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Ismailia - 5-4-16 -	<p>Visited Hx Cav Moascar. Lt Col Close arrived from Cairo to inspect water filtration plant. - Instructed ORBs to proceed with shelters for horses. - Instructed ORB Ferry Post to provide water required for loads unloading. - Informed D.D.W. that, as water supply to Ferry Post now much improved, contractors camels can be watered on East bank. - Asked D.D.W. for water supply tools + stores for Ferry Post, East bank. - Water stored at 1800 Serapeum 46000 Ferry Post 48000.</p>	<u>M</u>

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6.4.16 - Moascar	Consulted E in C re hutting Moascar, and additional personnel from Egyptian Labour Corps for hutting at Ferry Post. Quoted Col Scraper to provide hutting required by OC. No. 1 Casualty Clearing Stn. Sent E in C diagrams, scale 1-50,000. water supply arrangements Scraper + Ferry Post. Asked D.B.W. to provide 2 rowing boats for Scraper 2 for Ferry Post to train and Eng. in Moascar. Consulted Col Ferry Post re works in progress. Water stored at 1500 Scraper 48000, Ferry Post 48000.	<u>M</u>
7.4.16 -	Visited Scraper - hutting and other works progressing satisfactorily. Visited Moascar. Received from G.S. order re dispatch of Mobile Column from Scraper to Jaffa - also G.S. decision re communications to 2 Sections. Arranged for 1/2" planking and axle boxes required at new magazines for "Requin". Water stored at 1500 Scraper 48000 Ferry Post 48000.	<u>M</u>
8.4.16 -	Visited work on magazines for "Requin" - nearing completion. Visited Eng. in-Chief also Budgeting Train - addressed D.A. + D.M.G. re handing over of tables, forms + sanitary appliances at camps where troops march out. G.S. passed for information file re organisation Mobile Column. Sent E in C proposed scale of hutting for Amara Mountain Moascar - also taking 1/25000, Scraper + Ferry Post corrected to date. Water stored at 1500 Scraper 48000 Ferry Post 48000.	<u>M</u>
9.4.16 -	Accompanied D.A. + D.M.G. to G.H.Q. to discuss possibility of placing a Division at Moascar. Eng. in-Chief raises no objection to retention by 2nd Army of temporary R.E. Officers formerly attached to N.Z. Division except Lt. Perry who should rejoin 54th Territorial Division - action is being taken by Administrative Branch. Received from A.D.M.G. instructions re move 120th Army Troops to R.E. at present at Ferry Post. Suggested to D.A. + D.M.G. that steps be taken to ensure that tables + forms + sanitary appliances be regularly handed over by outgoing units leaving camps. D.B.W. reported completion of Filter Plant at Scraper + forward Pumping Plants at both Scraper + Ferry Post. suggested that these should be taken over by Div 4 Engineers - referred to G.S. for opinion. Received from G.S. copy of telegram ordering 5th Aust Div 4 Artillery from Moascar to Ferry Post. Water stored at 1500 Scraper 48000 galls, Ferry Post 48000 galls.	<u>M</u>

