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1/3/1916 TEL-EL-KEBIR.	Memo received from D.A.D.O.S. Indents not required for Equipment-which will be supplied on demand on production of Mob Table. Captain Stokes, Lieut Prior and Dreyer reported for duty from the 2nd Div Artillery and were posted to Brigades. One Farrier Serjeant, 1 Serjeant, 1 Corporal 2 Batmen of 2nd D.A. also reported for duty.	
2/3/1916 "	Lieut Collings and 10 others of 2nd D.A. taken on strength and posted to Brigades. Colonel Christian interviews Infantry Brigade commanders. 4th F.A. Brigade taken on the strength of the Division temporarily.	
3/3/1916. "	Conference of Brigade Commanders held at Head-Quarters re training of the personnel at present with the Division. Decided for the 1st Period to commence with individual training and to instruct the personnel (who will make the future instructors) in the system that will be adopted throughout the Division. Colonel Christian confers with C.D.A. 1st Aust Div re new formations and new Establishments. B.Q.M.S. Thomas reported from 1st D.A.C. for duty at D.A. Head-Qrs.	
4/3/1916. "	Commanding Officer and Brigade Major proceed to ISMAILIA to interview General WHITE D.A. & Q.M.G. ANZAC re the new Establishment. New Orders issued - 4th F.A. Brigade withdrawn from 5th Division and the Formation of the 13th F.A. Brigade by the 2nd D.A. cancelled. Artillery to organize on War Establishment Part VII. NEW ARMIES, and each Division to form a Howitzer Brigade, but three (3) Btys instead of four (4). Arranged that a conference of Artillery commanders to be held under the presidency of General WHITE and that definite lines be laid down with the regard to the attachment of reinforcements to Units and also the number of men that could be passed over by the existing Divisions to the new Divisions. Brigade Major arranges with 5th Div H-Q re personnel for 5th Div wishing to transfer to Artillery being allotted solely to 5th D.A.	

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5/3/1916 TEL-EL-KEBIR.	Organization work, re modeling deficiencies and personnel required in accordance with new Establishments.																									
6/3/1916 "	<p>Individual training by Brigades commences. Conference held at 1st D.A H-Q the C.D.A. of 1st 4th and 5th Div attend. President B.G. White D.A.Q.M.G. ANZAC Col Duncan D.S. O. (1) A.P.F. also attended. Points raised and results obtained in accordance with schedule attached. It was also decided in addition to the personnel already sent that Major Caddy would be transferred to the 5th Div as a Brigade Commander and Lieut Vowles would also be transferred. Conference of Brigade Commanders held at H.Q. The necessity of obtaining recruits impressed on Brigade Commanders who were instructed to obtain as much personnel from other Units as possible.</p> <p>Batteries re-numbered in accordance with Cir Memo No 24 ANZAC dated 3/3/16.</p> <table><tr><td>13th F.A. Brigade</td><td>-</td><td>Batteries</td><td>49</td><td>-</td><td>52.</td></tr><tr><td>14th F.A. Brigade</td><td>-</td><td>"</td><td>53</td><td>-</td><td>56.</td></tr><tr><td>15th F.A. Brigade</td><td>-</td><td>"</td><td>57</td><td>-</td><td>60.</td></tr><tr><td>25th How Brigade</td><td>-</td><td>"</td><td>113</td><td>-</td><td>115.</td></tr></table> <p>The personnel of the B.A.C's of the 14th and 15th F.A. Brigades transferred to the 56th and 60th Batteries respectively. Lieut Dreyer transferred from 59th to 60th Battery, Colonel Christian, Major Lucas and A.D.C. (Lieut Orr) proceed to Cairo for the purpose of obtaining volunteers for Artillery from the Light Horse Reinforcements and Remount Corps.</p>	13th F.A. Brigade	-	Batteries	49	-	52.	14th F.A. Brigade	-	"	53	-	56.	15th F.A. Brigade	-	"	57	-	60.	25th How Brigade	-	"	113	-	115.	
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7/3/1916. "	Brigade Commanders interviewed Infantry Brigade Commanders re personnel to be obtained from Infantry. Ex Artillery Officers in the Infantry interviewed and arrangements made to gain their services.																									

