

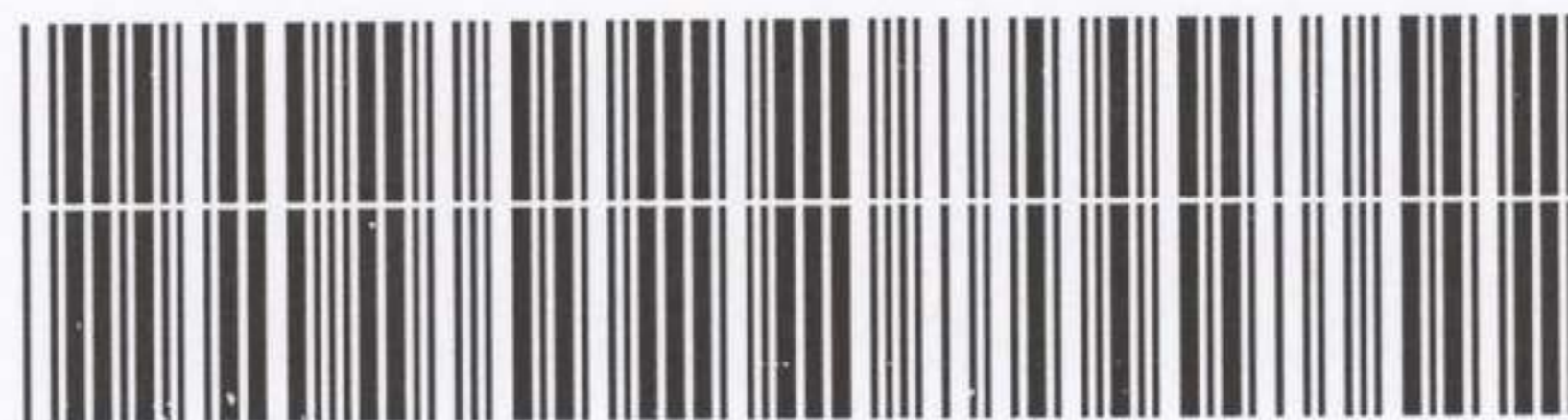
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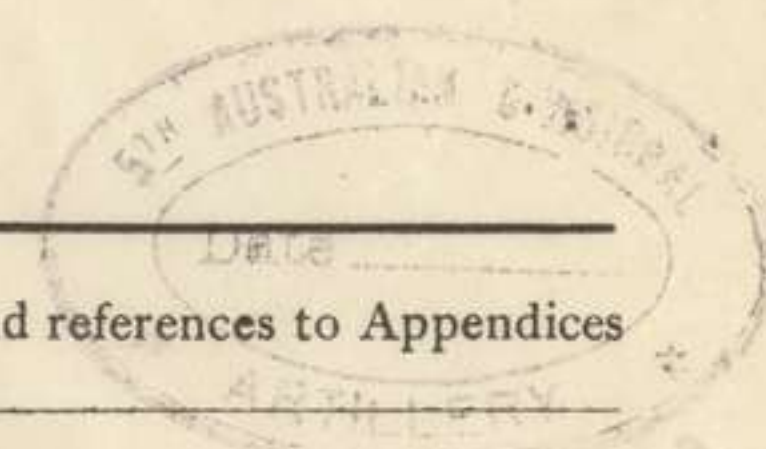
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28/4/1916 FERRY POST	The M.G. R.A. G.H.Q. inspects the 14th and 15th F.A. Brigades during training and examines minutely the work of each Battery and Section of these Brigades. Suggestions made by him compiled and issued to Brigades GENERAL ROUTINE 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 rethis 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.	
1/5/1916 "	49th and 50th Batteries of the 13th F.A. Brigades practiced in the morning firing from F 17 (d) and point approx S.E. about 300 yards. 15th F.A. Brigade practice in the afternoon firing from F 17 (d), point N.E. as for 13th F.A. Brigade and F 23 (d). Each Battery fired at a Gun Target (4 Battery) and at an Infantry Target, the Battery commander and Senior Section Commander ranging the Battery respectively.	
2/5/1916 "	The remainder of the 13th Brigade practice in the morning, firing from F 17 (d) and F 23 (d). 25th Howitzer Brigade practiced in the afternoon, firing from F 17 (d) Three Batteries were practiced, each firing a Section of 4.5" Howitzers. Major Gen Smith G.H.Q. inspected the firing of the Howitzers in the afternoon. One Section from 14th F.A. Brigade on duty with the Brigade exercises of the 8th Infantry Brigade. This Section was fitted with Sand Tyres but owing to the lack of material available in fitting these tyres, trouble ensued owing to the falling off of the tyres on the metalled roads. 79 other ranks of Artillery reinforcements received distributed to Units.	