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Ismailia 10-4-16	<p>Visited Moascar. Consulted Eng-in-Chief re camp at Moascar and submitted plan showing lay out for 1 Division. Instructed C.R.E. Moascar to prepare plan on suitable scale showing camp for 1 Brigade Infantry with all hutments as approved in Scale of Huttling already issued. Arranged with Eng-in-Chief re supply by D.D.W. of box latrines req^d by 5th Division Ferry Post. Advanced Park reported that weekly Statement of Stores is no longer required. Passed to Command Paymaster Cairo for payment bill for £33/0/10 in favour of J. Gerard on account of tools purchased by N.Z. Div. Arranged with D.D.W. to place 5 motor lorries at disposal of C.R.E. Ferry Post for 5 days. Instructed C.R.E. Ferry Post to take over, from D.D.W.'s representation, pumping station on East Bank and pipe line to Rail Head. Decided not to take over plant at Seraprum until high level tanks West Bank are completed. Water stored at 1500 Seraprum 40,000 galls, Ferry Post 48,000 galls.</p>	No
11-4-16	<p>Visited Ferry Post Inner Defences also Bruch Mark Post. Consulted Eng-in-Chief re preparation of camp at Moascar. Visited filtration plant and high level Reservoir, Moascar. 134th Army Troops Co. R.E. sited at Moascar for Alexandria. Magazine for French Warship Reguin on West side of lake completed. Suggested to Eng-in-Chief that if available Class B Sappers be employed on Filter & Pumping Plants Canal Posts. Sent to Eng-in-Chief Progress Reports Defence Works week ending 7-4-16. Instructed C.R.E. Ferry Post to provide huttling for Detachment Bikanir Canal Corps. Water stored at 1500 Seraprum 48,000 galls Ferry Post 48,000 galls.</p>	1
12-4-16	<p>Visited Eng-in-Chief and Moascar. Accompanied C.R.E. Ferry Post to front line to inspect Defence Works. Referred to DA-O.M.G. question of guarding water channel supplying unfiltered water to Ferry Post. Received Army Corps Order No. 3 allotment of ships for Defence No. 2 Section. D.D.W. reported arrival at his Stores at Ferry Post of tanks required for staging Camps Seraprum + Ferry Post. Water stored at 1500 Seraprum 48,000 galls, Ferry Post 48,000 galls.</p>	4

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Somalia. 13-4-16.	Visited Ferry Post & inspected work on hutting - progress satisfactory framing erected for huts for 2 Infantry Brigades. Arranged with Eng-in-Chief for 50 - 5' water latrines to be moved from Moascar to Ferry Post. Received from Eng-in-Chief 15 copies of revised Scale of hutting for E. E. F. Water stored at 1800 Serapeum 50,000 galls Ferry Post 48,000 galls.	
14-4-16.	Handed to Eng-in-Chief designs as per M.E.F. Scale of hutting for huts at Moascar, also indents for materials required. Visited Ferry Post & inspected pipe line service to Artillery Camp also stables in process of erection. Asked D.D.W. to expedite supply of sanitary requisites required at Serapeum. Interviewed Major Clogstoun R.E. regarding organisation of Field Squadron for Anzac Mounted Division. Water stored at 1800 Serapeum 48000 galls Ferry Post 48000 galls.	
15-4-16.	Attended at G.H.Q. to witness firing trials of Stokes Gun. Proceeded to Serapeum & visited Rail Head & Road Head. While at latter place column which was despatched to Jifjafa on the 11 th to destroy enemy deep well boring plant, returned. It seems that two up-to-date plants of German make were in use & that 2 boros. 3" diam to depth of 250 ft had been completed & cased. No water had been found. Column destroyed plants as they had not transport to move them. Prisoners taken included one Austrian Lt. of Engineers. C.R.E. Ferry Post reported no water in channel supplying unfiltered water for horses at Ferry Post. Requested D.D.W. to take necessary action. Water stored at 1800 Serapeum 48000 galls, Ferry Post 48000 galls.	
