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Cyclists

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Place	Date	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Temp Post	29/4/16		1 boy inspected by G.O.C. 2 nd Army	
Suez Canal zone	Egypt		2 Arrivals 8 OR. Departures 10 OR.	
do	1/5/16		1 Arrivals 6 OR.	
do	2/5/16		1 Arrivals 4 OR.	
do	4/5/16		1 Departures 3 OR.	
do	5/5/16		1 Arrivals 2 OR. Departures 1 OR.	
do	6/5/16		1 Arrivals 1 OR.	
do	8/5/16		1 Arrivals 2 OR.	
do	9/5/16		1 Arrivals 1 OR.	
do	10/5/16		1 Arrivals 2 OR. Departures 4 OR.	
do	11/5/16		1 Arrivals 9 OR. Departures 4 OR.	
			2 Lt to I M Hallenstein transferred from 57 th Batta.	

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Smy Post	11/5/16	Contd	2 Lt Jy Jameson transferred from 54 th Batta.	
Smy Canal post	12/5/16		1 Coy took part in bivouac manoeuvres	
do.	17/5/16		2 Arrivals 48 OR.	
do	14/5/16		1 Sjt. S Bramona promoted to 2 nd Lieut.	
			" P.C. Reid " " " "	
			CQ.Mt. H.K. Love " " " "	
			S/Sjt. H.G. Mackenman " " " "	
			2 Departures 3 OR.	
do	15/5/16		1 Departures 3 OR.	
Obst	14/5/16		1 Arrivals 1 OR	
			Departures 2 OR.	
do	17/5/16		1 Arrivals 31 OR.	
			2 Departures 4 OR.	
do	18/5/16		1 Coy took part in bivouac manoeuvres.	
			2 Arrivals 4 OR.	

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Jenny Post	19/5/16		1 arrivals 1 OR. Departures 4 OR.	
do	21/5/16		1 arrivals 3 OR.	
do	22/5/16		1 arrivals 1 OR. Departures 5 OR.	
do	23/5/16		1 Departures 5 OR.	
do	24/5/16		1 Lt Jamieson and 37 OR. left to take up duty as Capt. guard 2 nd Angas	
			2 Arrivals 5 OR.	
do	25/5/16		1 by boat part in Brisbane review before C in C. G. C. F. Genl. Sir Archibald Murray and G.O.C. 2 nd Angas Lt Genl. Sir A. J. Bradley	
			Departures 2 OR.	
do	25/6/16		1 arrivals 3 OR.	
do	27/5/16		1 Arrivals 1 OR. Departures 2 OR.	

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Temy Post	28/5/16		1 arrival 3 OR.	
Suez Canal zone Egypt-			Departure 2 OR.	
do.	29/5/16		1 departure 2 OR.	
do	30/5/16		1 departure 3 OR.	
do	31/5/16		1 departure 2 OR.	
			16 th April to 31 st May 1916.	
			<u>General Training</u>	
			<p>The preliminary carried out was for the post pat dismounted after a few (about 30 or 40) bicycles had been obtained. Training in manual discipline and simple tactical exercises was proceeded with. a great deal of time was taken up with squad drill, rifle exercise, and musketry, many of the men transferred not having the slightest idea of either drill or musketry. In addition a number of the men had never ridden a bicycle previously and a good deal of time was wasted in teaching them. The number of bicycles was brought nearly to a whole about the 15th of May and this enabled the Coy to</p>	

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Seng Post Seng Canal zone	31/5/16		<p>General Conto</p> <p>The instructional practice was Table 4. musketry was fired on the 24th of May. The result - was fair taking into consideration the fact that many of the men were firing service rifles for the first time. A big percentage of the men were 'gun shy' unfortunately the short time available did not permit this tendency to be corrected.</p> <p>Equipment - men have now be equipped with leather equipment and armed with rifles to fire hard VII HV Cartridges. The breeches issued ranged from "light roadster" to service pattern.</p> <p>Few few bicycle accessories, just aid. puncture outfits or spare parts were issued. Issues of clothing were made to complete deficiencies.</p>	at least 6.5 th bn Cyclist Coy