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8/3/1916/TEL-EL-KEBIR.	<p>General BIRDWOOD inspects the Camp . Officers of Infantry Units interviewed who were desirous of being transferred to Artillery. Colonel Christian returns from CAIRO. Colonel COX-TAYLOR in order to obtain volunteers from the L.H. reinforcements these. Captain McCLEAN ex R.A.G.A. interviewed by Col Christian re the command of the D.A.C.</p>	
3? 9/5/1916	<p>Major CADDY and 2/Lieut G.H. Miller reported and were posted for duty to the 15th F.A. Brigade. -- Conference of Brigade Commanders held- Personnel divided up between the Brigades and D.A.C. Officers posted to Brigades. Nine (9) Officers of the 2nd Div Artillery reported for duty and were posted to Brigades. Captain GRAINGER, Capt EDMONDS, Lieut STEELE, Lieut LENEHAN M, Lieut JOSE, CULLEN, SCOTT, 2/Lieut CHASE, FULLERTON-ANDREW. The Commanding Officer interviewed Officers desirous of transferring from Infantry Units to the Artillery. Telegram received from Lieut-Col COX-TAYLOR reporting that 90% of the new batch L.H. volunteers had volunteered for Artillery service.</p>	<p>Major Bde, Major 5th. Aust. Div. Arty.</p>
10/3/1916	<p>List of Artificers desirous of transfer from 5th Infantry Div received. Brigade Commanders each inspect the men of Infantry Brigades allotted them and select the most suitable men. Application of roughly of 400 men of 15th Infantry Brigade for transfer to the Artillery sent for approval of 5th Div Head-Quarters Applicants names for Artificers selected, sent to Brigade H.Q. with for the necessary authority to be obtained for their transfer. Commanding Officers interviewed Officers and two O.R. of 8th Inf Brigade wishing to transfer as Officers to the 5th D.A. Application made for these Officers to be transferred to this Div. Telegram received from Col Taylor stating first batch of volunteers from L.H. are ready to be sent down but necessary approval could not be obtained.</p>	

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11/3/1916 TEL-EL-KEBIR.	<p>Artificers from the 14th and 15th Infantry Brigades reported and were posted to Units.</p> <p>Wire received from A.P.F. H.Q. stating that Infantry Units were to call for volunteers for the Artillery.</p> <p>List No 35 of appointments, Commissions and rewards from the A.I.F. published. Captain THORNTHWAITE, Lieut NEWMARCH and Lieut ORR appointed respectively, Brigade Mjr Staff Capt and A.D .C. temporarily. Lieut NEWMARCH promoted to Capt temporarily.</p> <p>Colonel Christian left for Cairo to inspect volunteers for Arty from the Light Horse.</p> <p>Information received that Col S.E. Christian C.M.G. was appointed a CROIX de ' OFFICE LEGION de' HONNEUR .</p> <p>Capt LISTER reported and was taken on the strength.</p>	
12/3/1916 TEL-EL-KEBIR.	<p>Infantry Remaining Artificers from the 15th Inftry Brigade received and posted to Units .</p> <p>Colonel Christian returned from CAIRO.</p>	
13/3/1916 "	<p>Camp of 4th F.A. Brigade taken over by 5th Div Artillery. Bdes each take over the Tents and Camp Equipment of a Battery and B.A.C. of the 4th F.A. Brigade.</p> <p>Guns and vehicles of 4th F.A. Brigade taken over and parked in Units lines.</p> <p>Officers and men of 1st D.A.C. handed over to 5th Div at CAIRO, Total 4 Officers 47 O.R. This party under Lieut BORWICK take over the vehicles of the 2nd D.A.C. and mount Guard on them at ZEITOUN.</p>	<p>Major Bde. Major 5th Aust. Div. Arty. Bde.</p>
14/3/1916 "	<p>Colonel Christian proceeded to ISMAILIA for the purpose of interviewing the D.A.Q.M.G. ANZAC. Returned the same day.</p> <p>Inoculation of all ranks for TYPHOID and PARA-TYPHOID commenced .</p> <p>4 Officers of 8th Inftry Brigade reported and were attached to the Units. Capt MCCLEAN Lieut BARNETT, GOLDSMITH and WEBBER.</p>	