16-4-16.	Handed to E.I.C. tracing showing layout at Moascar for 1 Bde with huts as authorized by E.E.F. Scale. Approved proposal of C.R.E. Ferry Post that pipe line from Rail Head to Katoomba be 3". Sent to E.I.C. further claim for £281 travelling expenses incurred by Coastguard Dept. in purchase of 50 boats Port Said, for floating bridges. Instructions from E.I.C. that Engineering Works at Moascar Camp come under D. of W. Cairo forthwith. Water stored at 1800 - Serapeum 50,000 gallons, Ferry Post 48,000 gallons	

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Imailia 17-4-16.	Visited Serapeum East Bank. Arranged with Advances Park to send 6 miles plain wire to Serapeum for telegraph from Pumping Station to Rail Head. Received from C.R.E. Serapeum Report by Lt. Boghlan on reconnaissance with Light Horse to Jiffjafa 11/4/16 to 15/4/16. Water stored at 1800. Serapeum 48,000 galls, Ferry Post 48000 galls.	/
18-4-16	Visited 5 th Aust. Div. Br. Camp at Serapeum West & inspected water supply & hutting in progress. Suggested to D.D.W. that a few quick repair sleeves 6", 5" & 4" be stocked. Water stored at 1400 Serapeum 48,000 galls, Ferry Post 48,000 galls.	/
19-4-16.	Visited Moascar also Roy. Aust. Nav. Br. Train. Progress on floating bridges slow but will improve on receipt of bolts expected shortly from Ordnance. Informed B.G.C.S. that I agreed with G.O.C. 4 th Aust. Div. as to necessity for a stone road from canal bank at Serapeum to Rail at Serapeum West approx. distance 1 1/2 miles. Eng-in. Chief ordered from Egyptian Labour Corps 50 labourers for Ferry Post and 6 carpenters for A.C. Roy. Aust. Nav. Br. Train. Arranged with Captain of Raquin to visit magazine on W. shore of Lake. Sent to Command Paymaster bill for £35.16/6 tools purchased by C.R.E. Serapeum from Messrs C. Rolin & Co. Water stored at 1200 Serap 48000 galls Ferry Post 48000 galls.	/
20-4-16.	Accompanied Captain Farnel warship Raquin to magazine on West Bank of Lake Timnah & decided as to steps necessary to retain the sand covering. Sent to G.O.C. report of Field Engineer as to value of 4 huts for which Suez Canal Co. are claiming compensation - also sent copy of letter from Raquin re telegraph communication from ship to observation posts at Moascar & Rasch Harb. Eng-in. Chief reported that Capt Cooper R.E. had taken over D.D.W. Works at Serapeum & Ferry Post from Maj. Lester. Water stored at 1200 Serapeum 50,000 gallons, Ferry Post 50,000 gallons.	/

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Ismailia. 21-4-16.	<p>Visited Ferry Post, East Bank. Instructed C.R.E. Ferry Post to hand over small centrifugal pump to D.D.W. 4th Aust. Div applied for life buoys for bridge at Seraprum, arranged with Ordnance for supply. D.D.W. reported quick repair sleeves now available at Ferry Post. 5th Aust. Div. applied for shelters for armourers + shoemakers, recommended reference to G.H.Q. 5th Aust. Div. applied for spars + cordage for training. Div. Engro. Water stored at 1800 Seraprum 50,000 galls Ferry Post 45000 galls.</p>	
22-4-16.	<p>Inspected hutting works + Program at Ferry Post. Directed Field Engineer to examine boats purchased for floating bridges + to prepare design for bridge. G.O.C. 4th Aust. Div. raised the question as to whether Officers employed under D.D.W. in Sections of Defence should be under orders of G.O.C. Section. Water stored at 1800. Seraprum 45000 galls Ferry Post 45000 galls.</p>	
23-4-16.	<p>Visited Engineer in Chief. Consulted Representative of D.D.W. regarding additional transport required by him to hasten progress on roads, consulted also F.A. + P.M.G. in this connection. Water stored at 1800 Seraprum 45000 galls. Ferry Post 45000 galls.</p>	
24-4-16.	<p>Visited Seraprum + interviewed C.R.E. re personnel for Engineer Training Depot, taking over of pumping plant from D.D.W., proposal to construct road from Canal to Rail at Seraprum West. C.R.E. 5th Aust. Division accompanied me. Received from Eng-in Chief + passed approved Scale of Hutting for Army mounted Division. Eng-in Chief called for plan proposed new road Seraprum West. Water stored at 1800. Seraprum 16000 galls Ferry Post 45000 galls.</p>	
