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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

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13th FIELD COY ENGINEERS
4th AUSTRALIAN DIVISION 3-1

Place	Date 1916	Hour	Summary of Events and Information	Remarks and references to Appendices
Tel-el-Kebir	March 9		In command of 13 th Field Coy Engineers; Capt Mc Coy, A.I.F. Received first draft of men from 1 st Div 75 men + 2 Proprietor Officers Messrs Potts & Norman commenced duty as 2/Lieutenants. Tent & necessary stores indented for. Temporary 2 MS & O/R Sgt appointed	
	10		Proprietor H. B. O. called out & examined with view of trial with Squad next day	
	11		Proceeded with examination of H. B. O. Accompanied Col Elliot on tour of inspection of Camp & received instructions as to sanitary arrangements etc which were already partially carried out.	
	12		Commenced various camp works. - Latrines, Cook Houses, Sumps etc etc	
	13		Continued with camp works. Lieut NORMAN went to CAIRO on leave	
	14		Continued with camp works. Received instructions from C. D. E. to send 16 men to 15 th Field Coy Thessalonika	
	15		16 men transferred to 15 th Field Coy at 1000. Held class in evening on Knots & Tacklings. Lieut NORMAN returned	
	16		Camp works continued with. Drafted Camp Standing Orders. All men inoculated.	
	17		Men off duty 48 hours after inoculation. Received second draft of men from 3 ZEITOUN under Lt MILNER also 28 men for 1 st & 2 nd Hld Coys. Total marched in 1 Officer 178 O/R. Messrs POTTS & NORMAN grieved as from 5 th March.	
	18		Promoted 2/Lieut to carry on. Received orders that of the draft received yesterday 91 men to be retained & the remainder to go to other Coys.	
	19		Took on Duty boys work from 12 th Coy	
	20		Capt REID commenced to assist with training. Received miscellaneous reinforcements 50 O/R. Lecture given in evening on Camp survey etc. Capt REID went to Alexandria	
	21		Duty boys. Continued with camp works. 8 O/R marched in from Light Horse. Lecture given in evening on Camp sanitation	
	22		General inspection by H. R. H. PRINCE OF WALES. Public Holiday	
	23		Duty boys. Continued with camp works. 2/Lt MILNER struck off strength. Instruction given in Rifle & Squad Drill	
	24		General inspection by S.O.C. Lecture given by CAPT. REID on Knots, Tacklings, etc. Received instructions to move to Serapeum on 31 st inst	SERAPEUM.
	25		Commenced as an individual company from date. Received operation order No 1 regarding proposed move to SERAPEUM.	
	26		1 Officer & 40 O/R marched in from ZEITOUN. (Name of Officer Lieut MATHESON, C.)	
	27		Received Budgeting material. Commenced construction of Rafts on Sweet Water CANAL. Went into matter of deficiencies of equipment	
	28		Capt REID went to ISMAILIA. Whole company taken for Route March. Drafted operation order for movement of 13 th FLD COY & same discussed with BRIG. Col GLASGOW. Demonstration given on penetrative powers of high velocity bullets	
	29		Dismantled & re-constructed Rafts. Submitted operation order and Route plan to Col GLASGOW and received final final instructions as to same. Issued shortages of clothing equipment etc. Instructions given to H. B. O. as to various duties on March	
	30		Completed rafts ready to move off. Packed up camp stores. Made final arrangements to move to-morrow.	
	31		Moved off from camp 0500 as per operation order. Reached bivouac at MAHASAMA	

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