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15/3/1916 TEL-EL-KEBIR	<p>401 Men of 8th Inftry Brigade arrived and wre posted equally to Units . Battallions were kept intact and personnel of each Battn posted to the corresponding Brögades.</p> <p>Captains Walker and Crombie and Lieut Lewis reported and were posted to Units.</p> <p>The personnel forming the nucleus of the D.A.C. were withdrawn from Units and posted to the D.A.C. which camp was placed in the Site occupied by the 4th F.A. Brigade Ammunition Column.</p> <p>Captain McClean was appointed provisionally to command.</p> <p>It was decided to leave all the personnel of the D.A.C. with the Brigades with the exception of the nucleus abovementioned.</p> <p>Brigades commenced the formation of their 3rd and 4th Battery.</p>	
16/3/1916 "	<p>400 men of the 14th F.A. Brigade arrived and were posted to Units- of these 47 had to be returned as they were unfitted for Artillery work.</p> <p>Colonel Christian having received permission to obtain volunteers from Training Battallions at ZEITOUN proceeded to CAIRO for this purpose.</p> <p>Recommendations for promotion of Officers to temporary rank in order to complete establishment were forwarded.</p> <p>Lieut Vowles reproted for duty and was posted to 15th F.A. Brigade.</p>	
17/3/1916. "	<p>350 men of the 15th Inftry Brigade arrived and were posted to Units</p> <p>Arrangements made to have section GunDrill pamphlets printed as they are unobtainable in CAIRO.</p>	
18/3/1916 "	<p>Remaining details of 15th Inftry Brigade arrived and were posted to Units. Brigades expand into one more Battery in each case.</p>	
19/3/1916 "	<p>4 Corporals A.A.M.C. arrived and were posted to Units .</p> <p>Lines of the 4th F.A. Brigade cleaned as they were left in a dirty and insanitary staee.</p>	



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20/3/1916. TEL-EL-KEBIR.	Schools of Instruction for Artificers commenced under Brigade arrangements. Colonel Christian returned from CAIRO. Inspecting of Camp by D.Q.M.G. G.H.Q.	
21/3/1916 "	Conference of Brigade Commanders held at D.A.H.Q. in connection with inspection by H.R.H. the PRINCE OF WALES tomorrow. Arrangements made for increasing Brigades to 4 Batteries.	
22/3/1916 "	Inspection of the Camp by H.R.H. the PRINCE OF WALES accompanied by the G.O.C. ANZAC FORCES and members of the Staff. The Prince passed through the lines of the Brigades and was introduced to Brigade and Battery Commanders. M.G. McCay C.B. V.D. G.O.C. 5th Aust Div arrived and took over the command of the Division. Colonel Christian visited M.G. McCay. Lieut-Colonel Lucas proceeded to CAIRO to interview volunteer Officers and also the personnel of the 1st D.A.C. transferred to 5th D.A. 151 1st D.A. reinforcements arrived and were apportioned to Units.	
23/3/1916. "	Conference of Brigade Commanders held at D.A. H.Q. in connection with the personnel received from the Infantry Brigades. Tabulated lists prepared and forwarded to Div Head-Quarters. Brigade Commanders allotted to Battallions in which to obtain the necessary volunteers required to complete the full quota sent to the Units by the Infantry Battallions concerned, Applications for Officers of Training Regiments who have been interviewed, forwarded.	
24/3/1916 "	Routine - Colonel Lucas returned from CAIRO - Applicants for Commissions and positions in 5th D.A. who were interviewed by him applied for - Colonel Christian left for CAIRO.	



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25/3/1916 TEL-EL-KEBIR	<p>Preliminary Orders received re move to FERRY POST. Lieut-Col COX-TAYLOR, Capt NOONAN and 6 other ranks arrived and posted to 25th How Brigade. Col COX-TAYLOR to command Capt NOONAN to be Adjutant. Orders received for Head-Quarters and details from each Brigade to proceed to ISMAILIA on Monday and to take over the Guns of the 2nd Div Artillery and two (2) Batteries 18pr Q.F. and one (1) Battery 4.5" Howitzer of New Zealand Artillery. Col Christian returned from CAIRO.</p>	
26/3/1916 "	<p>Col Christian proceeded to ISMAILIA re new Camp Site and returned same day. Orders received that move of Artillery notified was cancelled- No move to take place until the Guns and Equipment to be taken over are parked at FERRY POST.</p>	
27/3/1916 "	<p>Two (2) Reinforcement Officers 1st D.A. and 1 Officer Camel Corps arrived and were posted to Units. Approximately 800 volunteers from L.H. Regts (5th and 6th) arrived and were posted to Units. 4 Officers were also received with these reinforcements and posted to Units.</p>	
28/3/1916 "	<p>Light Horse Volunteers were allotted between Brigades in accordance with the various batch of reinforcements in which they enlisted. 25 riding and 125 draught horses received and apportioned to Units equally. Officers for Commissions interviewed.</p>	
29/3/1916 "	<p>Routine - Instruction in recruit training of L.H. Volunteers. Col Christian left for CAIRO to interview volunteers from Remount Unit. Applicants for positions in 5th D.A. interviewed. Captain CALLAGHAN D.S.O. promoted to Major (temp) Lieut KNOX, TOOMEY VOWLES to Captain (temp)</p>	



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TEL-EL-KEBIR	30/3/1916.		Routine - Instructions received re visit of B.G.P.A. to TEL-EL-KEBIR. Staff Captain 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. Returned same day.	
(Original of above written on same sheet as entries for beginning of subsequent month and filed with volume for that month).				