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5/5/1916 FERRY POST	Horses of 14th F.A. Brigade and 5th D.A.C. struck off work and tested for Glanders. C.D.A. on duty as chief Umpire Brigade Exercise 14th Infantry Brigade. One Section of 14th F.A. Brigade was included in this Exercise. Arrangements made to form an extra Mobile Battery from the 13th F.A. Brigade and a Battery from the 25th Howitzer Brigade. The four (4) Batteries to be placed under the Command of Lieut-Colonel O.F. Phillips for tactical purposes. Fifty (50) mules received.	
4/5/1916 "	C.D.A. in company with the G.O.C. and the ARMY CORPS Commander inspects 1st Line trenches from left to right. Preparations in progress for occupying Artillery positions in the positions in the front Line Trenches.	
5/5/1916 "	C.D.A. inspects the Brigades at their training. Conference of Officers assembled in the 14th Infantry Brigade Lines for lecture on F.G.C.M. by D.J.A.G. G.S.O. 1 interviews C.D.A. re Artillery and 1st Line positions. C.O. 14th F.A. Brigade reconnoitred the ground to our left, got in touch with the Battery (Imperial) on their right and arranged with him for mutual Artillery support of their respective flanks. Officers commanding 14th and 15th Mobile Batteries reconnoitre ground in the vicinity of ALBURY HILL and MOUNT AWHIA AUCKLAND for likely Artillery positions.	
6/5/1916. "	Divisional Exercise held under the direction of the ARMY CORPS COMMANDER. The two Mobile Batteries of the 14th and 15th F.A. Brigades took part in this exercise. C.D.A. acted as Chief Umpire for the defending force. Conference of Umpires held in the lines of the 53rd Battalion during the afternoon. B.G. CHRISTIAN proceeded to CAIRO. Officers of 13th F.A. Brigade and 25th How reco nnoitre the front line for Artillery positions.	
7/5/1916 "	Divine Service held in the forenoon - General Routine- B.G. Christian returns from CAIRO. Officers of Brigades (Mobile Battery Commanders) proceed to front line for reconnaissance purposes. Fatigue parties detailed from Brigades for the purpose of cleaning out the Gun pits made by 2nd D.A.	