25-4-16.	<p>Anniversary of landing at Gallipoli. Passed day at Ferry Post + visited rail head. Program hutting satisfactory, practically all framing erected. D.D.W. reported completion of water installation at Seraprum + asked if we could take over. Water stored at 1800 Seraprum 16000 galls. Ferry Post 45000 galls.</p>	

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Ismailia 26-4-16	<p>Consulted O.C. Roy, Aust. Lav. Br. Train re proposed move of Unit from No. 2 Section + advised Gen. Staff that arrangements could be made to relieve Unit of its present duties in one week's time. Directed Field Engineer to arrange to take over from O.C. R.A.N.B.T. all work connected with construction of additional floating bridges at Serapeum + Ferry Post. Eng-in-Chief called for statement as to Establishment necessary to maintain works at Serapeum + Ferry Post when completed + for proposals as to providing the same. Directed C.R.E. Serapeum to take over forthwith from D.D.W. representative the filtration + pumping plants + pipe line up to Rail Head East Bank, - Eng-in-Chief informed. Rec^d from G.S. instructions re transfer of R.A.N.B.T. from No. 2 Section. Sent to Eng-in-Chief copy of agreement between C.R.E. Serapeum + contractors Messrs Rolin + Co. for erection of Lutting at Serapeum. Eng-in-Chief called for list of soldiers employed under D.D.W. in Section 2. Water stored at 1800. Serapeum 16600 gallons. Ferry Post 48,000 gallons.</p>	
27-4-16.	<p>Eng-in-Chief reported Capt. Perrain Survey Dept. deputed to survey trenches Ferry Post - C.R.E. informed. Field Engineer consulted O.C. Roy, Aust. Lav. Br. Train re taking over of stores for floating bridges. Instructions have been issued to Divs at Serapeum + Ferry Post that bridges at those places must be taken over by Divs on departure of detachments of Bridge Train now in charge. Water stored at 1800. Serap. 20,000 galls, Ferry Post 48000 galls.</p>	No
28-4-16.	<p>Visited Ferry Post + Serapeum + conferred with C.R.E.s of Divs as to Eng. Establishment considered necessary at Serapeum + Ferry Post when all works have been completed. Consulted Eng-in-Chief as to whether personnel of above Establishment is to be found from 14th Army Troops Co. R.E. Ruling from G.H.Q. in future D.D.W.'s Officers at Posts when applying for leave must submit application through Div. Commander. Arranged with Base Parks for supply of Ablution Benches. Directed C.R.E. Serap. to ascertain + report requirements of storage receptacles Div. W. Serap. West. Received from Serapeum list of tools required for maintaining pipe line. Water stored at 1800. Serapeum 24000 galls. Ferry Post 48,000 galls.</p>	No

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Immailia 29-4-16	<p>Accompanied Corps Commander to Ferry Post for inspection of Engineer Units 5th Aust. Div. Rec^d from Eng-in-Chief copy of Instructions from W.O. re submission of War Diaries by Chief Engineers. Sent to Eng-in-Chief list of Anzac personnel employed on Works Seraprum & Ferry Post. A.D.M.G. notified that R.A.N.B.T. will move from 202 Section on 4th May. Received from Eng-in-Chief copy of W.O. letter no: 100/Eng/942 M.S.1 dated 14/4/16 notifying promotion 2nd Lts serving with Anzac with effect from date 3 months after they joined Anzac Corps. Received from G.S. detailed Engineer Report by Lt. Coghlan on reconnaissance to Jifjaffa. Sent to Eng-in-Chief proposals as to Establishment & Source of Supply required in Section 2, when all works are completed. Water stored at 1800, Seraprum 16000 galls, Ferry Post 48000 galls.</p>	
