoy and Ptes. Rose & Mace left Suez for Cairo. Command of Troopship handed over to Colonel Owen, with cash, etc.	
2/12/14.		Issued T.O. 39. In the Canal. Arrived Port Said.	
3/12/14.		At Port Said Alexandria. Issued T.O. 40.	
4/12/14.		Issued T.O. 41. Disembarkation in progress.	
5/12/14.		Disembarkation completed. Issued T.O. End of voyage.	

2/12/14.	CAIRO.	Brigadier, B.M., etc. arrived Cairo. Brigadier left in afternoon for Alexandria to superintend disembarkation.	
3-5/12/14.		B.M. arranging for arrival of troops. 2nd. Lt. Butler arrived as temporary Camp Quartermaster.	
5/12/14.	MENA	Advance party of 4th. Bn. arrived, tents drawn, etc.	
6/12/14.		Issued B.O. No. 1	
7/12/14.		Brigadier arrived in Cairo. B.M. came into camp.	
8/12/14.		Brigadier arrived in camp. B.O. No. 3 - rules as to passes, uniform, etc. Mr. Zaky Fahmy, Interpreter, joined Brigade Staff.	
9/12/14.		B.O. No. 4 - distribution of Staff duties between B.M. and Capt. King.	
10/12/14.		Bde. concentrated at Mena camp. B.O. No. 5 - first period training programme issued and areas indicated.	
14/12/14		B.O. No. 8 - details of exemptions from "as strong as possible parades".	(Notes on assembling the Bde. - App 56)
15/12/14.		B.O. No. 9 - Lt. Burns appointed Bde. M.G. Officer.	
18/12/14.		B.O. No. 12 - Rules for Miniature Rifle Range issued.	(Memo on training App. 57)
21/12/14.		B.O. No. 14 - extracts from letters from the front sent out. Divisions of Regimental Orders into Parts. Warning issued that men suffering from venereal disease would be returned to Australia, their places being taken by re-inforcements.	(Conference 17/12/14. App. 57A)
22/12/14.		Mr. H. DAGHER, interpreter, joined Bde. Staff.	
23/12/14.		B.O. No. 16 - Regimental Courts-Martial to be forwarded to B.H.Q. for review.	
24/12/14.		B.O. No. 17 - fresh allotment of areas. Army Hd. Qrs. Staff arrived.	
25/12/14.		General Birdwood attended Church Parade.	
26/12/14.		Scouts Exercise held, on programme attached to B.O. 18.	
27/12/14.		Received orders to inaugurate double-company system from 1st. Jan. B.O. 18. Bde. Canteen Committee formed. Training Programme for platoon training.	

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30/12/14.		B.O. 20. Bde. Picquet sent to Cairo. Formed up for an address by Sir George Reid.
31/12/14.		Detailed distribution of N.C.O's. for the new organisation. B.O. 21. Issued orders re Bn. Staff Rides for the ensuing week.
1/1/1915.		B.O. 22 - correspondence divided into "urgent" and "ordinary"
2/1/1915.		Promotions appeared. Capt. Irvine to be Major. Lt. King to be Captain. B.O. 23 - Details of field punishment which can be awarded. Orders received to start musketry on the 4th.
4/1/1915		B.O. 24 - details of musketry ranges etc. First Battalion Exercise held. Captain C.S. Coltman, 4th. Bn., appointed Bde. M.G. Officer vice Capt. Burns, appointed Adjt., 3rd. Bn. Capt. Stevens became Adjutant 2nd. Bn., vice Capt. Wallack.
5/1/1915		Second Battalion Exercise held. Lieut. Onslow, G.H.Q. Staff, attached to Brigade to supervise training of Machine Guns..
6/1/1915		Third Tactical Exercise Exercise held. 2nd. Lt. J.S.S. ANDERSON, 4th. Bn., transferred to Bde. Hd. Qrs. as Orderly Officer. Dust storm commenced.
7/1/1915.		Fourth Battalion Exercise. Dust storm continued.
8/1/1915.		Issued extracts from "Notes from the Front" - B.O. 27.
9/1/1915.		Dust storm continued, but ceased in the evening when rain fell. Field Firing ranges selected. Inspection of Battalions' war outfit completed; result satisfactory. Allotment of officers to platoons- D.O. part 21, No. 4.
10/1/1915.		Brigade Major held a tactical exercise for Company officers; Ten per Battalion attended.
11/1/15.		Amendments to training programme on account of musketry . Attended lecture on International law by Colonel Steen, General Staff. Inspected ground for Brigade training and put arrangements in train.
12/1/15.		Lost one Brigade Hd. Qrs horse - kicked and leg broken above hock. Lecture on field engineering by Lieut- Col. Lotbiniere. Night scheme for Machine Guns .
13/1/15		Brigade Major reconnoitred routes for Brigade Training in Motor Car. B. O. 32 - Allotment of Ammunition ,and issued notes on Battalion staff rides.
14/1/15		B.O. 33. Issued pamphlets on Notes from the Front. Altered training hours and leave arrangements . Allotted dates for Battalion Field Firing. Ordered Battalion mobilisation parades for the 16th and 18th January.
15/1/15		B. D. 34 - Received orders for Machine Guns to proceed to Abbassia for range practices and firing.

