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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY.

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2nd Field Coy Engineers
1st A.I.F.

Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
TEL-EL-KEBIR	1-1-16 to 23-1-16		<p>During this time the COMPANY were encamped at TEL-EL-KEBIR. Works were carried out as follows:- A pontoon bridge was placed across the SWEET WATER CANAL and one section constantly stood by during daylight to make and break the bridge to accommodate to traffic - Watering troughs for Horses were also erected, several men were employed at the R.E. STORE on various works, - One NCO has been placed in charge of the supervision & repair to the Water supply Service - Parties have been employed in laying the concrete floors and the erection of showers - also supervising and erecting Mess Huts, whilst others performed the necessary Regimental Duties and Company fatigues. Those members of the COMPANY not employed upon these duties and works have been now daily exercised in RIFLE & COMPANY DRILL</p>	
SERRAPEUM	24-1-16		<p>Upon the 15th the whole of the dismounted portion of the COY. took part in the REVIEW before GENERAL MURRAY.</p> <p>Upon this date the dismounted portions of the COY marched out of Tel-et-Kebir camp and entrained for Serrapeum at 10,000. Serrapeum was reached about 1300. The weather was damp & cold. The COY. camped for the day upon the bank of the SUEZ CANAL moving along to a position near the FERRY, shortly after dark, the mounted section and transport vehicles having arrived about 5 1700. The COY bivouaced for the night along the WESTERN BANK of the CANAL. The weather was very boisterous and unpleasant, a bitterly cold, and violent westerly wind with rain showers blowing the whole night.</p>	

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SERRAPEUM	25-1-16		Upon this date the whole Coy. were transferred to The Eastern Bank of the CANAL and put bivouaced for the night upon the site selected for their camp about one mile from the CANAL. The night proved extremely cold with a biting westerly wind.	
SERRAPEUM	26-1-16		Upon this date the Coy. pitched camp and settled down to awaiting orders.	
"	27-1-16		Nos 1 and 2 sections under Lieuts CUNNINGHAM and STEVENSON marched out ^{the night of} to GABEL HABEITA to construct TRENCHES and DEFENCE WORKS along that section of DEFENCE.	
"	28-1-16		The remainder of the Coy still awaiting orders. MAJOR MATHER rejoined the Unit from TEL-EL-KEBIR as his departure for AUSTRALIA has been indefinitely postponed.	
"	29-1-16		No 3 Section under Lieut GREENWAY left camp for the purpose of constructing the advanced defence positions.	
"	30-1-16		Upon these dates Nos 1 2 and 3 sections were employed upon defence works in the first line of defence. Hd. Qs. No 4 section and the Transport remaining in camp awaiting orders.	
"	31-1-16			

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