30-4-16	<p>A.D.M.G. notified that detachment R.A.N.B.T. Seraprum will be relieved on 2nd May. Rec^d from Eng-in-Chief report of M.G.R.A. with remarks as to hutting & water supply at 4th Div. Artillery Camp Seraprum West, necessary action taken. Instructions from Eng-in-Chief that any bundle timber in excess of requirements for defences should be utilized for tables, huts etc. Received from G.S. Army Corps Order 105 dated 30/4/16 — ground signals to be adopted to assist R.F.C. in location of hostile air craft. Water stored at 1800 Seraprum 20,000 galls; Ferry Post 48,000 galls.</p>	

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6.4.16. - Serapeum	Consulted E. in C re hitting Moascar, and additional personnel from Egyptian Labour Corps for hitting at Ferry Post. Quoted CBE Serapeum to provide hitting required by O.C. No. 11 Casualty Clearing St. Co. Sent E. in C. diagrams, scale 1-50,000. water supply arrangements Serapeum + Ferry Post. asked D.D.W. to provide 2 rowing boats for Serapeum 2 for Ferry Post to train Div. Engrs. re arrangements. Consulted CBE Ferry Post re works in progress. Water stored at 1800 Serapeum 48000, Ferry Post 48000.	<u>M</u>
7.4.16.	Visited Serapeum - hitting and other works progressing satisfactorily. Visited Moascar. Received from G.S. order re dispatch of Mobile Column from Serapeum to Joffata - also G.H.Q. decision re communications No 2 Section. Arranged for 1 1/2 planing and axle boxes required at new magazine for "Requin". Water stored at 1800. Serapeum 42000 Ferry Post 48000.	<u>M</u>
8.4.16.	Visited work on magazine for "Requin" - nearing completion. Visited Engr. in-Chief also Bridging Train - addressed D.A. + M.G. re handing over of tables, forms + sanitary appliances at camps when troops march out. G.S. formed for information file re organization Mobile Column. Sent E. in C. proposed scale of hitting for Anzac Mounted Division - also tracing 1/25000, Serapeum + Ferry Post corrected to date. Water stored at 1800 Serapeum 48000, Ferry Post 48000.	<u>M</u>
9.4.16.	Accompanied D.A. + Q.M.G. to G.H.Q. to discuss possibility of placing a Division at Moascar. Engr. in-Chief raises no objection to retention by 2nd Army of temporary R.E. Officers formerly attached to N.Z. Division except Lt. Parry who should rejoin 54th Territorial Division - action is being taken by Administrative Branch. Received from A.Q.M.G. instructions re move 134th Army Troops Co. R.E. at present at Ferry Post. Suggested to D.A. + Q.M.G. that steps be taken to ensure that tables + forms + sanitary appliances be regularly handed over by outgoing units leaving camps. D.D.W. reported completion of Filter Plant at Serapeum + forward Pumping Plants at both Serapeum + Ferry Post, suggested that these should be taken over by Div. Engrs - referred to G.H.Q. for opinion. Received from G.S. copy of telegram ordering 5th Aust. Div. Artillery from Moascar to Ferry Post. Water stored at 1800 Serapeum 36000 galls, Ferry Post 48000 galls.	<u>M</u>

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Ismailia 10-4-16	<p>Visited Moascar. Consulted Eng-in-Chief re camp at Moascar and submitted plan showing lay out for 1 Division. Instructed C.R.E. Moascar to prepare plan on suitable scale showing camp for 1 Brigade Infantry with all hutments as approved in Scale of Hutting already issued. Arranged with Eng-in-Chief re supply by D.D.W. of box latrines req^d by 5th Division Ferry Post. Advanced Park reported that weekly Statement of Stores is no longer required. Passed to Comind Paymaster Cairo for payment bill for £337/0/10 in favour of J. Gerard on account of tools purchased by N.Z. Div. Arranged with D.D.W. to place 5 motor lorries at disposal of C.R.E. Ferry Post for 5 days. Instructed C.R.E. Ferry Post to take over, from D.D.W.'s representation, pumping station on East Bank and pipe line to Rail Head. Decided not to take over plant at Serapeum until high level tanks West Bank are completed. Water stored at 1500 Serapeum 40,000 galls, Ferry Post 48,000 galls.</p>	No