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15/1/1915.	8.30 p.m.	Attended lecture at D. H. Q. - "Ruses" by Capt. Wagstaff.	
16/1/1915	9.30 a.m.	Mobilisation inspection of 3rd. Bn., assisted by D.A.D.O.S. and representative of Divisional Training.	
	1.0 p.m.	Mobilisation inspection of 1st. Bn..	
17/1/1915		Arab Charger received for Major Irvine.	
18/1/1915	9.30 a.m.	Mobilisation inspection of 2nd. Bn.	
	1.0 p.m.	Mobilisation inspection of 4th. Bn.	
19/1/1915		Route march under Divisional arrangements.	
20/1/1915		Reconnoitred KERDASA and vicinity for battalion training.	
		Issued Notes on Mobilisation Parades, and the Route March.	
22/1/1915.		Issued amended training programme.	
23/1/1915		Issued "Notes on Field Defences"	
24/1/1915		M.G. Sections left camp for Abbassia for M.G. Practice under Capt. Coltman, Bde. M.G. Officer, and Lieut. Onslow, General Hd. Qrs. Staff.	
25/1/1915		Commenced Class of Instruction for Scouts.	
26/1/1915		Brigadier, B.M., with Supply Officer and Medical Officer, reconnoitred ground for Brigade training in the direction of ABU SIR.	
27/1/1915		Brigadier and B.M. inspected M.G. firing at Abbassia	
28/1/1915		Issued Bde. S.O's. and training programme for Bn. training.	
29/1/1915		Arab chargers in Brigade gelded by order of Divisional Hd. Qrs.	
		Issued revision of training programme.	
30/1/1915		Inspected site for new range in Area C.	
2/2/1915		Issued precis of lecture by Brigadier General R.A.K. Montgomery, C.B., D.S.O. to 28th Division near Winchester on 30/10/14.	
		Made arrangements for Field Firing Competitions on Thursday, 4th.	
		Major Irvine appointed Judge Advocate on G.C.M. to assemble on 4th.	
		Captain King appointed Prosecutor on G.C.M. to assemble on 4th.	
4/2/1915		Issued orders for Bn. Inspection Test on 5/2/15.	
		G.C.M. commenced on Capt. Dignam, 2nd. Bn.	
		Issued amended Training Programme due to continued sitting of G.C.M..	
		Field Firing Competitions held and results issued - 3rd. Bn. best, 2nd. Bn. next, on the whole.	
5/2/1915		G.C. M. completed.	

