

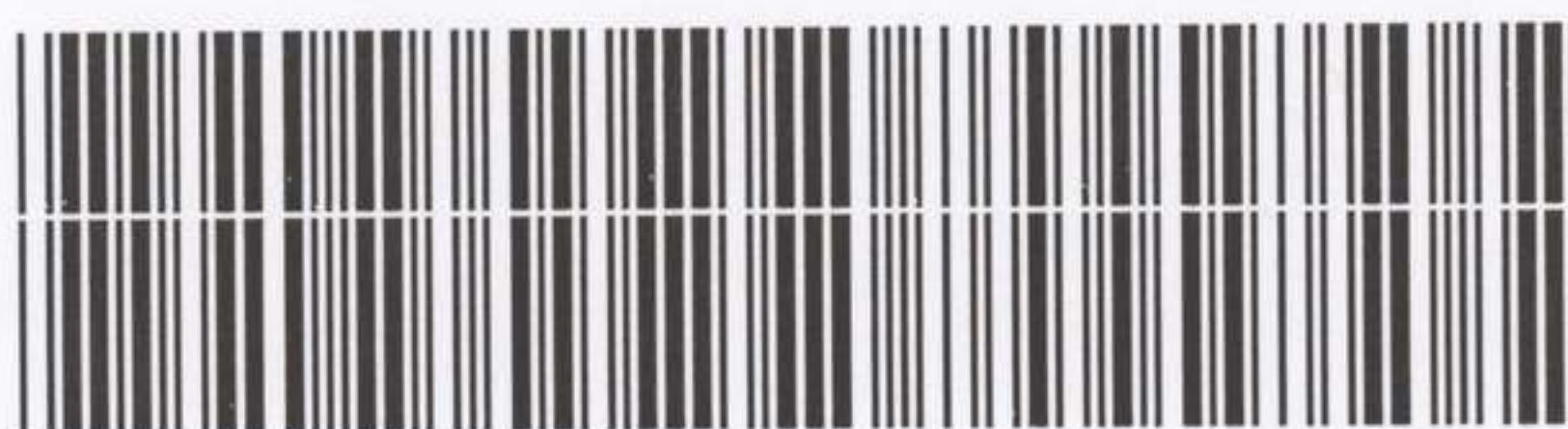
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30/3/1916 TEL-EL-KEBIR	Routine - Instructions received re visit of B.G.R.A. to TEL-EL-KEBIR. Staff Capt proceeds to ISMAILIA re Camp Site.	
31/3/1916 "	Col CHRISTIAN returns from CAIRO. Preliminary instructions re move of Div to ISMAILIA received. Brigade Major left for ISMAILIA re Camp Site. Retyrned same day.	
1/4/1916 "	332 L=H= volunteers of 12th L.H. Brigade, 82 volunteers from Inftry and D.A.C. volunteers from ZEITOUN received. 153 <del>man</del> remounts from ZEITUON received and apportioned to Units. Brigade Major proceeds to ISMAILIA. B.G. NICHOL ( B.G.R.A.) inspects camp and visits the personnel of this Division at TEL-EL-KEBIR.	
2/4/1916 "	Brigade Major returns from ISMAILIA. Orders received and issued remove to ISMAILIA. One (1) Brigade (14th F.A. Bde) to proceed to FERRY POST, three (3) Brigades and D.A.C. to MOASKAR and occupy temporary Site there pending the move of the N.Z. Division. Col CHRISTIAN proceeded to CAIRO on duty.	
3/4/1916 "	Division entrains and proceeds to ISMAILIA - 14th F.A. Brigade to FERRY POST and the remainder of the Division to MOASKAR (vide R.O. 39) Temporary Site occupied about one (1) mile due N.W. from MOASKAR Railway Station. Advance parties sent forward by first train to prepare camps for the Brigade. Col Christian returns from CAIRO.	
4/4/1916 "	Preparations for temporary Camp Site. Inspection of Camps by the C.D.A. Arrangements made for taking over the area occupied by N.Z. Division Guns, wagons and Stores of the 2nd D.A. taken over by 14th F.A. Bde and parked temporarily at FERRY POST EAST.	