11-4-16	<p>Visited Ferry Post Inner Defences also Birch Mark Post. Consulted Eng-in-Chief re preparation of camp at Moascar. Visited filtration plant and high level Reservoir, Moascar. 134th Army Troops Co. R.E. retrained at Moascar for Alexandria. Magazine for French Warship Reguin on West side of lake completed. Suggested to Eng-in-Chief that if available Class B Sappers be employed on Filter & Pumping Plants Canal Posts. Sent to Eng-in-Chief Progress Report Defence Works work ending 7-4-16. Instructed C.R.E. Ferry Post to provide hutting for Detachment Bikanir Canal Corps. Water stored at 1500 Serapeum 48,000 galls, Ferry Post 48,000 galls.</p>	No
12-4-16	<p>Visited Eng-in-Chief and Moascar. Accompanied C.R.E. Ferry Post to front line to inspect Defence Works. Referred to SA+ D.M.G. question of guarding water channel supplying unfiltered water to Ferry Post. Received Army Corps Order no: 3 allotment of ships for Defence no: 2 Section. D.D.W. reported arrival at his Stores at Ferry Post of tanks required for staging Camps Serapeum + Ferry Post. Water stored at 1500 Serapeum 48,000 galls, Ferry Post 48,000 galls.</p>	No

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<p>Smearlia. 13-4-16.</p>	<p>Visited Ferry Post & inspected work on hutting - progress satisfactory framing erected for huts for 2 Infantry Brigades. Arranged with Eng-in-Chief for 50 - 5 seater latrines to be moved from Moascar to Ferry Post. Received from Eng-in-Chief 15 copies of revised Scale of hutting for E.E.F. Water stored at 1800 Sarapeum 50,000 galls Ferry Post 48,000 galls.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p>
<p>14-4-16.</p>	<p>Handed to Eng-in-Chief designs as per M.E.F. Scale of hutting for huts at Moascar, also indents for materials required. Visited Ferry Post & inspected pipe line service to Artillery Camp also stables in process of erection. Asked D.D.W. to expedite supply of sanitary requisites required at Sarapeum. Interviewed Major Clogston R.E. regarding organisation of Field Squadron for Anyac Mounted Division. Water stored at 1800 Sarapeum 48000 galls Ferry Post 48000 galls.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p>
<p>15-4-16.</p>	<p>Attended at G.H.Q. to witness firing trials of Stokes Gun. Proceeded to Sarapeum & visited Rail Head & Road Head. While at latter place column which was despatched to Jifjafa on the 11th to destroy enemy deep well boring plant, returned. It seems that two up-to-date plants of German make were in use & that 2 borers 8" diam to depth of 250 ft had been completed & cased, no water had been bored. Column destroyed plants as they had not transport to move them. Prisoners taken included one Austrian Lt. of Engineers. C.R.E. Ferry Post reported no water in channel supplying unfiltered water for horses at Ferry Post. Requested D.D.W. to take necessary action. Water stored at 1800 Sarapeum 48000 galls, Ferry Post 48000 galls.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p>
<p>16-4-16.</p>	<p>Handed to Eng-in-Chief tracing showing layout at Moascar for 1 Bde with huts as authorized by E.E.F. Scale. Approved proposal of C.R.E. Ferry Post that pipe line from Rail Head to Katoomba be 3". Sent to Eng-in-Chief further claim for Pt 281 travelling expenses incurred by Coastguard Dept. in purchase of 50 boats Port Said, for floating bridges. Instructions from Eng-in-Chief that Engineering Works at Moascar Camp come under D.O.B. Cairo forthwith. Water stored at 1800 - Sarapeum 50,000 gallons, Ferry Post 48,000 gallons</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p>

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Ismailia 17-4-16.	Visited Serapeum East Bank. Arranged with Advance Park to send 6 miles plain wire to Serapeum for telegraph from Pumping Station to Rail Head. Received from C.R.E. Serapeum Report by Lt. Boghlan on reconnaissance with Light Horse to Jiffjafa 11/4/16 to 15/4/16. Water stored at 1800. Serapeum 48,000 galls, Ferry Post 48000 galls.	