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Purport</u>	<u>Appendix</u>
8/2/15.		Bde. Hd. Qrs. moved to BENI YUSEF.	
9/2/15.		1st. Bn. Test.	
10/2/15.		2nd. Bn. Test.	
11/2/15.		3rd. Bn. Test.	
12/2/15.		4th. Bn. Test.	
		New Bde. Canteen established at MENA CAMP.	
12/2/15.	12 noon	Bde. plus 1st. F.Co. and 1st. F.Amb. concentrated at BENI YUSEF.	
	5.0 p.m.	Moved out for night work, defence exercise.	
13/2/15.	4.30 a.m.	Attack at dawn.	
	2.0 p.m.	Operations finished.	
14/2/15.	2.0 p.m.	Issued orders for night march.	
	10 p.m.	Night march commenced.	
15/2/15.	5.0 a.m.	Attack at dawn.	
	12 noon	Operations finished.	
	4.0 p.m.	Issued Operation Order No. 6.	
16/2/15.	9.0 a.m.	Left BENI YUSEF.	
	11.30 a.m.	Arrived Mena Camp.	
17/2/15.		File of Schemes, Orders, criticisms, etc., is attached.	Appendix 64
		Issued training programme	
		Vaccination of Bde. Hd. Qrs.	
18/2/15.		Brigadier and B.M. visited Canal Defences.	
19/2/15		Reconnoitred ground for Communication Scheme.	
20/2/15.		Communication Scheme North of Ghizeh.	
22/2/15.	12 noon	Reconnoitred ground in WADI EL AHRAH FOR scheme in conjunction with artillery practice.	Appendix 65
	2.0 p.m.	Received definite information that the Division was to move to Europe within a fortnight.	
	4.30 p.m.	Conference in connection with Intercommunication Scheme of 20th	
		As a result of Brigade Training, and the Bde. Hd. Qrs. being in camp at Mena, it is apparent that the establishment of Bde. Hd. Qrs should be considerably increased, say to 50 other ranks, so that requirements such as sanitary details, guards, fatigues, etc., could be met from the personnel of B.H.Q. itself, without calling on Bns. This number would of course include all batmen and grooms but would be exclusive of the Bde. Signal Section. Another point noticed was that the retention of the Bde. Sig. Sec. in the Div. Engineer Signal Company and its absence from B.H.Q. considerably increased the difficulties which were encountered when it was suddenly required to incorporate and administer it in Bde. Hd. Qrs.	

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23/2/1915		Artillery practice, and had S.A.A. Carts out exercising for exercise in ammunition supply under Captains Christian and Whyte.	
24/2/1915		Reconnoitred route for Brigade route march (Brigadier & B.M.)	
26/2/1915		Communication exercise - 3 p.m. to 12 midnight.	App. 66..
28/2/1915		3rd. Inf. Bde. and details left Mena Camp.	
1/3/1915.		Conference in connection with Communication Exercise on 26th.	
2/3/1915.		Issued circular to Bns. for action in event of a move.	
5-6/3/1915		Divisional Tactical Exercise in Supply.	App. 67.
7/3/1915.		Brigadier and Staff attended Church Parade of Presbyterians and Methodists.	
		Prepared Seniority list for Brigade.	
8/3/1915.		1st. Bn. exercise stopped by dust storm.	App. 68.
9/3/1915.		<i>Conference on Div. Exercise held on 5/6th March</i>	
10/3/1915.		Entrenched a position on UBIQUE PLATEAU.	
11/3/1915		Dust Storm - Continued entrenching position. Brigadier & B.M. visited Int:Ba	
12/3/1915.		Night operations by 2nd. Bde. against entrenched position. Formed unit for 3rd. Inf. Bde Reinforcements.	App. 69.
13/3/1915.		Bde. Holiday.	
15/3/1915		Night Operations against 2nd. Bde. - successful.	App. 70.
16/3/1915		Slight rain fell.	

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17/3/1915		Night operations against 2nd Bde. from 5.30 pm to 2.0 am.	
18/3/1915		Brigadier went on leave to Luxor. Holiday for 1st & 3rd. Bns.	
19/3/1915		Holiday for 4th. Bn.	
20/3/1915		2nd. Bn Sperta Censorship Stamps arrive Holiday for 2nd. Bn.	
21/3/1915			
22/3/1915		Brigadier returns from Luxor. Detailed digging fatigues, 300 per Bn., for a defensive position under control of 2nd Inf. Bde by direction of D.H.Q.	
23/3/1915		Night operations.	
24/3/1915		Holiday 3rd. and 4th. Bns.	
25/3/1915		Night operations.	
28/3/1915		B.M. proceeded Alexandria on leave.	
29/3/1915		General Sir Ian Hamilton inspection Division.	
30/3/1915.		Reinforcements for 1st and 3rd. Inf. Bdes. arrived in camp.	
31/3/15.		B.M. returned from leave.	
1/4/1915.		Divisional Scheme under direction of Army Corps Hd. Qrs.	
2/4/1915.		Preparations for departure of Brigade.	