

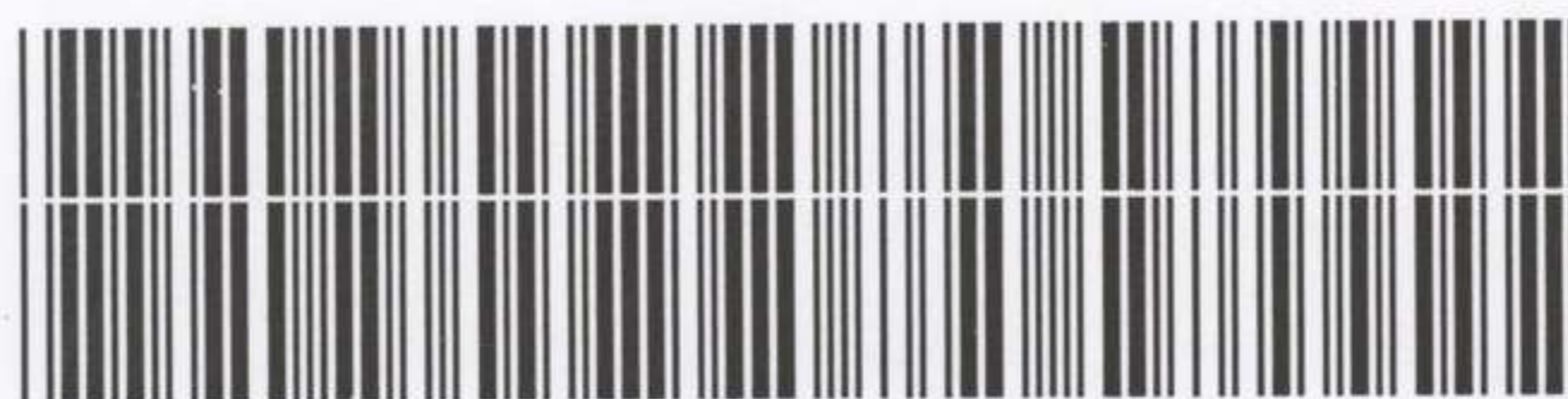
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Sheet No 1

Hour, Date, Place	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
A TEL-EL-KEBIR		
January 1/16	Battery training commenced	
✓ 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Battery training & Church parade	
✓ 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Reorganising & Bty training	
	The A.A.G. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Echelon notifies per Camp Orders that arrangements are being made to have strength of all units brought up to War Establishment plus 10%. Brigade & Divisional unit Commanders to make arrangements for the immediate reception of these drafts.	
✓ 4 <sup>th</sup>	Board appointed to enquire into condition & shortage of equipment etc throughout Brigade	
	Battery training	

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Tel-el-Hebir 6-1-16	<p>Battery Training - Guns of Battery on duty to be at disposal of 2<sup>nd</sup> B.A.C. for training men of that unit.</p> <p>Notified that no further guns or equipment can be expected (of our own equipment) from Alexandria - thus 4<sup>th</sup> Bty have 2 guns + 2 limbers 5<sup>th</sup> Bty 3 guns + 4 limbers, 6<sup>th</sup> Bty 4 guns + 1 limber</p> <p>The Brigade at this stage is approximately short of 3 Guns, 12 F.B. Wagons, 12 1<sup>st</sup> line Wagons 101 Draught horses, 41 riding horses &amp; 1 Pack horse</p> <p>All batteries are up to War establishment + 10% as far as personnel are concerned The Bde Ammunition Column being short of 41 fanners Battery Training etc.</p>	
7-1-16		

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<p>8<sup>th</sup> + 9<sup>th</sup> July Tel-el-Rabia</p>	<p>Battery Training - Special attention being paid to training of Layers &amp; Specialists</p>	
<p>July 10<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Lt. Col. A. J. Bessell Brown C.M.G. D.S.O. having being sent to Cairo Hospital to undergo operation the Command of the Brigade was taken over by Maj H. O. Caddy (in addition to Bty Comdr 5<sup>th</sup> Bty)</p>	
<p>10<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup></p>	<p>Battery Training - Special efforts made to make Layers &amp; Specialists proficient</p>	
	<p>No fens or equipment having arrived during the month to replace shortages, each unit is working at a disadvantage - the progress of training thus being slower than otherwise would have been the case.</p>	

(Wednesday Afternoons & Sundays holidays)

*M. Howards* Captain  
Adjutant 2nd F.A. Brigade A.I.F.

1916 Tel-el-Kebir ~~2<sup>nd</sup> Battery~~ A.I.F.  
 January 1st. Section Commanders checking harness, girth  
 stores issued to men

2nd. Three guns arrived from Anzac.

2<sup>nd</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> A.I.F.

3. Gun drill and exercising horses

4. ditto

5. A board consisting of Lieut. Clowes, President,  
 Lieutenants Vowles & Taylor Members was formed  
 to inspect and report on equipment and stores on  
 charge to Battery.

6. Gun drill, gunners, Drivers mounted drill  
 drew 12 remounts.

7. Gunners, gun drill, Drivers mounted drill

January 8 Tel-el-Kebir Gunners, gun drill, drivers mounted drill

9. Church Parade, paid men

10. Gunners gun drill & laying, drivers mounted drill

11. ditto

12. ditto

13. ditto

14. Rehearsing for Inspection

15. First Division reviewed by General Sir Archibald Murray

16. Church Parade

17. Gunners gun drill, Battery manoeuvre



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 January 18 Tel-el-Kebir Gun drill, Battery manoeuvre  
 19 ditto  
 20 ditto  
 21 ditto  
 22 ditto  
 23 Church Parade  
 24 Gun drill, laying, Battery & Brigade manoeuvre  
 25 ditto  
 26 ditto  
 27 Handed over command of Battery to Major Kules  
 J. C. White  
 Capt F.A.

Tel-el-Kebir.  
 January 28-1916. Gun drill, laying, brigade drill, battery manoeuvre  
 " 29 " ditto  
 " 30 " Sunday - St. Vowles seconded to 3<sup>rd</sup> Inf. Brigade.  
 " 31 " Gun drill, laying and battery manoeuvre.

C. G. Miles Major