18-4-16	Visited 5 th Aust. Div. Br. camp at Serapeum West & inspected water supply & hutting in progress. Suggested to D.D.W. that a few quick repair shovels 6", 5" & 4" be stocked. Water stored at 1800. Serapeum 48,000 galls, Ferry Post 48,000 galls.	/
19-4-16.	Visited Moascar also Roy. Aust. Nav. Br. Train. Progress on floating bridges slow but will improve on receipt of bolts requested shortly from Ordnance. Informed B.G.C.S. that I agreed with G.O.C. 4 th Aust. Div. as to necessity for a stone road from canal bank at Serapeum to Rail at Serapeum West approx. distance 1 1/2 miles. Eng-in Chief ordered from Egyptian Labour Corps 50 labourers for Ferry Post and 6 carpenters for A.C. Roy. Aust. Nav. Br. Train. Arranged with Captain of Raquin to visit magazine on W. shore of Lake. Sent to Command Paymaster bill for £35 11/6 tools purchased by C.R.E. Serapeum from Messrs C. Rolin & Co. Water stored at 1800 Serap. 48000 galls. Ferry Post 48000 galls.	/
20-4-16.	Accompanied Captain French warship Raquin to magazine on West Bank of Lake Timosh & decided as to steps necessary to retain the sand covering. Sent to C-in-C report of Field Engineer as to value of 6 huts for which Seiry Canal Co. are claiming compensation - also sent copy of letter from Raquin re telegraph communication from ship to observation posts at Moascar & Beach Bank. Eng-in Chief reported that Capt Cooper R.E. had taken over D.D.W. Works at Serapeum & Ferry Post from Maj. Lister. Water stored at 1800. Serapeum 50,000 gallons, Ferry Post 50,000 gallons.	/

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Ismailia. 21-4-16.	Visited Ferry Post, East Bank. Instructed C.R.E. Ferry Post to hand over small centrifugal pumps to D.D.W. 4 th Aust. Div applied for life buoys for bridge at Seraprum, arranged with Ordnance for supply. D.D.W. reported quick repair services now available at Ferry Post. 5 th Aust. Div. applied for shelters for armourers + shoemakers, recommended reference to G.H.Q. 5 th Aust. Div applied for spars + cordage for training. Div. Eng. Water stored at 1500 Seraprum 50,000 galls. Ferry Post 45000 galls.	
22-4-16.	Inspected hutting works + Program at Ferry Post. Directed Field Engineer to examine boats purchased for floating bridges + to prepare design for bridge. G.O.C. 4 th Aust. Div. raised the question as to whether Officers employed under D.D.W. in Sections of Defence should be under orders of G.O.C. Section. Water stored at 1500. Seraprum 45000 galls. Ferry Post 45000 galls.	No
23-4-16.	Visited Engineer in Chief. Committee Representative of D.D.W. regarding additional transport required by him to hasten progress on roads, consulted also F.A. + G.M.G. in this connection. Water stored at 1500. Seraprum 45000 galls. Ferry Post 45000 galls.	No
24-4-16.	Visited Seraprum + interviewed C.R.E. re personnel for Engineer Training Depot, taking over of pumping plant from D.D.W., proposal to construct road from Canal to Rail at Seraprum West. C.R.E. 5 th Aust. Division accompanied me. Received from Eng. in Chief + passed approved Scale of Hutting for Army Mounted Division. Eng. in Chief called for plan proposed new road Seraprum West. Water stored at 1500. Seraprum 16000 galls. Ferry Post 45000 galls.	No
25-4-16.	Anniversary of landing at Gallipoli. Passed day at Ferry Post + visited rail head. Program hutting satisfactory, practically all framing erected. D.D.W. reported completion of water installation at Seraprum + asked if we could take over. Water stored at 1500. Seraprum 18000 galls. Ferry Post 45000 galls.	No