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8/5/1916 FERRY POST	<p>C.D.A. interviews M.G. SMITH M.G.R.A. re routine matters. Conference of Mobile Battery commanders of all Brigades held at D.A.H.Q. and instructions given with regard to a general Brigade Scheme to be held on Wednesday the 10th inst. C.D.A. inspects the proposed site for range on Wednesday. List of names of Officers and N.C.O's to provide form a portion of the Head-Quarters and Batteries of the Artillery Training Depot at TEL-EL-KEBIR forwarded to Divisional Head-Quarters.</p>	<p>Date _____ 5th AUSTRALIAN DIVISIONAL ARTILLERY</p>
9/5/1916 "	<p>C.D.A. visits Head-Quarters re Artillery reconnaissance of the front line. Inspected the range and finally selected position for targets, Firing points etc for tomorrow scheme. Arrangements made to equip the Mobile Batteries with the amount of technical stores available in the Brigade. Notification received that D.A.C. take over the whole of the Ammunition supply of the whole Division.. Necessary arrangements made and O.C. D.A.C. took over all Ammunition at FERRY POST ORDNANCE DUMP, and Rail HEAD and posted Guard on them.</p>	<p>Major Bde. Major 5th. Aust. Div. Arty.</p>
10/5/1916 "	<p>Brigade Scheme and Artillery Practice held during the afternoon using the Mobile Batteries of each Brigade. These Batteries were formed into one Brigade and placed under the command of Lieut-Col O.G.F. Phillips. 15 rounds were allotted to each Battery for practice. The A.C. Commander, the Div Commander the M.G. R.A. and B.G. R.A. attended this practice and watched the work of the Batteries. All telephonic communication (inter Brigade) laid and installed. Batteries were placed under cover and laying was indirect. At the conclusion of the practice, Batteries returned to Camp under Brigade arrangements.</p>	
11/5/1916 "	<p>Inspection of the front Line trenches by the C in C. The G.O.C. 5th Aust Div accompanied by C.D.A. and other Staff Officers met the inspecting Officers on the right of our line at GAZELLE HEIGHTS. At the conclusion of the inspection C.D.A. inspects the work of selecting and building Gun position done by each Brigade for the Mobile Batteries detailed to occupy them. P.T.O.</p>	<p>11/5/1916 E.F.</p>



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11/5/1916 FERRY POST	Reconnaissance of Area 100 G 3 and G 9 made in view of the Divisional exercise to be held on the 12th inst. Necessary positions selected and pointed out to the Mobile Battery Commanders. Battery commanders in their turn selected their Battery positions. Necessary orders issued re this exercise.	
12/5/1916	Divisional exercise held. Mobile Batteries formed into a Brigade and placed under the command of Lieut-Colonel O-F Phillips for this exercise. Batteries march out at 03 15 passing the starting point at 03 30 and occupied a position on A, N and S Line passing through Kilo 5 on the mainroad. Batteries were in position ready to open fire to cover the deployment of our troops at 04 30. At 05 00 parade was dismissed and Batteries returned to camp. Conference of Commanding Officers held at the conclusion of this exercise presided over by Major-General McCAY. Conference of Brigade Commanders held and permanent postings of Officers made out and approved. Reconnaissance of BridgeHead defences made by Lieut-Cols LUCAS and CADDY for Artillery positions (one Section each) for the defence of the Bridge Head. 59 O=R. transferred to Cycle Corps.	03 30
13/5/1916 "	Positions of Guns and observing Stations selected for the defence of the Bridge Head and submitted to H.Q. 100 remounts received and placed with the 14th F.A. Brigade for the night ready to be allotted for the morning. All leave to CAIRO and ISMAILIA stopped. Only Officers and men on duty allowed to proceed to these places. Plans of Artillery positions in our front line made out and corrected. One (1) Officer (Lieut Kelly) reported and was posted to 25th Howitzer Brigade. 3 Officers and 7 Other ranks transferred to TEL-EL-KEBIR to form the Training Depot of the Artillery Depot there.	

