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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Ismaelia	12/3/16		Transferred to No 5 Australian Division & received instructions to proceed to Ferry Port Depot and take charge of Supplies on Eastern side of Canal.	
	12/3/16		Handed over control of New Zealand Depot to Lieut Brisden 4 th Depot Unit Supply all satisfactory.	
	14/3/16		Proceeded to Ferry Port Depot. Lieut Matheson & 4 C.R. of No 10 Co Lieut Larty & 11 C.R. No 18 Co Lieut Chamberlain & 8 C.R. of No 28 Co Lieut Graham & 9 C.R. of No 29 Co A.S.C. arrived from Alexandria for work at Ferry Port.	
	15/3/16		Allotted positions Lieut Matheson in charge of Depot. Lieut Chamberlain charge of Rail Despatch Lieut Graham detail issues. Captain Durrin of N & A.S.C. handed over to Lieut Matheson.	
	16/3/16		New Zealand A.S.C. left depot handed over all tents etc. Begun to work on own staff. Lieut Larty & 1 N.C. Co 3 men proceeded to Port Said for checking stores etc.	
	17/3/16		Lieut Grant with 22 nd Depot Unit reported with 13 C.R. Lieut Grant to take charge of unloading bays & railway stores. Captain Day of N & A.S.C. remained to take charge of N. & Transport received 13 men from 2 nd Div Train.	
	18/3/16		2 Bays arrived loaded with Timber & firewood. Unloaded & returned 1 st Auckland Battalion marched out 1000.	
	19/3/16		1 Baye Barly / Baye Groceries arrived & unloaded, advised more troops to leave Monday & Tuesday. Received trucks Berseem good order. 2 nd Aust Division left Moascar. Recd 2 men from 2 nd Div Train.	
	20/3/16		Second N & Infantry Brigade went to Moascar. Went to Port Said to see about supplies returned at 8 pm. Made arrangements re wood weights, supply of Berseem less on vegetables through difference in tare allowed.	
	21/3/16		H.R.A. Prince of Wales visited Eastern Side at 9 am returned at 2 pm. Notified S.C.C. N & Division re weights of wood in dispute at Railhead. Repeated orders all wood would be weighed on scale weight must be taken.	
	22/3/16		Advised that meat & fresh meat would not be issued until further orders also cheese would cease to be issued after stocks had been reduced. Preserved meat issued today. 5 th Division arrived & advised that 8 th Supply Brigade would arrive on 23 rd at 2 a.m. 5 th Division arrived & advised that 8 th Supply Brigade would arrive on 23 rd at 2 a.m.	
	23		Obtained temporary loan 2 motor cycles from Mechanical Transport Depot.	

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Ferry Port	23/3/16		1 st Infantry Brigade N. Z. left today. 8 th Infantry Brigade of 5 th Aust Division arrived in camp seven rations. Arranged for Squadron of Light Horse to be rationed at Moascar if required. Berseem arrived in bad condition from Port Said. Lieut Matheson promoted Captain.	
	24.3.16		Balance of 8 th Brigade arrived in camp @ 1200. Rations issued to all. Horse Ration amended 4 lbs Crushed Barley 2 lbs Crushed Maize 4 lbs Oats 2 lbs Bran 3 lbs Succapulle 8 lbs Tillet 6 lbs Berseem or 1 lb Hay 1/16 lb Salt. Major King & Capt Smith came to camp today. Spoke about Transport. 2 Lighters with Stores arrived.	
	25.3.16		Took over all Transport at Ferry Port from N. Z. Division. Arranged for 50 Mule carts to come daily from Somalia. Motor Cycles (2) to come over on Monday 27 th inst.	
	26.3.16		Sent 18 drivers taken from 2 nd Divl Train to report to 5 th Aust Divl Train Alexandria.	
	27.3.16		Went to Port Said re Supplies. Received notice of arrival 5 th Divl Train on 29 th inst.	
	28.3.16		Saw Army Corps Ammunition re location of camps for 5 th Divl Train. Arranged re Transport of baggage of Train & N. Z. Transport to Ferry Port. Arranged re Pontoon Bridge being opened. Received Fresh Meat supplies over more.	
	29.3.16		5 th Divisional Train arrived at Moascar at 3-30am & 5-30am. Met and arranged with A/C re location of camps. Headquarters C ^o & 18 th C ^o to Ferry Port 28 C ^o to Somalia 29 th C ^o to Serapeum latter remaining at Moascar until 31 st inst then trekking to Serapeum. Headquarters C ^o & 18 th C ^o came to Ferry Port & 18 th to Somalia. Major Francis O/C 5 th Divisional Train took over command of Ferry Port camp of A. S. C.	
	30.3.16		8 th Infantry Brigade arrived at Stagers Camp Ferry Port about 3200 strong. Arranging various alterations in Supply Sections & assisting A/C in fixing camp.	
	31.3.16		Complaints at railhead re shortage of water supply. Met Brig Genl M ^o Ray A/C 5 th Aust Division. Water supply again bad through shortage from Somalia through Lyphen. Expresses seen.	

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