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Ismailia 26-4-16.	<p>Consulted O.C. Roy, Aust. Law Br. Train re proposed move of Unit from No. 2 Section & advised Gen. Staff that arrangements could be made to relieve Unit of its present duties in one week's time. Directed Field Engineer to arrange to take over from O.C. R.A.N.B.T. all work connected with construction of additional floating bridges at Serapeum & Ferry Post. Eng-in-Chief called for statement as to Establishment necessary to maintain works at Serapeum & Ferry Post when completed & for proposals as to providing the same. Directed C.R.E. Serapeum to take over forthwith from D.D.W. representative the filtration & pumping plants & pipe line up to Rail Head East Bank, - Eng-in-Chief informed. Recd from G.S. instructions re transfer of R.A.N.B.T. from No. 2 Section. Sent to Eng-in-Chief copy of agreement between C.R.E. Serapeum & contractors Messrs Robin & Co. for erection of hutting at Serapeum. Eng-in-Chief called for list of soldiers employed under D.D.W. in Section 2. Water stored at 1500. Serapeum 16600 gallons, Ferry Post 48,000 gallons.</p>	
27-4-16.	<p>Eng-in-Chief reported Capt. Perrain Survey Dept. deputed to survey trenches Ferry Post - C.R.E. informed. Field Engineer consulted O.C. Roy, Aust. Law Br. Train re taking over of stores for floating bridges. Instructions have been issued to Divs at Serapeum & Ferry Post that bridges at those places must be taken over by Divs on departure of detachments of Bridge Train now in charge. Water stored at 1500. Serap. 20,000 galls, Ferry Post 48,000 galls.</p>	No
28-4-16.	<p>Visited Ferry Post & Serapeum & conferred with C.R.E.s of Divs as to Eng. Establishment considered necessary at Serapeum & Ferry Post when all works have been completed. Consulted Eng-in-Chief as to whether personnel of above Establishment is to be found from 14th Army Troop Co. R.E. Ruling from G.H.Q. in future D.D.W.'s Officers at Posts when applying for leave must submit application through Div. Commander. Arranged with Base Park for supply of Ablution Bunches. Directed C.R.E. Serap. to ascertain & report requirements of stores & receptacles Div. Br. Serap. West. Received from Serapeum list of tools required for maintaining pipe line. Water stored at 1500. Serapeum 24000 galls, Ferry Post 48,000 galls.</p>	No

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Ismailia 29-4-16	<p>Accompanied Corps Commander to Ferry Post for inspection of Engineer Units 5th Aust. Div. Rec^d from Eng-in-Chief copy of Instructions from W.O. re submission of War Diaries by Chief Engineers. Sent to Eng-in-Chief list of Augac personnel employed on Works Sinaurum & Ferry Post. A.Q.M.G. notified that R.A.N.B.T. will move from 2nd Section on 4th May. Received from Eng-in-Chief copy of W.O. letter no: 100/Eng/942 M.S.1 dated 14/4/16 notifying promotion 2nd Lts serving with Augac with effect from date 3 months after they joined Augac Corps. Received from G.S. detailed Engineer Report by Lt. Coghlan on reconnaissance to Jifjaffa. Sent to Eng-in-Chief proposals as to Establishment & Source of Supply required in Section 2, when all works are completed. Water stored at 1800, Sinaurum 16000 galls, Ferry Post 48000 galls.</p>	
30-4-16	<p>A.Q.M.G. notified that detachment R.A.N.B.T. Sinaurum will be relieved on 2nd May. Rec^d from Eng-in-Chief report of M.G.R.A. with remarks as to cutting & water supply at 4th Div. Anti Camp Sinaurum West necessary action taken. Instructions from Eng-in-Chief that any hurdle timber in excess of requirements for defences should be utilized for tables, huts etc. Received from G.S. Army Corps Order no: 5 dated 30/4/16 — ground signals to be adopted to assist R.F.C. in location of hostile air craft. Water stored at 1800 Sinaurum 20,000 galls, Ferry Post 48000 galls.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">2/6 2/6</p>