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14/5/1916 FERRY POST	Divise Service held at 0700. All ranks(sick and on duty excepted)attended. Routine in connection with the defence works in front line and Bridge Head Defences, C.D.A. dines with the A.A. commander(Gen GODLEY) C.D.A. interviews 13th and 15th F.A. Brigade Commamders re shooting practice tomorrow.	
15/5/1916 "	75 O=R. surplus to Establishment transferred to TEL-EL-KEBIR. Artillery practice (indirect series) held. 49th and 57th Batteries fired during the forenoon. 50th and 58th Batteries during the afternoon. The B.G. R.A. 2nd ANZAC attended this practice in company with G.S.O. 1 2nd ANZAC . C.D.A. interviews G.O.C. 5th Aust Div re training hours during the hot weather.	
16/5/1916 "	Artillery Practice continued. 51st 52nd and 59th Batteries fired. Batteries turned out 0500 and commenced firing at 0600. Firing was indirect with a short advance into position. Firing finished at 0900 Batteries return to Camp. Owing to the excessive heat , all parades were cancelled for the remaining part of the day.	
17/5/1916 "	New Camp hours brought into force. Reveille 0400-Firts Parade at 0515 Morning parade finished at 0845. Afternoon parade commenced at 1700. 60th, 53rd and 54th Batteries practiced during the morning from the same positions as yesterday. owing to the heat the parades for the reamainder of the day were cancelled.	
18/5/1916 "	55th and 56th Batteries of the 14th F A. Brigades practiced in the morning followed by the 113th Howitzer Battery. Conference of Brigade Commanders and Adjutants held at D.A.H.Q. with reference to routine matters. Lecture by D.A.Q.M.G. 2nd ANZAC held in the 29th Battallion lines with reference to Staff exercise on Billeting to be held tomorrow. Staff Captain, Brigade Commanders and Adjutants attended this lecture.	

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19/5/1916 FERRY POST	<p>Staff Exercise held of Brigade Commanders and Adjutants. Staff Captain from D.A.H.Q. attended. Exercise took the form of Billeting, Road Spaces, Times and Spaces occupied by Unit were worked out and taken into use for this exercise by Unit Commanders concerned. One Officer detailed from the 15th F.A. Brigade assisted the Officer of the "REQUIN" in erecting and Siting Targets for that ships practice tomorrow, the 20th inst. 114th and 115th Batteries of 25th Howitzer Brigade practiced in the afternoon.</p>	
20/5/1916 "	<p>----- Lieut Reid reported (Signals R.A.) and was attached to the Unit. Lecture to the Officers who took part at Staff exercise yesterday the 21st inst. C.D.A. visits B.G.R.A. 2nd ANZAC. Six (6) remounts as chargers received. "REQUIN" fired during the morning and forenoon. 1 Officer and party from 15th F.A. Brigade assisted French Officer in observing fire and establishing communications with the Battleship</p>	establishing
21/5/1916	<p>Divine Service held in the morning. Routine. Conference of Brigade commanders held at night and arrangements for practice during the following week made and explained. Instruction was also given in regard to the Divisional Exercise to be held in the morning. Orders issued re this parade.</p>	
22/5/1916	<p>Divisional Exercise held. D.A.H.Q. and two (2) Batteries (Firing Batteries only) of each 18pr Brigade turned out. 13th F.A. brigade formed the Artillery of the advanced Guard. 14th and 15th F.A. brigade were the Artillery of the Main Body. Units passed the starting point at 0406 and took up a position on a N & S line near the 5 KILO post. Much instructive work was carried out. Communications were laid out and maintained between Batteries and Head-Quarters of Units. During the afternoon practice was held with the 115th 49th and 50th Batteries. 18pr Batteries fired from the open at moving targets in series and quick switches were ordered.</p>	



