

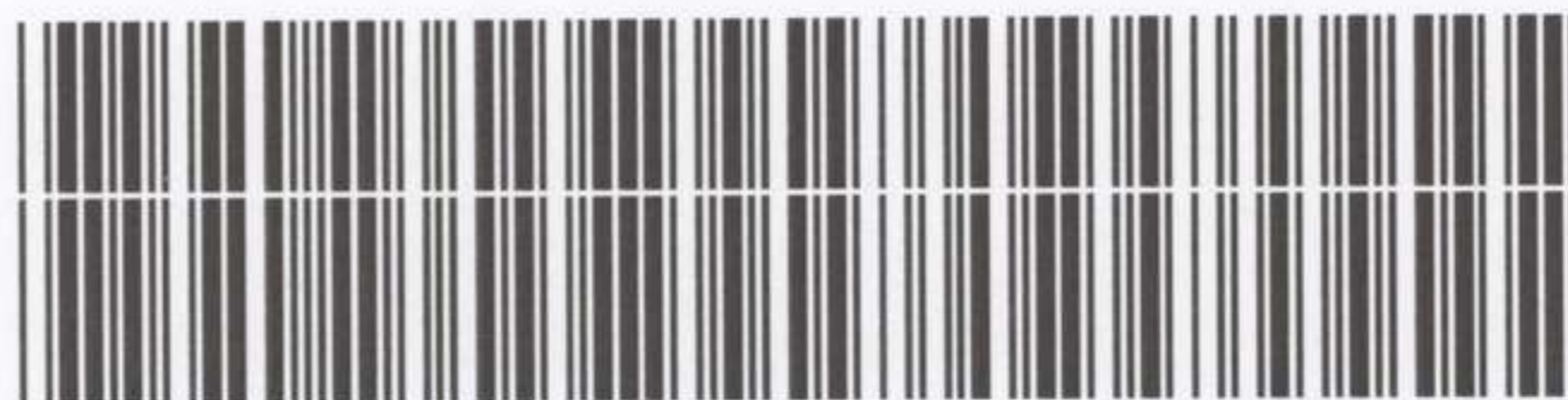
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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Post 55 Serapeum.	1-2-16	6pm.	On this date No 1 Section was at No 55 Post, No 2 Section was at No 54 Post and No 3 SECTION at No 56 Post of the FORWARD LINE of DEFENCE whilst No 4 Section and the MOUNTED SECTION were still encamped at SERAPEUM EAST. MAJOR MATHER O.C. COMPANY having arrived yesterday from SERAPEUM has taken up his quarters with No 1 SECTION	
" "	2-2-16	6pm.	The following works are now in hand No 1 SECTION, works 54, 55, 56, 58, and 57. No 2 SECTION, works 52, 53 and 552 and No 3 SECTION work 59. Whole of works inspected by GEN. CHAUVEL.	
" "	3-2-16	6pm.	No 1 SECTION M.G. position emplacement put in 54 the front face of which is almost finished. 55 front face finished and M.G. emplacement being constructed. Revetting and digging and the placing of M.G. emplacements is also being carried out 55, 56 and 57. This section is laying about 7000 sandbags daily.	
" "	4-2-16	6pm.	No 1 SECTION still working on 54, 56, 57 + 555, 55 front face finished. A number of hurdles for revetting purposes have now been constructed but have no matting for covering, nails, or wire yet. No 2 SECTION have completed to revetting of parapets in works 52, 53 + front fire trench 552.	
" "	5-2-16	6pm.	Work still progressing on all works, hurdles being made as fast as material for same arrives.	
" "	6-2-16	6pm.	CHURCH PARADES for all sections in morning and work commenced in afternoon on works 555, 565, 57 54 S.B. 58 and 59.	
" "	7-2-16	6pm.	On this date wire and pickets came to hand for the manufacture of hurdles but work has been considerably hampered through want of materials	
" "	8-2-16	6pm.	No 1 Section working on 555, 565 + 54 S.B. revetting on parapet of 57 finished support trench for 55 and half of that for 56 have been dug. 2000 sandbags and a number of hurdles sent to No 2 Section who have been short of material.	

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Post 55 SERAPEUM	9-2-16	6pm	Work still progressing on all posts. Hurdles are now being used as revetment of parapets. Supply of sandbags very low only 750 now being in stock GEN. GODLEY inspected works and as a consequence several are now held over pending instructions	
" "	10-2-16	6pm	Work still progressing BRIG. GEN. FORSYTH came round & sited positions for new works but recommended holding them over until GEN CHAUVEL had inspected the position.	
" "	11-2-16	6pm	Material still very short, but all works going ahead	
" "	12-2-16	6pm	Work progressing slowly owing to lack of materials, sand bags are completely finished & very few hurdles are in hand.	
" "	13-2-16	6pm	Church parade for all sections, & whole holiday for rest of day No material at all arrived from R.E. PARK.	
" "	17-2-16	6pm	Up till this date works had suffered owing to shortage of revetting material. On this date GEN. BIRDWOOD, GEN. GODLEY with a large STAFF inspected the position.	
" "	18-2-16	6pm	All works progressing. Aeroplane dropped message over No 2 SECTION reporting presence of armed ENEMY party. 6th BATTN. manned the trenches and "stood to arms" during night.	
" "	22-2-16	6pm	No 1 Section have the following works in hand 54 S.B. entanglements 54, support trench on 55 finished & "traffic" trench commenced. A large number of bags and hurdle material with wire came in today.	

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POST 55 SERAPEUM	24.2.16	6 p.m.	All works progressing well.	
" "	26.2.16	6 p.m.	Church Parade for all sections. Holiday and sports meeting in afternoon	
" "	27.2.16 28.2.16 29.2.16	} 6 p.m.	All works progressing satisfactorily.	
<p>During the month Nos 1, 2 & 3 sections have been engaged upon the forward defence works No 4 section remaining in camp at SERAPEUM until the 19th when they moved out and joined No 3 section at No 56 post. The mounted section still remains at SERAPEUM where they are carting the pipes for water supply & doing other general transport work. The sections in the advanced line have each established a miniature R.E. Park where rivetting hurdles and engineer stores have been manufactured and stored. Towards the end of the month it was found that owing to the monotony & sameness of the work day after day coupled with the uninteresting nature of their present surroundings there was a marked tendency in the men towards staleness and it was decided to hold a sports meeting. This took place upon the 26th being a complete success all benefiting from the marked break it made in the usual routine.</p>				
<p>Lieut DR DRUKE-BROCKMANN has been engaged during the month upon the supervision of the water supply & pipe line laying, and small parties have been employed at the R.E. PARK and on felling jobs along the light DECAUVILLE TRACK.</p>				

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