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| Place  | Date  | Hour | Summary of Events and Information   | Remarks and references to Appendices |
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| CAIRO. | March | 1st. | Reported at Headquarters at 12-30 p.m. and was there instructed to entrain at 1-30 at |                                      |
|        |       |      | ABBASSIA. Train to <del>xxxx</del> leave  |                                      |
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|       | Alexandria      | <p>at 5.15 p.m. Equipment transported &amp; entrained left Abbassin at 6 p.m. Cairo 6.45. Reached Alexandria 11.45 Train unloaded &amp; men sleeping on deck of morda.</p> <p>Col M. Claper on board Transport Dorian. Sent officers to transport to inspect medical stores &amp; med. comforts. Reviewed stores</p> |   |

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| Date.                 | Place and Time. |  | Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached. |
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| March 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Alexandria      | <p>for Advanced Base Depot from SMO Alexandria.</p> <p>Received jackets + breeches for unit but not boots.</p> <p>Received £200 advance of pay in Sovereigns from Brigadier</p> <p>Received sundries comforts.</p> <p>Received extra stock of dressings from Cairo. 7 boxes.</p> <p>Went to D.M.S. reporting on supply of medical stores + the D.M.S. comforts also sent written report.</p> |   |

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| Date.   | Place and Time. |  | Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached. |
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| March 4 | Sea             | T.S. Morda left Alexandria at 2 p.m. 1 <sup>st</sup> A. Station Hospital embarked at 9 a.m.                          |   |
| " 5     | Sea             | <del>Left nothing to report</del><br>Nothing to report   |   |
| " 6     | Lemnos          | T.S. Morda arrived at Lemnos Harbour at 6.30 a.m. Remained on board awaiting orders                                  |   |
| " 7     | Lemnos          | 10 a.m. Landed in charge of troops from Morda for practice in embarkation<br>Details for A.S.C. 3 <sup>rd</sup> F.A. |   |

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| <p>March 8<sup>th</sup> Lemnos<br/> " 9 " "</p> |                 | <p>15° ACN + 1° ASH. Total<br/> 18 officers, 258 men. Took<br/> them for march about<br/> five miles. Through mud<br/> Re-embarked. at 3 p.m.<br/> re-embarkation finished by<br/> 4:30 p.m.<br/> Then exercised in boat drill<br/> Practised disembarkation.<br/> Lt. Col. Sutton in charge of<br/> landing party. I was left<br/> in charge of men on ship<br/> Inspected ship. All correct.</p> |   |

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| March 10 | Leruvos         | <p>Complaints by men ashore head not being well cooked by A.S.C. I also distribution of cooked ration in extra factory. Arrangements being made for cooks to be supplied by A Cleary Hoop + A.S.H.</p> <p>Disembarkation practice begun at 10 am. but orders for brigade received to discontinue owing to severity of weather. Strong wind blowing.</p> |   |
| March 11 | Leruvos         | Landed with small detachment  |   |

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| March 12 | Lemnos          | <p>of A.C.H. &amp; march over hills in N + NE direction. Distance march about 8 miles.</p> <p>Landed with all A.C.H. (except small detail for duty) &amp; marched W. Distance about 8 miles.</p> |   |
| March 13 | do              | Nothing to report. Washing   |   |
| . 14     | do              | Horses of A.C.H. landed. Sent part on charges Capt O'Brien   |   |
| . 15     | do              | Capt Syme, & five men.   |   |
|          |                 | About 45 Officers & men of A.C.H. landed under charge  |   |



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|          |                 | of Major Richards for route<br>march with brigade<br>I visited camp at Muddross<br>& inspected arrangements<br>for details & horses. |   |
| March 17 | Lemnos          | Capt. Campbell relieved Capt<br>O'Brien at Muddross camp.  |   |
| March 18 | do              | Nothing to report.   |   |
| " 19     | do              | 38 officers & men of A.C.H.<br>landed & went for route<br>march about 10 miles. Very windy.  |   |
| " 20     | do              | Severe storm. No commun-<br>ication with land by boat.   |   |

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| March 21 | Kinnis          | Nothing to report  |   |
| " 22     | do              | Nothing to report  |   |
| " 23     | do              | Received orders from Brigadier at 8 am. to load our equipment on pontoons & tranship to Gloucester Castle. During the severe weather no pontoons arrived. Gloucester Castle sailed at 4 p.m. |   |
| " 24     | do              | Ordered to report to D.D.A.S. L.F.C. (Colonel Parker) on board Dunluce Castle at 10 a.m. Questioned re-  |   |

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| Date. | Place and Time. |   | Remarks or References to Appendices, &c., attached. |
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|       |                 | <p>medical stores available on the advanced depot stores under my charge. Unable to return to Malda till 7 p.m. owing to severe weather.</p> <p>Informed that the Clearing Hospital was to have been attached to the Brigade of Marmas as they had no hospital provided in line of communication. Owing to Gloucester Castle leaving without us transport doubtful.</p> <p>Interviewed Brigadier Col. E. G.</p> |   |

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| and 26 Lemnos |                 | <p>Sundam Bäckegon all drugs for transport<br/> lashed for extra supply.</p> <p>Major J. Corbin No. 1 Stationary Hosp.<br/> transferred to Clearing Hospital<br/> Captain Chas. Butler from Clearing<br/> Hospital to No. 1 Stationary Hospital<br/> Route Order 137 by G.C. Detached<br/> Force. Aust. Div.</p> <p>No 1124 P.F.R. CILENTO 1<sup>st</sup> A.S.H.<br/> transferred to Clearing Hospital<br/> No. 1453 P.F. A.E. WOODWORTH 1<sup>st</sup> Clearing<br/> Hospital transferred to 1<sup>st</sup> Aust<br/> Stationary Hospital.</p> |   |

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| March 29 | Kerans          | This transfer was effected at the wish of officers concerned as it was felt by them that it would gradually increase their sphere of responsibilities. Capt. Chamberlain assisted Sanitary work especially. |   |
| Apr 2    | "               | Lieut. Curtille detailed for medical duty on board Troopship Swanch.  |   |
| Apr 7    | "               | Sergt. Greaves detailed for duty in Camp of 9 <sup>th</sup> Battalion Unit transferred from H.M.T. MALDA to H.M.T. IONIAN. Sergt. SYME + four men with 8 horses in H.M.T.                                   |   |

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