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5/4/1916 MOASKAR	C.D.A. visits camp of 14th F.A.Bde at FERRY POST and interviews G.O.C 5th Aust Division. Training continued.	
6/4/1916 "	Colonel Christian promoted Brig-General ( A.I.F. List No 50 -5/4/16 ) C.D.A. visits N.Z. Division. N.Z. Div Head-Quarters taken over and occupied by H.Q. 5th Div Artillery. Lieut-Col LUCAS visits CAIRO re recruiting Officers.	
7/4/1916 "	Brig-General Christian proceeds to CAIRO re recruiting Officers for the Unit . Lieut-Colonel COX-TAYLOR to TEL-EL-KEBIR re recruiting Officers . New Head-Quarters cleaned and occupied.	
8/4/1916 "	Camp Site of N.Z. F.A. measured out and sketched. Inspection of 14th F.A. Brigade by ARMY CORPS Commander 2nd ANZAC	
9/4/1916 "	Instructions received to move camp at MOASKAR to FERRY POST EAST. Arrangements made re transport and Camp Site. Orders issued to Units re this move . General Christian returns from CAIRO. New Camp Site inspected and selected at FERRY POST EAST.	
10/4/1916 "	Move to FERRY POST commenced - 13th F.A. Brigade move first, followed by 15th F.A. Brigade, 25th Howitzer Brigade and D.A.C. By nightfall the whole of the 15th F.A. Brigade was clear and two Batteries of the 15th F.A. Brigade. Camp pegged out as far as was compatible with the disposition of the ground. Advance parties erect the tents of their respective Brigades. The C.D.A. inspects the prepared camp sites and interviews the General Staff at 5th Div Head-Quarters.	
11/4/1916 FERRY POST	D.A.H.Q. moved to FERRY POST , camps pitched. Owing to difficulties in transport the whole Division could not be moved. By nightfall the 15th F.A.B. was completely moved and one Battery of 25th How Bde.	

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12/4/1916 FERRY POST	The remainder of the Division and encamped. Routine in connection with pitching of camp.	
13/4/1916 "	Owing to the severity of dust storms very little work could be done. One Officer and 80 men of 1st D.A. reinforcements received and posted to Units .	
14/4/1916 "	Guns of 15th F.A. Brigade moved from MOASKAR to Ferry POST. One Section of HOWITZER Equipment (4.5") handed over on loan from 53rd Division. 97 horses received and attached temporarily to Units . 2/Lieut Barrow 3L.H. Brigade Train reported for duty and was posted to 25th How Brigade. C.D.A. detailed as president of G.C.M. on duty at ISMAILIA.	
15/4/1916 "	G.O.C. on duty with G.C.M. - GENERAL ROUTINE.	
16/4/1916 "	Inspection of Camp by G.O.C. 5th Division. Divine Service ( C of ENGLAND) held, all ranks , (sick and on duty only excepted) paraded. G.O.C. on duty with G.C.M. ISMAILIA.	
17/4/1916 "	C.D.A., Brigade Major, and C.O. 14th F.A. Brigade reconnoitered the ground on the right section of our line in the front trenches with reference to Artillery positions. Officers of the Flying Corps, anxious to transfer to this Unit interviewed. 168 O.R. from details TEL-EL-KEBIR received and posted to 5th D.A.C.	



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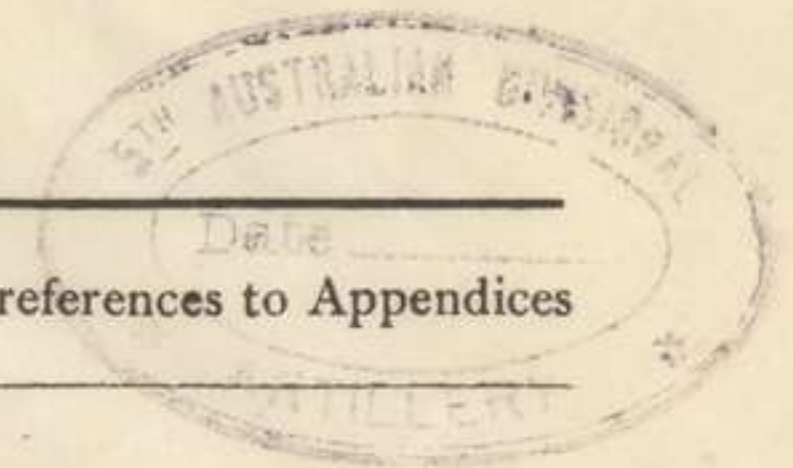