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25/5/1916 FERRY POST	113th, 51st and 52nd Batteries practiced in the morning. 114th, 53rd and 54th Batteries in the afternoon. Arrangements made to comply with the abolition of the B.A.C.'s and the re-organization of the new D.A.C. Men surplus to Establishment were held in readiness to proceed to TEL-EL-KEBIR. Conference held at D.A.H.Q. with regard to the review to be held by the C in C on 25/5/16.	
24/5/1916	55th and 56th Batteries practiced in the morning as also did the 57th and 59th Batteries Batteries. 114th, 58th and 60th Batteries practiced in the afternoon. Conference held at D.A.H.Q. with regard to the inspection to be held tomorrow the 25th inst, arrangements finally made.	
25/5/1916.	Rehearsal review held at 0630. Three (3) Batteries from each 18pr Brigade were paraded. 25th Howitzer Brigade and D.A.C. paraded dismounted. Inspection and march past held by the G.O.C. 5th Aust Div as a rehearsal for this parade. Conference of Brigade commanders held at D.A.H.Q. Arrangements made for parade in the afternoon. Final allotment of Officers made and posted. Review held at 1730 by C in C E.E.F. - Three Batteries of 18pr Brigades were reviewed mounted 25th Howitzer Brigade and D.A.C. reviewed dismounted. March Past was held at the conclusion of this review. 7 Officers and 316 men surplus to the new organization were returned to TEL-EL-KEBIR 2nd Lieut Christian 1/1/Lincolnshire Yeomanry reported for duty and was taken on strength of Unit as A.D.C. Lieut C.M. ORR transferred to 13th F.A. brigade. Captain PERRAM R.F.A. reported for duty and was posted to command the 56th Battery.	
26/5/1916	All Batteries of the 13th F.A. Brigade fired in the morning at Targets involving quick switches from an UnderCover position. 113th battery fired from a position under cover in front of HALSTOCK HILL at a Gun Target. C.D.A. proceeds to CAIRO on leave.	
27/5/1916	A Muster parade of all Units was held during the day. Rolls were checked and Pay Books inspected. All Clothing and Identity discs were inspected and the report of deficiencies made.	
27/5/1916	Arrangements made to return vehicles surplus to establishment to Ordnance and vehicles of B.A.C.'s to D.A.C. This work commenced and proceeded with as quickly as possible. G.O.C. 5th Aust Div inspects the lines of the Artillery in company with the D.A.Q.M.G. 2nd ANZAC.	

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27/5/1916 FERRY POST	Lines of all units of the Division minutely inspected. 13th F.A. Bde received orders to ma move to MOASKAR tomorrow the 28th inst. Officers and men surplus to the establishment of Brigades by the abolition of the B.A.C8's were transferred to the D.A.C.	
28/5/1916 "	13th F.A. Bde, as part of the first flight, move to MOASKAR preparatory to entrainment for service overseas. Brigade passed the starting point at 0508 and moved in Col of Route to MOASKAR where they took over the camping site of the Territorial brigade of Artillery. Divisne Service held in the forenoon. C.D.A. returned from leave. Instructions received re the successive flights of the Division- and Units forming them - issued to Brigades. 268 Brigade R.F.A. arrived and took over the Site occupied by the 13th F.A. Bde Only the Tents in excess of the authorised scale required by the incoming Brigade were taken	
29/5/1916 "	Target practice was held in the morning by all batteries of the 15th F.A. brigade firing from a position under cover. Practice was held in the afternoon by Batteries of the 14th F.A. Brigade; completing the allowance of ammunition for practice purposes. Advance parties sent forward to choose and mark out the Camp Site for remaining Units of the Artillery.	
30/5/1916 "	Orders received that the remainder of the Artillery was to proceed to MOASKAR the 31st inst. Orders issued re this move. Camp Sites marked out and the remainder of surplus stores returned to Ordnance. Arrangements made with Div Train to supply Transport for the baggage for the Units moving.	
31/5/1916 "	The remainder of the Units moved to MOASKAR. These Units marched in two (2) Echelons as under. and their camp was taken over by corresponding Units of the 53rd Division Artillery with the exception of the D.A.C. "A" Echelon - Commander Lieut-Col Cox-Taylor 25th Howitzer Brigade. 14th F.A. Brigade. "B" Echelon. Commander Lieut-Col Lucas. D.A.H.Q. Staff. 15th F.A. Brigade 5th D.A.C.	

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"A" Echelon Passed over the Canal at 0500 and arrived in camp at MOASKAR at 0700.
"b" Echelon passed over the Canal at 1500 and arrived in camp at MOASKAR at 1700.
Advance parties were sent forward and camp prepared for the occupation of the Unit.
D.A.H.Q. were taken over by H.Q. 53rd D.A. and communication to Units was preserved intact.

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