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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tel-el Kehir	1-4-16		Reveille at 03.00 and parade at 05.00 and ambulance less Tent Subdivision A section marched to Rendezvous, whence the march to Ferry Post commenced. An account of this march is contained in a report to A.D.M.S. 5 <sup>th</sup> Division which is attached. Ferry Post was reached on the Thursday.	AWFellner ULR
Ferry Post	23-4-16		The transport joined up with the rest of the Ambulance at 12.00 and a bivouac site was pointed out by the A.D.M.S., about 3/4 mile beyond the canal crossing at Ferry Post along the road to railhead and alongside Battalions of the 14 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Bde. The men were rested.	AWF
"	4-4-16		Some tents were pitched but A.D.M.S. ordered unit to another camp site East of 1 <sup>st</sup> site, and the move was effected & some tents erected.	AWF
"	5-4-16		Camp construction such as digging of deep trenches for latines, also urine pits etc.	AWF
"	6-4-16		Continuance of camp construction including cook house. 5 <sup>th</sup> Sanitary Section shown as ceasing to be attached as from 3-4-16. No 1606 Pte Headlam B.K. awarded 1 day's C.B.	AWF
"	7-4-16		Camp construction including Sullage pit & grease trap near cooks lines. A bathing parade is being held daily, usually optional in the afternoon.	AWF
"	8-4-16		Reinforcements once formation of unit medically examined. All fit. Hospital tents pitched.	AWF
"	9-4-16		No 200 Sgt Sawyer H (Sergt Stewart B section) transferred to A.D. 5 <sup>th</sup> Divn dated 7-4-16.	AWF
			No 46 Pte Bynore F.R. promoted to Corporal & to carry on duties as Sergt/Clerk B section dated 8-4-16	AWF



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Jury Post	10-4-16		Camp construction still in progress including Mess Hut. Work delayed owing to lack of carpenter's tools. Capt Parkinson shown as temporarily attached 54 <sup>th</sup> Bn, having gone to act as R.M.O. on 8-4-16.	HWT HWT
"	11-4-16		Before or after bathing in afternoon men are allowed to play cricket, football etc.	HWT
"	13-4-16		Capt. Parkinson shown as returned to unit on 12-4-16.	HWT
"	14-4-16		Camp construction still in progress.	HWT
"	16-4-16		Church Parades. Capts J. B. Metcalfe & H. F. Maudsley reported for duty on 15-4-16 & were taken on the strength.	HWT
"	17-4-16		Squad & Company Drill. No 149 <sup>th</sup> / Plt Cooper G.A., 153 Dr. McIntyre G., & 68A Plt Chadwick, W. were struck off strength dated 16-4-16, being transferred to 14 <sup>th</sup> Bde A.F.A.	HWT
"	18-4-16		Squad & Company Drill.	HWT
"	19-4-16		No 6376 Plt Hulse B sent to Hospital dated 18-4-16. Squad & Company Drill.	HWT
"	20-4-16		Squad & Company Drill. Plt Nicholson sent to Hospital dated 19-3-16	HWT
"	21-4-16		Good Friday. Church Parade. No 149 Plt LONIE G sent to Hospital dated 20-4-16 No 136 B Plt James E awarded 7 days C.B. & forfeited four days pay for absencing himself without leave from 15-4-16 to 19-4-16 (by Major Newton)	HWT
"	22-4-16		Physical Exercises, Squad Drill. Capt J. B. Metcalfe temporarily attached 54 <sup>th</sup> Bn as R.M.O. dated 21-4-16	HWT



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Jerry Post	23-4-16		Church Parades. 25 men temporarily attached by order of ADMS from 4 <sup>th</sup> F. Amb dated 22-4-16	HHS
"	24-4-16		Whole ambulance inspected by the G.O.C. in marching order, & march past carried out. G.O.C. stated that he was pleased with appearance & turn out of men but that harness needed more attention.	
"	25-4-16		Pte Kingston W returned from school of instruction for candidates for commission (dated 23-4-16). Ribbons distributed, being the 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the Landing at Anzac. Red for those present at landing & blue for those serving at any time on the Peninsula. Unit joined in swimming carnival in the Canal with the 14 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bde. Concert held in the evening. Transport Officer appointed for the week to smoothen up the work of the Transport Subdivisions. The 25 men from 4 <sup>th</sup> F. Amb taken on the strength dated 24-4-16	HHS
	27-4-16		Physical Exercises & Squad Drill. Application made for Courtmartial in following cases:- 92 B L/Cpl Ebert J. charged with desertion in that he absented himself without leave on 24-3-16 at Tel el Kebir & was arrested in Alexandria on 20-4-16. Also 164 Pte Saunders J.F. charged with absenting himself without leave from 24-3-16 to 24-4-16. Court of Inquiry held on 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> inst under Section 72 Army Act found that No 104 Pte Crocker R.G. illegally absented without leave at Tel el Kebir on 24 <sup>th</sup> March, that he is still so absent also that No 225 Pte Denton E.P. illegally absented himself without leave on 28 <sup>th</sup> March, that he is still so absent etc. - Members of Court myself, Major Macartney Capt S Parkinson & Bunge. No 2074 Dr Stevens C.H. was awarded 4 days C.B. for conduct prejudicial to good order & military discipline.	HHS



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Jenny Post	28-4-16		Physical Exercises. Squad drill route march. 6 men from the Bearer Division and 2 from Tent Division were selected to be trained as Signallers. 45 Reinforcements were received from the 15 <sup>th</sup> F. Amb where they had been attached by the A.D.M.S. They were mainly recent arrivals from Australia but quite a few were returned sick & wounded from various hospitals & coming originally from various field & c of c units. They were all taken on the strength, one a Corporal being made a Supernumerary N.C.O. Verbal instruction from A.D.M.S. that wagons would be taken away with us if the unit left Jenny Post.	
"	29-4-16		Kit inspection of reinforcements. Was informed <sup>by A.D.M.S.</sup> that Camel Ambulance Transport and sand carts were to be obtained or in train for desert work. Also by A.D.M.S. that 9 was to hand over draught horses as selected by Artillery officer. Also by A.D.M.S. that my wagons would be taken overseas by this unit. Also that 3 sections were to be formed instead of 2 as at present. Strength (Effectives) = 206	A.A.T.
"	30-4-16		Church Parade with 14 <sup>th</sup> Inf Bde (R.C. and C.I.E.) Unit inspected by A.D.M.S.	A.A.T.
"	<del>1-5-16</del>		<del>Syllabus of training commenced.</del>	

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