

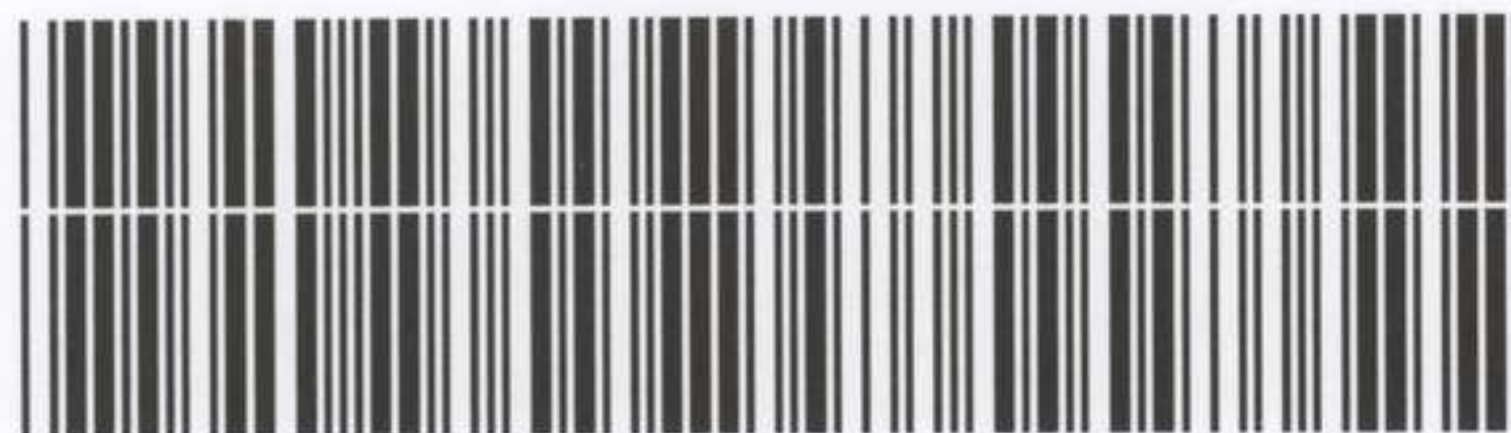
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Place	Date 1916.	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
<u>HB</u>	Feby. 3 -	4th	Portions of the 5th and 6th Infantry Brigades remaining at TEL-EL-KEBIR left for SUEZ CANAL defence line.	
<u>HB</u>		8th	13th Light Horse arrived at SUEZ CANAL defence line. 2nd Divisional Artillery (less 4th Brigade) arrived at SUEZ CANAL defence line.	
<u>HB</u>		10th	Footmarks of a camel patrol were seen leading to a hill 7000 yards due East of the CAMELS HUMP (a hill opposite the centre of our 5th Brigade front). In consequence a party of Light Horse and Bikanir Camel Corps went out at night, and occupied this place in hopes of catching the enemy patrol, arriving at dawn. Nothing was seen.	
<u>HB</u>		15th	One of our aeroplanes saw enemy patrol of 10 men and 7 camels about 4 miles East of our 5th Brigade front. The aeroplane opened fire, and wounded one Arab. Orders were sent to a patrol of Bikanir Camel Corps to move out at once. 6 men <sup>went</sup> accompanied by Lieutenant McCallum, and Sergeant-Major Reid at 11.30 a.m. No signs of enemy seen.	
<u>HB</u>		18th	A survey party reported a party of 4 men, and a larger party of 30 to 40 all on horses 4 miles due East of SPHINX (the right part of our 6th Brigade front). This party scattered, and went off East. Time 5.55 p.m. A squadron of Light Horse was ordered to move to 6th Brigade Headquarters, and reconnoitre the front at daylight. They were limited to going out 8 miles on account of water difficulties.	

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Yp	18th		<p>The squadron moved out about 7 miles at dawn. No sign of the enemy was seen.</p> <p>A wire was also received from ANZAC to say that a force of the enemy has been observed concentrating at GEBEL LIBNI about 90 miles East of this.</p>	
Yp	21st		<p>An aeroplane reconnaissance reported force of 200 enemy camelmen at MOIYA HARAB 35 miles South East of the right of our line. The numbers at GEBEL LIBNI were again reported. This seemed to be a reconnaissance to try and locate our line.</p> <p>Orders were sent to our front Brigades that if the enemy attacked by day or in small numbers he was to be met forward of our line of entrenched points, so that he <sup>might</sup> find out nothing. If he came in strength or by night he was to be met in the entrenched line.</p>	
W	29th		<p>During the month progress has been made in the work of digging trenches along the front line and at FERRY POST both of which were partly completed. The posts of the Intermediate line were selected but no work started on them before the end of the month. Gun emplacements were selected and practically completed and ready for the guns. Railway completed up to Railhead and Decauville in process of completion to join up with both 5th and 6th Infantry Brigade Headquarters. The road was completed as far as Railhead and was about three quarters of the way to 5th Brigade Headquarters</p>	

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713	29		<p>but not much work done on that leading to the 6th Brigade. The pipe line was laid out as far as Railhead and water through, but it was only laid and pipes not connected to the Brigades and Battalions. Telephone communication completed, both direct between Divisional Headquarters to the right of left Division, from Divisional Headquarters to Brigades and Battalions, from the right and left Battalion of the line direct to the neighbouring Battalion of the next Division. There was also communication along the Cahal to the Headquarters of the 11th Division.</p> <p><i>Robert Browne</i> Major, General Staff. For G.O.C. 2nd Australian Division.</p>	