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18/4/1916 FERRY POST E	Inspection of the Camp at 0745 by the Commander in Chief. Conference of the Brigade Commanders held at D.A.H.Q. - Line of Training explained to the Brigade Commanders. Horses and harness divided up equally among Units, in the proportion of 2 - 6 Horse teams per Unit and an equal number of ride horses.	
19/4/1916 "	C.D.A., Brigade Major, and C.O. 14th F.A. Bde reconnoitered the left Section of our front line defences for Artillery positions. 400 mules drawn from MOASKAR but handed over to Div Train and 48 draught horses received in their place.	
20/4/1916 "	C.D.A. and Brigade Major reconnoitered and selected suitable site for proposed Artillery Practice next week. Arrangements made with regard to drawing of targets and ammunition. C.D.A. visits B.G.R.A. with reference to the test of draught by camels of 18prs fitted with sand tyres.	
21/4/1916 "	Divine Service held, G.O.C. 5th Aust Div attends. March Past held at the conclusion of the parade. C.D.A. proceeds to CAIRO on private affairs. General Holiday granted in view of GOOD FRIDAY. 205 reinforcements received from 1st, 2nd and 3rd L.H.	
22/4/1916 "	General Routine. Instructions issued to 14th F.A. Brigade and Howitzer Brigade to be fitted with Sand Tyres (Firing Battery only)	
23/4/1916 "	Divine Service held. General Routine. C.D.A. returns from CAIRO. N.C.O's and men returned from Instructional School ZEITOUN.	



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24/4/1916 FERRY POST	<p>Conference of Brigade Commanders at D.A.H.Q. The following points were discussed.</p> <p>1.- SANITATION. 2.- TARGET PRACTICE. 3.- INSPECTION BY G.O.C. 2nd. ANZAC. 4.- GENERAL DETAIL.</p> <p>The C.D.A. visits the B.G R.A. G.H.Q. E.E.F. and discusses with him details of Training etc.</p>	
25/4/16 "	<p>Whole Holiday given in honour of the Anniversary of the Landing on GALLIPOLI PENINSULA. DIVINE SERVICE all ranks (sick and on duty excepted) attended.</p> <p>Men who were on the Peninsula wore blue ribbons and men who were at the Landing wore in addition red ribbons on this day.</p> <p>C.D.A. interviews G.O.C. 5th Aust Div, re formation of two Mobile Batteries from the Unit.</p> <p>Conference of Brigade Commanders held. Instructions issued to 14th and 15th F.A. Brigades to furnish these two Batteries with the addition of horses, personnel and materiel supplied by 13th F.A. Brigade (vide orders on this subject)</p> <p>C.D.A. visits the various sports held by Units during the day.</p>	
26/4/1916 "	<p>Arrangements made for shooting practice with live shell to take place on Saturday the 29th inst and on the following Monday and Tuesday.</p> <p>The two Mobile Batteries of the 14th and 15th F.A. Brigades, paraded and were inspected at their work by the G.O.C. 5th Aust Div accompanied by the C.D.A.</p> <p>Confidential reports on Battery Commanders received and noted.</p>	
27/4/1916 "	<p>Inspection of the whole of the Div Artillery by the ARMY CORPS COMMANDER. Brigades drawn up in line at half interval, and all horses, personnel and Equipment on charge of Batteries on parade.</p> <p>Conference of Brigade Commanders held at D.A.H.Q. prior to the commencement of this parade, and final arrangements made and completed.</p> <p>During the morning the C.D.A. inspects the proposed range for target practice and arrangements made for siting and placing the targets.</p>	

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FERRY POST.	28/4/1916.		The M.G. R.A. G.H.Q. inspects the 14th and 15th F.A. Brigades during training and examines minutely the work of each Battery and Section of these Brigades. Suggestions made by him compiled and issued to Brigades GENERAL ROUTINE and TRAINING during the afternoon. Final arrangements made for the practice to commence Saturday the 29th inst.	
"	29/4/1916.		Elementary Practice commenced with the 14th F.A. Brigade, firing approximately South from F 17 (d) 1/20,000 SINAI PENINSULA FERRY POST SHEET. All Batteries of this Brigade fired two Series at Gun Target and Infantry Target. Practice Report filed re this Series.	
"	30/4/1916.		DIVINE SERVICE held. Special Parade for R.C's was held under Divisional arrangements. C.D.A. visits G.O.C. re Artillery routine. D.V.S. (B-G BATES) inspects the horses of the Brigades and D.A.C. 214 Horses obtained from the Units of the Division and divided equally amongst the Brigades.	
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